

## SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

## **MINUTES**

# Regular Monthly Meeting MONDAY, December 13, 2021 @ 7:00pm

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

#### MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

#### MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - MASKS ARE REQUIRED

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

## B. Agenda

## 2.1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION by C. Leard and seconded by C. Bailed to approve the Agenda as prepared and circulated to Council prior to 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.

## D. Approval of Minutes – November 15, 2021 Public Meeting

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Peters to approve the minutes of our November 15, 2021 Council Meeting as prepared by our CAO with no errors or omissions. All in favour. Motion carried.

#### Presentations:

## E. Monthly RCMP Report (November 2021)

Cst. Sato reviewed RCMP monthly report for November 2021. She also wanted to note that 115 of the 661 calls are not actual calls for service but are particular to Self-Generated Traffic Enforcement the E-Ticketing. Cst. Sato said that she has been visiting schools at least once a month. Some of the visits are to follow up on incident reports and some are to present presentations such as bullying. She also noted that she is more than willing to attend community events. She stated that there will be an increase in roadside check stops as the holidays approach us, with more emphasize on East of Souris. The RCMP now have a new device to detect Marijuana. They are also constantly reviewing and investigating drug trafficking in the area.

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

## Business arising from previous meetings:

F. Update from C. Leard regarding land purchase for potential new Fire Hall. (Deferred from November meeting)

He doesn't have any new information therefore would like this to be deferred to January's meeting.

#### Financial Information

- **G.** General Account Budget Update November 30, 2021 For information only.
- H. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update November 30, 2021 For information only.
- I. Town of Souris General Account Payables \$125,965.88 to be approved December 10, 2021. MOTION by C. Chaisson and seconded by C. Bailey to pay the list of payables as per list in the amount of \$125.965.88. All in favour, Motion carried.
- J. Town of Souris Sewer & Water Utility Payables \$11,211.15 to be approved December 10, 2021.

MOTION by C. Chaisson and seconded by C. Peters to pay the list of payables as per list in the amount of \$11,211.15. All in favour. Motion carried.

K. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques issued during the month of November 2021.

- For review only.

<u>DEVELOPMENT/BUSINESS – APPROVAL REQU</u>IRED:

#### FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

## **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:**

FOR INFO ONLY...

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

L. ACOA Community Revitalization Fund Application, and PEI Rural Growth Initiative Application for funding for "Roof Replacement at Eastern King Sportsplex". A motion by Council is required to support these applications. The combination of these two funds potentially could total 90% funding for the project which has an estimated cost of approximately \$500,000. MOTION by C. I. MacDonald and seconded by C. T. MacDonald to support the applications for funding for "Roof Replacement at Eastern Kings Sportsplex"

#### M. Request from Krystal Mills Re Visual Arts Project

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey to donate \$400 to Krystal Mills at Souris Regional School to fund a project in her Visual Arts Class. The project will explore how art can be used as an outlet for students to deal with stress and also enhance metal health wellness.

## N. COUNCIL REPORTS:

## Mayor JoAnne Dunphy

- Attended grand opening of Diamond computing which is a brand new business in Souris.
- Attended Festive Country Christmas Gala Dinner and Yuletide Auction at the Delta presented by the Federation Womens Institute of Prince Edward Island. Part of the funds raised for this event is going to Souris Hospital.
- Staying in touch with the Federation of PEI
- Painted the buoys for the new Memorial Trap Tree. Thank you to Jeannie and all the people that had a hand in organizing and building our Memorial Trap Tree. A wonderful addition this year.
- Attended the dedication for the MADD bench with representatives from MADD PEI, RCMP, Souris Fire Department, Island EMS and Heritage Memorials.
- Attended Firemens Dinner. Congratulations and thank you to all our Firemen and Firewomen that share their time in keeping our communities safe.
- Attended a great week of celebrating Town of Souris Christmas week including the Tree Lighting in the CN Park and the Souris Christmas Parade. It was a great week for the Town and the businesses. The events brought many customers to our businesses. The events were very well planned out and we want to Thank Jeannie Roche for the exceptional job she does as our events coordinator.
- Thank you to all the Town staff for making our events such a success. Our maintenance staff worked very hard at decorating the Town and making sure everything was ready for our events and of course Santa.
- Thank you to the organizers and the actors that put on 2 great shows this month in Souris. Thank you to the Silver Threads.

## **Deputy Mayor Kenny Peters**

- Stopped into Town Hall to sign cheques
- attended Annual Firefighter's Dinner

## Wanda Bailey

- Attended the Firemens Banquet on November 19th at the Souris Legion
- Attended a Municipal Government Session at Access PEI at 630 9pm
- Attended the Town of Souris Christmas Tree Lighting at 630pm at the CN Park

- Volunteer at St. Marys Church re decorating for Christmas, taking money for tags going on the tree.
- Saturday, December 4th, volunteered at the Souris Christmas Parade 130 4pm

## Frankie Chaisson

volunteered at the Souris Christmas Parade

#### Ian MacDonald

- volunteered at the Souris Christmas Parade
- helped construct the Memorial Trap Tree

## Thelma MacDonald

- attended Annual Firefighter's Dinner

## **Boyd Leard**

- attended Annual Firefighter's Dinner
- attended a meeting for Souris Show Hall

## O. Adjournment.

MOTION by C. Peters to adjourn at 7:33 pm

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!

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