



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

Monday, June 12, 2023 @ 7:00pm

Town Hall ~ Council Chambers ~ 3rd Floor
75 Main Street, Souris, PEI

MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 3RD FLOOR
PUBLIC IS WELCOME – 3RD FLOOR IS ACCESSIBLE BY ELEVATOR

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.
Also present: MLA Robin Croucher, Charlotte MacAulay with Graphic newspaper

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION to approve the Agenda by C. Leard and seconded by C. Mitsuk. All in favour. Motion carried.

2.2 Additions to Agenda

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.

Councillor Laybolt declaring potential conflict with Item “G” as he works for a company that may be invited to bid on RFP.

D. Approval of Minutes – May 8, 2023 Council Meeting

MOTION by C. Outhouse and seconded by C. Leard to approve the minutes of May 8, 2023 as prepared by CAO and presented to Council prior to this meeting. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

E. Monthly RCMP Report – May 2023

F. Our District 1 MLA Robin Croucher plans to attend to discuss project(s) the Province would like to partner with the Town on.

Mayor Dunphy Welcomed our new MLA Robin Croucher to our meeting. MLA Croucher would like Council to know he is eager to help in any way possible, to be a voice and provide support to the residents of Souris. If anyone wants to meet with him, he will be available on Mondays at Access PEI in Souris. You can call Access PEI to schedule a time.

Business arising from previous meetings:

- G. Eastern Kings Sportsplex Update – CBCL has extended an invitation to local contractors to submit proposals to repair the roof at the rink with a proposed budget of \$50,000. This will be a temporary fix only until such time the roof can be replaced.** If Council approves, we can apply to the Rural Growth Initiative Fund for up to 75% funding to help cover this cost. (see item “O”)

CBCL has also put together a proposal for a study (they are calling it an “Option Analysis & Needs Assessment vs a Feasibility Study” for review. (attached)

No questions. Responses to RFP will be presented to Council for approval at our next meeting.

Financial Information

- H. General Account Budget Update – May 31, 2023**

For information only.

- I. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update – May 31, 2023**

For information only.

- J. Town of Souris – General Account Payables \$80,670.48 to be approved – as of June 9, 2023.**

MOTION by C. Mitsuk and seconded by C. Outhouse to approve the A/P in the amount of \$80,670.48. All in favour. Motion carried.

- K. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Payables \$3.11 to be approved– as of June 9, 2023.**

MOTION by C. Mitsuk and seconded by C. Laybolt to approve the A/P in the amount of \$3.11. All in favour. Motion carried.

- L. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques issued during the month of May 2023. – For review only.**

Development:

- M. Application from Amber Denis of Strait Goods to open an Afterschool Childcare Centre at her facility on Breakwater Street, Souris. Further details are available on their attached “Operate a Business Application”**

MOTION by C. Chaisson and seconded by C. Laybolt to approve the Application for new business from Amber Denis of Strait Goods to open an Afterschool Child Care Centre at her facility on Breakwater Street, Souris. This would be conditional on all Provincial regulations being met for this type of business. All in favour. Motion carried.

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:

N. GREEN AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY BUILDINGS PROGRAM. ~ UPGRADES TO Eastern Kings SPORTSPLEX

GICB Application was submitted February 28, 2023. Expected timeline for a decision is 4 – 6 months. In the interim discussions are being held regarding fundraising efforts as well as the best strategy for moving forward.

Status of this application is still under review.

O. RURAL GROWTH INITIATIVE FUND

Our local Community Development Officer Chris Blaisdell has suggested we combine various projects into one application to the Rural Growth Initiative Fund. These projects may include: Upgrades to Matthew McLean Building; Repairs to EK Sportsplex Roof; Upgrades to Ballfields at Jerry McCormack Complex and G. Clinton Field, as well as a potential new construction of a Dog Park for the community. CAO put together a budget for each. (attached). Potentially we could get up to 75% funding.

Additional items: Scoreboard, Batting Cage, Storage Building for Soccer/Baseball, benches and accessories for dog park, water line for dog park.

A requirement of the application process is a resolution by Town Council supporting the project(s).

MOTION by C. Chaisson and seconded by C. Jenkins that we submit this RGI application for potential funding. All in favour. Motion carried.

P. Request for sponsorship from Souris Show Hall Foundation “SourisSummerFest2023”.

MOTION by C. Outhouse and seconded by C. Chaisson that we donate \$500 to the Souris Show Hall. C. Mitsuk ask to confirm what performance we would be sponsoring as the one listed in the letter has already passed. All in favour. Motion carried.

Q. Request for sponsorship from Rollo Bay Fiddle Festival. This will be their 47th Annual.

MOTION by C. Outhouse and seconded by C. Leard that we donate \$500 to the 47th Annual Rollo Bay Fiddle Festival. All favour. Motion carried.

Councillor Mitsuk suggested we consider a “Donation Policy” CAO will do some research to see what other municipalities have for consideration.

R. COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mayor JoAnne Dunphy

- May 24 – 29 attended the FCM Conference and Trade Show in Toronto with CAO. Representatives from across Canada discussed many issues. No matter the size of the Town or city, the same issues arose in meetings some smaller or larger than others. The FCM President Scott Pearson was sworn in. FCM CEO Carole Saab spoke about the need for a new Municipal Growth Framework so municipalities can continue to meet the need of their growing communities. Prime Minister Trudeau spoke on many issues facing Canadians

The Conservative Party of Canada Deputy Leader Melissa Lantsman discussed housing Green Party leader Elizabeth May spoke on a sustainable future for Canadians NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh focused on how support for mental health and substance addiction problems is key to helping the most vulnerable and solving the homelessness crisis. As many of the Municipal Leaders we meet and heard from having the same issues across Canada, we hope that this conference has brought together some solutions that will help towns, cities and Provinces'.

It was a pleasure to attend this conference. Thank you.

- May 31 Points East Coastal Drive AGM at Visitor Information Centre in St. Peters.
- Eastern Chamber Awards Dinner
- FPEIM monthly meeting
- Meetings re Eastern Kings Sportsplex
- June 1 Meeting with S. Murphy to review draft of new development bylaws and official plan.
- June 7 CAFÉ AGM in Rollo Bay.
- Regular meetings with CAO and Admin staff.
- Congratulations to all participants & organizers of the Points East Lighthouse Relay/Run. Well attended. Over 70 volunteers.

Deputy Mayor Boyd Leard

- Attended Planning and Development meeting to review Draft of new development bylaws and official plan.
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Kim Outhouse

- Attended fostering resilience in women municipal leaders (Georgetown session)
- Attended Development Bylaw and Official Plan Review meeting.
- Met with Town Events Coordinator and planned the Canada Day lighted boat parade.
- Attended Angela G-Chaisson benefit concert.

Stephanie Mitsuk

- Attended SHAI finance meeting May 16
- Attended the opening show of the Souris Show Hall for 2023 season May 18
- Attended the Fostering Resilience in Women Municipal Leaders: Session Two in Georgetown on May 31
- Attended Planning and Development meeting with Samantha Murphy on June 1
- Assisted Jeannie and Councilor Outhouse in the planning of the 1st Annual Boat Parade of Lights for Canada Day
- Volunteered at the Silver Threads Senior Ceilidh June 7
- Volunteered at the East Point Lighthouse Run June 10
- Mentioned a recent meeting held in Three Rivers whereby local developers were invited to learn of potential funding opportunities.

Curtis Laybolt

- Attended Planning and Development meeting to review Draft of new development bylaws and official plan.
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Frankie Chaisson

- Attended Planning and Development meeting to review Draft of new development bylaws and official plan.
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David Jenkins

- Attended the PEI Seniors AGM May 23rd.
- Inviting everyone to the Silver Threads June 25th for their 50th Anniversary Celebration.

S. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by C. Chaisson to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm

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!

Your cooperation is appreciated!



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