



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, December 12, 2011

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

All Council present for meeting. Others present included Cpl Dan MacInnis, Lane Mingo and Colin LaVie. From the press David MacDonald of the Graphic.

A. Calling the meeting to Order and Quorum

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

Mayor MacDonald wished everyone a very Merry Christmas!! Thanked everyone for a productive year, and wished everyone the best is 2012.

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

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

2.2 Additions to Agenda

No additions at this time.

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 – November 14, 2011

Motion by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Dunphy to approve the Minutes of November 14, 2011 as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

New Business:

E. RCMP Report.

Cpl Dan MacInnis was present to summarize the recent RCMP report submitted to Council. He highlighted various issues dealt with including DUI's, Family disputes, etc. Once again they urge people to call the RCMP directly if they wish to report something.

Mayor asked about policy for RCMP cars speed. Are they permitted to drive at high speed without lights or sirens? Cpl MacInnis stated that they should not be driving over the speed limit without due cause.

Motion by C. MacDonald and seconded by C. Cheverie to accept the RCMP report as submitted by Cpl MacInnis. All in favour. Motion carried.

Financial Information:

F. General Account Income Statement as of November 30, 2011 for review only.

G. Water & Sewer Account Income Statement as of November 30, 2011 for review only.

H. Town of Souris – General Account Invoices (\$7,955.15) for Approval as at Dec 8, 2011

Motion by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Cheverie to approve the outstanding invoices in the amount of \$7,988.15 as presented. C. Cheverie questioned the Camera purchased by the Souris Fire Dept. Chief LaVie explained the use of the camera. This was a capital item they had budgeted for. All in favour. Motion carried.

I. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Corp Invoices (\$19,622.37) for Approval as at Dec 8, 2011

Motion by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Dunphy to approve the outstanding invoices in the amount of \$19,622.37 as presented. C. Cheverie questioned the touch screen for the water system. Admin to get clarification. All in favour. Motion carried.

J. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques Issued during the Month of November – For review

K. General Account Receivables (money owed to Town of Souris) – For Review

Other Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:

L. PEI Family Violence Prevention organization would like a commitment from Souris Town Council as to whether they plan to host a “Walk of Silence” during the week of Feb 12 – 18, 2012. They will look after advertisement, etc. They would like participation from Council.

Motion by C. MacDonald and C. Bailey that we support this organization by hosting a “Walk of Silence” in Souris during the week of Feb 12 – 18th, 2012. Special Events Dept will work with Maxine to make arrangements, promote and inform Council of date and time of walk. All in favour. Motion carried.

M. 55+ Games in Souris, Letter of Request for Financial Support.

Motion by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Cheverie to support the 2012 55+ Souris Winter Games with a donation of \$250. C. Thibodeau feels there are many economic benefits to our community with the hosting of these games. All in favour. Motion carried.

N. Additions:

A request was brought forth for a financial donation to the PEI Humane Society.

Motion by C. MacDonald and seconded by C. Thibodeau to donate \$100 to the PEI Humane Society for their building renovation campaign. All in favour. Motion carried.

Planning & Development Issues:

- O. Application from Russell Ching Ltd to have their property at 27 Church Street rezoned from M1 (Industrial) to Agricultural. As per their submission a rezoning would allow them to fall under the same requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act as all other farms on PEI. A Public meeting was held December 7, 2011 (minutes of meeting attached).**

Council is to consider any concerns or comments from public meeting. If agreed by Council two readings of this proposed amendment to our Bylaws and Official Plan zoning map are required at two separate meetings prior to final approval. First reading can be at this meeting.

Motion by C. Peters to give this proposed rezoning/amendment first reading and seconded by C. Thibodeau. All in favour. Motion carried. *(A second reading is required prior to amendment being approved. Second reading planned for January 12, 2012)*

- P. Application from Betty MacDonald and Pedro Pereira to have their property at 21 Breakwater Street rezoned from PSI (Public Service Institutional) to C1 (General Commercial). As per their submission it is their intent to open a family style restaurant at this location. A Public meeting was held December 7, 2011 (minutes of meeting attached).**

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Motion by C. Peters to give this proposed rezoning/amendment first reading and seconded by C. MacDonald. All in favour. Motion carried. *(A second reading is required prior to amendment being approved. Second reading planned for January 12, 2012)*

- Q. Application from Souris Harbour Authority Inc to expand the existing parking area at PID 431635 to accommodate 47 parking spaces. Planning Board met December 7, 2011 and recommended that Council approve this development as proposed by SHAI. As this property is presently zoned industrial approval is required by Planning Board and Council.**

Motion by C. Peters and seconded by C. Dunphy to approve the development application submitted from SHAI to expand the parking area at PID 431635 as described in their application and as per recommended by the Planning Advisory Board. All in favour. Motion carried.

R. Council Reports:

Mayor David MacDonald

- Hosted Paul Henderson and crew while in Souris.
- Attended 2014 conference at confederation centre.
- Hosted tree lighting.
- Took part in Christmas parade.
- Meeting with innovations PEI

Denis Thibodeau

- Regular meetings with Admin Staff throughout the month.
- Participated in various Parade events.
- Meeting with STEP project (Denis elaborated on this program at meeting)
- Meeting with EKCEC

Wanda Bailey

- Attended an Eastern Kings sports council meeting at Souris Hospital boardroom on Tuesday, Nov 15th at 6pm.
- December 7th, Wednesday, 7pm, attended public meeting at the town hall re: zoning applications.

JoAnne Dunphy

JoAnne wanted to add a Special Thank You to Joeanne Roche for all of her hard work put towards events during 2011,,job well done.

- Attended Paul Henderson Jersey Tour at EKSP
- Attended Children's Craft Night
- Attended Tree lighting
- Attended Craft Fair at St. Mary's Hall
- Attended the Souris Christmas Parade
- Regular meetings with Events Co-ordinator concerning upcoming events in November & December
- Regular meetings with Administrator
- Attended public meeting on two rezoning applications
- Attended Planning Advisory meeting
- Receiving regular reports from the By-Law Officer Donna Johnson on Issues and Actions Taken

Jim Cheverie

Jim added that he was disappointed in the lack of decorations around Town. Maybe next year we need to do something to entice people and businesses to decorate a bit more, maybe a contest. He suggested the Town put some lights on the Fishermen's Park Gazebo since we now have power there.

Jim also added a concern he received from residents about a need for sidewalks on MacPhee Ave.

- Checked with Wallace Equipment twice about Service Manual for New backhoe.
- Attended Paul Henderson Jersey Tour
- Attended Public Meeting on Dec. 7.
- Talked with Danny Grant on two occasions regarding undercoating of Holder and Backhoe.
- Did several checks on beach fence. Seems to be working. Hope this storm does not hurt it.

Kenny Peters

- Nov 15th, Attended the Annual General Meeting for Health PEI as representative of Town Council. Had an opportunity to speak during the meeting. Questioned the Board about lack of doctors in Souris.
- Nov 17th, Attended the Paul Henderson Jersey Tour at EKSP. Also had an opportunity to meet Paul at the cottage following the event at the rink.
- Dec 7th, Chaired the Public meeting held to review two rezoning applications being considered by Council. Also chaired Planning Advisory meeting to review an industrial development application.
- Regular meetings with Administrator to discuss various issues.
- Regular communication with EK Sportsplex Board. Attend meetings when necessary.
- Regular communication with Fire Department. Attend meetings when requested.
- Attended several of the Christmas Parade Festivities.

Thelma MacDonald

- Regular meetings with Admin Staff throughout the month
- Working with Rec Director to help plan 55+ Games in January
- Attended several Christmas Parade Week events.

s. Adjournment @ 8:10pm

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