



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017 @ 7:00pm

Town Hall ~ Council Chambers
75 Main Street, Souris, PEI

A. Call the regular monthly meeting of Council to Order 7:00PM

Mayor MacDonald called the meeting to order with a quorum.

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

Motion by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. MacDonald to approve the agenda as circulated in advance of this meeting. All in favour. Motion carried.

2.2 Additions to Agenda

No additions.

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.

No conflict declared.

D. Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2017 & March 22, 2017.

Motion by C. MacDonald and seconded by C. Dunphy to approve the minutes of March 13, 2017 and March 22, 2017 as prepared by CAO with no errors or omissions. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

E. Monthly RCMP Report (March 2017)

RCMP officer Ian Allen was present. March was relatively quiet with just 23 call within the Town of Souris. 1 impaired driver, 5 check stops, 1 inccodent of bullying. Cst Allen spoke at SRS. Cpl Holland is currently on medical leave. Sgt position is currently vacant. New Sgt Chris Gunn to start May 13th. Sgt Gunn is very traffic orientated.

In response to C. MacDonald's concern over telephone system at Souris office Cst Allen said unfortunately the automated system is here to stay.

They've looked into the 911 Bike Run coming to PEI in June and have no concern as riders are from various emergency responder organizations. Not outlaw bikers.

Mayor is concerned that RCMP visibility is limited on side streets and would like to see more of it.

Cst Allen informed Council of new unmarked car that is in the area.

Goals for 2017-18:

- Better community relations
- More positive stories shared with public
- More school involvement
- Road Safety - Signage
- Seatbelts
- Cell phones
- Impaired Drivers – check points
- Crime Prevention – prolific offenders will be more closely monitored

Motion by C. MacDonald and seconded by C. Cheverie to accept the RCMP report as presented by Cst. Ian Allen. All in favour. Motion carried.

Financial Information:

F. General Account Budget Update – as of March 31, 2017

For information and review only.

G. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update – as of March 31, 2017

For information and review only.

H. Town of Souris – General Account Invoices (\$42,268.70) for Approval as at April 7, 2017

Motion by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Cheverie to pay the list of payables as presented, less holdback to Chapman Bros. for Anniversary Ave. All in favour. Motion carried.

I. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Corp Invoices (\$6,450.89) for Approval as at April 7, 2017.

Motion by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Cheverie to pay the list of payables as presented, less holdback to Chapman Bros. for Anniversary Ave. All in favour. Motion carried.

J. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques Issued during the month of March 2017

For information and review only.

Planning/Development:

K. Robin Croucher has applied for permission to revise the boundaries of his commercial property #648907-000. A preliminary drawing is attached for your reference.

Motion by C. Dunphy and seconded by C. MacDonald to approve Robin Croucher's request to revise the boundaries of his commercial property by subdividing off a small portion of his residential property and adding it to his commercial property. An official survey plan will need to be submitted for final approval. All in favour. Motion carried.

L. Camilla (John) MacPhee is applying to consolidate PID #101873 & 101881 in to one (1) property.

It was recommended that Council grant permission to Camilla & John MacPhee to consolidate these two properties into one.

Motion by C. Dunphy and seconded by C. Thibodeau to approve the consolidation of these two properties. All in favour. Motion carried.

M. Royal Canadian Legion Branch No 3 has submitted a development application to undertake significant restoration to the Legion building on Main Street. The only significant change to their existing setback will be an added four feet to the front. It still leaves them over the minimum required setback for the front. Stamped architect plans will be provided once completed.

It was recommended that Council approve this development application for significant restoration to the Legion Building on Main Street as proposed.

Motion by C. Dunphy and seconded by C. Cheverie to approve the development application from Souris Legion for restoration of the Legion building on Main Street as per the specification provided. All in favour. Motion carried.

N. Application from Frank & Kimberly Ahlering to subdivide and acquire a portion of PID 103291 from A.E.MacPhee. (The old rink property) They are proposing to subdivide approximately 12,240 sq ft leaving the existing property with an approximate size of 8,856 sq ft. The Ahlering's future plan for the newly subdivided property is to develop a tourism/accommodation type business. The property is currently zoned Commercial.

It was recommended for approval of this subdivision. Both properties will still be over the minimum size for commercial properties. Additional details would be required for development of the accommodation structure(s) prior to development. This recommendation is for the subdividing of the land only. But all agreed that tourism accommodations are needed within the Town. (Patsy McInnis abstained from voting due to conflict of working with A.E. MacPhee) All in favour. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Dunphy and seconded by C. Thibodeau to give preliminary approval to Kim and Frank Ahlering for the subdivision of PID# 103291. Confirmation of ownership and official survey plans will need to be submitted for final approval. All in favour. Motion carried.

Business arising from previous meetings:

O. Request from Lighthouse Relay Run Committee for sponsorship of their 2nd Annual Event.

Additional information was supplied by CAO as requested at last meeting.

Motion by C. MacDonald and seconded by C. Cheverie that we donate \$250 plus lapel pins for each participant. All in favour. Motion carried.

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:

P. Request for sponsorship 10th Annual Eastern Kings Giant Yard Sale

Motion by C. Cheverie and seconded by C. Thibodeau to donate \$200 towards the 10th Annual Yard Sale. C. Thibodeau wondered why they look for donations and then give money away?

All in favour. Motion carried.

Q. Request for sponsorship from PEI Rural Beautification Society

Motion by C. Dunphy and seconded by C. Cheverie to donate \$260 towards the 2017 PEI Rural Beautification Society. All in favour. Motion carried.

R. Request for Financial assistance from Eastern Kings Sportsplex for purchase of new Zomboni

More information is required. \$20,000 is quite a large sum especially considering our budget is already done for 2017. Have they considered a fundraising campaign? Other sponsors? Etc.

CAO to request a possible meeting or more info.

S. Correspondence to advise of \$20,000 grant from Provincial Government for Winter Street Maintenance

For information purposes.

T. Council Reports:

Mayor David MacDonald

- Monthly meeting of the Federation of PEI Municipalities
- Conference calls on federation budget
- Meeting Re RCMP extended service agreement
- Conference call on questions to cabinet
- Meeting to discuss new revenue sharing formula for grants to municipalities
- Attended Pre-Budget and Budget meetings

Mayor added that he talked to D.O.T. about signage on the new round-about in Cornwall/North River area; he feels there should be signage directing French travelers to Souris for ferry.

Also, Mayor is disappointed that the new Minister for Rural PEI has not made an effort to meet with municipalities yet.

Deputy Mayor Denis Thibodeau

- Regular meetings with Admin staff
- Various meetings regarding Phase II of Beach Project. Funding application has been submitted to ACOA and to the Province. Permit applications to Environment have been submitted for work. Lease extension request has been submitted. Splash pad has been ordered. All is progressing quite well.
- Met with MRSB to finalize audited statements, worked with admin to finalize budget, presented budget to Council at pre-budget meeting and to the public on March 22, 2017.

Denis added: Beach project is coming along. ACOA application has been submitted. Tenders are out for various components of the project.

Attended ADP open house at SRS.

Wanda Bailey

- Wednesday, March 15th, 7pm, in-camera pre-budget meeting
- Wednesday, March 22nd, 7pm, attended our budget meeting with MRSB.
- Emails to Dennis and Margo at EK Sports re council requesting recreation director's job description, programs, number of attendees, etc. Still waiting to hear back from them.

JoAnne Dunphy

- Regular Meetings with Administrator, Events Co-ordinator & Bylaw Enforcement Officer
- Attended Planning Advisory Board Meeting
- Attended Gateway Park/Splash Pad Meeting
- Attended Pre-Budget Meeting
- Attended Public Presentation of Financial Statements and Budget

JoAnne added: New website development is coming along well. We are still hoping for a May launch.

Jim Cheverie

- Various meetings re Phase II Beach Project
- Attended Pre-Budget Meeting
- Attended Public Presentation of Financial Statements and Budget

Kenny Peters

- Met with Rick Singer re EMO plan update Regular meetings with Admin Staff
- Chaired Planning Advisory Board meeting to review and recommend on planning related requests
- Attended Pre-Budget Meeting
- Attended Public Presentation of Financial Statements and Budget

Thelma MacDonald

- Regular meetings with Admin Staff
- Attended Pre-Budget Meeting
- Attended Public Presentation of Financial Statements and Budget

Thelma added: Met with Gordon Garrison Re RCMP services.

U. Adjournment.

Motion by C. MacDonald to adjourn at 8:30pm

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