



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND  
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**MONDAY , February 14, 2022 @ 7:00pm**

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

**MEETING WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**MEETING WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**- MASKS REQUIRED -**

**- Limited space to accommodate social distancing -**

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

(Meeting was rescheduled till Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> due to weather)

**Mayor Dunphy called the meeting to order with a quorum at 7:00pm.**

Councillor Frankie Chaisson was not in attendance. All other council were present. Also in attendance Charlotte from the Graphic.

**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 meeting. All in favour. Motion carried.

**2.2 Additions to Agenda**

**Planning Board added an additional recommendation for Rebecca Rafuse/Chad Theresa Gallant Subdivision request to be reviewed and decided upon by Council.**

**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 – January 10, 2022 Public Meeting**

**MOTION** by C. Peters and seconded by C. T. MacDonald to approve the minutes of our January 10, 2022 meeting. No errors or omissions were noted. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

**E. Monthly RCMP Report (January 2022)**

Cst. Sonet Sato was present to review the RCMP report for January 2022. They continue to work hard to be visible in the community. January saw some extra traffic enforcement initiatives. Spot checks, etc. with a focus on impaired drivers. Crime reduction initiatives. School visits. As always they ask the Public to call if they see or are made aware of any crimes. January 2021 = 38 calls vs January 2022 = 31 calls.

**MOTION** by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey to accept the RCMP report as presented. A hard copy of the report was made available to Council. 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*) CAO has contacted local lawyer to prepare documents for review by Council. Nothing further to report.
- G. DRAFT of New Town of Souris Utility Bylaw to be posted for public notification.**  
**MOTION** by C. Leard and seconded by C. I. MacDonald that we proceed with necessary steps for adopting a new bylaw. CAO will post as required for public review. All in favour. Motion carried.

Financial Information

- H. General Account Budget Update – January 31, 2022**  
 For information only.
- I. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update – January 31, 2022**  
 For information only.
- J. Town of Souris – General Account Payables \$139,299.46 to be approved – February 11, 2022.**  
**MOTION** by C. Peters and seconded by C. T. MacDonald that the A/P listed be paid. All in favour. Motion carried.
- K. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Payables \$2,124.37 to be approved – February 11, 2022.**  
**MOTION** by C. Peters and seconded by C. Bailey that the A/P listed be paid. All in favour. Motion carried.
- L. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques issued during the month of January 2022.**  
 – For review only.

**DEVELOPMENT/BUSINESS – APPROVAL REQUIRED:**

- M. Application from David Jackson and Crystal Built Homes Inc. to subdivide Parcel A from PID 103218** (owned by Crystal Built Homes Inc.) **and amend to PID 103192** (owned by David Jackson). Reviewed by Planning Advisory Board Monday, Feb 15<sup>th</sup> at noon. A survey plan has already been prepared.

**MOTION** by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey that we give preliminary approval to David Jackson and Crystal Built Homes Inc to subdivide Parcel A from PID 103218 and amend to PID

103192. Final approval pending survey plans to be received and stamped accordingly. All in favour.  
Motion carried.

**ADDED:**     **Application from Rebecca Rafuse and Theresa/Chad Gallant to subdivide a section of PID 100271 which is to be sold to Rebecca. Planning Board reviewed February 15<sup>th</sup> at noon and recommended approval.**

**MOTION** by C. I. MacDonald and seconded by C. T. MacDonald that we give preliminary approval for this subdivision. Pending receipt of official survey plan which will need to be stamped for final approval. CAO will notify applicant. All in favour. Motion carried.

**PERMITS ISSUED FOR INFORMATION ONLY:**

Nothing to report this month.

**DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:**  
*FOR INFO ONLY. . .*

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

**N. COVID Warrior Coin Recipient**

**Correspondence CAO Received in January from our Lieutenant Governor. . .**

I am pleased to inform you that your nomination of **JoAnne Dunphy** has been approved by the COVID Warrior Coin Award Advisory Committee.

The COVID Warrior Coin was commissioned by Dr. Trevor Jain to recognize the leadership, initiative and hard work of multiple Islanders and organizations who have gone above and beyond during this ongoing response. By collectively working together, they, along with many other Islanders, have stepped up to the plate and given of themselves to enrich the lives of others by doing outstanding acts of goodwill by using their knowledge, expertise and abilities to assist in keeping Islanders safe and well.

*At present, due to COVID-related restrictions, there are no presentation ceremonies being planned. We will present awards when conditions allow.*

**O. Memorandum of Understanding for Municipal Funding ~ extension for 1 year**

Resolution required prior to February 28, 2022. Proposed resolution is attached

**MOTION** by C. Peters and seconded by C. Bailey that we sign the resolution to extend the Municipal Funding Agreement with the Province of PEI for 1 more year. All in favour. Motion carried.

**P. Request from AJ Dennis for support of application for PEI Liquor license for 41 Breakwater Ave Restaurant.**

**MOTION** by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. I. MacDonald that we provide a letter of support for AJ Dennis for a liquor license for her new establishment at 41 Breakwater Ave Restaurant. All in favour. Motion carried.

**Q. COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Mayor JoAnne Dunphy**

- Update with Events Coordinator on upcoming events including the Rollo Bay Inn sledding party on Family Day and participated in a virtual meeting for plans of the 2022 Seaglass Festival.
- Next phase of beach project update still waiting for funding.
- Meetings with Chief Administration Officer
- No further updates from our Transportation Minister as to our requests from our meeting in December.
- Planning and Development Advisory Board meeting
- Thank you to all the staff for all your work and our maintenance staff for keeping our sidewalks in such great shape. With all this snow it's been quite a challenge.
- Our new SBR sewerage treatment plant is now functioning. There are few minor deficiencies to be dealt with in the spring. Once the weather improves we will plan a tour of the new plant for Council.

**Deputy Mayor Kenny Peters**

**Wanda Bailey**

**Frankie Chaisson**

**Ian MacDonald**

- C. MacDonald thanks everyone involved with snow removal efforts. Our Maintenance Dept and Especially Chapman Bros who have been doing an excellent job with our streets this winter.

**Thelma MacDonald**

**Boyd Leard**

**R. Adjournment.**

**MOTION** by C. Peters to adjourn at 7:41pm

*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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