

# CITY OF MELFORT

April 18, 2005

Minutes of the City of Melfort Regular Meeting held on Monday, April 18, 2005, in the Council Chambers, Melfort, Saskatchewan, commencing at 5:02 p.m.

**PRESENT:** COUNCIL: Mayor Collins and Aldermen Abbott, Lang, Terry, Degelman, MacNaughton and White (arrived at 5:07 p.m.).

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

05-72  
Terry  
MacNaughton

## **MINUTES, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL 4, 2005:**

That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on April 4, 2005, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

05-73  
Terry  
Abbott

## **MINUTES, BUDGET SESSION, APRIL 6, 2005:**

That the minutes of the City of Melfort Budget Session held on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

## **DELEGATIONS**

### **Chamber of Commerce**

On behalf of the Chamber's Civic Pride Committee, Tammy Thompson expressed her thanks to the City of Melfort for their support of the %Am Melfort+civic pride campaign. Mayor Collins commended the committee on their organization of the April 15<sup>th</sup> event.

### **Melfort & District Museum Board**

Chairman Ingvar Berggren introduced the members of the Museum Board and presented their 2004 Annual Report. He noted that the Melfort Museum is still in the top five of the Saskatchewan MuseumsqAssociation. The creation of a joint curator/cultural coordinator has been a positive step.

Mr. Berggren reviewed the history of the power house upgrade, which resulted in an overexpenditure of \$5,760 to eliminate all safety risks associated with the floor, outdated wiring, mold and water damage, as well as potential health risks due to trace amounts of PCBs and several other problems that required upgrading. The volunteers donated approximately \$18,000 worth of labour to this project and the Museum is requesting the City's support in providing one-time capital assistance to cover the overexpenditure. Alderman Lang commented that at a minimum, the total estimated cost of this project would be \$36,000.

To Alderman Degelman's question, Mr. Berggren explained that the reduction in the Museum Grant Program funding is due to an increase in organizations requesting funding, as well as a decrease in the MuseumsqAssociation funding source thereby decreasing the entire grant structure. Melfort had applied for \$22,000 and received \$15,000.

Mr. Berggren reported that the R.M. of Star City has supported the Museum with an annual contribution of \$1,000 and although the remaining R.M.s have not provided unconditional grants, they have allowed the Museum access to their community grant funding. The Museum Board is continuing to request rural support.

If the Museum's request for \$5,760 is not granted, Mr. Berggren stated that they will have to cut back and borrow from reserves designated for other purposes. The Museum currently has approximately \$10,000 in specified reserves.

Mayor Collins commended the Melfort & District Museum Board and volunteers on their tremendous efforts. He added his praise for the Kids Carnival held on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Melfort Mall, which incorporated the arts, culture and heritage into a well-attended event. Mr. Berggren thanked Council for their consideration and commended the Museum Curator, Shannon Cunningham.

**05-74  
Abbott  
Terry**

**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>
May 15-21, 2005	Cdn. Public Works Association	"Public Works Week"
May, 2005	Child Find Saskatchewan	"Missing Children's Month"
May 25, 2005	Child Find Saskatchewan	"National Missing Children's Day"
April 24-30, 2005	Cdn. Society for Medical Laboratory Science	"National Medical Laboratory Week"
May 15 . 21, 2005	Melfort Ambulance Care 1999 Ltd.	"Emergency Medical Services Week"

**Carried**

**05-75  
Degelman  
Lang**

**AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT SPRING 2005 NE SUMA REGIONAL MEETING:**

That the following members be authorized to attend the North East SUMA 2005 Spring Regional Meeting to be held in Candle Lake, Saskatchewan, on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005:

Mayor Darrell Collins  
Alderman Lynn Abbott  
Alderman Diane Degelman  
Alderman Rick Lang  
Alderman Seth MacNaughton  
Alderman Doug Terry  
Alderman Jason White  
Manager John Wade **Carried**

**05-76  
Terry  
MacNaughton**

**DUTCH ELM DISEASE PROGRAM – 2005/2006:**

That we approve the City of Melfort's participation with Saskatchewan Environment in the Dutch elm disease cost-share program from April 1, 2005, to March 31, 2006, for one-half the cost incurred in managing a Dutch elm disease program, up to a maximum provincial contribution of \$3,000.00. **Carried**

**GENERAL SUNDRY COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

1. Budget 2005-06: Minister of Industry & Resources.
2. Mar. 31, 2005: Minutes of the Melfort & District Museum Board.
3. Thank you for bursary from Michelle Aasen.
4. April, 2005: SUMA Urban Voice, Vol. 10, No. 2.
5. Apr. 14/05: Letter to the Editor from Mayor Collins re: editorial
6. Apr. 13/05: FCM MembersqAdvisory . Climate Change Plan
7. April/2005: Ralph Goodale Reports.
8. Apr. 6/05: Letter from Govt Relations re: revenue sharing.
9. Mar. 29/05: SUMA Membership Renewal.

**TAX COLLECTION COMPARATIVE STATEMENT – MARCH, 2005**

**REPORT – CITY CLERK**

- The Manager, Treasurer and Clerk met with SAMA to establish a plan for the assessment notice process. This year, the City will be mailing assessment notices with tax notices, no later than May 25. SAMA will be conducting an open house on June 7<sup>th</sup> for the public to schedule appointments with an assessor. Details will be mailed with the assessment notices.
- Alderman Abbott reminded Council of the next budget session to be held Thursday, April 21, 2005, commencing at 4:00 p.m.

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Terry  
MacNaughton

**MINUTES, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, APRIL 6, 2005:**

That the minutes of the Planning & Development Committee meeting held on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

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Terry  
MacNaughton

**MINUTES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, APRIL 14, 2005:**

That the minutes of the Community Development Advisory Committee meeting held on April 14, 2005, be received. **Carried**

**BUILDING PERMIT REPORT – MARCH, 2005**

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Lang  
Degelman

**MINUTES, POLICE COMMISSION, APRIL 12, 2005:**

That the minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners meeting held on April 12, 2005, be received. **Carried**

**REPORT – DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & LEISURE SERVICES**

- The Department has purchased a new ice resurfacer, well within budget, and has sold the old equipment.
- The Facility Operations Manager has been inspecting playground equipment.
- The wave pool is still down while the staff waits for a part.
- The Department will be hiring summer staff this week, in preparation for the parks season.
- The community survey deadline has passed, but the City is still accepting late submissions. Approximately 210 surveys were handed in, which will provide good feedback from the community. They will be passed on to the Leisure Services Advisory Committee.

**MUNICIPAL POLICING REPORT – MARCH, 2005**

**REPORT – DIRECTOR OF WORKS & UTILITIES**

- Street sweeping, patching pot holes and grading of back lanes is underway.
- A flushing truck was required to remove grease from a sewer line and lift station.
- Spring work has started at the cemetery.
- Work will begin tomorrow on water break repairs.

- The crew has been working on the sewer at Eisner Place and Frost Drive to cure an odor problem.
- A sewer line was repaired on the 600 block of MacLeod East.
- The lagoon release started last week.
- Numerous trees and a traffic light at Burrows Ave. and Main Street blew down in the wind storm.
- A boil water order that was placed on Hornby Drive on Saturday has now been removed. The line has been repaired and is back in order. The Department has been investigating the cost of purchasing a water tank to provide an emergency supply in cases like these.

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Abbott  
Terry

**ACCOUNTS:**

That we approve for payment general cheque numbers 2032 to 2114 inclusive, in the total amount of \$128,261.36. **Carried**

Alderman MacNaughton reported on the Provincial Centennial Committee press release held April 11<sup>th</sup> in Saskatoon. Each of the 13 cities and 2 northern communities have been selected to host special events for their region, including a spectacular fireworks display held simultaneously throughout the province on September 4, 2005.

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Degelman  
Lang

**ADJOURNMENT:**

That this meeting be adjourned. **Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk