



City Council Meeting Highlights

July 15, 2019

As a point of privilege, Councillor Samraj commented on the success of the Alberta 55 Plus Games held in Medicine Hat from July 4-7 and thanked the planning committee and volunteers. He also commended the recent Medicine Hat Mural Festival and expressed gratitude to the organizers.

Fire Chief Brian Stauth provided a presentation to Council on the proposed Fireworks Bylaw. He explained the need for a bylaw to support public safety due to recent changes in the Alberta Fire Code, in which the sale and use of fireworks is no longer restricted.

City Council received for information from Development & Infrastructure Committee the 2018 Audited Financial Statements from the City Centre Development Agency (CCDA). As part of its accountability and legal requirements under the MGA - Business Improvement Areas regulations, the CCDA must have audited financial statements completed and available to ratepayers and the City of Medicine Hat.

Through Administrative Committee, City Council approved Land & Business Support's request to sell the Arena Land to NewRock Developments Inc. with the following recommendations:

- a) The proposed sale of the Property to the Purchaser on the general terms and conditions as presented, or as amended, subject to an agreement satisfactory to the Chief Administrative Officer and the City Solicitor; and,
- b) A Land & Business Support capital budget amendment in the amount of \$1,500,000 from Community Capital Reserve for servicing and subdividing of the Property.

The City service and subdivide the property, which is projected to cost \$1,500,000. Two lots will be created: the property to be developed by NewRock; and a lot to accommodate YMCA off-site parking. Land will also be retained by the City for berm encroachments and proper road access in alignment with the River Flats Area Redevelopment Plan.

Also through Administrative Committee, City Council approved the creation of a fireworks bylaw to restrict the sale and use of fireworks and pyrotechnic devices within the City of Medicine Hat. A draft bylaw will be presented to City Council at a later date.

City Council approved through the Administrative Committee a lease rate reduction requested by Land & Business Support for 10.94 acres leased by Hut 8 Holdings Inc. The rate will be adjusted from \$126,000 per year (\$10,500 per month) to \$16,740 per year (\$1,395 per month) effective July 1, 2019. The lease rate change is a result of more current land value appraisals and better reflects current market value.

City Council received for information through Administrative Committee the Tender Recommendation FS19-49 to supply four new tandem axle conventional cab and chassis 6x4 configurations and a 16 foot gravel dump box. Administrative Committee awarded the tender to the lowest bid meeting specification New West Freightliner in the amount of \$678,670.

City Council approved second and third reading of Bylaw #4592, a Bylaw of the City of Medicine Hat to amend Debenture Borrowing Bylaw #4488. An increase in funding will provide additional substation capacity optimizing development opportunities in the adjacent service area. The increase of \$7,409,100 in debenture funding to the 2018 Electric Distribution Substation capital budget will allow for the installation of equipment to provide additional substation capacity; \$6,038,000 of which will be funded by debenture and \$1,371,100 by a third party.

Under new business, City Council approved this year's Community Spirit Award recipients (formerly Civic Recognition Awards.) The winners will be recognized at an event on October 3, 2019 and are as follows:

Awards of Service for Arts/Culture – Evelyn Kleis
Awards of Service for Arts/Culture – Bill Wahl
Awards of Service for Sports/Recreation – Medicine Hat Alberta Games Society
Awards of Service for Sports/Recreation – Allen Parker
Awards of Service for Environment – SEAWA
Awards of Service for Environment – Uwe-Karsten Krickhahn
Awards of Service for Volunteerism – MHC Rattlers Community Engagement Program
Awards of Service for Volunteerism – Gordon & Sherry Nott
Awards of Service for Volunteerism – Doug Heine
Awards of Service for Civic Pride – Malcolm Sissons
Award of Excellence, Heart of Medicine Hat – South Country Co-op

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Next City Council meeting to be held in City Hall Council Chambers
Monday, August 19, 2019 at 6:30 PM