

CITY OF MELFORT

March 21, 2005

Minutes of the City of Melfort Regular Meeting held on Monday, March 21, 2005, in the Council Chambers, Melfort, Saskatchewan, commencing at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: COUNCIL: Deputy-Mayor Lang and Aldermen Abbott, White, Terry, Degelman and MacNaughton.

STAFF: J. Wade, City Manager; D. Graham, Director of Works & Utilities and H. Audette, City Clerk.

05-45
Abbott
White

MINUTES, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 7, 2005:

That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on March 7, 2005, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

DELEGATION

Melfort Minor Lacrosse

On behalf of the Melfort Minor Lacrosse Association, Mr. Gordon Gray appeared before Council to request that the 2005 NLP rental rate for the lacrosse program be reduced from \$35.00 per hour, as set by the Leisure Services Advisory Committee, to the 2004 rate of \$25.00 per hour. Mr. Gray referred to his letter to Council and noted that lacrosse is a new program and registrations are expected to double in 2005. The goal of the organization is to make lacrosse a long-term viable sporting activity, but the 40% increase in the rental rate may make the registration fee cost prohibitive to some children. He stated that it is critical to keep the costs down initially to build a participant base.

The 2004 registration fee was \$125/season and the group was going to try and hold the same rate before the rental rate increased. Equipment supplied by the club includes goalie equipment, club uniforms, first aid supplies, pylons and shot clocks (\$1,300). Hours of use in 2004 were 14 hours/week practice, with an additional 6-8 hours on weekends for games. Mr. Gray estimates that the 2005 hours will be approximately 10 hours/weekend for games plus practice time over an 8 week period. They estimate having 5 age groups with two teams per age group. The Melfort Minor Lacrosse organization will be a member of the P.A. Lacrosse League this year which will place more demands on the weekends and provide opportunities for provincial championships. The NLP Arena has been identified as a premier facility by the Sask. Lacrosse Association.

Mr. Gray advised Council that Melfort Minor Lacrosse is now a member of the Melfort Minor Sports Association, but will not be eligible to access grants until next spring. They would then be eligible for approximately \$700 in funding. Alderman MacNaughton reported that the Department will be addressing the liability concern in 2005 and intends to staff the facility. Feedback from other communities shows youth non-season rental rates at \$40/hour in Lloydminster; \$30/hour in Yorkton (no supervision during practice); \$35/hour in North Battleford and \$35/hour in Weyburn.

Deputy Mayor Lang thanked Mr. Gray for his presentation. Council upheld the 2005 NLP Arena non-season rental rate of \$35.00 per hour plus GST for the Melfort Minor Lacrosse Association, as established by the Leisure Services Advisory Committee.

05-46
MacNaughton
Terry

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, 2005	MS Society of Canada, SK Division	"MS Month" Carried

05-47
White
Abbott

APPROVE PURCHASE OF UMBRELLA LIABILITY INSURANCE:

That we approve the purchase of Umbrella Liability Insurance (commercial general liability and auto) to a total limit of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000), at a premium cost of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). **Carried**

GENERAL SUNDRY COMMUNICATION ITEMS

1. Feb. 2005: SUMA Urban Voice, Vol. 10, No. 1; Resolution Decisions from SUMA Convention.
2. Feb, 2005: Water Report.
3. Mar. 8/05: Press Release re: 2005 Revenue Sharing.
4. Mar. 9/05: News Release re: options for parking ticket enforcement.
5. Jan. 25/05: Minutes of N.C. Transportation Planning Committee.
6. Mar. 9/05: Minutes of the Melfort & Area Interagency Committee.
7. Mar. 7/05: FCM . Thank you letter re: membership.
8. Mar. 11/05: FCM . Green Municipal Fund application process.
9. Mar. 8/05: Letter from Cdn. Professional Chuckwagon Association requesting support for installation of inside rail onto the racetrack. The Mayor is correspond with the Melfort Agricultural Society clarifying that the City is not in a position to finance the installation of an inside track, but they would support it.

05-48
Degelman
Abbott

MINUTES, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, MARCH 7, 2005:

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on March 7, 2005, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

05-49
Abbott
White

2005 LIST OF LANDS IN ARREARS:

That the attached 2005 List of Lands in Arrears, which includes all properties with arrears outstanding of 10% or \$200.00, whichever is less, be received. **Carried**

The Clerk was instructed to report on the status of Roll No. 707099260.

TAX COLLECTION COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

REPORT – FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- The Department has undertaken a comprehensive records retention and disposal project. The list of records slated for destruction will be presented for Council approval.
- The 2004 Financial Statements are nearing completion.
- Alderman Abbott reported that Council will be establishing a budget meeting soon and are facing a potential 8% increase.

05-50
Terry
MacNaughton

MINUTES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MAR 10, 2005:
That the minutes of the Community Development Advisory Committee meeting held on March 10, 2005, be received. **Carried**

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT – FEBRUARY, 2005

05-51
Abbott
Degelman

MINUTES, AIRPORT BOARD, MARCH 15, 2005:
That the minutes of the Airport Board meeting held on March 15, 2005, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

MUNICIPAL POLICING REPORT – FEBRUARY, 2005

REPORT – DIRECTOR OF WORKS & UTILITIES

- There has been a lot of work required at the airport due to weather conditions.
- The crew has been thawing and cleaning up around catch basins.
- One service connection on Crawford Avenue was cameraed.
- Drainage ditches have been cleaned out in preparation for spring.
- Repairs include one sewer on Park Avenue & Eisner Place to alleviate odor, a water leak at Brunswick & MacDonald Road and a hydrant leak on Hamilton Avenue.
- The Department is working on the MRIF application and will be attending a meeting on Thursday to assist in filling out the application.
- Crews have been cleaning up a yard site on MacDonald Road.
- Letters of interest regarding paving Sunset Crescent have been sent to property owners. If a positive response is received from the majority of owners, a local improvement will be offered for the project.

05-52
MacNaughton
Terry

BYLAW 2005-03:
That Bylaw 2005-03, being a bylaw of the City of Melfort to assign a street name in the municipality (Spruce Haven Road), be introduced and read a first time. **Carried**

05-53
Degelman
Abbott

BYLAW 2005-03:
That Bylaw 2005-03 be read a second time. **Carried**

05-54
White
Degelman

BYLAW 2005-03:
That Bylaw 2005-03 be given three readings at this meeting. **Carried Unanimously**

05-55
White
Abbott

BYLAW 2005-03:
That Bylaw 2005-03 be read a third time and passed. **Carried**

05-56
Terry
MacNaughton

BYLAW 2005-04:
That Bylaw 2005-04, being a bylaw of the City of Melfort to alter a street name in the municipality (a portion of Park Avenue to Frost Drive), be introduced and read a first time. **Carried**

05-57
MacNaughton
Terry

BYLAW 2005-04:
That Bylaw 2005-04 be read a second time. **Carried**

05-58
White
Degelman

BYLAW 2005-04:
That Bylaw 2005-04 be given three readings at this meeting. **Carried Unanimously**

05-59
Degelman
White

BYLAW 2005-04:
That Bylaw 2005-04 be read a third time and passed. **Carried**

05-60
Abbott
White

ACCOUNTS:
That we approve for payment general cheque numbers 1852 to 1937 and 1944 to 1948 inclusive, in the total amount of \$227,077.63. **Carried**

Alderman White advised that the Honorable Andrew Thomson will be in Melfort on March 31st to review the provincial budget. The City Manager will e-mail Council with a confirmation of the time and place.

Alderman Degelman congratulated CJVR on receiving the award at the Saskatchewan Country Music Awards.

Alderman Abbott extended good wishes to Melanie Doan who is leaving the Melfort Journal to begin work as an assistant to the Minister of Agriculture.

Alderman MacNaughton congratulated the Melfort Mustangs on a very successful hockey season.

05-61
White
Abbott

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk