

Regular meeting of the Town of St. Paul Council in the St. Paul Town Council Chambers on Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 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:-**Glen Tkachyk

- Mayor Andersen welcomed Glen to Town Council meeting.
- Discussion was held regarding Glen's concerns:
  - ❖ When hauling snow off of back alleys too much gravel is being removed.
  - ❖ There are too many high fences on corner lots.
    - This will be discussed with By-Law and MPC. We will need addresses of the properties that are of a concern.
  - ❖ Weeds need to be dealt with early, not when they are making seed.
  - ❖ Bare spaces on Hwy 29 (Main Street) should be available for parking.
    - The Town does not own the land on main street so we cannot authorize the empty lots to be used as parking lots.
  - ❖ A lot of time and money is being spent on Health Care; should focus on Education and Prevention.
    - The Wellness Centre has helped us in retaining doctors. The objective is to have more specialized care.
  - ❖ We need a By-Pass road around the Town.
    - The By-Pass road was brought up at the Joint Council meeting. The road would have to be in the County of St. Paul. The Town of St. Paul is not interested in a By-Pass road at this time as we do not have the money to pay for it.
  - ❖ People would like to use their quads however they are not allowed to use them until 8:00 AM.
    - Provincial Law states that the quads cannot be used until 7:00AM. The Quads should not be used within Town limits other than to go to Co-op or Extra Foods to fuel up. They should not be used to travel around Town.
  - ❖ By-Laws need to be enforced.
  - ❖ Snow is being stored on Railway Ave. (53<sup>rd</sup> Ave.), when it melts everything is going into the sewers (salt & garbage).
    - It is difficult to find areas to store the snow. We store the snow where space is available.
    - We will look into protecting the catch basin to see if it can screen the garbage out so it does not go into our sewers.
  - ❖ Would like a path between the snow piled on 53<sup>rd</sup> Ave for residents to walk through.
    - The Town does not want people walking through the snow piles as there is heavy equipment working there. It would be unsafe to have people walking where the machines are working.
- Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month. They are open to the public. If you would like to address Council you will have to make arrangements with Administration to be added to the Agenda.
- Council has only one employee: CAO. The CAO is in charge of all staff.
- Great to have community people come to Council and voice their concerns.
- Mayor Andersen thanked Glen for his time and his concerns will be forwarded to the CAO.

Mayor Andersen called the regular meeting to order at 19:30 Hours.

- 1) Moved by Dwight Wiebe  
That, the Agenda be adopted with the following amendment: Page 58: Change "Andy Tkachyk" to "Glen Tkachyk"

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- 2) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski  
That, the minutes from the regular meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Council meeting be adopted with the following amendment: Page 58: move "Ron Boisvert CAO" from Members Present to Members Absent.

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

- Page 61-Norm's report-Outdoor Fitness Park: The grand opening has been postponed until further notice. It will be brought up at the June 18<sup>th</sup> Parks & Recreation meeting.
- Page 60-Car Wash on east end-this has been forwarded to Ryan and they should be removing some of the dirt.
- Page 63-Presentation to RCMP-There is a photo at J & L Photography called "The Serge" for \$530.00. Please go take a look at it and we can decide at next meeting if we would like to purchase it and present it to the RCMP.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Ken Kwiatkowski**

- Attended FCM in Niagara Falls. Attended tours and presentations. Had discussions with the City of Edmonton regarding their waste facility plant. Will see if we can have a tour of the facility when we are at AUMA in Edmonton. One municipality does not have councilors attend committee meetings. The committee makes a presentation to council when they need something.
- Wild Pink Yonder-there will be a BBQ at Reunion Station. Have been in discussion with them and there is no confirmed number of participants as some people will join the ride after it has started. Will discuss with the Marketing Committee. The Friendship Centre will prepare sandwiches and Councilor Bogdan is looking after the entertainment.

#### **Edna Gervais**

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

- Attended the Alberta Chamber AGM in Fort McMurray May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Was able to vote on 44 policies. About half of these policies will be brought forward at the Canada Chamber AGM. There was great networking & from speaking to the representatives throughout Alberta all of the towns and cities are experiencing booming economies and with that comes growing pains. While we were hearing how wonderful the oil sands were for our economy Desmond Tutu was also in Fort McMurray sending a different message.
- The St. Paul Chamber has now hired an Executive Director. Linda Sallstrom will be starting July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014. For now she will be working 3 days per week. Approval was received for a full time summer student. Brooke Mulkay will take this position.

##### **4-H Sale**

- Councilor Noel and I attended the 4-H sale on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. On behalf of the Town we purchased Mary Dechaine's calf from the St. Lina Club. We will be attending the BBQ on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- Rather than purchasing one individual's calf we thought there might be another way of donating to 4-H. Perhaps making a donation directly to the club or donating the calf to charity.

### **Dwight Wiebe**

- There is a First Responders Appreciation BBQ on June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Reunion Station from 5:00 PM- 7:00PM. This will also be a STARS fundraiser. Admission is by donation.

### **FCM**

- Attended FCM in Niagara Falls and had an opportunity to talk with other communities. With respects to waste management; under the impression that we are ahead of the game. Some communities do not have transfer stations.
- Ontario has an 8% unemployment rate so they are not looking for foreign workers. There is a big difference between Eastern and Western Canada regarding the need for foreign workers. Each jurisdiction has different requirements so the foreign worker program needs to be set up by region.
- When the Federal Government was working on the Building Canada Fund they did not get feedback from Municipalities. We have already missed the 2014 construction season. The Building Canada Fund will provide \$200 million over 10 years.

### **Norm Noel**

- Attended the 4-H Sale on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014.

### **Judy Bogdan**

- Attended STARS Golf Tournament in Elk Point on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- Attended École du Sommet Graduation on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- Will be attending Evergreen Regional Waste Management meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- Will be attending HUB AGM on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Seniors Citizens Centre at 5:30 PM.
- Will be attending the Airport meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- The Athabasca Golf Tournament and STARS BBQ are on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- Downtown Crisis in May-I paid \$141.00 for Egg McMuffins and Orange Juice that I delivered to the RCMP investigators. I am willing to make this a personal donation unless Council deems that I be reimbursed. Council appreciates the gesture however the expense should have been pre-approved and will not be reimbursed.
- Requests have been made to have plastic and glass recycled. There is recycling available in Vancouver. We would have to separate plastics by their number (only #1 & #2 are recyclable) and ship it to Vancouver. This would be very costly. Low grade plastics would be used to run the plant in Edmonton.
- Downtown Revitalization thanks the Town Council for their support with the art projects.
- There is a Homelessness Grant available. The application needs to be completed by July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The guidelines will be forwarded to Ron.

### **Graffiti**

- This year the graffiti is worse than last year. The grant obtained was only for 1 year and has now expired. It was discussed at the Champions for Change Downtown Revitalization meeting that a request be made to Council to revisit the possibility of establishing a By-Law for the businesses to be responsible for the clean-up. It was also suggested that a letter be written to the Crown prosecutors that if anyone is granted community hours that this be one of the activities. Champions for Change and the Town still have cleaning materials. It was also suggested that with supervision some of the locals do some of the cleanup with supervision. Will forward to By-Law.

### **Don Padlesky**

- Received a request from Parrish Tung, the NLLS ALTA Representative asking for Library Boards to advocate for an increase in the overall funding of Libraries. Funding has remained the same since 2009. It is being suggested to ask for a 10% increase in the Provincial Budget. Will be forwarded to the Library.
- Attended the Family Fun Circus. This was the first Circus I have attended. It was an alright small Circus. There were no animals other than Shetland Ponies. It was a 75 – 90 minute show.

- Attended the MD Foundation meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- Champions for Change have requested a donation from the Lions Club for a sound trailer. The Lions will donate \$25,000.00.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **Glenn Andersen**

- Thanked Councilor Gervais & Noel for attending the 4-H Sale.
- Thanked Councilor Bogdan for attending the École du Sommet Graduation.
- MD Foundation will be applying for Housing Needs and Assessments for the Region through the Regional Collaboration Grant.
- FCM: Municipalities were not included in the set up process of the 2014 Build Canada Grant. There were questions from Municipalities on what they are doing with their waste.
- Received a letter from Haying in the 30's thanking the Town for past support and inquiring if we would be able to help with their pancake breakfast on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. We would have to be there at 7:30 AM. Breakfast is scheduled to start at 9:30 AM. Councilor Bogdan and Gervais are available to help. Councilor Kwiatkowski and Wiebe will confirm at a later date if they are available. Councilor Padlesky and Noel are not available. The letter will be sent to all staff.

## **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

- Received a donation request from the St. Paul Golf Club for 10 loads (100 tonnes) of 5/8" granular A stone road gravel (cost of gravel \$3,000.00), 10 loads (100 tonnes) of stone dust tailings (cost of tailings \$3,000.00) and 14 loads (140 tonnes) of screened topsoil (cost of soil \$1,400.00). Car-Ouells will donate 100 tonnes of pit run stone. The County of St. Paul will be assisting with asphalt, culverts and some gravel.

### 3) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski

That, we donate 10 loads (100 tonnes) of 5/8" granular A stone road gravel, 10 loads (100 tonnes) of stone dust tailings and 14 loads (140 tonnes) of screened topsoil. The total cost of the materials is \$7,400.00

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- École du Sommet bursary: this bursary will be similar to the one we currently provide to the Regional High School. The students that qualify for the bursary will receive it after they have completed their first year of post-secondary education. If we donate \$500.00 the bursary will be named after the Town.

### 4) Moved by Edna Gervais

That, we provide École du Sommet with a yearly \$500.00 bursary for their Graduate Bursary Program.

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- We had an unscheduled inspection at the Water Treatment Plant. The results were very good. Council would like to congratulate the Water Treatment Plant Operators.
- An advertisement will be placed for a Regional Director of Emergency Management. This will be a one year full time position. After one year the position will be re-evaluated. Interviews will be done at the end of the month. We applied for funding through the Regional Collaboration Grant and were approved.
- Received a request for support from the Alberta Council On Aging. They will be holding their Annual General Meeting in St. Paul at the Centennial Seniors Centre on June 13<sup>th</sup>. The Town has given them pins, notepads, pens and phone cleaners.

- Received a letter from St. Paul Abilities Network asking the Town to declare July 4<sup>th</sup> "SPAN DAY" to commemorate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Ron will follow up if they want it annually or if it would be 2014 only. We are invited to attend their BBQ on Friday July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at their main office.
- Received a request from the Chamber of Commerce for permission to hold the annual parade down the streets of St. Paul on Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 starting at 10:30 AM. Council has a standard approval for the parade.

#### Economic Development Committee

- Councilor Kwiatkowski and Gervais would like to create an Economic Development Committee to seek out and promote Economic Development.
- Members would be Town and County of St. Paul, Alberta HUB and the Chamber of Commerce.
- Administration does have packages available for developers who would like more information on St. Paul.
- The Marketing Committee should create a package of pertinent information to send out.
- Council has decided that the Marketing Committee should look after Economic Development instead of creating a separate committee.
  
- Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation and the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA), are jointly sponsoring the 2014 Energize Workshop. The workshop will be hosted in conjunction with the ARPA Annual Conference October 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2014. We have the opportunity to nominate an individual (or individuals) from our community who has made significant contributions to recreation development. The deadline for submissions is June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The application will be forwarded to Gary.

#### Evergreen Regional Waste

- Ron presented a recap of 2013 & 2014 expenses for hauling our garbage to Evergreen Regional Waste as attached.
- Our options are:
  - ❖ We vote to be a non-member and give one years notice to Evergreen Regional Waste Management. We could haul to Ryley or haul to Evergreen as a non-member.
  - ❖ We give one years notice to become a non-member and we look at having a shredder at the Transfer Station.
- We will get a legal opinion regarding the agreement and our obligations.

- 5) Moved by Edna Gervais  
That, we cease our membership with Evergreen Regional Waste Management Commission pending legal advice.

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- Reminder that our next Council meeting will be Tuesday June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- Will ask Ryan to have the developer sign by Kings Hotel and the McDiarmid Homes sign removed.
- We still have issues with trailers parking on the service road by Zarowny Motors.

- 6) Moved by Don Padlesky  
That, we move into Camera at 21:52 Hours.

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- 7) Moved by Don Padlesky  
That, we move out of Camera at 22:25 Hours.

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- 8) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski  
That, we Adjourn at 22:26 Hours.

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Glenn Andersen Mayor

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Cindy Litwinski Recording Secretary