

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Monday, March 31, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in Scoop Lewry Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Higgins
Coun. Kirkpatrick
Coun. Eby
Coun. Mitchell
Coun. Boyle
Coun. Luhning
Coun. Swanson

ADMIN: Matt Noble, City Manager
Brian Acker, Director of Financial Services
Myron Gulka-Tiechko, City Clerk/Solicitor
Jody Hauta, Director of Parks and Recreation
Ty Stokes, Director of Engineering Services
Mark Sture, Transit Manager
Michelle Sanson, Manager of Planning and Business Development
Brenda Hendrickson, City Treasurer/Acting City Assessor
Deb Thorn, Economic Development Officer
Rod Montgomery, Fire Chief

MEDIA: Times Herald
CHAB

The meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order to deal with the following:

1. Letter from the Moose Jaw Downtown Pride Fund, **re: Request to Transfer Moose Jaw Downtown Pride Funds.**
2. Report dated March 27, 2014 from the Engineering Department, **re: Landfill Rate Adjustment.**
3. Report dated March 24, 2014 from the Planning and Development Services Department, **re: Speculative Housing Program.**
4. Report dated March 21, 2014 from the City Manager, **re: 2014 Tax Policy – Mill Rate Factors.**
5. Report dated March 26, 2014 from the Engineering Services Department – Transit Division, **re: Transit Fare Review.**
6. Report dated March 26, 2014 from the Planning and Development Services Department, **re: Confidential Third Party Request.**
7. Report dated March 26, 2014 from the Planning and Development Services Department, **re: Confidential Third Party Request.**
8. Report dated March 31, 2014 from the City Clerk/Solicitor's Department, **re: Confidential Legal Matter.**

9. Report dated March 20, 2014 from Fire Chief Rod Montgomery, **re: Confidential Agreement.**

10. Confidential Verbal Update

Call to Order

Councillor Swanson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Re: Request to Transfer Moose Jaw Downtown Pride Funds

Considered was an undated letter from Mr. Barrie Vice, Mr. Rob Clark, and Mr. Brian Martynook, representatives of the Moose Jaw Downtown Pride Fund, requesting permission to address members of the Executive Committee to transfer the remaining Downtown Pride Funds to victims of the March 12, 2014 High Street fire.

Moved by Mayor Higgins

255 THAT representatives from the Moose Jaw Downtown Pride Fund be allowed to address members of the Executive Committee.

Carried.

Mr. Rob Clark, representative of the Moose Jaw Downtown Pride Fund, addressed members of the Executive Committee.

Moved by Coun. Mitchell

255a THAT the remaining Moose Jaw Downtown Pride funds in the amount of \$30,046.10 be transferred to the Salvation Army for the purpose of providing assistance to those affected by the March 12, 2014 High Street fire.

Carried.

Re: Landfill Rate Adjustment

Considered was a report dated March 27, 2014 from the Engineering Department to receive City Council's approval to increase the Landfill Tipping Fees commencing June 1, 2014 and to allow the Solid Waste Utility to generate strategic reserves for sustainable operations.

Moved by Coun. Mitchell

256 THAT report dated March 27, 2014 and recommendations be tabled pending availability of further comparative non-residential rates.

Carried.

Re: Speculative Housing Program

Considered was a report dated March 24, 2014 from the Planning and Development Services Department to advise City Council regarding the possibility of winding down or amending the City of Moose Jaw Speculative Housing Program.

Moved by Coun. Eby

THAT City Council approve the following:

1. Amend the Speculative Housing Program to provide for the following:
 - a. Limit the number of lots that a contractor can have at any one time to three lots; and
 - b. All deposits would be in the amount of 10% of the purchase price, regardless of the projected value of the dwelling.

Defeated.

Moved by Coun. Luhning

THAT the City of Moose Jaw cancel the Speculative Housing Program.

Councillor Eby requested a recorded vote on the motion.

Present: Mayor Higgins, Coun. Eby, Coun. Luhning, Coun. Mitchell, Coun. Swanson, Coun. Kirkpatrick, Coun. Boyle

FOR

Coun. Kirkpatrick
Coun. Luhning
Coun. Swanson

AGAINST

Coun. Boyle
Mayor Higgins
Coun. Mitchell
Coun. Eby

The Motion was Defeated.

Moved by Coun. Boyle

THAT the motion be tabled pending consultation with builders, the Moose Jaw Real Estate Board and the Chamber of Commerce.

Defeated.

Re: 2014 Tax Policy – Mill Rate Factors

Considered was a report dated March 21, 2014 from the City Manager to seek City Council's approval of recommended changes to a number of the City's mill rate factors.

257 Moved by Coun. Eby
THAT the mill rate factor for Other Agricultural Land and Improvements be established at 0.4239.
Carried.

258 Moved by Coun. Eby
THAT the mill rate factor for Non-Arable Agricultural Land and Improvements be established at 0.4239.
Carried.

259 Moved by Coun. Eby
THAT the excess monies collected from the 2013 Commercial Phase-In program be redirected to the Commercial Appeal Allowance reserve to offset potential future Commercial and Industrial assessment appeal losses.
Carried.

260 Moved by Coun. Eby
THAT a new sub-class be established for Vacant Commercial and Industrial Land (PUSE 3000 & 4000).
Carried.

261 Moved by Coun. Eby
THAT the mill rate factor for Vacant Commercial and Industrial Land (PUSE 3000 & 4000) be established at 2.5 times the mill rate factor established for developed Commercial and Industrial property.

Vote Delayed by Amendment.

Amendment Moved by Coun. Mitchell

THAT the motion be amended by replacing "2.5 times" with "1.5 times".

The Amendment was Defeated.

The Main Motion was Carried.

262 Moved by Coun. Eby
THAT the mill rate factor for developed Commercial and Industrial property be reduced such that the additional Municipal Taxation collected on Vacant Commercial and Industrial properties is used to reduce the total Municipal taxation payable by developed Commercial and Industrial properties.
Carried.

Re: Transit Fare Review

Considered was a report dated March 26, 2014 from the Engineering Services Department – Transit Division, to address one of the outcomes from the Internal Review of the City’s Transit System specifically related to a proposed fare increase.

Moved by Coun. Boyle

263 THAT following a sixty day notification and preparation period, the recommended fare increases be put into place; and

THAT all changes be advertised in the local newspaper and on the City Website at the appropriate times; and further

THAT report dated November 5, 2013 from the Transit Division be received and filed.

Carried.

Moved by Coun. Kirkpatrick

264 THAT the Executive Committee close the meeting to the public and proceed *in camera* pursuant to section 16(1)(c) of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, to discuss the confidential matters.

Carried

The Executive Committee closed the meeting at 7:42 p.m. to the public with the following persons in attendance: Mayor Higgins, Councillor Eby, Councillor Kirkpatrick, Councillor Boyle, Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Luhning, Councillor Swanson, Matt Noble, City Manager; Brian Acker, Director of Financial Services; Myron Gulka-Tiechko, City Clerk/Solicitor; Jody Hauta, Director of Parks and Recreation; Ty Stokes, Director of Engineering Services; Michelle Sanson, Manager of Planning and Business Development; Rod Montgomery, Fire Chief; Deb Thorn, Economic Development Officer; Ms. Verna Alford, Mr. Dan Sabo, Mr. Kirby Froese, Ms. Vicki Riendeau, and Mr. Alvin Beug, representatives of the Burrowing Owls Investment Corp.

Moved by Coun. Boyle

265 THAT the Executive Committee reconvene in open session.

Carried.

The Executive Committee reconvened in open session at 10:28 p.m.

Moved by Coun. Swanson

266 THAT the City of Moose Jaw grant the Burrowing Owls Investment Corp. located on Lot A, Block 46, Plan 101123334, civically known as 401 Main Street North, a two year property tax exemption as follows:

Two Year Property Tax Exemption, commencing January 1, 2015	YR 1 2015	YR 2 2016
Calculation is applied on the increased assessed value, as assessed by SAMA	50%	50%

Carried.

267 Moved by Coun. Kirkpatrick
THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
(Sgd.) Coun. Swanson
Chairperson

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