

**CITY OF MELFORT  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
December 13, 2019**

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Friday, December 13, 2019, in the City Hall Council Chambers, Melfort, Saskatchewan, commencing at 12:06 p.m.

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

STAFF: R. Danberg, City Manager; S. Peterson, City Treasurer; B. Lutz, Director of Planning, Development & Community Relations; G. Gilmore, Director of Works & Utilities and J. Everitt, Director of Protective Services.

**2020 OPERATING BUDGET**

The Treasurer presented the 2020 Preliminary Operational Budget, as detailed in the December 10, 2019, budget memo.

**1. General Operations**

- a) SAMA final assessment numbers will not be known until late January.
- b) Funds for library roof repair have been included in the budget.
- c) In her budget press release, the Treasurer is to communicate the impact of the carbon tax on the City budget (2019 = \$40,000-\$60,000). The City is working to minimize this impact through programs like the energy conservation project at the Palace.

Council agreed to add \$5,660 to the existing status quo budget for the Two Captain Promotion & Complement Increase (2), for a total of \$128,645 for a 2020 Preliminary Budget Deficit and a tax increase of 2.07%. The three other one-time additional requests were approved and if they cannot be funded from the existing budget, the deficit is to be financed through the mill rate stabilization fund.

**2. Utility Operations**

- a) The Director reported on the multi-year lead service connection replacement program which will start in the new year and involve consultation with affected property owners.

**3. Waste Collection Operations**

- a) The Works & Utilities Committee will review the additional request from PLUS Industries.

**4. Landfill Operations**

- a) The Works & Utilities Committee will be reviewing the landfill rate structure.

**5. Wellness Centre Medical Clinic**

The remainder of the Committee of the Whole meeting was closed to the public due to the fact that the items on the agenda are included in the list of exemptions found in Part III of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

- Capital Project Proposal

The meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk