



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

**MINUTES  
MONDAY, August 11, 2008**

<b>Time:</b>	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>	Shelley MacInnis
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Town Hall Council Chambers 75 Main Street, Souris PEI</b>	Administrator 902-687-2157 <a href="mailto:town@sourispei.com">town@sourispei.com</a>

*“Minutes presented as published. To be approved at September 8, 2008 Council meeting.”*

**Present: Mayor Joanne Reid, Denis Thibodeau, Donnie Aitken, David MacDonald, Thelma MacDonald, Wanda Bailey & Christina Whyatt**

**1. Calling the Meeting to Order and Quorum**

**2. Agenda**

**2.1. Approval of the Agenda**

Motion by C. Aitken and seconded by C. Whyatt that the agenda be approved as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

**2.2. Additions to the Agenda**

- Flag Pole at Matthew McLean Bldg.
- Letter of support for liquor licence requested from new business

**2.3. Conflict of Interest Declaration**

None declared

**3. Approval of Minutes – July 14, 2008, and August 4, 2008**

Motion by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the minutes of July 14, 2008 as distributed. All in favour. Motion carried.

Motion by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Aitken to approve the minutes of August 4, 2008 as distributed. All in favour. Motion carried.

**4. New Business**

**4.1 RCMP 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter report & June report**

Cpl. Bruce Reid provided quarterly report as well as monthly report for June. Cpl. Reid announced his promotion to Sussex, NB. His replacement has not yet been announced.

**4.2 By-law Enforcement**

Resolution required to appoint National Port Security Services, which includes J. David Power, David Hertz and Alan White as By-law Enforcement officers for the Town of Souris.

Motion by C. Aitken and seconded by C. Thibodeau that the Souris Town Council appoint National Port Security Services, which includes J. David Power, David Hertz and Alan White as By-law Enforcement officers for the Town of Souris.

All in favour. One opposed (C. Whyatt) Motion carried.



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**4.3 Matthew McLean Building Project**

Administrator provided update from contractor. Still awaiting good weather to complete necessary paint work and roofing work.

**4.4 Potential for future Mural locations/possibilities**

Mayor Reid presented proposals from Allen MacPhee & Peter McQuaid to have future Murals located on their properties.

Motion by C. Whyatt and seconded by C. Aitken that council review possibilities. Council discussed and decided to defer until next year's budget. All in favour. Motion carried.

**4.5 Designation of Town "Flower"**

Mayor Reid suggested that we host a "Name our Town Flower" within the local schools in order for the Town to designate a specific flower as our "Town Flower". Councillor Bailey moved that we ask events co-ordinator to organize this contest as suggested by Mayor Reid, seconded by C. Thibodeau. All in favour. Motion carried. Administrator to provide information to events co-ordinator.

**4.6 The future of WiMax in Canada**

Mayor Reid provided information on future technology and development. Proposing that Council consider future possibilities including wireless technology.

C. Thibodeau advised of wireless service available at Souris Marina.

**4.7 Perth Avenue – follow-up from previous meetings**

Administrator updated from legal advice that Perth street is a street and parking must be treated as so. C. Whyatt suggested posting a "No Exit" sign.

**4.8 Council Committees – Changes planned for Fall**

Mayor Reid advised council of upcoming changes and asked for Council their input. For example, Green Committee & IT Committee.

**4.9 Soil Erosion**

C. Thibodeau advised council of approval for funding to undertake the proposed study. Once contract is received from Building Capacity Fund we will be requesting proposals from potential companies or individuals to undertake this study.

**4.10 Fire Department Repairs**

C. Thibodeau advised Council that we will delay applying for funds through the Building Canada Fund until 2<sup>nd</sup> call for applications so that we can include additional work to make the Fire Hall more energy efficient including insulation, new heating systems, windows, etc.. This will mean planned work to the Fire Hall roof will not take place this fall. The Chief is in agreeance with this.



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**4.11 Purchase of Chairs for Events/Tourism “Music in the Park”**

Motion by C. D. MacDonald and seconded by C. Whyatt that the Administrator purchase \$1,000 worth of stackable or foldable seating/chairs to be used for events. All in favour. Motion carried. To be taken from Tourism budget.

**4.12 Quote from Coastal Steel Roof Protection to re-coat Maintenance Bldg. roof.**

Motion by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Aitken to have the Maintenance Building roof re-coated by Coastal Steel Roof Protection Co. as per quote submitted for \$3,593.00. All in favour. Motion carried.

**5. Financial Information**

**5.1. Statement of Revenues and Expenditures as at July 31, 2008**

C. Thibodeau quickly reviewed statements provided for information purposes.

**5.2. Outstanding Invoices for Approval as at August 08, 2008**

(a) Town of Souris – General Account \$20,932.26

Motion by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. D. MacDonald to approve \$20,932.26 accounts payable for the General Account. All in favour. Motion carried.

(b) Town of Souris – Sewer and Water Utility Corp. \$6,349.60

Motion by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Whyatt to approve \$6,349.60 accounts payable for the Water and Sewer Account. All in favour. Motion carried.

**5.3. Cheques Issued During the Month of July**

(c) Town of Souris – General Account \$62,873.41

(d) Town of Souris – Sewer and Water Utility Corp. \$12,779.84

**Total** \$75,653.25

C. Thibodeau quickly reviewed statements of cheques issued during July provided for information purposes.

**6. Council Reports & Administrator Report**

**6.1.** Mayor Joanne Reid (attached)

**6.2.** Councillor Donnie Aitken

C. Aitken reported that meetings with Phil Wood to review Planning Bylaws and Official plan to reconvene this fall.

**6.3.** Councillor Wanda Bailey (attached)

(a) Council Update



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(b) Souris Fire Department

**6.4.** Councillor David MacDonald (attached)

**6.5.** Councillor Thelma MacDonald

C. T. MacDonald reported that Main Street Project work has begun. Contractors to begin trenching on Parkside August 18, 2008.

**6.6.** Councillor Denis Thibodeau (attached)

**6.7.** Councillor Christina Whyatt (attached)

**6.8.** Admin. Report (attached)

**7. Correspondence Received**

**7.1** Letters received from Premier Ghiz & Minister Greenan regarding K-12 School.

**7.2** Letter from Charlie & Rose Marie MacDonald

**8. Other Business**

**8.1** Flag Pole at Matthew McLean Building requested by Provincial Visitor Information Centre. Price acquired of \$1,065.00 from F.Burke Welding. Province to pay 50%. Motion by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Whyatt to proceed with purchase and installation of flag pole at Matthew McLean Bldg. All in favour. Motion Carried.

**8.2** XITAKA Restaurant requesting letter of support for liquor license. Council discussed and agreed to provide letter of support.

**General Discussion (*not on agenda*) prior to adjournment**

C. D. MacDonald proposed reviewing existing RCMP contract, contacting other municipalities so that when it comes time to renew we can negotiate better terms. C. Aitken suggested getting FPEIM on side. Council to discuss further and build a case of what Town priorities are.

C. D. MacDonald also mentioned the financial status of the Eastern Kings Sportsplex. It appears that expenses are rising and revenues are dropping. The future of the Sportsplex needs to be reviewed. Council should arrange a meeting with EK Sportsplex Board of Directors to discuss options.

**9. Adjournment**

Motion by C. D. MacDonald and seconded by C. Whyatt to adjourn at 9:07pm.



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Approved by:

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Joanne Reid, Mayor

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Shelley MacInnis, Administrator

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