1. **POINT OF PRIVILEGE – INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE VOLUNTEER**

In recognition of International Day of the Volunteer, Mayor Boucher expressed sincere appreciation on behalf of Council for the contributions of the many volunteers in Medicine Hat and area that help to make our community a better place to live.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Hearing no objection, the Mayor declared the agenda of the December 5, 2011 Regular City Council Meeting adopted as presented.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

(a) **Minutes of the Monday, November 21, 2011, Regular Medicine Hat City Council Meeting**

Hearing no objection, the Mayor declared the minutes of the November 21, 2011 Regular City Council Meeting adopted as presented.
4. **COMMUNICATION**

(a) Letter dated November 29, 2011 from the Town of Redcliff re 2012 Energy Division Non-Commodity Rates

Received for information on the motion of Ald. Hamill - Ald. Pearson.

CARRIED

5. **PRESENTATION**

(a) **Premier’s Council Award of Excellence**

The Premier's Council, established in 1988 as an advisory body to the provincial government, aims to improve the lives of persons with disabilities by listening to issues of the disability community and communicating these issues to government.

The Premier's Council Awards recognize those who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in making positive, progressive and sustained change toward full inclusion of people with disabilities.

*Sandy Moritz*, a member of the Advisory Committee on Disability Issues (ACDI) advised that the Medicine Hat Lion’s Club, the Saamis Rotary Club of Medicine Hat and the City of Medicine Hat Parks and Outdoor Recreation Department worked both independently and in concert to create four Accessible Destination Playgrounds, three Accessible Water Playgrounds and an Outdoor Fitness Circuit. These outdoor facilities were completed six years ahead of schedule. Recognizing these efforts, these groups were awarded the Premier’s Council Award of Excellence in the Community category.

*Pam Wagner*, a member of Premier’s Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, provided details of each project as she introduced the recipients.

*Mayor Norm Boucher* accepted the award on behalf of the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Department.

*Monty Kunz*, President, accepted the award on behalf of the Lion’s Club of Medicine Hat.

*Lyle Walsh*, Project Manager for the Saamis Rotary Park, accepted the award on behalf of the Saamis Rotary Club.

After accepting their awards, each recipient acknowledged the efforts of the co-recipients and their individual team members that helped to make these projects a reality.
Mayor Boucher also expressed his appreciation for all citizens and organizations that work so diligently to make our city an even better place to live.

Received for information and appreciation on the motion of Ald. Craven -
Ald. Thompson.

CARRIED

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

(a) **Bylaw #4087**, a bylaw to amend Bylaw #3181, the Land Use Bylaw, to add “Assisted Living Facilities” to the list of Discretionary Uses — Development Officer in the C-4 (Downtown Commercial) District

Ald. Kelly, seconded by Ald. Craven, moved that Bylaw #4087 be read a second time.

Mayor Boucher opened the public hearing and inquired three times if anyone wished to speak. There was no one. The public hearing was closed.

The motion for second reading was voted on and

CARRIED

Ald. Kelly, seconded by Ald. Craven, moved that Bylaw #4087 be read a third time and passed.

CARRIED

(b) **Bylaw #4056**, a bylaw to amend Bylaw #3181, the Land Use Bylaw, to re-designate property Located at 344 1st Street SE and 352 1st Street SE from R-1 (Single Family Residential) District to DC (Direct Control) District

Ald. Kelly, seconded by Ald. Craven, moved that Bylaw #4056 be read a second time.

Mayor Boucher declared the public hearing open and clarified that this public hearing will be wider in scope than is normally the case for Land Use amending bylaws. The Mayor explained that, unlike any other zoning, Direct Control means that Council itself, neither a Development Officer nor the Municipal Planning Commission, decides whether to approve a development permit for the land in question. It also means that if Council approves a development permit in a Direct Control zone, there is no appeal on the substance of that decision. The Mayor advised that
submissions will therefore be allowed on both the rezoning of the subject property, and on the proposed development, details of which are in the Council package and have been publicly available since the bylaw was first advertised.

Mayor Boucher then inquired if anyone wished to speak.

Those who spoke in favour of the bylaw and the proposed development:

Dr. Lydell Wenzel  Partner in River Dental, Development Permit applicant  
Dr. Shann Snedden  Partner in River Dental, Development Permit applicant  
Henry Schlitt    Client of River Dental  
Dr. Nick Douvis  Partner in River Dental, Development Permit applicant  

Those who spoke against the bylaw and the proposed development:

Malcolm Sissons  Chair of the Heritage Resources Committee  
Cameron Kemp    Property owner on 1st Street SE  
Marilyn Kobe    Property owner on 1st Street SE  
Colin Hyland    Property owner on 1st Street SE  
Janelle Hyland  Property owner on 1st Street SE  
Debbie Kopec    Property owner on 2nd Street SE  

Mayor Boucher inquired if there was anyone else that wished to speak. There was no one. The Mayor then declared the public hearing closed.

The motion for second reading was voted on and

CARRIED

Voting In Favour:  Ald. Clugston  
Ald. Craven  
Ald. Kelly  
Ald. Thompson  
Ald. Turnbull  

Voting Against:  Mayor Boucher  
Ald. Dumanowski  
Ald. Hamill  
Ald. Pearson
Ald. Kelly, seconded by Ald. Craven, moved that Bylaw #4056 be read a third time and passed.

CARRIED

Voting In Favour: Ald. Clugston
Ald. Craven
Ald. Kelly
Ald. Thompson
Ald. Turnbull

Voting Against: Mayor Boucher
Ald. Dumanowski
Ald. Hamill
Ald. Pearson

Ald. Kelly, seconded by Ald. Craven, moved:

THAT COUNCIL APPROVE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT DP9102 AS IDENTIFIED ON THE EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 26, 2011 ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS AS PROVIDED BY THE PLANNING, BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:

CONDITION #8 - THE PROPERTY WOULD BE SURVEYED BY THE APPLICANT TO IDENTIFY THE LIMITS OF THE DC DISTRICT PER THE APPLICATION AND ON THE GROUND FOR THE P-1 DISTRICT TO THE NORTH, TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER; AND


Council members expressed the following concerns:

- Although there can be no doubt that the existing parking at the River Centre building is inadequate, it is difficult to allow expansion of commercial activity into a residential neighbourhood.

- In any case, before approving this application, it would be preferable to have a more complete understanding of how the proposed parking lot would be constructed in order to fit in with the streetscape of this
area, and to allow the residents in the area the opportunity to comment on the detailed development proposal.

- The two additional conditions of approval being proposed do not appear to have been provided to either the developer or the residents, so we do not know their position on those conditions.

The motion was voted on and

**NOT CARRIED**

Voting In Favour:  Ald. Clugston  
Ald. Craven  
Ald. Thompson  
Ald. Turnbull

Voting Against:  Mayor Boucher  
Ald. Dumanowski  
Ald. Hamill  
Ald. Kelly  
Ald. Pearson

7. **REPORTS**

(a) **Administrative Committee Meeting – November 23, 2011**

The recommendation in the Report was received for information on the motion of Ald. Hamill – Ald. Dumanowski.

**CARRIED**

(b) **Energy Services Committee Meeting – November 24, 2011**

The recommendations in the Report were adopted, and other items in the Report were received for information, on the motion of Ald. Clugston – Ald. Turnbull.

**CARRIED**

(c) **Public Services Committee Meeting – November 29, 2011**

The recommendations in the Report were adopted, and the other items in the Report received for information, on the motion of Ald. Kelly – Ald. Pearson.

With regard to item #2, Recreation Master Plan, **Randy Taves**, Manager of Parks Operations, provided an overview of the purpose of the project, the needs assessment results and the administrative recommendations.
The motion was voted on and

CARRIED

(d) Administrative Committee Meeting – November 30, 2011

The recommendations in the Report were adopted, and the other items in the Report were received for information, on the motion of Ald. Craven – Ald. Dumanowski.

With regard to item #1, 2012 – 2014 Environmental Utilities Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan, John Fedoruk, General Manager of Environmental Utilities, provided an informational presentation on various aspects of the budget.

The motion was voted on and

CARRIED

8. REPORTS FOR RECEPTION

(a) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2011

- received for information on the motion of Ald. Kelly – Ald. Craven.

CARRIED

(b) Medicine Hat Police Commission Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2011

- received for information on the motion of Ald. Clugston - Ald. Thompson.

CARRIED

9. BYLAWS FOR SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

(a) Bylaw #4082, a bylaw to amend Bylaw #2244, the Electric Utility Bylaw, to adjust non-commodity rates

Ald. Clugston, seconded by Ald. Turnbull, moved that Bylaw #4082 be read a second time.

CARRIED
Ald. Clugston, seconded by Ald. Turnbull, moved that Bylaw #4082 be read a third time and passed.

CARRIED

(b) **Bylaw #4083**, a bylaw to amend Bylaw #2489, the Gas Utility Bylaw, to adjust non-commodity rates and fees

Ald. Clugston, seconded by Ald. Turnbull, moved that Bylaw #4083 be read a second time.

CARRIED

Ald. Clugston, seconded by Ald. Turnbull, moved that Bylaw #4083 be read a third time and passed.

CARRIED

10. **NEW BYLAWS**

(a) **Bylaw #4070**, a bylaw to amend Bylaw #2244, the Electric Utility Bylaw, to provide for an Energy Supply Pricing Option

Ald. Craven, seconded by Ald. Clugston, moved for leave to introduce Bylaw #4070 and that it be read a first time.

CARRIED

(b) **Bylaw #4079**, a bylaw to amend Bylaw #1541, the Sewer Bylaw, to provide for new rates and charges

Ald. Craven, seconded by Ald. Clugston, moved for leave to introduce Bylaw #4079 and that it be read a first time.

CARRIED

(c) **Bylaw #4080**, a bylaw to amend Bylaw #1805, the Waste Bylaw, to provide for new rates and charges

Ald. Craven, seconded by Ald. Clugston, moved for leave to introduce Bylaw #4080 and that it be read a first time.

CARRIED

(d) **Bylaw #4081**, a bylaw to amend Bylaw #2379, the Water Service Bylaw to provide for new rates and charges
Ald. Craven, seconded by Ald. Clugston, moved for leave to introduce Bylaw #4081 and that it be read a first time.

CARRIED

11. **NEW BUSINESS ITEM**

(a) **2011/2012 Appointments to City of Medicine Hat Boards, Commissions and Committees**

A confidential balloting procedure was carried out to allow members of Council to express their preferences with respect to appointments. Following confidential tabulation of the results of the balloting, carried out by the Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Operating Officer, City Solicitor and Commissioners, the City Clerk read into the record the following recommendations for appointments:

**CITY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**
- Blackwell, Wendy  - Three-year term
- Dalla-Longa, Lorraine  - Three-year term
- Schmidt, Stacey  - Three-year term
- Martinez, Walter  - Two-year term
- McLemore, Audrey  - One-year term

**COMPOSITE ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD**
- Pergel, Violet - Three-year Term (alternate position)

**HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**
- Marshall, James  - Three-year term

**LOCAL ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD**
- Traichel, Rolf  - Three-year term

**PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**
- Kirkham, Della  - Three-year term
- Sanchez, Rosa  - Three-year term
- Wallsmith, Gordon  - Three-year term
- Cunningham, Karen  - Two-year term

**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD**
- Donner, Sheila  - Two-year term
URBAN ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Davis, Debra  - Three-year term
Osadchy, David  - Three-year term
Wilson, Sandra  - Three-year term

Ald. Kelly, seconded by Ald. Pearson, moved:


CARRIED

Ald. Craven, seconded by Ald. Clugston, moved:

THAT THE BALLOTS AND TALLY SHEETS BE DESTROYED.

CARRIED

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Adopted by City Council on December 19, 2011

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MAYOR NORM BOUCHER, CHAIR        DAVID S. LEFLAR, CITY CLERK