

**City of Melfort
Public Information Session**

**Monday June 9, 2008
North East Leisure Center
7:00 PM**



**Presentation of the
2008 Budget.**

**Question and Answer
Period to follow.**

**Your Chance to be
Heard**

Notice to all Residents in
Residential Areas
Re: Waste Collection



A motion has been introduced by City Council to retain front street waste collection on a permanent year round basis.

Before Council gives this motion further or final consideration at their June 16th, 2008 Regular Council meeting, Council wants to afford all residents an opportunity to be heard. If you have concerns or comments either in favour of or in opposition to this plan, Council would appreciate hearing from you. Please send a written, signed response with your civic address to City Hall prior to noon on June 12th, 2008.

The Future

It is time for Melfort to start thinking ahead. Thinking about what our community will look like with seven thousand people, ten thousand people and more. The quality of life in Melfort will be the draw that will have Shore Gold workers, Hydro Construction workers and the supporting industries living in our community.



**Mayor Kevin
Phillips**

**Your
Questions
Answered**

*A Vision for the
City of Melfort*

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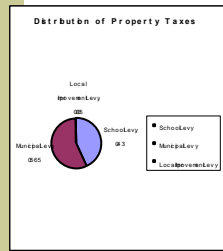
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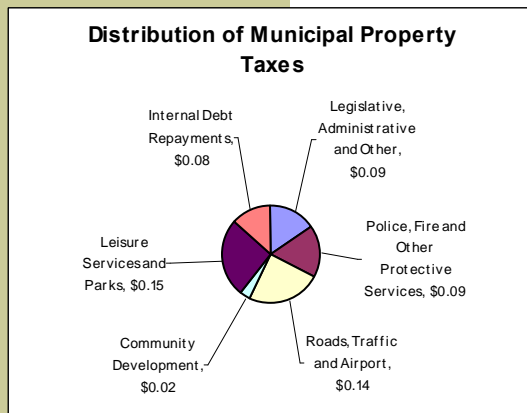
How is my 2008 tax dollar distributed?

The City of Melfort gets \$.57 of each tax dollar it collects. As per their 2008 annual request in accordance with legislation, the North East School Division will receive \$.43 from each tax dollar collected. This allocation has dramatically changed since the inception of the provincial government Education Property Tax Credit program. Residential and commercial properties receive a 12% credit and agricultural properties receive 47%.



How is my 2008 tax dollar spent?

In 2008, the \$.57 received by the City of Melfort will be distributed as follows:



How did Council choose the location for the new Multi-Use Facility?

The process of identifying potential locations began September 26, 2005. The Facility Planning Advisory Committee held a brainstorming session. From this meeting the following locations were identified (West of Melfort Mall, Spruce Haven Park, Downtown-NLP/ Main Arena, Highway 6 Commercial Strip, Golf Course, Agricultural Grounds/Museum, attached to MUCC, and the existing North East Leisure Centre site). Pros and cons were identified for all potential locations and weighed against the terms of reference established for the project(budget, components, economic development impact and timeline). This list was then pared down to three, those being the existing location of the North East Leisure Centre, attached to MUCC and Downtown core. At this point Council engaged the architectural services of AODBT to develop conceptual plans for the identified three locations. Council established a design forum and met with all current and potential users of the new facility. An open house was held October 6, 2007. The new facility was tendered February 27, 2008.

What is the plan to address Melfort’s decaying infrastructure?

By allocating a portion of the 2007 surplus to the capital program, the City of Melfort will undertake an aggressive patching and sidewalk program in 2008. In future years, we will need a plan to create a paving program in Melfort that will continue to be fair but also effective. The current local improvement process is no longer effective as many important projects are petitioned out. The City of Melfort installs the water line but homeowners are responsible for the full-depth asphalt paving.

Decaying infrastructure is a problem that is faced by every City in Canada, Melfort is no different. The hope is that a new plan can be developed for the 2009 budget year. Melfort City Council will continue to lobby, alongside other Canadian municipalities, both the Federal and Provincial governments for long-term sustainable funding for municipalities.

How is Council involved with local health Care issues?

On February 12th, 2007 Council established the Municipal Health Advocacy Committee to assist in the retention and expansion of health services in the Melfort area and to support and promote municipal health interests in the region. This Committee works closely with the Kelsey Trail Health Region and our local doctors.

Why do we need a full-time Fire Chief position?

Potential liability issues from lagging fire inspections and dramatically increased workloads resulting from our housing growth required the City of Melfort to re-organize it’s protective services department. It was determined that by combining the positions of bylaw enforcement officer and fire chief, the City could offer a cost-effective solution.



The new position is a middle management position responsible for the fire department, fire inspections, bylaw enforcement, assisting with emergency measures and acting as a back up building inspector when needed.

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