

Regular Meeting of the St. Paul Town Council held in the Council Chambers on Monday, February 11th, 2013 at 19:00 Hours.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Glenn Andersen, Ken Kwiatkowski, Pat Gratton, Norm Noel, Don Padlesky, Ron Boisvert (CAO) and recording secretary Cindy Litwinski.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Danny White

- 1) Moved by Pat Gratton
That, the Agenda be adopted as read.

“CARRIED”

- 2) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski
That, the Public Hearing and Minutes of January 28th, 2013 be adopted as read.

“CARRIED”

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:

- None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Pat Gratton

Chamber of Commerce

- Attended the Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting.
- The Chamber will not be requesting any municipal grants for 2013 operating. They will be using \$10,000.00 from a contingency account.
- They are still planning to work with the Town for the possibility of combining the Business License fees and the Chamber of Commerce membership fees.
- Alice Herperger will remain as president.

MPC

- Robert Porozni has submitted a letter that he is giving Alice Herperger permission to put her shed for use by The Jungle Flower Shop on his adjacent lot. There will be a 30 (thirty) day removal period required by Alice if the lot sells and or if a legitimate complaint ensues. This has been approved by MPC.

Norm Noel

Evergreen

- Attended meeting on January 30th, 2013. Councilor Kwiatkowski will give the report.

Community Futures

- Attended meeting on January 30th, 2013 in Smoky Lake.
- Welcomed Ed Shaske as member at large for Wasketneau
- Loans officer Jody has been helping the Lac La Biche Community futures as they have lost all of their staff except the manager. Jody will be assisting them until they find replacements. He will also help them in the hiring process as the manager has only been with them a few months.
- Hope to have all the extra offices rented out this spring.

Chamber of Commerce

- Attended the Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting.
- They were very disappointed at business turn out to the AGM. There were more elected officials than business owners.

Don Padlesky

MD Foundation

- Attended meeting on January 29th, 2013.
- Last year they operated at 91% occupancy. Their goals are to be around 95% occupancy.
- The 91% vacancy resulted in less revenue and lower expenses.
- Received notice from Alberta Government that there will not be an increase in funding.
- Mayor of Elk Point brought forward to the board that those members interested in attending a conference approach their own council to cover expenses instead of the MD paying.
- The Alberta Senior Citizen’s Housing Association Conference is April 9-12 in Edmonton. Administration will scan and send details to councilors.

Vacancy Report as of January 29, 2013			
	No of units	Vacancies	Applications
Elk Point heritage Lodge	50	4	1
Sunnyside Manor	113	14	0
Buckingham House	19	6	0
Fort George	12	1	0
Heritage Homes I	30	1	11
Heritage homes II	24	0	13
Mallaig	4	1	0
Ashmout	12	1	0
Rural Houses	7	0	0

HUB

- Attended meeting on January 31st, 2013.
- Hub markets and promotes our community by meeting with businesses.
- Lindsey from Two Hills Metal works has joined Hub. He explained how his business needs the Vegreville’s and St. Paul’s to help his business succeed. He also said communities need recreation facilities and programs to attract people. Lindsey will be making a presentation to the Chamber.
- Received a plaque for Minister’s Award for Municipal Excellence 2012 Partnership Award for the Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor foreign Direct Investment Strategy, Town of St. Paul. Signed by Honourable Doug Griffiths Municipal Affairs.
- If Alberta does not find another buyer for our oil products by 2018 USA will be buying less because they are becoming more self-sufficient.
- 90% of businesses in Alberta are classified as small. Meaning they have less than 50 employees.
- Hub is hosting their annual MLA/MP roundtable in Vegreville on February 27th, 2013. Councilor Padlesky is unable to attend. Administration will scan and send the information to Councilors.

Ken Kwiatkowski

Evergreen

- Beaver River Waste management left Evergreen which resulted in a big loss of income for Evergreen.
- They called a special meeting on January 30th, 2013 to work on a balanced budget and tipping fees.
- Starting March 1st, 2013 the new tipping fees will be:
 - The municipalities from the commission fee will go up from \$65.00/tonne to \$75.00/tonne.
 - Commercial Haulers who are within the Commission will now be \$82.00/tonne.
 - Outside waste (Non-partner) tipping fees will be \$125.00/tonne.
 - Mixed Loads-will clarify if the tipping fee will be \$200.00/tonne or \$225.00/tonne.
 - Price of dry waste will remain the same at \$35.00/tonne.

- Ron asked if any expenses were cut. They cannot cut hours. They did not have any cost of living increases. Staff went up 1 or 2 steps on their grids.
- Will discuss wage freezes at the next meeting.
- Mayor Andersen asked if they are looking into any Innovative ideas for garbage instead of burying it. No, they are focusing on increasing the volume of garbage they take in at Evergreen. If they could get 30,000 tonnes per year they could drop the tipping fee by \$20.00 and still have a balanced budget.
- Councilor Padlesky asked Administration to look into how much we spent on garbage to Evergreen last year.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Glenn Andersen

- Attended a Bio-Diesel demonstration in Red Deer. The feed stock consists of mostly plastic and Municipal Solid Waste. They shred all the waste and then convert the waste into bio-diesel by heating it. The plants are sized based on your municipal waste levels. There is a shortage of diesel so there would not be any issues bringing the product to market. The plant is run by two people 24/7.

Muni Core

- There is no new information on the repairs to the trestle.
- They will work with the Water Commission regarding the lines to Elk Point and Spedden to ensure the trail is left in proper conditions once the lines are installed.
- Trail usage is up.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- County of St. Paul would like to plan the Joint Council meeting on March 27th, 2013. Mayor Andersen is not available on that date. Will check if the County is available on Wednesday April 3rd, 2013.
- Our current assessor Vic is leaving at the end of March. Six companies submitted presentations. Administration compiled a list of 9 questions. Accurate Assessment is one of the companies who submitted a proposal. We currently have GIS mapping through them. Both programs would work together. Recommend hiring Accurate Assessment for a 5 year contract with a 90 day exit clause after two years. Ron checked with Cold Lake who currently uses Accurate and they highly recommend them. Vic will also work with them. They are very competitive in price and comparable to what we are currently paying for Assessment services.

3) Moved by Pat Gratton

That, we accept Accurate Assessment as our Assessment company with a 5 year contract and a 90 day exit clause after 2 years.

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- Would like to congratulate Mayor Andersen on receiving his second Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal. He was nominated by FCM.
- Would like to congratulate Trevor Kotowich on receiving a Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal. He was nominated by Canadian Volunteer Firefighters.
- Mailboxes in town have been broken into. Two Hills and Hinton were also hit. Believe this has to do with identity theft. Ron will send an e-mail to the staff sergeant to follow up. If anyone notices their mailbox broken into notify the RCMP.
- We have the tickets to the Hospital Fundraiser on March 2nd, 2013. Please let Ron or Cindy know if you would like to attend.
- Girl Guides of Canada have requested a letter of support to accompany their application for the Community Initiatives Program Grant funded by the Government of Alberta through the Alberta Lottery Fund. They are planning and fundraising for a 16-day trip to England and Switzerland in the summer of 2014.

- 4) Moved by Norm Noel
That, we send a letter of support for the Girl Guides application for the Community Initiatives Program Grant funded by the Government of Alberta.

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- Councilor Kwiatkowski has received complaints on the speeds ski-doo’s are traveling on the trail.
- Councilor Noel has received a request for a street light to be installed. Rick, Ron and ATCO will do a site visit to determine cost and if the light is necessary. Council will decide if the light will be installed.
- Councilor Noel has received calls to see if there is a By-Law about residential snow removal. Currently our By-Law only covers commercial snow removal. If we make a By-Law for residential snow removal, Ryan would have to enforce it. This would put a strain on seniors who need help in removing the snow. Ryan will check with other municipalities to see if they have residential snow removal By-Laws.
- The business at 45 St. and 50 Ave. have pushed the snow from their parking lot onto the sidewalk forcing pedestrians to walk on the street. Ryan will follow up with them to have the snow removed.

- 5) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski
That, we move into Camera at 19:40 Hours.

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- 6) Moved by Don Padlesky
That, we move out of Camera at 20:48 Hours.

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- 7) Moved by Pat Gratton
That, we Adjourn at 20:49 Hours.

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Glenn Andersen Mayor

Cindy Litwinski Recording Secretary