

Regular meeting of the Town of St. Paul Council in the St. Paul Town Council Chambers on Monday, December 8th, 2014 at 19:00 Hours.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Edna Gervais

PRESENTATION: Ground Ambulance Delivery-Trevor Kotowich, Ron Boisvert, Ken Kwiatkowski

- Presented information from a meeting with Alberta Health Services (AHS).
- The purpose of the meeting was to see what direction AHS will take regarding ambulance service April 1st, 2015. The options are either private company or direct delivery model.
- AHS would like to use the direct delivery model. AHS will operate the ambulance service for Town and County of St. Paul.
- AHS is suggesting a full-time NAT (non-ambulance transfer unit) to be staffed 8-10 hours during peak times. The NAT unit will take patients to other communities for appointments instead of using an ambulance. Also a PRU (paramedic response unit) to be staffed by supervisor typically during peak periods.
- Trevor is optimistic with this model.
- Currently the St. Paul EMS service responds to 2,500 calls annually which are up from 1800 calls annually in 2009.
- The County of St. Paul has given a letter of support to the St. Paul Fire Department for their grant application to purchase a Rapid Response Unit. The County is looking at financing \$75,000.00 to match the grant application.
- Jaws of Life: There is a request of \$7,500 from the Town and County of St. Paul and to use \$15,000.00 from reserves to purchase Jaws of Life tools. The County will discuss the request.
- Mayor Andersen thanked Trevor for the presentation.

Mayor Andersen called the Regular meeting to order at 19:34 Hours.

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

“CARRIED”

- 2) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski
That, the minutes of November 24th, 2014 Council meeting be adopted as read.

“CARRIED”

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:

- Page 134: Health Advisory Meeting is rescheduled for December 11th, 2014 at the St. Therese Healthcare Centre from 5:00PM-8:00PM.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ken Kwiatkowski

- No Report

Dwight Wiebe

- No Report

Norm Noel

Recreation Board

- Attended meeting on November 26th, 2014
- The Iron Horse Campground officially closed November 8th, 2014. It was another successful year.
- The new T5 Lighting at the Recreation Centre has been installed. It makes a big difference in the lighting.
- The Reunion Station has been very busy with rentals.
- ATM's in the Recreation Centre and Clancy Richard Arena have been actively used with all the events happening at those facilities.
- Hockey tournaments are in full swing and the Recreation Centre has been busy with Christmas parties, craft shows and home business show.
- We received a request from Special Olympics Alberta for use of the kitchen and multi-purpose room for their Bail & Jail fundraiser on February 21st, 2015. Recreation Board recommends we charge the break even rate of \$105.00 for the Multi-Purpose room and \$75.00 for the Kitchen for a total cost of \$180.00 + GST.

3) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski

That, we allow Special Olympics Alberta to rent at the break even rate of \$75.00 +GST for the kitchen and \$105.00 + GST for the Multi-Purpose Room on February 21st, 2015 for their Jail and Bail fundraiser event.

“CARRIED”

- Received a request from the St. Paul and District Hospital Foundation for the use of the Recreation Centre along with table cloths and chair covers for their annual fundraiser on March 7th, 2015. The Recreation Board is recommending that we give the facility, table cloths and chair covers at no charge.

4) Moved by Don Padlesky

That, we allow the St. Paul and District Hospital Foundation the use of the Recreation Centre, Table Cloths and Chair Covers on March 7th, 2015 for their annual fundraiser at no charge. There will be no charge for set up or take down. We will also donate a silent auction item.

“CARRIED”

- Received a request from St. Paul Visual Arts requesting the break even rental rate of the Recreation Centre on December 6th, 2014 for their craft sale.

5) Moved by Judy Bogdan

That, we allow the St. Paul Visual Arts to rent the Recreation Centre on December 6th, 2014 at the break even rate of \$595.00.

“CARRIED”

- Received a request from the St. Paul Regional High School girls Volleyball team asking for support to send the team to compete in the Provincials in Cochrane Alberta. As per policy they were given \$250.00.
- Received a request from Kevin and Emilie Labrie to install a park in the back nine subdivision. The Recreation Board is recommending denying this request due to safety concerns of the park being located in the range of possible golf balls. There was a site visit done a couple years ago when they requested the park to be in the meridian of the cul de sac. At that time it was noted that Spring Creek Park is a couple of blocks away and there is a utility easement that residents can use to access Spring Creek Park.

- Received a request from the St. Paul and District Art Foundation requesting a refund on taxes paid on property from August 1st, 2014 to December 31st, 2014. They are also requesting no further taxes on the building as they are a non-profit organization. They are currently using the old Value Drug Mart building on Main Street. Administration will get more information regarding the request.

Judy Bogdan

- Attended the Joint Town & County of St. Paul Council meeting on November 24th, 2014.
- Attended the Golf Course meeting on November 25th, 2014. The AGM is December 15th, 2014 at 7:00PM at the Golf Course.
- Attended Alberta Hub meeting on November 27th, 2014. They are promoting business training. We have an automatic membership in REDA.
- Attended Joint Town & Chamber of Commerce meeting in December 3rd, 2014.
- Upcoming Airport meeting on December 9th, 2014.
- Fountain Tire: the local business is providing coffee and shelter for people living on the street. Have informed them that Mannawanis Native Friendship Centre is applying for a grant to help them also.
- Christmas Invitations: December 12th, 2014 Mannawanis Native Friendship Centre from 5:00PM-8:00PM., December 13th, 2014 Filipino Christmas Party, December 18th, 2014.
- December 18th, 2014 Community Futures Board Meeting

Don Padlesky

St. Paul Library

- The Library had 3,177 total patrons for October. This is an average of 138 per day.
- To date 31,000 people have been through our Library doors.
- Santa is coming December 13th, 2014 at 3:00PM for a sing and dance get together.
- We have a new board member; Pat Laramee. He is replacing Connie who moved away.
- Librarian Kerry has added 2,000 items and more shelving to the Library.

MD Foundation

- Attended the meeting on November 25th, 2014.
- All of the units in Sunny Side are full and we have two people on the waiting list.
- Sunny Side Christmas Party is on December 10th, 2014 at 2:00PM. I am unable to attend as I will be at a Regional Management meeting.
- Heritage Homes Phase 1 has 13 people on the waiting list.
- Heritage Homes Phase 2 has 20 people on the waiting list.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Glenn Andersen

- Had a meeting with the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce and local businesses. The meeting was very productive and would like to have a Spring and Fall meeting scheduled each year.
- Received a request from Settlers, Rails & Trails for a Town of St. Paul Flag. Settlers, Rails & Trails has been charged with the duty of preserving the local history of Argyle and its role in Canadian Society. The Canadian Flag Collection is one of their proudest exhibits and has become quite famous due to its unique nature. They preserve and display over 925 flags that have special interest (historically and culturally) in our Canadian Community.

- 6) Moved by Don Padlesky
That, we send Settlers, Rails & Trails a Town of St. Paul Flag for their Canadian Flag Collection.

“CARRIED”

- Received a letter from the Mayor of Québec City regarding an initiative aimed at creating a North American network of cities and communities with a French or Francophone history and heritage. They seek to support the vitality of today's francophone and francophile communities while preserving our common heritage for future generations. They provided a brochure, which explains the purpose of this network and its main objectives. We should contact them if we want to join the initiative.

- 7) Moved by Judy Bogdan
That, we join the North American Francophone and Francophile Cities Network.

“CARRIED”

- Muni-Corr: Occupancy licenses have been renewed with each land owner that has a gate on the trail. Muni-Corr has agreed to sell their land to the Town of St. Paul at the appraised value from the appraiser used by the Town of St. Paul.

- 8) Moved by Don Padlesky
That, we purchase from Muni-Corr Area 3 for \$125,000.00 and Area 13 for \$175,000.00 for a total purchase price of \$300,000.00 to be paid over 10 years. \$30,000.00 will be paid each year and there will be no interest charged. The title will be transferred to the Town of St. Paul when the land is paid in full. The first payment will be June 2015.

“CARRIED”

- January 10th, 2015 from 12:00PM to 4:00PM in Smoky Lake you can teach your dog how to pull a sled as part of their Trail Days event.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- The Golf Course has requested a letter of support to accompany their grant application to repair their irrigation system.

- 9) Moved by Norm Noel
That, we send a letter of support to the Golf Course for their CFEP grant application to repair their irrigation system.

“CARRIED”

- Received a request from the St. Paul Junior Curling Club for support for their Junior Curling Bonspiel on Sunday, February 1st, 2015. We sent them two small T-shirts that would fit the players. We will send an additional two T-Shirts as teams usually consist of four people.
- At the last meeting Amil Shapka requested the Town hold a plebiscite regarding Photo Radar. Council chose to implement Photo Radar as there was a safety concern regarding speeding in St. Paul. Council discussed Photo Radar for months and the St. Paul Journal published Photo Radar articles multiple times in the paper before Council signed the contract. Council will not hold a plebiscite at this time. It may be considered once the contract expires in two years.

Electricity Contract

- In 2013 we signed a four year contract for electricity. The blended rate is 5.652 cents per KWH. The contract expires December 31st, 2017.
- We have an option to lock in rates for 2018 & 2019.
- Quoted rates: 2018 rate 5.682 cents per KWH, 2019 rate 5.842 (for two years). The blended-Price in 2019 will be over 6.000 as prices are expected to increase. Actual prices may vary slightly as the quote was from November 28th, 2014.
- Our options at this time are to leave as is or add one to two more years to the contract.

- Ron recommends adding two years at the rate of 5.842 for 2018 & 2019.

Gas Contract

- In 2013 we signed a one year contract for Gas. The blended rate is 3.795 GJ. The contract expires December 31st, 2014.
- Options to consider:
 - ❖ 1 year 3.99 per GJ
 - ❖ 2 year 4.01 per GJ
 - ❖ 3 year 4.07 per GJ
 - ❖ 4 year 4.17 per GJ
 - ❖ 5 year 4.23 per GJ
 - ❖ Prices may vary slightly from previous quote of November 28th, 2014.
- Recommending signing a two year contract.

10) Moved by Norm Noel

That, we sign the electrical contract for two additional years at the 2019 blended rate of 5.842 cents per KWH and we sign a 3 year Gas contract at a rate of 4.07 per GJ.

“CARRIED”

- At our management meeting we discussed closing the Office at noon on December 24th & 31st, 2014.

11) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski

That, the Town of St. Paul Holidays hours will be December 24th from 8:30 AM to 12:00PM, December 25th Closed, December 26th Closed, December 31st from 8:30 AM to 12:00PM and January 1st, 2015 Closed.

“CARRIED”

- In 2015 the Fire Department is celebrating their 70th anniversary. They would like to bring in extra entertainment for the 2015 Christmas Party and would like to know if the Town will pay 50% of the entertainment costs. We will add the entertainment to the 2015 budget.
- The next Council meeting will be December 22nd, 2014. Council will not cancel this meeting.
- Alberta Health Services ambulance services are requesting a letter of support. Ron will request more information on Direct Delivery Services.

12) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski

That, we provide a letter of support to Alberta Health Services for Direct Delivery Ambulance Services.

“CARRIED”

- The St. Paul Fire Department is requesting a letter of support to accompany their grant application for a Rapid Response Unit.

13) Moved by Judy Bogdan

That, we provide a letter of support in principle to the St. Paul Fire Department for their application for a Rapid Response Unit.

“CARRIED”

Mayor Andersen Adjourned the meeting at 20:47 Hours.

Mayor Andersen called the regular meeting back to order at 21:05 Hours.

- St. Paul Fire Department would like to replace their old set of Jaws of Life that does not work anymore. The County would contribute \$7,500.00, Town of St. Paul would contribute \$7,500.00 and \$15,000.00 would be taken out of reserves to purchase the tools.

14) Moved by Dwight Wiebe

That, we move into of Camera at 21:10 Hours to discuss a personnel issue.

“CARRIED”

15) Moved by Don Padlesky

That, we move out of camera at 21:13 Hours.

“CARRIED”

16) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski

That, we Adjourn at 21:14 Hours.

“CARRIED”

Glenn Andersen Mayor

Cindy Litwinski Recording Secretary