

A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE VILLAGE OF ST. LOUIS
HELD IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE
APRIL 14, 2009_____

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the Acting Mayor.

ATTEND:

Councillors present Sonny Vandale, Bonnie Kuppenbender, Denis Patrick, Acting Mayor Les Rancourt and Administrator Robin Boyer.

AGENDA:

75-09 Patrick: That the agenda as presented be approved.
CARRIED

MINUTES:

76-09 Vandale: That the minutes of the regular meeting of March 10, 2009 and Special Meeting of March 30, 2009 be approved.
CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

77-09 Kuppenbender: That the financial reports for the month ending March 2009 be acknowledged.
CARRIED

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

78-09 Patrick: That the accounts payable list for April be approved in the amount of \$23,913.30.
CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

79-09 Vandale: That the following correspondence being read be filed.

Municipal Affairs – Information sheet on the 2009-10 Municipal Operating Grants (former Revenue Sharing). The actual allocation will be announced on April 15, 2009.

Wapiti Regional Library – Library information including update on a new computerized system and an official request to amend the Library Policy and Bylaws regarding quorum at meetings.

North Central Transportation Planning Committee – Annual General Meeting was held on April 2, 2009 and they provided us with a list of current bridges within their area and approximate replacement costs.

Product Care – Village needs to set a date for Household Hazardous Waste Days collection.

Prairie Mapping Services – Information on services that they can provide to municipalities.

Sask Water & Wastewater Association – Information on upcoming workshop in Saskatoon May 6 for valves, meters and piping repairs, etc. Would like to register Brian as he is required to attend some training as part of his certification.

80-09 Kuppenbender: That Brian attend the workshop as required for certification training.

Bullying Canada – Requesting the Village join their petition on anti bullying and support “Blue Day” on December 17th.

Ministry of Municipal Affairs – Notification that a green funding for municipal re-cycling programs will be offered.

SUMA – Information received on the contents of the Provincial Budget including Municipal Operating Grant Program, School taxes.

Ministry of Municipal Affairs - Handout providing information on proposed legislative amendments respecting education property tax reductions.

Clark’s Supply & Service – Flyer on products, including hot water portable pressure washers.

SAMA – Notice of annual general meeting.

Association Coeur Franc – Requesting to put up a “La Salle” sign at the community hall.

81-09 Patrick: That the Association be allowed to put up a “La Salle” sign.

Acme Sewer – Flyer advertising their services.

Marcel Lussier – Letter of offer for Village owned lot at 155 1st Street.

- 82-09 Patrick: That the Village accept the offer from Marcel Lussier and that the Administrator complete the paperwork and all costs with transfer will be the responsibility of Mr. Lussier.
Ministry of Municipal Affairs – Approval of our MEEP infrastructure plan and signed agreement received.
SUMA – Will be hosting an information meeting regarding the SUMAssure self insurance plan in Melfort May 13, 2009.
SPRA – Asking Council to declare June Recreation and Parks Month and plan some activity to celebrate this.
- 83-09 Vandale: That the Village recognize June as Recreation and Parks Month.
Leo Grimard – Received a resume for casual maintenance worker.
Saskatchewan Municipal Board – They have provided conditional approval for our borrowing application from the FCM – Green Municipal Fund of \$824,000. They will require confirmation of all required approvals for the project before formal approval will be granted.
UMAAS – Newsletter and Conference registration forms for June convention.
Home Building Centre – Materials quote for Shop Building.
CARRIED
- 84-09 Kuppenbender: That Council suspend agenda and move to visitors portion.
CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

VISITORS – SGT. TOURNIER - RCMP:

Information presented on the work and plan of action for the RCMP within our municipality.

VISITORS – CATTERALL & WRIGHT / SASKATCHEWAN ENVIRONMENT:

Visitors Al Mikkelson, Brett Laroche & Andy Busse discussed the steps required in moving our wastewater lagoon project forward.

- 85-09 Patrick: That the Village authorize Catterall & Wright to proceed with the Lagoon project and that the Administrator provide all required information to them.
CARRIED

- 86-09 Kuppenbender: That Council move back to the regular agenda.
CARRIED

REVIEW OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT READINGS:

- 87-09 Patrick: That Council acknowledges the March 2009 Water Treatment Plant Readings as being complete and accurate after their review of said documents.
CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION FOR LINE OF CREDIT BORROWING:

- 88-09 Kuppenbender: That application be made to the Local Government Committee for permission to borrow the sum of up to a maximum of \$1,500,000 dollars, in 2009 from Advantage Credit Union, as a line of credit for the purpose of capital sewer costs associated with the construction and installation of a complete wastewater system including lagoon, sewage pumping stations and forcemains.

AND that the amount of the said line of credit shall be payable immediately upon receipt of Federal portion of Building Canada Funds – Communities Component and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Green Municipal Funds loan portion, with current interest rates of 5.47% applied, but not later than April 30, 2012.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

BYLAW 07/09 – INTRODUCTION & READINGS:

- 89-09 Vandale: That the Lagoon Rate Bylaw be tabled until a Special meeting and that the Administrator call a Special Meeting for later in April to discuss this Bylaw plus Budget 2009.
CARRIED

SPECIAL OCCASION PERMIT – BALL TOURNAMENT:

90-09 Patrick: That the Village of St. Louis approves the issuance of a Community Event Liquor Permit to the:

St. Louis Junior Slo-Pitch

For:

Slo-Pitch Ball Tournaments

To take place at the St. Louis Ball Diamonds in St. Louis Saskatchewan for the dates and hours (maximum of 12 hours / day including dance if applicable):

May 16, 2009	12 PM – 8 PM
May 17, 2009	12 PM – 8 PM
July 1, 2009	12 PM – 8 PM
July 18, 2009	12 PM – 8 PM
July 19, 2009	12 PM – 8 PM

CARRIED

FCM – GREEN MUNICIPAL FUND – GRANT & LOAN ACCEPTANCE:

91-09 Kuppenbender: THAT the Village of St. Louis accept the following financing from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Green Municipal Fund, with respect to our Wastewater Lagoon Project:

- A. a grant in an amount equal to the lesser of \$82,400 or 3% of total eligible costs
- B. a loan in an amount equal to the lesser of \$824,000 or 30.3% of total eligible costs

WHEREAS, the Village of St. Louis agrees in principle to the terms contained in the Term Sheet and wishes to enter into a formal loan agreement, and

WHEREAS, the financing is subject to all the terms and conditions to be contained in the loan agreement relating to the proposed financing of the project

AND that the Village of St. Louis make equal annual payments of principal and interest over 10 years at a fixed rate based on Government of Canada benchmark bond rate for the same maturity or duration, quoted by the Bank of Canada at or close to the time of disbursement minus 1.5%. Interest is accrued and payable semi-annually in arrears. Post maturity interest will be the Interest Rate plus 2%.

CARRIED

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE TRUCK:

92-09 Patrick: That the Village consider all options for a new truck and that the Administrator has the option of expending up to \$15,000 as budgeted.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY HALL – DAMAGE DEPOSITS / MICROPHONES:

93-09 Vandale: That the Community Hall now be subject to a \$150.00 damage deposit on all rentals and that Village Maintenance inspect after each function to determine any damages and that microphones be purchased for the Hall and stored at the Village Office and be used for functions for a deposit fee.

CARRIED

HALL – FLOOR RE-FINISHING:

94-09 Kuppenbender: That the Community Hall have the floor re-finished again in May by Michael Richard and that a new 1 piece rug be purchased for the entrance.

CARRIED

OTHER:

95-09 Patrick: That the Village implement a pick-up day for all burning barrels that residents wish to dispose of and that Michael be aware of the day for disposal at the RM Landfill.

CARRIED

96-09 Vandale That business owners be contacted to see if the possible elimination of Saturday garbage collection will pose any inconvenience to their business.

CARRIED

ADJOURN:

97-09 Acting Mayor Rancourt: That this meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

Acting Mayor – Les Rancourt

Administrator – Robin Boyer