



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

MONDAY, March 14, 2016 @ 7:00pm

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

PLEASE NOTE:: There will be an In-Camera meeting with S/Sgt. Kevin Baillie, District Commander, Kings District immediately following this public meeting for annual RCMP review

A. Call the regular monthly meeting of Council to Order

Mayor MacDonald called the meeting to order with a quorum at 7pm.

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Cheverie to approve the Agenda as circulated to Council prior to meeting. All in favour. Motion carried.

2.2 Additions to Agenda

No additions.

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 declared.

D. Approval of Minutes – Feb 8 & 18, 2016.

MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. MacDonald to approve the minutes of February 8, 2016 and February 18, 2016 meetings as prepared by CAO. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

E. Monthly RCMP Report (February)

Cpl Holland presented the previous months RCMP report to Council. Seatbelts and cell phone use is still a high priority. They still have yellow ATV in their possession. The owner will have to prove ownership in order to get it back.

MOTION by C. MacDonald and seconded by C. Cheverie to approve the RCMP report as presented by Cpl. Holland. All in favour. Motion carried.

Financial Information:

- F. 2016 General Account and Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget review and preparation is in process. To be approved prior to March 31, 2016.**
- G. Town of Souris – General Account Invoices (\$9,003.84) for Approval as at March 11, 2016**
MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Cheverie to approve the payables for the General Account this month in the amount of \$9,003.84. All in favour. Motion carried.
- H. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Corp Invoices (\$13,086.75) for Approval as at March 11, 2016**
MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Peters to approve the payables for the Water and Sewer Account this month in the amount of \$13,086.75. All in favour. Motion carried.
- I. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques Issued during the month of February 2016 –**
For review only.

Planning/Development:

- J. Request from Harbourview Training Centre for the Town of Souris to convey the 0.04 acre section of the decommissioned Perth Ave to them as they recently purchased property from Ocean Choice and as outlined on the survey plan provide this requested section of land would prevent them from consolidating their property all in to one.**
CAO also suggest that the left over section of Perth Ave be conveyed to Kenneth and Margie MacDonald if they are interested.
MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. MacDonald to convey the 0.04 acre section of the decommissioned Perth Ave to Harbourview Training Centre so they can consolidate all of their property into one. It was also agreed to convey the section adjacent to Kenneth and Margie MacDonald to them if they are interested. All in favour. Motion carried.

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:

- K. Request from Cameron Ross “On the Fly PEI” to be able to set up a small sign or display at our gateway park promoting his fly fishing tours. See email request attached.**
Council agreed to allow Mr. Ross to set up a small sign or display at our Gateway park promoting his fly fishing tours provided that it not interfere with the businesses located there.
- L. Two proposals are attached for a new generator for Town Hall. A motion is required in order to proceed with the order.**
MOTION by C. Dunphy and seconded by C. Peters to proceed with ordering the generator proposed by Chandler Motor Repair. Councillor Cheverie will work with CAO to get prices for the building that will be required to house the generator. Delivery is expected to be 6 – 8 weeks. All in favour. Motion carried.

M. Council Reports:**Mayor David MacDonald**

- Hospital access meeting with various other meetings and phone calls on this.
- Meeting with Minister of Finance
- Walk of Silence

- Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet
- Monthly meeting of Federation of PEI Municipalities
- Meeting with Minister of Health
- Meeting with provincial engineers re seawall at each
- Has been invited to a Provincial Standing Committee meeting on health with the Island Wide Hospital group on March 15th.
- CAO has submitted nomination papers for FPEIM for Mayor MacDonald
- There is supposed to be a new Municipalities Act this fall.
- Met with Chair from Eastern Kings. They would like to meet with Council to discuss Municipal Growth opportunities.

Deputy Mayor Denis Thibodeau

- Working on Year End and new Budget with Council and Admin staff
- Attended Special Meeting of Council Feb 18th
- Attended Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet
- Met with Minister of Finance
- Attended meeting re proposed work at Souris beach by Province to protect the highway
- Attended Rural Fire District Annual meeting March 3rd. No increases were proposed, fire dues rates will stay the same.

Wanda Bailey

- Thursday, February 11th, 7pm, attended the Island Wide Hospital Access meeting at the Souris Regional School.
- Thursday, February 25th, 7pm, attended a meeting at the Souris Hospital classroom to inform the residents what the government has planned with regards to the Beach erosion and their estimated date to start.
- Tuesday, March 1st, attended a meeting at St. Margaret's at 6:30pm. The meeting was called by Eastern Kings Council and their desire to conduct a survey on "annexing" the smaller communities with Eastern Kings. This meeting was just a starting point to get an idea on how it would be accepted by the community. They were going to meet with the Mayor the next day.
- Picked up Cancer kits at the Petrocan to get ready for the April'16 Door to Door cancer canvass for the Town of Souris. Made phone calls for volunteers to collect.
- Made phone calls for any interested volunteers to attend a new program being launched by the PEI Cancer Society at Access PEI from 11 -12:30 am on March 23rd, Wednesday. All details of the program available then.
- Attended Souris Credit Union Dinner as representative of the Town.

JoAnne Dunphy

- Meetings with Administrator and Events Coordinator
- Attended Special Council meeting Feb 18th
- Attended Public meeting hosted by Province re seawall project at Souris Beach
- Attended Rural Fire District Meeting March 3rd.

Jim Cheverie

- Prices for generator and louvers, etc. for Town Hall Generator are available to review.
- Attended Special council meeting Feb 18th
- Met with Admin to make a call to Stephen Pigott regarding heavy machinery and/or rock on our parking lot for their seawall project. We stressed that we did not want any damage done to the new asphalt.

Kenny Peters

- Met with Fire Chief to put together 2016 Fire Department Budget
- Attended Special meeting of Council Feb 18th

Thelma MacDonald

- Attended 2 meetings regarding beach project.
- Met with Cpl Holland and chairs of Citizen's on Patrol committee
- Replied to the RCMP re policing concerns for the Town for the upcoming year
- Attended Special meeting of Council to give final reading/approval to Early Learning Academy new location.
- Attended a meeting in St. Margaret's re amalgamation with Eastern Kings.

N. Adjournment.

MOTION by C. Cheverie to adjourn.

Immediately following the public portion of the meeting an In-Camera meeting was held with Staff Sgt Kevin Bailee and Cpl Rob Holland to review the past year and to discuss priorities for 2016. A few items included: There are no plans to close the Souris office (apparently rumors are out there). A new officer will be coming to our district from Hopedale. They will look at options for issuing parking tickets. Our municipal offense ticket may suffice.

A report will be written up and presented to Council at a later date.

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