

Meeting of the St. Paul Town Council held in the Council Chambers on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Glenn Andersen, Pat Gratton, Norm Noel, Don Padlesky, Danny White, Ken Kwiatkowski, Ron Boisvert CAO and recording secretary Cindy Litwinski.

**PRESENTATION-Wade Trottier-Staff Sergeant**

- In January and February 2013, 507 police occurrences were generated in the Town of St. Paul and a further 610 in the greater detachment area. During this period, the detachment housed 502 prisoners.
- During the last three months the detachment has been active with Check stops, and initiatives to improve visibility in the community such as uniformed members attending sports and social functions. The detachment is also planning to complete DARE in Racette, Glen Avon and Ecole Du Sommet Schools.
- In this period the biggest crime concerns were several of the community's super box mailboxes were broken into. This situation culminated with two suspects being arrested in Camrose. Investigation revealed the suspects were traveling criminals who victimized St. Paul and several other communities. St. Paul Detachment Constable Funk attended Camrose to work with their detectives on matters relating to St. Paul to ensure the best possible investigation. Currently the two suspects have been charged with theft, possession of stolen property and fraud offences, and remain in custody.
- The earliest the new Police Officer would start would be this fall.

Concerns Council have that they would like RCMP to look into:

- Skidoo's speeding down the trail
- People speeding into town from the highways.
- Distracted driving
- Loud vehicles
- Vagrants/foot traffic down alleyways
- Graffiti –there is a new Graffiti initiative, will start clean up this spring
- Mayor Andersen would like to thank our Peace Officer and the RCMP members for doing a good job of policing.

Mayor Andersen called the regular meeting to order at 19:20 Hours.

- 1) Moved by Danny White  
That, the Agenda be adopted as read.

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- 2) Moved by Danny White  
That, the Minutes from February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 be adopted as read.

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**BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:**

- Page 17- Evergreen new reduced hours will reduce wage expenses as the employees are paid hourly.
- Ron had a site meeting regarding installing a street light. It has been looked after.
- Extendicare has requested street lights be put up near the parking lot. The Town has trimmed the trees that were blocking the existing lights. Was suggested that they put up sensor lights, this would be at Extendicare's costs. The Town will have to remove trees in order to make room for street lights. We will talk to the people on the block and explain that we need to remove trees to install lights. Ron will follow up next week.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Pat Gratton**

#### FCSS

- Volunteers have received their updated training and we will start preparing Income Tax for individuals March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- National Volunteer Week is April 21-27. The banners will be hung on Main Street and posters will be put up around town in recognition, appreciation for volunteers.
- The price to re-hang the banners has been increased from \$35.00 to \$40.00.
- Parent Link/FCSS move-notice has been given that Parent Link will move out at the end of April. Renovations for the space downstairs will start April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Danny White**

#### Marketing

- The new website is up and running.
- We are still working on the content.
- The new pool manager may be able to assist us with the website.

### **Norm Noel**

- February 26<sup>th</sup> –attended the Save our Medevac meeting at the St. Paul Recreation Centre. Interesting statistics were brought up.
- March 1<sup>st</sup>- attended a meeting with Somerville. This has the potential of great spin off for our business community as Somerville practices a buy it local policy.
- March 2<sup>nd</sup>-attended the Hospital Foundation Fundraiser. Over \$68,000.00 was raised this year with major donations being made by Agland, CNRL and Lions Club. It was a great evening of laughs and socializing. Our Fire Department offered a tour of the fire hall and lunch with the fire chief. A local doctor purchased this for \$750.00.

#### Champions for Change

- Attended meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Judy Bugdan has joined the board and brings a wealth of experience with her.
- Pictures have been taken of the tagged areas so that graffiti removal program can commence once the weather warms up.
- The banner program is set to be bigger and better with more banners being made this year.
- Community gardens have inquired about possibly having more land for gardens in St. Laurent Park. The Town has already expanded the garden at St. Laurent Park. We may not be able to expand it anymore due to utilities.

### **Don Padlesky**

- February 26<sup>th</sup> –attended the Save our Medevac meeting. They are asking citizens to write, call, e-mail MLA's, Premiers and Edmonton elected officials to not close down the City Centre Airport to Medevac Flights. Will have administration scan and send out documents to council.
- February 26<sup>th</sup>- attended MD Foundation monthly meeting. They have 17 vacancies. They have decided to sell their non-rural low income houses.
- Received a complaining/concern about people not cleaning their sidewalks.
- Attended a concert put on by a Juno award winner from Madagascar. These two individuals were brought in to town by Pierre and Joanne Lamoureux. They are two individuals who I feel are true ambassadors for our town.
- Attended the Hospital Foundation Fundraiser. It was a very good event.
- There is a NLLS conference in Jasper in April. Councilor Kwiatkowski's trip is paid for by NLLS. Councilor Padlesky would like to attend this conference. Attendance would be at the Town's expense.

- 3) Moved by Norm Noel  
That, the Town will pay the expenses for Councilor Padlesky to attend the 2013 NLLS conference in Jasper.

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**Ken Kwiatkowski**

- No Report

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Glenn Andersen**

- Received a letter from St. Paul 4-H Multi-Club requesting support for their High-way clean-up which will be held on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The support goes directly towards the food bill.
- 4) Moved by Danny White  
That, we support the 4-H Multi Club Clean up in the amount of \$300.00, the same amount given in 2012.

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- Received a letter from Lac La Biche County requesting support in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the Save Our Medevac Services Society. This funding is to assist this organization with a campaign to maintain standards for fixed wing air medevac services in Northern Alberta. Administration will file this for information purposes.
- Municor has hired a consulting firm for phase 1 & 2 (stabilization and non-destructive testing of girders) for the Trestle. This will help them assess the condition of the entire structure. Hope to get a grant to continue the repairs.

**Provincial Budget**

- Our MSI Operating increased by approximately \$49,675.00. Our MSI Capital increased by approximately \$14,000.00. The increases are due to our 2012 census. MSI Operating will decrease over the next 3 years. In 2016 there will be \$0 MSI Operating dollars. They will be changing MSI Operating into Regional Collaboration Program.
- Water for Life has been cut by almost 50%. This could affect the upgrades needed for the Water Treatment Plant in order for us to supply Elk Point with water.
- Basic Municipal Transportation Grant has been cut by 3.9%.
- Agriculture took a big hit and this will affect the County of St. Paul.
- The Farm Fuel Distribution allowance has been eliminated.
- Libraries budget increased
- Policing grant has decreased 6.2%
- Education-32% of this budget comes directly from the tax payers in Alberta from their property taxes.
- The STEP program has been eliminated. This will affect FCSS and Parks & Recreation.
- \$60 million has been allocated towards Family Care Clinics.
- A monthly levy of \$0.44 will be added to all cell phone bills for 911 services.

**ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

- We sent the engineering to upgrade the water treatment plant out for tender. We had 6 companies submit bids and we short listed it to 4 companies for interviews. We are recommending awarding MPE the tender.

- 5) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski  
That, we award the contract for the Water Treatment Plant Upgrades to MPE.

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- St. Paul & District Charity Hockey Game Fundraiser is Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Clancy Arena and St. Paul Recreation Centre. Tables of 8 (eight) can be purchased for \$400.00 or individual tickets can be purchased for \$50.00 each. Administration will scan and send the information out to Council. Please let Administration know if you would like to attend this event.
- We have received the MD of St. Paul Foundation requisition. The Town of St. Paul's portion is \$186,895.77. The increase in requisition is due to 17 vacancies and increased operating costs such as food and utilities.

- 6) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski  
That, we accept the 2013 MD of St. Paul Foundation requisition in the amount of \$186,895.77.

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By-Law #1199 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 #1184.

Rate changes are as follows:

- a) Water Flat rate increase from \$25.00 to \$26.00
- b) Sewer Flat rate increase from \$13.00 to \$14.00
- c) Garbage Levy-Residential and Multi Family Residential increase from \$25.00-\$26.00
- d) Water consumption fee increase from \$0.88/cubic meter to \$0.96/cubic meter or from \$0.40/100 gallons to \$0.44/100 gallons.
- e) Sewer consumption Fee increase from \$0.44/cubic meter to \$0.48/cubic meter or from \$0.20/100 gallons to \$0.22/100 gallons.
- f) Recycling Fee Commercial & Residential increase from \$4.00 to \$5.00
- g) Blue Quills Water-Flat Rate increase from \$25.00 to \$26.00  
Blue Quills Sewer Flat Rate increase from \$13.00 to \$14.00  
Blue Quills Water Consumption increase from \$1.32/cubic meter to \$1.40/cubic meter or \$0.60/100 gallons to \$0.64/100 gallons.  
Blue Quills Sewer consumption increase from \$0.66/cubic meter to \$0.70/cubic meter or from \$0.30/100 gallons to \$0.32/100 gallons.
- h) County Residential Connection increase from \$50.00 to \$55.00 Admin fee per house  
County Residential Water Consumption increase from \$0.88/cubic meter to \$0.96/cubic meter or from \$0.44/100 gallons to \$0.44/100 gallons  
County residential Sewer Consumption increase from \$0.44/cubic meter to \$0.48/cubic meter or from \$0.20/100 gallons to \$0.22/100 gallons.
- i) Hookup fee for new housing or commercial property increase from \$60.00 to \$70.00
- j) New Owner tenant set up fee Residential or Commercial increase from \$25.00 to \$30.00
- k) Meter Read Tag system-if resident does not phone within one week of being tagged-Meter Read Fee increase from \$25.00 to \$30.00
- l) Waste Disposal-Single and Multi-Family, Residential units, which includes duplexes and four plex units increase from \$25.00 to \$26.00
- m) Grandfathered residents with no meters will have the following flat rate charges.  
Water Flat Rate \$40.00  
Sewer Flat Rate \$ 20.00  
Recycling Fee \$5.00

Garbage Fee \$26.00

- n) Disconnect/warning fee for non-payment of account increase from \$60.00 to \$70.00.

Reconnect fee for non-payment of account increase from \$60.00 to \$70.00

These fees and outstanding amount must be paid in full before we restore services.

- 7) Moved by Danny White  
That, By-Law #1199 receive first reading

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- Portage College 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports and Education dinner is on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Portage College Lac La Biche Campus. Administration will scan and send out the information to Council. Please let Administration know if you would like to attend this event.

- 8) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski  
That, we move into Camera at 20:35 Hours.

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- 9) Moved by Don Padlesky  
That, we move out of Camera at 21:42 Hours.

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- 10) Moved by Norm Noel  
That, we Adjourn at 21:43 Hours.

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**Glenn Andersen** Mayor

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**Cindy Litwinski** Recording Secretary