

The Town of Souris
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES
Monday October 21st, 2013

The Council for the Town of Souris held its Regular Meeting duly assembled in the Council Chambers of the Town of Souris on Monday October 21st, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Regrets: Carman Tufts

Access TV: Absent

1. Call to Order

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Resolution No. 2013-188

Moved by Councillor B. Apperley: Seconded by Councillor W. Tanguay

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the Minutes

a) **Regular Meeting – October 21st, 2013**

Resolution No. 2013-189

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held October 21st, 2013 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Matters arising from the minutes

5. Hearings

a) 7:00 p.m. - Board of Revision –

Resolution No. 2013-190

Moved by Councillor B. Apperley: Seconded by Councillor W. Tanguay

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council move into a Committee of the Whole to sit as a Board of Revision.

CARRIED

Mr. Darrell Kempthorne, Assessment Officer, Municipal Assessment Branch, attended the meeting to present evidence. (Sworn)

i. 7:05 p.m. – Roll No. 123600 – J. Gonsalves

An appeal was received from Mr. J Tom Gonsalves in regards to the damage caused by the temporary dike system that remains on the property and has reduced the value of the property. Mr. Kempthorne the assessed value of this property had been reduced by 75% of the original assessment at the Board of Revision for the 2012 Assessment Roll.

ii. 7:15 p.m. – Roll No. 123700 – J. Gonsalves

An appeal was received from Mr. J Tom Gonsalves in regards to the damage caused by the temporary dike system that remains on the property and has reduced the value of the property. Mr. Kempthorne the assessed value of this property had been reduced by 75% of the original assessment at the Board of Revision for the 2012 Assessment Roll. The building assessment had not been changed since the 2001 flood. It was noted that the buildings were damaged by the flood waters.

iii. 7:30p.m. – Roll No. 123500 – J. Kowalchuk

An appeal was received from Mr. and Mrs. J Donald Kowalchuk in regards to the damage caused by the temporary dike system that remains on the property and has reduced the value of the property. Mr. Kempthorne advised that this property had been reduced by 25% during the reassessment for flood damaged properties. Discussions were held in regards to the dike system and the impact it has on the value of the properties. The following decisions were reached.

Resolution No. 2013-191

Moved by Councillor B. Apperley: Seconded by Councillor W. Tanguay

BE IT RESOLVED that Board of Revision does now adjourn, and Council resume the regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2013-192

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Town of Souris adopt the decisions of the Board of Revision

– Roll No. 123600 – J. Gonsalves – confirmed

– Roll No. 123700 – J. Gonsalves – remove building assessment – reduce by 3,200

- Roll No. 123500 – J. Kowalchuk – reduce land assessment to 19,900 – reduce by 39,800

CARRIED

6. Delegations

a) Clare and Bev Somersall – Property Issues

A delegation of residents from Forrest Avenue East, Clare and Bev Somersall, Matt Harabachuk and Randy and Barb Gordon attended the meeting to discuss concerns in regards to drainage from the Forrest Avenue subdivision extension onto existing properties on Forrest Avenue East. Council will review the design of the lot directly east of the lane located east of 169 Forrest Avenue East and will proceed to rectify the drainage issues. The delegation was thanked for attending the meeting.

b) Heiko Zinn – Manager Souris & Glenwood Memorial Complex

Mr. Heiko Zinn, Manager for the Souris & Glenwood Memorial Complex attended the meeting to present Council with the 2013-2014 Operating Budget. The budget was reviewed as well as a five year capital plan. A de-humidifier system is needed to be installed in the area to prevent the development of mold. Washroom repairs are required in the Community Hall. Council thanked Mr. Zinn for attending the meeting.

7. Finance

a) **Approval of Accounts to October 21st, 2013**

Resolution No. 2013-192

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 accounts to October 21st, 2013 represented by Cheque Nos. 22041 to 22082 for a total of \$156,234.78.

CARRIED

8. Correspondence

a) Minister of Infrastructure & Transportation – Reduced Speeds in School Zones

A letter was received from Minister of Infrastructure & Transportation informing Council of the new legislation which will enable municipalities set maximum speeds as low as 30km/h in school zones.

b) Minister of Local Government – *The Public-Private Partnerships and Accountability Act*

A letter was received from Minister of Local Government advising that *The Public-Private Partnerships and Accountability Act* and its regulations are now in force for all public sector entities, including municipalities. The Act creates new requirements when pursuing public-private partnerships for capital projects.

c) Manitoba Hydro – Office Closure

A letter was received from Manitoba Hydro explaining the decision to close the office in Souris. Council requested that a representative attend the next meeting to discuss the closure.

d) Mayor – Town of Minnedosa – Hydro Office Closures

A letter was received from Ray Orr, Mayor for the Town of Minnedosa requesting Councils to send letters to AMM with concerns regarding the closure of Hydro offices.

e) AMM – NewsBulletin – October 10th, 2013 – for Council information.

***Note – Councillor M. Mosionier entered the meeting.

9. Building/Demolition/Development Permits

10. By-laws

11. General Business

a. Reports

i) Public Works Report

A brief report provided by the CAO and Public Works Foreman was discussed.

Resolution No. 2013-194

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

WHEREAS the traffic control is required on Oak Avenue West and Maple Avenue West on Preston Street North

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Town of Souris authorize the placement of the following STOP signs:

- a) On the east side of Maple Avenue West onto Preston Street North (for westbound traffic)
- b) On the east side of Oak Avenue West onto Preston Street North (for westbound traffic)
- c) On the west side of Oak Avenue West onto Preston Street North (for eastbound traffic).

CARRIED

ii) Council Reports

Councillors gave brief reports on various committee meetings attended.

Discussions were held in regards to the following:

- Fire Department
- Property Development
- Conservation District
- CDC and Tourism Committee
- Amalgamation discussions

Resolution No. 2013-195

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

WHEREAS the Town of Souris is preparing to celebrate the re-opening of the Swinging Bridge in 2014;

AND WHEREAS the celebration is to be held at an outdoor location on the east side of the Swinging Bridge at 132 Dickson Street and include the closing of Dickson Street and 6th Avenue East at this location;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Town of Souris support the request of the committee to obtain a Community Event Permit from Friday, June 27th to Tuesday July 1st, 2014 for the celebration of the re-opening of the Souris Swinging Bridge.

CARRIED

iii) CAO Report

12. Unfinished Business

13. Other Business

14. Notice of Motion

15. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2013-196

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Meeting does now adjourn at 10:50 p.m. to meet again on Monday, November 4th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Darryl Jackson

CAO Charlotte Parham