

Regular meeting of the Town of St. Paul Council in the St. Paul Town Council Chambers on Monday, February 23rd, 2015 at 19:00 Hours.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ken Kwiatkowski

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

“CARRIED”

- 2) Moved by Judy Bogdan
That, the minutes of February 9th, 2015 Council meeting be adopted with the following amendments:
 - Page 14: Chamber of Commerce: First Bullet-Change second sentence to read “Alice Herberger will stand as president, Kevin Bernhardt Vice President, Edna Gervais second Vice President and they will elect a treasurer at the next meeting.”
 - Page 15: Judy Bogdan: Change “Bob Bucker” to “Bob Buckle”

“CARRIED”

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:

- Page 16-Animal Shelter: Ryan is working on the Agreement and will bring back to Council once complete.
- Page 16-St. Paul Journal: Our first advertisement will be in the February 24th, 2015 St. Paul Journal.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Norm Noel

- Shiver Fest: was one of the more successful events we have had. Fish were caught in the fish pond. Cabane à Sucre was a nice addition. Would like to thank Council and everyone who helped with the event.

Judy Bogdan

- Attended Shiver Fest on February 16th, 2015. There was excellent collaboration and a good variety of activities. Suggest providing transportation for low income families. More people would have attended if they could have gotten their families there. Spoke with Oralee that Parent Link is under the umbrella of FCSS and would it be possible to apply for funding from the Town or possible grants for transportation. Low income children and families will benefit most from these activities. I did drive an aunt and four children to Shiver Fest who thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

St. Paul Golf Club

- The Golf Club has established new committees; Grounds Committee, Personnel Committee, Finance Committee and Fundraising Committee.
- Have hired a new mechanic and met the new groundskeeper Randy Leslie.
- Fundraising Committee is actively seeking sponsorship from local businesses and oil companies.
- CFEP Grant has contacted the Golf Club and Jerrod has provided additional information. The funding may be approved in June.

- Received \$57,000.00 from Casino. There was \$5,000.00 in expenses to work the Casino. Net \$51,000.00 which covered January and February operating costs.
- Brian Storseth MP may be providing Federal funds from a Labor Grant. Last year the Golf Club asked for \$10,000.00 and received \$25,000.00. They will apply for \$10,000.00 this year.
- The Golf Club expressed appreciation to the Town of St. Paul for the financial assistance.
- The next meeting is April 1st, 2015.
- Ron asked how the Golf Club was doing with finances regarding the restaurant. The restaurant is holding its own. Councilor Bogdan will forward the financial information along with the ground keepers name to administration.

Community Futures

- Was unable to attend the meeting on February 19th, 2015.
- They did not have quorum at this meeting.
- Penny provided her report; there were no new loans.
- The next meeting will be the third week in March.

Don Padlesky

Evergreen Regional Waste Management Commission

- Attended meeting on February 11th, 2015.
- A presentation was made by Alberta Municipal Affairs.
- Several concerns were brought forward about the Town of St. Paul leaving the Commission.
- Was later decided to have Michael Scheidl come out and collect our concerns then take them back to the commission.
- Commission is no longer accepting asbestos. St. Paul Transfer Station does not accept asbestos.
- Gave administration the proposed 2015 budget, January 2015 Income Statement and the month end financial reports.

St. Paul Municipal Library

- The Library made their calendars through VISTA Print on line and sold them for \$1.00 each.
- The Library charges \$0.25 per page for scanning and e-mailing information for patrons.
- Our Librarian Kerry filled in her Alberta Public Library survey. A copy was given to Administration.
- January Stats: total Patrons-3,091 and total transactions-2,451.
- New programmer Monique Poulin was hired. They had four very strong applicants.

Regional Emergency Management

- Attended meeting on February 19th, 2015.
- Elk Point Councilor Lorne Young was elected Chair. County of St. Paul Councilor Maxine Fodness was elected Vice Chair.
- March 3rd-5th, 2015 the Recreation Department and County staff will be moving emergency materials out of the Post Office basement to Sea-Cans at the County of St. Paul Public Works Shop yard.
- Our Town of St. Paul Emergency Operations Centre is in the Fire hall meeting room.
- Instruction binders for each position will be stored in the room.
- Future committee meetings will be scheduled for the third Thursday every second month starting this summer.

Edna Gervais

- Would like to attend the Chamber of Commerce AGM in Medicine Hat from May 21st – 23rd, 2015.

3) Moved by Norm Noel

That, Edna Gervais attend the Chamber of Commerce AGM in Medicine Hat from May 21st – 23rd, 2015.

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Dwight Wiebe
FCSS

- Shiver Fest: everyone did a fantastic job organizing this event. There was great community involvement. Sold 132 plates for breakfast. Great partnerships with Mannawanis, Cabane à Sucre, St. Paul Fish and Game Association and having the extra attractions like skating and fish derby so there was something for everyone.
- Seniors Day Grant: submitted the proposal to host the Provincial Seniors Week here in St. Paul. The County and Town would be co-hosting the event at Westcove as an Old Time Picnic in the Park with a Pickle Ball Tournament, Horse shoes, Bean Bags, Ladder Golf, Valet Parking and a Catered Picnic Lunch June 5th, 2015.
- April 17th, 2015 is Law Day. Will be promoting community development, information and services available in our community such as victim services, MS Society, legal aid, mock trial, sexting skit, human services, native counselling, holding cell tours etc.
- Linda Salstrom made a presentation. Thrive on Wellness as part of Champions for Change is looking for a location; the Parent Link Kitchen; to start a collective kitchen program. Collective kitchen targets basic cooking skills with a focus on healthy choices to young moms, singles and independent living adults. They do not yet have a facilitator, but once that position has been filled, they would expect about 4-5 attendees due to limited space. They are also having conversations with Portage College to secure a larger facility to expand the program.
- Reminder that the Maladjusted Theatre is February 24th, 2015. On behalf of FCSS we encourage Council to attend this event.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Glenn Andersen

- Attended Brownlee Emerging Trends conference in Edmonton. Reviewed Off-site levy By-Laws. We need to make sure that our By-Law includes areas that will benefit in the future. Also reviewed communities who have addiction policies. This falls under the Human Rights policy. Your policy should state that you can drug test employees for reasonable cause, not just random testing.
- 211- Is a support Network that provides a direct link between essential community services and the people who need them. They are trying to get it across Alberta. It is accessible in approximately 60% of Alberta. We would need to research if we can support this network here. It works well in the cities.
- Alberta's Industrial Heartland-consists of five members in the Edmonton region: Edmonton, Fort Saskatchewan, Lamont County, Strathcona County and Sturgeon County. The specialized region covers 582 square km.
- Northern Alberta Mayors and Reeves presentation went well.
- Northern Alberta Development Council: during the last meeting the concept of adding a Community Bursary Program to NADC's suite of bursary offerings was raised. Received a letter stating that changes to the current program or the introduction of new, community specific bursary may impact our current high level of service. We are dedicated to maintaining the success of our bursary program and have voted to keep the program unchanged at the time. They do encourage the Town to consider their Bursary Partnership Program as a recruitment and retention tool in our community. The NADC will match between \$1,000.00 and \$3,000.00 per student per year. Higher matching funds are available for students enrolled in the pharmacy or large animal veterinary programs (\$6,000.00 per year), nurse practitioner program (\$9,000.00 per year), or medical or dentistry school (\$12,000.00 per year). Administration will get more information on this.
- Received a letter from the Lakeland Outdoor Recreation Group requesting a letter indicating our support in principle to further advance the project of regional trail development and they are looking for our support in getting and attending a meeting with the Ministers on this development.

4) Moved by Judy Bogdan

That, we send a letter of support in principle to the Lakeland outdoor Recreation Group to further advance the project of regional trail development.

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- Shiver Fest: would like to thank everyone who participated. Everyone did a great job.
- Received a letter from the St. Paul Gymnastic Club asking for support for their Flippin’ Funny Fundraiser event on April 18th, 2015 at the Recreation Centre. Council is cooking for the High School Rodeo on April 18th, 2015. We will donate a silent auction item.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Wellness Centre

- Reviewed our expenses to date on the Wellness Centre. Expenses from 2011-2014 are \$7,241,419.43.
- In 2015 there will be approximately \$900,000.00 in expenses.
- PCN are paying for their own improvements.
- We are about two weeks away from completion.
- Once the construction is complete Cindy will arrange a tour for council before the tenants move in.
- We will plan a grand opening in April or May.
- We will have commemorative plaques installed in the lobby of the Wellness Centre. The plaques would recognize both current and past councilors who were a part of developing the Wellness Centre. We had a different MLA at that time that we would also like to recognize.
- Received a letter from Alberta Health requesting they include a pamphlet with our next utility bill in March. The pamphlet would be about the Alberta Healthy Living Program.

5) Moved by Edna Gervais

That, we allow Alberta Health to include a pamphlet on Alberta Healthy Living Program with our water bills in March.

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- Received a letter from Northern Lights Library System requesting support for their 25th anniversary Gala on September 17th & 18th, 2015. Registration fees barely cover the technical part of the conference. Suggested that they should increase their registration fees to cover the convention costs. We will donate a silent auction item.
- St. Paul Abilities Network is looking at gas and electrical contracts. We received a request to add them to our AMSC contract as a Community Related Organization. AMSC would bill them directly. There would be approximately 20 buildings.
- Had a site visit by Mytrash old place to look at the lights. The pole in question is on Lorne Bury’s property. Our options are to turn the light towards the street, cut trees or put up another pole near the walking trail. Will have to look into the cost to add another light.
- Night Security: we could look into the costs of cameras, however where would we put the receiver for the cameras. We could hire an additional Peace Officer for strictly night duty or our current Peace Officers could change their hours to cover the times when there are issues.

- 6) Moved by Don Padlesky
That, we move into camera to discuss a land issue at 20:03 Hours

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- 7) Moved by Judy Bogdan
That, we move out of camera at 20:45 Hours

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- 8) Moved by Norm Noel
That, we Adjourn at 20:46 Hours.

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Glenn Andersen Mayor

Cindy Litwinski Recording Secretary