



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022 @ 7:00pm

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

MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED -

- Limited space to accommodate social distancing -

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

Mayor Dunphy called the meeting to order with a quorum.

Councillor Boyd Leard joined us via speaker phone (from his hospital room- where we are happy to hear he is continuing to recover from major surgery, we look forward to having him back in person soon)

Councillor Peters was not able to attend – sends his regrets.

All other Council were present.

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

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 – May 9, 2022 Public Meeting

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Chaisson to approve the minutes of May 9, 2022 public meeting as prepared by CAO without any errors or omissions. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:**E. Monthly RCMP Report – May 2022**

Cst. Cote attended as representation of RCMP. Cst. Cote is based out of Montague.

The RCMP continues to work within the community to enhance relationships with organizations, seniors, schools, etc. As always Impaired Driving is a priority. They try to be proactive by having road checks, etc. They encourage the public to call if they suspect someone is driving impaired or if they are witness to any illegal or criminal acts that could endanger the public or property.

Cst. Cote reviewed the summary of calls for the previous month, a copy of this summary was given to Council.

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey to accept the RCMP report for the month of May as presented to Council by Cst. Cote. All in favour. Motion carried.

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

MOTION by C. Leard and seconded by C. T. MacDonald for appoint Donnie Aitken as the new Fire Chief for the Souris Fire Department. C. Leard felt Donnie will do an excellent job as Fire Chief as he has a significant amount of experience and skills that will be an asset to our department in his role as Chief. We are fortunate Mr. Aitken has put his name forth for this position and look forward to working with him. Donnie was present at the meeting for this appointment. All in favour. Motion carried.

G. Dangerous, Hazardous & Unsightly Premises. 80 Main Street.

Notice was posted on building. Legal representation engaged. Update available at meeting of status of process.

Financial Information**H. General Account Budget Update – May 31, 2022**

For information only.

I. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update – May 31, 2022

For information only.

J. Town of Souris – General Account Payables \$2,404.31 to be approved – as of June 10, 2022.

MOTION by C. Chaisson and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the payables as listed in the amount of \$2,404.31. All in favour. Motion carried.

K. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Payables \$73.95 to be approved – as of June 10, 2022.

MOTION by C. Chaisson and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the payable as listed in the amount of \$73.95. All in favour. Motion carried.

L. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques issued during the month of May 2022. – For review only.

DEVELOPMENT/BUSINESS – APPROVAL REQUIRED:**M. Application from Matthew Rice for a Private Garage. Planning Board to review and make recommendation prior to this meeting as the proposed development is over 500 sq ft.**

MOTION by C. Chaisson and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the development application submitted by Matthew Rice for a Private Garage as recommended by Planning Advisory Board. Matthew is required to also get a Building Permit from the Province and has been made aware by CAO. All in favour. Motion carried.

N. Application from Habitat for Humanity to sub-divide their property at 9 High St. Planning Board to review and recommend prior to meeting.

MOTION by C. Bailey and seconded by C. I. MacDonald to preliminarily approve the application from Habitat for Humanity PEI to subdivide their property at 9 High Street as recommended by Planning Advisory Board. For final approval they will be required to submit required copies of a certified survey plan showing the subdivision of the land to our CAO which will need to be stamped by PEI Land registry office and the Town of Souris. All in favour. Motion carried.

PERMITS ISSUED FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

Nothing to report this month.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND UNDER REVIEW BY CAO:

FOR INFO ONLY at this point. . .

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:**O. We should start the next step to search for possible funding for an effective solution to protect our coastline and our beach area. The intertidal reefs made of rock to control erosion by armouring the beach face and dissipating wave energy has proven to be saving our beach.**

MOTION by C. Leard and seconded by C. I. MacDonald that we lobby the Province to build additional intertidal reefs at Souris Beach to further protect the shoreline and causeway. The existing rock reefs seem to be working. Maybe we could contact UPEI Climate school to investigate the benefits of the existing reefs?

All in favour. Motion carried.

P. Resolution required for hiring an engineer for rink roof project fund from rural growth initiative program. 50% funding up to \$16,000 (estimated cost to be \$32,000) They would inspect rink roof, prepare bid documents, review and recommend on bids received and monitor construction at various phases. *We have applied for additional funds from the Province and ACOA for the actual construction.*

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey to support this application to RGI program for 50% funding to hire CBCL to inspect, prepare bid documents based on findings, review and recommend on bids received and monitor construction. This work needs to be done prior to roof replacement project funding is acquired so that we are ready to go to tender ASAP. We are still hopeful ACOA will provide funding for this project and also hope that the Province will help. All in favour. Motion carried.

Q. Request for Sponsorship from Rollo Bay Fiddle Festival

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald that we donate \$300 towards the Rollo Bay Fiddle Festival, C. Chaisson asked to increase the donation to \$500 which would put us in the Bronze level of sponsorship, C. I. MacDonald seconded C. Chaisson's motion for the \$500. All felt it was an important year to support the festival especially following a couple of tough years during the pandemic. All in favour. Motion carried.

R. Request for Sponsorship from Tuna Cup Challenge**S. Request for support from Artisans on Main.**

Council decided not to support this request for financial support as \$1,790 is a large amount and not something we have in our budget for this year. Something this large would need to be budgeted for. We can support them in any other way including promoting their events, etc. CAO will notify Artisans on Main of this decision explaining Council decision.

T. COUNCIL REPORTS:**Mayor JoAnne Dunphy**

- Government has begun the process of developing the Adaptation Plan which will identify government action for the next five years. Residents had the opportunity to share their ideas to build a resilient Island through six regional engagement sessions. Attended Tuesday, May 10 – 5:00-7:00pm Souris Regional School, Souris
- Attended 1st meeting of our Development By Laws and Official Plan review with Samantha
- Attended FPEIM board meeting
- Attended Seaglass meeting
- Attended Grand Opening of the Town hall in Three Rivers. A beautiful new state of the art building. Congratulations!!
- Met with a great group of individuals joining the team of workers in the Tourist Visitors Centers across PEI. They were visiting the town by bus and touring our Gateway Park and exploring all the Town of Souris has to offer to our residents and visitors.
- Attended the celebration of the 66th Atlantic Provincial Biennial Convention of the Royal Canadian Legion at Souris Legion.
- Attended Planning Advisory Board committee meeting June 13
- Good news to hear that 5 beds were filled at the Colville Manor Long Term Care facility which made beds available for our Dr's. to be able to admit acute care patients. Hopefully PEI HEALTH and the Minister of Health will continue to listen to the Residents of our Rural Communities and the Town of Souris by making education courses a priority and more accessible in our community.

Even though Telehealth and In-Home Hospital Services are being expanded, we still need our acute care hospital beds and our Long Term care facilities to be available for our sick and elderly. This should be a top priority for any and all Governments.

Updates

-Our flowers boxes are all beautifully planted along Main Street and the Gateway Park. Thank you to everyone that helped out to get the flowers and plant them all. Our in-ground flower beds will be planted this week.

-We are so happy to be able to have The Mermaid Tears Seaglass Festival in person. It is going to be a busy one this year. We have some new vendors coming and we're hoping for a nice weekend of weather. Lots of family fun and of course the Seaglass Bingo will be a big hit as it always is. Jeannie has been very busy organizing all our events.

-Canada Day will be a great day of music, food and fun for all ages at the CN Park. And we again, will be able to celebrate with our Fireworks this year.

-Our Farmers Market is filling up for vendors. This is so enjoyed every year by our residents and visitors.

-The entertainment is all booked for our Music in the Park concerts

Deputy Mayor Kenny Peters

Wanda Bailey

- TUESDAY, MAY 10 Attended a Climate Adaptation Presentation at the Souris School at 5 pm
- Volunteer for St. Mary's Church

Frankie Chaisson

Ian MacDonald

Thelma MacDonald

- Volunteering to be a member of Show Hall Foundation.

Boyd Leard

U. Adjournment.

MOTION by C. Chaisson to adjourn at 8:13pm.



DEVELOPMENT BYLAW & OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW MEETING

PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, June 14 at 6:00pm

Location: St. Mary's Parish Hall

Council & Planning Board are encouraged to attend

*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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