

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM)

TOWN OF STONEWALL

DECEMBER 16, 2009

The Council of the Town of Stonewall met as a Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 commencing at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Stonewall, MB.

Deputy Mayor Badger presided.

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

Mayor Thompson absent.

The Committee considered the following matters.

ADDITIONS

1. WASTEWATER SYSTEM & LAGOON CAPACITY REPORT

- Dec 16/09 meeting with MB Conservation

The Committee was provided a written report on the meeting held on Dec 16/09 with representatives of Manitoba Conservation on the Wastewater System & Lagoon Capacity report.

2. 2010 5TH STREET WEST WATERMAIN PROJECT

- Phase 1 and Phase 2

The Committee reviewed the most recent Capital Budget for the installation of a new watermain along 5th St West and the acquired CPR right-of-way from the water pumphouse at 4th Ave North to 2nd Ave South (Phase 1) and from 2nd Avenue North to 3rd Avenue South (Phase 2)

- Local Improvement Plan (proposed capital debt/debenture) for Phase 2

The Committee was provided a copy of the DRAFT of the Local Improvement District Plan for the Phase 2 watermain project (2nd Ave N to 3rd Ave S). The Plan proposes to pay for the works through a 20 year debenture issue assessed by mill rate over the taxable and exempt properties within the Town.

3. WEST LIFT STATION ASSESSMENT/RENEWAL

- Assessment of west lift station capacity and life expectancy

The CAO informed the Committee the proposal for the assessment and proposed renewal works on the west lift is still pending from AECOM.

4. PUB WATER & SEWER RATE STUDY AND APPLICATION

The review and application for the new utility rates is still under completion for presentation to the Committee and submission to the Public Utilities Board by the end of January 2010.

5. 8:00 PM – DELEGATION – PERRY NEUFLED, YOUTH DROP IN CENTRE

At 8:00 PM Perry Neufeld of the Stonewall Youth Drop-in Centre appeared before the Committee to provide a review of the activities this past year as well as discussing what Council would like to see the Youth Drop-In Centre involved in for the upcoming year. Neufeld also thanked Council for the financial support the Town has provided to the Drop-in Centre.

Mayor Thompson thanked Perry for attending the meeting.

6. CAMPAIGN FINANCE BY-LAW

- “required” and optional by-laws and requirements for election campaign revenues and expense

CAO Potter provided the Committee with the mandatory and the optional regulations for the establishment of election campaign finances which must be considered and adopted by By-law pursuant to new legislative requirements.

The Committee agreed on the optional regulations to be established. A draft By-law will be considered in the new year.

7. EMPLOYEE CODE OF CONDUCT

- required policy and/or by-law on insider information, confidentiality and conflict of interest

CAO Potter provided the Committee with the requirements for the adoption of a Code of Conduct for Town employees to comply with new legislative requirements.

A policy will be drafted for Council’s consideration.

***Note: Mayor Thompson attended the meeting at 7:55 p.m.**

***Note: CAO Potter & Assistant CAO Patterson were excused from the next agenda item.**

RESOLUTION NO. CW 22/09: Ploszay, Badger

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

8. PERMANENT EMPLOYEE SALARY & HOURLY WAGE REVIEW

Mayor Thompson reported on the meeting of the members of Council held on December 14/09 to discuss and set the 2010 annual salary and hourly wages for the permanent Town employees.

RESOLUTION NO. CW 23/09: McLean, Corbin

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council of the Whole resolve into Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

9. PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

- Quarry Park Heritage & Arts Centre *
- 5th Street West watermain expansion & associated street renewal *
- Renewal / reconstruction of west lift station *
- Lagoon capacity assessment report *
- Water / Sewer rate increase application *
- Water System report ** (completed & filed with ODW – action plan to be submitted)
- Acquisition of CPR right-of-way
- Subdivision / rezoning of water treatment plant reservoir and associated lands
- Stonewall Arena Assessment
- South property line and fencing at Memorial Park
- Contaminated well / ground water east of 4th St East
- Trail & Sidewalk Master Plan
- Genstar Stone Ridge Meadows development (on-going)
- Goodman Subdivision (conditionally approved)
- Dueck Subdivision (conditionally approved)
- Gateway Subdivision (in application)
- Global Subdivision (pending)
- Ventura residential development (pending)
- Mandel property development (pending)
- PSAB GAAP Tangible Capital Assets and Financial Reporting *
- Karate Club Lease Agreement
- Playground Project contributor recognition
- SYSA soccer field use agreement
- 2010 Employee Salaries & Wages
- New by-law for snow disposal
- New regional Library Agreement
- New policy and practise for retaining services for water and sewer works
- By-law for special tax on contaminated properties

10. OTHER

Mountain of Coats Program – The Mayor asked if anyone has any good used coats they would like to donate to the program to drop them off by the end of this week at Southside Service.

11. ADJOURN – 9:00 PM

The business of the meeting being concluded the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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MAYOR

CAO