

# SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

# **AGENDA**

Regular Monthly Meeting Tuesday, October 15, 2024 @ 7:00pm

Town Hall ~ Council Chambers ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor 75 Main Street, Souris, PEI

MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR PUBLIC IS WELCOME – 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR IS ACCESSIBLE BY ELEVATOR

- A. Call the regular monthly meeting of Council to Order 7: OOPM
- B. Agenda
  - 2.1 Approval of Agenda
  - 2.2 Additions to Agenda
- C. Conflict of Interest Declaration

Part VI, Section 23 of the Municipalities Act, which maintains that no member of Council shall derive any profit or financial advantage from his/her position as a member of Council and, where a member of Council has any pecuniary interest in or is affected by any matter before the Council, shall declare his/her interest therein and abstain from voting and discussion thereon.

D. Approval of Minutes – September 9, 2024 & October 3, 2024, Council Meetings

# **Presentations:**

- **E.** Monthly RCMP Report September 2024 (no representative from the RCMP will be available)
- F. Public Presentation of Town of Souris Consolidated Audited Financial Statements for the year ending March 31, 2024 by Michelle Burge of MRSB.

Business arising from previous meetings:

- G. Website update.
- H. Date for Required By-Election to fill vacant seat on Council.
  - OCTOBER 21, 2024, was selected by the Council at our June meeting.
  - Nominations Closed October 4, 2024
  - There are 3 candidates: Art MacInnis, Rebecca MacPhee & Conor Mullally
  - Advance Poll will be held Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 9am 3pm

- Regular Polling Day will be held Monday, October 21st 9am 7pm
- New Councillor will be sworn in at the November Town Council Meeting

### I. E-Bikes

The Town of Souris has an opportunity to get 6 (or more) e-bikes to be used for rentals. As requested by Council a meeting was held with Cathy Rose from CBDC for more information. Council to decide whether to go ahead with this project.

# **Financial Information**

- **J. General Account Budget Update September 2024** For information only.
- K. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update September 2024 For information only.
- L. Town of Souris General Account Payables \$927.02 be approved as of October 11, 2024.
- M. Town of Souris Sewer & Water Utility Payables \$87.45 to be approved as of October 11, 2024.
- N. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques issued during the month of September 2024.

   For review only.
- O. Appointment Auditor for year ending March 31, 2025

# <u>Development – For Council information:</u> (approved by development officer as per section 1.6 of our Land Use Bylaw)

• **Demolition Permit** issued to Carl MacDonald at 31 Breakwater St to demo 2 older sheds/barns on the back of the property.

# **Development requiring Council approval:**

- P. Application from Nicole Drakus to operate a home-based business for shoe and leather repair at 40 Chapel Ave. "Nic's Shoe & Leather Repair".
  - Small sign to be posted on the door. Drop off and pick up only. Also provided a letter from the owner of the property acknowledging they have no issue with this.

# Town of Souris Bylaws required to be added and/or updated:

As per the Municipal Government Act (MGA) it is recommended that PEI Municipalities review and update certain bylaws. . .

# Q. Dangerous, Hazardous and Unsightly Premises Bylaw #2024-08

Reviewed and drafted by R. MacGregor at "McInnes Cooper Law Firm" Draft Copy of amended bylaw available for review.

# New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:

# R. Request from Eastern Kings Sportsplex for Financial Support

This request comes following notification of a major increase in Insurance premiums for the EK Sportsplex. Over the past few years, the amount has tripled. This increase is based on an updated valuation of the building and its contents.

# S. Purchase trailer for Fire Department for their new Off-Road Rescue vehicle

Quotes & recommendations from Fire Chief attached.

# T. COUNCIL REPORTS:

# **Mayor JoAnne Dunphy**

- September 10-Attended community meal in partnership with Souris Regional School
- September 14- Volunteered at Home & School Meet a Machine Event serving Popcorn for Town of Souris
- September 19- Lions Club meeting
- September 25- E-Bikes presentation with Cathy Rose
- September 26- PEI Rural Beautification meeting
- September 29- Attended Fund Raiser in Three Rivers for Kings County Walk-in Clinic
- September 30- Discussion with council
- September 30- Attended Ceremony in Charlottetown for Truth and Reconciliation
- October 1- Meeting with Michelle Burge
- October 2- FPEIM meeting
- October 3- Public Special Town Council Meeting
- October 3- Lions Club meeting
- October 4-Souris & Area Wildlife Federation 70th Anniversary
- October 8-FPEIM Meeting with Minister Lantz
- October 9-Meeting in Three Rivers committee for new Walk in Clinic
- October 9- HR meeting
- October 10-Meeting with Andy Daggett
- October 10- Meeting in Three Rivers hosted by Eastern Chamber of Commerce concerning the Wood Islands Ferry
- October 12-Attended Eastern Kings Exhibition Horse Pulls
- Meetings with CAO, Events Coordinator, Administrative Assistant, Souris Fire Chief
- Numerous phone calls and chats with residents of Souris

### **Deputy Mayor Boyd Leard**

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#### **Kim Outhouse**

- Sep 10th Community meal with SRS event
- Sep 13th Farmers Market
- Sep 14th SRS event & dunk tank volunteer
- Sep 17th Souris Curling Club meeting
- Sep 20th Farmers Market
- Sep 25th E-Bike Meeting
- Sep 27th Farmers Market
- Sep 30th Council discussion meeting
- Oct 3rd Special Town Meeting
- Other various meetings and volunteer activities including learn to skate program sponsored by ToS

# **Stephanie Mitsuk**

- September 10- community meal in partnership with SRS
- September 14- attended and volunteered at Home & School Meet a Machine event
- September 18- SHAI finance meeting
- September 18- met with Chad Mooney re: regatta festival innovation proposal
- September 25- E-Bikes presentation
- September 26- SHAI board meeting
- September 27-28- Goolaholla Festival volunteer
- September 30- information discussion with council
- October 3- Town public special meeting
- October 9- HR meeting
- Various phone calls and interactions with residents. Regatta proposal work with emails to PEIF, ACOA and Chad Mooney.

### **Curtis Laybolt**

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#### **David Jenkins**

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### U. ADJOURNMENT

Please keep in mind that some people are very sensitive to strong smells, especially from colognes and perfumes. Let us keep our public meetings SCENT FREE so all can enjoy!

Your cooperation is appreciated!



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