



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND  
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

**MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020 @ 7:00pm**

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

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

**IT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, HOWEVER, DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS STILL IN PLACE FOR LARGE GATHERINGS NO MORE THEN 15 PEOPLE CAN BE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT ONE TIME.**

**CAO WILL SET UP COUNCIL CHAMBERS TO SPACE EVERYONE OUT TO ALLOW FOR PHYSICAL-DISTANCING**

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

Mayor called the meeting to order at 7pm with a quorum. All Council were present except Councilor Kenny Peters.

**B. Agenda**

**2.1 Approval of Agenda**

MOTION by C. Leard and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the agenda as circulated to Council prior to this meeting. All in favour. Motion carried.

**2.2 Additions to Agenda**

We have a proposal from Lindsey Ross for space available at Gateway Park

**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 8, 2020**

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the minutes of June 8, 2020 as prepared by CAO. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

**E. Monthly RCMP Report (June 2020)**

Cst. Paynter presented monthly report to Council. COVID-19 has consumed a fair bit of their time over the past few months. ATV's are a problem that they are trying to deal with. RCMP has access to off-road vehicles but training would be required. 2 impaired driving charges last month. C. Bailey brought up damage that has been happening at St. Mary's Church property

(the grass area below the parking lot). RCMP will be doing extra patrols of the area. They have limited members and are spread pretty thin between Montague and Souris.

**MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Chaisson to accept the RCMP report as presented by Cst. Paynter. All in favour. Motion carried.**

**F. Presentation by Frank MacEachern Re Community Trails Pilot Project**

Mr. MacEachern presented a very enlightening presentation. It is proposing a Pilot project to the Province that would encourage more use of our Confederation Trails. He feels municipalities can build on the project by making their communities more bike friendly. Public Washrooms, bike racks, water bottle filling stations, wifi, signage, accommodations, etc. He feels it needs to be a regional effort, not individual municipalities.

He would like a letter of support as well as representation from Council on an Action Committee. **MOTION by C. Leard and seconded by C. T. MacDonald that we provide a letter of support. All Council felt this was a very good idea. C. Leard offered to be our representative on the committee. All in favour. Motion carried.**

(Active Transportation Fund may help with making roads more bike friendly.)

Business arising from previous meetings:

**G. Public Consultation from Bell for the installation of a 30m high telecommunication tower at 9 Sterns Avenue. This type of development is regulated by Industry Canada. However, they are requesting input from the Town.**

- Input was sent following our May meeting as recommended by Council. A response was received and will be reviewed at meeting for further discussion.
- At our June meeting it was suggested by Council to arrange a meeting with Bell reps.
- A virtual meeting was held with Jess Harper and representatives from Bell and an alternative location was suggested. New public notification will have to take place pertaining to the alternate location. (on Town land beside the salt/storage building on Pond Street)

Financial Information

**H. General Account Budget Update – June 30, 2020 – For information only.**

**I. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update – June 30, 2020 – For information only.**

**J. Town of Souris – General Account Payables \$9,938.04 to be approved – July 10, 2020**

**MOTION by C. Chaisson and seconded by C. T. MacDonald to approve the Payables as listed. A question was asked Re work to Generator at Rink. The Generator at the rink is for EMO and was installed by the Town, so we pay to maintain it. All in favour. Motion carried.**

**K. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Payables \$0.00 to be approved – July 10, 2020**

**L. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques issued during the month of June 2020**  
– For review only.

Planning/Development:

**M. CAO received a few development permit applications.** Council approval is NOT required for these as they all meet minimum requirements and are residential use only. For info purposes.  
David Carter – extension on existing building

Ben Mitsuk – deck on front of house  
 Bonita Cater – replace small accessory building  
 Annette Mahar – replace deck with slightly larger deck

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

#### **N. Request for representation on New Community Navigator Committee**

CAO suggested that we ask Special Events Jeannie Roche to be our representative. Council agreed. CAO will speak with Jeannie about it and update.

#### **ADDED:**

#### **Proposal from Lindsey Ross for space available at Gateway Park.**

Council feels she would be a very good addition to the park without conflicting with any other businesses. She would be selling her own art. Called “Lindsey Ross Fine Art”. CAO will respond with offer for 2020 with the option to renew for 2021.

### O. Council Reports:

#### **Mayor JoAnne Dunphy**

- Regular updates regarding COVID-19 received from Public Safety Office
- Regular meetings with Admin and Events Coordinator
- Several calls from media
- Emails, calls, message regarding COVID-19 violations, inquiries, responses, etc.
- Concerns were brought forth regarding Holland College closing it’s doors in Souris. Which would mean anyone wanting to upgrade or get their GED’s would need to either do online or travel to Charlottetown.

**MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey Suggesting that we send a letter to Minister of Education with this concern. All in favour. Motion carried.**

- Contacted by Rodney Mann Re Ham Radio. Could possibly be used for EMO.

#### **Deputy Mayor Kenny Peters**

- Report at meeting

#### **Wanda Bailey**

- Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, attended a Souris striders ski meeting re new lights at 6 pm, to meet at the town gazebo. Also to take the minutes of the meeting.
- Concern about vandalism done to the grassed lot adjacent to the main parking lot of St. Mary’s Church. Cars at night tearing the grass up and leaving deep tire and rut marks.

**Frankie Chaisson**

- Report at meeting

**Ian MacDonald**

- Report at meeting

**Thelma MacDonald**

- RCMP Issues
- Senior Housing Development

**Boyd Leard**

- Met with SHAI Re potential new business/industry at port

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



**P. Adjournment.**

MINUTES Prepared by:  
Shelley M. LaVie  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Town of Souris  
[town@sourispei.com](mailto:town@sourispei.com)