

**City of Melfort**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**BUDGET SESSION**  
**February 8, 2010**

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Monday, February 8, 2010, in the Council Chambers, Melfort, Saskatchewan, commencing at 7:11 p.m.

**PRESENT:**     **COUNCIL:**     Councillor Degelman, Deputy-Mayor; Mayor Phillips and Councillors Lang, George, Abbott, MacNaughton and Terry.

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

Deputy Mayor Degelman called the meeting to order and turned it over to Councillor Lang, Chairman of the Legislative & Finance Committee.

**General Capital Budget**

Council reviewed the draft General Capital Budget and made the following revisions and comments:

- a)     The 1993 GMC Water/Sand truck replacement was referred to Works & Utilities for information.
- b)     The Museum Shop is to remain a flagged item.
- c)     The Walking Trail Expansion/Park was referred to the Planning & Development Committee to obtain a copy of the development plan (total estimated at \$250,000), determine what portion of this year's \$50,000 is earmarked for the walking trail, priorities for walking trail expansion, lease options and the potential for partnerships in the project.
- d)     Administration is to undertake an annual review of lot prices to ensure development and servicing costs are being recouped through land sales.
- e)     Purchase of strip . back access to commercial development. This budget was increased from \$8,000 to \$10,000 to include subdivision costs.
- f)     The City Manager is to inquire about funding for orphan tank removal, specifically on Lot 35, Block 3.
- g)     Deadlines for the BCF Program are to be confirmed.
- h)     Council is interested in assisting the Agricultural Society, possibly a fundraiser or through an interest-free loan equal to the amount donated by the RMs. The Ag Society is to advise the City when the RMs have replied to their request for assistance.
- i)     Chamber of Commerce . perhaps their capital repairs should be part of the capital budget.

**Utility Capital Budget**

In order to plan for the final SIGI intake in September, Administration is to confirm the requirement for distribution system upgrades in 2012.

**Landfill Capital Budget**

In accordance with policy, the annual projected surpluses of \$50,000 will be returned to the fund to finance capital purchases.

**Special Capital Budget**

There is no funding for these projects at this time. The duplicate entry for purchase of land for back access to the commercial development (\$8,000) is to be deleted as it has been included in general capital.

**Operational & Capital Reserves**

- a) The inflation adjustment for 2014 should read \$157,743, for a total of \$236,336.
- b) In 2009 the Capital Trust Fund, the All City Facilities Reserve and some additional recreation reserves were depleted to finance the Kerry Vickar Centre. The reserves will be paid back first, then the Capital Trust Fund. There will be funding coming in over the next 15 years to replenish those reserves.
- c) In 2014, the City will be required to pay back loan proceeds from SIGI financing for land development.

**NEXT BUDGET MEETING**

Thursday, February 25, 2010

5:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk