



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL Meeting
WEDNESDAY, May 21, 2025 @ 6:00pm
Town Hall ~ Council Chambers ~ 3rd Floor
75 Main Street, Souris, PEI

MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 3RD FLOOR
PUBLIC IS WELCOME – 3RD FLOOR IS ACCESSIBLE BY ELEVATOR

A. Call the SPECIAL COUNCIL Meeting of Council to Order/AND Land Acknowledgement @ 6:00PM

All Council were present. Also, Cara Eastman & Jason Thomkins, Liz Chaisson.

In the spirit of Reconciliation, we acknowledge that the land upon which we gather is unceded Mi'kmaq territory. Epekwitk (Prince Edward Island), Mi'kma'ki, is covered by the historic Treaties of Peace and Friendship. We pay our respects to the Indigenous Mi'kmaq People who have occupied this Island for over 12,000 years; past, present and future.

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION by C. Leard and seconded by C. Mitsuk to approve the Agenda as circulated. All in favour.
Motion carried.

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. E-Bike Project – Building, Electrical, Internet

Status of project. 12' x 18' building has been ordered. Wifi has been ordered.

Mayor Dunphy attended regional meeting and will update. What are our next steps.

Proposed Signage and Website to be reviewed, discussed and agreed upon. (currently the website is password protected as it is not live, but we will be able to open at the meeting)

Reviewed Draft of Signage – suggestions for changes include:

- Should be French and English
- More emphasis on Town of Souris
- Would like to see another proof
- Will chargers be going with the bike when rented? And charging cord?
- Two options: half day and full day
- Waiver should include inspecting the bike before taking
- QR Code? Where does it go?
- Highlight Points of Interest.
- Can our locator map be updated?

Exact location of building needs to be determined for electrical to be installed. Not enough power at the sign so it will need its own direct connection and meter.

- Location options:
1. Side Drive at Rink
 2. Near Mail Boxes at Rink
 3. Near Dog Park
 4. Matthew McLean Building

We will work out which ones works best with Maintenance Dept.

E. The Poke Shack is seeking the Town's support in an application to PEI Liquor Control to be able to serve alcohol.

A letter of support and approval from the local municipal government must to be provided to the PEI Liquor Control Commission prior to their approval of a liquor license.

MOTION by C. MacPhee and seconded by C. Leard to approve the request for a letter of support from the Municipality in order for the Poke Shack to apply for a Liquor License. All in favour. Motion carried. The new seating area will provide a secure space for this.

Development

- F. Request from KC Rentals (Kurt & Stacy Chaisson and Craig Jackson) to rezone PID 774869 located at the corner of MacPhee Ave and Green St. Their request is to rezone this property from PSI to R3 for the development of multiple housing units.** Planning Advisory Board met to review and recommend that the first step for rezoning take place. They feel the proposed use would help with housing needs for the Town. The first step would be to arrange for a Public Consultation meeting. Town Council motioned to move forward with a public meeting as per our bylaw pertaining to amending property zoning.
- Advertising was done as required.
 - A 4x4 sign was posted on the property to be rezoned as required.
 - A Public meeting was held April 23, 2025, at 6:00pm for public input.
 - The first reading by Council to approve the rezoning request from KC Rentals to amend PID 774869 from PSI to R3 for the proposed development of multiple housing rental units was made at May 12, 2025 public meeting and approved by majority of Council.
 - **A Second Reading is required as this change will amend the land use map and future land use map in our Land Use Bylaw #2024-01.**

This Amendment will be referred to as:

Land Use Bylaw #2024-01 - By-law Amendment #2025-02

MOTION by C. Mitsuk and seconded by C. MacPhee to give **second reading** to this request to rezone PID 774869 from PSI (Public Service Institutional) to R3 (Mixed-Density Residential). All in favour. Motion carried.

MOTION by C. Mitsuk and seconded by C. MacPhee to approve this second reading to rezone PID 774869 and formally adopt this Bylaw Amendment #2025-02 as of the date of this meeting. May 21, 2025. All in favour. (approved by a majority of Council May 21st) Motion carried.

CAO will prepare and submit required documentation to the Province of PEI for Minister to sign.

Update on Summer Camp - Max 30. 20 Full-time, 10 Part-time. A confirmed list will be provided to staff on the Friday before each week.

Revised date to review Asset report prepared by CBCL – now set for June 2nd at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn by C. MacPhee

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