

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM)**

TOWN OF STONEWALL

APRIL 7, 2010

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

Mayor Ross Thompson presided.

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

Councillor McLean absent.

The Committee considered the following matters.

1. 7:30 PM - DELEGATION - STAFF SGT MUIR, RCMP - #* 9614

At 7:30 PM Staff Sgt Ron Muir of the RCMP met with the Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. CW 11/10: Corbin, Ploszay

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council of the Whole resolve into Committee of the Whole, Committee meeting to be In Camera.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Section 83(1) of The Municipal Act the matters discussed in camera shall be kept in confidence.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. CW 12/10: Ploszay, Badger

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Committee of the Whole resume into regular sitting of the Committee, in open.

CARRIED

2. 8:00 PM – DELEGATION – TOM PEAKE – DEVELOPMENT OF BLOCK D, PLAN 2594

CAO Potter informed the Committee Tom Peak was unable to attend and has rescheduled a meeting with the Committee later in April 2010.

3. HERITAGE ARTS CENTRE PROJECT – PROJECT START UPDATE

CAO Potter provided the Committee with an update on the Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre project.

The Tendering of the Project was to occur the week of March 15/10 but was delayed with plan reviews and then delayed further when the plans were lost on a computer network system. Friesen Tokar has now re-completed the plans and tender specifications and documents and the Tender will be let April 9/10 and will close April 23/10 with award by April 30th 2010.

The delay incurred by the loss of the electronic version of the plans by Friesen Tokar was addressed by a letter from the Town to Friesen Tokar putting the firm on notice that the Town would not be responsible if funding for the Project was lost due to the Project not

being substantially complete by Mar 31/11 or for additional cost items that were to of been in the plans but were missed during the recreating of the plans.

The Construction Schedule for the Project has been redone by Crystal Construction and with going to a 6 day work week the Project is expected to be substantially complete by mid March 2011.

4. AGE FRIENDLY ACTION PLAN - RESPONSE

The Committee was provided a Summary of the Age Friendly Action Plan identifying the actions the Town could participate in and rating the actions as to their importance as rated by Council.

A response from the Summary will be forwarded to the Age Friendly Advisory Committee.

5. PUB UTILITY RATE STUDY AND APPLICATION

The Committee was provided a copy of the Utility Rate Study and Increase Application filed with the Public Utilities Board for review and approval.

A rate increase effective July 1st 2010 is being sought. The current utility rates were put into effect in 1989 and there has been no increase since.

The increase in rates being sought would see the average residence using 85 cubic meters of water per quarter have their quarterly (3 month water bill) increase from \$68 to \$96 or roughly an additional \$9 per month or 30 cents per day.

In comparison to other municipal utilities the new Town rates remain reasonable.

6. BIZ PAL PROGRAM

CAO Potter provided the Committee with a copy of a presentation on the Biz PaL program, which is an online help service that benefits businesses by helping them identify which permits and licences they need (federal/provincial/municipal) to start a business based on wizard based questionnaire that they are asked to fill out. This information was provided to the SIPD Board and the SIPD office will be enrolling in the program. There is no cost to planning districts or municipalities for the program as the costs are covered both by provincial and federal government.

The Committee agreed license and permit information pertaining to the Town of Stonewall will be made available through a link to the Planning Office website. The information on the Program will also be forwarded to the Stonewall & District Chamber of Commerce.

7. PROPERTY

CAO Potter provided the Committee with an update on the following pending or proposed property transactions

- sale of strip of property to Montgomery and Mclean and creation of one parcel for water supply, treatment and distribution – waiting for land survey information to be completed so Plan can be registered.
- sale of CG Lot fronting 4th St East (south of Red River Coop) (former rail line) – The Committee agreed to list the property for sale with a local Real Estate company
- subdivision and sale of N ½ of cemetery expansion property – The Committee agreed on the amount to offer the property for sale with the sale through a local real estate company.

- acquisition of former CPR rail line property – The Town took possession April 1/10
- acquisition of former Post Office/Library property – there is currently an offer on the Post Office/Library property from an interested party
- acquisition of property for new Fire Hall – CAO Potter has been negotiating a purchase price for a 2.5 acre parcel of land from CPR

8. OTHER

There were no other matters for discussion.

9. ADJOURN – 8:30 PM

The business of the meeting being concluded the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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MAYOR

CAO