



Souris Town Council and Souris sewer and water Utility Corporation

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting
MONDAY, April 8, 2019 @ 7:00pm

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

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

Mayor Obrien called the meeting to order with a quorum.

Mayor acknowledged guest 'Kelly' who is Councillor Thelma MacDonald's granddaughter and who is in Souris working with Dr. Malone as she is studying to become a doctor.

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the Agenda as circulated to Council & the Public. 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 11, 2019

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the Minutes of March 11, 2019 meeting as prepared by CAO. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

E. Monthly RCMP Report (March 2019)

RCMP reported recent highlights of previous month: Upgrades are taking place at our local detachment in order to make it more accessible to the public. Charges included: passing a school bus, officer assaulted, impaired driver.

F. Update from Boardwalk Extension Committee (Brian Deveau)

Brian Deveau updated Council on proposed Souris Beach Boardwalk Extension. After meeting with Provincial representatives and coming to a compromise on a reduced extension due to environmentally sensitive areas at the west end of the beach, the budget numbers have been revised. Budget has been revised to approximately \$400,000 with the Town's portion being \$62,000. Committee is still waiting for final approval from the Province.

C. Chaisson expressed his concern over spending money on a boardwalk when there are other priorities within the Town.

Tenant of the Gateway Park J. Tompkins was present to request that water be extended to the west two shops. It would really benefit them at the Poke shop as they serve food and currently have to retrieve water from east end of park where public washrooms are. It would also serve the Paddle shack well by installing a hose so they could clean off boards when necessary.

C. Peters requested that CAO acquire details and prices to have water line installed. This could be added to our budget prior to final approval.

Business arising from previous meetings:

C. Chaisson suggested that we consider naming the street off Anniversary Ave where Sterling MacDonald's (our long time Maintenance Supervisor) after Sterling. CAO to discuss with family to see what their thoughts are on this. This will be added to our May meeting for official decision.

Financial Information:**G. General Account Budget Update**

For review only.

H. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update

For review only.

I. Town of Souris – General Account Invoices \$11,803.17 for Approval as at April 5, 2019

MOTION by C. Dunphy and seconded by C. Chaisson to approve the payables as listed in the amount of \$11,803.17. All in favour. Motion carried.

J. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Corp Invoices \$0.00 for Approval as at April 5, 2019.**K. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques issued during the month of March 2019 – For**

review only.

L. Review of Draft Budget. General Account and Water & Sewer Utility Account. Final approval required before April 16, 2019.

Mayor O'Brien and Finance Chair reviewed the Draft Budget. Discussion was held.

- CAO to research Council Honourarium rates across PEI to see if ours compare to others.
- CAO to submitted ICIP applications for new Sidewalk on MacPhee Ave if eligible. Deadline to apply is April 26th.

- Council agreed to have Maintenance Department remove the unsightly and dangerous boardwalk that extends from entrance to CTMA ferry terminal to entrance to SHAI wharf.
- CAO to order signage warning of dangerous cliff along Breakwater Street.

MOTION by C. Dunphy and seconded by C. Bailey that we hold our official public meeting for approval of our 2019-20 Budget April 15th at 12:00pm. CAO will advertise as required. All in favour. Motion carried.

Planning/Development:

M. Earl Woods has submitted a Development Application to replace the old home at 132 Main Street with a new 2-bedroom house. It will include a space for a dog grooming business. He is requesting a lesser setback at certain points of the property than what is required in our development bylaws. A preliminary drawing is attached. The existing house has very limited setbacks, in some spots the house is touching the sidewalk (so any setback will be an improvement). He also took into consideration the streetscape of Main Street by keeping in line with other structures. Although this is a residential build, due to the request for less than minimum setback Council is required review and approve (or disapprove) prior to issuance of permit.

As per section #20.1 (4) Minor Variance – Council may authorize variances in excess of 10% from the provisions of this bylaw if Council deems such a variance desirable and appropriate and if such variance is in keeping with the general intent of this bylaw.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Chaisson that we approve the development application from Earl Woods for a new house at 132 Main Street as submitted with requested variances. Council deems this variance will be an improvement to the existing setback as well as match the existing streetscape of this section of Main Street.

All in favour. Motion carried.

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:

N. Go! East PEI is looking for support in their funding application for a proposed Disc Golf Course in our community.

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Chaisson that the Town of Souris support Go! East PEI with their application to ICIP for the development of a Disc Golf Course at the Souris Striders Ski Club. Council agrees this would be a great addition to our community. All in favour. Motion carried.

O. Proposal from CBCL Engineering Re Treatment Plant Facility

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Dunphy that we hire CBCL Engineering to prepare a proposal for upgrades to our Treatment Plant Facility for purposes of submitting an application to the ICIP Fund with a deadline of April 26, 2019. Pat Hughes from CBCL Engineering reached out to us requesting this opportunity. We have an agreed upon price for this proposal preparation and will negotiate going forward if we decide to continue with their services.

All in favour. Motion carried.

Addition: MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Dunphy that we officially nominated Mayor O'Brien to be our representative on the FPEIM Board. Representing Towns in Eastern PEI. All in favour. Motion carried.

P. Council Reports:

Mayor Stephen O'Brien

- Apr 2, Interview with French National newspaper re CMA2019

Deputy Mayor JoAnne Dunphy

- Seaglass Meeting
- CMA2019 Meeting
- Regular meetings with Admin & Events
- Meeting with Municipal Affairs Municipal Orientation

Wanda Bailey

- Monday, March 25th, attended meeting at 630pm, at the Town Hall, re orientation of municipal affairs, with Samantha Murphy, Danny Jenkins, Wendy McIsaac. Re overview of the Municipal Government Act.
- Sunday, March 31st, attended benefit for our events coordinator, Joanne Roach.

Frankie Chaisson

- Meeting with Municipal Affairs Municipal Orientation

Ian MacDonald

- Meeting with Municipal Affairs Municipal Orientation

Thelma MacDonald ➤ Regular meetings with Admin.

Kenny Peters

- Report at meeting

Q. Adjournment.

MOTION by C. Peters to Adjourn at 8:10pm

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