



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

**MINUTES  
MONDAY, December 14, 2009**

<b>Time:</b>	<b>SPECIAL MEETING WITH DONALD DEROCHE DEPT. OF EDUCATION 6:00PM REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.</b>	Shelley LaVie 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>	

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

Mayor MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with a quorum.

**PRESENT:** Mayor MacDonald, Councillors Thibodeau, MacDonald, Aitken, Bailey, Peters & Cheverie.

**2. Agenda**

**2.1. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION** by C. Aitken and seconded by C. Peters to approve the agenda as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

**2.2. Additions to the Agenda**

Souris Striders Ski Club Request for Funding

**2.3. Conflict of Interest Declaration**

**No Conflict Declared.**

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.

**3. Approval of Minutes – November 9, 2009**

**MOTION** by C. MacDonald and seconded by C. Thibodeau to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2009 Council meeting as approved. All in favour. Motion carried.

**4. New Business**

**4.1 Deputation from MLA Allan Campbell**

Minister Allan Campbell was in attendance to welcome the new Council. Also expressed interest in having regular meetings with Council to work together.

**4.2 RCMP Report ~ Quarterly report presented by Dan MacInnis**

Cpt. MacInnis was called out and unable to attend the meeting. Quarterly report carried forward to January meeting.

**4.3 Deputation from Anne McPhee regarding proposed Official Plan PR-6 Policy**

Anne McPhee proposed to Council that Office Plan PR-6 Policy stating that mobile home no longer be permitted within the Town of Souris be amended to



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state that mobile homes no longer be permitted within the Town of Souris *except in the Mini-Home Court of MacDonald Avenue*. Ms. McPhee's proposal was based on the need for affordable Housing in our area.

**4.4 Resolution by Council to adopt the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan as presented at Public Meeting for review and public input November 18, 2009 at Access PEI. 7:00pm.**

**MOTION** by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. MacDonald to adopt the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.

**4.5 First Reading of Amended Official Plan and Development Bylaws as presented at Public Meeting for review and public input November 18, 2009 at Access PEI. 7:00pm.**

**MOTION** by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Cheverie to give first reading to our newly amended Official Plan and Development Bylaws as presented to the Public on November 18, 2009. All in favour. Motion carried.

**4.6 Rezoning Application from Province of PEI for future development of Long Term Care Facility (Manor). PID No. 102103-000 MacPhee Ave. 9.03 Acres presently zoned (R1) Residential; proposed zoning to be (PSI) Public Service Institutional.**

**MOTION** by C. Aitken and seconded by C. Peters to approve the rezoning application from the Province of PEI for future development of Long Term Care Facility on PEI No. 102103-000 MacPhee Ave, made up of 9.02 acres, presently zoned (R1) Residential, be rezoned to be (PSI) Public Service Institutional. All in favour. Motion carried.

**4.7 Water & Sewer Rate Application for Increase has been Approved.**

New Rates effective Jan. 1, 2010, Jan. 1, 2011 & Jan 1, 2012. For information.

**4.8 Appointment of Mayor David MacDonald to the FPEIM Board**

**MOTION** by C. MacDonald and seconded by C. Aitken to appoint Mayor David MacDonald to the FPEIM Board as representative of our Town. All in favour. Motion carried.

**4.9 Request from Eastern Kings Sports Council for Financial Donation for Medal Celebration planned for December 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**MOTION** by C. Bailey and seconded by C. Thibodeau to donate \$50.00 to the EK Sports Council for their upcoming medal celebration planned for December 29<sup>th</sup> at the EKSP. All in favour. Motion carried.

**4.10 2010 Budget Sheets provided to Council**

Budget sheets passed out to Council for early preparation of our 2010 Budget. Budget sheets to be returned to Finance Chair at Council's earliest convenience.



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**4.11 Borrowing Resolution for New Holder Machine to be financed over 5 years.  
Amount to be financed \$90,084.00.**

**MOTION** by C. Thibodeau and seconded by D. Aitken to finance the purchase of our new holder machine over a five year period. Amount to be financed \$90,084.00  
Borrowing proposals have been received from various financial institutions. Finance Chair & Admin will review and go with the best proposal. All in favour. Motion carried.

**5. Financial Information**

**5.1 Financial Statements/Income Statements as of November 30, 2009 – for review.**

**5.2 Outstanding Invoices for Approval as at December 11, 2009**

(a)	Town of Souris – General Account	<b>\$37,542.41</b>	
(b)	Town of Souris – Sewer and Water Utility Corp.	<b><u>\$10,686.22</u></b>	
	<b>Total</b>		<b><u>\$48,228.63</u></b>

**MOTION** by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Peters to approve the General Account Invoices A/P as listed at \$37,542.41. All in favour. Motion carried.

**MOTION** by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Aitken to approve the Sewer & Water Utility Corp. Account Invoices A/P as listed at \$10,686.22. All in favour. Motion carried.

**5.3 Cheques Issued During the Month of November for review.**

(c)	town of Souris – General Account	<b>\$147,001.11</b>	
(d)	Town of Souris – Sewer and Water Utility Corp.	<b><u>\$11,311.46</u></b>	
	<b>Total</b>		<b><u>\$158,312.57</u></b>

**6. Council Reports & Administrator Report**

1. Mayor David MacDonald *report attached.*
2. Councillor Wanda Bailey *report attached.*
3. Councillor Donnie Aitken *report at meeting.*
4. Councillor Kenny Peters *report attached.*
5. Councillor Thelma MacDonald *report attached.*
6. Councillor Denis Thibodeau *report at meeting.*
7. Councillor Jim Cheverie *report at meeting.*

**7. Correspondence Received**

No Correspondence received.



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**8. Other Business and or additions**

Councillor Bailey added that Souris Striders Ski Club are fundraising for a new groomer. A letter has been prepared for Town Council requesting financial assistance however, letter was not available at this meeting. Council recommended carrying this forward to the January meeting when letter with further details is available.

Councillor T. MacDonald added that she has received numerous requests that our Public Library be open a few more hours each week. It was suggested that a letter addressed to Cathleen Eaton & Minister Campbell requesting these additional hours be prepared and sent out ASAP.

For information purposes:

Main Street Public Meeting Scheduled for January 6, 2010, 6:00pm, Access PEI.

**9. Adjournment**

**Council Reports Submitted:**

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The first month has been a steep learning curve. I began the term with an excellent overview of the work of the Harbour authority. The first formal Council meeting was held with ADI to wind up this phase and discuss the final phase of the Main Street Project.

I contacted Municipal Government of Isle de la Madeline as well as president of CTMA to present a united front on possible new location of Coast Guard.

I learned a great deal on running municipal government during an excellent workshop held by the Federation and Municipal Affairs.

I held a short meeting with Canada Games to finalize our agreement with the games committee. I also visited two more engineering firms in Charlottetown to ensure that both will hopefully bid on future Town projects.

I would like to give a big thank you to Town staff and volunteers for a great Christmas festival with the parade being the final climax. Happy holidays and great New Year wishes to staff and council from Louise and myself.

David MacDonald  
Mayor.



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**Thelma MacDonald - Council Report**

- I attended the Holland College meeting – see attached.
- I attended the ADI Christmas reception in Charlottetown
- A public meeting regarding the Main St. Project will be held on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 6:00pm at the Access PEI Center.

**Holland College – Thelma MacDonald**

Since Holland College opened its doors in Souris, hundreds of youth and adults have taken part in various levels of education, high school students attend to get extra help with Math, Science or English courses. Some adults attend to get help with their GED exams; others just wish to improve their reading and math levels.

The college which is located on the second floor of the Main Street Mall will have a pilot project starting in January 2010, trade essentials (which is not a Holland College program) is specifically designed to help experienced trades people work towards their trade certification or red seal.

A business program with 10 – 12 people will start in January as well, where students can get a head start in courses to a university. We should encourage anyone who is interested in furthering their education locally to contact Susan Cheverie, Eileen White or Jim Carpenter who are all employed by Holland College in Souris, The more people who use the service the better chance for expansion.

**Deputy Mayor Denis Thibodeau ~ Finance**

Report at meeting.

**Donnie Aitken ~ Council Report**

Report at meeting.

**Wanda Bailey ~ Council Report**

- November 16<sup>th</sup>, Monday, attended a xmas parade meeting at 7:00pm at the town hall.
- November 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, attended a public meeting at Access PEI at 7:00pm with Phil Wood on the review of the official plan, zoning, and subdivision control development by-laws.
- November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Monday, attended a xmas parade meeting at 7:00pm at the town hall.
- November 24<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, attended a meeting at noon time at the town hall with Darrell Fisher from ADI for an update on the “Main Street Project”. Also a review of the new committees for council members with Mayor David MacDonald was done following the Main Street Meeting.



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- December 1<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday, attended the tree lighting ceremony at the town gazebo at 6:00pm.
- December 1<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday, attended a meeting of the EK Sports Council at Access PEI at 7:30pm.
- December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday, attended the “Craft Night” at St. Mary’s Hall at 6:30 and helped Chrissy with that.

**Kenny Peters ~ Council Report**

**Fire Department**

- Attended the Annual Firemen’s Dinner November 20<sup>th</sup> with my wife; we had a very enjoyable dinner and social time following the dinner at the Fire Hall.
- Attended Firemen’s monthly meeting December 7<sup>th</sup>. Was introduced to all the Firemen and looking forward to working with them during my time on Council.

**RCMP**

- Met with Dan MacInnis, introduced myself as Chairman of Policing Services for the Town of Souris and arranged for him to attend our December meeting with the quarterly report.

**Sportsplex**

- Attended the EK Sportsplex Board of Directors meeting, December 1<sup>st</sup>. As we all know the sportsplex is struggling; however, I feel that we can all work together to make this facility a vibrant part of our community.

**Jim Cheverie ~ Council Report**

Report at meeting.