

Regular meeting of the Town of St. Paul Council in the St. Paul Town Council Chambers on Monday, June 24th, 2014.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

PRESENTATION:-MP Brian Storseth

- Brian thanked Council for the opportunity to come and meet with them.
- Brian would like to discuss which programs are available and what the Town of St. Paul's priorities are.
- Housing for Homelessness: as Brian gets more information on this grant he will forward to Administration and Council. There should be more information available in the next few days.
- Deadline to submit applications for the New Horizons for Senior's grant is July 4th, 2014.
- There is an Enabling Accessibility Initiative that has just come out. It now has a maximum grant of \$50,000.00 per project. The maximum used to be \$25,000.00. It will be forwarded to Administration tomorrow. This grant could be used for elevators and ramps for better accessibility to buildings for people with disabilities.
- Temporary Foreign Workers Program: The government announced the new changes to the program. They have come up with one solution for the entire country. There are some jurisdictions that do not need temporary foreign workers however in Alberta we do need them. There are a lot of concerned employers in our community as they rely on temporary foreign workers. The application for a temporary foreign worker is now \$1,000.00. The Federal Government needs to have individual policies for each province instead of one policy for all of Canada. Businesses with less than 10 employees are exempt from the new policy. They should look at changing the EI system so people do not work 6-8 weeks and then collect for the rest of the year.
- Building Canada Grant: the guidelines are out however the application is not yet available in Alberta. There is always lots of competition for this grant. Brian suggests hosting a meeting with the Town and County to discuss our priorities.
- Brian will lobby for projects in our area for mental health.
- The province is booming and our roadways need to be repaired. 20 municipalities have agreed that Highway 28 should be a priority for repairs and passing lanes. It is not just about the traffic on our roads but the type of traffic.
- Brian is available on Facebook and his office in St. Paul. Please contact if you have any questions.
- Brian asked if we received more funding for the Wellness Centre regarding becoming an FCC. We have not received any more funding however Mayor Andersen is still working on it. The Town is currently designing the north side of the Wellness Centre and it is turning into something really good.
- Brian had a great meeting with the Fire Chief. They discussed doubling the funding for fire and this has been passed onto the Minister of Finance. We hope to see an increase in the next budget.
- There are petitions being handed out regarding the hospital and health care facilities. They are asking for a new hospital.
- Pat O'Neil is doing a great job on the NADC (Northern Alberta Development Council).
- Mayor Andersen thanked MP Brian Storseth for taking the time to discuss concerns with council.

Mayor Andersen called the Regular meeting to order at 19:42 Hours.

- 1) Moved by Don Padlesky
That, the Agenda be adopted as read.

“CARRIED”

- 2) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski
That, the minutes from the regular meeting on June 9th, 2014 Council meeting be adopted as read.

“CARRIED”

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:

- Page 67-Judy’s report-The Homelessness Grant application has been forwarded to Second Harvest.
- Page 66-Ken’s Report: The Reunion Station is booked on August 16th, 2014 and will not be available for the Wild Pink yonder BBQ. Will have to look for another venue.
- Presentation to RCMP-There is a photo at J & L Photography called “The Serge” for \$530.00. Councilor Padlesky and Gervais looked at the print.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dwight Wiebe

- Heritage Festival Grant: FCSS completed and submitted the grant application. They should be announcing the recipients shortly. The Heritage Festival will be on September 26th, 2014. If we are successful with the grant application the Festival will be September 26th-27th, 2014.
- Will be partnering with Travel Alberta for advertising funding.
- Held Volunteer Appreciation event, it was very successful and they had a great turn out. Aline Pratch was presented a certificate of appreciation for 26 years’ service as a “Meals on Wheels” volunteer.
- They have a draft application for organizations to fill out when they are requesting funding from FCSS.
- Reminder the First Responders Appreciation BBQ is on June 26th, 2014 from 5:00PM-7:00PM at the Reunion Station.

Norm Noel

- Attended Municipal Planning Commission on June 12th, 2014.

Evergreen Regional Waste Management

- Attended meeting on June 12th, 2014.
- Presented the commission with the letter on behalf of the Town of St. Paul giving our one year notice of ceasing our membership to Evergreen Regional Waste Management. The letter was filed as correspondence and not opened or read until the end of the meeting.
- We had a presentation from K&K Recycling Services, they are the company who has had a contract for the last 3 years to remove all metal from all transfer station sites and the Evergreen Waste site. K&K paid \$40.00 per metric tonne for the metal they removed from the sites. They have asked Evergreen to sign a 5 year contract as the current contract has expired. It would be at the guaranteed value of \$40.00 per metric tonne. In 2012 they removed 731 tonnes from all sites for a total payout of \$29,240 and in 2013 they removed 542 tonnes for a payout of \$21,680.00. It was noted that this money had been going into general revenue for Evergreen, but should have been credited back to the respective municipalities where it was taken from. They will be doing this in the future. They did not keep a record of how much metal was from each municipality in 2012 & 2013 so they cannot determine how much should have been credited to each municipality. It was noted that K&K do not leave a site until it is signed off by the operator so make sure you are satisfied with the clean-up of the site before signing off. The Town would have to sign their own contract with K&K.

- The garbage compactor is now off warranty. A new compactor would cost between \$470,000.00-\$480,000.00 to replace. The old compactor should sell for \$120,000.00 leaving a short fall of \$350,000.00-\$360,000.00. Currently there is \$281,800.00 in reserves for the purchase of a new compactor.
- New cell construction started two weeks ago.
- A presentation was done to Lac LaBiche regarding hauling their garbage to Evergreen. Lac La Biche has not made a decision yet as they were waiting to have a few more presentations before making a decision.
- I brought up on behalf of Councilor Bogdan that there were some discrepancies in previous minutes as to her attendance of meetings. Councilor Bogdan was to pass on these discrepancies to the recording secretary and have it corrected.
- A delegation from Evergreen was to meet with Environment Minister Campbell. On the agenda was the concern with the leachate the site has been having because of the wet years. The delegation would also be inquiring about a possible pilot project involving co-gen technology.
- The Town's letter giving one year notice was read to the board. Upon which Councilor Bogdan and myself were asked to leave the room so the board could discuss. Upon our re-entry into the meeting the board passed a motion to file for information pending legal advice.
- June 13th went to attend the St. Paul Elder Abuse walk to discover it had to be cancelled due to a conflict with the AGM meeting for Alberta Seniors Association.

Champions for Change

- Attended the regular meeting on June 17th, 2014.
- Looking at the possibility of starting a youth program, this would help in engaging the youth of the community.
- Thrive on Wellness is still looking to hire someone to fill the part time position they have available.
- Harvest Ball is fast approaching and all sub committees have been set to handle all the tasks that come with hosting this event on September 27th, 2014.
- Downtown Revitalization Committee has reported all the plans for Canada Day are in place for June 30th, 2014 and July 1st, 2014. The events are starting at 5:00PM on June 30th at the Recreation Centre and conclude with a fireworks display that evening. Events start again at 7:30 AM on July 1st with a pancake breakfast hosted by St. Paul Lions Club. Opening ceremonies are at 11:00AM with a variety of entertainment and events planned throughout the day.
- Funding for the Graffiti program has now concluded. There are still supplies left for cleaning which can be picked up at the Community Futures Office. Look into if a non-profit group can take over the graffiti program.
- Party in the Park is ready to start its second season with concerts planned for July 16th, 30th, August 13th and a street dance on August 27th, 2014.
- The "Spirit Bear" statue was set in place yesterday at Racette School. Final touches have yet to be done. Amil will be asking the school board to possibly have the statue dedicated to emergency services. SPERD should have insurance on the bear because it is on their property.

Parks & Recreation

- Attended the St. Paul Parks and Recreation board meeting on June 24th, 2014.
- The outdoor fitness facility is up and running and the grand opening had to be postponed until later in July. Gary will be advising us once the date is officially set.
- The recreation Board was approached by the Wolitski family to set up a memorial plaque, tree and bench in Lagasse Park. They would work with Gary and Marcel at setting up the exact location in the park. It is the Recreation Boards recommendation that we give permission for the installation of a plaque, bench and tree in Lagasse Park.

3) Moved by Norm Noel

That, we allow the Wolitski family to install a memorial plaque, bench and tree at Lagasse Park.

"CARRIED"

- The recreation department had received a request for updated playground equipment in Lyndale, Lingin and Wheeler Park. Gary explained that he will be putting these parks in his budget for next year. Crescent, Spring Creek and RCMP parks will all have new swing sets by July 2nd, 2014.
- FCSS has sent a letter requesting the use of the Reunion Station for a potato roast August 29th, 2014 and the use of the Recreation Centre on September 26th & 27th, 2014 for the Heritage festival.
- The fish pond will have a sign installed naming it "Willie's Pond" to show appreciation to Willie Wychophen for the huge donation he provided in building of the pond.
- Parks and Recreation staff have several projects on the go from installation of bike racks, benches and picnic tables to the removal of existing batting cage and construction of new facility in July.
- June 20th attended the St. Lina 4-H appreciation BBQ along with Councilor Padlesky. This was a well-attended event with the food and hospitality being second to none.
- Received a letter from the St. Paul and District Arts Foundation requesting a letter of support that they would include with their CIP grant application to assist with costs of renovating their building.

4) Moved by Norm Noel

That, we provide the St. Paul and District Arts Foundation with a letter of support that will be sent with their CIP grant application to assist with the costs of renovating their building.

"CARRIED"

Judy Bogdan

- Attended the Evergreen Waste Management meeting on June 12th, 2014.
- Reminder the HUB AGM is June 25th, 2014 at the Senior Centre at 5:30 PM. Supper will be at 6:00PM.
- Vagrancy: propose a circle meeting with By-Law Officers, Parks & Recreation manager, myself as an outreach worker and individuals. Would like to get the vagrants involved in the community. In discussions with Linda to use the empty garden plot.

Champions for Change

- The "Spirit Bear" has been erected and the dedications will be forth coming.
- Champions for Change would like to express their gratitude to Town Council for providing financial support.
- Herman Poulin had guests from Quebec and they were impressed with our community.
- Party in the Park and Street Dance: a letter to request the closure of 49th street between 50th and 51st Ave. from 6:00PM to midnight on August 27th, 2014 for their street dance. They are also requesting 10 picnic tables and 1 porta-potty. The request will be forwarded to Parks & Recreation.
- The Party in the Park events will be on July 16th, 30th and August 13th, 2014. The County's food truck has been secured for the three Party in the Park events.

Don Padlesky

- June 12th, 2014 attended the Fort Garry Fire Ladder Truck demonstration. I was able to operate the ladder; it reminded me of playing video games. It is an impressive truck that costs approximately \$700,000.00.
- June 12th, 2014 attended the St. Paul Library board meeting. We completed our 2014-2017 plan of service. We received the Canada Summer Employment Grant for one position. Sidney Warchola will fill the position. STATS: April total patrons were 2,727, May total patrons was 3,142. They are expecting to have more patrons in July 2014 than the all-time high of 3,800 in 2013.

- June 16th, 2014 attended the Northern Lights Library Services Executive meeting which lasted just under 4 hours. They have begun to work on their 2015 budget so it can be passed at the November AGM. The annual fall conference is on September 19th-20th, 2014. I cannot attend due to work and the AUMA conference the following week.
- Attended the 4-H appreciation BBQ in St. Lina on June 20th, 2014. It was very enlightening.
- June 22nd-24th, 2014 was in Fort McMurray to work a casino for St. Paul Soccer Facilities. The monies raised from casinos have helped numerous clubs and organizations in St. Paul.

Edna Gervais

Alberta Council on Aging

- On behalf of Mayor Andersen and Council I welcomed everyone to St. Paul. The AGM and guest speakers followed.
- Honorable Dave Quest the Associate Minister for Seniors made a brief presentation followed by a question and Answer period. Various communities across Alberta made short presentations in regards to their concerns about healthcare and housing for seniors and made suggestions on how it could be improved.

Concerto Network

- Ron and I met with Suzanne on June 18th, 2014.
- The Concerto Network was setup to bring Alberta's municipalities together to highlight the added value of bilingualism for sustainable economic development. The main focus are 4 pillars: tourism, immigration, attraction of investors and green energy initiatives, with a common goal for economic growth in their respective regions.
- We have to decide how we choose to market St. Paul with our official "joining the network event". Concerto will partner with us in the preparation and funding of this event.
- We have asked for copies from other municipalities who have done the announcement.
- We will plan the event in October.
- Ron and Councilor Gervais will lead the preparations. We will need to secure a venue.

Heritage Festival

- The Heritage Festival will be held September 26th, 2014 from 3:30 PM-8:00PM.
- They have applied for a \$5,000.00 Grant from Alberta Culture; if it is approved it will be a 2 day event.
- The booths for ethnic foods, various displays and entertainment are being booked.
- If you know anyone that would like to participate please call FCSS.

Ken Kwiatkowski

- The cross walk sign at Portage College is crooked. Administration received a call on Monday that a vehicle had hit all the lights down Main Street. Carillion has been notified.
- Has a concern with the sidewalks in the Dollarama mall; they are too narrow for a wheelchair. Now they have put planters on the sidewalks so no wheelchairs will be able to access the stores. Ron will forward to the developers.
- Once a study is completed on the turning light at 48th street we will be notified.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Glenn Andersen

- Councilor Kwiatkowski indicated that there is a mechanism that will allow people in wheelchairs to change traffic lights. I found this device at the FCM convention and have forwarded the information to Ron to look into.
- Received a letter from Portage College inviting Council to join the Board and Senior Administration for dinner to discuss post-secondary needs in our community. They have provided dates they are available. Admin will scan and send to Council.

- Governance Policies: would like to review one policy each month. Each department will be reviewing their policies.
- Have received correspondence that a theatre company has collaborated with Alberta Health Services and is considering choosing St. Paul as one of the stops on the tour. This production is about unlocking the barriers to patient-centered care for those living with mental illness. They are inquiring if the Town is willing to collaborate with the theatre company to ensure that St. Paul is selected as a location. They are planning to tour 27 communities across British Columbia and Alberta from January – March 2015. The cost would be \$2,000.00 and we would have to provide a facility with stage. We will review this at strategic planning.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- Ron sent out a copy the dates municipalities are having their parade. Please let Ron know if you are interested in volunteering to take the float to a parade. Councilor Bogdan will take the float to Ashmont on August 9th, 2014.
- Received a letter from Alberta Transportation regarding Off-Highway Vehicle Helmets for Youth. They are exploring the option to align the rules for OHV with the rules for bicycles; that is, to require that all OHV operators and passengers under the age of 18 wear a helmet while on public land. The Town of St. Paul will send a letter to Alberta Transportation that we are in support and agree with their initiative.
- Received a letter from the St. Paul Curling Club requesting assistance to construct an elevator in the curling club. The project cost is \$90,000.00 and they have a verbal pledge of assistance from the Federal Government for \$30,000.00. We will discuss this at strategic planning in November.
- Received a letter from St. Paul Foundry Ltd. informing us that the mural on the St. Paul Foundry store suffered extensive heat damage when the Hansen Hotel burnt. They will be repairing the burnt wall paint and painting over the mural. The wall will then be used to affix commercial signage related to their business.
- Haying in the 30's Pancake breakfast August 3rd, 2014: Please let administration know if you can volunteer for this event. Last year Smitty's made the batter for us, will see if they can make it again this year.
- St. Paul Abilities Network 50th Anniversary: they have requested that July 4th, 2014 be declared SPAN Day in recognition of their anniversary. SPAN Day would be a onetime event.

- 5) Moved by Norm Noel
That, we declare July 4th, 2014 SPAN Day in recognition of their 50th anniversary.

“CARRIED”

- Ron reviewed the Photo Radar services fees. Once we sign a contract they need to advertise for 90 days. If we sign the contract now Photo Radar enforcement would begin October 1st, 2014.

- 6) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski
That, we accept the fees for Global Traffic Group and sign a contract with them for Photo Radar Enforcement.

“CARRIED”

Temporary RV Park at 5013-40A Street

- Richard Charbonneau has approached the Town about opening up his Temporary RV Park. Council approved the opening of the park at the April 28th, 2014 Council meeting under the conditions that he is charged for a minimum of 12 RV's.
- Richard was not going to proceed with the park this year; however he has been approached by Somerville and TELUS to use it.

- Richard is requesting that he is charged only for the RV's that are on site each month. This would be difficult to track as we could take a count at the first of each month, however RV's that come to the site after the 1st would not be recorded until the following month.

7) Moved by Dwight Wiebe
That, we rescind motion 5) from the April 28th, 2014 Council meeting.

"CARRIED"

8) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski
That, we renew the contract for the Temporary RV Park at 5013-40A Street. There will be a minimum charge of 12 trailers per month.

"DEFEATED"

9) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski
That, we renew the contract at the same rates as last year for the Temporary RV Park at 5013-40A Street. There will be a minimum charge of 10 trailers per month. The contract will be effective July 1st, 2014.

"CARRIED"

- Received a letter from the Northeast Alberta Track and Field Club requesting support and approval for their rodeo Mile on August 30th, 2014 preceding the parade.

10) Moved by Judy Bogdan
That, we allow the Northeast Alberta Track & Field Club to have their Rodeo Mile on August 30th, 2014 preceding the parade.

"CARRIED"

- Received an invitation to the St. Paul Ag Society's 100th Anniversary celebration on July 19th, 2014 at the St. Paul Recreation Centre. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. Please let Cindy know if you would like to attend this event.
- Received a letter from the Quilting Bees Guild of St. Paul requesting us to write a letter to the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission on their behalf supporting the approval of granting a bingo license. Will forward to administration.

11) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski
That, we move into Camera at 21:36 Hours.

"CARRIED"

12) Moved by Don Padlesky
That, we move out of Camera at 22:15 Hours.

"CARRIED"

13) Moved by Norm Noel
That, we Adjourn at 22:16 Hours.

"CARRIED"

Glenn Andersen Mayor

Cindy Litwinski Recording Secretary