



City Council Meeting Highlights

February 19, 2019

Pat Enns provided a presentation to City Council on the Special Olympics World Games 2019. Eight athletes from Medicine Hat will compete in the games in Abu Dhabi from March 14 to 21, 2019. Seven thousand athletes from 177 countries will participate in the games.

Following a public hearing, City Council passed 2nd and 3rd reading of Bylaw #4497, a Bylaw of the city of Medicine Hat to amend Bylaw #4168, the City of Medicine Hat Land Use Bylaw. The amendment includes the addition of a supervised consumption site (SCS) definition to the Land Use Bylaw “Use definitions”, and the refinement of existing definitions. SCS will be also be added to the Mixed Use Downtown (MU-D) district as a Discretionary Use. Including SCS as a Discretionary Use in the MU-D district would provide the City with a degree of regulatory control and public transparency regarding the siting of SCS uses. Discretionary Uses can be appealed to the Subdivision and Appeal Board by impacted property owners or the applicant.

City Council received a report from the Arts and Heritage Advisory Board (AHAB) on the Special Cultural Events Assistance Grant. The board recommended, through Public Services Committee, that that the Special Cultural Events Assistance Grants for January 2019 be allocated as follows (based on 50% being provided up-front and the balance after receiving a financial statement indicating a deficit.) City Council approved the recommendation.

Organization/Representative	Project	Applicant Request	Recommended Funding
Southern Alberta Pop Up Parks Association: Dina Jubrak	Pop Up Gallery on 2 nd	\$980	\$980
Medicine Hat Public Library: Keith Walker	Speaking of Books	\$600	\$600
Medicine Hat Chess Society: Dr. William Taylor	25 th Annual Medicine Hat Open Chess Tournament	\$2,000	\$1,000

The Hive Artists' Hub Society: Jessica Plattner	Art Walk Receptions for 2019	\$1,000	\$1,000
Canadian Parents for French (MH Chapter): Karen Saffran	Cabane a Sucre	\$1,000	\$1,000
	Totals	\$5,580	\$4,580

City Council also received a report from the Social Development Advisory Board (SDAB), and the 2018 Year in Review Report from its subcommittee, the Advisory Committee on Disability Issues (ACDI.) The review included a summary of the learning opportunities and advocacy efforts of the group throughout 2018.

City Council approved the proposed sale of 511, 4th Avenue NE at a purchase price of \$371,140. The transaction will close on June 28, 2019.

Through Administrative Committee, City Council received for information the tender recommendation FP19-11 to award to the best evaluated bidder meeting specification, Amron Construction, in the amount of \$709,498 for Fleet Transit Facility Wash Bay Upgrades.

The minutes of the Municipal Planning Commission meeting on January 19, 2019, and the Police Commission meeting on January 17, 2019 were received for information.

City Council approved 2nd and 3rd reading of the following bylaws:

Bylaw #4569, a Bylaw of the City of Medicine Hat to incur indebtedness in the amount of \$1,600,000 for the purpose of Parks and Recreation Infrastructure Program (2019). Sponsor - Public Services Committee

Bylaw #4570, a Bylaw of the City of Medicine Hat to incur indebtedness in the amount of \$3,000,000 for the purpose of Parks and Recreation Infrastructure Program (2020). Sponsor - Public Services Committee

Bylaw #4571, a Bylaw of the City of Medicine Hat to incur indebtedness in the amount of \$900,000 for the purpose of Corporate Asset Management Infrastructure Rehabilitation (2020). Sponsor - Corporate Services Committee

Bylaw #4572, a Bylaw of the City of Medicine Hat to incur indebtedness in the amount of \$500,000 for the purpose of Corporate Asset Management, City Hall Parkade Ventilation Rehabilitation (2020). Sponsor - Corporate Services Committee

Bylaw #4573, a Bylaw of the City of Medicine Hat to incur indebtedness in the amount of \$700,000 for the purpose of Computerized Irrigation Upgrades (2020). Sponsor - Public Services Committee

Bylaw #4574, a Bylaw of the City of Medicine Hat to incur indebtedness in the amount of \$2,175,000 for the purpose of Parks and Recreation Infrastructure Program (2021). Sponsor - Public Services Committee

Bylaw #4575, a Bylaw of the City of Medicine Hat to incur indebtedness in the amount of \$900,000 for the purpose of Corporate Asset Management Infrastructure Rehabilitation (2021). Sponsor - Corporate Services Committee

Bylaw #4576, a Bylaw of the City of Medicine Hat to incur indebtedness in the amount of \$2,590,000 for the purpose of Parks and Recreation Infrastructure Program (2022). Sponsor - Public Services Committee

Bylaw #4577, a Bylaw of the City of Medicine Hat to incur indebtedness in the amount of \$500,000 for the purpose of Bridge Repair/Rehabilitation Program (2022). Sponsor - Development & Infrastructure Committee

City Council passed 1st reading of Bylaw #4503, a Bylaw of the City of Medicine Hat to amend Bylaw #4168, the City of Medicine Hat Land Use Bylaw. The amendment would see land legally described as Plan 762M, Block 3, Lots 1, 11, 31, 33, 35, 37 and presently designated as Community Services be re-designated as Direct Control.

As a Rise and Report item, CAO Nicolay provided a summary update report regarding business and safety concerns with the supervised consumption site, including: stakeholder engagement, exploring measures to address safety and security in the locale, legal opinion, and collection of baseline crime data. Council unanimously passed a motion by Councillor Friesen to write to the Federal and Provincial Health Ministers and AUMA to express concerns regarding the consultation process as it relates to location, and to urge the respective governments to strengthen and create a more comprehensive consultation process.

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Next City Council meeting to be held in City Hall Council Chambers

Monday, March 4, 2019 at 6:30 PM