

Regular meeting of the Town of St. Paul Council in the St. Paul Town Council Chambers on Monday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 18:00 Hours.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Glenn Andersen, Edna Gervais, Dwight Wiebe, Don Padlesky, Norm Noel, Ken Kwiatkowski, Judy Bogdan, Ron Boisvert CAO, 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 Norm Noel  
That, the minutes of April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 be adopted as read.

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**BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:**

- Fort McMurray will bring the lights to St. Paul at their convenience.

**2015 Final Budget**

- Reviewed the 2015 Final Operating Budget.
- Reviewed all capital projects and purchases.
- Reviewed the budget recap which indicated revenue at \$6,459,831.00 and expenses at \$11,594,106.00 plus capital expenses of \$523,702.00, loan principle payments of \$449,859.00 and reserves of \$150,000.00. Net operating loss 2015 \$6,257,836.00.

- 3) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski  
That, the 2015 budget with revenue for 2015 being \$6,459,831.00 and expenses \$11,594,106.00 be accepted with the mill rate of

<b>2015 Residential</b>	<b>2015 Commercial</b>
7.1217 Municipal Tax	15.5154 Municipal Tax
2.3647 School Tax	3.9279 School Tax
0.1683 Senior Foundation	0.1683 Senior Foundation
<b>9.6547 Mill Rate</b>	<b>19.6116 Mill Rate</b>

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**PRESENTATION:** Skateboard Park-Dan Reid

- There have been conversations regarding the introduction of a new BMX & Skate Park to the Town of St. Paul. In the past 8 months this idea has matured to the point that we now are offering potential partners the opportunity to Donate and have their organization or business permanently attached to the new facility.
- The community has stressed the need for an aesthetically pleasing, community enhancing facility that attracts members of all ages to enjoy and utilize. The trend in outdoor activities is on the rise. North America is seeing a big upward trend in both Skateboarding and BMX. Alberta is one of the premier provinces to have communities build permanent concrete skate parks in many of the cities and towns. Similar communities like Legal, Olds, Sundre and Cochrane already have these world class facilities while others like Cold Lake and Gibbons are just starting to build theirs.
- The desire for a new BMX and Skate Park in St. Paul stems from a couple key areas:

- ❖ It is time to upgrade: It is commonly discussed that our community upgrade our current skate park to one that is larger and more engaging. The current park is limited by its small size and lack of challenging characteristics. Furthermore, its small size forces both beginner and advanced riders to share the same small space compromising safety for the beginners and freedom for the advanced.
- ❖ It has been proven all over the world that these facilities are conducive to a healthy active lifestyle, both physically and mentally. It is especially important mentally to the age group that needs it the most and requires an outlet to express themselves. Keep in mind not all youth do well in team sports. Skateboarding and BMX are healthy and affordable alternatives.
- The fundraising goal we are required to meet is \$250,000.00. Once met, government grants and bursaries will be obtained to match the raised monies and reach our final goal of \$500,000.00. As of now, the initiative has raised \$5,000.00.
- Concrete parks are long lasting and aesthetically pleasing. They are set up well for all rider levels. They are a community attraction and can be expanded.
- Benefits of a Skatepark are: increased physical activity, keeps youth occupied safely, engages youth to progress, stimulates mental strength, perfect outlet for non team activity, enhances the community, tourist attraction, longevity and it keeps the youth off of the streets.
- Would require 0.25 to 1 Acre for the park.
- Have chosen Newline Skateparks to build the park once the funds are raised. The park would accommodate novice to intermediate skill levels.
- Purpose of the presentation is to make Council aware of the desire for a new Skate park. They will advertise that they have a charitable account set up and that donations are a tax write off.
- Mayor Andersen thanked Dan for his presentation.

Mayor Andersen called the regular meeting to order at 19:45 Hours.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Judy Bogdan**

- No report
- Will bring the Community Futures report to the next council meeting.
- Attended the Portage College Gala. It was an honor to sit with Chef Chuck Hughes. It was inspirational to the students. The networking was worthwhile. Stephen from Lac La Biche Community Futures, he has expertise with international marketing. He came from Abbotsford BC and exports berries. Great link for Champions for Change Thrive on Wellness.
- On May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 attended the monument dedication at the Cathedral for Father Desna. This was well attended and very emotional.

#### **Norm Noel**

- Have an invitation from St. Paul Champions for Change-Thrive on Wellness to the Harvest the forest event with Grace Michaud on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Lunch is from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM. Administration will send the information out to Council and staff.

#### **Don Padlesky**

- Attended MD Foundation of St. Paul meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015. They have hired Bridgette Sakaluk as the new CAO and she will be starting on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- Attended the annual Alberta Library Conference in Jasper Park Lodge from April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 - May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. It is one of the better conferences I have been to. There were good break out sessions. Great networking with several people from around the Province. Had a discussion with a councilor from Wetaskiwin regarding public intoxication. They passed a By-Law that liquor stores are closed by 10:00PM. This cut down on police calls, family violence went down and hospital emergency visits

- also went down. Will do more research to see if this By-Law would work for the Town. County residents praised our FCSS Director for a report delivered to them.
- Attended library volunteer supper on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Our librarian delivered her presentation to a crowd of about 50 people. Visitors to the library and transactions are way up. The library is running out of room for materials. They will be looking at ways to move shelves and furniture around to make more space for more materials.
  - Attended the MS Walk festivities on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in the Recreation Centre. There was no Canada Flag on display when they played the Canadian anthem. Will have recreation look into putting up the flags for certain events (E.G. Remembrance Day, MS Walk, etc.). Have also received a request to have the curling rink bathrooms opened when the Recreation Centre is booked for larger events.
  - NLLS is being administered by Municipal Affairs right now.

#### **Edna Gervais**

- No Report

#### **Ken Kwiatkowski**

- No Report

#### **Dwight Wiebe**

##### Library Conference in Jasper

- Focuses on the youth involvement in Libraries.
- How to get more youth utilizing the library. Engage them with popular culture and have this available to them. Speak one on one about their lives and how libraries can be helpful to them in ways they may not have thought of or thought existed.
- The message is consistently out there in the use of online media to get information out about our libraries. One of the key note speakers was from Upworthy which became the fastest growing media company of all time. Lots of stats show that people are interested in more than just reading celebrity gossip.
- All people including those with print disabilities have access to information through our local library. Print disability does not just include those with vision challenges, but also those who may not be able to pick up a book and read it. We have a daisy reader in our library for just such a purpose. Our library has the largest e-reader material.
- Another interesting aspect is library boards going paperless. There were two board reps there to discuss ways on how to do this, which include a central online warehouse of sorts where all library details are kept from board minutes to budgets and other library information useful to the board.
- There was great networking and lots of discussions.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

#### **Glenn Andersen**

- Bridgette will be a good fit as the new CAO of the MD Foundation.
- Participated in an RCMP ride along. Received a tour of the facility and rode with an officer for his entire shift. If you are interested in participating in a ride along with the RCMP let Ron know and he will organize it. You must commit to the entire shift.
- Attended the Portage College Gala. It was interesting to see where they have gone with the program.
- Distributed a draft copy of CAO By-Law to Council to review. Will discuss it at the next Council meeting.
- Crime Reduction Unit: Paying for an additional officer to be a member of the Crime Reduction Unit. If we would like to hire another officer we need to let Sergeant Brachman know. We could provide a letter of support in principle for the Crime Reduction Unit.

- 4) Moved by Judy Bogdan  
That, we provide a letter of support in principle for the Crime Reduction Unit.

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- Muni-Corr: will meet onsite with the contractor tomorrow regarding the Trestle repairs. The repairs on the Trestle will start this year.
- Attended the MS Walk on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

#### **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

- ❖ By-Law #1215 a By-Law of the Town of St. Paul, in the Province of Alberta. A By-Law of the Municipality to authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to enter into an agreement granting Alta Gas Utilities Inc. (the Company), the right to provide natural gas distribution service within the Municipality.

- 5) Moved by Dwight Wiebe  
That, By-Law #1215 receives first reading.

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- Received a letter from Wild Pink Yonder thanking the Town for assisting with the 2014 fundraising event.
- Received an invitation from the Alberta Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association to the Annual Northeastern Alberta Golf Tournament scheduled on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the St. Paul Golf Club. Breakfast is at 7:00 AM and Tee off is at 8:00 AM. Registration fees will be waived for us for this event.
- Elk Point Commission: if a debenture is needed the Commission would get the debenture. It would be in next years budget.
- 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Community Awareness Night is September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the St. Paul Curling Rink.
- Energy pricing: The St. Paul Museum, St. Paul Legion and the Women’s Shelter have been offered quotes to sign up for the program.
- Rooms for FCM have been booked at Chateau Nova on Kingsway.
- Received information from Heroes & Hearts Organ Donation Awareness Foundation inviting council to represent the people of their district to participate in Donor Wars and a special category for Mayors Challenge. Donor Wars will be an Alberta wide competition pitting city against city, company against company Albertan against Albertan and Mayor against Mayor for bragging rights for the highest percentage of new organ and tissue donors registered to the Alberta’s online registry and most money raised. Will discuss at our next Management meeting.
- Skatepark: this would improve our community and help to keep kids active. Would be a great addition to our community. Gary and Administration will follow up.

- 6) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski  
That, we move in camera to discuss a land issue at 20:35 Hours.

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- 7) Moved by Don Padlesky  
That, we move out of camera at 21:16 Hours.

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- 8) Moved by Norm Noel  
That, we Adjourn at 21:17 Hours.

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**Glenn Andersen** Mayor

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**Cindy Litwinski** Recording  
Secretary