

Regular meeting of the Town of St. Paul Council in the St. Paul Town Council Chambers on Monday, March 24th, 2014 at 19:00 Hours.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Glenn Andersen, Edna Gervais, Dwight Wiebe, Don Padlesky, Norm Noel, Judy Bogdan, Ron Boisvert CAO and recording secretary Cindy Litwinski.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ken Kwiatkowski

- 1) Moved by Judy Bogdan
That, the Agenda be adopted as read.

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- 2) Moved by Don Padlesky
That, the minutes from March 10th, 2014 Regular Council meeting be adopted with the following amendment: Page 25: Presentation-Third bullet: change “They” to “The”.

“CARRIED”

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:

EC Mapping Coalition presentation

- Clarify that the St. Paul and Area EDI results was done by postal code and excludes Aboriginals.
- Ron will follow up with Linda regarding a letter of support.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Don Padlesky

St. Paul Library Board

- Attended regular meeting on March 13th, 2014.
- Statistics for January: 2,587 patrons, 2,440 transactions.
- Statistics for February: 2,560 patrons, 1,966 transactions.
- Former resident of St. Paul Carmen Lambert was in town for a while and instructed yoga to 38 participants.
- The programmer area is getting more and more participants each month. Some of the programs are: Scavenger Hunt with the Brownies, Rhyme Time, Author Talk, Youth Night and Newcomers Afternoon.
- Councilor Gervais went to the Library and was very impressed with how cheerful and helpful the staff was.
- Councilor Bogdan attended the Library and was happy with all the changes made at the Library.
- Requesting that when the Library minutes are sent out, that all the reports are included with them.

Judy Bogdan

- Attended a meeting at Brian Storseth’s office.
- Will be attending the Airport meeting on March 27th, 2014.
- Will be attending the HUB meeting on March 28th, 2014.

Norm Noel

Parks and Recreation

- Have started a practice of having a different user group come in and do a presentation at each meeting. The first group was the St. Paul Golf Course.

Jarrid Pasitney (manager) and their new grounds keeper Jim Riopelle gave us an update regarding the club. They are hoping for an earlier opening than last year. Last fall they addressed drainage issues on the course by trenching and appreciated the Town of St. Paul's Public Works help in removal of excess dirt. They are winding down on the 10 year memberships with only a few left to expire next year. This will help financially as they will start seeing more funds from yearly memberships. There was discussion on the possible sharing of grounds equipment (Spreaders & Slicers) between the Recreation Department and the Golf Course. Jim Riopelle was introduced to the group. Jim comes with 30 plus years' experience in turf management. Jim was more than willing to help the Town or any user groups that may benefit from his training. Gary thanked them for their presentation.

- The CAP Arena is now closed and the Clancy Arena will close April 13th, 2014.
- A1 Midway will be in Town May 16th-18th, 2014.
- Family Fun Circus will be in Town May 29th, 2014. Councilor Gervais recommended notifying the residents regarding the Midway and Circus. We will put the information on our Website and Facebook Page.
- Communities in Bloom have now been officially registered.
- We have received a request from the Town and County FCSS for use of the Reunion Station at no cost to host the Northeast Regional Spring Meeting on April 25th, -26th, 2014.

3) Moved by Norm Noel

That, we allow the Town and County FCSS the use of the Reunion Station on April 25th-26th, 2014 for the Northeast Regional Spring meeting at no cost.

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Aquatic Centre

- Saturday lessons have become popular.
- School lessons have had 5 classes a day for the last 2 weeks.
- The Swim Club has replaced lane ropes.
- The Gym has been very busy; one staff is taking a course on personal training.

Champions for Change AGM

- Elections were held and the executive was chosen: Chair-Kristy Baron, Vice Chair-Penny Fox, Past Chair-Roxanne Bergheim, Treasurer-Donna Desjardins, and Secretary-Val Pratch.
- Downtown Revitalization Chair: Penny Fox.

Champions for Change Regular Meeting

- Presentation was given by Linda Boone regarding Heritage Days September 26th-28th, 2014. FCSS would like to possibly team up with Champions for Change to host this event. Champions will be discussing and getting back to Linda.
- The date for this year's Harvest Ball will be Saturday September 27th, 2014 at the Ukrainian Orthodox Hall.
- We received correspondence from the Second Harvest group asking for a possible partnership with Champions for Change. It was decided with the information provided that we would not partner at this time, but would review in a year.
- A \$5,000.00 deposit has been put on the sculpture from Stewart Steinhauer by Champions for Change on behalf of the Downtown Revitalization group.
- \$15,000.00 commitment from the Town of St. Paul will be sent once the Town receives an invoice.
- The PA systems at the Arena were looked at last week. Will have Gary look into the PA system at the Recreation Centre.
- Councilor Bogdan had concerns regarding the amount of people at the Bullarama event in case there was a fire. This event is not held in our building and we will forward the information to our Fire Chief to follow up.

Dwight Wiebe

FCSS

- National Volunteer Week is April 6th-12th, 2014. We have been approved for funding in the amount of \$495.00 from Volunteer Alberta to recognize and show our appreciation for volunteers.
- Seniors Week Event Monday June 2nd, 2014. Our recent proposal to co-host the Provincial Seniors Week event was not selected. An organization in Edmonton was chosen.
- Heritage Festival: there is currently a call for applications for funding for a Cultural project that may be suitable for the Heritage Festival. The grant applications are open to Libraries and other Societies. The deadline to apply is April 28th, 2014. Linda will check with the Library and Champions for Change to see if they are interested in applying for a grant to fund the Heritage Festival.
- Lakeland Parent Link has received funding in the amount of \$16,500.00 to support mental health in young children.

Safety Codes Council

- The Safety Codes Council agreement for Plumbing and Gas was sent out for Council to review. MPC is recommending renewing the contract for another 3 years.

4) Moved by Dwight Wiebe

That, we accept and sign the Safety Codes Council 3 year agreement.

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Edna Gervais

St. Paul & District Chamber of Commerce

- Attended meeting on April 12th, 2014.
- The Executive Director has resigned; we will be looking for a suitable candidate to replace Matisson Hannotte. Her last day is April 11th, 2014. She has done a great job and will be missed.
- Reminder that Law Day is April 1st, 2014 at the St. Paul Courthouse from 1:30PM - 3:30PM.
- Extreme Hockey Night is on April 12th, 2014.
- There were some concerns expressed in regards to Home Based Business and Business Licenses. A letter from the Chamber of Commerce will be forwarded to Council.
- The \$5,000.00 funding from the Town was received and will be put towards increasing revenue by increasing memberships.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Glenn Andersen

- Attended the Northern Leaders Summit March 14th, 2014 in Athabasca. Was able to meet with Ministers and it was very productive.
- Received a couple phone calls regarding grader blades gouging lawns while removing snow. Public Works will fix these areas in the spring.
- Received a letter from Slave Lake: they have concerns regarding healthcare. They are requesting information on the set up of the Wellness Centre. We will review the letter again once we have more information.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- Received a copy of a letter from Minister Jonathan Denis responding to Mayor Thomas Tarpey from the Town of Peace River regarding policing costs. This letter was very similar to the letter that we received.
- Received a letter from the St. Paul and District Elder Safety and Rights Team requesting permission to tie purple ribbons along Main Street on June 9th, 2014. The ribbons will be removed on June 16th, 2014.

- 5) Moved by Norm Noel
That, we allow the St. Paul & District Elders Safety and Rights Team to tie purple ribbons along Main Street on June 9th, 2014 and remove the ribbons on June 16th, 2014.

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- Reviewed the Governments Travel Expenses Reimbursement Guidelines; the rates have not changed.

Census

- Town of St. Paul Census results: 2007-5,441, 2010-5,632, 2012-5,844.
- Federal Government Census results: 2001-5,061, 2006-5,106, 2011-5,400.
- The Federal Government will be completing another census in 2016.
- The Federal Governments census results are always lower than ours because they go to people’s houses once and do not go back if there was no answer. The Town will keep going back to get the census filled out.
- To complete a Census costs approximately \$4,000.00.
- The Town of St. Paul will complete a Census in 2014.

- Riverland Trail Trestle Contribution: The Town was originally requested to contribute \$13,700.00. Muni-Corr is asking for a one time contribution. Muni-Corr will be having a meeting in a couple of weeks. We will discuss our contribution at a later date.
- We are currently renting our land north of the Soccer Fields to Carl Slonowski. The rental fees have been \$3,200.00 for a number of years. We are recommending increasing the rental fee to \$4,000.00 per year.

- 6) Moved by Don Padlesky
That, we increase the rental fee of the land located at NE 0-58-9-W4th (107 Acres) from \$3,200.00 per year to \$4,000.00 per year.

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- Mayor Andersen and Ron will be attending a trade show in Sherwood Park on April 11th-13th, 2014. They will be attending a trade show in Fort McMurray on April 25th-27th, 2014.
- Wildrose 10-10 Plan for municipal funding: This plan would flow 10% of provincial tax revenue and 10% of budget surplus directly to municipalities across the province. Municipalities need concrete numbers to work with. If there is no surplus municipalities will not see any money. Would prefer to see a number instead of a percentage. If you have any concerns or would like to recommend changes contact Wildrose.

- 7) Moved by Dwight Wiebe
That, we move into camera at 19:47 Hours

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- 8) Moved by Don Padlesky
That, we move out Camera at 20:07 Hours.

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- 9) Moved by Norm Noel
That, we Adjourn at 20:08 Hours

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Glenn Andersen Mayor

Cindy Litwinski Recording
Secretary