

CITY OF MELFORT

January 15, 2007

Minutes of the City of Melfort Regular Meeting held on Monday, January 15, 2007, in the Council Chambers, Melfort, Saskatchewan, commencing at 5:03 p.m.

PRESENT: COUNCIL: Mayor Phillips and Councillors Abbott, Terry, Lang, White and Degelman.

STAFF: J. Wade, City Manager; C. Stevenson, City Treasurer; G. Hnatiuk, Director of Works & Utilities and H. Audette, City Clerk.

07-1
Terry
Lang

MINUTES, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, DECEMBER 11, 2006:

That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of the City of Melfort, held on December 11, 2006, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

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Lang
Terry

PROCLAMATIONS:

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>PROCLAMATION</u>
February, 2007	Heart and Stroke Foundation of Saskatchewan	%Heart and Stroke Month+
February, 2007	PSS/SEPA Advocacy Committee	%National Psychology Month+

Carried

07-3
Degelman
White

APPROVE PURCHASE OF BOBCAT SNOW BLOWER – FGI SUPPLY:

That we approve the purchase of a Bobcat SBx240 snow blower from F.G.I. Supply, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, for a total amount of Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eighty-four Dollars and Sixty-five Cents (\$9,784.65), taxes included. **Carried**

07-4
Abbott
Degelman

APPOINTMENT TO DIAMOND DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

That we approve the appointment of Perry Trusty, Community Development Manager (as primary representative) and Ken Ottenbreit, Director of Planning, Development & Leisure Services (as alternate representative) to the Diamond Development Advisory Committee, for the Shore Gold Project and the Shore Gold/Newmont Mining Joint Venture. **Carried**

07-5
Terry
Lang

APPROVE 2007 BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

That we approve the attached City of Melfort 2007 Board and Committee appointments. **Carried**

07-6
Degelman
Abbott

AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT 2007 SUMA CONVENTION:

That the following individuals be authorized to attend the 2007 Annual SUMA Convention to be held in Saskatoon from February 4th to February 7th, 2007:

Mayor Phillips
Councillor Abbott
Councillor Degelman
Councillor Elliott
Councillor Lang
Councillor Terry
Councillor White
Manager J. Wade **Carried**

07-7
White
Degelman

APPROVE INCREASE IN VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER SALARIES:

That effective January 1, 2007, the volunteer fire fighter salaries be set as follows:

Firemen	\$20.00 per hour
Quarter Master	\$20.00 per hour
Secretary	\$20.00 per hour
Lieutenant	\$21.25 per hour
Chief Driver	\$21.25 per hour
Captain	\$22.50 per hour
Assistant Fire Chief	\$23.75 per hour
Fire Chief	\$25.00 per hour
Stand By	\$60.00 per day

And further, that effective January 1, 2008, and in all subsequent years, the increase to volunteer fire fighter salaries shall be equal to the percentage increase granted to the CUPE Local 777. **Carried**

07-8
Degelman
White

APPROVE INCREASE IN DOG CATCHER HONORARIUM:

That effective January 1, 2007, the honorarium for the dog catcher be increased to \$300.00 per month. And further, that effective January 1, 2008, and in all subsequent years, the increase to the dog catcher honorarium shall be equal to the annual percentage increase granted to the CUPE Local 777. **Carried**

Councillor Abbott declared conflict of interest and left the Chambers at 5:20 p.m.

07-9
Lang
Terry

REQUEST NEDS TO RECONSIDER CLOSURE OF BROADWAY SCHOOL:

WHEREAS, the North East Board of Education has passed a series of motions with respect to consideration of school closures at Sylvania School, Smeaton School and Broadway Community School, citing low enrolment projections, budgetary constraints and the ability to accommodate students in other schools within the Division;

AND WHEREAS, the Board has stated that it will take three months to carefully consider options and all relevant information before reaching any decision with respect to school closure;

AND WHEREAS, the City of Melfort is projecting growth of the community due to a number of projects that are nearing fruition; including, but not limited to the NESCO project, the diamond exploration project and potential mine, as well as a number of economic development initiatives, resulting in a projected growth in student enrollment in the City of Melfort;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Melfort hereby authorize the Mayor to speak on their behalf at the Public Meeting being held on January 25, 2007, requesting that the North East Board of Education seriously reconsider the closure of the Broadway Community School. **Carried**

Councillor Abbott returned to the Council Chambers at 5:26 p.m.

GENERAL SUNDRY COMMUNICATION ITEMS

1. November, 2006: SUMA Urban Voice . Vol. 11, No. 5.
2. Dec. 7/06: Invitation from North East Board of Education to share amalgamation information and discuss matters of mutual interest. Mayor and Manager will attend.
3. Dec. 8/06: Letter from Canadian Cancer Society inviting Council to participate in 2007 Relay for Life.
4. Invitation to the Cancer Society Office Grand Opening . January 23, 2007.
5. Dec./06: Christmas greetings from SUMA Interim President, Allan Earle.
6. SUMA Convention Resolutions, Proposed Bylaw Amendments & Notice of Special Membership levy.
7. Dec 15/06: Thank you from NEATPC to City Manager for submission of Aviation Development Forum report.
8. Dec. 4/06: Draft Minutes . NE Area Transport Planning Committee.
9. Dec 18/06: Letter from G. Bihun, Acting Ex Director, Occupational Health & Safety Division re: adjudicator nominations.
10. Dec 21/06: FCM Member's Advisory . Call to Action
11. Jan 30/07: FCM Land Management Workshop . P.A.
12. Dec. 28/06: Notice of Board Appointments
13. Jan. 3/07: Mel Annand, Solicitor, greetings.
14. Jan. 8/07: Letter from C. Beattie, Mgr of National Programs re: congratulations on completion of centennial projects.
15. Jan 24/07: 7:00-10:00 pm. Sleepless in Saskatchewan Seminar. Contact RM of Flett's Springs for tickets 752-3606.
16. Jan. 10/07: Letter from Broadway Community School Council re: Open Meeting on Jan. 25/07 to discuss proposed motion to close Broadway School.
17. Jan. 11/07: North East School Division Press Release . Board to consider School Closures.
18. Dec. 13/06: E-mail from SK Physical Activity Council re: spreading the word for an active and healthy Saskatchewan.

TAX COLLECTION COMPARITIVE STATEMENT – DECEMBER, 2006**REPORT – CITY TREASURER**

- The City is offering a 2% discount for prepayment of taxes. There will be no prepayment notices mailed out to tax customers.
- Over three hundred business licenses have been mailed out this week.

07-10
Abbott
Degelman

MINUTES, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, DECEMBER 14, 2006:

That the minutes of the Planning & Development Committee meeting held on December 14, 2006, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

07-11
Degelman
Abbott

MINUTES, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, JANUARY 9, 2007:

That the minutes of the Planning & Development Committee meeting held on January 9, 2007, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 2006**BYLAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT – DECEMBER, 2006**

The Director of Works & Utilities advised that the bylaw enforcement officer was instructed to refrain from issuing tickets until the new traffic bylaw was adopted in January.

07-12
White
Degelman

MINUTES, AIRPORT BOARD, DECEMBER 12, 2006:

That the minutes of the Airport Board meeting held December 12, 2006, be received.
Carried

An official opening of the new terminal building will be held at a later date.

07-13
Degelman
White

MINUTES, PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMISSION, JANUARY 9, 2007:

That the minutes of the Protective Services Commission meeting held on January 9, 2007, be received. **Carried**

MUNICIPAL POLICING REPORT – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 2006

REPORT – DIRECTOR OF WORKS & UTILITIES

- The majority of crew time has been spent removing snow and Christmas decorations.
- Four graves were dug.
- Regular street sanding is ongoing. The sanding truck is in Regina getting the sander fitted.
- Cell 2 at the lagoon has been repaired, with Cell 1 now being drained into 2.
- Heat tape is being installed on the fire hall eaves troughs.
- The Department has hired a contractor to assist in hauling out snow. All snow in the downtown sector should be removed in a couple of days.
- The Director will be attending a Basic Emergency Planning course next week. He urged Council members to attend the EMO Roles & Responsibilities workshop being held in Melfort on March 7. A citizen has expressed an interest in assuming the position of primary social services contact.
- The Works & Utilities staff was commended on the excellent job of snow removal.

07-14
White
Degelman

BYLAW NO. 2007-01:

That Bylaw 2007-01, being a bylaw of the City of Melfort to regulate traffic and the use of public streets and to preserve order thereon, be introduced and read a first time.
Carried

07-15
Lang
Terry

BYLAW NO. 2007-01:

That Bylaw 2007-01 be read a second time. **Carried**

07-16
Terry
Lang

BYLAW NO. 2007-01:

That Bylaw 2007-01 be given three readings at this meeting. **Carried Unanimously**

07-17
Abbott
Degelman

BYLAW NO. 2007-01:

That Bylaw 2007-01 be read a third time and passed. **Carried**

07-18
Abbott
White

BYLAW NO. 2007-02:

That Bylaw 2007-02, being a bylaw of the City of Melfort respecting the construction of certain works as local improvements, the establishment of uniform rates and special assessments thereto, be introduced and read a first time. **Carried**

07-19
Lang
Terry

BYLAW NO. 2007-02:

That Bylaw 2007-02 be read a second time. **Carried**

07-20
White
Abbott

BYLAW NO. 2007-02:

That Bylaw 2007-02 be given three readings at this meeting. **Carried Unanimously**

07-21
Abbott
White

BYLAW NO. 2007-02:

That Bylaw 2007-02 be read a third time and passed. **Carried**

07-22
Terry
Lang

ACCOUNTS:

That we approve for payment general cheque numbers 6736 to 7012 inclusive, in the total amount of \$460,069.82. **Carried**

The Treasurer was instructed to report on Cheque No. 6864.

07-23
Degelman
Abbott

ADJOURNMENT:

That this meeting be adjourned. **Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk