

## Committee of the Whole Meeting

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Brian Nesbitt, Councillor Gilbert Wall, Councillor Helen Kelleher-Empey, Councillor Dwain Wacko, Councillor Rico Damota
Also present	Peter Waterworth, Alice Lettner, Beryl Cahill, Christine Nadon, Bruce Thompson, Nicole Veerman (The Fitzhugh)
Call to Order	The Mayor called the meeting to order AT 9:30 a.m.
Additions	7.3 Update on Regional Airport Study meeting in Edmonton
Agenda	Motion by Councillor Damota that the agenda for today's meeting be accepted with the following addition: Update on Regional Airport Study. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
Minutes	Motion by Councillor Wall that, with the addition of Councillor Arsenault's name, the minutes of the January 14, 2014 meeting be accepted as presented. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
Business Arising	No business arose from the January 14, 2014 meeting minutes.
Budget 2014	Councillors received the year-to-date figures from the Director of Finance and Administration Alice Lettner. Council discussed various areas of the proposed budget. In order for councillors to review the new figures, it was agreed that Council move forward with other agenda items and return to the budget later in the day.
Bylaw #174 Parking Withdrawn	Bylaw #174 Parking Authority is withdrawn and the schedule of fees will be revised and publicly advertised.
Land Use & Planning	Council discussed land use and planning and the possibility of creating a restricted reserve for funding studies related to the takeover of land use and planning from Parks Canada. Mayor Ireland suggested putting some money into such a fund this year. Could be called "Consultant Reserve". This item will be on the February 18 <sup>th</sup> regular meeting for decision.
CATSA Meeting	CAO Peter Waterworth updated Council on the recent meeting on a regional air service for the Edson Airport. Travel Alberta is in the process of doing a transportation study for Alberta. Consultants are investigating how we can put in a regional service. This is a priority for Alberta Premier Redford. Regional collaboration grant application is going in for \$75,000.

Recess	The meeting took at recess at 11:20 a.m.
Reconvene	the meeting reconvened, with all council present, at 11: 30 a.m.
Budget 2014	Mrs. Lettner provided new figures on the budget for Council review. The Director was requested to bring back highlighted changes which will include recruitment funding for new CAO< increasing funds for the airport study, utility line items, and decrease in maintenance. Hakone sistercity visitation funds were transferred to 2015. The CAO suggested that Council needs to annually review all services before the budget is considered.
Councillor Wall	Councillor Wall expressed some concern at not receiving the revised figures until today.
Lunch recess	Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.
Meeting reconvened	Meeting reconvened at 1:35 p.m. with all councillors present.
Budget 2014	Discussions on the budget continued on a line-by-line basis. Library progressing slowly with a \$1 million in holdbacks. CUPE negotiations this year. Further consideration and discussion to take place on community and economic development funds, rodeo funding, renewal of arena, CAO recruitment, contracted services, and on transfers to unrestricted funds.  A variety of line items were discussed, including staff housing, the Operations building, Old Fire Hall, Cottage Medical Clinic, AMA Building, library, public washrooms, log cabin, wastewater treatment plan, water services, staffing, contracted services, cemetery grounds, expense recover, residential and commercial garbage services, contracted Parks service, training and development and a number of other area.
Recess	Mayor declared a recess at 4:00 p.m.
Meeting reconvened	The meeting was reconvened with all councillors in attendance.
Bylaw #166 Procedure	In accordance with section 20.5 of the Procedure bylaw, all members present unanimously agreed to continue with the meeting after the four hour time period allotted for meetings.
Budget 2014	With assistance from Bruce Thompson, Director of Operations, the Operation budget was trimmed in the areas of staff and grounds.
Councillor Damota	Councillor Damota left the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Community & Family Services and Culture and Recreation budgets – no change from preliminary budget, although with respect to the recent Zamboni room fire, Mrs. Lettner anticipates that there will be an increase in insurance premiums but this won't go up until November 1<sup>st</sup>. Slight increase to utilities. Re-allocation of maintenance costs. Additional cost for rental of Zamboni.

Councillor Damota Councillor Damota returned to the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

Library Mrs. Lettner noted that, once the new library facility is completed, the current Director of Library Services will be retiring. A replacement will be much more expensive. \$15,000 is current in the reserve account for library moving expenses.

Museum Increase in Museum requisition according to inflation.

List of items for further consideration:

1. Administrative Assistant position
2. Increase to consultants' line item.
3. Airport, benchmarking and land use & planning studies
4. Economic and Community Development accounts
5. Contracted services roads and streets
6. Library – allocation of funds
7. Grounds
8. Reduction of contracted and general services and supplies
9. Overall increase in utilities – water and sewer
10. Library transfer

Upcoming Chamber meeting – Feb 11  
events Library Tour – Feb 18 – 12:30 p.m.  
Small Business Awards, Edmonton Feb 28

Adjournment There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm.