



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

**MINUTES
MONDAY, April 13, 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, Christina Whyatt, Thelma MacDonald, Wanda Bailey, Donnie Aitken, David MacDonald

1. Mayor Reid Called the Meeting to Order with a Quorum at 7:00pm.

2. Agenda

2.1. Approval of the Agenda

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

2.2. Additions to the Agenda

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.

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Item 7.9

SHAI Building Canada Fund Application – Support from Council required for application process.

Motion by Councillor Denis Thibodeau and seconded by Councillor Christina Whyatt:

Be it resolved that the Town of Souris supports the Building Canada Fund Application Project # 26799 (Souris Port Short Sea Terminal) from the Souris Harbour Authority Inc.

Our motto “Souris By The Sea” suggests that the Souris Port and the Harbour Authority are an integral part of the Town’s and region’s economy. This project merits support from the Fund because it will bring additional marine traffic to the Souris Port and generate incremental economic benefits to the primary and secondary industries that export and import to Prince Edward Island. **All in favour. Motion carried.**

The undersigned (Mayor & Chief Administrative Officer) are hereby authorized to sign as representatives for the Town of Souris:

Mayor Joanne Reid

Shelley MacInnis, CAO



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Approval of Minutes – March 9, 2009 and March 31, 2009 (attached pages 5-12)

3. Deputation from Lynn MacInnis of the Healthy Living Collaborative Group

4. Presentation from Theresa Mellish from “Farmers helping Farmers”

5. Financial Information

5.1. Audited 2008 Financial Statements presented by Grant Thornton

5.2. 2009 Budget Town of Souris General Account and Sewer & Water Utility Corporation presented by Finance Chair Denis Thibodeau. (attached)

5.3. Outstanding Invoices for Approval as at April 8, 2009 (pages 13-15)

(a)	Town of Souris – General Account	\$8,875.05	
(b)	Town of Souris – Sewer and Water Utility Corp.	<u>\$4,625.66</u>	
	Total		<u>\$13,500.71</u>

**5.4. Cheques Issued During the Month of March
(attached for information and review)**



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(c)	Town of Souris – General Account	\$138,397.51
(d)	Town of Souris – Sewer and Water Utility Corp.	<u>\$7,236.00</u>
	Total	<u>\$145,633.51</u>

6. New Business

- 7.1 **RCMP Report for the month of February 2009 –C. Aitken** *(Page 16-18)*
- 7.2 **Wireless Service – Mayor Reid**
- 7.3 **PEI Crime Stoppers “Safe homes – Safe Communities” request for support.**
(pages 19-20)
- 7.4 **FPEIM Annual meeting – April 27th , Montague.** *(page21)*
- 7.5 **“Village Feast” – request for in kind support.** *(page 22)*
- 7.6 **Souris Library – request for supplies/equipment.** *(page 23-24)*
- 7.7 **Shoreline Erosion Study – Update attached.** *(Page 25)*
- 7.8 **Souris Co-op – Application to expand entranceway** *(Page 26-27)*
- 7.9 **SHAI Building Canada Fund Application – Support from Council Required for application process. (Suggested resolution attached)** *(Page 28)*

7. Council Reports & Administrator Report

- 7.1. Mayor Joanne Reid – *Page 3*
- 7.2. Councillor Wanda Bailey *Page 3*
- 7.3. Councillor Donnie Aitken *Page 3*
- 7.4. Councillor David MacDonald *Page 3*
- 7.5. Councillor Thelma MacDonald *Page 4*
- 7.6. Councillor Denis Thibodeau *Page 4*
- 7.7. Councillor Christina Whyatt *Page 4*
- 7.8. Admin. Report *Page 32*

8. Correspondence Received

- Funding Announcements – April 14th in Souris *(Page 29-30)*
- Exploring Women’s Roles in the PEI Fishery
- 2009 Canada Games – Pre-ticket Sales *(Page 31)*

9. Other Business and or additions



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10. Adjournment

Council Reports Submitted:

Mayor Joanne Reid

Mayor's Report

- Since the last meeting, I have been busy with meetings regarding a potential Learning a Living Institute in Kings County. I continue to be involved with discussions on regionalization issues.
- Efforts are underway to ensure that Holland College offers more in the way of educational opportunities in Souris.
- Communities in Bloom plans are in progress and to that end, we have made arrangements with Pat Hayes of PEI Connections (<http://www.peiconnections.com/>) to improve our website to make it a better marketing tool for the town. I also have begun work on the book that details the assets of the town to the Communities in Bloom committee. The judges will be here the end of July.

Donnie Aitken

- Met with planning advisory board regarding Co-op Development Application. Recommendation made to Council.
- Met with Montague & Georgetown Council/Admin to hear Bylaw Enforcement proposal from "Commissionairs".
- Development Bylaws & ICSP Plan Update, Met with Phil Wood. Public meeting to be scheduled for May.
- RCMP - February report available for information.

Wanda Bailey

- March 31st, Tuesday, attended a meeting in the town chambers re budget information, Main Street Project financing.

David MacDonald ~ Parks and Recreation

- The Eastern Kings sports Council has hired Mr. Paul Molyneaux as the Director of Recreation for the area served by Souris Regional High School.
- On April 22nd the EK Sports Council will hold their annual meeting and all town councillors are invited to attend.
- With passage of the town budget, we hope to begin work on the new dugouts for our ballfields and prepare the fields for summer use.



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- The Sportsplex will find out this month if they are on the list for the wind turbine project and may have a unit on site by early fall.

Thelma MacDonald

- Report at meeting.

Denis Thibodeau

- Continued to work with Administrator on Annual Budgets and Finances.
- Arranged for Financing of Main Street Project with BMO
- Met with Carl Chapman of Grant Thornton to review Draft Financial Statements.

Christina Whyatt

- March 10, 2009 Attended the Eastern School District, Permanent School Closure/School Organization Plan, Public Consultation Process
An Independent Facilitator opened the meeting followed by the Superintendent's Presentation, Questions and Answers to Superintendent on the Report and Plans, and the Supplementary Information followed, also the Public Presentation to the Board of Trustees at 7:00 p.m. at Souris Regional High School, Souris, Prince Edward Island.
- March 11, 2009 Attended the Café a Provincial French Celebration a Lecture by George Arsenault about Acadian Traditions in Eastern Kings at 7:00 p.m., Ecole La-Belle-Cloche, Souris, Prince Edward Island.
- March 22, 2009 Attended the Café end of the Provincial French Celebrations with Mr. Jean-Eudes Turbide and Steve Poirier, Musicians from the Magdalen Islands. The afternoon started at 1:00 p.m. at The Silver Threads Club, Main Street, Souris, Prince Edward Island.
- March 25, 2009 Attended the Tourism Road Show and Forum Discussion at 6:30 p.m. Kaylee Hall, Pooles Corner, Prince Edward Island-Island East Tourism Group.
- March 29, 2009 Attended the Café's Franco Jam which is held the last Sunday of the month from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., at Ecole La-Belle-Cloche, Souris, Prince Edward Island.
- March 31, 2009 Attended the Special Meeting in Council Chambers 12 noon at Town Hall, Souris, Prince Edward Island.