

The Town of Souris
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES
Monday November 4th, 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 November 4th, 2013, at 7:00pm

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

Regrets: Bruce Apperley

Access TV: Present

1. Call to Order

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Resolution No. 2013-197

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 – October 21st, 2013**

Resolution No. 2013-198

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

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

6. Delegations

a) 7:05 p.m. – Manitoba Hydro – Office Closures

A delegation representing Manitoba Hydro, Scott Dunn, Joe Thievin, and Bruce Plaisier attended the meeting to provide information in regards to the closure of the Manitoba Hydro office in Souris as well as other communities throughout the province. RM of Glenwood Councillors Sheldon Betker and Leslie Chudley also attended the presentation. The front office–cashier will close in Souris office as of January 15th, 2014. The remainder of the office in Souris which consists of maintenance staff is scheduled to close by March, 2017. The staff will then work out of the Brandon office. The reasoning for the closures is decline in customer traffic, as well as legislation changes for workers. This process was started in 2008. Questions were answered by the representatives. The delegation was thanked for attending the meeting.

b) 7:50 p.m. Southwest Horizon School Division – Traffic Issues

Mr. Sven Kruesch, Chairman and Mr. Kevin Zabowski, Secretary- Treasurer of the Southwest Horizon School Division attended the meeting in regards to a traffic concern that has been recognized on Highway No. 250 within the town limits. There is a number of students that utilize this road to commute from the school to their residence in the Trailer Court. The delegation is requesting the support from the Town of Souris in the form of a letter to MB Infrastructure and Transportation to review the location of the 50km posting and increased signage. Council thanked the delegation for attending the meeting.

7. Finance

a) **Approval of Accounts to November 4th, 2013**

Resolution No. 2013-199

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 November 4th, 2013 represented by Cheque Nos. 22083 to 22130 (excluding Cheque No. 22128) for a total of \$120,949.61.

CARRIED

**Note: Councillor C. Tufts excused from meeting

Resolution No. 2013-200

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Town of Souris approve for payment Cheque No. 22128 in the amount of \$ 620.74.

CARRIED

**Note: Councillor C. Tufts returned to meeting

8. Correspondence

a) MB Municipal Gov't – Community & Regional Planning- Subdivision

Proposal to subdivide Lot 4, Block 3, Plan 26626 BLTO was reviewed.

b) Deputy Minister of Municipal Gov't – AMM Ministers Meetings

A letter was received from the Deputy Minister of Local Government announcing the opportunity for municipalities to meet with Cabinet Ministers at the annual AMM Convention. Requests are to be made by November 6th, 2014.

c) Manitoba Infrastructure & Transportation - Snow Removal Agreement

Resolution No. 2013-201

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Souris enter into a snow removal agreement with Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation for the removal of snow within the Town of Souris – PTH 22 from PTH 2 to Crescent Avenue at a rate of \$116.10 per centimeter of snow based on a previous 5 year average of snowfall as recorded by Environment Canada for the periods of November 1st to March 31st of each year which translates into an average snowfall of 107.5 cm.

CARRIED

d) MB Conservation & Water Stewardship – Dutch Elm Agreement

Resolution No. 2013-202

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Souris enter into a 2013/2014 cost sharing agreement with Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship for the 2013/2014 Dutch Elm Disease Management Program.

CARRIED

e) Minister of Municipal Government – Amalgamation Partners

A letter was received from the Minister of Municipal Government, that the Province is confirming the Town of Souris and the Rural Municipality of Glenwood as amalgamation partners. The letter stated that since the December 1, 2013 deadline is extremely close, a basic amalgamation plan is being provided. If the partnership wishes to vary the basic amalgamation plan an extension may be jointly requested for a extension to February 1, 2014.

Resolution No. 2013-203

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

WHEREAS Bill 33, *The Municipal Modernization Act* (Municipal Amalgamations) has been passed by the Legislative Assembly and is now law. The Act requires municipalities with fewer than 1,000 residents to develop an amalgamation plan jointly with their amalgamation partner(s) by December 1, 2013. The Act also requires neighbouring municipalities to work cooperatively to identify which municipality will be the amalgamation partner of a municipality with fewer than 1,000 residents.

AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Glenwood has a population of fewer than 1,000 residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Souris work in partnership with the Rural Municipality of Glenwood to develop and submit the required amalgamation plan prior to December 1, 2013.

CARRIED

f) AMM Member Advisory – Amalgamation update

Notice was received in regards to resolutions on amalgamation being debated at the AMM Convention.

g) Southwest Horizon School Division – Notice to vacate office space at the Civic Centre, 100 2nd Street S. as of December 1, 2013.

h) AMM – News Bulletin – October 22, 2013 – Council information

9. Building/Demolition/Development Permits

10. By-laws

11. General Business

a. Committee Appointments

Resolution No. 2013-204

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Town of Souris appoint Councillor Sandra Denbow as Deputy Mayor for a term expiring November 3rd, 2014.

AND FURTHERMORE that the Council for the Town of Souris appoint Councillor Bruce Apperley as Alternate Deputy Mayor for a term expiring November 3rd, 2014.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2013-205

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Council Members be hereby appointed to the Boards/Committees listed below for a term expiring November 3rd, 2014:

Airport Commission	Darryl Jackson, Bruce Apperley
Amalgamation	Darryl Jackson, Carman Tufts, William Tanguay
Assiniboine Conservation District	William Tanguay
Avalon Theatre Board	Mandy Mosionier
Beautification Committee	Mandy Mosionier
Civic Centre Committee	Darryl Jackson, Bruce Apperley
Souris/Glenwood Regional Library	Mark Gillis
Souris Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee	Sandra Denbow
Souris & Glenwood Cemetery Board	Sandra Denbow, Mandy Mosionier
Souris & Glenwood Foundation	Darryl Jackson, Carman Tufts
Souris & Glenwood Memorial Complex	Bruce Apperley, Mark Gillis
Souris & Glenwood Planning District	Darryl Jackson, William Tanguay
Souris & Glenwood Veterinary District	Sandra Denbow
Souris & Glenwood Handi Transit Board	Darryl Jackson, Mandy Mosionier
Souris Hospital District Foundation	Darryl Jackson
Souris Parks Board	Mark Gillis, Mandy Mosionier
Souris River Water Commission	William Tanguay
Souris Valley Recreation Board	Mark Gillis
Southwest Natural Gas	Darryl Jackson
Victoria Park Lodge	Sandra Denbow, Darryl Jackson

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2013-206

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Standing Committees be hereby appointed with the first name as the Chairman of the Committee for a term expiring November 3rd, 2014

FINANCE	Mark Gillis, Sandra Denbow
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES-Public Works/Water & Sewer	Bruce Apperley, Carman Tufts, William Tanguay
PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT	Darryl Jackson, Mandy Mosionier, William Tanguay
PROTECTIVE SERVICES	Bruce Apperley, William Tanguay
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	Bruce Apperley, Carman Tufts
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/Tourism	Darryl Jackson, Sandra Denbow
RECREATION – ARENA/COMMUNITY HALL	Bruce Apperley, Mark Gillis
PERSONNEL AND POLICY	Mark Gillis, Carman Tufts

CARRIED

b. Reports

i) Public Works Report

Public Works Meeting held October 28th was reviewed.

ii) Council Reports

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

- Avalon Theatre Board
- Personnel Meeting
- Complex Board Meeting
- CDC Meeting – new EDO hired – Vern May
- Amalgamation discussions

Resolution No. 2013-207

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Town of Souris authorizes Sam Phillips and Bill Tanguay, Town of Souris representatives for the Assiniboine Conservation District to attend the 2013 Conference of the Manitoba Conservation Districts Association to be held in Brandon, MB from December 2nd to 3rd, 2013 with expenses incurred not covered by the Conservation District be paid in accordance with By-law No. 1832.

CARRIED

iii) CAO Report

The CAO was read for Council's information.

12. Unfinished Business

13. Other Business

14. Notice of Motion

15. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2013-208

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Meeting does now adjourn at 9:40 p.m. to meet again on Monday, November 18th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Darryl Jackson

CAO Charlotte Parham