



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

**MINUTES
MONDAY, June 8, 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, Thelma MacDonald, Wanda Bailey, David MacDonald, Christina Whyatt and Donnie Aitken

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 Councillor Whyatt and seconded by Councillor Thibodeau that the agenda be approved 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 – May 11, 2009

Motion by Councillor T. MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Thibodeau to approve the minutes of May 11, 2009 council meeting as circulated. All in favour; motion carried.

4. Deputation from Cathy & Charles Mooney – Re: Dumping Station for Campers

Cathy & Charles were present to oppose the suggestion of the Town installing a dumping station for campers. They felt it would hurt their business by providing an opportunity for campers to dump and just park in available parking lots free of charge. Council will take this concern under consideration.

5. New Business

5.1 RCMP Report for the month of April 2009

Cst. Cloutier of the local RCMP detachment was present to review the monthly report.

5.2 Communités In Bloom Call for Volunteers

Mayor Reid updated Council of ongoing plans for CIB. Judges are expected July 26-27th. All available volunteers are welcome.



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

**MINUTES
MONDAY, June 8, 2009**

- 5.3 Main Street Project Update**
Councillor Thelma MacDonald read report provided by ADI. Project is on schedule at this time.
- 5.4 Purchase of 2009 Holder Tractor for Maintenance Dept.**
Motion by Councillor Whyatt and seconded by Councillor Aitken to proceed with purchase of new 2009 Holder Machine for maintenance department at the quoted price of \$104,047.02 from McGowan Tractor & Equipment May 13, 2009. All in favour, motion carried.
- 5.5 Cheverie Family – Street Renaming or Naming Proposal.**
Proposal received from Cheverie family to name or rename a street in Souris after the “Cheverie” family as they were the first settlers of our township. Councillor Thelma MacDonald suggested renaming a current street. Administrator to look in to procedure for next meeting.
- 5.6 Special Permit request from Morris Creamer**
Planning board to review request first as it is considered commercial.
- 5.7 Perth Street Issue**
Motion by Councillor David MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Thibodeau to have Administrator proceed with survey of street for possible decommissioning. All in favour, motion carried.
- 5.8 SHAI – response to MacPhee Ave. property issues.**
Copy attached for Information purposes. Also, to serve as request for extension of permit based on specifications included in original application so that they can continue use the property for truck scales for the duration of the Main Street Project. Existing fill will be levelled out and seeded.
- 5.9 Presentation to Land Commissioner – June 10, 2009, 7:00pm SRHS**
Mayor Reid to make presentation. All council welcome to attend.
- 5.10 Ecole La-Belle-Cloche – Request for bursary funds**
Motion by Councillor David MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Whyatt to provide a \$50.00 annual bursary to the Ecole La-Belle-Cloche to a graduation student. All in favour, motion carried.
- 5.11 Souris Beach Clean-up – Schedule Date for Cleanup**
Cleanup scheduled for June 24, 2009 at 6pm. Everyone invited to participate. Bags will be provided.



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

**MINUTES
MONDAY, June 8, 2009**

- 5.12 Habitat for humanity - Info re: Presentation on June 24.**
Mayor Reid plans to attend.

6. Financial Information

- 6.1 Financial Statements/Income Statements as of May 31, 2009 – for review.**

- 6.2 Outstanding Invoices for Approval as at June 5, 2009**

(a)	Town of Souris – General Account	\$12,158.67	
(b)	Town of Souris – Sewer and Water Utility Corp.	<u>\$17,625.85</u>	
	Total		<u>\$29,784.52</u>

Motion by Councillor Thibodeau and seconded by Councillor Whyatt to pay \$12,158.67 in outstanding invoices for the General Account. All in favour, motion carried.

Motion by Councillor Thibodeau and seconded by Councillor Whyatt to pay \$17,625.85 in outstanding invoices for the Water & Sewer Account. All in favour, motion carried.

- 6.3 Cheques Issued During the Month of May for review.**

(c)	town of Souris – General Account	\$23,079.56	
(d)	Town of Souris – Sewer and Water Utility Corp.	<u>\$13,124.32</u>	
	Total		<u>\$36,203.88</u>

- 6.4 Appointment of 2009 Auditors**

Motion by Councillor Thibodeau and seconded by Councillor D. Aitken to appoint MRSB as 2009 Auditors for the Town of Souris. Five proposals were received. MRSB was the lowest proposed at \$5,500 plus applicable taxes. All in favour, motion carried.

- 6.5 IRAC W& S Rate Application – Prepared by Grant Thornton**

Motion required by Council prior to submission.

Motion by Councillor Thibodeau and seconded by Councillor D. MacDonald to proceed with Water & Sewer Rate Increase Application to Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission as prepared by Grant Thornton and reviewed by Town Council at this meeting. All in favour. Motion carried.

7. Shoreline Erosion Study

D. Thibodeau presented final copy of Shoreline Erosion Study by Coldwater Consulting Ltd. Copies are available for the public at Town Hall.



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

**MINUTES
MONDAY, June 8, 2009**

8. Council Reports & Administrator Report

- 8.1. Mayor Joanne Reid *attached.*
- 8.2. Councillor Wanda Bailey *attached.*
- 8.3. Councillor Donnie Aitken *attached.*
- 8.4. Councillor David MacDonald *attached.*
- 8.5. Councillor Thelma MacDonald *attached.*
- 8.6. Councillor Denis Thibodeau *attached.*
- 8.7. Councillor Christina Whyatt *attached.*
- 8.8. Admin. Report *to be available at meeting*

9. Correspondence Received

Invitation from Harbourview Training Centre for Grand Opening June 12th.

10. Other Business and or additions

11. Adjournment

Council Reports Submitted:

Mayor Joanne Reid

Mayor's Report – June 2009

Councillors Donnie Aitken, Mac MacDonald, and I met with Mr. Ross White to discuss the managerial review that the RCMP is undergoing with regard to their municipal clients.

During the past month, I've had numerous discussions regarding the school closures and I am pleased with the local outcome, with three schools being closed. There is a high possibility of a K-12 school in Souris and this would be a logical action now that all students in the Souris family of schools will be attending school in Souris.

With the removal order for the trailer in the mini-home park that we discussed at the beginning of the year due on Friday, June 12, I spent some time in researching the town's position before assuring the persons involved that the trailer would indeed be removed as per their signed agreement with the town.

I attended the announcement by Premier Robert Ghiz and Minister Gail Shea regarding the Canada-PEI Building Canada Fund and the Stimulus Fund. Among the projects funded are Phase 2 of the Souris Main Street project (2010) and Town Hall Upgrades.



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

**MINUTES
MONDAY, June 8, 2009**

As usual, I have had several meetings regarding regionalization. I will be presenting to the Commission on Land and Local Governance at the public hearings on Wednesday, June 10, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Souris Regional High School (Cafeteria).

Donnie Aitken

- Report at meeting.

Wanda Bailey

- May 19th, attended a meeting for the Canada Day celebrations at 7:00pm at town hall.
- May 21st, attended a Canada Games meeting at noon at the town hall.
- May 26th, attended a Seafest Meeting at 7:00 pm at the town hall.

David MacDonald ~ Parks and Recreation

- The Town Maintenance Department is now completing work on our new Dugouts for both ball fields. Our fields will be used by two teams from the Bridgetown area until their field becomes available in late July.
- Attended the Maritime Recreation Facilities Conference in Charlottetown. Several excellent speakers outlined the safe usage of the Recreation facilities within the town.
- Our new Recreation Director is “getting his feet wet” and is available to assist any community group that can use his services.
- Minor soccer and baseball programs will soon be using the McCormack field on a regular program.

Thelma MacDonald

- Main Street update available at meeting.

Denis Thibodeau

- Attended Shoreline Erosion Study meeting, May 14, 2009
- Met with David Green & Carl Chapman of Grant Thornton to discuss IRAC Rate application.

Christina Whyatt

- May 14, 2009 Attended the findings of Souris’ Shoreline Erosion Study by Micheal Davies of Coldwater Consulting at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, Souris, PEI.
- May 21, 2009 Attended the 15th Canadian Skills Competition at the Tourism & Culinary Institute, Holland Collage, Charlottetown, PEI.
- May 22, 2009 Attended the 15th Canadian Skills Competition at the Civic Centre,



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

**MINUTES
MONDAY, June 8, 2009**

Charlottetown, PEI.

- June 2 & 3, 2009 Attended a Visual Arts Display by Souris Kindergarten, Nursery & Afterschool Programs which was their 7th Annual Art Gallery & Family Barbeque held at the Eastern Kings Sportsplex, Souris, PEI.