

Meeting of the Town of St. Paul Council in the St. Paul Town Chambers on Monday, September 9th, 2013 at 19:00 Hours.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

PRESENTATION:-Post Summer Police Report-Darryl Mcpherson

- Darryl handed out copies of the RCMP K Division 2012-2013 year in review booklet.
- Darryl presented the St. Paul Municipal Detachment Statistical Comparison of August and Year to Date Criminal Code Offences.
- Impaired driving increased from last year.
- Councilor Padlesky said it is good to see a higher police presence.
- Mayor Andersen thanked Darryl for the presentation.

PRESENTATION:-Pawn Shop By-Law #2008-Ryan Berezanski

- Have worked with the Pawn Shops, MPC and the RCMP to revise our Pawn Shop By-Law.
- Page 1 is the definitions.
- Page 2 section 3b states that when goods are received that the information recorded must include the full name, date of birth, residential address, telephone number, gender, height, weight, eye and hair color of the individual delivering the goods.
- Section 3d states that a detailed description of each good including, where available, the make, model and serial number of the good, the manufacturer's name and any distinguishing marks, including any owner applied marks. This has been recommended by lawyers and Edmonton and Medicine Hat use the same wording.
- Section 5 states that the person working the till must be 18 years of age or older.
- All goods collected must be held for a 30 day period. Section 12 states that the goods will be entered into the computer system within 24 hours.
- Section 13 states that the weekly report will be transmitted to the RCMP weekly on every Wednesday.
- Mayor Andersen thanked Ryan for his presentation and the RCMP for their involvement in revising the Pawn Shop By-Law.

PRESENTATION:-Potential Closure of Easement-Barb and Dave Holmberg

- Dennis Ouellette read a letter to council stating that he would like the easement closed off on the East side of RCMP Park.
- In 2000 he received permission to close off the easement, however a petition was circulated to keep the easement open. Council ruled at that time to leave the easement open.
- They are again requesting the closure of the easement due to Vandalism (graffiti and scratches to vehicles), theft of items from their yards and trespassing. They have issues with people who are drunk waking them up in the middle of the night with screaming and fighting. People are also throwing litter in his yard over the fence.
- They feel the easement is not used frequently and needs to be closed.
- A letter from the town was sent out to the people in the neighborhood asking if they would like the easement closed. People who wanted it closed were asked to contact Jim. The letter stated that if they did not contact Jim that they were agreeing to leave the easement open. Dennis feels this letter should have stated that if we did not hear from people that it meant they wanted the easement closed.
- Barb circulated a petition to have the easement closed and has collected 20 signatures and asked that we respect the people who have signed the petition.
- Mayor Andersen thanked Barb, Dave and Dennis for their presentation.

Mayor Andersen called the regular meeting of the St. Paul Council in the St. Paul Council Chambers on Monday September 9th, 2013 to order at 19:40 Hours.

- 1) Moved by Pat Gratton
That, the Agenda be adopted as read.

“CARRIED”

- 2) Moved by Danny White
That, the minutes of the Regular Council meeting on August 26th, 2013 be adopted as read.

“CARRIED”

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:

- We received a request to move the crosswalk light at the old Glen Avon School to either the French School or 57th street and 50th Ave. We have checked with Transportation and it will cost more to move the crosswalk lights than it would to install a new one. Due to our climate a solar cross walk light is not an option.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ken Kwiatkowski

St. Paul Library

- August was another very busy month at the library with 3268 people that came through the doors.
- There are 80 kids registered for the summer reading program.
- Total attendance from the programs in the library from July 2- August 22 was 600 kids.
- Will be having a seed swap day. You can bring in your extra seeds from the garden and in the spring you can come back to the library and swap seeds, or choose the seeds you would like to plant.
- On October 16th the COW bus will be at the library and we have notified all the schools. It will be an opportunity for them to participate in the COW bus.
- On September 25th the 123, ABC program starts for toddlers and will run for 11 weeks.
- And on September 12th the library will be at the community awareness night so stop at our table and see what else is happening at the library.

Pat Gratton

- Have received a request to change the stop sign at 49th St & 46th Ave. They would like the stop sign to be on the avenue instead of the street. Ron will forward to Public Works to look into.

Danny White

- Would like to thank Mayor and Council that attended the parade and all those that helped to decorate the float.
- On behalf of MPC would like to thank Ryan and the RCMP for all the hard work put into the new Pawn Shop By-Law.

Norm Noel

Community Futures

- Attended meeting on August 28th.
- Summer has been a little slow.
- Will be running a testimonial ad campaign on the Spur.
- Penny went to Southern Alberta to help with the flood. Thanks to Penny for being there to help our neighbors in a time of need.

Champions for Change

- Attended meeting on September 5th.
- Are currently looking at having a logo made. Will present it to council once it is decided.
- The Thrive on Wellness initiative has begun.
- Are trying to promote healthy eating in our community with projects like collective kitchens and a preserving course that will be starting in the near future.
- The downtown revitalization graffiti removal has been steadily making its impact on the downtown. Thanks to everyone who has helped.
- Next year they are looking at expanding the mini concerts held in Porozni Park next to the St. Paul Foundry. They will be calling the events "Party in the Park" they are hoping to hold a lot more of these events after seeing the success of this year's concerts.
- The Harvest ball is fast approaching. October 5th will see the annual fundraising event held at the Ukrainian Orthodox Hall. Will be approaching the Town with a letter asking for their support to this event in the next week or two.

- Potential closing date for the Splash Park is September 30th.
- The ice plant at the Clancy will be turned on September 12th.
- Community Awareness night is at the Recreation Centre on September 12th starting at 7:00 P.M.
- Attended the rodeo kick off supper on August 26th.
- Participated in the chili cook off on August 28th with councilors Kwiatkowski, White, Padlesky and Gratton.
- Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who came out to help with the rodeo supper this year.
- Gave a thank you card on behalf of the Silhouette Dance School Society for our support towards the home building fundraiser.

Don Padlesky

MD Foundation

- Attended the meeting on August 27th.
- They are a bit ahead on their financing, after 7 months they are around 56% of their budget.
- Municipal Affairs-Social housing is not allowing an increase to their budget.
- Capacity building has been put off until November when the new board starts up.
- Sunnyside Manor has 5 vacancies with 2 people on the waiting list.
- Heritage Homes Phase I has no vacancies and 8 people on the waiting list.
- Heritage Homes Phase II has no vacancies and 14 people on the waiting list.
- Two homes were sold at Lottie Lake.

- Purchased a dog whistle from a local business in town and tested it at the animal shelter. It worked well. Each time it was used the dogs would stop barking. Delivered it to a town citizen who was having some issues with a neighbors barking dog.
- The animal shelter is looking into a D.E.W.S. system (Dog Early Warning System). It consists of 3 color coded Dog Bandanas where Red=do not approach, Yellow=Ask First, Green=Friendly. This system is being used in other municipalities and they are hoping to start it in St. Paul.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Glenn Andersen

- 45th street and Lakeshore drive has a stop sign but 45A Street & 45B Street and Lakeshore drive have a yield sign. Will forward to Public Works to look into.
- Have received a complaint that the stop sign should be for the people coming out of the Robertson Construction Yard not the people on the street. Will forward to Public Works to look into.

- Received a Thank You card from the Chamber of Commerce for supporting their Rodeo Kick-off Supper.
- Would like to thank all the staff and the Bethel group for the help with the Rodeo Supper. Over 1,100 people attended the Town Rodeo Supper. Went through 520lbs of beef. The Chamber did a good job on changing up their kick-off supper. The Ag Society also did a good job.
- Met with the Minister of Infrastructure this morning.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- We received a letter from the County of St. Paul asking if the Town would be willing to attend a joint meeting with the Minister of Transportation to discuss the upgrading of highway 28. Council would like to attend this meeting and also discuss upgrading Highway 29 and 881 North.
- Received documentation that our ATCO Electric Franchise Agreement is up for renewal. The current Franchise fee is 7%. The Franchise fee cap is 20%.

- 3) Moved by Pat Gratton
That, we leave the ATCO Electric Franchise Fee the same at 7%.

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Utility Easement between 5202-55 A St. and 5525-52 Ave.

- The Town can leave easements open or close them off and have the residents take care of the land.
 - No permanent structure can be placed on an easement.
 - Rick, Ron and Ryan have done a site visit.
 - We sent letters out to 37 residents in that area. We received 15 replies. 8 wanted it closed, 5 said it does not matter, and 2 said to leave open.
 - Ron read a letter from Gloria Ng stated that she has a daycare and uses the easement often to go to the park. She would like it to remain open.
 - Have also received a request to put lights up in the area.
 - Council will schedule a site meeting to see what options are available.
- Received documentation that our Alta Gas Franchise Agreement is up for renewal. The current Franchise Fee is at 22%.

- 4) Moved by Danny White
That, we leave the Alta Gas Franchise Fee the same at 22%.

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By-Law #2008 A By-Law of the Town of St. Paul in the Province of Alberta, to regulate Pawnbrokers and secondhand dealers.

- 5) Moved by Danny White
That, we give By-Law #2008 First reading.

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- Received an invitation for the First Annual Portage College Buffalo Feast on September 25th, at the Portage College Campus in Lac La Biche at 6pm. If you are interested in attending please contact Shannon Fontaine at 1-866-623-5551 ext. 5631.
- Received a request from the Town and Country Ladies Funspiel asking for support for their event. Administration donated one of our carrying bags.
- The Municipal Election is October 21st, 2013. We would like to hold advanced polls on October 2nd, 2013 in the Town Chambers from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

- 6) Moved by Ken Kwiatkowski
That, we approve the Advance polls for October 2nd, 2013 in the Town Council Chambers at 5101-50th street from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

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- We are scheduling a public forum on September 25th at 7:00 pm in the multi-purpose room regarding the Chambers request to merge the Town Business License and Chamber membership license. We will send a letter to all businesses in town inviting them to the public hearing.
- Council has requested copies of our Peace Officers schedule so they know when they are on duty.
- Council would like the Peace Officers office number forwarded to their cell phones when they will not be in the office while on duty.
- Ryan has applied to transportation for permission to put the speed sign on Main Street. Council would like to see it in other areas of town while they are waiting for approval.

- 7) Moved Don Padlesky
That, we move into camera at 20:54 Hours

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- 8) Moved by Don Padlesky
That, we move out of camera at 21:36 Hours.

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- 9) Moved by Norm Noel
That, we Adjourn at 21:40 Hours.

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Glenn Andersen Mayor

Cindy Litwinski Recording Secretary