

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
(7:30 PM to 9:40 PM)**

TOWN OF STONEWALL

MARCH 3, 2010

The Council of the Town of Stonewall met as a Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 commencing at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Stonewall, MB.

Mayor Ross Thompson presided.

Councillors Badger, Corbin, McLean and Ploszay and CAO Potter and Assistant CAO Patterson in attendance.

The Committee considered the following matters.

ADDITIONS

RESOLUTION NO. CW 7/10: McLean, Corbin

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the additions to the March 3, 2010 Committee of the Whole meeting Agenda be approved pursuant to Section 8.3 of the Town's Procedural By-law No. 3/07.

CARRIED

1. 7:30 PM - DELEGATION - RCMP, STONEWALL – PERFORMANCE PLANS

At 7:30 PM Cpl .Greg Zaborosky of the Stonewall RCMP Detachment attended the meeting to discuss with the Committee the 2010/11 community policing priorities and the RCMP performance plans.

As identified by the Committee at the February 17, 2010 Committee meeting the community policing priorities were confirmed as:

- Substance abuse and substance abuse education
- Vandalism and theft
- Traffic

Mayor Thompson thanked Cpl. Zaborosky for attending the meeting.

2. BY-LAW NO. 3/10 – ELECTION CAMPAIGN FINANCE BY-LAW

The Committee reviewed By-law No. 3/10, being the municipal election campaign finance by-law required pursuant to Section 93 (2) of The Municipal Act, which was given 1st reading at the February 24/10 Council meeting.

By-law No. 3/10 will be considered for 2nd and 3rd reading at the March 10/10 Council meeting.

3. POLICY 3.25 – EMPLOYEE CODE OF CONDUCT

The Committee reviewed Policy 3.25 – Personnel – Employee Code of Conduct – required pursuant to Section 131 (1) of The Municipal Act.

Policy 3.25 is to be considered for adoption at the March 10/10 Council meeting.

4. 7:50 PM – DELEGATION – STONEWALL CURLING CLUB – CAPITAL REPAIRS

At 7:50 PM Alan Sanche, Darren Bednarek, Darryl Argan, Ryan Smith and Stu Brown of the Stonewall Curling club executive met with the Committee to discuss the replacement of the counter tops in the kitchen/bar area. Allan Sanche acted as spokesperson. The arborite has separated from the plywood in a number of places and after attempts to glue the arborite it continues to separate. The Delegation feels the condition of the countertops poses a health risk. As part of the lease agreement between the Town and the Curling Rink, an annual fee of \$5,000.00 is required to be paid by the Curling Rink for capital repairs. The Curling Club feels that counter tops are a permanent fixture of the rink and as such should be replaced with funds from the reserve fund. The Curling Club obtained one cost estimate for the replacement of the countertops in the amount of \$7875.00.

The Delegation also discussed an issue with the concrete walkway located on the south side of the curling rink. Due to a lack of insulation in the walkway, the outside curling sheet is being adversely affected. The Delegation believes that insulating the walkway will solve the problem. A cost estimate of \$17,000.00 was obtained by the Curling Club to insulate the walkway.

Council thanked the Delegation for attending the meeting and advised they would consider the requests.

5. 8:15 PM – DELEGATION – STONEWALL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 2010 HERITAGE RESOURCE PLAN

At 8:15 PM Allan Webb, Jana Williams, Ken Kikukawa and Catherine Precourt (staff resource) of the Stonewall Heritage Advisory Committee met with the Committee to present the Heritage Resource Management Plan for 2010.

Allan Webb acted as spokesperson and reviewed the accomplishment and activities in 2009 and presented the Heritage Resource Plan of the Heritage Committee for 2010.

The Committee is requesting a budget of \$3500.00 for 2010.

Mayor Thompson thanked the Delegation for their dedication to the Heritage Committee and advised the budget request will be considered at the 2010 budget.

6. UTILITY RATE STUDY/APPLICATION

The Committee was provided a copy of the DRAFT of the Utility (water/sewer) rate study and application prepared for the Public Utilities Board (PUB) by Genivar on behalf of the Town.

The DRAFT Study and Application provides for an increase in the base minimum utility billing from \$22.10 per quarter to \$38.25 per quarter (75%) and for the average billing an increase from \$68.00 per quarter to \$95.00 per quarter (40%). The bulk of the increase is in the base service charge per quarter (previous \$9.50/proposed \$22.95 or \$13.45/140%). The consumption charge per cubic meter increases from \$0.70 to \$0.85 (15 cents or 20%).

The Study and Rate Application has been completed in compliance with the new PUB requirements which concentrate on ensuring the utility is capable of being self sustaining and not reliant on the general revenues.

The application will be completed and submitted to the Public Utilities Board by the end of March 2010.

7. AGE FRIENDLY ACTION PLAN

Tabled to April/2010.

8. RAILWAY ROW – MAIN STREET TO 4TH ST EAST

The Committee considered the subdivision and disposal of the lands comprising the former railway line right-of-way between Main Street and 4th Street East. Two (2) parcels are to be sold to the adjoining land owners and the 3rd fronting 4th St East will be sold by public tender.

The Committee also discussed the retention of a 10' public corridor along the south edge of the former rail line right-of-way to provide a continuous connection for pedestrian use from the former right-of-way at 4th Street East to the former right-of-way at Main Street.

The Committee agreed to proceed with the retaining the 10' corridor.

9. OTHER

March 10/10 Council meeting Public Hearings - The Committee was reminded of the two public hearings which will be held at the March 10, 2010 Council meeting.

2010 Mixed Provincial Curling Championship – banquet Mar 24/opening ceremonies
Mar 25 – Mayor Thompson will attend the banquet and Councillor McLean agreed to attend the opening ceremonies.

SIPD – Development Plan Review – Mayor Thompson outlined the following for consideration when reviewing the Development Plan:

1. Water quality/groundwater
2. 12th St. W. - development west
3. Plan to be integrated with East Interlake Conservation District
4. Urban Forest
5. Development Centres

10. ADJOURN – 9:40 PM

The business of the meeting being concluded the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

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MAYOR

CAO