

**City of Melfort
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
March 10, 2008**

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Monday, March 10, 2008, in the City Hall Meeting Room, Melfort, Saskatchewan, commencing at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: **COUNCIL:** Councillor Lang, Chairman; Mayor Phillips & Councillors Terry, MacNaughton, Abbott, Degelman and Russin.

STAFF: J. Wade, City Manager; C. Stevenson, City Treasurer; G. Hnatiuk, Director of Works & Utilities; K. Ottenbreit, Director of Planning, Development & Leisure Services; G. Hnatiuk, Director of Works & Utilities; P. Trusty, Community Development Manager and H. Audette, City Clerk.

NEWSASK COMMUNITY FUTURES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Ms. Judy Childs, General Manager of Newsask Community Futures, gave a powerpoint presentation on the organization, whose goal is to be the regional leader in fostering job creation. There are 268 Community Futures in Canada, with 90 in the west. Ms. Child reviewed the services provided by Newsask, including financial assistance, business plan preparation, business loans, supported employment program, YBEX and a complete resource library.

With respect to business loans, Ms. Child explained that Western Economic Diversification sets the loan criteria, but autonomy lies with the Board. The acceptable loan loss established by WED is approximately 10%. There is over three million dollars available to loan out solely in North Eastern Saskatchewan. It is possible for regions to combine resources. Council thanked Ms. Childs for her presentation. She left the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

The remainder of the Committee of the Whole meeting was closed to the public due to the fact that the item on the agenda is included in the list of exemptions found in Part III of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Land Development

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk