

Regular meeting of the Town of St. Paul Council in the St. Paul Town Council Chambers on Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 at 19:00 Hours.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Don Padlesky

- 1) Moved by Dwight Wiebe  
That, the Agenda be adopted as read.

“CARRIED”

- 2) Moved by Judy Bogdan  
That, the minutes of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Council meeting be adopted with the following amendment:
  - Page 138-Remove Norm Noel from Ground Ambulance Presentation.
  - Page143-Change “\$30,000 would be taken from reserves” to “ \$15,000.00 would be taken from reserves”

“CARRIED”

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Judy Bogdan**

- Attended Golf Course AGM on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- We voted in a new board. Councilor Bogdan will forward the information to Administration and Council.
- The Golf Course is pleased with the snow removal and collaboration with the Town.

**Norm Noel**

**Joint Fire Commission**

- Attended meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the County of St. Paul office.
- I was appointed Chair of the Commission.
- The commission will be meeting quarterly and the next meeting will be on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- St. Paul Fire Department has applied for a CIP grant for the Rapid Response Unit. The cost of this unit will be approximately \$200,000.00. The grant application was for \$75,000.00 with an undetermined split of \$75,000.00 from the County and Town of St. Paul. The balance will be fund raised by the St. Paul Fire Department.
- Used set of Jaws of Life was purchased last week at a cost of \$30,000.00. \$15,000 is coming from the highway traffic reserve and \$7,500.00 each from the County and Town of St. Paul. The Town portion was from the department equipment budget.
- Discussion was held regarding Medical Assists by the Fire Department. The dispatching of ambulances has been causing issues with all our area Fire Departments as they are arriving on scene before the ambulance arrives. This is of great concern as it puts pressure on our volunteers who mostly are not paramedics or EMT's and can only provide minimal assistance to those in need.

**Recreation Department**

- Attended meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- All facilities are operating on a steady use.
- Received a request from 4-H Multi-Club for placement of a Sea Can beside the existing Sea Can to store their equipment. Request was forwarded to MPC.
- Received a request from Recreation Board Member Real Labrie to miss three consecutive meetings. Recreation Board approved the request.

- Received a request from Girl Guides to use the Reunion Station on March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 at the break even rate of \$262.50 plus GST. Recreation Board approved the request.

3) Moved by Norm Noel

That, we allow the Girl Guides the use of the Reunion Station on March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the break even rate of \$262.50 plus GST.

“CARRIED”

**Evergreen Regional Waste Management Commission**

- Attended meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- Discussion on purchase of new compactor was on the agenda and it was decided by the Commission to hold off on the purchase at this time. The County of St. Paul and the County of Smoky Lake are going to have their mechanics take a look at the unit to see if they can resolve the lack of power issues.
- A motion was put forward and passed that Ramona Arnett attend the Alberta Care meeting in Nisku on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- A motion was put forward and passed that Ramona Arnett attend the Annual Care Conference in Banff from February 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- Discussed how much of a deficit we might see for the 2014 operating year. Ramona estimated that it would be between \$110,000.00 to \$118,000.00. The Town would be paying a large portion of this based on the tonnage we haul to the landfill.
- Mayor Andersen suggested that Evergreen review their rates for private haulers so that the town is not subsidizing private businesses using the landfill.

**MPC**

- Attended the meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**Dwight Wiebe**

**FCSS**

- Parent Link has been really busy, the number of people using the program have doubled.

<b>Parent Link Participation Numbers</b>			
	Children 0-5 years	Children 6-17 Years	Parents
April/2013-September/2013	721	84	558
October/2013-March/2014	1410	159	1064
April/2014-September/2014	1359	155	1077

**MPC**

- The St. Paul 4-H Multi Club is asking to locate a Sea-Can on the Town property north of the Clancy Arena. MPC has no issues with the Sea-Can placement.
- Mayor Andersen suggested that they discuss the grading of the land with Public Works before the Sea-Can is put there.

4) Moved by Dwight Wiebe

That, we allow the St. Paul 4-H Multi Club to place a Sea-Can on Town property north of the Clancy Arena as per the attached map.

“CARRIED”

**Ken Kwiatkowski**

- Attended Health Advisory Board meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Mayor Andersen suggested compiling a list of concerns that he can discuss with the Minister of Health when he meets with him.

#### Marketing

- Attended meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- Google Maps have upgraded the view of the Town of St. Paul.
- The Town of St. Paul, Chamber of Commerce and Alberta Hub will be putting together packages for developers. The information will be on our Town Website.
- There was a discussion if we should change the criteria on whose names would go up on our Welcome Signs. The question will be put on our Website in the New Year.
- Website hits: 2008-31,138, 2009-53,187, 2010-50,267, 2011-58,065, 2012-83,656, 2013-99,755, 2014-115,943.

#### Community Futures

- Attended meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- All Community Futures offices will be working with a one year contract. The two and three year contract will be looked at in the next year.
- Starting in 2016 all members on the Community Futures Board can only be a board member for a maximum 9 years.

#### Edna Gervais

- No Report

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

#### Glenn Andersen

- Would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- Received a letter from North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance thanking us for our past support. They are requesting financial support for 2015 in the amount of \$2,816.00 (\$0.50/capita).

#### 5) Moved by Edna Gervais

That, we support the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance in the amount of \$2,816.00 for the 2015 budget year.

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- Alberta Health Services Ambulance Delivery Options-Administration sent out information regarding the Direct Delivery Model. Administration has sent a letter of support for the Direct Delivery Model.
- Received a thank you letter from Farm Safety for our 2014 contribution.
- Received a letter from Kalyna Country Performing Arts Association requesting a donation for their Festival. The Festival runs from March 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2015. We will take this as information only as we already support Kalyna Country.
- Received a Christmas card from the St. Paul Elementary School Grade 4 Class.

### **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

- We had a tire damaged on the cat grader. The County of St. Paul has the tires in stock and is willing to sell us six tires for \$10,800.00. This item is not included in the 2014 budget.

#### 6) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski

That, we purchase 6 grader tires from the County of St. Paul for \$10,800.00 in 2014.

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- Electricity Rate-council approved to sign the electricity contract for an additional two years at a rate of 5.842KWH. We secured the blended rate of 5.754 KWH.
- Gas Rate-council approved to sign a 3 year Gas contract for 4.07GJ. We secured the rate of 3.86 GJ.

- Received a request from Roll #1754 to waive the property tax penalty. This resident filed an appeal to their assessment. They were advised to pay their taxes in full before the due date and if there was an assessment change a refund would be issued to them. They did not pay their taxes by the deadline. Council has denied this request.
- Received a letter from the St. Paul & District Arts Foundation requesting financial support in 2015. Council would like the group to make a presentation to Council so they can find out more information regarding the request.
- Roll #411-St. Paul & District Arts Foundation purchased the old Value Drug Mart building. They are a not-for-profit organization and are requesting a refund on their taxes from August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 in the amount of \$2,752.06. Not-for-profit organizations are exempt from property taxes.

7) Moved by Norm Noel

That, we write off and refund the taxes on roll #411 in the amount of \$2,752.06 and notify our assessors that they are a not-for-profit organization and should be exempt from property taxes.

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- We received a quote from ATCO to upgrade our HPS streetlights to LED. Our decorative poles on Main Street will cost \$2,200.00 per light to upgrade. All the other street lights will cost \$1,000.00. We have a total of 660 lights. Council would like administration to get pricing to:
  - ❖ Replace all of the lights at one time, including labor and materials. The Town could get a debenture to pay for it.
  - ❖ How many street lights are on Main Street and what is the cost upgrade main street only? Break the cost down between the decorative lights and the regular street lights.

8) Moved by Judy Bogdan

That, we Adjourn at 19:55 Hours.

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Glenn Andersen Mayor

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Cindy Litwinski Recording Secretary