

The Town of Souris
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES
Monday, May 5th, 2014

The Council for the Town of Souris held its Regular Meeting duly assembled in the Council Chambers of the Town of Souris on Monday, May 5th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Darryl Jackson, Councillors Bruce Apperley, Sandra Denbow, Mark Gillis, Mandy Mosionier, William Tanguay, Carman Tufts and CAO Charlotte Parham

Access TV: Present

1. Call to Order

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Resolution No. 2014-075

Moved by Councillor C. Tufts: Seconded by Councillor S. Denbow

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the Minutes

a) **Regular Meeting – April 21st, 2014**

Resolution No. 2014-076

Moved by Councillor M. Mosionier: Seconded by Councillor B. Apperley

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 21st, 2014 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Matters arising from the minutes

5. Hearings

a) Variation Order Application No. 2014-02 - 6489428 Manitoba Ltd

Resolution No. 2014-077

Moved by Councillor C. Tufts: Seconded by Councillor S. Denbow

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Regular Council Meeting be recessed and that Council proceed with the Public Hearings to deal with the Variation Order Application No. 2014-02 for 6489428 Manitoba Ltd – 310 1st Avenue West.

CARRIED

No written or verbal submissions “for” or “against” were received. Notification was given as required by *The Planning Act*, of the Hearing and of their right to make representation. The variation order application was reviewed by the board.

Resolution No. 2014-078

Moved by Councillor W. Tanguay: Seconded by Councillor M. Gillis

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Public Hearing does now adjourn and Council continue with the Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2014-079

Moved by Councillor C. Tufts: Seconded by Councillor S. Denbow

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Town of Souris authorizes the approval of the application of 6489428 Manitoba Ltd

- Variation Application Order No. 2014-02.

a) To reduce the minimum required Site area from 5 acres to 1.34 acres for proposed lot; and 2.94 acres for residual property

b) To reduce the minimum required Site width from 200 feet to 88 feet

To meet the requirements for the subdivision application.

The property owner is required to enter into a development agreement with the Town of Souris prior to any future development.

Location: Lot 4, Block 3, Plan 26626 BLTO – 310 1st Avenue West

CARRIED

6. Delegations

a) CPR Caboose Museum– PHEME Andrew and Vern May, EDO

Delegation of citizens in regards to the relocation of the CPR Caboose Museum attended the meeting to discuss with Council this proposal. Mrs. PHEME Andrew presented concerns with relocating the caboose museum. Is the caboose structurally sound to be moved, and will the historical authenticity remain? Mr. Keven Bowie also spoke in favor of the caboose remaining as a monument in the memory of the contribution the many railroaders made to Souris.

Vern May, EDO for the Souris Glenwood CDC updated Council on the information that has been obtained in relocating the museum as requested by Council in January 2014.

Mr. Ferg Devins provided information on the proposed location and process of the project and requested Council to allow the relocation of the CPR Caboose Museum.

Council thanked all that attended the meeting. Comments and concerns were reviewed by Council members and decision would be tabled until a completed development permit application with a written plan was presented before Council.

b) Northwest Skate Park Committee

Northwest Skate Park Committee members, Mr. Kris Doull and Mrs. Darci Semeschuk attended the meeting to update Council on the progress of the Skate Park. The Park will be utilized by skateboards, roller blades, bikes, scooters, etc. The Committee provided information on the location requested (south of outdoor skating rink) and the plan for fundraising for the project. Further information will be provided to Council. Council commented favorably to the project and advised the committee to proceed with design and fundraising plans. The committee will provide Council with design plans when received. Council thanked the committee for attending.

7. Finance

a) Approval of Accounts to May 5th, 2014

Resolution No. 2014-080

Moved by Councillor M. Gillis: Seconded by Councillor C. Tufts

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Town of Souris approve for payment of accounts to May 5th, 2014 represented by Cheque Nos. 22620 to 22655 (excluding Cheque No. 22654) for a total of \$148,681.02.

CARRIED

*Note: Councillor C. Tufts excused from meeting

Resolution No. 2014-081

Moved by Councillor M. Gillis: Seconded by Councillor S. Denbow

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Town of Souris approve for payment of Cheque Nos. 22654 in the amount of \$ 495.64.

CARRIED

*Note: Councillor C. Tufts re-entered the meeting

8. Correspondence

The following was circulated for Council information

a) Federal Gas Tax Agreement – 2014-2018 funding

Resolution No. 2014-082

Moved by Councillor M. Gillis: Seconded by Councillor S. Denbow

WHEREAS The Government of Canada and the Province of Manitoba have entered into an agreement to the transfer of Federal Gas Tax Funds effective April 1, 2014; **AND WHEREAS** Manitoba has agreed to administer the funds made available and the Town agrees to accept these funds upon the terms and conditions contained in the agreement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Town of Souris authorize the signing of the Manitoba Federal Gas Tax Agreement for the term of beginning April 1, 2014 and continues until March 31, 2024.

CARRIED

b) The MB Water Services Board – 5 year Core Infrastructure Renewal Plan

A request form was received from Manitoba Water Services Board, requesting municipalities' assistance in identifying new water and sewer projects that are being considered for the next three to five years. This will be reviewed and provided to MWSB prior to May 31, 2014 deadline.

d) AMM – News Bulletin – April 28th, 2014

e) AMM – June District Meeting – June 11, 2014

Resolution No. 2014-083

Moved by Councillor M. Mosionier: Seconded by Councillor B. Apperley

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Town of Souris authorizes the Council members and CAO to attend the AMM June District Meeting hosted by the RM of Wallace and Town of Virden to be held in Virden, MB on Wednesday, June 11th, 2014 with expenses incurred be paid in accordance with By-law No. 1832.

CARRIED

9. Building/Demolition/Development Permits

Resolution No. 2014-084

Moved by Councillor C. Tufts: Seconded by Councillor M. Gillis

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Town of Souris approves the January – April, 2014 Building Permit report as submitted by the Building Inspector.

CARRIED

10. By-laws

a) By-Law No. 1847 – 2014 Levy By-Law – 1st reading

Resolution No. 2014-085

Moved by Councillor C. Tufts: Seconded by Councillor M. Gillis

BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1847, being a By-Law of the Town of Souris to Levy for Taxes for 2014 be given 1st reading.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2014-086

Moved by Councillor C. Tufts: Seconded by Councillor S. Denbow

BE IT RESOLVED that Council recess the regular meeting, to resume following the annual Financial Plan Public Hearing.

CARRIED

*****Note: Regular Council meeting recessed at 8:00 p.m.**

All Council members and one ratepayer were in attendance for the Public Hearing. The Financial Plan Public Hearing was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Act. The CAO proceeded with the detailed review of the Town of Souris 2014 Financial Plan. There were no written or verbal objections to the Plan.

The Public Hearing concluded at 8:40 p.m.

Resolution No. 2014-087

Moved by Councillor M. Mosionier: Seconded by Councillor B. Apperley

BE IT RESOLVED that 2014 Financial Plan Public Hearing does now adjourn and Council resume the Regular meeting.

CARRIED

*****Note: Regular Council meeting resumed at 8:45 p.m.**

11. General Business

a) **Reports**

i) **Public Works Report**

Resolution No. 2014-088

Moved by Councillor S. Denbow: Seconded by Councillor M. Gillis

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Town of Souris authorize the Public Works staff to stabilize the remaining portion of the “Old” Swinging Bridge to be utilized for viewing only – the area will be secured at the end to not allow any public access on bridge.

CARRIED

Public Works items were reviewed:

- Drainage issues
- Erosion control along sidewalk west of Iron Bridge – continue with timber project
- Sidewalk repairs/replacement

ii) Council Reports

Councillors gave brief reports on various committee meetings attended. Discussions were held in regards to the following:

- Souris Glenwood Memorial Complex–heating unit repair – Kirkup Lounge
- Souris Glenwood Community Development – AGM April 22, 2014
- Victoria Park Board
- Town Development Committee – former Ag Office – future development options
- Meetings with Engineer and MIT Representative as well as resident meetings in regards to the Permanent Flood Protection

iii) CAO Report

- Advertisements for Staff replacements in Public Works and Recycling departments
- MMAA Conference –
amalgamation checklist provided by Manitoba Municipal Government

a. Hiring of Summer Staff

The hiring of summer staff was reviewed:

Resolution No. 2014-089

Moved by Councillor M. Mosionier: Seconded by Councillor M. Gillis

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Town of Souris authorize the hiring of staff as per recommendations of the Personnel Committee as attached.

CARRIED

12. Unfinished Business

13. Other Business

14. Notice of Motion

15. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2014-090

Moved by Councillor S. Denbow: Seconded by Councillor M. Gillis

BE IT RESOLVED that the Meeting does now adjourn at 10:00 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, May 20th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Darryl Jackson

CAO Charlotte Parham