



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019 @ 7:00pm

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

A. Call the regular monthly meeting of Council to Order 7:00PM
Mayor O'Brien called the meeting to order with a quorum. All Council were present.

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

2.2 Additions to Agenda

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Dunphy to approve the Agenda as circulated. Add discussion on EK Sports Council. All in favour. Motion carried.

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 conflicts declared.

D. Approval of Minutes – January 14, 2019

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Chaisson to approve the minutes of January 14th, 2019 without any errors or omissions. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

E. Monthly RCMP Report (January 2019)

Cst. Ian Allen and Cst. Watts presented report. They plan to attend our Walk in Silence. Fairly quiet. Lots of snowmobiles around.

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Ian MacDonald to accept the RCMP report as presented.

Business arising from previous meetings:

F. Bylaw Enforcement – Our existing Bylaw Enforcement contract is up for renewal. As decided at December meeting CAO requested new pricing from NPSS based on 1 day per week, plus fee if called upon for emergency issues. Updated pricing attached.

MOTION by C. Dunphy and seconded by C. Bailey that we renew our existing Bylaw Enforcement contract with NPSS with the noted changes and based on new pricing provided. All in favour. Motion carried.

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 (\$1,744.05) for Approval as at Feb 8, 2019

MOTION C. Dunphy and seconded by C. I. MacDonald to approve payment of the A/P listed. All in favour. Motion carried.

J. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Corp Invoices (\$321.97) for Approval as at Feb 8, 2019.

MOTION C. Dunphy and seconded by C. Peters to approve payment of the A/P listed. All in favour. Motion carried.

K. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques issued during the month of January 2019 –

For review only.

Planning/Development:**L. Development Application from Eastern Kings Early Learning for a 16’x24’ addition. Although this is a residential property CAO would like recommendation from Town Council prior to proceeding since they were given special permission to operation this child care facility within a residential zone. Copy of development application and new proposed parking/dropping off plan is attached.**

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. T. MacDonald to approve the development application from Eastern Kings Learning Academy for their proposed addition.

All in favour. Motion carried.

M. Application from Frank and Kim Ahlering to operate a seasonal tourist operation at 6 Belle Ave, Souris. “Shanty Stay Accommodations”.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Dunphy to approve the Business Permit Application from “Shanty Stay Accommodations”. All in favour. Motion carried.

N. Application from Jessie Woods to operate her business “Pretty Paws Professional Pet Grooming” at 132 Main Street, Souris.

MOTION by C. Dunphy and seconded by C. Chaisson to approve the Business Permit Application from “Pretty Paws Professional Pet Grooming” to operate her business in the Town of Souris.

Proposing to build a new structure on Main Street. All in favour. Motion carried.

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:**O. Following recent meeting with Souris West, Central Kings, Annandale and Eastern Kings Souris Town Council must decide if they want to proceed in the participation of a report/study to see what a regional government would look like for our area. Minister Brown has committed to reaching out to the unincorporated areas to ensure that they are involved in this from the beginning. At this point it is only a proposal to hire a consultant to prepare a report/study to gather answers so that residents, incorporated and unincorporated, can make a better informed decision on if they are in favour of it.**

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Chaisson that we participate in the proposed study for Regional Government in our area. It was felt that in order to make an informed decision more information is required; and a study would hopefully provide that information. All in favour. Motion carried.

P. Request for support from PEI Crime Stoppers.

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. I. MacDonald that we donate \$100 towards PEI Crime Stoppers. All in favour. Motion carried.

ADDITION NOTED:

Future of Eastern Kings Sports Council.

Council discussed the future of the Ek Sports Council. Presently they do not have anyone in the position of coordinator as they do not have enough funding to hire someone. They do have a small amount in their bank account that could be transferred by to the sources they came from.

It is proposed that we organize a meeting with John Morrison from PEI Recreation to see what other options we may have. To see what funding the Province could provide, etc.

Q. Council Reports:

Mayor Stephen O'Brien

- Jan 17 Attended announcement for new North Lake Bridge. Had an opportunity to speak with Minister Biggar
- Jan 18 - Feb 2nd - Austria
- Feb 6 EMO Basic Training

Deputy Mayor JoAnne Dunphy

- Jan 24 Business Mixer for Eastern Chamber of Commerce
- Feb 4 meeting with Boardwalk committee
- Feb 5 meeting with CMA committee
- Feb 11 meeting with Eastern Media Re CMA planning

Wanda Bailey

- Saturday, January 19th, attended the FMPEI Semi-Annual Meeting in Kinkora.
- Thursday, January 24th, attended the Business Mixer hosted by Eastern Chamber of Commerce at 21 Breakwater 5 pm – 7pm.
- Thursday, January 31, 2019, attended Rural Communities Initial gathering of Mayors, councillors, residents hosted by Pat O'Connor, Souris West, with a follow up meeting on February 28th, at 6pm.
- Volunteering with the Ski club re phone calls, messages and updates on the ski trail, advertisements

Frankie Chaisson

- Report at meeting
 - Continuing to receive concerns of Main Street Crosswalk at the intersection of Main and Church.
- **CAO will contact Provincial Transportation to see if they can help.*

Ian MacDonald

- Attended Semi Annual meeting for FPEIM in Kinkora

Thelma MacDonald

- 55+ Games were a great success
- Attended meeting with 5 incorporated communities Jan 31st
- Continuing to work with developers for Senior Housing project

Kenny Peters

- Recovering from knee surgery

R. Adjournment.

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