

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
HELD FEBRUARY 8, 2011

Present: Deputy Mayor Councillor M. Fischer, Councillors A. Campbell, D. Bachman, P. Simons, L. Thorogood & S. Wildeboer

CAO, R. Stoutenberg  
Corporate Secretary C. Smith

Absent: Mayor D. Richards & Assistant CAO, G. Switenky

Call to Order: Deputy Mayor Councillor M. Fischer called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 p.m.

1. Agenda Additions/Deletions

2. Agenda Approval

Moved by Councillor Bachman that the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED  
Unanimous

3. Stettler Public Library Budget 2011

CAO, R. Stoutenberg advised that the Stettler Public Library Board has requested financial assistance from the Town of Stettler in the amount of \$178,152.65 to cover library operation costs for 2011 - an increase of approximately \$40,000 from 2010. CAO R. Stoutenberg advised that the funding is split 65% Town and 35% County.

The Committee reviewed a letter from the County of Stettler approving a financial assistance of \$82,161.00 to the Stettler Public Library Board (a deficiency of \$13,767.35) of the requested amount of \$95,928.35.

Discussion ensued on coordinating a meeting with Mayor Richards, Councillor Bachman, Reeve Nixon & Councillor Schiffner to discuss the Town's concerns regarding the Library's funding formula and how this decrease in funding would affect the Library Board.

Councillor Bachman will address Town Council's concerns at the next Library Board Meeting on February 17, 2011.

Moved by Councillor Thorogood that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Town Council to fund the full amount of \$178,152.65 to the Stettler Public Library Board for their 2011 operations.

MOTION CARRIED  
Unanimous

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4. Snow Removal Memo

CAO R. Stoutenberg reviewed the 2011 Snow Removal Budget Update prepared by Melissa Robbins, Director of Operational Services.

CAO R. Stoutenberg noted that as of February 8, 2011 Public Works has used approximately \$30,000 in rented equipment to aid in the removal and clearance of snow. The Town's budget for Snow Removal – Machine Rental is \$16,000.

CAO R. Stoutenberg explained that there will be no impact on the budget as the Town has submitted and is eligible for approximately \$38,000-\$40,000 in uninsurable damages caused by the severe weather on July 22 & 23, 2010 through the Disaster Recovery Program.

Administration will continue to monitor spending and keep machine rentals to a minimum to help reduce additional costs.

5. Invitation to Shen Yun Performing Arts – 2011 World Tour

Councillor Thorogood will confirm her attendance at the Shen Yun Performing Arts 2011 World Tour on March 27, 2011.

6. Items for MLA Tour – February 9<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. at the SRC

- a. Red Willow Creek
- b. Major Facility Grant
- c. Airport Grant
- d. Wastewater Grant
- e. Hospital Expansion
- f. Medical/Professional Building

CAO, R. Stoutenberg explained that the MLA Tour will be held on February 9, 2011 from 4-6:30 p.m. at the SRC. He noted the importance of interacting with the MLA's regarding denial of the application for emergent funding to replace the Red Willow Creek Culvert, the expansion of the SRC & Library and the Olds College.

7. Additions

- Deputy Mayor Councillor Fischer advised that he had met with a representative from the Olds College regarding training courses in Stettler.
- Deputy Mayor Councillor Fischer advised that he had met with Sue Huff of the Alberta Party to share her party's municipal plans with the Town, County and School Board Members.

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- Councillor Thorogood explained that letters will be sent out to the doctors requesting input on the future of Medical/Professionals Facilities for the Stettler Community.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Campbell that the Committee of Whole Meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED  
Unanimous at 5:09 p.m.