



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021 @ 7:00pm

*****NOTICE DATE CHANGE DUE TO HOLIDAY*****

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

MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MASKS ARE REQUIRED

MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

A. Call the regular monthly meeting of Council to Order 7: OOPM
MAYOR Dunphy called the meeting to order with a quorum.

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION by C. Leard and seconded by C. Chaisson to approve the Agenda as circulated. 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 declared.

D. Approval of Minutes – September 13, 2021 Public Meetings

MOTION by C. Thelma MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the minutes of September 13, 2021. No errors or omissions were noted. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

E. Monthly RCMP Report (September 2021)

Cst. Ian Allen reviewed RCMP monthly report for September 2021. Some highlights involved a recent vehicle theft and damage. Mayor Dunphy asked if they've received any calls regarding recent VAX Pass requirement. Cst. Allen noted there have been some calls.

C. Chaisson asked if anything further has been talked about in regards to safety concerns brought forward from residents of MacPhee Ave. Cst. Allen noted that they have forwarded information regarding recent motor vehicle accident to Department of Transportation. They also try to do more frequent patrols of the street during specific times.

MOTION by C. Thelma MacDonald and seconded by C. Ian MacDonald to approve the RCMP report for September as reported.

All in favour. Motion carried.

Business arising from previous meetings:

F. Gas Tax Funds to be allocated for MacPhee Ave Active Transportation Trail

MOTION by C. Leard and seconded by C. Chaisson to allocate \$107,252 in uncommitted Gas Tax Funds to our MacPhee Avenue Active Transportation Trail. The Province of PEI is also committed to contributing more funds to the project (\$75,000 + 50% of the balance of the project). The project was tendered out with only one price submitted which was considerably higher than what we budgeted. With the extra money from the Province as well as available uncommitted Gas Tax Council decided to proceed. This project has been in the works for several years and Council feels it is important to create a safe place for pedestrians on MacPhee Avenue.

All in favour. Motion carried.

Financial Information

G. General Account Budget Update – September 30, 2021

For information only.

H. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update – September 30, 2021

For information only.

I. Town of Souris – General Account Payables \$1,219.92 to be approved – October 8, 2021.

MOTION by C. Ian MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the A/P as listed. All in favour. Motion carried.

J. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Payables \$237.75 to be approved – October 8, 2021.

MOTION by C. Bailey and seconded by C. Ian MacDonald to approve the A/P as listed. All in favour. Motion carried.

K. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques issued during the month of September 2021.

– For review only.

DEVELOPMENT/BUSINESS – APPROVAL REQUIRED:

FOR INFORMATION ONLY:**DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:*****FOR INFO ONLY. . .***

- **Roddie Fisher** – 10' x 10' Mini-barn for storage
- **Betty & Petro Pereiro** – 168 Main Street – attached garage/porch
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New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:

- L. Request for sponsorship from Amadea Llewellyn that has been selected to play on the Provincial high-performance U-16 PEI Wave Team this year. This team will also be competing nationally in Calgary (national travel would be pending travel restrictions at the time). . . .
Under \$150 our name would be included in social media posts, \$150 our name would be displayed on team banner, \$250 our name would be on game jersey and on team banner.
MOTION by C. Ian MacDonald and seconded by C. Thelma MacDonald that we support Amadea's team with a \$250 sponsorship. It is important for our youth to be able to pursue their passion in sports and they are a great representation of our community. All in favour. Motion carried.

Development & CAO update:**Ongoing development and update from CAO: (for information purposes)**

- Heartwood Development all 8 tenants have moved in to their new apartments. Building number two is just waiting on final design and permits.
- Polmerleau began construction at our new Sewerage Treatment Plant at 142 Breakwater St. is progressing quite well. They are on schedule for a late fall, early winter substantial completion.
- Multi-use trail construction has begun on MacPhee Ave.
- New Pharmacy development is coming along, foundation has been started, walls are up and site work has begun.
- All of our summer staff are now done for the year.
- Farmer's Markets is done now for the season.
- Approval has been received for the permit to extend our Boardwalk, work cannot start until the fall. Working on acquiring funding from ACOA and the Province to cover up to 90% of the cost. Funding Applications are still pending. We don't expect any answers now until the Federal Election is over.
- The Eastern King Exhibition and the Tug of War events went off very successfully. Well attended and enjoyed by all.
- Mayor and CAO signed documents for \$2,000,000 interim loan at Credit Union for new treatment plant. This will allow us to pay invoices in order to receive funds from ICIP. Once all claims are received we will be setting up a term loan for our portion of the new plant.
- Our new Welcome to Souris digital sign is due to be installed over the next couple of week.

- Met with and toured Town Hall with SRS Transition class. We talked a little about the history of the building and also about what working for a municipality or being on town council entails.

M. COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mayor JoAnne Dunphy

- Planted memorial Vimy tree on National Tree day with MLA Colin LaVie & Legion Member David Perry
- FPEIM meeting with Minister Jamie Fox
- Sent letter to Transportation Minister James Aylward regarding resident's safety concerns on MacPhee Ave.
- Group meeting with students from the Souris Transition Program
- Attended announcement for the new Public Transit route from Souris to Charlottetown travelling 3 times a day, 5 days week
- Meeting to review tender results for Multi-use Trail on MacPhee

Deputy Mayor Kenny Peters

Wanda Bailey

- Attended meeting to discuss Multi-use Trail on MacPhee Ave budget and considerations for financing.

Frankie Chaisson

- C. Chaisson continues to pursue safety concerns on MacPhee Ave.
- Suggested we try using Crosswalk Flags at the Main Street crosswalk at the end of Chapel Ave.

*** CAO will look into these flags ASAP

Ian MacDonald

Thelma MacDonald

- Attended opening of tender for Active Transportation Trail on MacPhee Ave
- Toured new Housing units on Heartwood Crescent. All 8 tenants have officially moved in.

Boyd Leard

- Following discussions of a new Fire Hall for the Town of Souris C. Leard spoke to a local land owner to see if there is interest in selling. Currently the existing Fire Hall is too small, if we purchase new equipment we do not have enough storage. There is no room to expand on the proper. And we have been advised there are funds available (possibly) for new Municipal Fire Hall. Our Maintenance Department could then take over the old Fire Hall as the existing Maintenance Garage is small and requires major upgrades.
 - With direction from Council C. Leard will speak with the land owner again to see if they would consider selling and if so, put something on paper, then we can see if Council wishes to pursue a purchase agreement.

- A request was received from the fire fighters to see if the Town would consider covering a portion of the cost of gym membership at Eastern Fitness for those interested. C. Leard asked if CAO could find out more, how many would be interested, do other communities provide this?

N. Adjournment.

MOTION to adjourn at 8:02pm by C. Chaisson.

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