

# CITY OF MELFORT

December 14, 2009

Minutes of the City of Melfort Regular Meeting held on Monday, December 14, 2009, in the Council Chambers, Melfort, Saskatchewan, commencing at 5:00 p.m.

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

STAFF: J. Wade, City Manager; S. Peterson, City Treasurer; K. Ottenbreit, Director of Community Services; G. Gilmore, Director of Works & Utilities and H. Audette, City Clerk.

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## **MINUTES, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2009:**

That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of the City of Melfort held on November 16, 2009, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

## **DELEGATIONS**

### **Melfort & District Museum**

Representing the Melfort & District Museum Board, Mr. Ingvaar Berggren referred to the report circulated to Council on the history, rationale and budget for their request that the City match the Museum's contribution of \$50,000 for the construction of an all-season shop. He advised that the Museum would undertake the labour on the project. This project will be part of the Museum's annual approach to the surrounding rural municipalities. Mayor Phillips commended the museum volunteers and commented on the value of the museum to the City. The request was referred to budget.

### **Melfort Rotary Club – A Celebration of Melfort**

On behalf of the Melfort Rotary Club, Mr. Bill Selnes advised that 2009 marked the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Reginald and Mary Beatty arriving at their Stoney Creek homestead. To celebrate the contribution of our founding fathers, the Rotary Club is planning a special event at the Kerry Vickar Centre on January 30, 2010. The Club would like the City to participate in this celebration, the proceeds from which will be used to construct a cairn to mark the site of the Beatty homestead on Highway 6. Mr. Selnes also commented that it would be appropriate to have a street named after Reginald Beatty.

Dale Link explained that a retired U of S professor is creating a virtual tour of Melfort in the past. The Rotary Club would like the City as a partner in the project and help promote it to the public. Mayor Phillips referred the request to the Community Services Department, who has made initial contact with the Department of Highways on the cairn requirements.

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## **SUPPORT FOR PEHONAN HYDRO PROJECT:**

WHEREAS the creation of a Hydro Project in Saskatchewan would help to fulfill an upcoming power shortage in the Province of Saskatchewan while being environmentally responsible; and,

WHEREAS the Pehonan (Fort à la Corne) Hydro Project will bring a large economic benefit to the James Smith Cree Nations and the municipalities in proximity to the development; and,

WHEREAS a roadway crossing atop the Pehonan (Fort à la Corne) Hydro Project would enable the workforces of the James Smith Cree Nations as well as all municipalities in close proximity, direct and immediate access to the Shore Gold Diamond Project; and,

WHEREAS connecting and upgraded roadways to the Pehonan (Fort à la Corne) Hydro Crossing would be a direct benefit to Tourism, Industry and Employment in the area; and,

WHEREAS the development of the Pehonan (Fort à la Corne) Hydro Project would enhance the opportunities for a world class diamond industry in Northeastern Saskatchewan thereby aiding the economies of the Province of Saskatchewan and Canada;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the City of Melfort continues to fully support the proposal of the Pehonan (Fort à la Corne) Hydro Project, a river crossing and connecting roadways including the upgrading of the Coxby Road and Highway 368 north of Beatty with roadway negotiations to be held with the James Smith Cree Nations on roadways within the Reserve Area. **Carried**

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**AWARD SPECIAL NEEDS TRANSIT SERVICE CONTRACT:**

That we authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the Special Needs Transit Service Contract between Lorne C. Stewart and the City of Melfort, for a one-year term commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2010, and expiring December 31, 2010. **Carried**

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**RETAIN GORD KRISMER & ASSOCIATES LTD. – 2010 BOARD OF REVISION:**

That we retain Gord Krismer & Associates Ltd., Regina, Saskatchewan, to provide 2010 Board of Revision services for the City of Melfort in accordance with their 2010 fee schedule. **Carried**

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Terry  
Degelman

**COMMITMENT TO SAFE AND HEALTHY WORK ENVIRONMENT:**

That we authorize the City Manager to sign the attached Commitment to Safe and Healthy Work Environment, as requested by the Occupational Health & Safety Committee, as a formal statement of the City's commitment to a comprehensive safety program. **Carried**

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**2010 BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:**

That we approve the 2010 Board and Committee appointments, as attached. **Carried**

**GENERAL SUNDRY COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

1. Oct, 2009: SUMA Urban Voice, Vol. 14, No. 4.
2. Nov 25/09: FCM Resolution on Climate Change.
3. Nov 16/09: Kinsmen annual Message-of-Support campaign.
4. 2009 Annual Assessment and Report.
5. Nov 25/09: Invitation to participate in the Provincial Toilet Replacement Rebate Program. Referred to the Community Services Department.
6. Nov 24/09: FCM Members Advisory . FCM plans in the lead up to COP-15 in Copenhagen.

7. Nov 27/09: Nominations for 2010 Paul Yuzyk Award for Multiculturalism.
8. Nov 23/09: CA Reed & Associates . Engineers report on 501 Crawford Avenue West.
9. Dec. 3/09: Premier Wall re: future of municipal operating grant.
10. Nov. 30/09: Can-SK Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund . extension of completion date to March 31, 2012.
11. Dec. 10/09: Allan Earle, President of SUMA, seeking re-election.
12. Nov. 25/09: Bill Whyte request for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Main Street and MacLeod Avenue. Referred to the Works & Utilities Committee.

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**MINUTES, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, NOVEMBER 16, 2009:**

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on November 16, 2009, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

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**MINUTES, LEGISLATIVE & FINANCE COMMITTEE, NOVEMBER 19, 2009:**

That the minutes of the Legislative & Finance Committee meeting held on November 19, 2009, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

**TAX COLLECTION COMPARATIVE STATEMENT – NOVEMBER, 2009**

**REPORT – LEGISLATIVE & FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

- The draft capital asset valuation report has been submitted by Suncorp. The City has until January 15<sup>th</sup> to review it and make any revisions.
- The Finance Department is gearing up for year end, with a restructuring of the financial statements to meet PSAB requirements. Preliminary audit work will commence tomorrow.
- Administration is in the process of preparing the 2010 capital budget, which will be finalized in January. Work has begun on the preliminary operating budget, which will be presented in February.
- The 2009 Assessment Return has been submitted to SAMA.

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**MINUTES, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, DECEMBER 1, 2009:**

That the minutes of the Planning & Development Committee meeting held on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

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**MINUTES, COMMUNITY GROWTH COMMITTEE, DECEMBER 4, 2009:**

That the minutes of the Community Growth Committee meeting held on Friday, December 4, 2009, be received. **Carried**

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**CONDITIONAL APPROVAL – BILLBOARD SIGN ON BLOCK L:**

That in accordance with Subsection 7.7.1 of the City of Melfort Zoning Bylaw 96-09, the property owner be permitted to erect a billboard sign on Block L, Plan 99PA19221, which is a discretionary use in an Urban Holding district, subject to the condition that the billboard sign will be removed when the Highway 3 East signage corridor is developed. **Carried**

**BUILDING PERMIT REPORT – NOVEMBER, 2009**

**REPORT – COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

- The Kerry Vickar Centre is in the final stage of construction, with completion of the gym floor and placement of the donor wall underway. Staff training on systems is ongoing. The Works & Utilities Department was commended for their work on the parking lot.
- The Centre hosted its first engagement with a reception for the U of S President. The first official event in the CJVR Performing Arts Theatre will be The Wilkinsons on January 20. The Grand Opening will be held in May, with the date to be confirmed.

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**MINUTES, WORKS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE, DECEMBER 9, 2009:**

That the minutes of the Works & Utilities Committee meeting held December 9, 2009, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

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**MINUTES, AIRPORT BOARD, DECEMBER 8, 2009:**

That the minutes of the Airport Board meeting held December 8, 2009, be received. **Carried**

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**APPROVE REFUND TO TOWN OF LANIGAN – STREET SWEEPER REPAIR:**

That we approve a refund to the Town of Lanigan for 50% of the repair costs to the 1993 Johnson Street Sweeper, in the amount of \$4,093.37, to be funded from the under budget capital expense for the replacement sweeper. **Carried**

**REPORT – WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

- The crew dug 9 interments, repaired 1 hydrant, 1 water main break and have one more hydrant to install.
- Signage was installed on Highway 6 South at the Stonegate Project.
- The Department is waiting for clearance of the contaminated soil removed at the airport where the underground tanks were removed. There will be further soil removed from the east side.
- A temporary fix with crushed rock has been completed on the Curling Rink sidewalk and curb area, which were not completed this year.

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**BYLAW 2009-20:**

That Bylaw No. 2009-20, being a bylaw to amend City of Melfort Zoning Bylaw 96-09 by increasing the minimum square footage requirement in the R1A . Low Density Residential District, be introduced and read a first time. **Carried**

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**ACCOUNTS:**

That we approve for payment general cheque numbers 14574 to 14835 inclusive, in the total amount of \$630,599.84. **Carried**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Councillor George will be representing the City of Melfort and the Melfort Mustangs as a volunteer at the World Junior Hockey Championship in Saskatoon from December 26 to January 5.

- The Mayor passed on appreciative comments from U of S President McKinnon to the City for assisting with the arrangements for the alumni reception.
- Councillor Degelman advised that the Seniors Northern Playdowns will be held February 3 . 5, 2010.
- Mayor Phillips wished all a Merry Christmas and expressed his appreciation to the media for their coverage during the year.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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 Mayor

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 City Clerk