



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021 @ 7:00pm

Rescheduled to Feb 11th due to bad winter storm

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

MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MASKS WILL BE MANDATORY

MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BUT WITH LIMITED SPACE

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

Mayor Dunphy called the meeting to order with a quorum. All Council present with the exception of Councillor Frank Chaisson who was not feeling well and unable to attend.

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION by C. Leard and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the Agenda for February meeting as circulated to Council prior to this meeting with the addition of Rezoning Request from Landfest to rezone PID103390, 3 Belle Ave. All in favour. Motion carried.

2.2 Additions to Agenda

Added to Planning and Development section of our Agenda:

Rezoning Request from Landfest to rezone PID103390, 3 Belle Ave

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 25, 2021

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the minutes of January 25, 2021 Council meeting with no errors or omissions noted. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:**E. Monthly RCMP Report (January 2021)**

Sgt. MacMullan presented the RCMP monthly report which listed 38 calls in the month of January. Some files of note included: Drugs were found in a car after a reported vehicle stuck in the snow, it was a concern as it was located close to our local school.

RCMP are trying to be more visible in the community and conduct more traffic stops.

There was a task force formed to investigate the recent theft of catalytic converters across PEI, arrests were made, and charges were laid. Over \$100,000 worth of damage to cars.

Two additional officers were trained for snowmobile patrols and will be out on the trails soon.

New staff include Leanne Butler who will be here in April and Cpl Bob Gallant will be here in March.

Street level drugs are a big problem across PEI.

RCMP priorities for 2021-22 will remain the same. They welcome input from Mayor and Council in regards to their priorities.

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

Business arising from previous meetings:**F. Appointment of new Fire Chief**

Wayne Campbell is to be appointed Fire Chief of the Souris Fire Department. Wayne joined our Fire Department in 1999 and has served as Firefighter, Lieutenant and most recently as Deputy Chief.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Leard to appoint Wayne Campbell as our newest Fire Chief. Deputy Chief will be Donnie Aitken. Both experienced and dedicated Fire fighters. We are very lucky to have them. All in favour. Motion carried.

Chief Campbell will be making a call to fill vacancies on the department as one of his first duties.

G. Disposal of 1985 Chev 1 ton Fire Truck.

More than 30 sealed bids were received before the deadline of Friday, February 5, 2021 at 4pm.

Councillor Peters & CAO will open and review Monday morning, Feb 8th.

Truck was sold for \$10,025 to R. Nauffts from Dartmouth, N.S. CAO LaVie and former Fire Chief delivered the truck to Borden transfer point for sale of the truck.

Financial Information**H. General Account Budget Update – January 31, 2021**

For information only.

I. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update – January 31, 2021

For information only.

J. Town of Souris – General Account Payables \$4,137.62 to be approved – February 5, 2021

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. T. MacDonald to approve the A/P as listed. All in favour. Motion carried.

K. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Payables \$1,355.94 to be approved – February 5, 2021

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the A/P as listed. All in favour. Motion carried.

L. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques issued during the month of January 2021

– For review only.

Planning/Development:

M. Application from Town of Souris for new Wastewater Treatment Plant at PID#431627 as per specifications prepared by CBCL Engineering. Includes a new 20'x36' Control Building to house equipment necessary for SBR plant operation. We will require a construction permit from the Province, so a development permit is required from ourselves, the municipality, first.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. T. MacDonald to approve the development application for new control building as part of our treatment plant upgrades. All in favour. Motion carried.

N. Application from Kevin Zhu to install Solar Panels on JJ & Julie Chaisson's house at 43 LaVie Ave.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the development application to install solar panels on the roof at 43 LaVie Ave as specified in application. All in favour. Motion carried.

O. Application from Kevin Zhu to install Solar Panels on Mike & Lori Fitzpatrick's house at 12 Washington Street.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Leard to approve the development application to install solar panels on the roof at 12 Washington St. as specified in application. All in favour. Motion carried.

P. For information purposes only. *No motion is required.*

- **Development Permit issued to Dakota McGregor for a new Mini Home at 14 High Street. Single Family Residential. (*existing house to be demolished*)**

ADDED: Rezoning Request from Landfest to rezone PID103390, 3 Belle Ave

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. T. MacDonald that we give first reading to rezoning PID103390 at 3 Belle Avenue from R1 Residential to C1 General Commercial as requested. A public meeting was advertised and held February 10, 2021. It was attended by Council, a representative of the applicant and several members of the public as noted in the minutes.

C. Peters read the resolution to give first reading to this rezoning. All were in favour. Motion carried. A second reading at separate public meeting is required prior to final adoption of this resolution to rezone.

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:

Q. Flooring and Painting at Souris Public Library.

Quotes were gotten and supplied by Library. They have access to \$3,500 from the Rotary Club that they are willing to contribute to the project.

MOTION by C. Bailey and seconded by C. MacDonald to contribute \$3,500 towards the renovations to the public library which will include new hard surface flooring to replace old carpet and painting. It was felt the Library definitely needs some updates and this would be a good opportunity with the funding available from the Rotary Club. All in favour. Motion carried.

R. Request from Kim and Frank Ahlering for a letter of support. They are in the process of leasing a small section of land between their property at 134 Main Street (old Shell) and the Rails to Trails. The Town leases the other side of the trail at that location for our Farmer's Market. The Province would like a letter of support from the Town stating that we are in support of their concept of an outdoor seasonal food outlet with outdoor seating and public washrooms, etc in a fenced area. At this time, it is a conceptual only. Applicable permits would have to be acquired.

Some councillors had questions. Is the public toilet proposed to be a port-a-pottie, or will it be connected to municipal sewer? Have other licenses been applied for? What type of fence is being proposed? Seating? Kitchen facilities? Have we received the information requested from the development application that was submitted for deck and other small buildings?

Council feels they need more information prior to writing letter of support.

It was suggested that we invite Kim & Frank to our next meeting so we can get more information. CAO will send invitation for them to attend our next meeting.

S. Council Reports:

Mayor JoAnne Dunphy

- Planning Advisory Board Meeting January 25, 2021
- Meeting with Minister Jamie Fox, February 5, 2021
- Meeting with Councillor Peters & CAO to discuss Fire Chief selection process
- Regular meetings with CAO and Admin Staff
- Study/Work Hub has opened at the Matthew McLean Building
- Attended public meeting re rezoning of PID 103390
- Opened bids on 1985 Firetruck with C. Peters and CAO

Deputy Mayor Kenny Peters

- Met with Mayor and CAO to discuss Fire Chief selection process
- Attended Fire Department monthly meeting
- Attended public meeting re rezoning of PID 103390
- Opened bids for 1985 Firetruck with CAO and Mayor

Wanda Bailey

- Last week got a tour of the new "lift station" at the end of MacPhee Rd. by Greg and Danny. Very interesting how it operates.
- Volunteering for the Souris striders ski club, selling elimination tickets for our major fund raiser to be held Feb.4th at 7:30 pm.
- Volunteered at St Mary's church
- Attended public meeting re rezoning of PID 103390

Frankie Chaisson

- Attended public meeting re rezoning of PID 103390

Ian MacDonald

- Attended public meeting re rezoning of PID 103390

Thelma MacDonald

- Attended public meeting re rezoning of PID 103390

Boyd Leard

- Attended public meeting re rezoning of PID 103390

T. Adjournment.

MOTION by C. Peters to adjourn at 7:50pm

*Please keep in mind that some people
are very sensitive to strong smells,
especially from colognes and perfumes.
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SCENT FREE so all can enjoy!*



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