

CITY OF MELFORT

February 9, 2009

Minutes of the City of Melfort Regular Meeting held on Monday, February 9, 2009, in the Council Chambers, Melfort, Saskatchewan, commencing at 5:02 p.m.

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

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

09-14
Russin
Terry

MINUTES, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, JANUARY 12, 2009:

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of the City of Melfort held on January 12, 2009, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

DELEGATION – Melfort & District Chamber of Commerce

Mrs. Candis Harper, Chamber Manager, presented their brief dated February 4, 2009, and explained that staffing the tourism centre and the building costs are becoming beyond the means of the Chamber. They would like to work with the City in finding solutions, particularly to consider funding a full-time Tourism Coordinator position at an increased grant of \$44,450 to cover wages, administration and operations. Chamber President, Mr. Grant Schutte explained that the Chamber's mandate is not tourism and they would like to see the City take more of an active role in tourism and marketing. The Chamber owns the facility and they currently have approximately 140 members (estimate 100 eligible businesses that are not members). It was noted that the City's annual grant has been based on a fee for the tourism and park operation. Mr. Schutte stated that if the tourism duties were removed from the Chamber then the City grant would not be necessary. Mayor Phillips pointed out that the benefit of tourism is largely to the business community. In closing, the Chamber representatives stated that this presentation is a place to start working together on this issue. Council agreed to review this issue, potentially incorporating tourism duties with the new multi-use facility manager. The tourism centre matter was referred to budget.

09-15
Abbott
Degelman

PROCLAMATIONS:

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>PROCLAMATION</u>
February 15-21, 2009	Melfort Girl Guide Local Association	"2009 Guide Scout Week"
March 21, 2009	Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission	"International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination"

Carried

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Degelman
Abbott

BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

That we approve the appointment of Mrs. Fran Murray and Ms. Charlotte Reed to the Community Special Needs Transit Committee, with terms expiring December 31, 2010.

Further, that we approve the appointment of Ms. Kay Grinde, representative of the Melfort & District Chamber of Commerce, to the Heritage Advisory Committee, with a term expiring December 31, 2009. **Carried**

09-17
Lang
Russin

APPOINT BOARD OF REVISION:

That we re-appoint Gord Krismer & Associates Ltd. to provide Board of Revision services for the City of Melfort, based on their 2009 Board of Revision Fee Schedule. The Board shall consist of not less than three of the following members:

Gord Krismer, Chairperson
Brian Lynch
Reg Skinner
Murray Hovland
Terry Zborowski
Christina Krismer. **Carried**

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Abbott
Degelmen

OFFER TAX TITLE PROPERTIES FOR SALE BY TENDER:

That the City Clerk be authorized to give public notice that the City of Melfort intends to offer the following properties for sale by public tender:

- 213 Main Street
- 101 Burrows Avenue West

Further, that Council is prepared to sell the aforementioned at less than market value.

If no tenders are received, these properties are to be disposed of by public auction.
Carried

GENERAL SUNDRY COMMUNICATION ITEMS

1. Jan 14/09: FCM MembersqAdvisory re: shovel-ready municipal projects.
2. Dec, 2008: City of Melfort Website Statistics.
3. Jan./09: Thank you from Mustangs for concession window.
4. Jan. 25/09: Melfort & District Museum Board RM appointments.
5. Jan. 20/09: Saskatchewan Games invitation to bid on 2012 Games.
6. Jan/Feb/09: SUMA Urban Voice, Vol. 14, No. 1
7. Jan. 22/09: G. Cropper re: accident due to snow removal program. Referred to Works & Utilities Committee.
8. Feb. 5/09: Plus Industries . revised funding request. Referred to budget.

09-19
Russin
Lang

MINUTES, LEGISLATIVE & FINANCE COMMITTEE, JANUARY 27, 2009:

That the minutes of the Legislative & Finance Committee meeting held January 27, 2009, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

REPORT – LEGISLATIVE & FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- The preliminary budget is complete and has been circulated to Council.
- Year end is substantially complete, with the auditor coming in for a preliminary meeting on February 19 and the on-site audit scheduled for February 25 -27.
- The Treasurer is getting up to speed on taxation. She met with SAMA, the former Treasurer, attended a SAMA revaluation session and will be training on the Vadim software.

09-20
Lang
Russin

MINUTES, COMMUNITY GROWTH COMMITTEE, JANUARY 15, 2009:

That the minutes of the Community Growth Committee meeting held on January 15, 2009, be received. **Carried**

REPORT – DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Several development conference calls have occurred and the Manager has dealt with several lot sale inquiries.

**09-21
Terry
Russin**

MINUTES, WORKS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE, JANUARY 29, 2009:

That the minutes of the Works & Utilities Committee meeting held on January 29, 2009, be received. **Carried**

**09-22
Terry
Russin**

MINUTES, PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMISSION, JANUARY 13, 2009:

That the minutes of the Protective Services Commission meeting held January 13, 2009, be received. **Carried**

MUNICIPAL POLICING REPORTS – DECEMBER, 2008 & 2008 YEAR END

REPORT – DEPARTMENT OF WORKS & UTILITIES

- The crew had 7 interments, repaired 1 service connection and repaired a leaking water shut off at the Melfort Daycare.
- The white metal was hauled from the landfill to Prince Albert.
- Snow has been removed from the cul de sacs.
- The Department has notified Fire Dispatch of the control burn of trees at the landfill.

**09-23
Russin
Lang**

ACCOUNTS:

That we approve for payment general cheque numbers 12185 to 12366, inclusive, in the total amount of \$1,179,186.44. **Carried**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mayor Phillips reported on the annual SUMA Convention and noted that Melfort's share of the per capita provincial infrastructure funding will be approximately \$564,000.
- All citizens were encouraged to support the City of Humboldt in their bid for Hockeyville Canada. On-line voting at www.cbcsports.ca/hockeyville will take place February 28 to March 4.

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Degelman
Abbott**

ADJOURNMENT:

That this meeting be adjourned. **Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk