MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Monday, March 17, 2008 at 1:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor R.D. Tarleck

ALDERMEN: J.H. Carlson
R. Dodic
B.A. Lacey (left meeting at 6:00 pm)
R.K. Parker
M.A. Simmons
K.E. Tratch
S.G. Ward
T.H. Wickersham (left meeting at 7:15 pm)

OTHERS: City Clerk – D. Nemeth
Deputy City Clerk – A. Neufeld
Acting City Manager – G. Sherwin
City Solicitor – D. Hudson
Director of Community Services – K. Hopkins
Director of Infrastructure Services – D. Hawkins
Corporate Initiatives Director – B. Beck

CALL TO ORDER

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Tarleck welcomed the Calvinist Cadet Corps, who were in attendance to observe how Municipal Government works. The Calvinist Cadet Corps are an independent youth ministry from the Trinity Reformed Church.

DELEGATIONS:

1. Kimberly Lyall, Southwest Alberta Representative, Alberta Celebrate Canada Committee and Elijah Dueck, Winner of the Alberta Celebrate Canada Poster Challenge in 2007, re Celebrate Canada Poster Challenge

2. Darwin Juell, Transportation Manager, re Roadways Functional Planning Study

3. A. Chris Hansen, Co-location Project Coordinator, Lethbridge Family Circle Society of Southern Alberta (LFCSSA) re Update on the Co-location Project
   B. Barb Cunningham, Chair, Community & Social Development Committee and Diane Randell, Manager, Community & Social Development, re Request for one-time FCSS Funding for Family Centre
DELEGATIONS: (continued)

4. Dennis Cassie, Mayor, Town of Coalhurst, re Sewage Pipeline Hook-up from the Town of Coalhurst to the City of Lethbridge

5. Evan Mulder, Concerned Citizen, re Exclusion from the Incentives - Built Green Alberta Program and the Home Retrofit Program

6. Keith Robin, Past President, Dr. Wilma Winter, Chair of the Kiwanis Music and Speech Arts Festival and Dr. Neil Little, Secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Lethbridge, re Request for ‘In Kind’ Financial Assistance for the Kiwanis Music Festival

7. Mary Siever, Concerned Citizen, re Cost of Home Business Licenses

8. Andrea True Joy Fox, Miss Blackfoot Canada 2008, re Request for Funding Assistance to attend the Miss Indian World Competition at the Gathering of Nations in Albuquerque, New Mexico

BYLAWS:

FOR FIRST READING:

• BYLAW 5514 – Authorization to incur an indebtedness by the execution of mortgages to the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and the Alberta Treasury Branch for the acquisition of the Castle Apartments

OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

• Land Sale – Road Right of Way adjacent to Mayor Magrath Drive and 6th Avenue South

• U.S. Border Crossing Regulations

• Control of Graffiti

• Community Sustainability Infrastructure Projects

• Land Lease – 148.02 Acres of Dry Land Farm to College Farms (SE ¼ Sec 15-8-22-W4M)

• Partial Sale and Use of the Parking Lot for the BLT at 316 Stafford Drive South (Lot 36 PUL, Block 35, Plan 8111966)

• Tree Removal at the Galt Museum Site
OFFICIAL BUSINESS: (continued)

- Request for Proposal S-04-37; Prime Consulting Services; SunRidge Amending Contract
- Labour Agreement with International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)

REPORTS (Consent Items)

*1. Tender Summary Report for the Month of February 2008
*2. Follow-Up Action List

INCAMERA REPORTS:

- Land Matters (FOIP Section 23)
- Advice from Officials (FOIP Section 24)
- Labour Relations (FOIP Section 24)

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Darwin Juell, Transpiration Manager, re Roadways Functional Planning Study
- Diane Randell, Manager, Community & Social Development on behalf of Barbara Cunningham, Chair, Community & Social Development Committee, re Request for one-time FCSS Funding for Family Centre
- Duane Ens, Regulatory Services Manager, re Unsightly Premises at 1225 – 6 Avenue South
- Bryan Horrocks, City Manager, re Tender C-08-01; The Crossings – Deep Servicing and Surface Works – Phase 1 to 4
- Bryan Horrocks, City Manager, re Sole Source purchase EQ-08-17; Radio Expansion Project
- Bryan Horrocks, City Manager, re Sole Source purchase S-08-43; Community Arts Centre – Functional Plan (Bowman)
COMMUNICATIONS: (continued)

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- Keith Robin, Past President, Kiwanis Club of Lethbridge, re Request for ‘In Kind’ Financial Assistance for the Kiwanis Music Festival

- Mary Siever, Concerned Citizen, Cost of Home Business Licenses

- Andrea True Joy Fox, Miss Blackfoot Canada 2008, re Request for Funding Assistance to attend the Miss Indian World Competition at the Gathering of Nations in Albuquerque, New Mexico

CALL TO ORDER

R. DODIC:

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday, March 3, 2008 be approved and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign the same.

--------------------------CARRIED

R. DODIC:

THAT the communications as presented by the City Clerk be laid on the table for further consideration.

--------------------------CARRIED
ANNOUNCEMENTS

DELEGATIONS:

- Kimberly Lyall, Southwest Alberta Representative, Alberta Celebrate Canada Committee and Elijah Dueck, Winner of the Alberta Celebrate Canada Poster Challenge in 2007, re Celebrate Canada Poster Challenge

Kimberly Lyall, Southwest Alberta Representative, Alberta Celebrate Canada Committee advised that Elijah Dueck is a student at G. S. Lakie School in Lethbridge and was the first place winner in his age category for the Alberta Celebrate Canada Poster Challenge 2007. The Poster Challenge is a nation wide activity coordinated annually by the Department of Canadian Heritage to encourage young Canadians to express their vision of Canada.

Mr. Dueck, Poster Winner advised that the 2007 theme was “A Portrait of Canada; Celebrating 140 Years”. He chose to illustrate the eras by drawing a clock with four different quadrants representing the plains, settlers, modern day and present day. Elijah presented Mayor Tarleck with a framed poster print.

The following resolution was presented:

R. DODIC:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the letter from Kimberly Lyall, Alberta Celebrate Canada Committee, requesting the opportunity to appear before City Council to recognize the 2007 winner of the National Poster Challenge, Elijah Dueck, a 12 year old student at G.S. Lake School in Lethbridge, be received as information and filed

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ms. Lyall and Mr. Dueck be thanked for their presentations

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mr. Dueck be wished success in his future endeavors and advised that his poster will be hung in City Hall.

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ACTION: City Clerk, Mayor’s Office
Darwin Juell, Transportation Manager, advised that the City of Lethbridge, in partnership with Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation (AIT), hired Earth Tech Canada Inc. in 2006 to conduct a long range transportation study of key City and Provincial roadways in and around Lethbridge. This is a jointly funded project, with the Province providing 75% and the City providing 25% of the funding.

Mr. Juell outlined the primary focus of the study and advised that Dan Bolger, Earth Tech Inc. will outline the results of the study.

Mr. Dan Bolger, Earth Tech Inc. advised that the key objectives of the Study is to provide an Arterial Road Plan for Lethbridge with various population projections and to develop a long-term road network compatible with the provincial highway system including the North South Corridor.

Data was gathered regarding present land uses and traffic patterns focusing on peak traffic periods. This information was used to forecast future land use and traffic pattern alternatives to serve future growth.

Information was gathered by roadside and telephone survey, traffic counts in 128 locations and by interviewing 1300 University of Lethbridge students. The information was combined with land use patterns, census, health and institutional data to create transportation models outlining existing traffic patterns and projected population and employment growth.

Mr. Bolger outlined the roadway network and traffic patterns for the following two alternatives:

- Alternative 1 – Scenic Drive and Chinook Trail crossing with two connections to the North South Trade Corridor (Scenic Drive North with future Highway 3)
- Alternative 2 – South at Popson Park with access to Highway 5 and Mayor Magrath Drive (north of Airport)

This second alternative crossing was determined to be too far south and did not reduce traffic volumes on Whoop-Up Drive and Scenic Drive. The Chinook Trail river crossing provides better service to South Lethbridge and reduces pressure on Whoop-Up Drive and interchanges are recommended at both Scenic Drive and 43 Street.
A question period followed with respect to:

- Public input process planned to share ideas on a third river crossing
- Number of stakeholders that were consulted
- Reasons for recommending Chinook Trail crossing versus north of the Airport and the impact Chinook Trail crossing will have on Mayor Magrath Drive South
- Feasibility of the third river crossing north of the Airport to accommodate the traffic generated from the big box developments in South Lethbridge
- Input received from the students at the Lethbridge College
- Intentions of the circulation roadway in serving the citizens of Lethbridge and not being an alternative to the corridor similar to that of a ring road
- Functional study to evaluate the amount of traffic that will be generated in the area of Mayor Magrath Drive South and Scenic Drive
- Who is the customer and owner of the Study – City Council, Province of Alberta and what are the roles
- The possibility of investigating other options other than the Chinook Trail
- Losing funding from the Province as a result of investigating other options
- Impact and risk of redirecting Earth Tech to forget the Chinook Crossing proposal
- Reasons for the conclusion that the alternative crossing at Popson Park to Highways would not reduce traffic volumes on Whoop-Up Drive and Scenic Drive
- Does the intersection at Scenic Drive and Mayor Magrath Drive South have the capacity to address the projected population of 110,000
- Current traffic congestion in the Park Royal and Chinook Heights subdivision and the impact Chinook Crossing will have on traffic in this area
- Impact that Chinook Crossing will have on the River Valley
- Number of public meetings to address concerns of residents in the area of development – environment consideration, noise, air pollution, pedestrian safety
- Confirmation that both alternatives are viable choices for the third river crossing
- Projected costs for the construction of the third river crossing and the Province’s funding commitment
- Proceeding with the preparation of functional plans for the recommended route
- Postponing the decision to proceed until results from the open house are received
- Anticipated costs and completion of a 3rd river crossing
- Possibility of scoping out a second option for the crossing
DELEGATIONS: (continued)

The following resolution was presented:

T.H. WICKERSHAM:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the “Circulation Roadways Functional Planning Study”, be tabled until April 28, 2008 for Administration to report the findings of the Community Consultation Meeting

AND FURTHER THAT a scoping report be submitted to continue evaluation of the two river crossings

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mr. Juell, Transportation Manager, and Mr. Bolger, Earth Tech Inc., be thanked for their presentation.

-------------------------CARRIED

ACTION: Infrastructure Services

• Chris Hansen, Co-location Project Coordinator, Lethbridge Family Circle Society of Southern Alberta (LFCSSA) re Update on the Co-location Project

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Chris Hansen, Co-location Project Coordinator, Lethbridge Family Circle Society of Southern Alberta (LFCSSA) updated City Council on the project advising that Lethbridge Family Circle Society of Southern Alberta is a long standing agency in Lethbridge. He provided an update on the co-location project outlining the progress, next steps and the anticipated outcomes for the community project over the next several months.

Mr. Hansen identified the agencies involved in improving services through joint program planning and delivery.

The following resolution was presented:

B.A. LACEY:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the letter from Chris Hansen, Co-location Project Coordinator, Lethbridge Family Circle Society of Southern Alberta (LFCSSA) updating City Council on their Co-location Project, be received as information and filed

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mr. Hansen be thanked for his presentation.

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ACTION: Community Services


Barb Cunningham, Chair, Community & Social Development Committee advised that the concept of the co-location project began in 1983 and the Community and Social Development Committee strongly supports the concept. The Committee received a presentation on the co-location project and the special requirements of the Family Centre and requested the allocation of a one-time funding grant.

The Family Centre has been an active participant in the Co-location project and has currently outgrown the current site. The relocation of the Family Centre is essential to the ongoing ability to provide quality family support services and resources. The relocation will result in an increase in costs. The source of funding for this one-time allocation request would be from the Family and Community Support Service (FCSS) Grant carryover funds.

A question period followed with respect to:

- Date of relocation
- Requested funding being used for rental or leasehold improvements

The following resolution was presented:

**B.A. Lacey:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the recommendation of the Community and Social Development Committee to provide one-time Family and Community Support Service (FCSS) funding to the Family Centre, in the amount of $37,329 as the City of Lethbridge’s portion of the increased lease costs to be incurred as a result of their relocation, be approved

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ms. Cunningham, Chair, Community and Social Development Committee be thanked for her presentation.
DELEGATIONS:  (continued)

- Dennis Cassie, Mayor, Town of Coalhurst, re Sewage Pipeline Hook-up from the Town of Coalhurst to the City of Lethbridge

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Dennis Cassie, Mayor, Town of Coalhurst advised that the Town is experiencing a period of rapid growth and as a result needs to expand their sewage capacity.

Recently, the Town conducted a Sewage Pipeline Feasibility Study that addressed the option of transferring raw sewage to the City of Lethbridge for treatment as opposed to expanding their lagoon system and constructing a new mechanical treatment plant.

He advised that Alberta Environment and the Province of Alberta are requesting a letter of support from the City which supports the option of a sewage pipeline hooking to the City’s Plant.

A question period followed with respect to:

- Option that is most viable or preferred
- Extent of the discussion with the Province
- Research of similar regional partnerships between municipalities in the province
- Understanding that their will be no cost to the City of Lethbridge
- Any particular sewage that may cause concern to our plant
- Reasons for the Town not choosing to expand their lagoon system
- Time sensitivity for the letter of support

The following resolution was presented:

**R.K. PARKER:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the letter from Dennis Cassie, Mayor of Coalhurst, requesting a letter of support from the City, as part of their application process to Alberta Environment to expand their sewer capacity, agreeing to a sewage pipeline hook-up from the Town of Coalhurst to the City, be referred to Administration to review and to report back to Council by April 28, 2008

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mayor Cassie be thanked for his presentation.

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ACTION:  *Infrastructure Services, City Clerk’s Office*

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DELEGATIONS: (continued)

• Evan Mulder, Concerned Citizen, re Exclusion from the Incentives - Built Green Alberta Program and the Home Retrofit Program

Evan Mulder, Concerned Citizen and Homebuilder, advised that he is a homebuilder in the City and is concerned with the current Green Built incentive programs available to homeowners in Lethbridge. Currently, the City of Lethbridge only offers homebuyers in the SunRidge development an incentive to upgrade to the “green” factor for their new home.

Mr. Mulder advised that the inspection of his new home received a “gold level” rating of energy efficiency; however, he is excluded from incentive programs because he does not live in SunRidge.

A question period followed with respect to:

• Homebuilders building outside of the SunRidge development and their expectations to qualify for the City’s “Built Green” rebates

The following resolution was presented:

J.H. CARLSON:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the letter from Evan Mulder, Concerned Citizen, requesting that City Council consider providing incentives to Lethbridge homeowners and home builders that build energy efficient homes, be referred to the Administration for review as a possible ‘new budget initiative’ for consideration during budget deliberations

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mr. Mulder be thanked for his presentation.

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ACTION: | Real Estate and Land, City Treasurer

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DELEGATIONS: (continued)

- Keith Robin, Past President, Dr. Wilma Winter, Chair of the Kiwanis Music and Speech Arts Festival and Dr. Neil Little, Secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Lethbridge, re Request for ‘In Kind’ Financial Assistance for the Kiwanis Music Festival

Keith Robin, Past President, Kiwanis Music and Speech Arts Festival provided a brief history of the Kiwanis Music and Speech Arts Festival in Lethbridge since it began in 1916. He summarized the number of volunteers, participants, community involvement and venues used for the 2007 Festival.

Since 2004, the Kiwanis Club of Lethbridge has faced a deficit in operations. Three years ago, the Club established an Endowment Fund which when capitalized would fund the Festival shortfall. In the interim, Mr. Robin advised that the Committee continues to be challenged with the costs of renting facilities.

A question period followed with respect to:
- Festival events planned for 2008
- Amount and frequency of the deficit
- Consideration of other facilities other than the Yates Centre attendance
- Amount of funding being requested

The following resolution was presented:

B.A. LACEY:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the letter from Keith Robin, Past President, Kiwanis Club of Lethbridge, requesting an annual grant to offset some or all of the City facility rental costs for the annual Kiwanis Music and Speech Arts Festival, be received as information and filed

AND FURTHER THAT a one time grant of $5,000 be given for 2008 from contingencies for in-kind services

AND FURTHER THAT the request be referred to the budget deliberations of 2009-2011 for consideration as a “New Initiative”

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mr. Robin, Dr. Winter and Dr. Little be thanked for their presentation

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ACTION: Community Services, City Clerk

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DELEGATIONS: (continued)

• Mary Siever, Concerned Citizen, re Cost of Home Business Licenses

Mary Siever, Concerned Citizen expressed concern about the cost of a business license for home occupations. She felt the cost was too high and there is a need to review the current business licensing procedures and fees for home occupations. Ms. Siever advised that on researching the issue, many other municipalities, similar in size, have lower fees.

A question period followed with respect to:

• What an equitable fee would be and whether there should be variances depending on the type of home occupation

The following resolution was presented:

S.G. WARD:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the letter from Mary Siever, Concerned Citizen, requesting an opportunity to speak to City Council regarding her concerns about the high cost of home business licenses, be referred to the Administration for review and a report back to City Council by March 31, 2008

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ms. Siever be thanked for her presentation

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ms. Siever be advised when the Administration will be reporting back to City Council on this matter.

-------------------------CARRIED

ACTION: Development Services, City Clerk

• Andrea True Joy Fox, Miss Blackfoot Canada 2008, re Request for Funding Assistance to attend the Miss Indian World Competition at the Gathering of Nations in Albuquerque, New Mexico

Andrea True Joy Fox, Miss Blackfoot Canada 2008 advised that she recently was crowned Miss Blackfoot Canada 2008. She will have the opportunity to represent the Blackfoot culture and heritage as she travels to Albuquerque, New Mexico in April 2008 to compete for Miss Indian World at the Gathering of the Nations.
DELEGATIONS: (continued)

This will be an opportunity to participate in the Miss Indian World 2008 Pageant and share the honour of being an Ambassador for her family, community and the Blackfoot people.

A question period followed with respect to:

- Fellow competitors at the competition and the areas they will be representing
- Expectations of Miss Indian World
- Other support in terms of grants and donations they have received from the community

The following resolution was presented:

S.G. WARD:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the letter from Andrea T.J. Fox, requesting financial assistance to cover travel expenses required for her to compete in Miss Indian World competition, at the Gathering of Nations to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico in April 2008, be received as information and filed

AND FURTHER THAT Ms. Fox be thanked for her presentation and wished every success at the Miss Indian World competition.

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ACTION: City Clerk

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Duane Ens, Regulatory Services Manager, re Unsightly Premises at 1225 – 6 Avenue South

M.A. SIMMONS:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CITY Council issue a notice by way of Form B in accordance with City of Lethbridge Bylaw 3193, The Unsightly Premises Bylaw, to the owner of 1225 - 6 Avenue South, Suzanne Carriere

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of the notice be served upon the resident at 1225 – 6 Avenue South, Gary Boivin.

AND FURTHER THAT City Council set a date for the matter to be reviewed at a Hearing scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on April 28, 2008.

Absent: B.A. Lacey

-------------------------CARRIED

ACTION: Regulatory Services, City Clerk
COMMUNICATIONS: (continued)

• Bryan Horrocks, City Manager, re Tender C-08-01; The Crossings - Deep Servicing and Surface Works - Ph. 1 to 4

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K.E. TRATCH:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the recommendation of the Administration to award the Tender C-08-01; The Crossings - Deep Servicing and Surface Works - Ph. 1 to 4 to the lowest bidder, McNally Contractors Ltd. of Lethbridge, AB at an estimated cost of $7,911,490.24 less GST refunds, for a net cost to the City of Lethbridge of $7,534,752.61 be approved.

Absent: B.A. Lacey

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ACTION: Purchasing Manager, City Manager, City Treasurer, City Solicitor, Infrastructure Services

• Bryan Horrocks, City Manager, re Sole Source purchase EQ-08-17; Radio Expansion Project

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T.H. WICKERSHAM:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the recommendation of the Administration to award the Sole Source purchase, EQ-08-17; Radio Expansion Project to Tyco Electronics - M/A-COM Private Radio Systems Canada Corp. of Calgary, AB at an estimated cost of $1,711,586 less GST refunds, for a net cost to the City of Lethbridge of $1,630,083 be approved.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Project Manager be given the authority to manage a contingency fund for the Radio Expansion Project totaling $40,000 (net GST).

Absent: B.A. Lacey

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ACTION: Purchasing Manager, City Manager, City Treasurer, City Solicitor, Community Services

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COMMUNICATIONS: (continued)

• Bryan Horrocks, City Manager, re Sole Source purchase S-08-43; Community Arts Centre – Functional Plan (Bowman)

J.H. CARLSON:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the recommendation of the Administration to award the Sole Source purchase, S-08-43; Community Arts Centre - Functional Plan to Marshall Tittemore Architects of Calgary, AB at an estimated cost of $87,436.65 less GST refunds, for a net cost to the City of Lethbridge of $83,273.00 be approved.

Absent: B.A. Lacey

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ACTION: Purchasing Manager, City Manager, City Treasurer, City Solicitor, Community Services, Corporate Initiatives

OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

• Land Sale – Road Right of Way adjacent to Mayor Magrath Drive and 6th Avenue South / 2303 - 6 Avenue South

R.K. PARKER:

WHEREAS City Council approved Bylaw 5486, being a Bylaw of the City of Lethbridge to provide for the closing of a road right-of-way adjacent to Mayor Magrath Drive South at their meeting of March 3, 2008

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The City of Lethbridge sell the 313 square meters (3,369 square feet) of road right-of-way to Dr. Jacob Adserballe for a total cost of $40,500.00.

Absent: B.A. Lacey

-------------------------CARRIED

ACTION: Real Estate & Land, City Solicitor


OFFICIAL BUSINESS: (continued)

- U.S. Border Crossing Regulations

Deputy Mayor Dodic assumed the Chair

R.D. TARLECK:

WHEREAS Commercial access to the United States is of critical importance to a community such as Lethbridge which is heavily dependent upon the export of agricultural and manufactured goods;

AND WHEREAS proposals to implement more stringent regulations at US border crossing points has the potential to impose hardships upon Lethbridge’s agriculture and manufacturing sectors;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Lethbridge request the support of Economic Development Lethbridge in undertaking research which will serve as a basis for a City of Lethbridge response to this situation.

Absent: B.A. Lacey

ACTION: Mayor’s Office, Economic Development Liaison

Mayor Tarleck assumed the Chair

- Control of Graffiti

T.H. WICKERSHAM:

WHEREAS there has been a significant increase in graffiti within the City of Lethbridge

AND WHEREAS graffiti creates many millions of dollars worth of damage to property across Canada

AND WHEREAS graffiti tends to cause residences to lose pride in their neighbourhood and portrays a run down impression of the neighbourhood

AND WHEREAS it is unlawful to deface property with graffiti

AND WHEREAS those who deface property are irresponsible and there is a need to be caught in the act and hold them accountable for their actions through strict penalties on restitution and community service
OFFICIAL BUSINESS: (continued) 545-A

AND WHEREAS there is undercover surveillance equipment available that covertly and proactively notifies law enforcement of graffiti activities

AND WHEREAS this surveillance equipment known as the “Graffiti Cam” is being used in some cities to apprehend those responsible for graffiti

AND WHEREAS it would be appropriate for City Council to consider action and associated costs prior to the 2009 – 2011 budget

Part 1

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT current costs for graffiti control be identified

Part 2

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT costs identified for immediate action to remove graffiti from City property be identified

Part 3

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT that administration investigate the cost of implementing a program using the “Graffiti Cam”

Part 4

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT any recommendation is not limited to the “Graffiti Cam” but would give consideration to any recommended changes required to by-laws

Part 5

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT consideration be given to forming a Graffiti Task Force made up of concerned citizens of the community, as well as the Lethbridge Regional Police Service and Administration

Part 6

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council should be informed of the recommendations and cost of implementing any action required to combat graffiti within our community by April 28, 2008.
PRIOR TO VOTING ON THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION THE MAYOR RULED THAT THE RESOLUTION WOULD BE VOTED ON IN SIX PARTS:

Part 1

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT current costs for graffiti control be identified

-------------------------CARRIED

Part 2

AND FUTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT costs identified for immediate action to remove graffiti from City property be identified

-------------------------CARRIED

Part 3

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT that administration investigate the cost of implementing a program using the “Graffiti Cam”

Opposed: J.H. Carlson  
R. Dodic  
S.G. Ward

-------------------------CARRIED

Part 4

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT any recommendation is not limited to the “Graffiti Cam” but would give consideration to any recommended changes required to by-laws

Opposed: J.H. Carlson  
R. Dodic  
S.G. Ward

-------------------------CARRIED

Part 5

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT consideration be given to forming a Graffiti Task Force made up of concerned citizens of the community, as well as the Lethbridge Regional Police Service and Administration

Opposed: R. Dodic  
S.G. Ward

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS:  (continued)

Part 6

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council should be informed of the recommendations and cost of implementing any action required to combat graffiti within our community by April 28, 2008.

CARRIED

ACTION:  Community Services, City Treasurer

• Community Sustainability Infrastructure Projects

J.H. CARLSON:

WHEREAS Lethbridge City Council has made a commitment to working towards a sustainable future

AND WHEREAS an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan would help unify the City’s efforts in achieving a Sustainable Future

AND WHEREAS in the 2005 federal budget, the Government of Canada has created “The New Deal for Cities and Communities” to help achieve real, measurable progress towards sustainability

AND WHEREAS this new deal uses gas tax revenue to fund community sustainability infrastructure projects

AND WHEREAS in order to access such funds, municipalities are required to have an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

AND WHEREAS an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan is defined as a long-term plan, developed in consultation with community members, that provides direction for the community to realize sustainability objectives it has for the environmental, cultural, social and economic dimensions of its identity

AND WHEREAS City Council, Administration and Staff are currently developing a new Municipal Development Plan

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the model of an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan be used as a basis for the development of the new City of Lethbridge Municipal Development Plan.
OFFICIAL BUSINESS: (continued)

PRIOR TO A VOTE BEING CALLED ON THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION, THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT AS A SUBSTITUTION WAS PRESENTED BY ALDERMAN DODIC:

R. DODIC:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the model of an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan be considered in the development of the new City of Lethbridge Municipal Development Plan.

Absent: B.A. Lacey

-------------------------CARRIED

A VOTE WAS THEN CALLED ON THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION AS AMENDED:

Absent: B.A. Lacey

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ACTION: Community Services, Infrastructure Services, City Treasurer, Development Services

• Land Lease – 148.02 acres of dry land farm to College Farms (SE ¼ Sec 15-8-22-W4M)

S.G. WARD:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Lethbridge lease 148.02 acres of dry land farm to College Farms for $30.00 per acre or $4,440.60 per year.

Absent: B.A. Lacey

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ACTION: Real Estate & Land, City Solicitor, City Treasurer

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS:  (continued)

- Tree Removal at the Galt Museum Site  
  625-D

  J.H. CARLSON:

  BE IT RESOLVED THAT the letter from Ken Sears outlining his concerns about tree removal at the Galt Museum site be received as information and filed

  AND FURTHER THAT Mr. Sears be invited to the Stakeholder Meeting planned for March 20, 2008

  AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mr. Sears be advised of approved plans in this area.

  Absent:  B.A. Lacey

  ---------------CARRIED

ACTION:  Community Services, Infrastructure Services

- Request for Proposal S-04-37; Prime Consulting Services; SunRidge Amending Contract  
  700

  R.K. PARKER:

  BE IT RESOLVED THAT the recommendation of the Administration to amend the contract with UMA Engineering of Lethbridge, AB for the Prime Consulting Services, SunRidge Subdivision for an amended increase of $275,000.00 less GST refunds, for a net amended cost to the City of Lethbridge of $261,904.76 be approved.

  Absent:  B.A. Lacey

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ACTION:  Purchasing Manager, City Manager, City Solicitor, Real Estate & Land Development, Infrastructure Services
OFFICIAL BUSINESS: (continued)

• Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)

B.A. LACEY:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agreement between the City of Lethbridge and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 254 be ratified effective January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2010 subject to the following conditions:

1) TERM: January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2010 (36 months)

2) WAGES:
   - January 1, 2008 4%
   - January 1, 2009 4%
   - January 1, 2010 4.5%

3) WAGE SCHEDULES:
   Effective January 1, 2008 there will be two wage schedules. Bargaining Unit employees outside of Electric Construction and Maintenance Department will no longer be indexed while bargaining unit employees who are part of Electric Construction and Maintenance Department will continue to be indexed to a journeyman rate of pay.

4) MARKET ADJUSTMENT:
   A market adjustment will be made to the journeyperson classification and as a result of indexing all classifications listed in the Electric Construction and Maintenance wage schedule (with the exception of Labourer) as follows:

   - January 1, 2008 11.6%
   - January 1, 2009 1.4%
   - January 1, 2010 1%

5) ANNUAL VACATION:
   a) Permanent employees hired effective January 1, 2008 or thereafter will receive vacation up to 3 weeks of vacation in their first calendar year of service.

   b) Letter of Understanding - Annual Vacation for Experience Hires
      o Effective January 1, 2008 newly hired permanent employees with directly-related work experience and who have successfully completed the probationary period may have their vacation entitlement increased to recognize their years of service with other employers.

employer retains full discretion
OFFICIAL BUSINESS: (continued)

6) OTHER:
Various housekeeping changes

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ACTION: Human Resources, City Treasurer, Payroll

• Partial Sale and Use of the Parking Lot for the BLT at 316 Stafford Drive South (Lot 36 PUL, Block 35, Plan 8111966)

640-B
650-A

T.H. WICKERSHAM:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE City of Lethbridge proceed with the sale of the South Half of Lot 36 (14 stalls) to Honey Holdings, owners of the BLT Building, for a total cost of $81,000

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the North Half of the property be used for City of Lethbridge employee parking.

Absent: B.A. Lacey

-------------------------CARRIED

ACTION: City Solicitor, Real Estate & Land Development, City Treasurer, Infrastructure Services

BYLAWS:

FOR FIRST READING:

BYLAW 5514

530
590-E

K.E. TRATCH:

RESOLVED THAT a Bylaw entitled Bylaw 5514 – Authorization to incur an indebtedness by the execution of mortgages to the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and the Alberta Treasury Branch for the acquisition of the Castle Apartments be read a first time.

Absent: B.A. Lacey

-------------------------CARRIED

ACTION: City Treasurer, City Clerk, City Solicitor
Second and Third Reading – March 31, 2008
REPORTS:

1. Tender Summary Report for the Month of February 2008
2. Follow-Up Action List

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the reports as presented and listed below be received as information and filed:

1. Tender Summary Report for February 2008
2. Follow-Up Action List

Absent: B.A. Lacey

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ACTION: City Manager, Purchasing Manager

R.K. PARKER:

THAT we do now adjourn until Monday, March 31, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

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Mayor
City Clerk