

March 22, 2007. The Protective Services Commission will continue to urge the RCMP to assist with municipal bylaw enforcement. The enforcement report will be expanded to include all bylaw infractions. A public organizational meeting of the Citizens on Patrol will be held on April 10, 2007, at 8:00 pm at the NELC. An operational budget may be required to cover several minimal expenses.

Council recessed at 6:30 p.m. and resumed discussion at 7:08 p.m.

6. MELFORT GOLF COURSE

The Treasurer referred to her memo dated March 22, 2007, as well as Council's July 10, 2006, resolution and letter of understanding dated July 12, 2006. Council's position has always been to work with organizations to assist them to be self-sustaining.

Councillor White declared conflict of interest and exited the chambers at 7:19 p.m.

Council concurred with the Legislative & Finance Committee recommendation as follows:

- a) To budget \$17,000 for a water diversion engineering study to alleviate drainage issues on the city-owned land at the golf course and the commercial land in the flood plain area. This should increase the Club's revenue generating ability in wet weather.
- b) To provide in-kind services for the water diversion project, as time permits in the public works schedule of projects. It was suggested that the rural municipalities also be contacted to provide services in kind.
- c) To schedule a meeting with the Golf Club executive to discuss the Club's long term business plan.

The management team will meet with the Golf Club to discuss Council's recommendation and if it is acceptable to the Club, the Director of Works & Utilities is to proceed with the engineering study immediately.

Councillor White returned to the chambers at 7:44 p.m.

7. CAPITAL BUDGET

General Capital:

- It was suggested that the Mayors of the cities affected by the RCMP radio modernization project should meet to discuss an action plan for the radio project. The Treasurer is to confirm the total cost of the project.
- The Stovel Avenue West sidewalk (Main St. to back lane - \$5,000) was moved up from 2008 to 2007.
- The Director is reviewing the sidewalk request from the Salvation Army. The Saskatchewan Avenue sidewalk program has been cut from the general capital budget and will be moved to the Special Projects budget for 2008. In the spring, the Department will be reevaluating the essential sidewalk program.

Utility Capital:

- No Change.

Special Projects Capital:

- The discussion on the multi-use facility was deferred to the April 3rd budget session.
- The Saskatchewan Avenue Park site preparation is to remain in the budget, but Council is not prepared to commit to financing the remainder of the project and agreed to remove the other 3 phases from the budget. As CN will not enter into a long-term lease,

Council does not want to invest in permanent park infrastructure, but would support beautifying the area at a minimal cost. The Clerk is to contact CN to obtain permission to close off the access at the south end of Main Street to grass and tree the area. The Director is to determine whether any trees may be transplanted from the walking path. The Planning & Development Committee will meet with the Saskatchewan Avenue Park Committee to advise them of Council's position.

- Council instructed Administration to issue the tender for waste collection as a manual collection contract with an alternate price for a contracted automated waste collection system. The budget for an automated unit and containers is to be removed. It was noted that if the City accepts a manual collection contract, more stringent controls need to be included in the contract.
- Council approved the Director's recommendation to make application for the regional gas tax portion under the Main Lift Station upgrade.
- Administration is to include a 25% inflationary factor to the main lift station budget as well as the infrastructure upgrade, in accordance with the estimate from Catterall & Wright.

8. OTHER

The Capital Budget is to be presented to Council for approval on April 2, 2007.

A Budget session was scheduled on April 3, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. to review the operating budget and discuss the multi-use facility.

A Special Council meeting was scheduled on Thursday, April 26, 2007, at 5:00 p.m.

The FPAC meeting originally scheduled on April 24th was rescheduled to Tuesday, April 17 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk