

SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting MONDAY, September 12, 2016 @ 7:00pm

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

A. Call the regular monthly meeting of Council to Order

Mayor MacDonald called the meeting to order with a quorum. Absent from meeting: Jim Cheverie.

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Thibodeau to approve the agenda as prepared and circulated to Council. 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 – August 8, 2016.

MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. MacDonald to approve the minutes of August 8, 2016 with no errors or omissions as prepared by CAO. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

E. Monthly RCMP Report (August)

Cpl. Holland presented the previous month's RCMP report. 42 calls for service, 5 false alarms, 5 mental health calls, 3 break & enters (not founded), several traffic act reports and violations.

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

Financial Information:

F. General Account Budget Update

For information

G. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update

For information

- H. Town of Souris General Account Invoices (\$40,902.12) for Approval as at September 9, 2016 MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Peters to pay the invoices as listed in the amount of \$40,902.12. All in favour. Motion carried.
- I. Town of Souris Sewer & Water Utility Corp Invoices (\$24,546.58) <u>for Approval</u> as at September 9, 2016

MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Dunphy to pay the invoices as listed \$24,546.58 plus an added amount of \$2,337.00 for Beck's Home Heating (fuel tank for garage). All in favour. Motion carried.

J. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques Issued during the month of August 2016 For review only.

Planning/Development:

K. Business Permit Application from Grant Rushton to operate a photography studio and gallery at 116 Main Street. This was proposed when Kate Henriques applied for her permit for Branches and Blooms.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Dunphy to approve the application from Grant Rushton to operate a photography studio and gallery at 116 Main St, in conjunction with Branches & Blooms. All in favour. Motion carried.

Business arising from previous meetings:

L. Update ~ Provincial Infrastructure Fund application that was due by the end of July. Application was submitted for Splash Pad feature at Beach Gateway Park. Approximate cost quoted \$64,000. Municipality to cover balance after PIF if approved. WE WERE APPROVED FOR \$24,000.

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:

M. Request from Holland College Hurricane Football League for sponsorship. \$500 is their Bronze Level. This year there will be several players from our community as well as two coaches. Ross Young & Larry LeBlanc.

MOTION by C. MacDonald and seconded by C. Peters to provide \$500 in sponsorship to the Holland Hurricanes Football League for their 2016 season. All in favour. Motion carried.

N. Request from Souris Regional School for Town to pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of the wages for the Crossing Guard who will once again be supplied by Harbourview Training Centre. \$1,006.20 would be our $\frac{1}{2}$ if approved.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Thibodeau to pay ½ the cost of the wage cost for the crossing guard at SRS. The amount is \$1,006.20. The other ½ is cost shared with other communities and organizations. All in favour. Motion carried.

O. Thank you letter received from Seaglass Festival Committee.

Correspondence was read and acknowledged.

ADDITION::

Letter of Request from SRS for financial assistance towards group of students attending Vimy Ridge Anniversary in 2017.

It was suggested that we table this request until we find more information. How many students are going? Are they getting help from any other source? How much per student? Etc. CAO will look into it.

P. Council Reports:

Mayor David MacDonald

- FPEIM Semi-Annual meeting will be held Oct 22nd. It is expected that the new municipal act will be the highlight of the meeting and they will be seeking input on this proposed new act.
- Mayor feels we should initiate meeting with outlying communities about joining together. This new Municipal Act will provide a tool kit for communities looking to join together.

Deputy Mayor Denis Thibodeau

- Met with Admin re various issues
- > Reviewed financial reports
- Attended a meeting to discuss proposed resolution on derelict vessels in harbours.
- > Arranged for a special meeting with committee members to discuss possible beach park upgrades
- ➤ Attended Fall Flavours Dinner in Basin Head Sept 8th

Wanda Bailey

- ➤ Volunteered for the Souris striders ski club, emails,etc.
- ➤ Wed, Sept 7th, Souris Striders AGM 7pm at the ski club, took minutes.
- Attended and participated in the EK exhibition on Sept. 9,10, 11th

JoAnne Dunphy

- Meeting for phase 2 of the beach project
- ➤ Attended Seaglass meeting
- > Regular Meetings with Administrator
- Meetings with Special Events Co ordinator for upcoming events
- ➤ Meetings and updates from By-Law officer
- ➤ Attended the 177th Souris Exhibition
- > JoAnne thanked Cindy Kickham for all her work this summer with the flowers.

Jim Cheverie

- Three visits to beach to deal with issues.
- Attended special meeting to discuss possible beach upgrades

Kenny Peters

- Fire Department is working on plans for new building to house Argo and boat.
- Regular visits with Admin and staff
- ➤ Building for EMO generator has been started. Timeline has building be completed prior to Sept 30th. Generator is here and will be installed ASAP.
- > Attended Fall Flavours dinner at Basin Head Sept 8th.

Thelma MacDonald

- > Regular visits with Admin Staff
- Visited RCMP
- Attended Open House for Early Learning Academy (a beautiful place for children to learn)
- Attended Citizens on Patrol Meeting. It is going well & will be continuing for a while longer.
- Attended special meeting to discuss possible beach upgrades

Q. Adjournment.

MOTION by C. Peters to adjourn at 8:00pm

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