



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2020 @ 7:00pm

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

MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

IT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, HOWEVER, DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS STILL IN PLACE FOR LARGE GATHERINGS NO MORE THEN 15 PEOPLE CAN BE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT ONE TIME.

CAO WILL SET UP COUNCIL CHAMBERS TO SPACE EVERYONE OUT TO ALLOW FOR PHYSICAL-DISTANCING

A. Call the regular monthly meeting of Council to Order 7: OOPM
Mayor Dunphy called the meeting to order with a quorum at 7:00pm

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION by C. Leard and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the agenda as prepared and circulated to Council prior to this meeting. All in favour. Motion carried.

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.

No conflict was declared.

D. Approval of Minutes – July 13, 2020

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. I. MacDonald to approve the minutes of July 13, 2020 without any errors or omissions. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

E. Monthly RCMP Report (July 2020)

The RCMP were represented by Cst. Les Dill.

Cst. Dill reviewed the report provided for the previous month. Calls included: Assault charge, 3 reports of impaired driving, 4 COVID related charges as well as other calls. 81 calls in total for the month of July which is up, but that is typical for summer. Calls about social media are becoming common but are very hard to deal with. The RCMP are no longer monitoring the CTMA ferry terminal.

The speed of vehicles leaving Souris going west is a concern and the RCMP plan to push for a digital speed sign.

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the RCMP report as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.

Business arising from previous meetings:

- F. Public Consultation from Bell for the installation of a 30m high telecommunication tower at 9 Sterns Avenue. This type of development is regulated by Industry Canada. However, they are requesting input from the Town.**
- **Input was sent following our May meeting as recommended by Council. A response was received and will be reviewed at meeting for further discussion.**
 - **At our June meeting it was suggested by Council to arrange a meeting with Bell reps.**
 - **A virtual meeting was held with Jess Harper and representatives from Bell and an alternative location was suggested. New public notification will have to take place pertaining to the alternate location. (on Town land beside the salt/storage building on Pond Street)**
 - **A Lease is being drawn up for proposed new site.**

Financial Information

G. General Account Budget Update – July 31, 2020

For information purposes.

H. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update – July 31, 2020

For information purposes.

I. Town of Souris – General Account Payables \$1,942.93 to be approved – August 7, 2020

MOTION by C. Bailey and seconded by C. Leard to approve the payables as listed. All in favour. Motion carried.

J. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Payables \$120.34 to be approved – August 7, 2020

MOTION by C. Bailey and seconded by C. I. MacDonald to approve the payables as listed. All in favour. Motion carried.

K. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques issued during the month of July 2020

– For review only.

Planning/Development:

L. Application from William Gillam to subdivide a section of PID 101758 and convey on to PID 103473 owned by Drew MacInnis. Planning Board to review August 10th at noon.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. I. MacDonald to give preliminary approval to William Gillam to subdivide PID 103473 as proposed. Pending submission of survey plans to be supplied by the applicant. All in favour. Motion carried.

M. CAO received a few development permit applications. Council approval is NOT required for these as they all meet minimum requirements. For info purposes only.

Pattison Sign Group – New Service Canada Sign at new location on 15 Green St. (*this is a façade sign only, not free standing*)

Josh Skinner – Replacing an 8’x 10’ building with a larger 12’x16’ building on his property at 174 Main Street.

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:

N. Council representation on SHAI. Steve O’Brien was our representative. Ian MacDonald is currently a member of the board.

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey to appoint Councillor Ian MacDonald as the Towns representative on the SHAI. All in favour. Motion carried.

O. Request from The Lobster Shack for support from Municipality for Liquor License

MOTION by C. Leard and seconded by C. I. MacDonald to provide a letter of support for a Dining Room Liquor License at the Lobster Shack. C. T. MacDonald also noted that the same offer should be extended to the POKE shack as they had requested support in the past. Council agreed. All in favour. Motion carried.

P. Council Reports:

Mayor JoAnne Dunphy

- Regular updates regarding COVID-19 received from Public Safety Office
- Regular meetings with Admin and Events Coordinator
- Signage at new Boardwalk installed
- Several calls from media
- Emails, calls, message regarding COVID-19 violations, inquiries, responses, etc.

Deputy Mayor Kenny Peters

- Planning Board meeting August 10

Wanda Bailey

- July 27th, printed out minutes of our Souris Striders Meeting of July 10th, re meeting about obtaining funding for underground lights for the lit section of the ski trail.
- August 3rd, Monday, noticed a bag of garbage thrown over the bank, yet again, on Knights Lane, below the Souris family housing unit, a couple of units over from the culvert bridge. Mixed garbage in the bag, it wasn’t sorted. ***Trail cams would be great to have for situations like this. Cst. Dill agreed.**

Frankie Chaisson

- New crosswalk on Main St has been started. Lights are now working. More work to be done to curb.

Ian MacDonald

- Report at meeting

Thelma MacDonald

- RCMP issues
- Seniors Housing Project
- C. T. MacDonald expressed concern over loss of businesses in recent years. What can we do to encourage them to stay or bring new ones here? She feels Council should be looking into this.
- Also concerned over the loss of Holland College Souris location. **CAO to arrange for a meeting with Holland College to discuss.**

Boyd Leard

- Report at meeting

Q. Adjournment.

MOTION by C. Peters to adjourn at 7:35pm.

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



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