



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

**MINUTES
MONDAY, January 12, 2009**

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

Present: Mayor Joanne Reid, Councillors Denis Thibodeau, Wanda Bailey, Thelma MacDonald, Christina Whyatt, Donnie Aitken
Absent: Councillor David MacDonald

1. Calling the Meeting to Order and Quorum

Mayor Reid called the meeting to order with a quorum at 7:00pm

2. Agenda

2.1. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by C. Whyatt and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the agenda of January 12, 2009 as circulated. All in favour. Motion Carried.

2.2. Additions to the Agenda

No additions

2.3. 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

3. Approval of Minutes – December 8, 2008

Motion by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Whyatt to approve the minutes December 8, 2008 as presented. All in favour. Motion Carried.

4. New Business

4.1 RCMP Report for the month of November 2008

Report not available.

4.2 Grass Cutting Contract for 2009

Motion by C. Whyatt and seconded by C. Aitken to renew the grass cutting contract with Rollo Bay Greens as per condition of 2008 RFP for the 2009 grass cutting season with conditions. Conditions to include a list of deficiencies from 2008. Administrator & Maintenance Supervisor to compile list of deficiencies. Review list with councillor in charge. All in favour. Motion Carried.



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4.3 EK Sports Council – Request for Payment of 2008 Funding
Cheque to be issued immediately for \$6,000 as per 2008 commitment.

4.4 The Canada Games Arts and Culture Committee meeting in Souris

For information only:

On Wednesday, January 14, the Canada Games Arts and Culture Committee will be at town hall at 10:30 a.m. to discuss their plans for the Art and Culture event they plan to hold on August 25 in Souris. The event will be 2 hours in the evening but the committee wants local participation in crafts, performances, etc.

4.5 Second reading for the Rezoning of SHAI property for the purposes of possible rerouting of the Confederation trail. Re: Public meeting held Nov 20/08

Motion by C. Aitken and seconded by C. Thibodeau that council give second reading to the rezoning application from SHAI to rezone PID 103572 and Parcel 2007-A as per survey plan provided from Industrial to Recreational.

C. T. MacDonald asked if the Scott family have been included in plans for redevelopment. C. Thibodeau explained that redevelopment or construction plans are not in place at this time. When it comes time for the Province to redevelop the general public (including the Scotts) will be involved. All in favour. Motion carried.

4.6 Integrated Community Sustainability Plan/Official Plan – update

Plans are in motion to complete our ICSP & Official Plan update. Phil Wood of P. Wood & Associates is working on this project for the Town of Souris. Further updates and public meeting schedule to follow.

5. Financial Information

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

For information the following statements were reviewed.

5.2. Outstanding Invoices for Approval as at January 9, 2009

(a) **Town of Souris – General Account,** \$16,638.92

Motion by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Aitken to approve the list of outstanding invoices for approval as at January 9, 2009 in the amount of **\$16,638.92**. All in favour. Motion carried.

(b) **Town of Souris – Sewer and Water Utility Corp.** \$31,189.68

Motion by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Whyatt to approve the list of outstanding invoices for approval as at January 9, 2009 in the amount of **\$31,189.68**. All in favour. Motion carried.



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Total Invoices approved for payment **\$47,828.60**

5.3. Cheques Issued During the Month of December

For information the following list was provided to Council.

(c)	Town of Souris – General Account	\$98,259.12
(d)	Town of Souris – Sewer and Water Utility Corp.	<u>\$10,964.08</u>
	Total	<u>\$109,223.20</u>

6. Council Reports & Administrator Report

- 6.1. Mayor Joanne Reid
- 6.2. Councillor Donnie Aitken
- 6.3. Councillor Wanda Bailey
- 6.4. Councillor David MacDonald
- 6.5. Councillor Thelma MacDonald
- 6.6. Councillor Denis Thibodeau
- 6.7. Councillor Christina Whyatt
- 6.8. Admin. Report

7. Correspondence Received

Admin read thank you note from Elizabeth MacDonald for donation to recent Christmas Craft Fair event.

Mayor read invitation from Heart & Stroke Foundation to a free family fun skate scheduled for Sunday, February 1, 2009 in Summerside. Anyone interested can get details from the Admin.

8. Other Business and or additions

No other business or additions.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm. Motion by C. Aitken, seconded by C. Thibodeau.



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Council Reports Submitted:

Mayor Joanne Reid

The last month has been a time for reviewing 2008 and planning for 2009. My report to the Guardian wraps up my musings:

2008 was an excellent year for the town of Souris. All one has to do is drive into the town to see the immense change with the new wider Main Street and the turning lane onto Chapel Avenue. The Main Street project started in the fall and nearly half of Phase One of the project was complete with outfalls installed near the end of Chapel Avenue running through the property at 26 Main Street and on Parkside. Work is slated to begin in May 2009 from Chapel to Union.

The town participated in the Communities in Bloom competition and won a four-bloom award for community involvement. Mayor Joanne Reid was particularly pleased by this award. "The one thing you can say about Souris is that we are one for all and all for one. It is only fitting that the town won this award for our community spirit."

2009 looks like it will be another banner year with Souris being involved in the Canada Games. In Week Two of the Games, the Jerry McCormack Memorial Complex hosts male soccer. Councillor David (Mac) MacDonald is the councillor in charge of sports and has done an outstanding job in coordinating the efforts of pulling this event together.

The announcement of the year round ferry service between Les Iles de Madeleine and Souris is another plus for 2009. Efforts for increased coordination and cooperation between the two areas are ongoing and plans for meetings between the two are underway for 2009. With the efforts put forth that benefit the town, such as the cold storage plant under construction, the Souris Harbour Authority has provided not only a facelift for the town but renewed economic opportunities.

In terms of regional cooperation the newly formed mayor's troika with Georgetown Mayor Peter Llewellyn, Montague Mayor Pat McGowan, and Souris Mayor Joanne Reid having monthly meeting to discuss concerns common among the three Kings County towns. "There is a synergy among the three mayors," Reid said, "and the discussions are multi-faceted, thought-provoking, and entertaining. We all have the same issues and meeting together takes us into the bigger picture of what the area really has to offer and needs to succeed."

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The mayors plan to meet on Tuesday, January 13, at the Bluefin.



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Wanda Bailey

December 18th, Thursday, attended a meeting at 6:30 pm, with all councilors and Phil Wood, planning consultant regarding ICSP.

December 19th, Friday, attended a pot luck at the town hall at noon.

December 19th, Friday, attended a HR meeting with C. Thibodeau and Shelly MacInnis re CAO Performance review

Denis Thibodeau

Working on budget for 2009.

David MacDonald

Represented Souris at Government announcement about wind turbine program for ice rinks on PEI. Our local arena appears well suited for such a turbine and we hope to co-operate with the local arena board to obtain one for our arena.

This month we also hope to discuss with the arena board plans to improve the operation of the facility.

On January 20th the Eastern Sports Council will have a major announcement on recreation in the Eastern Kings area.

Donnie Aitken

Nothing to report.

Thelma MacDonald

Re: Main Street Project:

Spoke to Darrell Fisher of ADI. Todd & Steve Yeo hope to meet early in February to finalize plans for the remainder of Phase I.

We should know by April regarding financing for Phase II from Provincial Government. Darrell will be in touch with Steve Yeo in regards to this.

We are still working on a Seniors Day Program at Colville Manor.

Christina Whyatt

December 15th – Attended a special meeting to discuss the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan development with Phil Wood of P. Wood & Associates, at 6:00p.m. in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.

December 19th – Attended the staff and council Christmas lunch party at 12 noon in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.