

Regular meeting of the Town of St. Paul Council in the St. Paul Town Council Chambers on Monday, July 28th, 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:-Photo Radar Petition-Amil Shapka

- Mayor Andersen reviewed Town Councils discussions regarding Photo Enforcement:
 - ❖ Town Council received many complaints from residents of speeders on 57th St., 46th St., 41st St. and Highway 881. The last few years the speeding has gotten worse.
 - ❖ In 2013 at the AUMA convention Council attended the Photo Radar Booth for Global Traffic Group Ltd. At the next council meeting on November 25th, 2013 Council directed Administration to get a presentation from Global Traffic Group.
 - ❖ A presentation was made by Global Traffic Group Ltd to Council at their regular meeting on January 27th, 2014 to all of Council, Media, CAO, RCMP Staff Sergeant and Peace Officer Ryan Berezanski.
 - ❖ Council discussed Photo Radar enforcement at the February 10th, 2014 regular Council meeting.
 - ❖ On February 24th, 2014 a meeting was held with RCMP Staff Sergeant, Peace Officer Ryan Berezanski and all of Council except Councilor Bogdan. The meeting took place at 6:00PM in the Town Chambers. CAO and recording secretary Cindy Litwinski were also in attendance.
 - ❖ The next meeting with Global Traffic Group Ltd. representative Richard Kracher was held on March 24th, 2014 at 4:30PM to discuss contracts, provincial guidelines, rates, timelines etc. In attendance was Mayor Andersen, CAO, Staff Sergeant Wade Trottier, Darryl McPherson and recording secretary Cindy Litwinski.
 - ❖ At the May 12th, 2014 Council meeting a motion was made and carried by all of Council that we enter into a 2 year agreement with Global Traffic Group Ltd.
 - ❖ Global Traffic Group will have a Peace Officer in a vehicle conducting the speed enforcement. They will be in St. Paul for 24 hours per week and will work with RCMP and Peace Officers to determine which locations they will be at.
 - ❖ We have tried to have Transportation put lights at 57th St. and 50th Ave however we don't meet the traffic flow criteria so the Town would have pay for the installation. The cost of the lights would be approximately \$500,000.00.
- While petitioning Amil heard that resident's assessments increased so the Town's revenue increased. This money should be used for street lights.
- Amil would like to see more RCMP and Peace Officers instead of a for profit company doing enforcement. Amil believes that commercializing enforcement is ethically wrong and is a cash cow.
 - ❖ The Town currently pays \$1.2 million in policing costs. We are the only municipality in our constituency that pays for policing. County's do not pay for policing costs. We have tried to discuss this with MLA's to have the process changed however they do not want to get involved. Using Global Traffic Group Ltd. will not cost the Town any money.
- Amil is opposed to using Global Traffic Enforcement and under the MGA act he has a right to petition.
- Amil said residents would like to see more Police and Peace Officers in Town.
 - ❖ Even if we hired more Police and Peace Officers they cannot dedicate all their time to speed enforcement. If we hired more officers we would have to increase our mill rate to pay for it.
- Council wishes that Amil could have discussed this with Council before starting his petition so that he would have had all of the facts.

- Mayor Andersen tried to contact Amil Shapka after receiving his letter however he was out of the office.
- Councilor Kwiatkowski is disappointed to hear about the petition against Photo Enforcement. For the last 4 years we have been working with Peace Officers and RCMP regarding the traffic on the West end. The traffic has gotten horrific. If something is not done there will be a major accident. We hope with Photo Enforcement people will slow down.
- Mayor Andersen thanked Amil Shapka for discussing his concerns with Council.

Mayor Andersen called the Regular meeting to order at 19:38 Hours.

- 1) Moved by Dwight Wiebe
That, the Agenda be adopted with the following amendment: remove Public Hearing By-Law #1206 and remove 2nd & 3rd Reading By-Law # 1206.

“CARRIED”

- 2) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski
That, the minutes from the regular meeting on July 14th, 2014 Council meeting be adopted with the following amendment:
Change Page 80-Ken’s Report-4th bullet second sentence to read “This is where most of the income comes in.”

“CARRIED”

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:

- Page 78-Panhandling/Loitering-By-Law is handing out tickets and also dealing with Weasels regarding the skids they are leaving in the back alley. Ryan will send an order and then they will have 14 days to appeal. After that point we can go and clean it up and charge them for the clean-up fees. Councilor Noel said that Champions for Change are willing to co-ordinate a public meeting with the Town and residents to get input on what to do regarding this issue. Norm will follow up on this.
- Page 79-Ryan is following up regarding a By-Law to have spray paint locked up and identification required to purchase it.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dwight Wiebe

- It was a pleasure to greet Communities in Bloom judges and we eagerly await the results.
- FCSS was successful in receiving a \$4,000.00 grant for the Heritage Festival. It will be held on September 26th & 27th.

Norm Noel

- Attended the Fire Committee Meeting on July 16th, 2014.
- Attended Champions for Change Organizational meeting on July 22nd, 2014. Heather Nickel’s lead us through some great discussions and policy making. Her guidance and suggestions were much appreciated. I was asked to offer the Champions for Change assistance to the Town of St. Paul if there were interesting in holding a public forum regarding loitering issues the Town has been facing.

Judy Bogdan

- Attended Marketing Meeting on July 16th, 2014. Will be taking the float to Smoky Lake on August 2nd, 2014 and to Ashmont on August 9th, 2014.
- The Chamber of Commerce is assisting with promotions for the Wild Pink Yonder event on August 16th, 2014.

- Approximately 60 people attended the first Party in the Park event on July 16th, 2014. Thrive on Wellness made two types of kale salad. The kale was from the harvest planters. Would like to give a heartfelt thanks to the Town employees for assistance with chairs, tables, washroom, power and set up.
- The Lion's club sound system is superb. Will have to increase the power at the park to 220.
- Seniors from Sunnyside will attend on Wednesday, July 30th, 2014. SPAN will assist with face painting and serving yogurt and berries. There will be a pottery display/sale from the Visual Arts Center. Herman Poulin will be painting on site and also on August 13th, 2014.
- Street dance on August 27th, 2014 from 7:00PM-11:00PM. The program will start at 8:00PM and will honor the Ag Society for their 100th Anniversary. Mayor Andersen, Reeve Steve Upham, MLA Shayne Saskiw and MP Brian Storseth have confirmed attendance. Pottery Cowboy hat and plaque will be presented on behalf of Champions for Change Downtown Revitalization. The hat was donated by Visual Arts. The plaque was donated by Starbrite.
- July 18th, 2014 attended the Co-Op/County of St. Paul Community Connector presentation.
- July 19th, 2014 attended the Ag Society 100th Anniversary celebration. The highlight was the history of family and community involvement: all being volunteers.
- Have received some public concerns regarding trailers parked along roadways blocking the view for traffic along 46th Ave. and 45th Ave & 50th Street. Ryan will follow up.
- Visited the local library and was impressed with the wonderful staff and the great facility. The Canadian Library Association donated \$5,000.00 for audio books.

Don Padlesky

- Attended the SPAM 50th Anniversary Luncheon. There were great displays on the history all the way back to the beginning.
- July 16th, 2014 attended the Joint Fire Services Committee. The Fire Department will be hosting an open house on Saturday October 4th, 2014 from 11:00 AM - 2:00PM in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week. Councilor Noel and I will be cooking hamburgers. According to the Fire Insurance underwriters we need to replace our first responding pumper by 2016. The Fire Department is looking into purchasing an aerial fire truck which would serve our town for the next 20 years. The fire Chief will be requesting the County of St. Paul council to help out with the purchase of a rapid response truck with water and pumping capabilities. Approximate cost would be \$200,000.00 and it would replace our old rescue truck.
- Stats for vehicle accidents were up. Last year between January to June there had one fatality and four vehicle accidents. This year for the same time period they have had 18 fatalities and 18 calls.
- The Municipal Library had a strategic planning session on May 8th, 2014 in order to complete the plan for the Provincial Government.
- Will not be attending the August 11th, Regular Council meeting as I will be on vacation.

Ken Kwiatkowski

Marketing Meeting

- Wild Pink Yonder: supper will be on August 16th, 2014 at the curling rink. We will be serving pork; it will be cooked by the St. Paul Fire Department and served by Town Council and volunteers. The food will be served outside in the new Co-Op/County of St. Paul food trailer. There will also be hamburgers and hotdogs for kids. There will be a donation box set up and 100% of the proceeds collected will go to Breast Cancer Research. Our Town will be decorated with ribbons and pink balloons. The Town will be offering all the businesses on Main Street a couple of balloons and we are asking all the businesses to put them up on Saturday as the Judges from Wild Pink Yonder will be looking at them around 4:00PM-6:00Pm. If the businesses would like to add anything pink on their windows to spruce it up that would be great.

- There will be live entertainment. The winner of the "Pinkest Little Town" will receive national coverage. Will need the Peace Officers assistance when they cross the road at 57th St and 50th Ave.
- RCMP Musical Ride is on Thursday July 31st, 2014. The event starts at 7:00PM.

Edna Gervais

- Was able to join the Communities in Bloom presentation and tour. The judges are very knowledgeable. Believe the judges were impressed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Glenn Andersen

- Concerns regarding the heavy traffic on 53rd St. & 54th Ave. Ryan will follow up and put the speed trailer there.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- We have received the invoice from Lockett Wenman & Associates (LWA) from our GST audit. Their fee is 45% of the Government Refund amount. The total refund was \$13,173.49 and LWA's portion is \$5,928.07. We will have to wait to see if Revenue Canada will do their own audit.
- St. Paul Ag Society was presented a picture for their 100th year anniversary. It was a very nice print.

- 3) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski
That, we purchase a framed print for the St. Paul Ag Society 100th anniversary in the amount of \$400.00+GST.

"CARRIED"

- The St. Paul & District Chamber of Commerce 2014 Rodeo Kick Off Supper will be on August 25th, 2014. Cocktails will be at 5:30PM and supper will be served at 6:30PM. Tickets are \$40.00 each or \$300.00 for a table of 8. All Councilors will be attending the event.

- 4) Moved by Norm Noel
That, we purchase a table of 8 for the St. Paul & District Chamber of Commerce 2014 Rodeo Kick Off Supper in the amount of \$300.00.

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- Due to the Rodeo Kick Off Supper event being on August 25th, 2014 we will change the Regular Council meeting on August 25th, 2014 to start at 5:00PM (17:00 Hours).
- There will be a TELUS Smoothie Truck in St. Paul August 8th-9th, 2014 to discuss Fibre Optics and surprise residents with a free smoothie.

Tax Penalties

- Received a request from roll #694 to write off the tax penalty. They forgot to pay by the due date. Due to staff shortages the penalties were not put on until July 11th, 2014. Council denied this request.
- Received a request from roll #474 & #1022 to write off the tax penalty. Both roll taxes were paid under one account. The over payment of the one account was returned to the customer. Council denied this request.
- Received a request from roll #1828 to write off the tax penalty. One partner purchased the business from another partner. Did not have the tax requisition in the new company's name so the taxes were not paid. Council has denied this request.

Haying in the 30's

- We have 11 volunteers confirmed.

- Councilor Kwiatkowski will pick up the pancake batter from Smitty's. It will be ready by 7:00AM. The pails will be delivered on Friday.
- Mayor Andersen will pick up the aprons and pancake batter guns on Friday.
- Received a thank you letter from SPAN for our participation in the "SPAN Day" 50th Anniversary.
- When an application is received for a commercial building they will be required to have a Fire Inspection completed. Suggested that existing buildings should also have an inspection every 5 years. Currently it is a voluntary program. This will be brought up at the next Fire Protection meeting.
- Medical exam office will now pick up deceased persons. Ron will get more information to discuss at next meeting.

5) Moved by Judy Bogdan
That, we move into Camera at 20:40 Hours.

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6) Moved by Edna Gervais
That, we move out of Camera at 21:00 Hours.

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7) Moved by Don Padlesky
That, we Adjourn at 21:01 Hours.

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Glenn Andersen Mayor

Cindy Litwinski Recording Secretary