



**SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL and
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION**

**MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 14, 2008**

Time:	7:00 P.M.	Shelley MacInnis Administrator 902-687-2157 town@sourispei.com
Location:	Town Hall Council Chambers 75 Main Street, Souris PEI	

FORMALLY ADOPTED AND SIGNED AT AUGUST 11, 2008 COUNCIL MEETING

Present	Mayor Joanne Reid	Councillor Denis Thibodeau
	Councillor Don Aitken	Councillor Thelma MacDonald
	Councillor Wanda Bailey	Councillor Christina Whyatt
	Councillor David MacDonald	

1. Calling the Meeting to Order and Quorum 7:00pm

2. Agenda

2.1. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION by Councillor Aitken and seconded by Councillor Thibodeau, that the Council Agenda of July 14, 2008, be approved as circulated, with the following additions:

2.2. Additions to the Agenda

No Additions.

2.3. Conflict of Interest Declaration

None declared.

3. Approval of Minutes – June 9, 2008, June 26, 2008, July 9, 2008

MOTION by Councillor Whyatt and seconded by Councillor Aitken, that the minutes of the Souris Town Council and the Souris Sewer and Water Utility Corporation Meeting of June 9, 2008, be approved as circulated. All in favour, motion carried.

MOTION by Councillor T. MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Thibodeau, that the minutes of the Souris Town Council and the Souris Sewer and Water Utility Corporation Meeting of June 26, 2008, be approved as circulated. All in favour, motion carried.

MOTION by Councillor D. MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Whyatt, that the minutes of the Souris Town Council and the Souris Sewer and Water Utility Corporation Meeting of July 9, 2008, be approved as circulated. All in favour, motion carried.



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4. Deputation from Gerry Gallant, Souris Harbour Authority

Councillor Thibodeau introduced Mr. Gerry Gallant of the Souris Harbour Authority.

Mr. Gallant presented Souris Harbour Authority 10-year Port Vision Master Plan to Council. His presentation included the objectives of the plan, and its proposed development plans. Development Opportunities include: Cold Storage Facility, Light House Development, Confederation Trail Diversion, Community Wind Farm, Aquaculture Facility, Souris Marina/CTMA Terminal, Ocean Choice PEI Opportunities, Mega Yachts & Marine Services, CTMA & Tourism, Souris Beach Redevelopment, and Souris/Port Hood Ferry Service.

Copies of plan were presented to Council.

Mayor Reid expressed compliments and support to SHAI on the 10 year Master Plan.

5. New Business

5.1 RCMP Monthly report

May 2008 report attached for information. Report reviewed no comments.

5.2 Federal Avenue Property – Mayor Reid

Mayor Reid advised Council, no proposals received in regards to Sale of Federal Ave. Mayor discussed options: park development, Lease the land to interested parties, continue to use as general parking for downtown area businesses.

MOTION by Councillor Whyatt and seconded by Councillor Thibodeau to Lease the Federal Ave. land.

Discussion was held.

MOTION was rescinded and remade by Councillor T. MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Thibodeau that the land be listed with a real estate agent and sold if possible. Listing period to be for 3 months only. All in favour, motion carried.

5.3 Matthew McLean Building Project

Project on-going. Update available at next meeting.

**5.4 Perth Avenue – follow-up from previous meeting – Mayor Reid
(Letter from George & Linda Campbell attached)**

Mayor Reid read letters submitted from residents in regards to Perth Avenue. Mayor also read letter of recommendation for our legal advisor, John Hennessey. Paul MacDonald & Lori



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MacKinnon expressed their concerns, as did Linda Campbell & Peter & Connie McQuaid. No clear resolution was made. Council recommend deferring to August meeting in order to allow council time to review.

5.5 Soil Erosion - Councillor Thibodeau

Councillor Thibodeau advised Council of funding application submitted to Building Capacity Fund. To update further at next meeting.

5.6 Fire Department Repairs – Councillor Thibodeau

Councillor Thibodeau discussed repairs required to Fire Hall roof. There is potential of funding through the PEI Rural development Program (as announced by Carolyn Bertram, Minister of Community & Cultural Affairs), but due to lateness of eligibility requirements or requests for proposed projects Councillor Thibodeau suggests moving ahead with these repairs and they cannot wait another year.

MOTION by Councillor Thibodeau and seconded by Councillor D. MacDonald that we go ahead with the required repairs to the Souris Fire Hall roof. Administrator to request that Steve Cheverie prepare a Request for Proposals to be supplied to possible contractors. All in favour, motion carried.

5.7 By-law Enforcement – Councillor Aitken

Councillor Aitken updated council on joint funding application. No approval to date. Requesting more information. Presented council with proposal from NPSS in regards to bylaw enforcement.

MOTION by Councillor Aitken and seconded by Councillor T. MacDonald that the Town of Souris negotiate pricing and hire NPSS on an as needed basis to handle bylaw issues as required.

5.8 Rollo Bay Fiddle Festival – Request for Sponsorship

MOTION by Councillor Whyatt and seconded by Councillor Aitken to donate \$300.00 to the 32nd Annual Rollo Bay Fiddle Festival. Discussion was held; Councillor D. MacDonald suggested advising groups that letters requesting funding should be personalized, not just a form letter.

All in favour, motion carried.

**5.9 PEI Under 17 Women’s Rugby Team – Request for Sponsorship
(Six members from Souris area)**

MOTION by Councillor D. MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Thibodeau to donate \$225.00 to the Under 17 Women’s Rugby Team. All in favour, motion carried.



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6. Financial Information

6.1. Statement of Revenues and Expenditures as at June 30, 2008

Reviewed, for information purposes.

6.2. Outstanding Invoices for Approval as at July 10, 2008

MOTION by Councillor Thibodeau and seconded by Councillor Aitken for the General Account Payables and by Councillor Thibodeau and seconded by Councillor Whyatt for the Water and Sewer Payables to be approved as presented:

(a)	Town of Souris – General Account	\$18,469.04	
(b)	Town of Souris – Sewer and Water Utility Corp.	<u>\$1,848.85</u>	
	Total		<u>\$20,317.89</u>

6.3. Cheques Issued During the Month of June

Reviewed, for information purposes.

(c)	Town of Souris – General Account	\$23,869.98	
(d)	Town of Souris – Sewer and Water Utility Corp.	<u>\$12,031.19</u>	
	Total		<u>\$35,900.17</u>

7. Council Reports & Administrator Report

7.1. Mayor Joanne Reid (presented at meeting, included in minutes)

7.2. Councillor Donnie Aitken (attached)

7.3. Councillor Wanda Bailey (attached)

(a) Council Update

(b) Souris Fire Department (attached)

7.4. Councillor David MacDonald (attached)

7.5. Councillor Thelma MacDonald (attached)

7.6. Councillor Denis Thibodeau (attached)

7.7. Councillor Christina Whyatt (attached)

7.8. Admin. Report (attached)

Reports were presented and reviewed.

8. Correspondence Received

None received.



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9. Other Business

1. Mayor Reid introduced Communities in Bloom judges in attendance and presented the book she prepared as part of the CIB contest to council. Appreciation was given to volunteer JoAnne Dunphy for all her hard work. Also, appreciation was extended to all those who helped with the Beach Clean-up held in June.

Mayor Reid advised council of Eastern Kings Exhibition plans to extend this year's exhibition to a two day event and of their proposal to update their horse ring. Location of updated horse ring to be determined.

MOTION by Mayor Reid and seconded by Councillor Aitken to donate \$1,000 to the Eastern Kings Exhibition Association for the 2008 Exhibition.

All in favour, motion carried.

2. **Councillor D. MacDonald discussed smoking at minor age recreation events and made the following motion:**

MOTION by Councillor D MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Bailey to make outdoor Town Recreation facilities & parks "Smoke Free" when being used for Minor age sporting events.

Suggestions were made that signage be posted. Possibly contact "SWITCH" group at SRHS to help promote.

All in favour, motion carried.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Councillor D. MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Aitken at 8:45pm.

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Mayor Joanne Reid

August 11, 2008

Shelley M. MacInnis