

**CITY OF MELFORT**  
**November 19, 2007**

Minutes of the City of Melfort Regular Meeting held on Monday, November 19, 2007, in the Council Chambers, Melfort, Saskatchewan, commencing at 5:01 p.m.

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

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

**07-303**  
**Degelman**  
**Russin**

**MINUTES, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, NOVEMBER 5, 2007:**

That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of the City of Melfort held on November 5, 2007, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

**07-304**  
**Degelman**  
**Abbott**

**GRANT DISCRETIONARY APPROVAL – MULTI-USE FACILITY:**

That in accordance with Section 10.4.2(3) of Zoning Bylaw 96-09, the Council for the City of Melfort grants discretionary approval for the construction of a city-owned Multi-use Recreational and Cultural Facility in an R2 . Medium Density Residential District, to be located at 202 & 206 Bemister Avenue East, Lots 1 & 3-24, Block 52, Plan U1046 and Block B, Plan U1046. **Carried**

**07-305**  
**Terry**  
**Lang**

**ENDORSE SUMA RESOLUTION – MUNICIPAL PST EXEMPTION:**

WHEREAS, municipalities have a primary role in improving the quality of life of their citizens and it is important for the province to recognize the role municipalities play in growing the economy and building prosperity in our province;

AND WHEREAS, the capacity of municipal governments to deliver services is strained as they are responsible for delivering much more than the basic property services they were originally designed to provide; therefore, partnership among governments is essential to maintain competitive, sustainable communities;

AND WHEREAS, fiscal and tax equity among all orders of government is important and the Government of Canada has previously recognized that fact by exempting municipal government from the goods and services tax;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association continue to urge the Government of Saskatchewan to exempt municipal governments from the payment of provincial sales tax as a priority under their Urban Agenda. **Carried**

**GENERAL SUNDRY COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

1. Nov. 1/07: FCM Advisory: Municipal Partnership Program. Tanzania
2. Oct. 24/07: Minutes of Melfort & District Museum Board meeting.
3. Oct. 26/07: Minutes of the NE Area Transport Planning Committee.

**07-306**  
**Russin**  
**Degelman**

**MINUTES, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, NOVEMBER 5, 2007:**

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on November 5, 2007, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

07-307  
Terry  
Lang

**MINUTES, LEGISLATIVE & FINANCE COMMITTEE, NOVEMBER 8, 2007:**

That the minutes of the Legislative & Finance Committee meeting held on November 8, 2007, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

07-308  
Terry  
Lang

**APPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PLAN:**

That the Council of the City of Melfort approves the attached Infrastructure Investment Plan for submission to the senior governments under the New Deal for Cities and Communities . Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues. **Carried**

**FINANCIAL REPORT – OCTOBER 31, 2007**

The City Treasurer reported that the City expects to see a surplus of approximately \$200,000 in the general fund, primarily due to growth, an emphasis on bylaw enforcement and a savings from uncompleted projects. In most cases, these are one-time situations that are beyond the City's control. She cautioned that the City could potentially post a deficit in utilities due to the high water loss percentage; however, the Department has frozen all other spending in this area.

**BYLAW REPORT – SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER, 2007**

**REPORT – DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & LEISURE SERVICES**

- Solar lighting is to be installed at the west entrance sign.
- The tree pruning program has been delayed until possibly in the new year.
- The Department will be undertaking valve replacements at City Hall.

**REPORT – DIRECTOR OF WORKS & UTILITIES**

- The overhead doors at the new shop were installed last week and the wall is now being removed between the two shops.
- The sewer force main project has been completed.
- The Shadd Street/Burrows Avenue East water line installation is complete, with four service connections done and six residential connections to be completed next year.
- Survey responses for the proposed Bemister Ave West local improvement are due on Thursday, November 22.
- The Special Needs Transit Service contract tender closes on November 21.
- The parts arrived for the grader and it is now in operation.
- The Department is collecting cost estimates for preparation of the 2008 budget.

07-309  
Abbott  
Degelman

**BYLAW 2007-25:**

That Bylaw 2007-25, being a bylaw of the City of Melfort to provide for the licensing, regulating and governing of business and persons engaged in certain occupations and placed used for certain purposes to be known as the %licensing Bylaw+, be introduced and read a first time. **Carried**

07-310  
Russin  
Degelman

**BYLAW 2007-25:**

That Bylaw 2007-25 be read a second time. **Carried**

07-311  
Degelman  
Abbott

**BYLAW 2007-25:**

That Bylaw 2007-25 be given three readings at this meeting. **Carried Unanimously**

07-312  
Abbott  
Russin

**BYLAW 2007-25:**

That Bylaw 2007-25 be read a third time and passed. **Carried**

07-313  
Abbott  
Russin

**BYLAW 2007-26:**

That Bylaw 2007-26, being a bylaw to provide for the removing and clearing of snow, ice, dirt and other obstructions from the sidewalks and private property within certain specified areas of the city, be introduced and read a first time. **Carried**

07-314  
Terry  
Lang

**BYLAW 2007-26:**

That Bylaw 2007-26 be read a second time. **Carried**

07-315  
Abbott  
Degelman

**BYLAW 2007-26:**

That Bylaw 2007-26 be given three readings at this meeting. **Carried Unanimously**

07-316  
Degelman  
Abbott

**BYLAW 2007-26:**

That Bylaw 2007-26 be read a third time and passed. **Carried**

07-317  
Terry  
Lang

**ACCOUNTS:**

That we approve for payment general cheque numbers 9145 to 9245, in the total amount of \$430,722.60. **Carried**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Congratulations to the Saskatchewan Roughriders in the 2007 Grey Cup!
- The Cities of Melfort and Humboldt will hold a MayorsqFood Bank Challenge at the home games for the Mustangs and the Broncos on December 7 & 8. The Mayor with the least amount of food donated will be wearing the opposing teams jersey at their December Council meeting. A drop-off box will be set up at City Hall for those individuals that are unable to attend the game.

07-318  
Abbott  
Russin

**ADJOURNMENT:**

That this meeting be adjourned. **Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk