



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

**MINUTES
MONDAY, March 9, 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, Donnie Aitken, Christina Whyatt, Thelma MacDonald, David MacDonald, Wanda Bailey.

1. Calling the Meeting to Order and Quorum

Mayor Reid called the meeting to order with a quorum and wished Councillor Thelma MacDonald a Happy Birthday.

2. Agenda

2.1. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by C. Thibodeau, seconded by C. Whyatt to approve the agenda 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 – February 9, 2009

Motion by C. Thelma MacDonald, seconded by C. Thibodeau to approve the minutes of February 9th as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.

4. Deputation from Natalie Carter Re: MacKenzie Park

Natalie Carter, eldest granddaughter of Keith MacKenzie presented her proposal to have a park or area in a park dedicated to her late grandfather, Keith MacKenzie.

Council expressed their support of the efforts of the MacKeznie family and suggested maybe a committee could be put together and spear-headed by the family. Councillor Thibodeau suggested a monument dedicated to the Mayor's of the past 100 years. Mayor Reid suggested dedicating a bench in Keith's honour. Natalie will take all ideas back to her family and discuss. She liked the idea of a bench.

5. New Business

5.1 RCMP Report for the month of January 2009 –C. Aitken

Report for information purposes.



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- 5.2 Wireless Service – Mayor Reid**
Mayor Reid discussed possibilities for high speed tower. Town Hall, Matthew McLean Building, Beach Building. Expected costs not to exceed \$3,000 - \$4,000. Further details to follow. Service to be aimed towards tourist, and travelling public. Written proposals to be submitted from various service providers.
- 5.3 Les Iles-de-la-Madeleine Trade Mission in March - update Mayor Reid**
Mayor Reid advised that delegates are to arrive Wednesday, March 11th. Breakfast is planned at the Rollo Bay Inn, dinner at the Sheltered Harbour hosted by Town of Souris.
- 5.4 2nd Annual EK Giant Yard Sale request for funding**
Motion by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Aitken to donate \$250.00 towards the 2nd Annual EK Giant Yard Sale. All in favour. Motion carried.
- 5.5 Samantha Bruce Community Performance request for sponsorship**
Still unsure of what we can do to help.
- 5.6 Earth Hour 2009 - Lights Out for Climate Change!**
Motion by C. Thelma MacDonald and seconded by C. Whyatt to declare March 28th, 2009, 8:30pm – 9:30pm Earth Hour. All in favour. Motion carried.
- 5.7 Main Street Upgrades – Final Phase, Funding Agreement**
Agreement attached for Information purposes.
- 5.8 Former Souris Landfill – Contaminated Site Designation**
(Update included in Admin. Report)
- 5.9 Healthy Living Collaborative Group – Mayor Reid**
Mayor Reid advised council of Healthy Living Group (Lynn MacInnis) to use Council Chambers for meeting space over the next six months.
- 5.10 No Smoking Resolution for Outdoor Recreation Venues.**
Motion by Councillor David MacDonald, seconded by C. Whyatt to ban Smoking in all outdoor public parks and recreational venues. It is expected that the first year will be a struggle. We will have to arrange for signage and hope that public input and mentoring will help. All in favour. Motion carried.

6. Financial Information

6.1. Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

2009 monthly statements will not be available until after our year end audit field work is completed.



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6.2. Outstanding Invoices for Approval as at March 5, 2009

(a)	Town of Souris – General Account	\$16,390.97	
(b)	Town of Souris – Sewer and Water Utility Corp.	<u>\$7,799.40</u>	
	Total		<u>\$24,190.37</u>

Motion by C. Thibodeau, seconded by C. Whyatt to approve \$16,390.97, General Account outstanding Invoices as per list provided. All in favour. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Thibodeau, seconded by C. Thelma MacDonald to approve \$7,799.40, Sewer and Water Utility Corp outstanding Invoices as per list provided. All in favour. Motion carried.

6.3. Cheques Issued During the Month of February
(attached for information and review)

(c)	Town of Souris – General Account	\$31,606.40	
(d)	Town of Souris – Sewer and Water Utility Corp.	<u>\$11,417.35</u>	
	Total		<u>\$43,023.75</u>

7. Council Reports & Administrator Report

- 7.1. Mayor Joanne Reid – *Page 4*
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- 7.8. Admin. Report *Page 6-7*

8. Correspondence Received

Everyone is Welcome to attend a Conference by Georges Arsenault about Acadian traditions in Eastern Kings presented at L'Ecole La-Belle-Cloche, 41 Breakwater Street, Souris. 7:00pm, Wednesday, March 11th.

9. Other Business and or additions

10. Adjournment

Motion by C. Thibodeau, seconded by C. Aitken to adjourn meeting. All in favour. Motion carried.



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Council Reports Submitted:

Mayor Joanne Reid

This past month, I had several meetings regarding Holland College in Souris and asked that they install a larger sign, reactivate diploma courses, and begin providing short courses. Chris Blaisdell and I had a very productive meeting with Jake Baird, VP of Holland College among others to discuss the future of Holland College in Souris. The contract has been renewed for another year and there are plans to start the first year of their business program in September.

As well I have been involved in an ongoing round table discussion regarding employment pathways and how we can increase the level of success in Eastern Kings for such programs.

Also, the trade mission from Les Iles de Madeleine is in town this week and the dinner is being held on Wednesday, March 11.

I will be presenting the town presentation to the public hearings on the school closing issue on Tuesday, March 10.

Donnie Aitken

Report at meeting.

Wanda Bailey

February 11th, Wednesday, Attended a K-12 Meeting involving the Souris family of schools at St. Mary's Hall at 7:00pm

February 26th, Thursday, attended a meeting to participate in our "Economic Development Focus Group" at the Souris Harbour Authority office boardroom at 7:00pm.

March 4th, Wednesday, Attended the annual Fire District Meeting at 8:00pm in the town chambers which was preceded at 7:00pm with a meeting to go review the information for the following district fire meeting



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David MacDonald

Met with Nick Murray of Sports P.E.I. to work on details on Canada Games Week this August. We may have an outline of the plan by our next council meeting.

Two meetings with rink directors have looked at issues dealing with possible construction of a wind turbine behind the sportsplex. Again we hope to have a concrete proposal by our next regular meeting.

Eastern Kings Sports Council also met three times this month. Interviews for the position of Recreation Director were held on Saturday, March 7th and will be hopefully in place within the next two weeks.

Our annual meeting will be on April 22nd and I would like to invite all councillors to attend. We will also be presenting a motion to council to ban smoking at all outdoor recreation venues within the town.

David MacDonald, Councillor

Thelma MacDonald

Continuing to work on Seniors Day

In contact with Darrell Fisher in regards to Main Street Project on a regular basis. Will be requesting a public meeting in March in regards to this summer's work schedule.

Denis Thibodeau

Continued working on budget with Administrator.

Attended Economic Focus Group meeting for ICSP.

Met with Carl Chapman and Administrator on Main St financing.

Met with area fire commission to set rate for fire protection by Souris Fire Dept for 2009.
Rates to increase by \$5.00 per unit.



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Christina Whyatt

February 11, 2009 Attended the 7:00 p.m. meeting **A Community Vision for a K-12 Facility** for Souris & Area at the St. Mary's Hall, Souris, Prince Edward Island.

March 5, 2009 Sold tickets for **Bowl for Kids Sake** at Main Street Mall, Souris, Prince Edward Island.

March 8, 2009 Attended the **Bowl for Kids Sake** at 2:15 p.m., Eastern Kings Sportsplex, Souris, Prince Edward Island.

Administrator's Report for March 9th, 2009:

- FYI Greg Jay has completed the Certificate of Qualifications examination for Water Distribution Class WD1 04/12/08 with a score of 95% pursuant to the Environmental Protection Act Drinking Water and Wastewater Facility Operating Regulations.
- Prepared Minutes from previous Council meeting.
- Working with By-law enforcement officer. Going well. All seems to be fairly quiet.
- In contact with ADI Limited on a regular basis in regards to our Main Street Project. Confirmation has been received from Building Canada Fund that we have been approved for \$310,000 in funding towards the final phase of Main Street. Received confirmation from Steve Yeo that the Province is on side to complete the project in 2010. (Not 2009 as initially planned)
- Development is very quiet this time of year other than a couple of ongoing projects. Harbourview Training Centre & Cold Storage Facility.
- Organized and attended Economic Development Focus Group meeting February 26, 2009. Meeting held at SHAI board room.
- Beginning preliminary work on 2009 Brochure for Souris. Advertising Opportunities are available for local businesses.
- Awaiting reply from "Island Community Fund" for funding for Fire Hall upgrades. Worked with Chief LaVie and Steve Cheverie on this proposal. Application submitted December 30th, 2008. Total Project costs \$196,800 with possible funding of \$147,600.
- Beginning work on 2008 year end audit and 2009 budget. Schedule of work is in place.
- Prepared information for Sewer & Water Rate increase application to Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission.
- Prepared information for Bank Loan for Main Street Project. Grant Thornton will be preparing RFP for various lenders. Met with Carl Chapman to review proposals received.
- RFP for 2009 Auditing services has been advertised with March 20th deadline.
- Preparing information for Phil Wood in regards to Integrated Community Sustainability Fund.
- Chrissy is working on developing a 100th Anniversary pin. One example included in pkg.



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- Prepared application for various summer job placement funding programs through the Federal government. Deadline was February 27th. Expected reply in May.
- Spoke to Scott Mitchell in regard to old dumpsite designation. * There are no immediate plans on cleaning it up. * The designation is pretty much indefinitely. *As it is our land development such as storage of material, fill or aggregate is our choice. *Any other type of development would have to undergo environmental assessment. *Future contaminated soil can be dumped only at designated sites.
- Compiled necessary information for the Annual Souris Fire District Meeting.
- Attended Annual Souris Fire District Meeting – March 4th. Rates have been increased by \$5.00 across the board.
- Plan to attend “Permits Online” workshop presented by Island Regulatory & Appeals Commission March 11th at 2pm in Stratford.
- Purchased Advertisement on CTMA Placemat \$325.00 – same as previous years.