



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

**MINUTES
MONDAY, September 14, 2009**

Time:	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	

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

1. Calling the Meeting to Order and Quorum

Mayor Reid called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Agenda

2.1. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by C. Aitken, seconded by C. 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 before the Council, shall declare his/her interest therein and abstain from voting and discussion thereon.

No conflict declared.

3. Approval of Minutes – August 10, 2009

Motion by C. Thibodeau, seconded by C. Aitken to approve the minutes of August 10, 2009 as circulated. All in favour. Motion Carried.

4. New Business

4.1 RCMP Report for the month of July 2009

C. Aitken would like to see more details. Numbers and percentages would be helpful.

4.2 Second 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. (First reading August 10, 2009 – minutes attached)

Motion by C. Aitken and seconded C. Whyatt for a second reading of this proposed amendment to our Zoning Map and Official Plan. All in favour. Motion carried. Administrator to proceed with notification to the minister as per PEI Planning Act.



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- 4.3 Christmas Parade Week – Just 3 months away.**
Mayor Reid updated council on plans for Christmas Parade Week Festival. New events include “Winter in the Park”, “Swap & Meet”, “Decorating contest”, & lots more!
Still trying to make contact with EastLink for coverage of Parade.
- 4.4 Laptops for Exchange Server Program – Quotes available at meeting**
Four quotes were received: Microage \$740.00, The Source \$750.00, Garden Isle Computing \$800.00, Dell (Online) \$1,289.00.
Motion by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Whyatt to purchase necessary equipment (laptops) for Exchange Server Program. Discussion was held including installation and training. It was felt that Staff should be trained first then they could train council. It was felt that this process of training would probably take place with new Council in November. Quotes were reviewed and it was felt that the quote from “The Source” at \$750.00 would be accepted as their quote was very comparable to the lowest price; and they are a local business. All in favour. Motion carried.
- 4.5 Shoreline Erosion Update – Councillor Thibodeau**
C. Thibodeau plans to meet with Albert MacDonald and Darlene Rhodenizer of the Province to discuss possible avenues for funding for our Shoreline Erosion Project. He plans to express council’s concern over where the funds will come from. The Town of Souris is not in the financial position to pay for such a large project; nor should they be expected to. Update available at next meeting.
- 4.8 Upcoming Municipal Election November 2, 2009**
Motion required to post “Notice of Election”.
Also, as per the PEI Municipalities Act the returning officer, deputy returning officer and poll clerks shall be appointed by Council.
Administrator has contacted Mike Clinton for Returning Officer and Peggy McInnis as Poll Clerk. Upcoming training workshop planned for Oct 1st in Montague.
Motion by C. Aitken and seconded by C. Whyatt to proceed with Notice of Election and necessary steps to organize the election including appointing Michael Clinton as Returning Officer and Peggy McInnis as Poll Clerk. Hiring an enumerator, etc.
All in favour. Motion carried.
- 4.9 Request for funding for upcoming Minor Baseball Provincial Tournament being held in Souris**
Motion by C. David MacDonald and seconded by C. Aitken to provide a \$150.00 donation for the upcoming Minor Baseball Provincial Tourn to be held in Souris as this is the first year in many years for Minor Baseball in our area. All in favour. Motion carried.



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4.10 EK Sportsplex – September Loan Payments

Administrator notified Council that the September loan payments for the Sportsplex would have to be made by the Town. This will be the fourth consecutive month.

4.11 Matthew McLean Bldg./Healthy Living Shop proposal from Rhonda Gallant

Motion by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Whyatt to counter offer Ms. Gallant with a \$300 per month rent for first six months with a review at that time. This reduced rate would not include snow clearing from the front deck or cleaning of the washrooms after the Visitor Information Centre closes. Administrator to contact Ms. Gallant with counter proposal.
All in favour. Motion carried.

5. Financial Information

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

5.2 Outstanding Invoices for Approval as at September 11, 2009

(a)	Town of Souris – General Account	\$28,034.17	
(b)	Town of Souris – Sewer and Water Utility Corp.	<u>\$10,356.90</u>	
	Total		<u>\$38,391.07</u>

Motion by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Whyatt to approve \$28,034.17 Payables in the General Account. All in favour. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Aitken to approve \$10,356.90 Payables in Water & Sewer Account. All in favour. Motion carried.

5.3 Cheques Issued During the Month of August for review.

(c)	Town of Souris – General Account	\$17,134.62	
(d)	Town of Souris – Sewer and Water Utility Corp.	<u>\$9,280.70</u>	
	Total		<u>\$26,415.32</u>

6. Council Reports & Administrator Report

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



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- 8. Admin. Report**
- 7. Correspondence Received**
- **Funding Approval for Ballfield upgrades**
 - **Thank you letter from Canadian Games for Sponsorship**
 - **Request for support from Ecole La-Belle-Cloche for new K-12 facility**
- 8. Other Business and or additions**
- 9. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned.

Council Reports Submitted:

Mayor Joanne Reid

The last month was primarily involved with the major items going on in town – the court case defending our bylaws, the road/sidewalk work, and the revitalization of the Sportsplex.

As you know, regionalization has been a big mantra of mine and the Sportsplex is the perfect example of how important this is. The Sportsplex is run by a board but like many athletic facilities in Kings County, it has fallen on hard economic times. While the Town is helping the board out with the financial aspect, it is essential that the other areas – incorporated and unincorporated – in the Eastern Kings area (not just the Eastern Kings Council) all chip in to help the Sportsplex become the amazing facility that it has the potential to be.

We will be reviewing our new bylaws before the public very soon and the recent court case (August 31) that I attended emphasized the importance of having good solid bylaws. It is good to see the new ones that we reviewed and revamped last year coming forth. This shows how responsive and responsible our bylaws and bylaws processes are.

People continue to comment on the roadwork and many people think it makes the town look alive and lively. There have been many negative comments about the sidewalks but so far those complaining have not been able to offer a viable alternative. After all, these are the new-style sidewalks that are accessible to all and that is the way to go.

As well, I have been active in the planning for the upcoming Christmas Festival Week. We're adding some new events this year such as the Winter Festival on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 28th, the Christmas Karaoke on Dec. 4th, and the Christmas Swap Meet on Nov. 29th.

Deputy Mayor Dennis Thibodeau

Attended Bylaw, ICSP & Official Plan Review meeting with Phil Wood Aug 13th
Attended Trial for Trailer Park Issue – Aug 31st



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Attended various meeting with Sportsplex board

David MacDonald ~ Parks and Recreation

With the aid of a Provincial grant from cultural Affairs and the excellent work of our maintenance staff, both Souris ball fields now have new dugouts. These will be a welcome addition as the Souris minor ball association will host a Provincial Playoff Division this fall. We would also like to thank the minor ball people for their excellent work on the McCormack fields this summer.

Despite a series of problems over the past two years, Souris was able to host a soccer match on the local pitch as part of the Canada Games. A second match was cancelled due to lack of preparation on the part of the Games planning group. After two years of patience, our local soccer association now has an excellent pitch for future use.

A series of meetings between the Council and the Directors of the Sportsplex have taken place recently due to financial considerations at the Sportsplex. The two groups have dealt with the issues and we expect the Sportsplex to operate as usual this year.

Councilor Christina Whyatt

August 13, 2009 Attended the 6:30 p.m. Special Meeting with Phil Wood of P. Wood & Associates full review the Town of Souris Integrated Community Sustainability Plan, Official Plan and Zoning and Subdivision Control Development Bylaw with Council at Town Hall Council Chambers, Souris, P.E.I.

August 13., 2009 Attended the 9:00 p.m. meeting with the board members of the Eastern Kings Sportsplex with their updated report on the status of the Eastern Kings Sportsplex, at Town Hall Council Chambers, Souris, P.E.I.

August 15, 2009 Attended the 2:00 p.m. Launch of the Silver Threads Seniors Club first book "Reflection of Souris" which is a collection of stories told by seniors in the area and held at 78 Main Street, Souris, P.E.I.

August 15, 2009 Attended the 6: 00 p.m. CAFÉ (Comite Acadien & Francophone de l'Est Inc) Activities, Cornboil, Mussels, and hotdogs and entertained by Lem Chaisson & Kenny Chaisson and evening entertainers were Chuck & Albert, at the Rollo Bay Fiddle Grounds, Rollo Bay, P.E.I.

August 28, 2009 Attended the 10:00 a.m. Official Opening and Tour of the Eastern Cold Storage Facility at the Souris Food Park, Souris, P.E.I.

August 31, 2009 Attended the Special Meeting with the board of the Eastern Kings Sportsplex discussed the update at the Eastern Kings Sportsplex, Souris, P.E.I.



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Councillor Wanda Bailey

August 10th, Monday, attended a meeting on rezoning at 6:30pm at the town hall followed by the regular Town Council Meeting .

August 13th, Thursday, attended a meeting with Phil Wood to review the official plan and by-lays at 6:30pm at the town hall.

August 13th, Thursday, attended a meeting at 8:30 at the town hall with the EK Sportsplex Board of Directors to discuss the sportsplex future plans.

August 18th, Tuesday, attended a noon meeting at the town hall with Chrissy and Denis to discuss the financial reports for the Canada Day Celebrations and the SeaFest.

August 24th, Monday, attended a meeting at 8:30 pm at the town hall regarding the EK Sportplex.

August 31st, Monday, attended a rink meeting at the EK Sportsplex at 8:30pm.

September 2nd, Wed., attended a meeting with Chrissy and the members of "Café" at the town hall at 7:00pm to discuss how to work together to better communicate ideas and activities to the public.

We hereby certify this a true copy of minutes of Souris Town Council:

Mayor Joanne Reid

Shelley MacInnis, Administrator