

CITY OF MELFORT
BUDGET MEETING
December 13th, 2004

Minutes of the City of Melfort Budget Meeting held on Monday, December 13th, 2004, in the Council Chambers, Melfort, Saskatchewan, commencing at 6:38 p.m.

PRESENT: COMMITTEE: Mayor Collins and Aldermen Abbott, Degelman, Terry, Lang, White and MacNaughton.

STAFF: J. Wade, City Manager; K. Ottenbreit, Director of Planning, Development & Leisure Services; D. Graham, Director of Works & Utilities and H. Audette, City Clerk.

Mayor Collins called the meeting to order and turned it over to Finance Chairman, Alderman Abbott.

Alderman Abbott gave an overview of the 2005 Capital and Reserve Budget, as detailed in the Clerk's memo dated December 10th, 2004.

2005 GENERAL & UTILITY CAPITAL BUDGETS

The Department Heads reviewed the items included in the 2005 Capital Budget and the 5-Year Capital Plan. The following items of note were mentioned:

- Two 2004 capital programs were postponed due to weather and have been moved to the 2005 program: crackfilling on Saskatchewan Avenue and the Sidewalk Program on Park/MacLeod East.
- Two streets will be offered as a local improvement: Quebec Street (Sunset to Stovel) and Sunset Crescent (Quebec to Quebec). The utility capital budget includes a water line replacement on these streets if the local improvement is approved by the property owners.
- The capital budget includes the annual cost projection for the RCMP radio modernization program, a total of \$165,405 over six years, ending with a \$3,055 payment in 2010. The Manager consulted with the auditor and advised that it is not exactly a capital item because it will not be an asset of the City.

Council approved the 2005 General and Utility Capital budgets.

Budget meetings will continue in March-April of 2005. Administration is to prepare a report on reserve draw down levels for the spring budget session.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk