

Meeting of the St. Paul Town Council held in the Council Chambers on Monday, March 25<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-ATCO Agreement-Wanda Goudy, Chris Barnes, Brian Roy, Roger Turcotte

- Our Franchise agreement expired on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
- There is a new AUMA franchise template.
- ATCO Electric has been serving Alberta since 1927.
- They currently have 85 Franchise Agreements. 5 of the franchised municipalities have chosen to receive only linear tax.
- ATCO has been serving the Town of St. Paul since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1936.
- The Town of St. Paul signed their first franchise agreement on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1938.
- The benefits to the community with having a franchise is that there will be only one set of wires in the territory, there will be orderly development and it encourages long term planning.
- Benefits to ATCO for a franchise agreement is the use of municipal right of ways, orderly development and encourages communication and collaboration.
- St. Paul's Franchise Fee and Tax History. 2011 Revenue-\$3,865,977.39, 2011 Taxes \$63,302.85, 2011 7% Fee (Municipal Portion) \$270,618.41.
- Franchise Fees in nearby communities: Smoky Lake 5.00% plus linear tax, Cold Lake 4.25% plus linear tax, Elk Point 3.60% plus linear tax, Bonnyville 6.80% plus linear tax.
- Currently St. Paul has a franchise fee of 7.00% plus linear taxes. On average, residents currently pay \$7.28 of their monthly bill as franchise fees and linear taxes which include the following. Franchise Fee \$6.00+ Tax Recovery \$1.28=\$7.28.
- The next steps to be taken are: Council to determine the fee levels, cap amount and term. Bylaw (1<sup>st</sup> reading) and application letter to the AUC along with supporting documents. Co-application by ATCO Electric to the AUC, Public Notice and AUC approval (the commission will publish). Final readings by Council. Street light rate determination

Mayor Andersen called the regular meeting to order at 19:14 Hours.

- Ryan introduced Shane Ashdown the new Peace Officer to Council.

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

“CARRIED”

- 2) Moved by Pat Gratton  
That, the Minutes from March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 be adopted with the following amendment:  
Page 22-Motion 3-change “Councilor Padlesky to attend the 2103 NLLS conference” to  
“Councilor Padlesky to attend the 2013 NLLS conference”.

“CARRIED”

**BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:**

- Page 22 STEP program eliminated-the Federal Government has a similar program. The departments who utilized the STEP program are looking into the Federal program.
- Page 20-Rick and Ron have not had a chance to go to Extencicare to discuss the street lights.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Don Padlesky**

- Attended the Age Friendly Workshop.
- There is a 2013 Grey Matters Seniors Services Conference in partnership with Alberta Health in Lethbridge from September 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Featuring Keynote Speaker: Lloyd Robertson

### **Norm Noel**

- Attended the Evergreen Regional Waste meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- Attended the St. Paul & District Elder Safety and Rights Team Luncheon at Tin cup. Brought greetings from the Town and Council. Thanked this group for helping our elderly citizens with the various information sessions they have held throughout the year.
- Recreation Board meeting was rescheduled.
- Champions for Change meeting was rescheduled.
- Have received requests for an ATM machine to be installed at the Recreation Centre. To have an ATM you need to have a courier service to fill the machine. Administration will get some information on this.
- Had a request for the Town to put up signs 24 hours before snow removal for residential areas. We had tried this in the past however when public works is called away for water break repairs or other emergencies the residents that live where the signs were placed become upset that the snow was not cleared.

### **Danny White**

- No Report.

### **Pat Gratton**

- Attended the DMO meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013. They will be attending trade shows in Red Deer, Edmonton, Fort McMurray and Sherwood Park.

### **Ken Kwiatkowski**

#### Evergreen Waste Management

- Barb McCarthy presented the Audited Financial Statement.
- There is a deficit of \$111,409.00.
- The municipalities within the commission will be requisitioned on per tonnage usage. The commission will also be sending an invoice to BRWMC.
- After some concern about the new hours at the landfill, the Commission has listened to the concerns and come up with new hours. Summer months will be from May 1-October 31-Monday to Friday 7:30am-5:00 pm. Saturday 9:00 am – 5:00pm. Closed Sundays and stat holidays.
- Winter hours-November 1-April 30-Monday to Friday 8:00am -4:30pm. Closed Saturdays, Sundays and stat holidays.

#### Northern Lights Library System

- Barb McCarthy presented the Audited Financial Statements.
- Jackie Fenske came in and gave a little break down of the budget. The Library budget will remain almost the same.
- There were concerns about the STEP Program, and she asked that each department that would be affected to write a letter to Minister Dave Hancock's Office.
- Ken Feser and Kerri Anderson from the Alberta Libraries Branch came in and gave us a short version on the Service Plan that is coming up in 2014.
- NLLS has come up with four locations to hold information sessions for the service plan. Each location is set up so no one municipality would drive over one and a half hours.
- NLLS executive board has been asked to reduce the budget. One of the ideas is to have fewer executive meetings. We will be reducing the meetings from 12 per year to 8 per year. Another idea is asking municipalities to pay for the mileage to the three meetings that are held at NLLS. The amount of extra cost for the Town of St. Paul would be around a hundred dollars.

#### St. Paul Library

- The Library has been busy the past month with programs, exams that students are doing in the library, classroom tours, and the Brownies and Girl Guides that have been coming in to complete their library badge.
- Friends of the Library will be holding their AGM on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Multi-Purpose room.
- Within the next month the library will be the host to ten other municipalities to hold a Plan of Service Session for NLLS.
- Ronald McDonald visit to the library went very well. There were 56 kids who attended.
- The Library manager will be attending the next Council meeting.

Mayor Andersen Adjourned the Regular Meeting at 19:36 Hours.

#### PRESENTATION-Provincial Budget-Shayne Saskiw

- The new Provincial Budget will have a \$6 Billion debt and projected \$17 Billion by 2016.
- The sustainability fund is decreasing. There are plans to build up the Heritage Fund again.
- Education taxes-Edmonton and Calgary have been reduced and smaller communities have been increased. Some of the smaller communities that have increased are because they were paying reduced amounts in previous years due to being close to cities.
- Agricultural took a big hit in the budget with the elimination of the \$0.06/liter discount on purple diesel.
- School Boards funding is lower than expected.
- The transportation budget has been frozen for three years and cut by \$800 million.
- Enterprise and Advance Education had a 7% cut-this will affect Portage College. Mr. Saskiw does not agree with centralizing our universities.
- Enhanced Home care was reduced 14%.
- STEP Program eliminated
- MSI was not reduced; however it is less than what was promised.
- Have budgeted very low for disaster recovery.
- Municipal Water Infrastructure was cut.
- Medevac is big issue-they have put evidence on the table regarding the longer wait times. Alberta Health Quality Council has recommended that there be a dedicated ambulance lane from the airport to Edmonton.
- There have been no agreements or other plans to use other airports such as the Villeneuve.
- The budget projections for the price of oil were off which is why we are seeing all the budget cuts.
- Wildrose will not be taking the 8% MLA pay increase and hope the other parties will do the same.
- Mayor Andersen thanked MLA Shayne Saskiw for his time to discuss the budget.

Mayor Andersen called the Regular Meeting to order at 20:12 Hours.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

##### **Glenn Andersen**

ATCO Electric Franchise Agreement

- 3) Moved by Danny White  
That, we enter into a 10 year Franchise Agreement with ATCO Electric at the current rate of 7.00% plus linear tax, with a cap of 20%. A By-Law will be prepared.

“CARRIED”

**ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

- We currently have a By-Law for cleaning sidewalks for commercial properties. Ryan has surveyed nearby municipalities to see if they have a By-Law for residential snow removal. All the municipalities surveyed do have a residential By-Law for snow removal. Ryan would like to include residential snow removal within our traffic By-Law. Council would like Ryan to follow through with the By-Law for residential snow removal. Snow is to be removed within 48 hours or there will be a \$50.00 fine that can be transferred to taxes if left unpaid.
- Ron has signed the letter of engagement for Joly, McCarthy and Dion to complete the Town of St. Paul's 2013 audit. Ron gave out two letters from the auditors discussing their responsibility as auditors for information purposes.
- 2013 Alberta School Education taxes have increased 15.48% from \$1,502,022 to \$1,734,584.31.
- In light of Evergreen considering changing their hours of operation we have reviewed the hours of operation for the transfer station. We have decided to keep them the same. Winter Hours-November 1-April 30-Tuesday to Friday-10:00am-6:00pm. Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm. Closed on Sunday and Monday and all Statutory Holidays. Summer Hours-May 1-October 31-Tuesday to Friday 12:00pm-8:00pm. Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm. Closed on Sunday and Monday and all Statutory Holidays.
- Received a thank you letter from Michelle Blanchette from St. Paul Healthcare Centre for the support and donations towards the Hospital Foundation Fundraiser event on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013.
- Received a request from Goodfish Lake Hockey Association looking for a donation or financial support for their community minor hockey team's participation in the 2013 Alberta Native Hockey Championship and the annual All Treaty Hockey Championship games. We will donate one of our promotional items.
- Ron met with 8760 and they will provide us with a proposal to be our power providers. AMSC will also make a proposal to the Town.

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 By-Law # 1184.

- 4) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski  
That, By-Law #1199 receive Second Reading

"CARRIED"

- 5) Moved by Norm Noel  
That, By-Law #1199 receive Third and Final Reading

"CARRIED"

- We received a thank you card from Rock the Dress for the use of our Recreation facility.
- Tax incentive program: have received requests from Speedee Lube and Trailer Canada to be added to our tax incentive program. The last portion of this incentive will expire on December 31, 2013.

- 6) Moved by Don Padlesky  
That, we approve Speedee Lube and Trailer Canada for the tax incentive program.

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- Will be attending a trade show in Sherwood Park on April 12-14 and in Fort McMurray on April 26-28.

- Administration sent out information from FCM regarding the Federal Budget. We will look into the Building Canada Fund for 57<sup>th</sup> Street.

7) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski  
That, we move into Camera at 20:52 Hours

“CARRIED”

7) Moved by Norm Noel  
That, we move out of Camera at 21:34 Hours.

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8) Moved by Danny White  
That, we Adjourn at 21:35 Hours.

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**Glenn Andersen** Mayor

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**Cindy Litwinski** Recording Secretary