

**COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD**

July 4, 2019

1. The Agricultural Service Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman C. Martin at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, July 4, 2019 at the County Office in St. Paul, there being present the following:

Councillor C. Martin, Chairman
Reeve S. Upham
Councillor D. Younghans
Councillor K. Wirsta
Councillor M. Fodness
Councillor D. Hedrick
Tim Mahdiuk, Interim CAO
Dennis Bergheim, Director of Community Services
Keith Kornelsen, Agricultural Fieldman
Warren Leister, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
Bryan Bespalko, Manager of Construction and Utilities
Arlene Shwetz, Communications Coordinator
Toso Bozic, Crop Assurance Extension Specialist
Betty Way, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Councillor L. Amyotte

2. **MINUTES**

Motion by Councillor M. Fodness to adopt the Minutes of the March 14, 2019 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as amended with correction to Item 6. k.

Grazing School For Women Funding Request:

Wording change from: With no vote upon the motion, correction to state:

With no vote prior to the vote, Councillor C. Martin stated we respectfully decline.

Motion was defeated.

Carried

3. **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor D. Younghans to accept the Agenda for the July 4, 2019 ASB Meeting with the following additions:

Item 3. In Camera - Closed Session

4.a. Communications Plan

6.c. Bee Hives – Set-Backs for Residential Buildings

6.h. Calendars

Carried

At 10:04 a.m., Reeve S. Upham moved that the ASB Meeting move into a Closed Session. Keith Kornelsen, Warren Leister, Arlene Shwetz and Toso Bozic exited the meeting.

At 10:26 a.m., Councillor K. Wirsta moved that the ASB Meeting revert back to order. Keith Kornelsen, Warren Leister, Arlene Shwetz and Toso Bozic entered back into the meeting.

At 10:26 a.m. Bryan Bepalko left the meeting.

From discussions relating to a Public Works concern, Councillor M. Fodness moved that the County of St. Paul Administration and Public Works staff continue to negotiate the purchase of aggregate from a local resident. **Carried**

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a. Communications Plan

Arlene Shwetz informed Members that she will design a formal Communication Plan with direction from Tim Mahdiuk. Public information has been posted on our website.

Toso Bozic commented that this communication must be targeted, stating we must tell our story, be persistent, get our message across to different levels of groups. Message must be time defined and target defined, being specific of just what we want to achieve.

Councillor C. Martin stated that this communication can be incorporated and targeted with Kellie Nichiporik, Environmental Program Manager with LARA.

Toso Bozic spoke of his interaction at the Alberta Teacher's Association Conference, speaking of the importance of our Agricultural Industry, stating that he will forward a link of classroom agricultural programs that are being offered to students.

After some discussion, Councillor D. Younghans moved that Reeve S. Upham, on behalf of the County of St. Paul ASB, bring forth as a Provincial ASB Resolution; that the Alberta Teacher's Association offer a broader perspective of Classroom Agricultural Programs to better educate our students in the Agricultural Industry. **Carried**

5. DELEGATION

Toso Bozic, Crop Assurance Extension Specialist

At 10:50 a.m., Toso Bozic updated Members on a number of happenings with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, sharing his detailed Activity Report.

Correspondence shared from Clearwater County with concern to the new updates to the provincial website, with producers no longer having access to key agricultural information. Toso stated that he will plan to be in attendance at future ASB Meetings and will meet with the new Agriculture and Forestry Minister in September. Toso Bozic ended his presentation at 11:10 a.m. and remained for the duration of the meeting.

Reeve S. Upham then moved that the County of St. Paul ASB address a supporting letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry in support of Clearwater County's concern to the Agriculture and Forestry Website. **Carried**

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Agriculture Plastics**

Warren Leister shared his presentation with Members of the Agricultural Plastics Recycling Pilot Program, on behalf of the Agricultural Plastics Recycling Group (APRG), from a meeting he attended on June 24/19, where a three year pilot program will be funded and aimed at addressing the issue of recycling agriculture plastics and twine.

Warren commented on how surrounding Counties are dealing with recycling of these waste materials.

Dennis Bergheim spoke of the possibility of a joint effort being arranged with other Municipalities.

Warren Leister gave his recommendation for a site plan, situated west of the Ashmont Landfill Site, with an estimation of four round-up days per year that would be arranged with landowners. Plan is for 20 Collection Sites to be determined and set-up by October 1/19, with focus on twine and grain bags.

Toso Botic spoke of notifying producers for a better profile of the quantity of plastic waste products and the development of a Policy for Agricultural Plastics, mentioning that there are components of logistics of how the process will evolve.

Councillor K. Wirsta then moved that the County of St. Paul designate a site at one of our landfills for plastic waste collection and look at finding an entrepreneur to partner with for the recycling of these products. **Carried**

Lunch break - 12:12 p.m.

Chairman, C. Martin called the meeting back to order at 12:36 p.m.

b. **Noise Bylaw**

Dennis Bergheim informed Members of an issue with a landowner and the use of a duck cannon which is creating a loud disturbance for surrounding landowners. Limitations do apply when cannon is being used during evening hours. Keith Kornelsen shared photos of damage done to approximately 20 acres of the field.

Toso Bozic explained that a noise cannon is not generally accepted agricultural practices, knowing that standard operating procedures can be acquired from the Farmers' Advocate Office.

Dennis Bergheim stated that a letter of concern could also be written to the Farmers' Advocates Office.

Councillor M. Fodness moved that the County of St. Paul ASB contact the Farmers' Advocates Office and speak to Janet Patriquin for direction on the use of Noise Cannons upon private land. **Carried**

c. Bee Hives – Set-Backs for Residential Buildings

Councillor M. Fodness commented on issues arising with bees being near bee hives that are adjacent to residential properties.

d. Beaver Bounty

Keith Kornelsen and Warren Leister shared a map and statistics with 102 fields registered for the Beaver Bounty which estimated a total of 652 Beavers being brought in.

Tim Mahdiuk stated that Council will determine if the Beaver Bounty Program will be in place for the fall season; September 1 – October 31, 2019.

e. Coyote Bounty

Members viewed a chart Keith Kornelsen and Warren Leister prepared of the comparison between the Coyote Bounty versus 1080 pills throughout the past years, along with comparisons from surrounding Counties.

Tim Mahdiuk stated that discussion for the continuation of the Coyote Bounty will be brought forth to Strategic Planning in September.

Councillor M. Fodness moved that the continuation of the Coyote and Beaver Reduction Incentive Programs be deferred to Strategic Planning in September. **Carried**

After some discussion, Councillor D. Younghans moved that the ASB continue the Beaver Reduction Incentive Program, ensuring adequate funds are in the Budget for the fall term; September 1 to October 31, 2019. **Carried**

f. LARA

Keith Kornelsen briefed Members in on some upcoming events.

g. Agricultural Fieldmen Reports

Keith Kornelsen gave a detailed report of happenings and a few challenges along the way; Divisions 5 and 6 will be targeted for spraying and mowing is also well underway.

Keith mentioned that contact will be made with Paula Campbell Transportation - Athabasca Region upon of few issues concerning their spraying and mowing programs.

Councillor M. Fodness commented on set-backs for shelterbelt planting from the road allowance.

h. Calendars

Arlne Shwetz informed Members that she has been designing the ASB Calendar, being an information resource of programs and events County wide. Calendar production is planned for November.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None to mention.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

Will be determined at a later date.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

With business on the Agenda being concluded, Chairman C. Martin adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Date

A.S.B. Chairperson