



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

**MINUTES  
MONDAY, July 13, 2009**

<b>Time:</b>	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>	Shelley MacInnis Administrator 902-687-2157 <a href="mailto:town@sourispei.com">town@sourispei.com</a>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Town Hall Council Chambers 75 Main Street, Souris PEI</b>	

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

**Absent:** Councillor Denis Thibodeau

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

Mayor Reid called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

**2. Agenda**

**2.1 Approval of the Agenda**

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

**2.2 Additions to the Agenda**

- Councillor T. MacDonald requested that we add Unsightly Premises to the agenda.
- Councillor Whyatt requested that we add Soil Runoff from breakwater street property.

**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 – June 8, 2009**

**Motion** by C. Aitken and seconded by C. Whyatt to approve the minutes as circulated from June 8, 2009 council meeting. All in favour. Motion carried.

**4 New Business**

**5.1 RCMP Report for the month of May 2009 & 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report**

Presented by Dan MacInnis of the RCMP - copy included in package. No questions arose from reports.

**5.2 Discussion of Webcam for problem areas**

Mayor Reid discussed the possibility of having webcams located throughout the Town in problem areas. C. Aitken suggested contacting the Province to see if they would consider installing one of the webcams similar to the one in St. Peter's for purposes of travellers. Administrator to inquire.



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- 5.3 Wireless Hotspot**  
Mayor Reid updated Council on new antenna purchased locally and installed at the Matthew & McLean Building. This antenna will provide wireless internet service to the areas directly around the building. Administrator to acquire signage to let people/tourist know of available service.
- 5.4 Report on amendments to the Municipalities Act – re changing the electoral schedule** – Mayor Reid reviewed upcoming changes to the municipality act. Specifically term of office for council and election dates.
- 5.5 Run 4 Wishes** – Mayor Reid reminded everyone of upcoming “Run for Wishes” August 5, 2009 10:00am. Town Council will provide fruit and cold drinks for the runners. Silver Threads would be a good location, events coordinator to arrange.
- 5.6 Main Street Project Update** – C. Thelma MacDonald updated council on Main Street project. Project is going well and is on schedule.
- 5.7 Town Hall Upgrades – Approved for Funding through the Prince Edward Island Stimulus Fund. Project to be completed by March 31, 2011.**  
Council suggested Administrator contact a structural engineer to prepare tender documents so that the project can be completed this fall.
- 5.8 Street Renaming or Naming Procedure – By-law No 76-1 attached**  
Councillor T. MacDonald suggested that we consider change the name of Sunset Street to Cheverie Street as it is very close to an original Cheverie family homestead. Councillor Whyatt agreed and suggested that we seek the opinion of residents living on the street. Administrator to contact residents.
- 5.9 Rollo Bay Fiddle Festival – request for funding attached**  
**Motion** by Councillor Whyatt and seconded by Councillor Aitken to provide a donation in the amount of \$200.00 to the Rollo Bay Fiddle Festival. Discussion was held. It was felt that to be fair the donation should be the same as the \$150 donated to the recent Bluegrass Festival. Motion revised to read \$150. All in favour, motion carried.

**6. Financial Information**

- 6.1 Financial Statements/Income Statements as of June 30, 2009 – for review.**  
Statements were reviewed, no questions.



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**6.2 Outstanding Invoices for Approval as at July 8, 2009**

(a)	Town of Souris – General Account	<b>\$23,654.40</b>	
(b)	Town of Souris – Sewer and Water Utility Corp.	<b><u>\$11,145.95</u></b>	
	<b>Total</b>		<b><u>\$53,760.14</u></b>

**Motion** by Councillor T. MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Aitken to approve payment of the \$23,654.40 in General Account invoices as per the list provided. All in favour, motion carried.

**Motion** by Councillor T. MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Aitken to approve payment of the \$11,145.95 in Water & Sewer Account invoices as per the list provided. All in favour, motion carried

**6.3 Cheques Issued During the Month of June for review.**

(c)	Town of Souris – General Account	<b>\$55,100.42</b>	
(d)	Town of Souris – Sewer and Water Utility Corp.	<b><u>\$14,603.32</u></b>	
	<b>Total</b>		<b><u>\$69,703.74</u></b>

Reports reviewed.

**7. Council Reports & Administrator Report**

1. Mayor Joanne Reid *report at meeting.*
2. Councillor Wanda Bailey *report at meeting.*
3. Councillor Donnie Aitken *report at meeting.*
4. Councillor David MacDonald *attached.*
5. Councillor Thelma MacDonald *report at meeting.*
6. Councillor Denis Thibodeau *report at meeting.*
7. Councillor Christina Whyatt *report at meeting.*

**7. Correspondence Received**

Thank you letters received from SRHS bursary winners.

**8. Other Business and or additions**

Councillor T. MacDonald suggested we take action on several unsightly premises within the Town. Council agreed. Administrator to advise Bylaw Enforcement officer to proceed.

Councillor Whyatt expressed concern over soil run off from recently filled property at the corner of MacPhee Ave and Breakwater St. It was explained to Councillor Whyatt that the SHAI have installed necessary silt fencing to prevent such run off. The silt fencing should prevent further damage.



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**9. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm.

**Council Reports Submitted:**

**David MacDonald ~ Parks and Recreation**

- Two of our four new dugouts are now completed and all teams are very pleased with the results. Within the next two weeks, both will be painted by volunteers from teams using the fields.
- Canada Games Officials toured our soccer field recently and pronounced it one of the best sites on P.E.I. for games competition. Final upgrades and new nets will be installed later this month.
- The Eastern Kings Sports Council met in June to review spring and summer activities and have asked our Recreation Director to begin preparation for fall activities and ensure summer programs are running smoothly.
- This past month I have met with both the soccer co-ordinator for Canada Games and facilities managers to ensure plans are on track for our Games. Our Recreation Director will be fine tuning plans and will manage the venue for both Games.