

Meeting of the St. Paul Town Council held in the Council Chambers on Monday, April 22nd, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

PRESENTATION: Kerry Trottier-St. Paul Municipal Library Manager

- Kerry thanks Council for the support they provide to our library.
- Since January there have been 9,100 people through the doors taking out books, using the computers, writing exams etc.
- The library is a busy productive place.
- The library has new paint and furniture. The Children's section is bright and cheerful.
- Since January 10, 250 items have been circulated.
- They have the second highest download rate to e-readers.
- They have many programs like Story Time, Books for Tots, Youth Night, Seniors Afternoon, etc.
- Classroom on Wheels (COW bus) will be coming to St. Paul on October 16th.
- The Library requested \$53,000.00 in funding from the County of St. Paul, which represents 32% of the Municipality funding required. 32% of the library users are from the County of St. Paul. The County of St. Paul has agreed to fund \$35,000.00 to the St. Paul Library for 2013. Kerry hopes next year they will pay their full share of the operating costs.
- In an effort to increase income the membership rates were increased last year. Total memberships have increased. To reduce expenses their programming position has been reduced to part time.
- Council encourages Kerry to use Ron as a resource when preparing their budgets.
- On behalf of Council and the Town of St. Paul we thank Kerry and the Library Board for a great job in running the library.

Mayor Andersen called the regular meeting to order at 19:18 Hours.

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

“CARRIED”

- 2) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski
That, the Minutes from April 8th, 2013 be adopted with the following amendment: Page 30-Don Padlesky-change-“Someone suggested using school buses during the off hours to transport seniors” to “Someone suggested using school bus drivers during the off hours to transport seniors”

“CARRIED”

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:

- They were asked to supply thoughts, ideas and concerns to the following questions:
 - What are the strengths and weaknesses of NLLS?
 - What are the opportunities for NLLS?
 - What are the threats for NLLS?
 - What are the political factors of NLLS?
- Heather Nickel will complete the feedback and provide participants with her report.

Chamber of Commerce

- Attended the regular meeting on April 10th
 - The Chamber receives a lot of requests and inquiries for pictures or videos of what the Town looks like.
 - They are requesting the use of the video we made for Physician Recruitment. We do not have authorization to use these videos on the internet. The next video we make of the Town we will set up the authorization so we can put the video onto our website.
 - The Town has aerial photos that the Chamber can use.
 - We also have professional photo's that were taken in the summer of 2012. The photo's cost \$25.00 each and photo credits must be given to the photographer.
 - The Chamber would like to amalgamate the Town business licenses with the Chamber licenses. Making it mandatory for every business to have a Chamber license.
 - Council suggests that the Chamber survey the businesses in Town to see how they feel about the amalgamated licenses.
 - Council has requested that the Chamber makes a proposal and presents it to Council.
 - The Chamber would like to implement the amalgamated licenses January 1st, 2014.
 - The Chamber's license fee was based on how many employees the business had. The Chamber will be reviewing this process.
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- Received a complaint from a citizen regarding vehicles speeding on 46 Ave & 47 Street, east of the 4-way stop. Administration will notify the staff sergeant and our Peace Officers.

Norm Noel

Growing Rural Tourism Conference in Camrose

- Culinary Tourism-Building a Competitive Advantage session-presented by Anne Kolko. 1/3 of tourist spending is on food and drink. Culinary Tourists spend on average two times more than normal tourists. 50% of Canadians who travel consider food and beverage when choosing a travel destination. 35% of Canadian travelers indicate they would travel primarily for culinary purposes.
- Coloring Outside The Lines session presented by Jeff Tobe. He encouraged people to think outside the box when it came to tourism. He said try and see invisible opportunity where others see visible limitations. You miss 100% of the shots never taken.
- The Why, What & How of Youth Engagement session. 1/3 of employees involved with tourism are under 25 years of age. By year 2025 there will be an expected 250,000 person shortage of workers for the tourism industry.
- Can Small Towns Be Cool-session presented by David Ivan with the Michigan State

- Down Town revitalization session presented by David Ivan. He stressed that the downtown is the face of the community. Successful downtowns are heavily populated with locally owned businesses, not box stores. Tenants and landlords have to be equally committed. Arts and Culture are a key element of downtown success.
- Also attended several smaller sessions throughout the conference.
- Attended the Evergreen Waste Management meeting on April 11th. Councilor Kwiatkowski will be giving the report.
- Attended the St. Paul Canadians Awards Banquet on April 13th. It was nice to see over 100 people in attendance. The team seems to be on the right track and will be a force to contend with in the upcoming years.
- Attended the Champions for Change meeting on April 16th. They officially now have the graffiti removal kits and have had all the graffiti photographed and will be starting removal once weather starts to co-operate. The Thrive on Wellness grant has come in and a meeting with potential stakeholders was held.
- Champions for Change and Downtown Revitalization committees would like make a presentation to Council. They have been added to the May 13th Agenda.
- Would like to congratulate all Sihlouette and Desna Dancers. They had a very successful weekend in competition with several medals and awards being won by both clubs

Danny White

- Would like to find out how the trade show in Sherwood Park went. The trade show was very successful. People who are traveling this year are looking for short trips. 20,461 people attended the trade show. 18,943 people attended in 2012. There is another Tradeshow in Fort McMurray this weekend.

Pat Gratton

- No Report

Ken Kwiatkowski

Evergreen Waste Management

- Attended regular meeting on April 11th, 2013.
- Discussed our waste intake which is less than we had budgeted.
- We contacted Waste Management and BRWM and asked if we could have a meeting with them.
- Waste Management said they would like Evergreen to come up with a proposal and they would review the proposal and meet with Evergreen in a week or two. They will continue to haul to Evergreen until that time.
- Had a meeting with BRWM on April 19th in Bonnyville. Talked about what it would take for them to haul their waste to Evergreen. After receiving that information from them a special meeting was called for Monday April 22nd, 2013. After revealing what was told, our commission came up with a proposal to both BRWM and to Waste Management.
- Attended the Ribbon cutting for the Co-op Liquor store on April 15th, 2013.

MAYOR'S REPORT

PRESENTATION-Barb McCarthy-Audit

- Barb McCarthy presented the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31st, 2012 as attached.

- 3) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski
That, The Town of St. Paul accept the 2012 audited financial statements as presented by Barb McCarthy from Joly, McCarthy and Dion.

“CARRIED”

Mayor Andersen called the regular meeting to order at 20:45 Hours.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- There is a School Crossing Sign that could be placed in the middle of the road to make motorists aware that school is in session and what the speed limit is. The issue with this sign is in the winter time this sign would interfere with snow removal. Ron has forwarded to Doug Fedoruk at the school.
- Have received an invitation to the Lac La Biche County Mayor’s Annual Golf Tournament on Thursday, June 13th, 2013 at the Lac La Biche Golf & Country Club. Tee off is at 10:30 am.

- 4) Moved by Danny White
That, we register a team of 4 for the Lac La Biche County Mayor’s Annual Golf Tournament on June 13th, 2013.

“CARRIED”

- The revised Personnel manuals were sent out to Council a couple weeks ago for review. Every revision is to be approved by Council.

- 5) Moved by Norm Noel
That, we accept the April 2013 revisions to the Personnel manual.

“CARRIED”

- Received a letter from the RCMP regarding requesting \$1,000.00 support for the 33rd Annual RCMP Challenge Cup Relay Race on May 9th, 2013.

- 6) Moved by Don Padlesky
That, we support the RCMP 33rd Annual RCMP Challenge Cup Relay Race on May 9th, 2013 in the amount of \$1,000.00.

“CARRIED”

- The Beavers are back beside the outfall. They are taking down trees.
- The walking trail is really muddy in spots. Have received a request to put gravel down by the Germain subdivision and by UFA. We may look at completing an area

- We were contacted by Communities of Distinction-Discovery Canada who can promote our community on air. They would play the ad 35 times for a cost of \$24,800.00. We will keep it on file for informational purposes.
- Don Allen presentation-administration will look into the possibilities of the Town purchasing their own truck to take the roll off bins to Evergreen. We need to prepare a business plan. We may look into purchasing the Power Master Shredder to reduce the amount of garbage we need to haul. Administration will contact Skagway Alaska to see if they have information or videos of the recycling plant they have there.

8) Moved by Norm Noel
That, we adjourn at 22:00 Hours.

“CARRIED”

Glenn Andersen Mayor

Cindy Litwinski Recording Secretary