

# CITY OF MELFORT

May 12, 2014

Minutes of the City of Melfort Regular Meeting held on Monday, May 12, 2014, in the Council Chambers, Melfort, Saskatchewan, commencing at 5:05 p.m.

**PRESENT:** COUNCIL: Mayor Lang and Councillors Jung, Ponath, George, Phillips, Gratton and Enge.

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

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George  
Jung

## **MINUTES, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL 14, 2014:**

That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on April 14, 2014, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

## **DELEGATION**

### **Greg Chester, Northland Building Supply**

Mr. Chester appeared before Council to question the rationale of applying a development levy and taxing a few, to finance infrastructure that is used by all citizens. He is concerned that a levy will stifle growth in the City and proposes an average general tax increase of \$7.00 for residential and \$13.00 for commercial to fund infrastructure. In summary, Mr. Chester stated that he feels direct cost recovery is fair, but is concerned about indirect costs, which he feels should be paid by the general public. To Mayor Lang's question, Mr. Chester replied that he was unaware of any community that places a development levy on general taxation. On behalf of Council, Mayor Lang thanked Mr. Chester for his presentation.

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Phillips  
Gratton

## **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, 2014	Melfort Kidsport	"Kidsport Month"
May, 2014	Melfort Communities in Bloom	"Communities in Bloom Month"
June, 2014	Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Assoc.	"Recreation & Parks Month"
May 25-31, 2014	Melfort Ambulance Service	"Paramedic Services Week"

**Carried**

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George

## **BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT:**

That we approve the following City of Melfort Board & Committee appointment:

<u>Committee:</u>	<u>Member:</u>	<u>Term Expiry:</u>
Airport Board	Trent Rae	December 31, 2015 <b>Carried</b>

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Enge

## **ESSENTIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT:**

That we authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Essential Services Agreement between the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local No. 777, and the City of Melfort, made in compliance with *The Public Service Essential Services Act*, to take effect immediately upon signing. **Carried**

**GENERAL SUNDRY COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

1. Spring 2014: SUMA Urban Voice, Vol. 19, No. 1.
2. Apr 15/14: D. Button, President re: SUMA membership cards.
3. Apr 8/14: M. Lelliott, SaskPower re: energy efficiency opportunities in waste water treatment.
4. Apr 14/14: SaskTel 2013 Annual Report (available for viewing online).
5. Apr 16/14: E. Bourassa, Plus Industries Inc. re: request for tax exemptions.
6. Apr 30/14: Hon. D. Morgan, Minister of Labour re: *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*.
7. Saskatchewan's Disability Strategy – Public Consultation Forum, Thurs, May 22, 1:30 – 4:30 pm, Kerry Vickar Centre.
8. May 5/14: S. McEachern, SUMA re: support for Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers.
9. May 2/14: Hon. J. Reiter, Minister of Government Relations re: 2014 confirmed education property tax mill rates.
10. Apr 25/14: B. Bryant, Director of Grants Admin, Government Relations re: 2014-15 Transit Assistance operating grant.
11. Apr 23/14: C. Smith, "F" Division re: recommend including one additional member in 2015/2016 ARLU submission. Referred to Protective Services Commission.

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Phillips

**MINUTES, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, MAY 6, 2014:**

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on May 6, 2014, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

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Enge  
Ponath

**MINUTES, LEGISLATIVE & FINANCE COMMITTEE, APRIL 28, 2014:**

That the minutes of the Legislative & Finance Committee meeting held April 28, 2014, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

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Ponath  
Enge

**AMEND TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS POLICY 1.3.65:**

That we approve the amendment of City of Melfort Policy 1.3.65, entitled "*Tangible Capital Assets*". **Carried**

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Enge  
Ponath

**TAX CANCELLATIONS:**

That we approve tax cancellations in the amount of \$49,156.24, as attached. **Carried**

**LEGISLATIVE & FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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Gratton

**MINUTES, COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE, APRIL 24, 2014:**

That the minutes of the Community Development Advisory Committee meeting held on April 24, 2014, be received. **Carried**

**BUILDING PERMIT REPORT – APRIL, 2014****COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT****BYLAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT – APRIL, 2014****FIRE CHIEF REPORT – APRIL, 2014****WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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**BYLAW 2014-11:**

That Bylaw 2014-11, introduced and read a first time on April 14, 2014, be amended as follows:

- a) That former Schedule 'A' be revised and substituted with the attached Schedule 'A', in order to change the base rate effective date from July 1, 2014, to January 1, 2015, and to phase-in the entire levy over a ten-year period.
- b) That the Off-Site Levies Report dated March, 2014, prepared by Catterall & Wright, be attached as new Schedule 'C'.

**Carried**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Melfort Amateur Dramatics was congratulated on being awarded the 2015 Provincial Theatre Festival, commencing April 29, 2015.
- May 16-24 is Clean-Up Week in Melfort and the compost site is now open.
- Mayor Lang reported on his attendance at the City Mayors' Caucus meeting and the disappointment with the level of federal long-term infrastructure funding.

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George  
Jung**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

That this meeting be adjourned. **Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk