



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND  
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

**MONDAY, December 12, 2016 @ 7:00pm**

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

**Meeting was postponed from December 12<sup>th</sup> to December 19<sup>th</sup> due to a snow storm on the 12<sup>th</sup>. December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting started at 6:00pm.**

**A. Call the regular monthly meeting of Council to Order**

Mayor MacDonald called the meeting to order with a quorum at 6:00pm.

**B. Agenda**

**2.1 Approval of Agenda**

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. MacDonald to approve the Agenda as circulated prior to this meeting. All in favour. Motion carried.

**2.2 Additions to Agenda**

No additions noted.

**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 – November 14, 2016.**

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. MacDonald to approve the minutes of November 14, 2016 as prepared by CAO with no errors or omissions. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

**E. Monthly RCMP Report (November)**

Cpl. Les Dill represented RCMP with summary report from November. Highlights: more check points; cell phone violations are up from Nov'15; mental health calls tend to go up this time of year and they can consume a lot of time, they keep an officer tied up for several hours; PEI RCMP now carry antidote kits for fentanyl as it needs to be administered as quickly as possible, Cpl. Dill asked if Fire Department considered carrying them as first responders?

MOTION by C. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey to accept the report as presented by Cpl. Dill. All in favour. Motion carried.

**F. Proposal from Eastern Media to lease Matthew McLean 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Office Space (Wallace Rose)**

Wallace & Lisa Rose from Eastern Media presented Town Council with a proposal for renting 2<sup>nd</sup> floor office space at Matthew McLean Bldg. They currently represent Montague, Murray River, Cardigan,

Eastern Kings and Souris. They have been involved with recent PEI Connectors Bus Tour, attended several workshops, seminars, etc with a goal of promoting Eastern PEI to newcomers and new business. They propose a 1 year reduced sliding scale rent with potential to sub-lease extra space. Any sub-lease amounts received would go to the Town in addition to what Eastern Media is committed to pay for year one.

Councillor Cheverie will review current costs, particularly electricity, for the building to make sure we wouldn't be taking a huge loss. Decision to be carried forward.

#### Financial Information:

**G. General Account Budget Update** – as of November 30, 2016

Reviewed by C. Thibodeau.

**H. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update** – as of November 30, 2016

Reviewed by C. Thibodeau.

**I. Town of Souris – General Account Invoices (\$38,199.65) for Approval as at Dec 8, 2016**

MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. MacDonald to pay the payables as listed with the exception of Holdback for Chapman Bros. Const. for Anniversary Ave as Council feels there is still an issue with proper drainage in one of the catch basins. All in favour. Motion carried.

**J. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Corp Invoices (\$22,393.72) for Approval as at Dec 8, 2016**

MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Peters to pay the payables in the amount of \$22,393.72 as listed. All in favour. Motion carried.

**K. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques Issued during the month of November 2016 –**

For review only.

#### Planning/Development:

**L. For your information, demolition permit was issued to G&P Trucking for 37 Longworth St**

#### Business arising from previous meetings:

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

**M. Request for donation from 55+ Winter Games to be held Jan 18-21, 2017**

MOTION by C. Cheverie and seconded by C. Peters to contribute \$250 towards the 2017 55+ Winter Games. All in favour. Motion carried.

**N. Invitation to ALL Council to participate in a workshop January 17, 2017 Re Community Inclusion in partnership with PEI Newcomers & Souris Rural Action Centre.**

Joanne Roche and CAO have been actively participating in workshops and meetings across PEI for some time now and both feel this workshop would be beneficial to ALL of Town Council. Especially if you want to welcome and keep newcomers in our community.

**O. Invitation from Premier to attend Crime Prevention Policing Review Briefing Dec 13, 2016**

Mayor MacDonald has received this briefing.

**P. Council Reports:****Mayor David MacDonald**

- Monthly meeting of Federation of PEI Municipalities
- Participated in 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Parade
- Meeting of the drug committee of Federation of PEI Municipalities
- Yearly meeting with Commander of the RCMP
- Attended Firemen's Annual Appreciation & Awards Dinner

**Deputy Mayor Denis Thibodeau**

- Regular meetings with Admin staff
- Attended Firemen's Dinner
- Participated in Christmas Parade

**Wanda Bailey**

- Forwarded update from Sports Council to CAO who will forward to Council.

**JoAnne Dunphy**

- Meetings with Events Coordinator
- Meetings with Administration
- Worked with Admin staff & Maintenance staff in decorating the Town for Christmas
- Attended various Christmas Parade Festival Events leading up to and including the Parade
- Helped to organize and open Warming Centre on November 30<sup>th</sup> at rink due to long term power outage in our neighboring communities.

**Jim Cheverie**

- Regular meetings with Admin & Maintenance staff to discuss issues.
- Attended Firemen's Dinner
- Attended Souris Christmas Parade

**Kenny Peters**

- Attended Firemen's Association meeting
- Attended Firemen's Appreciation Dinner
- Tender for Fire Dept Storage building was award to GC Construction. 2 bids received, only \$67 in the difference.
- Helped to organize and open Warming Centre on November 30<sup>th</sup> at rink due to long term power outage in our neighboring communities.
- Generator is all up and running at Town Hall/Town Garage. It was put to the test last week and worked perfectly. Our Town Hall can now fully function in the event of a power outage.
- Attended the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Parade

**Thelma MacDonald**

- Attended Open House at Souris Mental Health Office
- Attended Firemen's Dinner
- Currently helping to organize 55+ Games for Sours & Area
- Regular visits to Town Hall

**Q. Adjournment at 7:00pm**

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