



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

**MINUTES
MONDAY, August 10, 2009**

Time:	SPECIAL REZONING PUBLIC MEETING AT 6:30PM REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.	Shelley MacInnis Administrator 902-687-2157 town@sourispei.com
Location:	Town Hall Council Chambers 75 Main Street, Souris PEI	

AS PUBLISHED – TO BE APPROVED AT SEPTEMBER MEETING

1. Calling the Meeting to Order and Quorum

Mayor Reid called the meeting to order with a Quorum at 6:30pm for purposes of “Special Rezoning - Public Meeting”.

An application was received from Chad Cormier, Earl Woods and Wade Peardon to rezone Lot 6 of PID No 106096-000, MacPhee Ave., Souris, PEI being approximately 48,000 sq. ft.; presently zoned R1 Single Family Residential to be amended (rezoned) to be R3 Multiple Family Residential.

Property owners within a five hundred foot radius were notified in writing on July 30, 2009. Notification of public meeting was advertised in the Guardian Newspaper August 3, 2009.

Public present included: Eric Gillis, Jean Gillis, Valerie O’Connor, Mary Lee Larkin. Some concerns were raised including layout of property and future use of property. Earl Woods explained that the intent is to have the units “Senior Friendly”. He provided a picture of what the units are proposed to look like and explained layout of the property.

Mayor Reid thanked Earl Woods and the public present for attending the special meeting.

Regular Monthly meeting began at 7:00pm.

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

2. Agenda

2.1 Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Councillor Aitken and seconded by Councillor Thibodeau 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



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before the Council, shall declare his/her interest therein and abstain from voting and discussion thereon.

No conflict declared.

3 Approval of Minutes – July 13, 2009

Motion by Councillor Whyatt and seconded by Councillor Aitken to approve the minutes of July 13, 2009 as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

4 New Business

4.1 RCMP Report for the month of June 2009

Report available for review.

4.2 Discussion of Webcam and/or Citizen's Watch Program for problem areas – Mayor Reid discussed concerns from residents of recent break-ins and fire threats. It was suggested that security camera's could be placed around Town. Further discussion will be held.

4.3 Christmas Parade Week – Just 4 months away.

Mayor Reid has taken on the Christmas Parade week festivities. She is hoping to get lots of volunteers and have the entire community hyped about the festivities. She has been in contact with Eastlink and hopes to have them here to cover the parade.

4.4 Laptops & Exchange Server – Councillor Thibodeau will provide a demonstration and information will be available at meeting.

Councillor Thibodeau did a presentation of the SHAI sharepoint system to show councillors what benefits this system would include. The presentation was very informative. Benefits would include: time saving benefits, little or no photocopying required, information can be stored for future reference, ease of communication and delivery of information, agendas, etc.

Discussion held included: Councillor D. MacDonald suggested waiting until new council starts in November. Councillor T. MacDonald felt that the funds could be used other places. Councillor Aitken agreed that we should wait for new council. Councillor D. MacDonald asked Administrator to get other prices to get the ball rolling.

Motion by Councillor Thibodeau and seconded by Councillor Whyatt to proceed with purchasing Laptops now rather than later. Discussion held, request quotes first and bring back to the table. All in favour to request quotes and bring back to Council. Motion carried.

4.5 Bylaw Enforcement Issue – Court date August 13, 2009.

For information only. Our lawyer John Hennessey will be representing the Town. *(Since this meeting the Court date was changed to August 31, 2009)*



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- 4.6 Silver Thread's book launch invitation** – Councillor T. MacDonald invites everyone to the book launch.
- 4.7 Souris Harbour Authority Inc. Annual Report** – For information only.
- 4.8 Street Renaming** – Update from Admin. Many residents of Sunset St replied to our suggestion of changing the street name; none of which were in favour of the change. Concerns included cost of changing passports, drivers licenses, health cards, etc and also many families have lived there all their lives and feel that it would be unfair for the name to be changed. Other suggestions brought forth included changing Beach Avenue since there is already Cheverie families living there. Further discussion and consideration will be held. No decision at this time.
- 4.9 Eastern Kings Exhibition** – request for funding
Motion by Councillor Whyatt and seconded by Councillor MacDonald to provide same funding as previous year. All in favour. Motion carried.
- 4.10 Street Signage – Request to change yield sign at corner of Theresa St & Church Ave to a stop sign.** – Councillor T. MacDonald explained concerns from residents of Theresa St. and Church Ave. to have the existing Yield sign changed to a Stop sign for safety reasons.
Motion by Councillor T. MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Whyatt to proceed with necessary steps to change the sign. All in favour. Motion carried.
- 4.11 First reading for amendment to Zoning Map and Official Plan as per proposal from Earl Woods, Chad Cormier & Wade Peardon to rezone Lot 6 of PID 106096-000, MacPhee Ave, Souris from Single Family Residential to Multiple Family Residential. As per public meeting held August 10, 2009 at 6:30pm.**
Motion by Councillor Aitken and seconded by Councillor Thibodeau to approve the first reading of the proposed rezoning as described above. All in favour. Motion carried. Second reading required. September 14, 2009.

5 Financial Information

5.1 Financial Statements/Income Statements as of July 31, 2009 – for review.

5.2 Outstanding Invoices for Approval as at August 7, 2009

(a) Town of Souris – General Account	\$20,528.22
(b) Town of Souris – Sewer and Water Utility Corp.	<u>\$16,925.38</u>
Total	<u>\$37,453.60</u>



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Motion by Councillor Thibodeau and seconded by Councillor D. MacDonald to approve the outstanding invoices totalling \$37,453.60. All in favour. Motion carried.

5.3 Cheques Issued During the Month of July for review.

(c) town of Souris – General Account	\$45,972.18	
(d) Town of Souris – Sewer and Water Utility Corp.	<u>\$16,272.37</u>	
Total		<u>\$62,244.55</u>

6 Council Reports & Administrator Report

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

7. Correspondence Received

No correspondence read.

8. Other Business and or additions

No other business or additions.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Council Reports Submitted:

Mayor Joanne Reid

The most time consuming (and exciting) event of this past month was the visit by the Communities in Bloom judges. JoAnne Dunphy and I picked them up in Montague on July 25, toured the area with them on July 26 and 27, and took them to Tignish on July 28. The judges, Evelyn Alemanni from Escondido, California & Donna McIlmoyle from Newbury, Ontario stayed at the Matthew House Inn and were very pleased with the beauty that Souris has to offer.

In addition, I have been active in planning for the Christmas Week in Souris, meeting with people regarding the future of Souris and regional governance, and working on a Souris wiki site – Sourisinformation.com.

Deputy Mayor Dennis Thibodeau

Attended special council meeting

Attended HMCS Charlottetown run for wishes in place of Mayor



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David MacDonald ~ Parks and Recreation

Games are upon us. Two weeks to go and all is in readiness for our two soccer games as soon as new netting arrives. Many thanks to our regional Recreation director and our Events Co-ordinator Chrissy for their excellent work on this project. Expect to see a number of local people wearing Canada Games Volunteer uniforms in the coming days.

Just a word of thanks from Council for those who are giving of their time and skills to help make the games work.

The Town briefly played host to runners from the frigate, HMCS Charlottetown who stopped in Souris on their cross Island fund raising project.

Council is now looking for ways to help the Eastern Kings Sportsplex solve some pressing financial problems with the help of our neighbouring communities. We hope to deal with these problems shortly.

Councilor Christina Whyatt

July 20, 2009 Attended the 6:30 p.m. Special Meeting on the status of the Eastern Kings Sportsplex, Town Hall Council Chambers, Souris, P.E.I.

July 30, 2009 Attended the 6:00 p.m. Eastern Kings Sportsplex Annual General Meeting, Acorn Room, Eastern Kings Sportsplex Souris, P.E. I.

August 3, 2009 Attended the Special Meeting at 12:00 noon, Town Hall Council Chambers, Souris, P.E.I.

August 5, 2009 Attended the "Run 4 Wishes", which was ran by the Crew of the HMCS Charlottetown with one of their stops at the Silver Threads Club Souris P.E.I. This is the 6th Annual Charity Run by HMCS Charlottetown and money raised going to the Children's Wish Foundation.

August 10, 2009 Attended the 6:30 p.m. Public Meeting of the Rezoning Application on MacPhee Avenue at Town Hall Council Chambers, Souris, P.E.I.

Councillor Wanda Bailey

Attended a special meeting on the financial status of the EK Sportsplex on Monday, July 20, 2009, at 6:30 pm at the town hall.

Attended the EK Sportsplex annual meeting at the sportsplex on Thursday, July 30th at 6:00 pm.

Attended a special meeting at the town hall at noon on Monday, August 3rd, re the fire hall project tender and an application from SHAI.