# Town of Mundare Regular Council Meeting Minutes March 18, 2014

**Present** Mayor Charlie Gargus, Councillors M. Greening, F. Rosypal, I. Talaga

**Staff** CAO Colin Zyla, Susan Campbell

**Call to Order** Mayor Gargus called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

### **Adoption of Agenda**

14/50 Greening: that the agenda be adopted as presented with the following additions:

6 (h) Farmers Day

(i) CIB

Carried

### **Delegation** (a) Jackie Osadchuk

Jackie Osadchuk was present to make a presentation regarding an invoice for weed control at 5304-51 Avenue.

- -in January-received a statement for an outstanding invoice for weed control-the statement went to her sister
- -she did not receive the invoice or the weed notification
  - -she moved out in July, 2013
  - -left a blank cheque for July water bill-did not know new address
  - -she registered a forwarding address with post office July 25
  - -asking the Town to cancel the bill
- -the Town sent a weed notice on August 30 to her Mundare address the work was to be completed by Sep 6-letter was not returned to office
- -Sep 7 contractor went in to do work
- -invoice prepared in December-had no address
- -Jan 14-statement sent out for outstanding amount-sent to her sisters address-address obtained from tax roll for father Jack Osadchuk

Mrs. Osadchuk also expressed concerns regarding a neighbor pushing snow on the boulevard on the East side of her property-when the snow melts-it floods her property. She has been cutting the property even though it is a Town boulevard.

A letter will be sent to the neighbor regarding snow removal. If required, the Town will cut the grass.

Mrs. Osadchuk left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Discussion took place:

- -concerns about the delay in invoicing for the work that was done
- -owners are responsible to keep her property weed free

Greening: that the total bill be reduced to \$140 because of the delay in invoicing for the work.

Carried

## (b) Susan Campbell

Susan Campbell was present to provide information on the Ft. Saskatchewan trade show, the parade schedule, and a Town pamphlet.

#### **Parades**

- -Andrew-June 28-Mary Greening
- -Bruderheim-July 1-Frank Rosypal
- -Lamont-July 26-Charlie Gargus
- -Vegreville-August 7-Frank Rosypal

Farmers Day-will be held on June 13

- -discussion if the Town should partner with Servus to hold farmer's day
- -Town will do its own event

### **Trade Shows**

- -Ft. Sask trade show-April 24-27
  - -Irene will work Friday
  - -Charlie will work Saturday
  - -Colin will work Sunday
- -discussion took place regarding pamphlets and postcards
  - -pamphlets will be printed in house
  - -postcards will be from a printer

Recess from 8:30-8:33 p.m.

### **Business** (a) SCAN

Information was provided regarding the Safer Communities and Neighborhood act.

- -they use civil law which is a lower standard than criminal law
- -they go after the property owner
- -they do not take complaints from government agencies-the complainant must be someone who is nearby on a regular basis

-complainants name are kept in strict confidence

# (b) EIPS Meeting

The meeting with EIPS is scheduled for April 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the MRC. Items for the agenda:

- -public access to gym
- -future expansion

#### (c) MYCIP

A five year multiyear capital plan was presented.

14/52 <u>Rosypal:</u> that the Multiyear Capital Infrastructure Plan be approved.

Carried

### (d) Tax request-5116-52 Avenue

A letter was received from Dave Cox, the son-in law of the owner of 5116-52 Avenue regarding the outstanding taxes on the property.

- -the property is listed on the 2014 Tax sale list
- -requested some kindness towards the payment of outstanding taxes
- -outstanding taxes-\$3,206.69
- -in 2009-they had a water break in the house-incurred utility bills in the about of \$1,865.65 over two months
- -June of 2009 a letter was sent to council asking for a reduction in the amount. The request was denied
- -did receive a partial payment of \$183.44
- -only two utility payments received during rest of 2009
- -April of 2010-outstanding utilities in the amount of \$2,002.64 transferred to taxes
- -2011 to 2012-received payments equal to that years taxes plus an extra \$780-penalties continued to be applied-in 2011 some utility amounts transferred to taxes
- -total tax penalties applied \$1,962.48 up to March 2014
- -there has been no communication with the town since Council denied their utility reduction request until a letter was sent advising that the property would be listed on the tax sale
- -a tax payment agreement was forwarded to the owner-they can make monthly payments over three years to pay off the amount

Discussion took place.

-the Town ratepayers should not have to pay for the costs incurred by others through no fault of the Town

14/53 <u>Greening</u>: that the request for a reduction in the taxes of 5116-52 Avenue be denied.

Carried

# (e) Leasing of Gym Area

The Kalyna PCN is interested in leasing the Gym area to open up a clinic.

- -concerns about losing the space for other activities
- -it was noted that the formers doctor's office on main street was just put up for sale-that would be a great location
- -suggested that the Kalyna PCN check on that option before a decision is made

# (f) Pro North

Pro North has decided to locate to Ft. Saskatchewan. They had some issues with negotiating with the owner of the land they were looking at.

# (g) April 15 Meeting

The grade six class from the school would like to attend the council meeting n April 15.

14/54 Rosypal: that the April 15 meeting be moved to 1:00 in the afternoon.

# (h) Farmers Day

Was discussed during Susan Campbell delegation.

### (i) CIB

CIB was wondering if the Town would be able to help out with materials for the flower beads.

- -price is unknown
- -felt that shale might be better than wood chips
- -the supply of wood chips that we have access to might not be acceptable
- -maybe shredded rubber would work
- -more information is required
- -there are also looking at putting arch silhouette at the South end of main street

Adjournment Mayor Gargus adjourned the meeting at 9	9:40 p.m.
	Mayor
	Chief Administrative Officer