

CITY OF MELFORT
August 11, 2008

Minutes of the City of Melfort Regular Meeting held on Monday, August 11, 2008, in the Council Chambers, Melfort, Saskatchewan, commencing at 5:02 p.m.

PRESENT: COUNCIL: Mayor Phillips and Councillors Lang, MacNaughton, Terry, Degelman, Russin and Abbott.

STAFF: J. Wade, City Manager; D. Graham, Director of Works & Utilities; C. Stevenson, City Treasurer and H. Audette, City Clerk.

08-211
Terry
MacNaughton

MINUTES, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, JULY 14, 2008:

That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of the City of Melfort held on July 14, 2008, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

08-212
Russin
Lang

MINUTES, SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, JULY 29, 2008:

That the minutes of the Special Council meeting of the City of Melfort held on July 29, 2008, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

08-213
Abbott
Degelman

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>
<i>September, 2008</i>	<i>Muscular Dystrophy Canada</i>	<i>"Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month"</i>
Carried		

08-214
Terry
MacNaughton

ENDORSE APPLICATION TO BUILDING CANADA FUND:

That whereas, the City of Melfort is undertaking to construct a performing arts and sport center designed to meet the cultural, social and sport needs of our citizens and improve the ability of the North East region to attract quality performances and large-scale conventions, creating provincial and national exposure of the North East, resulting in increased economic, social and cultural spin-off benefits for the entire region;

AND WHEREAS, the federal and provincial governments recognize the importance of investment in this infrastructure and, therefore, have undertaken an intake of applications under the Building Canada Fund . Communities Component;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Melfort endorses application under the Building Canada Fund . Communities Component program for the construction of the performing arts and sport center and hereby agrees to abide by all terms and conditions of the program. **Carried**

08-215
Lang
Russin

JOIN SUMA IN RESPONDING TO CUPE'S MEPP APPLICATION:

That in the matter of an application for Judicial Review submitted by the Canadian Union of Public Employees with respect to decisions made by the Municipal Employees Pension Plan, the Council of the City of Melfort hereby joins the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) in providing a response to the application and further hereby appoints SUMA as its agent to retain and instruct legal counsel on behalf of this municipality exclusively on this matter. The municipality acknowledges that SUMA will not accept any liability on behalf of the municipality and the municipality saves harmless SUMA, any of its directors and agents with respect to any financial implication in this matter. The municipality further acknowledges that it will promptly remit to SUMA any

assessment of cost related to providing collective representation on a pro-rated share, based on actual solicitor and court costs. **Carried**

GENERAL SUNDRY COMMUNICATION ITEMS

1. Jun 19/08: Minutes of Melfort & District Museum Board.
2. Jul 8/08: NE Area Transport Planning Committee thank you letter.
3. Jul 10/08: Minister of Environment reply to City MayorsqCaucus re: recycling.
4. Jul 16/08: FCM MembersqAdvisory . infrastructure calculator.
5. Aug 5/08: H. Green . waste collection concerns.
6. Jul 22/08: K. Toffan, Director Grants Administration . status of SIGI application for Whitley Street servicing.
7. Jul 9/08: Melfort Daycare request for temporary tax exemption at Elks Hall. Referred to Legislative & Finance.
8. Aug/08: Project Porchlight . Saskatchewan. Administration is to investigate city involvement in this program.
9. Jul 25/08: E-mail from Lori Friesen re: Vanier Place paving, city green space and west side toboggan hill. Referred to Community Services for response. The City is to establish a mechanism for notifying residents of the status of proposed local improvement projects.
10. Jul 29/08: R. Lidster . request for comments concerning the proposed decommissioning of the Poplar Creek crossing.

08-215(a)
Degelman
Lang

OPPOSE PROPOSED DECOMMISSIONING OF POPLAR CREEK CROSSING:

That the Mayor of the City of Melfort issue a letter to the Ministry of Environment, opposing the proposed decommissioning of the Poplar Creek crossing in the Fort a la Corne Provincial Forest, which would by-pass Division Road in favor of Romanchuk Road, located further north from the City of Melfort. **Carried**

11. Aug 1/08: K. Baraniski . request for refund of criminal record check fee. Council approve a refund as the check was not processed until after the July 15th effective date.
12. Aug 1/08: City Manager Memo re: Patching and Policy. This matter was handled by administration.

08-216
Degelman
Abbott

MINUTES, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, JULY 14, 2008:

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on July 14, 2008, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

TAX COLLECTION COMPARATIVE STATEMENT – JULY, 2008

REPORT – DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE & FINANCE

- The Board of Revision has been cancelled as all 31 appeals have been handled through agreements to adjust.
- The City's new telephone system will be installed in early September. The Treasurer will e-mail Council to advise when the phones will be down for installation.

08-217
Terry
MacNaughton

MINUTES, DEVELOPMENT APPEALS BOARD, JULY 30, 2008:

That the minutes of the Development Appeals Board hearing held on July 30, 2008, be received. **Carried**

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT – JULY, 2008

REPORT – DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

- The Department is preparing the Building Canada Fund application.
- There have been many property inquiries.

REPORT – DEPARTMENT OF WORKS & UTILITIES

- The first pour has been completed at the main lift station. The projected completion date is January, 2009.
- The paving contract is complete, but the patching program was reduced due to cost increases. The department is purchasing two truckloads of cold mix to continue patching.
- The contractor has started work on the service installation on Whitley Street.
- The city crew has spent time at the waste disposal site improving the dump site. The propane tanks have been disposed of and the waste tires have been picked up. Scrap metal is still on the list for pick up.
- Services have been installed in various locations throughout the City.

08-218
Terry
MacNaughton

BYLAW 2008-21:
That Bylaw 2008-21, being a Bylaw of the City of Melfort to regulate, control and provide for the licensing of taxicabs and taxicab drivers in the City of Melfort, be introduced and read a first time. **Carried**

08-219
Lang
Russin

BYLAW 2008-21:
That Bylaw 2008-21 be read a second time. **Carried**

08-220
Abbott
Degelman

BYLAW 2008-21:
That Bylaw 2008-21 be given three readings at this meeting. **Carried Unanimously**

08-221
Degelman
Abbott

BYLAW 2008-21:
That Bylaw 2008-21 be read a third time and passed. **Carried**

08-222
Russin
Lang

BYLAW 2008-22:
That Bylaw 2008-22, being a Bylaw of the City of Melfort to amend Bylaw 2007-25, known as the Licensing Bylaw, be introduced and read a first time. **Carried**

08-223
Terry
MacNaughton

BYLAW 2008-22:
That Bylaw 2008-22 be read a second time. **Carried**

08-224
Abbott
Degelman

BYLAW 2008-22:
That Bylaw 2008-22 be given three readings at this meeting. **Carried Unanimously**

08-225
Degelman
Abbott

BYLAW 2008-22:
That Bylaw 2008-22 be read a third time and passed. **Carried**

08-226
Russin
Lang

ACCOUNTS:

That we approve for payment general cheque numbers 10892 to 11064, inclusive, in the total amount of \$1,196,028.77. **Carried**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Mayor reported that several City representatives and Mayor Margolis met with the three First Nations at James Smith. The bands are moving forward on the FALC hydro project and hope to move to the feasibility stage within six months to a year.

08-227
Terry
MacNaughton

ADJOURNMENT:

That this meeting be adjourned. **Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk