



Regular meeting of the Town of St. Paul Council in the St. Paul Town Council Chambers on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**PRESENTATION:**-Suzanne Prévost & Marie-Laure Polydore-CDEA: Conseil De Développement Économique De L'Alberta. Réseau Concerto Network.

- Would like to pass on regrets regarding the tragedy on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- Réseau Concerto Network was launched in November 2010 and inspired by the Association of bilingual Municipalities of Manitoba.
- It aims to create collaboration, as suggested by the name Concerto-not just Another Association.
- Draws on the rich history of the Francophone pioneers and French as first European language spoken in Alberta.
- Why Concerto? It is one word. Neither French nor English. It is Italian and easily pronounced in both Official Languages.
- Overview of La Francophone: Dynamic and Growing: 81,085 Albertans are Francophone (735 French Speakers in St. Paul or 14.1% of the population), 238,770 Albertans are bilingual (34% increase since 1996). More than 400,000 Albertans have French origins (approximately 10% of total population). Alberta has the fastest growing Francophone population in Canada.
- The Concerto Network is a network of bilingual municipalities sharing best practices and leveraging the presence of their Francophone community. It is complementary municipal branding and an inclusive model where different stakeholders come together around one common objective: Economic Development.
- The Four Pillars of Economic Development
  1. Tourism Development
  2. Economic Immigration
  3. Investors Attraction
  4. Green Energy Initiatives
- Vision: To maximize the economic prosperity of bilingual Franco-friendly municipalities.
- Mission: To promote a province-wide Network of bilingual municipalities based on economic development strategies.
- The Stakeholders: Municipal elected officials, Senior municipal economic development officials, a “Champion” designated by Council, a “Champion” designated by the community (ACFA), Local organization representatives, CDÉA representatives.
- Current membership: Plamondon (July 2013), Beaumont (September 2013), Legal (March 2014), Morinville and St. Albert (May 2014).
- Vision for St. Paul: Concerto is a medium that can be used to complement and reinforce St. Paul’s existing efforts and could:
  - ❖ Contribute to the regions efforts to promote rural tourism, particularly the Iron Horse Trail.
  - ❖ Position St. Paul as a leader in the agricultural industry through exchanges.
  - ❖ Promote a dynamic and vibrant rural community embracing its rural character.
- Benefits for St. Paul:
  - ❖ Increase the competitiveness of the municipality compared to unilingual municipalities.
  - ❖ Increase the region’s attractiveness to investment by demonstrating openness to collaborative ventures.
  - ❖ Greater access to Francophone entrepreneurs (business community).

- ❖ Increases the regions scope of influence at the Provincial and Federal levels.
- ❖ Encourage business start-ups.
- ❖ Support the creation and consolidation of community projects.
- Membership to the Concerto Network is free. Administration and coordination is currently provided in-kind by the CDÉA.
- Project funding may be available from Federal partners.
- Project Funding is also available from Alberta Culture (Francophone Secretariat) to develop municipal services in French.
- The CDÉA provides in-kind support to assist with translation.
- Required by Town of St. Paul to move forward:
  - ❖ Takes a public policy position in writing to join Concerto and to become bilingual.
  - ❖ Designates a local champion(s) who will work with the Concerto team.
  - ❖ Selects a date for an official ceremony to celebrate St. Paul's membership to the Concerto Network.
- Mayor Andersen thanked Suzanne and Marie for their presentation.

Mayor Andersen called the regular meeting to order at 19:37 Hours.

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

“CARRIED”

- 2) Moved by Norm Noel  
That, the minutes from the regular meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Council meeting be adopted with the following amendment: Page 47-Last bullet and Motion 5) Change “vehicles” to “RV's & Vehicles”

“CARRIED”

#### **BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:**

- None

#### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **Judy Bogdan**

- Attended Value Drug Mart Grand opening on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.
- Attended Marketing Meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- Regrets for not attending the Portage College Spring Gala event due to the tragedy Friday evening. Spent early morning hours with grieving youth. Delivered Egg McMuffins and Orange Juice to RCMP investigators who were very appreciative.
- Attended the MS Walk on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014. MS Society chose to cancel the walk in respect for the community.
- Would like to set up dates for the County of St. Paul, Town of St. Paul and Town of Elk Point Council mixer.
- Shared the invitation to the St. Paul Downtown Fine Arts Studio Launch on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 from 7:00PM-8:00PM in the Old Value Drug Mart Building 4822-50<sup>th</sup> Ave. Everyone is invited.

##### **Champions for Change-Downtown Revitalization**

- Attended meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- Thank you to the Town for the \$15,000.00 three year commitment (\$45,000.00 total).
- Concerts in the Park are scheduled 11:00AM-1:00PM on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Street dancers performance will be August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 7:00PM-10:00PM.

- Lions Club has committed to buying a 20' trailer stage with sound system. Final quote will be in this week. Maximum cost will be \$25,000.00. The Lions Club's only request is that their logo be on the trailer. This trailer would be rented out at a cost to be determined by Champions for Change board meeting tomorrow. I will be meeting with Ag Society on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 for possible collaborative projects to honor the Ag Society's 100<sup>th</sup> year centennial.

#### **Norm Noel**

- Attended MPC on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- Attended the Portage College Spring Gala on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

#### **Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services**

- Tenders were opened for construction of MSW cells 5 & 6 and inert cells 6 & 7.
- The tender was awarded to Morgan Construction & Environment Ltd. For the bid price of \$2,378,326.00 pending passing of By-Law #13.
- By-Law #13 was passed which allows the Commission of Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services to borrow \$2,500,000.00 for the purpose of constructing MSW cells 5 & 6 and inert waste cells 6 & 7. The loan is higher than bid price because they will also pay off an outstanding loan for previous cell construction.
- Short discussion was held regarding turning staff from hourly employees to salaried employees. This will be tabled until working on next year's budget.
- Received a letter from Town of Barrhead making an offer of \$45,000.00 for the purchase of a 2005 Track Loader when it becomes available. It was agreed to send a letter back with a counter offer of \$55,000.00.
- Discussion was held on hiring of a summer student to help fill the void of staff taking summer holidays. There was concern that to fund this position management was looking at laying off an employee at the end of October for 8 weeks. There was concern over possibly losing a full time staff because of lay off.
- Mayor Andersen asked if Evergreen is looking at increasing the tippage fees. They have not looked at increasing the fees instead they are trying to attract more waste.
- They will be reviewing the By-Law that determines how the deficit requisitions are calculated.
- There is currently no advantage to being a member of Evergreen Waste. Our tippage fees are \$150.00 per tonne when you include the deficit charges. Non-members pay \$82.00 per tonne.
- Evergreen should cover their own deficits instead of requisitioning the Municipalities who are members.
- Started to review the budget however the numbers were not accurate.
- We need to consider if we want to give our 1 year notice to cancel our membership. We would still be responsible for old debt. We need to find another place to take our waste if we cancel our membership.
- We could apply through Environment for a license to have a shredder at the Transfer Station.
- When administration reviewed the requisition from Evergreen for the deficit they found that items were charged to St. Paul when they should have been charged to another member.
- When the County picks up the garbage from the Transfer Station they are on a route. The County trucks do not have scales so the entire load is charged to St. Paul.
- Mayor Andersen asked Council to review for next meeting if they would like to continue to be a member of Evergreen Waste.
- Administration will look into how much the tippage fees are in Ryley and the costs to haul our waste to Ryley.

#### **Dwight Wiebe**

- Would like to express many thanks to the RCMP regarding the tragedy on Friday.

#### **MPC**

- Received a request a few months ago for a house to be built at 5741-43<sup>rd</sup> Ave (Back Nine).

- The original design was for a 2 storey house. Only a couple of houses were allowed to be 2 storey in that area.
- We sent out letters to the neighbors and the majority were against the 2 storey house.
- They have changed the design and now the house is classified as a Bi-level.
- MPC has approved the Bi-Level house to be built.

### **Ken Kwiatkowski**

- Attended the Portage College Spring Gala event on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014. It was a great event.

#### **Marketing**

- Held meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- We're looking into getting a few items that the public would be able to buy as keep sake when the RCMP Musical Ride comes into Town.
- The Town website is always being updated. If you have any upcoming events you would like put onto the website, please send the information to Marina.
- Discussed Wild Pink Yonder which is a group of around 30 people coming into Town on horseback. They will be going down the Iron Horse Trail. There will be two groups this year with approximately 30 in each group. They will be coming to Town on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014. We are hoping that everyone in Town will go pink that day. We also need to provide a BBQ for them that night. Councilor Bogdan and Kwiatkowski will coordinate.
- If anyone is interested in buying DMO Geocache coins, we will be selling them at our Tourist Information Centre. There are three coins, one has a picture of a train engine, another has a picture of a box car and the third has a picture of a caboose.
- This year the parade theme will be celebrating St. Paul Ag Society 100<sup>th</sup> year centennial.
- We discussed looking into purchasing pocket maps when we re-do our brochures.
- Are looking for council or staff volunteers to drive the float in parades. Administration will confirm parade dates in other communities and distribute the information.
- Yewchin's has been out of business for quite a while however their sign is still up. Could we have them remove the sign? Ryan did look into this and because we do not have a By-Law in place and the sign is still in good condition we could not get them to remove the sign. Will ask Ryan to look into having the Bankruptcy sign removed from the old Liquidation World building.

### **Edna Gervais**

#### **St. Paul & District Chamber of Commerce**

- Attended meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- The Chamber is still actively looking for a suitable candidate to fill the Executive Director Position. On a temporary basis, Brooke Mulkay, the Summer Student from last year will be working 3 afternoons a week to help out. She will then be working full time for the summer. Hopefully by the fall a permanent employee will have been hired.
- The Chamber of Commerce has had some feedback from local businesses in regards to the Temporary Foreign Workers Program. Realizing that this could negatively impact businesses they have contacted Brian Storseth to arrange a meeting to address concerns and questions from local owners & managers.
- The Chamber will be meeting with Pengrowth on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to discuss their plans for this area & how it will impact the Town & County.

#### **Muni-Corr**

- The funding for the Trestle is going well with most of the municipalities having committed the funds that were recommended by Muni-Corr. They have now formed a committee to look into corporate funding or sponsorship.

### **Don Padlesky**

- Attended the Value Drug Mart Ribbon Cutting event on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. In speaking with the staff members they mentioned that they are busier in their new location.
- Attended Northern Lights Library Services board meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014. They applied for three Government of Canada Summer Employment Grants and received a portion for one out of the three applications. Northern Lights have requested a salary increase that matches the current Alberta 3.9% cost of Living allowance. Administration will send the link to Councilor Padlesky to look up Cost of Living Allowance.
- On May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 we had the Libraries Plan of Service Workshop with around 20 citizens from around town. This was hosted by Heather from the Alberta Government Community & Culture Division. Some interesting ideas came out during the Town strength and weakness portions.
- May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 attended the Portage College Culinary Arts supper. We had a tour of the renovated area. This fall they will have an open house for the public.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

#### **Glenn Andersen**

- Would like to thank the RCMP and applaud their efforts regarding the tragedy Friday night. They showed what the community means to them. They were there for our citizens. We worked well with them this weekend. Would like to thank all the staff who helped out. Would like to recognize all the people affected from this tragedy. We will discuss with administration how to notify Council when there is a tragedy in Town.
- A resident complained about the height of a house built on 53 St. The resident is looking for a tax deduction because they do not get as much sun now. MPC approved the house as it met all the guidelines.
- Cineplex Entertainment was here to record a pre-show at the Landing Pad that will be shown before their movies. It went well. A resident gave Mayor Andersen a toque that was handed out when the landing pad was constructed. The UFO was built in the 60's to invite people here and it is still doing it. We will not be able to get a copy of the video. Suggested that Marketing Committee look into purchasing fridge magnets with the UFO Landing Pad on them.
- We received a thank you note from Value Drug Mart for attending their grand opening ribbon cutting event.
- We received a thank you picture from the 4-H Multi-Club for our donation towards Hi-Way clean up.

### **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

#### **By-Law #1203**

- By-Law #1203 A By-Law of the Municipal Council of the Town of St. Paul in the Province of Alberta, to amend Waterworks and Sanitary Sewer By-Law #997, amend Waste Disposal for St. Paul Residents By-Law #1116 and delete By-Law #1184.
- The changes to the rates are as follows:
  - ❖ d) Waster Consumption fee change from \$0.96/cubic meter (\$0.44/100 gallons) to \$1.05/cubic meter (\$0.48/100 gallons).
  - ❖ e) Sewer Consumption fee change from \$0.48/cubic meter (\$0.22/100 gallons) to \$0.53/cubic meter (\$0.24/100 gallons).
  - ❖ h) County Residential Water Consumption from \$0.96/cubic meter (\$0.44/100 gallons) to \$1.05/cubic meter (\$0.48/100 gallons). County Residential Sewer Consumption from \$0.48/cubic meter (\$0.22/100 gallons) to \$0.53/cubic meter (\$0.24/100 gallons).
  - ❖ k) Meter Read Tag System Fee from \$30.00 to \$35.00.
  - ❖ l) Grandfathered residents with no meters: Water Flat Rate from \$40.00 to \$43.00, Sewer Flat Rate from \$20.00 to \$23.00, Garbage Fee from \$26.00 to \$29.00.

- We will be supplying water to Elk Point and are changing the rates so that Town of St. Paul residents will be paying the same rates as Elk Point.
  - The water rates are reviewed yearly.

3) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski

That, By-Law #1203 receives first reading with the following amendment: change the effective date from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

“CARRIED”

- Received a letter from École du Sommet requesting an annual donation to the Graduate Bursary Program. This program provides money for all students pursuing post-secondary education. We give \$500.00 to Regional High School for a scholarship fund. Administration will contact École du Sommet to see if they are willing to accept the donation as a scholarship for someone who is willing to pursue post-secondary education in a field that would allow them to come back to St. Paul.
- Photo Radar: the fee structure is: 27% of the ticket fine goes to the Province, 36.5% would go to the Town of St. Paul and 36.5% would go to the Photo Radar Company. We could contract them to be in Town for 24 hours per week. It was the Town of St. Paul's decision to look into Photo Radar not the RCMP; however the RCMP will work with the Company. Pros: Safety. Cons: could be earmarking our own community people. If residents are not speeding they will not receive a ticket. We need to identify zones we want monitored. We could also look into Stop Sign violations.

4) Moved by Don Padlesky

That, we enter into an agreement with Global Traffic Group.

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- TELUS Internet: TELUS is advertising in the newspaper. In the next 1-2 weeks TELUS will start to knock on residents doors to see if they would like the fibre optic cables brought onto their property.
- We have received the Musical Ride Tickets and they will be on sale at the Town Administration and Recreation departments, Richardson's Jewellery and the RCMP. We are not going to be selling tickets at other locations because we have to ensure that the 7 & under tickets are tracked.
- By-Law #1202. A By-Law of the Town of St. Paul, in the Province of Alberta, to regulate the conduct and activities of people in public places and on privately owned property and immediately adjacent areas.

5) Moved by Dwight Wiebe

That, By-Law #1202 receives second reading.

“CARRIED”

6) Moved by Norm Noel

That, By-Law #1202 receives third and final reading.

“CARRIED”

2014 Final Budget

- Reviewed all capital projects and purchases.
- Reviewed the budget recap which indicated revenue at \$6,194,203.00 and expenses at \$10,940,482.00 plus capital expenses of \$676,546.00. Net operating loss 2014- \$5,422,825.00.

Councilor Noel requested a recorded vote.

- 7) Moved by Don Padlesky  
That, the 2014 budget with revenue for 2014 being \$6,194,203.00 and expenses \$10,940,482.00 be accepted with the proposed mill rate of

<b>2014 Residential</b>	<b>2014 Commercial</b>
6.8717 Municipal Tax	15.2654 Municipal Tax
2.4948 School Tax	3.4635 School Tax
0.01806 Senior Foundation	0.01806 Senior Foundation
<b>9.5471 Mill Rate</b>	<b>18.9095 Mill Rate</b>

For  
Don Padlesky  
Judy Bogdan  
Norm Noel  
Dwight Wiebe  
Ken Kwiatkowski  
Edna Gervais  
Glenn Andersen

Against

“CARRIED”

- 8) Moved by Dwight Wiebe  
That, we move into Camera at 22:02 Hours.

“CARRIED”

- 9) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski  
That, we move out of Camera at 22:35 Hours.

“CARRIED”

- By-Law #1204 A By-Law in the Municipal Council of the Town of St. Paul in the Province of Alberta being a By-Law to amend Land Use By-Law #1155 of the Town of St. Paul. That, Lots 18A, 19A, 20A, Block 2, Plan 752 1690 + Lots 3, 4, Block 30, Plan 1038 CL are hereby changed from Industrial District (M) Zoning area to Residential District (R2) Zoning Area.

- 10) Moved by Dwight Wiebe  
That, By-Law #1204 receives first reading

“CARRIED”

- 11) Moved by Norm Noel  
That, By-Law #1204 receives second reading

“CARRIED”

- 12) Moved by Judy Bogdan  
That, By-Law #1204 receives unanimous consent and third and final reading.

“CARRIED”

- 13) Moved by Don Padlesky  
That, the regular scheduled Council meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 be moved to June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 19:00 Hours.

“CARRIED”



- 14) Moved by Don Padlesky  
That, we participate in CDÉA: Conseil De Développement Économique De L'Alberta.  
Réseau Concerto Network.

“CARRIED”

- 15) Moved by Dwight Wiebe  
That, we Adjourn at 22:40 Hours.

“CARRIED”

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**Glenn Andersen** Mayor

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**Cindy Litwinski** Recording  
Secretary