

City of Melfort
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
February 8, 2018

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Thursday, February 8, 2018, in the Council Chambers, Melfort, Saskatchewan, commencing at 12:05 p.m.

PRESENT: **COUNCIL:** Councillor Hoenmans, Deputy Mayor; Mayor Lang and Councillors Phillips, Mitchell, George, Terry and Benson.

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

2018 OPERATIONAL BUDGET

1. General Operations

The City Treasurer reviewed the operational budget memo dated January 30, 2018, which reflects a preliminary deficit of \$179,855.

a) Options to decrease deficit

- i) Charge base tax to Misc NPO:
Council agreed to delay implementation until 2019, to give the organizations notice. The policy amendment is also to remove NEOSS from the list of NPOs.
- ii) Tourism in-house: Agreed -\$9,500
- iii) Group Purchasing/Procurement: Agreed -\$4,000
This program is to be evaluated on an annual basis.

b) Review Additional Budget Requests

- i) Fire Hydrant Repair: Agreed \$11,000
- ii) Fire Equipment/Supplies (50% city share): Agreed \$ 2,500

2. Utility Operations – proposed surplus \$182,293.

3. Landfill Operations – proposed surplus \$67,166.

Councillor Phillips left the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

4. Waste Collection Operations – proposed surplus \$65,989.

5. Wellness Centre Medical Clinic Operations – proposed surplus \$0

6. Balancing Options for 2018 General Operating Budget

The Committee of the Whole reviewed the Treasurer's memo dated February 5, 2018, and agreed to increase the mill rate by .37 mills to 10.23 mills and increase the base tax for improved properties by \$12 to \$674 and by \$8 to \$480 for vertical condos, to balance the deficit of \$179,855. The operating budget will be presented to Council for ratification on February 12th, but presentation of the mill rate and base tax bylaws will be delayed until after the provincial budget comes down.

The meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk