

CITY OF MELFORT

February 9, 2004

Minutes of the City of Melfort Regular Meeting held on Monday, February 9th, 2004, in the Council Chambers, Melfort, Saskatchewan, commencing at 5:04 p.m.

PRESENT: COUNCIL: Mayor Collins and Aldermen Degelman, White, Terry, Lang, MacNaughton (arrived at 5:08 pm) and Abbott (arrived at 5:12 pm).

STAFF: J. Wade, City Manager; C. Stevenson, City Treasurer; S. Blevins, Director of Planning, Development & Leisure Services; D. Graham, Director of Works & Utilities and H. Audette, City Clerk.

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White
Lang

MINUTES, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, JANUARY 12th, 2004:

That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held January 12th, 2004, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

04-12
Degelman
Lang

2004 BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

That the attached 2004 Board and Committee appointments be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

04-13
Terry
White

PROCLAMATION

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>PROCLAMATION</u>
February 15-22, 2004 Carried	Girl Guides of Canada	" <i>Guide Scout Week</i> "

Alderman Terry declared conflict of interest and abstained from voting on the following resolution to amend *The SaskEnergy Regulations*.

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White
Lang

APPROVE REQUEST TO AMEND *The SaskEnergy Regulations*:

That the City of Melfort, in conjunction with the City of Humboldt and the City of Melville, request that *The SaskEnergy Regulations* be amended to remove these cities from the provisions of Section 12(1) of the regulations. **Carried**

04-15
Terry
White

AMEND FREE FACILITY USAGE POLICY NO. 7.09:

That we adopt the amended City of Melfort Policy 7.09, entitled "*Free Facility Usage Policy*", as circulated. **Carried**

04-16
White
Degelman

ENDORSE RESOLUTION TO REVIEW EFFICACY OF SASK MUNICIPAL BOARD:

That the Council of the City of Melfort endorse resolution no. MN04-2, adopted by the City of Regina at their meeting on January 26, 2004, concerning the timeliness of Saskatchewan Municipal Board property tax appeal decisions;

And further, that the Government of Saskatchewan be called upon to review the efficacy of the Saskatchewan Municipal Board, in consultation with all assessment jurisdictions in the Province of Saskatchewan. **Carried**

04-17
Terry
Degelman

SUPPORT COMMUNITY CENTENNIAL INITIATIVES:

That the City of Melfort will support community initiated Centennial events or projects, through funding and/or service-in-kind, subject to criteria to be established by Administration and recommended to Council by the Recreation & Parks Board. **Carried**

GENERAL SUNDRY COMMUNICATION ITEMS

1. Jan. 9/04: FCM MembersqAdvisory re: Liberal Caucus Retreat & the new Deal.
2. Nov. 28/03: NE Area Transport Planning Comm. Minutes.
Jan. 14/04: Request for membership.
3. Jan. 6/04: Letter from Hon. Len Taylor, GRAA re: revenue sharing.
4. Jan. 17/04: Letter from K. Phillip, Wapiti Regional Library, re: legal opinion on the proposed bylaw amendment.
5. Jan. 26/04: Letter from K. Phillip re: 2004 category budget
6. Jan. 27/04: e-mail from M. Gilgan re: The World's Largest Family Reunion (www.sask05.ca).
7. Jan. 14/04: Minutes of Melfort & Area Interagency Meeting.
8. Jan. 22/04: Bullee Consulting Ltd. . 2002 Water and Sewer Rate Study
9. Jan. 27/04: Minutes of Melfort & District Museum Board Meeting. The curator has tendered her resignation effective June 30, 2004.
10. Jan. 20/04: Letter from S. Ferris, Sask Environment re: water and wastewater works operator certification meetings
11. Celebrate Canada 2004 Funding Application Form
12. Feb. 2/04: FCM MembersqAdvisory re: Throne Speech; GST Rebate
13. Sask. Highways & Transportation schedule of Primary Weight Consultations
14. Salvation Army Melfort re: request for sponsorship
15. Feb. 6/04: Memo from Clerk on the smoking issue.
16. Jan. 22/04: Letter from Plus Industries requesting tax exemption. Referred to the Treasurer for the exemption bylaw.
17. Jan. 15/04: Letter from Marguerite Riel Centre re: Council participation in National Aboriginal Day Celebrations. Mayor Collins will respond to the organization.

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White
Degelman

2004 LIST OF LANDS IN ARREARS:

That the attached 2004 List of Lands in Arrears, which includes all properties with arrears outstanding of 10% or \$200.00, whichever is less, be received. **Carried**

REPORT – CITY TREASURER

- The City's assessment roll will be open from February 17th to March 19th, 2004. The deadline for appeals is Friday, March 19th. Only property owners with an assessment change will receive a notice of assessment.
- The auditors will be onsite from February 16th . 19th. The Department is in the process of finalizing year end.

REPORT – DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & LEISURE SERVICES

- Two lots are on hold and one agreement for sale has been signed in the new land assembly.
- There is one infill policy lot on hold.

- The Community Development Manager will be reporting on community development initiatives at the Community Development Advisory Committee meeting this week.
- The Department is working with the current owners and potential owners to secure a sporting goods store in Melfort.

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Degelman

MINUTES, POLICE COMMISSION, JANUARY 13, 2004:

That the minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners meeting held on January 13, 2004, be received. **Carried**

MUNICIPAL POLICING REPORT – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 2003

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AUTHORIZE PREPARATION OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS REPORT-PARK AVE.:

That the Director of Works & Utilities prepare a report in accordance with Section 6 of *The Local Improvements Act, 1993*, with respect to the local improvement listed below:

<u>Work</u>	<u>On</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Full-Depth Paving	Park Avenue	Main Street	Star City Street

which has an estimated cost of \$347,520.00. **Carried**

04-21
Lang
Degelman

ADOPT LOCAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT – PARK AVENUE FULL-DEPTH PAVING:

That the report prepared by the Director of Works & Utilities, with respect to the proposed local improvement listed below, be adopted;

Further, that application be made under Section 5(1)(b) of *The Local Improvements Act, 1993*, to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board, Local Government Committee, to undertake this work as a local improvement, at an estimated cost of \$347,520.00.

<u>Work</u>	<u>On</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Full-Depth Paving	Park Avenue	Main Street	Star City Street

And, that the land described above is specially or directly benefited by reason of this local improvement differently from or greater than that generally received by landowners in the municipality. **Carried**

REPORT – DIRECTOR OF WORKS & UTILITIES

- Regular maintenance including: 2 graves, 2 water break repairs, snow removal, replacement of cylinder kits in the backhoe.
- Recapped tires were purchased for the bobcat at \$200/tire.
- There were garbage collection problems during the cold weather that the Department is attempting to address.
- The Director reported on the tender information received for the front end loader and advised that the Department will be purchasing a new Cat loader at the budgeted amount.

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Degelman

ACCOUNTS:

That we approve for payment general cheque numbers 10060 to 10224 inclusive.
Carried

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Terry
Degelman

ADJOURNMENT:

That this meeting be adjourned. **Carried**

The Mayor will be away from February 16th to 20th. Deputy Mayor Degelman will assume any responsibilities during his absence.

On behalf of City Council, Mayor Collins expressed best wishes to Editor Rod Drabble and his family on their relocation to Saskatoon at the end of February.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk