



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

**MINUTES  
MONDAY, February 9, 2009**

<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>

*As Published – To be Approved at March 9, 2009 Council Meeting.*

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

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

Mayor Joanne Reid called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**2. Agenda**

**2.1. Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion** by C. Aitken and seconded by C. Whyatt to approve the agenda as circulated.  
All in favour. Motion carried.

**2.2. Additions to the Agenda**

- Proposal from Samantha Bruce for a Community Performance
- Motion required for support of Sportsplex Wind Turbine Project

**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 – January 12, 2008**

**Motion** by C. Aitken and seconded by C. Thelma MacDonald to approve the minutes as circulated with no errors or omissions. All in favour. Motion carried.

**4. New Business**

**4.1 RCMP Report for the month of November & December 2008 –C. Aitken**

Councillor D. MacDonald expressed his concern in regards to no quarterly reports being available since Cpl. Reid left the Souris detachment. Also, no representation at our meetings. C. MacDonald has expressed these concerns to our RCMP liason.

**4.2 Wireless Service – Mayor Reid**

Mayor Reid provided information in regards to wireless service that the IT committee is proposing for Souris. They plan to acquire proposals from service



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providers. C. Thibodeau added that it would be an attraction for tourists and visitors to our Town. Further information forthcoming.

**4.3 Les Iles-de-la-Madeleine Trade Mission in March request for funding**

Mayor Reid advised Council of a delegation eight – ten people coming from the Iles de la Madeleine early in March. Their interests are trade type businesses. They have requested a donation from the Town to help pay for a dinner showcasing local foods. C. Thibodeau agreed that we should provide a donation. C. David MacDonald agreed and suggested that the Town of Souris host the dinner and cover the entire cost.

**Motion** by C. Whyatt and seconded by C. Aitken that the Town of Souris host the dinner planned for the Iles de la Madeleine delegates in early March by covering the costs of such dinner. All in favour. Motion carried.

**4.4 Eastern School District D.A.R.E. Program request for funding.**

**Motion** by C. Aitken and seconded by C. Thibodeau to provide \$300 in sponsorship to the 2009 D.A.R.E. program. All in favour. Motion carried.

**4.5 Early Childhood Development Assoc. request for sponsorship**

**Motion** by C. Thelma MacDonald and seconded by C. Aitken to provide \$100 in sponsorship to the 2009 Early Childhood Development Assoc. as per request. All in favour. Motion carried.

**4.6 2009 FPEIM Annual Meeting April 27, 2009**

For information purposes.

**4.7 Shoreline Erosion Study – Progress Report attached for information**

**4.8 Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake – “Team Town of Souris”**

**Motion** by C. Aitken and seconded by C. Thibodeau to provide \$100 donation to team Town of Souris for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake Bowling Tournament scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup>. All in favour. Motion carried.

**4.9 Former Souris Landfill – Contaminated Site Designation**

For information purposes. Council requested the Administrator reply with the following questions:

Do they plan on cleaning them up?

How long will the designation last?

What types of development can take place on the property?

Can future contaminated soil be put there?



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**5. Financial Information**

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

Statements reviewed ~ 2009 monthly statements will not be available until after our year end audit field work is complete

**5.2. Outstanding Invoices for Approval as at February 5, 2009**

(a)	Town of Souris – General Account	\$32,376.29	
(b)	Town of Souris – Sewer and Water Utility Corp.	<u>\$421,284.29</u>	
	<b>Total</b>		<b><u>\$453,660.58</u></b>

*\*2/3<sup>rd</sup> of Main Street Project will be reimbursed from Infrastructure and 1/2 of our third will come from our Gas Tax Funds.*

**Motion** by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Whyatt to approve the list of outstanding bills as provided at February 5, 2009 in the amount of \$32,376.29 with two additions, Steve Cheverie \$346.50 and Cahill's Construction \$367.50 which brings the total approved for the General Account to \$33,090.29. All in favour. Motion carried.

**Motion** by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Aitken to approve the list of outstanding bills as provided at February 5, 2009 in the amount of \$421,284.29 for the Water and Sewer Account. All in favour. Motion carried.

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

(c)	Town of Souris – General Account	\$26,465.25	
(d)	Town of Souris – Sewer and Water Utility Corp.	<u>\$16,058.96</u>	
	<b>Total</b>		<b><u>\$42,524.21</u></b>

**6. Council Reports & Administrator Report**

Reports included in minutes.

**7. Correspondence Received**

Souris Fire District Annual Rural Fire Dues Meeting – March 4, 2009

**8. Other Business and or additions**

**8.1 Proposal submitted from Samantha Bruce.** Miss Bruce is planning a Community Performance at SRHS and is requesting assistance from the Town through sponsorship for insurance purposes. Council has requested Administrator find out more in regards to what is being requested. It is mentioned in the request letter that information can be from Seana Evans-Renaud.



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**8.2 Eastern Kings Sportsplex Wind Turbine Project**

Councillor David MacDonald informed Council of EK Sportsplex intent to apply for funding through a net metering initiative announced by the Province of PEI December 17, 2008, to establish a wind turbine for the EK Sportsplex to offset energy costs. Support from the Municipality is required for application purposes.

**MOTION** by Councillor D. MacDonald and seconded by Councillor D. Thibodeau that the Town of Souris fully support the Eastern Kings Sportsplex in their efforts to establish a wind turbine to offset energy costs.

Discussion was held. All in favour. Motion carried.

**9. Adjournment**

**Motion** to adjourn by Councillor D. MacDonald and seconded by C. Thibodeau. All in favour. Motion carried.

**Council Reports Submitted:**

**Mayor Joanne Reid**

February 2009

Mayor's Report

- 2009 started off well with a meeting of the three mayors where we discussed matters of regional interest as well as the philosophical aspects of being a mayor. While all three communities have different issues, all of us agreed that we needed more consideration from the province regarding our regional concerns such as immigration. We also discussed policing matters.
- The most exciting venture so far this year is the continuing efforts between the Magdalene Islands and the town to cooperate and collaborate.
- The town has entered the Communities in Bloom competition again and we are looking at having a more comprehensive coverage of the town on its web site.

**Wanda Bailey**

February 3<sup>rd</sup>, attended the celebration of the year round CTMA Ferry service on board the "Vacancier".



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**Donnie Aitken**

Nothing to report

**Thelma MacDonald**

Councillor T. MacDonald advised council that she has met with Cahill's Construction in regards to a proposed seniors apartment development. C. MacDonald expects the developers will be looking for Town support and possible development incentives. C. Thibodeau agreed that such development would be a great economic boost to the area.

C. MacDonald also advised Council that the Silver Threads group has hired Jason McNeil to compile information for a book of history and memories of Souris and area.

C. MacDonald continuing contact with MLA and Engineers in regards to Main Street Project.

**Denis Thibodeau**

Nothing to report.

**David MacDonald**

February 2009 ~ RECREATION REPORT

The Eastern Kings Sports Council has received a grant of \$45,000 which will enable us to hire a Recreation Director. I am a member of a three person hiring committee which hopes to have a candidate in place within six weeks.

Sportsplex Chairman, Scott McInnis, and I attended an information meeting on the concept of a wind turbine for the local arena. We presented this information to the board of directors and I am hopeful that this project will go forward to help defray energy costs at the sportsplex.

Details on the program for hosting two Canada Games soccer games are moving forward as we now have teams, times and local input taking shape. Tuesday of week two is now designated Souris day for the Games and a full program of cultural events is now in planning for that day.

**Christina Whyatt**

January 21, 2009 Attended the Canada Games Arts and Culture Committee meeting at 10: 30 a.m. in the Council Chamber of the Souris Town Hall, Main Street, Souris, Prince Edward Island. We discuss some of the plans for the Art and Culture event for August 25, 2009,

February 3, 2009 Attended the celebration of the inauguration of the very first winter ferry service between the Magdalen Islands and Souris, Prince Edward Island.

February 6, 2009 Attended the Focus Group on Tourism Labour Supply and Demand Project at TIAPEI Boardroom, 25 Queen St, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.