

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
HELD MAY 12, 2015

Present: Mayor D. Richards, Councillors M. Fischer, D. Bachman, W. Brown, A. Campbell, S. Nolls & K. Sernecky

CAO G. Switenky
Assistant CAO S. Gerlitz
Director of Parks & Leisure Services L. Penner

Absent: None

Call to Order: Mayor D. Richards called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. Agenda Additions/Deletions

8(a) None

2. Agenda Approval

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

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

3. Delegation - 4:30 P.M. – Delegation – Peter Barron, Superintendent Clearview School Division re: Wm. E. Hay Composite High School re: Potential Grant for Multi Camera Mixer

Peter Barron, Superintendent Clearview School Division, Norbert Baharally, Principal and Darren Fleischhacker, Teacher and students Hannah McKay, Mark Bengert and Jordan Lee entered the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Richards welcomed P. Barron, N. Baharally, D. Fleischhacker, H. McKay, M. Bengert and J. Lee to the meeting and congratulated M. Bengert & J. Lee for the excellent job they did in live streaming the finals of the Bantam Provincial Hockey Championships.

D. Fleischhacker explained that they are interested in purchasing a new piece of A/V Hardware called a Tri-Caster 40. It is a multi-camera mixer used for filming live events, recording, broadcasting and streaming them live to the internet. The cost of the hardware is just over \$8,000 and the Wm. E. Hay Composite High School is wondering if they could apply to the Town's Arts Grant to make this purchase.

General discussion took place regarding the potential use and benefits of the multi camera mixer.

H. McKay explained that the multi camera mixer would be used bi-monthly for Cat Corner/Introductions and Board Talk.

M. Bengert advised that that the mixer would be useful for sports, Legion Remembrance Day Ceremony, football, hockey games and community events.

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J. Lee explained that the camera would be useful for community advertising in front of a screen or theatre advertising and put on the website.

P. Barron advised that this type of high quality equipment is not a requirement for learning, but an extra and a huge community benefit. The price of the multi camera mixer includes a 50% reduction in cost for Instructional Services.

N. Baharally noted the advantage to students as they leave Wm. E. Hay High School and go to post-secondary education, to be able to use the equipment.

Mayor Richards thanked delegation members for their informative presentation and advised that the Culture Reserve Account has a current balance of \$75,000.00.

Moved by Councillor Fischer that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Town of Stettler Council to approve a grant in the amount of \$8,000 with funding to come from the Culture Reserve Account in the 2015 Budget to Wm. E. Hay Composite High School for the purchase of a Tri-Caster 40 multi camera mixer.

MOTION CARRIED

Unanimous

Delegation members departed the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

4. Clearview 2015 Budget Deficiencies

This item was dealt with later in the meeting.

5. Kinettes Playground Project

Director of Parks & Leisure Services L. Penner advised that the Kinette Club of Stettler would like to build a playground at West Stettler Park and was approved by Council in principle in 2014. This playground would be a great addition for children and adults to use while using other amenities in the area such as the Spray Park, ball diamonds, soccer field and the big hill.

In order to make this project happen, the Kinette Club is looking to our community friends for donations and gifts-in-kind to help them reach their goal. The playground costs are \$175,000. These costs include excavation and site prep, all of the playground equipment, the actual building of the playground, safety surfacing and landscaping.

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Mayor Richards advised that the Kinette Club should be congratulated on their fundraising events to date. General discussion took place regarding the playground and proposed location of the playground west of the bridge adjacent to the Spray Park. It was the consensus of Council to endorse the playground at the proposed location. CAO G. Switenky advised that there has been no Town funding commitment toward the playground to date.

Director of Parks & Leisure Services L. Penner highlighted the benefits with the proposed location of the playground on the west side of the Spray Park, and noted that he has received no concerns with regards to the safety of the bridge.

Moved by Councillor Sernecky that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Town of Stettler Council to endorse the Kinette Club Building a playground at West Stettler Park located on the west side of the bridge adjacent to the Spray Park.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

6. Skate Park Lighting

Director of Parks & Leisure Services L. Penner explained that the cost of CAP Solar LED Lighting systems are designed and fabricated in Alberta. These lights are designed to operate efficiently within the diverse Canadian climate and sunlight conditions.

L. Penner advised that the concrete pad would be done by Town staff. Discussion ensued to allow the lights on a permanent or trial basis, restrictions on hours of light and that the cost of the battery life is \$150 for five years.

Moved by Councillor Brown that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Town of Stettler Council to approve the Skate Park Association installing two (2) solar lights at a cost of \$3,090/each with funding to come from the Skate Park Association on a trial basis, with no restrictions on the hours of light. And further, at the discretion of the Town of Stettler, if the solar lights are found to be unwarranted, the Town of Stettler will reimburse the Skate Park Association for the cost of the solar lights and remove the lights to be used at another Town-owned facility or green space.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

4. Clearview 2015 Budget Deficiencies

CAO G. Switenky advised that as part of the Clearview Public School budget recommendations for next year, the Board approved moving forward on working with the Town and County to review the current agreement with the School Resource Officer.

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Due to tight fiscal conditions they are hoping that the Town and County could support the position at 50% each, with the School Division providing other support such as the provision of an office and supervision/coordination. CAO G. Switenky reported that current funding is 50% Clearview, 25% County and 25% Town.

CAO G. Switenky advised that the Clearview Public School would also like the Town and County to consider supporting the football program by funding the cost of water for the football field.

General discussion took place regarding Clearview Budget deficiencies.

CAO G. Switenky advised that the Town does not currently fund a youth football program in Stettler, which currently use the High School football field. It was noted that two groups of Associations (Panthers/Cougars) use the High School facility.

General discussion took place with regards to current water meters and general watering of the football field.

Given a new pending provincial budget in June, it was agreed by Council that anymore discussion would require more information from Clearview regarding real financial impacts.

7. Correspondence

a. None

8. Additions

a. None

9. Adjournment

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

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous at 5:55 p.m.

Mayor

Assistant CAO