



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting
MONDAY , SEPTEMBER 12, 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. All Council present.
Liz Chaisson, Brian Deveau & Charlotte O'Connor reporter with Graphic.

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

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 – August 15, 2022 Public Meeting

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. T. MacDonald to approve the minutes of August 15, 2022 Council Meeting as prepared. No errors or omissions were noted. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

E. Monthly RCMP Report – August 2022

Cst. Paynter represented RCMP to review report. 51 calls were made in the Town of Souris in the previous month. 6 checkstops were held during the month. Calls dealing with mental health are still high. There has also been a rise in thefts of open vehicles. People should lock their doors.

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. I. MacDonald to accept the RCMP report as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.

F. Presentation of March 31, 2022, Audited Financial Statements by MRSB (Michelle Burge)

Michelle Burge with MRSB presented our March 31, 2022 Audited Financial Statements. Once again the Town of Souris is in a very good financial position. 4.4 million was invested into Capital projects during the 2022 fiscal year. The largest projects being our new Sewerage Treatment Plant and new Breakwater Street Lift Station. Also, new Active Transportation Trail on MacPhee Ave.

Councillor Leard thanked all staff for working hard to stay within budget.

MOTION by C. Bailey and seconded by C. Peters to approve the 2022 Financial Statements as prepared and presented by MRSB. All in favour. Motion carried.

MOTION by C. Bailey and seconded by C. T. MacDonald to re-appoint MRSB as our auditors for 2023. All in favour. Motion carried.

Business arising from previous meetings:

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

The owner has failed to make necessary improvements to bring the property at 80 Main Street into compliance with our bylaws by the deadline that was included in the legal notice. PEI Heritage Board is meeting this month. Our legal representative advises us to wait until we have their response to our request to demolish the buildings.

No further progress with this. Provincial Heritage board to meet October 6, 2022 and will make recommendation.

Financial Information

H. General Account Budget Update – August 31, 2022

For information only.

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

For information only.

J. Town of Souris – General Account Payables \$925.80 to be approved – as of Sept 9, 2022.

MOTION by C. Chaisson and seconded by C. Bailey to pay A/P \$925.80 as per list provided. All in favour. Motion carried.

K. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Payables - \$5,931.24 - to be approved– as of Sept 9, 2022.

MOTION by C. Chaisson and seconded by C. Peters to pay A/P \$5,931.24 as per list provided. All in favour. Motion carried.

L. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques issued during the month of August 2022. –

For review only.

DEVELOPMENT/BUSINESS – APPROVAL REQUIRED:

M. Development A.E. MacPhee to construct a new gatehouse at Home Hardware lumber yard. Details are attached. Planning Advisory Board met and recommended approval.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. T. MacDonald to approve this development application as recommended by Planning Advisory Board. All in favour. Motion carried.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND UNDER REVIEW BY CAO (for information only – Council approval is not required):

N. Habitat for Humanity PEI have submitted a development application to construct two (2) new homes on Prince Avenue in Souris. Specifications provided meet all our requirements for residential zoning. Planning Board reviewed these applications as well and have no concerns. Pre-built modular homes will be on site this fall. Water/Sewer connections will be installed to the two new lots.

Council was very pleased to see this project moving forward. These two new homes will help with the housing crisis in our community and Province.

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:

O. Request for Sponsorship for 2023 PEI Canada Games Ringette Team from Delaney Roche. There are 7 players on the team from Souris area. Dayna Dingwell, Callie Veld, Brooklyn McInnis, Emily Peters, Georgia Fraser, Tory-Jayne Chapman & Delaney Roche.

MOTION by C. Chaisson and seconded by C. Peters to contribute \$1,000 to the 2023 PEI Canada Games Ringette Team. Souris is very proud to have 7 players representing Souris on this team. All in favour. Motion carried.

P. Request for Sponsorship from Amadea Llewellyn who will be playing on the PEI Wave U19 Provincial Ringette Team this season. This is an elite team made up of some of the best players across PEI.

MOTION by C. Chaisson and seconded by C. I. MacDonald to contribute \$275 (jersey sponsorship) for Amadea Llewellyn with the PEI Wave U19 Ringette Team for this upcoming season. Amadea works hard at her sport and we are proud to support her. All in favour. Motion carried.

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

- Attended and helped with Eastern Kings Exhibition this past weekend. I was there and gave out popcorn on behalf of the Town. It was a great success.
- Attended Amateur Radio Group Event @ Souris Lighthouse
- Attended St. Alban's Church for the official re-installation of their church bell
- Seaglass Festival meeting
- Met with Skills PEI regarding possible RCW course to be held in Souris.
- Planning Advisory Board meeting September 7

Deputy Mayor Kenny Peters

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- Attended car show at Colville Manor. It was so nice to see the residents enjoying this. Thank you to the staff and volunteers at Colville Manor for hosting.
- Participated in the Exhibition & *won some Red Ribbons for our cucumbers.*

Wanda Bailey

- Attended and helped with Eastern Kings Exhibition
- Volunteer at St. Mary's Parish

Frankie Chaisson

- Received a call about the condition of our ballfields. They would like to see some improvements. Staff at TownHall talked to neighbouring communities to see how their fields are managed. Apparently, it is with large amount volunteer involvement.

Ian MacDonald

Thelma MacDonald

- Attended and helped with Eastern Kings Exhibition

Boyd Leard

- C. Leard asked C. I. MacDonald (representative on SHAI board) about boat storage facility and availability? C. I. MacDonald noted that fees are being assessed in comparison to other harbours.

ADDED: Brian Deveau provided Council a brief update on the Boardwalk extension project.

R. Adjournment.

MOTION by C. Peters to adjourn at 8:45pm.

**REMINDER TO ALL
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD THIS FALL
NOMINATIONS WILL OPEN OCTOBER 12, 2022
AND CLOSE OCTOBER 21, 2022**

*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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