



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, September 13, 2010

Time: Regular Public Meeting 7:00pm
Town Hall ~ Council Chambers
75 Main Street, Souris, PEI

Present: Mayor David MacDonald, Councillors Denis Thibodeau, Wanda Bailey, Thelma MacDonald, Kenny Peters, Jim Cheverie. One seat vacant.

A. Calling the meeting to Order and Quorum

Mayor MacDonald called the meeting to order with a quorum.

Mayor MacDonald opened the meeting by congratulating the local Women's softball team on a successful Eastern Canadians Tournament Sept 10 – 12th. Great organization.

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

Motion by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Peters to approve the Agenda as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

2.2 Additions to Agenda

No additions

C. 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.

D. Approval of Minutes – August 9, 2010

Motion by C. MacDonald and seconded by C. Cheverie to approve the Minutes of August 9, 2010 as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

New Business:

E. Presentation from Randy Dibblee of PEI Forest, Fish & Wildlife – Coyotes Issue

Mr. Dibblee presented a very informative power point presentation on Coyotes in PEI.

He feels it is important for the public to realize there is no reason to fear these animals. He also feels it would be impossible to eliminate these animals completely because the more they are hunted the stronger they become and larger litters they produce. It is important to continue a certain level of hunting or trapping so that these animals maintain a level of fear of humans. They are known to prey on small animals; therefore it is wise to keep small pets indoors, especially at night. Mr. Dibblee stated that the coyote attack on a human recently in Cape Breton is very, very rare and should not cause alarm. That people should not be afraid to use the confederation trail. He would be willing to do a public presentation at any time if we are interested.

F. RCMP Report (attached)

Dan MacInnis and Cpl. Butler were present. Dan reviewed the report presented to Council.

G. Planning Board Recommendations

As per minutes of September 1st meeting attached Planning Board has recommended that Council approve the application received from the Keir Gallery. (As per minutes) (preliminary drawings available at meeting)

Motion by C. Peters and seconded by C. Bailey to provide preliminary approval to the Keir Gallery for their proposed development which would allow for them to keep the existing setback when joining the Leard Building to the Show Hall. Permit will be issued once final construction plans are available. All in favour. Motion carried.

H. Appointment of Returning Officer for Upcoming By-election. October 18, 2010

Motion by C. MacDonald and seconded by C. Peters to appoint Michael Clinton as Returning Officer for our upcoming By-Election. Advance Poll, October 9th. Election Day, October 18, 2010. All in favour. Motion carried.

Financial Information:**I. General Account Revenue & Expenditures as of August 31, 2010 – For information only.****J. Water & Sewer Account Revenue & Expenditures as of August 31, 2010 – For information only.****K. Town of Souris – General Account Invoices for Approval as at September 10, 2010**

Motion by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Peters to approve \$59,372.58 in General Account Payables as per listed provided. All in favour. Motion carried.

L. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Corp Invoices for Approval as at September 10, 2010

Motion by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Cheverie to approve \$59,362.01 in Water and Sewer Account Payables as per listed provided. All in favour. Motion carried.

M. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques Issued during the Month of August – For information only.**Other Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:****N. Letter of appreciation from the Habitat for Humanity Committee****O. Request from Souris Credit Union to re-locate their Instant Teller sign on Town Property**

Issue was discussed. More information required. Another meeting to be held on this issue.

P. Holland Hurricanes Football Club – Sponsorship opportunity

Motion by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Peters to purchase \$500 Corporate Sponsorship package. All in favour. Motion carried.

Q. Request for financial support from Souris Senior Men's Hockey Team.

Motion by C. MacDonald and seconded by C. Cheverie to provide a one time \$500 donation to the Senior Mens Hockey Team for start up costs. All in favour. Motion carried.

R. Information from Brian Deveau – local bicycle enthusiast – Re: bike racks

Summary of Bike racks in the community provided. It is clear that there is a need for more. Maybe next year we could do some kind of a promotion.

S. Additions:

Mayor MacDonald Officially proclaimed **November 14 – November 21, 2010 as Restorative Justice Week** in the Town of Souris, PEI. **Motion** by C. MacDonald and seconded by C. Thibodeau to accept this proclamation. All in favour. Motion carried.

Council Reports:**Mayor David MacDonald**

- Paving on Main Street is now complete and we expect an official opening with Minister McKinley soon. ADI has agreed to sponsor this event.
- We met with Phil Rafuse of I.R.A.C. recently to discuss issues that may relate to Town Planning and how to avoid appeals.
- The Breakwater Street back-up generators are now in place which will prevent any further shellfish closures in the Colville Bay due to sewage overflows.
- School Board officials met with the Deputy Mayor and myself recently to discuss the plans for the K-12 school in Eastern Kings. We appreciate the degree of co-operation shown by the school board on this major issue.
- Holland College officials also met with us to discuss a role for our community to support a new program at the College.
- I also attended and spoke at a meeting between I.C.O. A. and our local Keir Gallery/Show Hall where the gallery presented a proposal for major expansion.
- A By-election has been called for Monday, October 18, 2010 to fill the position left vacant from the recent (Aug 9th) resignation of Councillor Aitken. Nomination papers are now available from the Town Administrator.

Wanda Bailey

- Thursday, Aug 12th, attended CIB luncheon with Judges and volunteers at St. Marys Hall at 6pm
- Friday, Aug 13th, 8:30am – 5pm, travelled around the town with the CIB judges, Joanne Dunphy and Shelley Lavie showing the judges different points of interest, Eastern Cold Storage, Fishermens monument, Colville Manor, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Souris Hospital, flower gardens the volunteers looked after, and various other attractions.
- Thursday, Sept. 2nd, 6pm, attended a group picture at the Town Sign flower bed.
- Wednesday, Sept. 8th, 7pm, attended EK Sports Council Mtg at Access PEI.
- Sports Fair to be held on Saturday, Sept. 11th, from 9am – 12 noon at the EK Sportsplex.

Denis Thibodeau

- Mayor and I met with consultants on new k-12 school outlook
- Communities in bloom tour and power point
- Gave Minister Vessey tour of Lighthouse
- Mayor and I met with Holland Collage reps on sponsor of football team
- Attended opening of womens ball tournament

Jim Cheverie

Kenny Peters

- EKSP Board of directors will meet 3rd Wednesday of each month
- New Members include: Jean MacDonald and Bradley MacDonald
- Senior Men's Hockey to start up in Souris

Thelma MacDonald

T. Adjournment @ 8:15pm

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Town of Souris Monthly Report June 2010

Police Report:

The police report has been provided for your information. This report statistically shows the reports received by Kings RCMP concerning the Town of Souris comparing June 2009 to June 2010.

The statistical data provided is classified into two groups, reported and actual.

Offences:

Actual offences are the number of offences that were investigated and found to have occurred. **These reflect the actual crime rate.** The number of reported offences is always higher than actual offences as many are investigated and a determination made that they are *unfounded*. **These reflect the workload of the police agency.**

Assistance:

Additionally there are calls for service deemed to be of an assistance nature. For example: Property checks, alarm, criminal records checks or items lost or found.

Note: Not included in this report are the numbers of prisoners held during the noted period.

June 2010		
Reported	Actual	Year To Date
86	85	360

Report Summary

Crime/Service Type	Actual June 2009	Actual June 2010	Year To
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Traffic Offences:

Impaired Driving	4	1	10
Fatal Collisions	0	0	0
Injury Collisions	0	1	2
Reportable Collisions +\$1000.	4	5	12
Non Reportable Collisions -\$1000.	2	0	2
Off-Road Vehicle Collisions	0	0	0
Fail to Stop at Collision	1	0	1
Drive While Disqualified	0	0	1
Moving Violations	8	14	35
Non Moving Violations	9	11	53
Written Warnings	4	9	35
Roadside Suspensions	0	0	0
Check Points	0	0	0

Provincial Statutes:

Liquor Act	4	5	17
Family Relations Act	2	2	14
Fire Prevention Act	0	2	2
Mental Health Act	0	2	6
Coroner's Act	0	0	1
911 Act	2	5	20
Dog Act	2	0	1
Trespass Act	2	4	16
Off Road Vehicle Act	1	0	4
Other Provincial Acts	1	2	6

Municipal By-laws:

Municipal By Laws - Noise	1	1	3
Municipal By Laws - Traffic	1	0	0

Criminal Code:

Disturbing the Peace	1	2	6
Threats		1	10
Harassment	1	0	9
Breach of Peace	1	0	1
Fail to Comply with Court Orders	1	2	8
Mischief/Damage to Prop	4	2	18
Assaults	1	1	9
Assault CBH/ with weapon	0	0	0
Sexual Assault / Indecent Act	1	0	0
Theft	1	0	6
Fraud	0	1	3
Break and Enter	0	0	0
Shoplifting	0	0	1
Arson / Possess Weapon	0	0	0
Firearms Act	0	0	0
Customs & Excise Act Tobacco	1	0	1

Controlled Drugs and Substances Act:

Possession	1	0	4
Trafficking	0	0	2
Possession for the Purpose	0	0	1

Assistance:

Suspicious Persons	1	1	10
Alarms	0	1	9
Items Lost/Found	2	3	5
Peace Bonds	0	0	2
Property Checks	1	2	7
Missing Persons	2	2	2
Other Assistance	0	0	1

COMPARISONS OF MONTHLY MAYOR REPORTS
JUNE OF 2009 AND JUNE OF 2010

INCREASE

Moving Violations from 8 to 14
 Non-Moving Violations from 9 to 11
 Written Warning from 4 to 9
 Liquor Act from 4 to 5
 False 911 calls from 2 to 5
 Trespass act from 2 to 4

DECREASE

Impaired Driving from 4 to 1
 Dmage to Property from 4 to 2

RECAP OF SOURIS DETACHMENT ACTIVITY
JUNE 2009

June was a very busy month for Souris Detachment due to school graduations. We take a very proactive approach at this time of the year to ensure our students are safe and enjoy their gradation. CST. Earl Woods programs in the schools comes to an end and he takes a personal interest in ensuring they have a safe graduation as well. Some of the programs he organized and over saw during this period are:

On June 1st we received Mounted Police Foundation funding for Souris High School Weight Club in the amount of \$1000.00

On June 2nd to the 6th. CST Woods assisted MLA Minster Doug Curie on his tour and meeting at Souris schools.

On June 7th Drug presentation at Souris High School.

On June 11th. RCMP held an open house at the Souris Detachment both inside and out. We had a variety of displays like the Command Center, ERT team equipment and Police vehicles.

On June 15th. Bike Rodeo at Souris Consolidated. Two new bikes and 2 helmets given out as prizes.

On June 16th attended Silvers Threads seniors meeting and information session .

On June 18th CST. Woods attended Souris Prom/ Dance in Red Serge and set up mock accident with EMS , Souris Fire Dept and Campbells Towing .

On June 23rd attended Souris Graduation services at Eastern Kings Spotsplex.

There was a total of 66 new files created in the Town of Souris during the month of June 2009.

Members of Souris Detachment were requested on three different occasions to conduct interviews with Child and Family Services. These interviews involved children that was reported to be in abusive relationships or homes. In each of the cases the complaints were unfounded.

On June 15th. A lady in her fifties was located in Souris as she was left behind to fend for herself by her partner as they departed the CTMA Ferry. We were able to find accommodations for her in Souris for the night. The next day we provided transportation to Charlottetown, arranged accommodations and a bus ticket back to the Province of Quebec.

The 5 Disturbance of the Peace and Liquor Control Act files were mainly related to persons consuming alcohol. Their behavior were either getting out of control or passing out due to alcohol consumption. We arrested three persons for being drunk in public. One was turned over to a reliable friend and two others taken to Montague cells for the night due to their condition.

On June 25th. At 2334hrs. One impaired driver was arrested and charged for driving under the influence of alcohol.

During the month there was 6 minor traffic collisions in Souris. Three of them were the result of vehicles being hit in three different parking lots in relation to parking vehicles. One MVA resulted in a teenager being hit on Chapel street as she crossed the road. Miss communication between the driver and subject due to the use of a cell phone on the part of the Pedestrian. She was treated and released from Montague Hospital.

The number of tickets in total went from 17 in June of 2009 to 25 in total in 2010 for a variety of traffic offences in the town of Souris.

We had about 14 different traffic related occurrences. Most of them involved reports of trucks moving too fast, gravel falling off trucks and landing on windshields and general driving complaints. Anniversary Ave had two reports of vehicles traveling too fast and as a result radar was used in the area but no one was charged for excessive speeds during these exercises. I suspect the word travel fast that we were in the area.

Cpl. Daniel E. MacInnis
RCMP Souris, PEI
2010/09/08