



City Council Meeting Highlights

October 21, 2019

City Clerk introduced the Annual Organization meeting, where City Council approved appointments to committees reporting directly to Council, special appointments, and city representation on other boards, committees and commissions for the period of October 15, 2019 to October 31, 2020.

The 2020 Calendar of Committee and Council was approved by City Council.

Councillor Varga introduced a motion to dedicate November 4 as Jersey Day in Medicine Hat in honour of the World Under-17 Championship being held in Medicine Hat from November 2-9, 2019. Council approved the motion.

Councillor Friesen introduced a point of order to acknowledge local resident Malcolm Sissons' induction into the Alberta Order of Excellence on October 17, 2019. Mr. Sissons was recognized for his volunteerism and extensive work in historical preservation throughout the community.

Representatives from Connaught Commons Inc. presented their proposed development plans for 352 Primrose Avenue SE. Edmund Lee and Don Sandford from Enclave Ventures, along with Blair Hann of Scheffer Andrews Ltd. shared a video featuring their vision for a 61 unit development with a mix of duplexes, townhouses and stacked flats.

Following the presentation, City Council approved the sale of 352 Primrose Avenue SE to Connaught Commons Inc. for \$1,000,000. The transaction will close on July 24, 2020 or earlier if all conditions precedent have been satisfied.

Through Development and Infrastructure Committee, City Council received an update on the Southern Regional Stormwater Management Committee's regional plan to mitigate flood risks within the drainage area of St. Mary's Irrigation District. City Council approved a three-part recommendation from City of Medicine Hat staff involved in the discussions:

- to direct staff to bring forward a budget amendment that would address the completion of the City's Overland Flow Protection Strategy (OFPS) through a mix of permanent and temporary measures;

- to confirm support for the Southern Regional Stormwater Management (SRSM) Committee's plan to seek federal and provincial grant funding to complete the \$152 million Regional Stormwater Management Plan;
- to confirm that the City will only give consideration for a municipal contribution to the regional plan once the City's OFPS program is complete and grant funding for the regional plan has been committed.

Through Corporate Services Committee, City Council approved a 35% tax refund to three local companies that meet the eligibility requirements for the Government of Alberta's Shallow Gas Tax Relief Initiative (SGTRI). This new program was recently announced to help shallow gas producers cut costs, protect jobs and remain competitive in the face of economic pressures affecting the natural gas industry while the province updates the assessment model. The City of Medicine Hat will see a reduction in the amount of education property tax paid to the provincial government and will not be impacted by the lost revenue.

City Council received for information the minutes of the September 19, 2019 Police Commission meeting.

Through Public Services Committee, City Council approved a four-part recommendation on Senior Services Operating Model to:

- Transition to a multi-service model for seniors services that includes existing activities as well as expanded service offerings;
- Conduct a comprehensive community evaluation to identify the desired service offerings best suited to meet the community's seniors demographic now and into the future;
- Issue a Request for Proposal to determine if a proponent is better able to meet the identified service offerings through an independent governance and operating model of the City owned Veiner and Strathcona centres;
- Ensure City Council has input on both the development of the RFP and on awarding the RFP.

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Next City Council meeting to be held in City Hall Council Chambers
Monday, November 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.