

**CITY OF MELFORT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
January 28, 2019**

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Monday, January 28, 2019, in the City Hall Council Chambers, Melfort, Saskatchewan, commencing at 12:02 p.m.

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

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

Deputy Mayor Hoenmans called the meeting to order and turned it over to the Treasurer.

1. GENERAL OPERATIONS BALANCING OPTIONS

Council reviewed the options for balancing the general operations deficit of \$125,353 (2.09% tax increase), as presented by the Treasurer in her memo dated January 24, 2019. The Committee concurred with the Treasurer's recommendation of Option 2, to increase the mill rate by .23 to 10.46 mills and the base tax increase of \$12 to \$686 for improved properties, and \$8 to \$488 for vertical condominiums.

The Legislative & Finance Committee will review the rationale for base tax on unimproved properties to determine whether an increase in 2020 is warranted.

2. LANDFILL BUDGET

The Director of Works & Utilities reviewed the requirements for the 2019 landfill capital and operating budgets in order to meet Ministry standards, as shown in the Treasurer's memo dated January 24, 2019. He offered to arrange a meeting with Eco Engineering if Council would like an update on the landfill study. The Committee of the Whole agreed with the landfill budgets, which will be presented for ratification at the February 11th regular Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk