



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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 Dunphy called the meeting to order with a quorum. All Council present.

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION by C. Leard and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the Agenda as circulated prior to this meeting. 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 Ian MacDonald declared conflict on item Q as he is a member of the SHAI.

Councillor Frank Chaisson declared conflict on item O as he is a close relative of JJ Chaisson.

D. Approval of Minutes – October 13, 2020 & November 2, 2020

MOTION C. Peters and seconded by C. Chaisson to approve the minutes of October 13, 2020 and November 2, 2020. No errors or omissions were noted. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

E. Monthly RCMP Report (October 2020)

RCMP representative reviewed report that was supplied to Council. Council brought up a couple of concerns: speed on Church Avenue as well as hearing of people passing school buses within the Town when lights were flashing.

MOTION by C. Thelma MacDonald and seconded by C. Chaisson to accept the RCMP report for the month of October 2020 as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.

Business arising from previous meetings:

- F. Installation of Bell 30m telecommunication tower on Pond Street is still in the public consultation phase. We received Lease agreement to be signed for use of Town land.**
Pending public notification of alternative location.
- G. Sale of Land at Corner of Washington Street and Federal Avenue**
April & Daryl Gregory have agreed to the asking price decided upon at our October meeting. A purchase agreement has been drawn up; pending signatures and payment.

Financial Information

- H. General Account Budget Update – October 31, 2020**
For information purposes only. No motion is required.
- I. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update – October 31, 2020**
For information purposes only. No motion is required.
- J. Town of Souris – General Account Payables \$9,738.67 to be approved – Nov. 6, 2020**
MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Chaisson to pay the listed payables. All in favour. Motion carried.
- K. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Payables \$118.88 to be approved – Nov. 6, 2020**
MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Leard to pay the listed payables. All in favour. Motion carried.
- L. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques issued during the month of October 2020**
For information purposes only. No motion is required.

Planning/Development:New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:

- M. Request for donation to Souris Lions Club Christmas Box Campaign**
MOTION by C. Chaisson and seconded by C. T. MacDonald that we donate \$500 towards the 2020 Souris Lions Club Christmas Box Campaign. All in favour. Motion carried.
- N. Snow Plowing Bid from Chapmans and Winter Services Agreement to supply sand from the Province.**
MOTION by C. Chaisson and seconded by C. Peters that we accept the bid proposed by Chapman Bros for snow plowing and from the Province to supply sand for the 2020-2021 season. All in favour. Motion carried.

O. Correspondence from JJ Chaisson regarding turning point on LaVie Avenue

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. T. MacDonald that CAO and Maintenance Staff investigate what could be done to improve this situation. All in favour. Motion carried. (C. Chaisson abstained from discussion and vote)

P. Correspondence from Billy Gallant, manager of MacIntyre House Group Home regarding speeding and dangerous traffic on Church Avenue.

RCMP have been made aware of this very serious concern and plan to increase patrols of the area during the times this reckless driving has been reported. If necessary, charges will be issued.

Q. Correspondence from SHAI regarding larger than normal Water bill due to a break in their water line at the wharf.

MOTION by C. Leard and seconded by C. Peters that we reduce SHAI water bill by \$5,000.

Discussion was held on the circumstances of the water break. It was noted that SHAI are actively trying to prevent future breaks and loss of water, even to the point of purchasing their own meter reading device so they would know sooner if it were to happen again. 4 Votes Yes, 1 Vote No (C. Chaisson felt it should be reduced more than \$5,000 and therefore voted no to the motion) (Councillor Ian abstained from discussion and vote) Motion carried.

R. Council Reports:**Mayor JoAnne Dunphy**

- Regular updates and correspondence regarding COVID-19 received from Public Safety Office and Dr. Heather Morrison's Office.
- Regular meetings with Admin and Events Coordinator
- Special meeting of Council November 2, 2020
- Meeting with Holland College representatives November 3, 2020
- Thank you to Jeannie & Staff for the Halloween event held Oct 31, 2020

Deputy Mayor Kenny Peters

- Council meeting November 2, 2020
- Meeting with Holland College reps November 3, 2020
- We received two names for the position of Fire Chief. Therefore, we will be arranging to do interviews. CAO is inviting the Fire Marshal and former Fire Chief from the City of Charlottetown to participate in the interview process.

Wanda Bailey

- October 31st, Saturday, attended the Halloween Event from 2pm to 3:15pm at the CN Park, well planned event and great attendance.
- Monday, November 2nd, attended a special meeting of council at noon re development project on Anniversary Dr. and Safe Start Program
- Monday, November 2nd, attended the Eastern Kings Sportsplex AGM in the Acorn Room at 8pm.
- Tuesday, November 3rd, attended a Souris Striders ski meeting at 7PM and also took minutes of the meeting to be distributed to the committee.

Frankie Chaisson

- Council meeting held November 2, 2020
- Meeting with Holland College reps November 3, 2020

Please keep in mind that some people are very sensitive to strong smells, especially from colognes and perfumes.

Ian MacDonald

- Council meeting held November 2, 2020
- Attended EK Sportsplex AGM
- Sewer Easement for Seniors development

Let us keep our public meetings SCENT FREE so all can enjoy!

Thelma MacDonald

- Council meeting held November 2, 2020
- Meeting with Holland College reps November 3, 2020
- Regular meetings with Admin staff
- Met with RCMP

**Boyd Leard**

- Attended Special Council meeting November 2, 2020
- Attended meeting with Holland College reps November 3, 2020

S. Adjournment.

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