

CITY OF MELFORT

April 5, 2004

Minutes of the City of Melfort Regular Meeting held on Monday, April 5th, 2004, in the Council Chambers, Melfort, Saskatchewan, commencing at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: COUNCIL: Mayor Collins and Aldermen Degelman, White, Lang, Terry and Abbott.

STAFF: J. Wade, City Manager; C. Stevenson, City Treasurer; S. Blevins, Director of Planning, Development & Leisure Services and D. Graham, Director of Works & Utilities.

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Degelman
Lang

MINUTES, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 15th, 2004:

That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on March 15th, 2004, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

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Degelman

PROCLAMATION:

That we approve the following proclamation and that we authorize the Mayor to authenticate same:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>PROCLAMATION</u>
May, 2004 Carried	Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada	"MS Month"

GENERAL SUNDRY COMMUNICATION ITEMS

1. Mar. 10/04: Letter from C. Dotson, Sask Learning, and B. Cotter, GRAA, to A. Linner, City of Regina, re: provincial education tax.
2. Chamber of Commerce . The Corporate Connection.
3. Mar. 19/04: Letter from SUMA President Don Schlosser and invoice for 2004 membership.
4. Mar. 19/04: Letter to Budget Committee from Museum Board.
5. Mar. 21/04: Fax from Jim Remai re: status of Broadway Manor.
6. Mar. 10/04: Minutes of the Melfort & Area Interagency Committee meeting.
7. Mar. 22/04: FCM MembersqAdvisory: GST Refund.
8. Mar. 23/04: FCM MembersqAdvisory: New Deal Down Payment.
9. FCM Annual Conference . May 28-31 . Edmonton, AB.
10. SUMA Spring Workshop . What to include in 2004 Budget.
11. Mar. 18/04: Minutes of Melfort & District Museum Board.
12. Mar. 24/04: Sask. City Mayors Caucus News Release: Fair share of revenue sharing.
13. Mar. 16/04: Letter from Bill Cowan re: walking program and pool locker increase.
14. Mar. 25/04: Director's Memo responding to Mr. Cowan's letter.
15. Feb. 16/04: Minutes of the NE Area Transport Planning Committee.
16. Feb. 20/04: Minutes of the N. Central Transport Plan Committee.
17. Apr. 21/04: Invitation to the NCTPC Annual Meeting.
18. Mar. 25/04: Thank you from Melfort Girl Guides re: TIP grant.
19. Amend Minister's Order No. 061/2003-04 . description of subdivision No. 3.
20. Mar. 25/04: Communities in Bloom public meeting . Tuesday, April 13, 7:00 p.m., NELC.
21. Mar. 25/04: Public Health Act Amendments.
22. Mar. 26/04: Letter from Mayor Fiacco to the Prime Minister re: federal New Deal+ commitments.

- 23. Mar. 23/04: EDEN REDA Economic Development Code of Ethics.
- 24. 2004 Federal Budget Highlights . Meyers Norris Penny.
- 25. SK City Mayors Caucus Advisory . Response to Budget.
- 26. Mar. 30/04: SUMA News Release . New Deal committee struck.
- 27. Mar. 29/04: Thank you from G. Anderson re: LuAn Mitchell-Halter speaking engagement and book signing.
- 28. April 01/04: 2004 Provincial Budget Highlights . Sask Industry & Resources.
- 29. Mar. 23/04: Letter from D. Edin re: funding application.
- 30. Mar. 30/04: Letter from Museum Board re: funding application.
- 31. Application Guide for Centennial Facilities Grant Program.

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ENDORSE CENTENNIAL FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION:

That the City of Melfort endorse the application of the Melfort & District Museum Board under the Centennial Facilities Grant Program. **Carried**

04-45
Abbott
White

MINUTES, LEGISLATIVE & FINANCE COMMITTEE, MARCH 31, 2004:

That the minutes of the Legislative & Finance Committee meeting held on March 31, 2004, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Mr. Dave Burton, auditor from Meyers Norris Penny, appeared before Council to present the 2003 Financial Statements. He noted that the unappropriated fund balance at the end of 2003 totaled \$11,469,000, which has increased from \$11,000,101 in the previous year. The excess revenue over expenses before transfers to reserves and the capital trust fund is \$468,901. After transfers, the City is in a deficit position of \$63,996.00, compared to a budgeted surplus of \$70,735.00. The major reason for the deficit is low investment rates generating less investment income. The auditors are very pleased with the action taken on tax enforcement and stated how important maintaining a low receivable is to both the school and the municipality.

04-46
White
Abbott

2003 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

That the City of Melfort Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2003, be received. **Carried**

04-47
Degelman
Lang

RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. 04-05:

That resolution No. 04-05, respecting the final payment for 2003 airport crackfilling, be rescinded.

And further, that the final payment to Southwest Paving Ltd. be charged against 2003 operations in accordance with the auditor's recommendation. **Carried**

REPORT – CITY TREASURER

- March 19 was the last day for assessment appeals. Five appeals were received (3 commercial and 2 residential). A Board of Revision has been scheduled for April 28th if agreements to adjust cannot be reached.
- Tax enforcement is proceeding as required.
- The Regina conference was very informative and worthwhile.

REPORT – DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & LEISURE SERVICES

- The Pow-wow is being held at the Palace this weekend.
- There is a lot of interest in the Communities in Bloom program.
- The 2004/2005 Urban Aboriginal Grant Program is available.
- The skateboard park is up and running today.

MUNICIPAL POLICING REPORT – FEBRUARY, 2004

REPORT – DIRECTOR OF WORKS & UTILITIES

- Culverts and storm sewers are being thawed and opened.
- Roads where water breaks have occurred are being repaired.
- The sewer main between the Travelodge and the land assembly has been flushed and cleaned. Other flushing and cleaning is to be done next year.

04-48
Terry
Degelman

BYLAW NO. 04-01:
That Bylaw No. 04-01 be read a second time. **Carried**

There were no submissions received objecting to Bylaw No. 04-01, amending Zoning Bylaw No. 96-09.

04-49
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Terry

BYLAW NO. 04-01:
That Bylaw No. 04-01 be read a third time and passed. **Carried**

04-50
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Lang

BYLAW NO. 04-03:
That Bylaw No. 04-03, being a bylaw of the City of Melfort to undertake full-depth asphalt construction as a local improvement on Park Avenue from Main Street to Star City Street, be introduced and read a first time. **Carried**

04-51
Lang
Degelman

BYLAW NO. 04-03:
That Bylaw No. 04-03 be read a second time. **Carried**

04-52
Degelman
Terry

BYLAW NO. 04-03:
That Bylaw No. 04-03 be given three readings at this meeting. **Carried Unanimously**

04-53
Terry
Abbott

BYLAW NO. 04-03:
That Bylaw No. 04-03 be read a third time and passed. **Carried**

04-54
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White

ACCOUNTS:
That we approve for payment general cheque numbers 10449 to 10600 inclusive.
Carried

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Lang
Terry

ADJOURNMENT:
That this meeting be adjourned. **Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk