

A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE VILLAGE OF ST. LOUIS
HELD IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE
MARCH 14, 2011

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by the Mayor.

42-11 Petit: That we excuse Councillors Kuppenbender and Doucet until later this meeting.
CARRIED

ATTEND:

Councillors present Mayor Les Rancourt, Deputy Mayor Denis Patrick, Cindy Petit, Bonnie Kuppenbender, Pauline Doucet and Administrator Robin Boyer.

AGENDA:

43-11 Patrick: That the agenda as presented be approved.
CARRIED

44-11 Patrick: That Councillors Kuppenbender and Doucet be acknowledged as present.
CARRIED

MINUTES:

45-11 Patrick: That the minutes of the regular meeting of February 14, 2011 be approved.
CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

46-11 Kuppenbender: That the financial reports for the month ending February 2011 be acknowledged.
CARRIED

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

47-11 Patrick: That the accounts payable list for January be approved in the amount of \$48,722.66.
CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

48-11 Kuppenbender: That the following correspondence being read be filed.

SUMA – Opportunity for Volunteer Fire Fighters to obtain off-duty insurance coverage. Also, received letter outlining services provided and upcoming events, including annual golf tournament to be held in Melfort.

ATAP Infrastructure – Information on upcoming CEU workshops for water operators.

SAL Engineering Ltd. – Letter received outlining services available to municipalities.

Sask Tel – Notice that e-mail platform will be upgraded on March 29, 2011.

North Central Enterprise Region – Letters received updated results of an economic round table meeting held on January 25 for this region and they are requesting the Village to complete an investment readiness survey.

Stats Canada – Notice that the 2011 Census will take place in May of 2011 and that some employment opportunities exist for our area.

Munisoft – They have provided a quote to upgrade our accounting software for tax, utilities and receipting to a Windows based application. Our old system will not be upgraded any further by Munisoft but will still be provided with support services. The cost for the new software and training will be approximately \$4,000 and has been budgeted for in the 2011 Draft Budget.

WWF Canada – Notice that earth hour will take place on Saturday March 26, 2011 from 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM. It is requested that everyone show their support by turning off all lights and not using much power during this time frame.

Canadian Red Cross – Notice they are looking for volunteer to help in the provision of their local services.

Sask Power – They can now make their monthly payments for the municipal surcharge payable to the Village via direct payment. If we are interested, we need to complete the required form and return it to them. If Council wishes to receive this payments by direct deposit then a resolution needs to be passed.

49-11 Petit: That the following correspondence being read be filed.
CARRIED

Government of Saskatchewan – Information regarding Emergency Flood Damage Reduction Program available.

North Central Transportation Planning Committee – Request for the Village to become an annual member at a cost of \$270 per year. They provide training and services with respect to road construction, grading, etc. They also provided notice of the annual meeting to be held on April 14, 2011 in Rosthern. They also provide a letter requesting municipalities to host a Phase 2 (In Cab)

Workshop for Occupational Health and Safety Powered Mobile Equipment Operation. Communities will be required to provide a training site (road) and equipment and fuel.

SGI – Notice that we qualify for a 10% basic insurance discount for any vehicles that we register with SGI.

Operator Certification Board – Notice that they have received our application for Edward Lussier to be Certified in Small Systems Water operations and that it will be reviewed on March 18.

Saskatchewan Environment – Notice on the classification of our water and wastewater facilities. We are classified as Class 1 Water Distribution, Class 1 Wastewater Treatment and Class 1 Wastewater Collection but since our population is under 500 we can operate with a small systems certified operator or an operator in training for small systems.

Greenland Waste – notice that landfill rates will rise in April 2011 and we can expect increases up to \$250.00 per month. They will be providing me a quote on residential bins and pick up service.

Prince Albert Parkland Health Region – They are requesting a commitment on municipal funds for capital construction costs of the new Pineview Terrace Lodge in Prince Albert. They may wish to attend a future Council meeting to discuss further.

Municipal Affairs – Notice that the second installment of our 2010-11 New Deal Gas Tax Fund payment has been deposited into our account in the amount of \$12,973.10.

Fran saskoise – Invitation for Mayor and Administrator to the rural symposium of terroir culture in Domremy on March 28, 2011.

CARRIED

REVIEW OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT READINGS:

50-11 Petit: That Council acknowledges the February 2011 Water Treatment Plant Readings as being complete and accurate after their review of said documents.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

LAGOON PROJECT UPDATE:

Administrator gave report on the status of the Lagoon Project. No new developments. The engineers are working on the sewage pumping station encroachment issue.

Council was informed of the sewer back-up and expense incurred near the west septic tank.

It was noted that the Permit to Operate has been applied for and that a request to extend the original construction permit was also applied for until June 2011.

COMPLAINTS RESPONSE REGISTER:

51-11 Patrick: That after Council reviewed the February register it was resolved that a letter be sent to Happy Go Lucky Café & Gas Bar outlining the Village policy for snow removal at business properties.

CARRIED

DRAFT OF 2011 MUNICIPAL OPERATING BUDGET:

Council provided with draft copy of 2011 Municipal Operating Budget for review and this item was tabled until April Meeting.

DRAFT OF 5 YEAR CAPITAL PLAN:

Council provided with draft copy of 2011 5 Year Capital Plan for review and this item was tabled until April Meeting.

52-11 Doucet: That the Regular Agenda be suspended to see visitor from RCMP.

CARRIED

VISITOR - RCMP:

Council was provided with an overview of the RCMP Annual Performance Plan and how it affects policing service to our community. The RCMP also responded to various concerns and questions from Council regarding local issues.

Sgt. Marquis and Cst. Josephson in attendance.

53-11 Patrick: That the Regular Agenda order be returned to.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

NEWSLETTER

54-11 Patrick: That Councillors Petit & Doucet be appointed to serve as treasurers and signing authority for the St. Louis Community Newsletter.

CARRIED

DESIGNATING BRIDGE AS HERITAGE SITE:

55-11 Kuppenbender: That the Village of St. Louis support the nomination of the St. Louis (Grand Truck Pacific Railway) Bridge as a Provincial Heritage Property and that this support be conveyed to Mr. Delbert Kirsch, MLA and that any further supporting documentation, including Nomination Forms, be provided by the Administrator, as necessary and required.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY EVENT PERMIT:

56-11 Patrick: That the Village of St. Louis approves the issuance of a Community Event Liquor Permit to the:

St. Louis Lions Club

For:

Ice Breaker Cabaret

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

April 30, 2011 7 PM – 2 AM

CARRIED

MUNICIPAL BOND RENEWAL:

57-11 Petit: That the Village renew the Municipal Bond on the Administrator position for the next 3 years until March of 2014.

CARRIED

SEWER BACK UP:

Council discussed this issue and was made aware of all concerns during the Lagoon Project update.

ICE PLANT COMPRESSOR:

58-11 Kuppenbender: That the Skating and Curling Rink Boards have the ice plant compressor repaired and that the Administrator look for financing options including grants, fundraising, donations, financing, etc.

CARRIED

OTHER:

59-11 Petit: That the Small Business Association be allowed to use the Council Room for their meeting on March 22, 2011.

CARRIED

60-11 Kuppenbender: That Edward Lussier be sent for First Aid Training with the Fire Department on March 26 & 27.

CARRIED

61-11 Doucet: That the Administrator make a list of payment and expense responsibility for the Fire Department.

CARRIED

62-11 Doucet: That Maintenance be made aware that kids have been playing near the Shop building and that measures be taken to ensure that they cannot get into the building or yard.

CARRIED

ADJOURN:

63-11 Mayor Rancourt: That this meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

Mayor

Administrator