

Regular meeting of the Town of St. Paul Council in the St. Paul Town Council Chambers on Monday, March 9th, 2015 at 19:00 Hours.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

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- 2) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski
That, the minutes of February 23rd, 2015 Council meeting be adopted with the following amendments:
 - Renumber all pages as Page 18 was duplicated.
 - Page 18: Judy Bogdan report: Add name of new grounds keeper: Randy Leslie.
 - Page 18 (should be page 19) Don Padlesky report: St. Paul Library: second bullet: change to read: The Library charges \$0.25 per page for scanning and e-mailing information for patrons.

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COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dwight Wiebe

- No Report

Norm Noel

- Attended First Responders meeting with Alberta Government on February 26th, 2015. This meeting left me feeling that the Province was trying to drop first responding on local Fire Departments. I have concerns that this could affect the Fire Department's capability to recruit new members. It will have to be these volunteers that decide if they want to provide this service because they are the ones who will have to respond.
- Attended the Hospital Fundraiser; it was a sold out event. It was great to see local clubs give back. They were raising money to purchase two surgical operating beds.
- John Wort Hannam and the Blue Collars will be performing at the St. Paul Regional High School on March 15th, 2015 at 2:00 P.M. Tickets are \$20.00 each and are available for purchase at Richardson's Jewellery, Community Futures and Dr. Shapka's Office.

Judy Bogdan

- Attended the Hospital Foundation Fundraiser. Was well attended event. The donations for auctions were phenomenal. They had a fundraising goal of \$110,000.00.

Don Padlesky

- February 25th, 2015 attended MD of St. Paul Foundation meeting. Heritage Homes has no vacancies and 30 on the waiting list. Sunnyside has one vacancy. The audited statement was handed out. There was an income shortfall of \$16,216.00 Actual VS Budget because of rental vacancies last year. Total expenses were down by \$26,930.00 and they were able to put \$10,714.00 towards loans. The MD paid off four loans in 2014. Anne Yakimec will retire on June 1st, 2015. Anne was excellent to work with and will be missed. Anne will be assisting with the advertisements and help train a replacement. A copy of their audited statement has been given to administration.
- On March 5th, 2015 attended the ACFA Régionale de Saint-Paul flag raising ceremony at École du Sommet.

- March 7th, 2015 attended NLLS board meeting in Elk Point along with Councilor Wiebe. Reviewed the audited statement. There was a surplus of \$44,971.00 that will be going towards shortfalls in other areas. Have signed a contract with Joly, McCarthy & Dion to perform the audit for the next 3 years as they were the lowest bidder. A copy of NLLS audited statement has been given to administration.
- Regional Emergency Management: a contact list will be made available to all staff so they know who to contact in case of an emergency. Emergency Management Personnel (Rob Duffy, Gary Ward) will have access to the items that are being stored in a Sea-Can at the County Public Works yard.
- Michelle Herbert forwarded information on Lacombe's fitness equipment. Lacombe has placed fitness equipment along their walking trail. The information will be given to Gary.

Ken Kwiatkowski

- Attended the North East Muni-Corr meeting with Councilor Gervais.
- Attended the Hospital Foundation Fundraiser.

Edna Gervais

Local to Global Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor

- Attended meeting on March 4th & 5th in Vermillion.
- Panel consisting of Shawn Smith of Dominion Railway Services, Reg Johnston of T & L Consulting & Rhonda Goulden, Chief of Staff-Ministry of Transportation made presentation on how Trade Corridors drive local economies.
- Tour of CSI at Lakeland College which is their Centre for Sustainable Innovation. Very interesting programs & research. The main building on site is Net Zero Energy.
- Presentations were made by three ministries which were: Agriculture & Rural Dev., Energy & Innovation and Advance Education. Followed by Q&A.
- A presentation was made by Alberta Transportation. They are changing the process used to determine the priority for the repair or rebuild of roads. Triple bottom line will be used. Rather than relying only on a Traffic Impact Study various factors will be used including economic, social & environmental impact. Based on this concept it could be a benefit for our area specially because there is no rail service.
- Continuing work is being done by various committees. These include Ports to Plains, Veteran's Memorial Highway Assoc #36 Wild Horse Border Crossing.

North East Muni-Corr

- Attended meeting on March 9th, 2015.
- They have applied for a grant; if successful they would try to upgrade 37 gates to accommodate side by sides. The cost will be approximately \$50,000.00 which is the amount of the grant.
- Letter of support for Regional Trail-This includes the Iron horse Trail but would expand to Lac La Biche & Athabasca. There are some trails to the north that are being used but these are on Crown Land. At the present time there is no infrastructure regulation or maintenance on these trails. At last meeting Council made a motion to send a letter of support in principle to the Lakeland Outdoor Recreation Group.
- A request will be made to the Town of Bonnyville to review their timeline for the completion of a staging area. A complaint was made by RCMP that they are unable to unload their snowmobiles or quads.
- Support in Principle was given to urban Systems-The company designing the proposed Spedden/Ashmont Waterline. If everything goes well construction should start in June and take about 16 weeks.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Glenn Andersen

- Thanked Councilor Gervais for attending the Hospital Foundation Fundraiser in his place.

- Environment Canada: we have a weather tower on our Water Treatment Plant. Our agreement expired 5 years ago. We need to sign a new agreement. The agreement was given to administration to review.
- Received a letter from International and Intergovernmental Relations regarding a new formal complaint process for public procurements which will be introduced into the New West Partnership Trade Agreement (NWPTA). The procurement complaint process comes into effect on July 1st, 2015. The letter was given to administration.
- 2015 Economic Developers Alberta Conference is April 8th -10th, 2015. A copy was given to Council. Administration will scan and send the information out to Council.
- Would like to congratulate the Atoms, Peewee's and Bantams for making it to Provincials.
- Toured The Right Water Bottling Company facility. The plant is really good for St. Paul. They will make water bottles and the bottles can be customized with a company logo. This is an innovative idea. Recommend having a tour of the facility.
- The province announced that they will be putting an extra \$400 million into MSI Capital. Our allotment will be approximately \$466,000.00. This is over and above the regular MSI Capital. The Province will release their budget on March 26th, 2015.
- Online Banking: One bank has agreed to waive the fees, one bank has refused and administration is still waiting for paper work from a couple banks.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- Administration sent a letter to Robb Foote in PCN approving his request to sublease part of their leased area in the Wellness Centre to Medical Related Services.
- MacEwan University is offering a one day course called Lobby Government Effectively on April 8th, 2015. Administration will send the information to Council and see if Marina would like to attend this course.
- NADC Bursary Partnership Program-Administration provided copies of information on this bursary. Administration will get more information on how to start up this program and how students are chosen. Will also contact SPERD for information. Could add to Town website to spark interest.
- Received an e-mail regarding Expression of Interest for Rural housing Initiative. They are seeking rural Alberta locations to build attractive and appropriate housing complexes for homeless and low income individuals and families. If your community or organization is potentially interested in donating land and either providing or finding building and tenant management services upon completion; please submit a no obligation Expression of interest as soon as possible. Administration will forward to St. Paul Affordable Community Housing Society (APACHS)-Paul Bailey.
- Curling Rink has approached the Town to assist with Renovations (Painting and new LED Lighting). They have quotes of \$44,230 plus installation. Total project will be approximately \$50,000.00. They are looking for the Town to assist with 50% of the costs. We will discuss this when we complete our capital budget.
- Building Canada Fund-Cindy and Marina will be taking a webinar that will review the application process on March 10th, 2015.
- MS Society Fundraiser Splashed & Smashed. On March 28th, 2015 Team Honey Bee will be holding a fund raiser for our upcoming MS Walk and Run at the Co-op mall from 11:00AM to 3:30PM. They would like to invite Mayor and Council members to take part in the event. Administration will send the information out to Council.
- Kinsmen Tennis Court: Gary had a meeting with Mark Beaulieu and Dave Shankowski regarding renovations to the Kinsmen Tennis Court. The costs of the renovations will be approximately \$85,000.00-\$90,000.00. The court would last about 20 years. We should also be able to set the courts up for pickle ball. We will discuss this when we complete our Capital Budget.

- Chamber of Commerce Survey regarding night security patrols. Reviewed the results from the Chamber's survey of businesses in St. Paul. There are various concerns regarding vandalism and vagrancy. Most businesses feel our current resources should be better utilized (RCMP & Peace Officers). The security company cannot assist in arrests. They would only be a deterrent. Council thanks the Chamber for completing the survey. Council will discuss with the Staff Sergeant at their upcoming meeting. The Chamber of Commerce would like to be involved in the meeting with the Staff Sergeant. Champions for Change has requested a copy of the survey. A copy will be forwarded to them.
- Councilor Kwiatkowski would like to reflect on Council's accomplishments over the last few years:
 - ❖ There used to be a lot of derelict buildings, they have now been taken care of.
 - ❖ Downtown Revitalization: five year tax incentive program.
 - ❖ Completed the intersection at Hwy 29 & 881 North.
 - ❖ Upgrades to the Water Treatment Plant; we now supply water to Elk Point.
 - ❖ Renovations to Arenas.
 - ❖ Built the Transfer Station; everything used to go into the Landfill now items are being recycled.
 - ❖ Built the Reunion Station, Campground, Soccer Fields (14 Fields) & the Fish Pond.
 - ❖ Wellness Centre
 - ❖ Working on the upcoming Industrial Park.

- 3) Moved by Judy Bogdan
That, we move into camera to discuss a personnel issue at 20:07 Hours

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- 4) Moved by Don Padlesky
That, we move out of camera at 20:50 Hours

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- 5) Moved by Judy Bogdan
That, we Adjourn at 20:51 Hours.

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Glenn Andersen Mayor

Cindy Litwinski Recording Secretary