

## **ST. PAUL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the meeting of September 16, 2008**

#### **Lion's Den, St. Paul, AB**

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**In attendance:** Lucille Froese, Aldean Thomas, Donna Desjardins, Mark Tremblay, LJ Bury, Daniel Desjardins, Randy Jacobson, Ray Desjardins, James Kriaski, Betty Rook, Sherry Young, Betty Magdiak, Karen Zalaski, Tim Bear, Brenda Boucher, Kaylynn Jackson, Robert Fraser, Cheryl Cartier, Ellen Cartier, Pauline Roberge, Sylvia Marchenko, Judy Pereplecta, Donald Rook, Conrad Jean, Harold Wagner, Terry Holmgren, Robbie Porozni, Denis Duchesneau, Jimmy Dunham

**Meeting was called to order** at 7:00 p.m.

There was no round table, due to the heavy agenda.

Robbie Porozni and James Kriaski were welcomed to the Council.

The agenda was amended to reflect discussion on the 2009 Conference. Discussion on RDSP's was tabled to the next meeting.

#### **2009 Conference:**

Tim Bear advised the Council that the initial bid submitted to the Northeast Community Board in July, 2008 was put together by a small working committee, made up of Betty Magdiak, Lee-Ann Hartle, Linda Boone and him. They had decided on a theme of Recreation with the intent of doing some "cool" recreational activities such as pottery and water coloring. Linda had supported a theme of community—hence, the suggested theme of "Recreation and Community". It is also recognized that it is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Paul in 2009, and it would be nice to be part of the celebration. Tim also reported that he hopes to have the SPAN conference facilities ready in time for the conference. This would mean that the facilities would be offered to the Northeast Community Board free of charge.

The proposal had been brought to the SPAN Board for approval. Tim also recognized that the Proposal does need the Community Council endorsement.

The proposal states that the Action Van would be available for transportation for the conference. Tim confirmed that although the van was not going to be available for public transportation, it still would be available for certain functions. Conrad stated that Special Olympics St. Paul does need it to bring athletes to various competitions.

Sherry indicated that the Board was looking at a one night over conference, rather than the 2 nights indicated on this proposal.

Denis Duchesneau confirmed also that the Board would not look at a Community Proposal without the support of that community's Community Council. Tim agreed that it is critical that the Community Council be involved in any bid that comes from St. Paul.

**Moved by** Terry Holmgren, seconded by Harold Wegner, that the St. Paul Community Council endorse the bid to host the 2009 Annual Northeast PDD Conference in St. Paul, in anticipation of being a full and active partner in any further conference planning and that a letter be forwarded to NEPDD indicating our support. Carried.

### **2008 Cold Lake Conference:**

Lucille indicated that the Council can send 8 participants: 2 co-chairs, plenary speaker plus support, 2 award recipients and 2 members. Anyone that is interested in attending the conference is to give their name to Lucille at the end of the meeting. Two names would be drawn, and the winners will be advised.

Conrad Jean and Ellen Cartier indicated that the 2 Award recipients have been chosen.

Jason Klassen will be representing St. Paul as a speaker at the Plenary session on Saturday.

### **Norm McLeod Awards:**

Donna explained the 3 different awards: Dreamweaver, Leadership and Community Contribution Awards. As there were some time constraints, a small nomination committee comprised of Lucille and Donna was formed and then calls were placed randomly to various Council members to chose any possible nominees.

**Moved by** Donna Desjardins, seconded Ellen Cartier, that Conrad Jean be nominated for the Dreamweaver Award. Donna then presented the draft of the proposed nomination paper, for further input. The motion was carried unanimously.

Donna asked that people see her after the meeting, should they want to submit any of their comments with the nomination.

### **Reports:**

As the meeting was going late, co-chair Lucille requested that the Reports be tabled until the next meeting. Only a few short comments were offered:

Tim Bear – SPAN – a reminder to attend the annual general meeting for SPAN which is going to be held on September 17, 2008.

Conrad Jean – Special Olympics-- Special Olympics St. Paul held their annual general meeting last week. There will be 3 representatives attending the Provincial Annual General Meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in Calgary.

Sherry Young – NEPDD -- The next board meeting will be held in Edmonton. It has not been decided when the board meeting after that will be held.

Randy Jacobson- Positive People Society of St. Paul - No report

**Updates/Open Discussion/ Agenda items for next meeting:**

AISH update – tabled to next meeting

Community Awareness update – tabled to next meeting.

**Moved by** Harold Wegner, seconded by LJ Bury, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.