



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021 @ 7:00pm

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 were present.

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION by C. Leard and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the Agenda for July 12, 2021 Council Meeting as prepared and circulated to Council prior to this meeting. All in favour. Motion carried.

2.2 Additions to Agenda

No additions were 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 was declared.

D. Approval of Minutes – June 14, 2021 Public Meetings

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Chaisson to approve the minutes of June 14, 2021 Council meeting as prepared by CAO and circulated to Council for review prior to this meeting without any errors or omissions. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

E. Monthly RCMP Report (June 2021)

E-tickets have elevated the numbers but that was expected as it shows everything. E-tickets are much more efficient.

The street level drug unit is now in force in King's district. They have specific targets and will be able to designate more time to investigating drugs specifically.

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

Business arising from previous meetings:

Financial Information

F. General Account Budget Update – June 30, 2021

For information only.

G. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update – June 30, 2021

For information only.

H. Town of Souris – General Account Payables \$1,225.66 to be approved – July 9, 2021.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the payables listed. All in favour. Motion carried.

I. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Payables \$10,840.22 to be approved – July 9, 2021.

MOTION by C. I. MacDonald and seconded by C. Leard to approve the payables listed. All in favour. Motion carried.

J. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques issued during the month of June 2021.

– For review only.

DEVELOPMENT – APPROVAL REQUIRED:

K. Amendment to our Official Plan Map

Official Plan Amendment 2021-1 to amend PID 103390 in Concurrence with Bylaw #BY-01-2021 to Amend Zoning of PID 103390.

As per PEI Planning Act, s. 11 we are required to give public notice of this proposed amendment and give opportunity to the public to make representation. This proposed amendment was advertised June 30, 2021 and July 5, 2021 in the Guardian Newspaper.

Amendment proposed: PID 103390 (3 Belle Ave) will be given the designation of General Commercial and the existing designation of Single Family Residential will be removed. In doing so the Town of Souris is required to amend their Official Plan and Zoning Map to ensure conformity (as per section 15(2) of the Planning Act) with our General Land Use Map.

PID 103390 (3 Belle Ave) will be consolidated with PID 101600 (128 Main Street) which is currently already designated General Commercial to create one larger property.

Resolution to amend as described above was read by C. Peters.

Motion to give first reading to this resolution was made by C. Peters and seconded by C. Leard. No public concerns were received by our CAO or brought forth at this meeting. All in favour. Motion carried. **A second reading is required.**

FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS WERE ISSUED FOR:

No new permits have been issued during the last month.

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:

L. Request for Sponsorship of Rollo Bay Fiddle Festival

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Chaisson to provide Rollo Bay Fiddle Festival a \$300 donation for sponsorship. It is exciting to hear about events happening in our community following a year of dealing with restrictions from the pandemic. The Fiddle Festival is expected to attract a large crowd this year (within the parameters of CPHO restrictions for large gatherings) All in favour. Motion carried.

Development & CAO update:

Ongoing development and update from CAO: (for information purposes)

- We are continuing to work with Justin & Melody in regard to new Seniors Housing Development.” Heartwood Development” Tender was awarded to Chapman Bros for Road/Water/Sewer/Utility Infrastructure. Work to begin this summer with completion summer 2022. Scheduled to begin work July 7th. Sewer will be one of the first components to be installed.
- Polmerleau began construction at our new Sewerage Treatment Plant at 142 Breakwater St. beginning the week of March 8, 2021. Progressing quite well. We have already submitted and received 3 funding claims from ICIP in the amount of \$485,900. However, going forward we will need to secure some bridge financing to pay larger amounts. CAO has requested and received proposed financing options from local financial institutions. At our June meeting Council made the decision to go with Souris Credit Union.
- CBCL have been engaged to design and prepare tender documents for Walking Path on MacPhee Avenue. Greg Jay and CAO met on site with surveyors May 7, 2021. We have a preliminary plan drawn up we are just waiting on confirmation from land owners before putting work out to tender. To date we have approval from the Province of PEI and the Federal Government to pass through their properties, just waiting on one more approval.
- New Pharmacy development is coming along. Demo has taken place of both Robin’s Donuts and house at 3 Belle Ave. They also had to remove an old foundation that was buried on the property. They have supplied revised drawings showing 10’ set back between them and 5 Belle Ave and fence between residential properties as per condition of permit. Development Permit was issued following our June meeting.
- We are in the process of hiring some summer staff. Lennie Rose started at the Beach and he is getting along really well. Emily & Trever have started as well. Keir will be returning. A few other yet to be hired. It will be a very busy summer! We have since hired Jasmine Laybolt and Lily Peters for the Summer Youth Rec Program and Ashton Jay & Matthew Nadeau to work with Lennie at the Beach.
- Summer flowers are being planted with hopes of making the Town bright and cheery. Nabuurs will be looking after our flower beds again this summer. Hanging baskets and Summer Banners have been put up.
- Canada Day will be held in similar fashion as last year. Smaller groups of 50. No Fireworks allowed. Canada Day was a success with near 200 people participating in our Mouse Hunt. Winners of prizes were announced the following week on our Facebook page.
- Our events coordinator is now working on Farmer’s Market, Seaglass Festival and Music in the Park. Our first Farmer’s Market planned for July 9th got rained out with the incoming Tropical Storm Elsa. Hoping

for a better day this upcoming Friday.

- Approval has been received for the permit to extend our Boardwalk, work cannot start until the fall. Working on acquiring funding from ACOA and the Province to cover up to 90% of the cost. Funding Applications are still pending.

M. COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mayor JoAnne Dunphy

- Helped out with Canada Day activities on July 1st. It was well attended. Our initiative to suggest people plant their pine tree seedlings in memory of indigenous children was very well received by all.
- Attended Award Ceremony for Fred Cheverie who recently was nominated and won a national Canadian Wildlife Federation conservation award, the Roland Michener Conservation Award. The Award Ceremony was held July 8th at 21 Breakwater in Souris.
- Interviews with CBC Re Canada Day.
- Mermaid Tears Seaglass Festival will be virtual this year and it will be launched July 24th. Many videos have been made that will really highlight the area. I also helped to judge over 100 photos that were submitted as part of the festival. Check it out www.peiseaglassfestival.com

Deputy Mayor Kenny Peters

- Talk to Fire Chief regarding joining storage building to main building. They still want to pursue this idea. CAO will reach out to local contractor for options.

Wanda Bailey

- Thursday, July 1st, attended and volunteered at the Town of Souris Canada day event at the CN park from 10 am – 1pm.
- Volunteered at St. Mary's Church

Frankie Chaisson

- Would like Town to consider rumble or speed bumps on some streets to slow traffic.
- Improvements to some stop signs – possibly flashing lights (solar)

Ian MacDonald

- For info – Harbourview is looking for a new van/shuttle type vehicle

Thelma MacDonald

- Working on historic tours of Souris
- Attended Eastern Transit committee meeting. Rotary Bus will be providing transportation
- Spoke with Melody & Justin Re new housing development
- Spoke with RCMP

Boyd Leard

- Would like summary of other Water/Sewer rates across PEI for comparison in case residents ask about proposed increase.

N. Adjournment.

MOTION by C. Peters to adjourn at 7:45pm

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especially from colognes and perfumes.
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