MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on Monday, January 11, 2010

PRESENT: Mayor R.D. Tarleck

ALDERMEN: J.H. Carlson
B.A. Lacey
R.K. Parker
M.A. Simmons
K.E. Tratch
S.G. Ward
T.H. Wickersham

OTHERS: A/City Clerk – A. Neufeld
Legislative Coordinator – B. Burke
City Manager – G. Sherwin
City Solicitor – D. Hudson
City Treasurer – C. Wight
Director of City Manager’s Office – K. Hopkins
Director of Infrastructure Services – D. Hawkins
Director of Community Services – B. Beck

ABSENT: R. Dodic

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Tarleck called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

• Alderman Jeff Carlson and Alderman Tom Wickersham, re Lethbridge Olympic Torch Relay Activities on Sunday, January 17, 2010

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Alderman Carlson and Wickersham reported that there are six days left before the Olympic Torch Relay in Lethbridge. They advised that there were 189 communities selected to host the Torch Relay and that when it reaches its destination it will have travelled 45,000 kilometers. They outlined the route and the celebratory events that will take place on January 17th culminating with the evening celebration at Henderson Lake commencing at 4:41 p.m.

The following resolution was presented:

J.H. CARLSON

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the communication from Alderman Jeff Carlson and Alderman Tom Wickersham, regarding the schedule of activities being held in conjunction with the Olympic Torch Relay in Lethbridge on January 17, 2010, be received as information and filed
ANNOUNCEMENTS: (continued)

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Alderman Carlson and Alderman Wickersham be thanked for their presentation and that the citizens of Lethbridge be encouraged to be a part of Olympic History and participate in the activities.

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ACTION: Corporate Communications

1. CONSENT AGENDA:

1.1 Adoption of Minutes

1.2 BYLAW 5627 – Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 4100, change from Public Building (P-B) to Direct Control (DC) (635, 637, 641, 643, 645 - 12A Street North) - First Reading

1.3 BYLAW 5628 – Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 4100, establish Land Use Bylaw Districts for Canyons Neighbourhood (West Lethbridge) - First Reading

1.4 BYLAW 5629 – Country Meadows Area Structure Plan, West Lethbridge - First Reading

1.5 BYLAW 5630 – Unsightly Property Bylaw - First Reading

1.6 Follow-up Action List

S.G. WARD:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday, December 14, 2009 be approved and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign the same

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- Bylaw 5627 – Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 4100, change from Public Building (P-B) to Direct Control (DC) (635, 637, 641, 643, 645 – 12 A Street North)

- Bylaw 5628 – Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 4100, establish Land Use Bylaw Districts for Canyons Neighbourhood (West Lethbridge)

- Bylaw 5629 – Country Meadows Area Structure Plan, West Lethbridge

- Bylaw 5630 – Unsightly Property Bylaw

be given first reading
CONSENT AGENDA: (continued)

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Follow-Up Action List be received as information and filed.

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ACTION: City Manager, City Clerk, City Solicitor, Development Services, Regulatory Services
Bylaws 5627, 5628 and 5639:
Public Hearing – February 1, 2010
Second & Third Reading – February 8, 2010
Bylaw 5630
Second & Third Reading – January 25, 2010

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

R.K. PARKER:

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

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3. PRESENTATIONS:

3.1 Carol Kensley, Public Relations Director, and Kyle Pereverseff, Director for Timashevsk, Russia Relations, Lethbridge Twinning Society, re Introduction of Students from Timashevsk, Russia and Presentation to the Mayor

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Kyle Pereverseff, Director of Timashevsk, Russia Relations, Lethbridge Twinning Society, advised that five students between the ages of 13 and 17 have come from Timashevsk, Russia and will be attending school for two months at Immanuel Christian High School.

Harold Pereverseff, President, Lethbridge Twinning Society, introduced the students Rosilisla Shpygar, Anastasia Rudomakha, Alina Novokovskaya, Julia Pavlova and Yulia Buryak. The students sang a Peace Song, the Russian National Anthem and made a presentation to City Council.

The following resolution was presented:

J.H. CARLSON

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the communication from Carol Kensley, Public Relations Director and Kyle Pereverseff, Director for Timashevsk, Russia Relations, Lethbridge Twinning Society, regarding the visit of five students from Lethbridge’s Twin City, Timashevsk, Russia, be received as information and filed
PRESENTATION: (continued)

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ms. Kensley and Mr. Pereverseff be thanked for their presentation

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the students be thanked for their presentation and that they enjoy their visit to Lethbridge.

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ACTION:

City Clerk

3.2 Darwin Juell, Transportation Manager and Dan Bolger, AECOM, re Circulation Road Study

Darwin Juell, Transportation Manager, provided the background leading to the initiation of the Circulation Road Study. He advised that the objectives of the Circulation Road Study were to develop an Arterial Road Plan for the City with future population of 110,000 (estimated in 2030) and a long-term Arterial Road Plan, compatible with the provincial highway system including the Provincial North South Trade Corridor (NSTC) up to and beyond a future population of 150,000.

Mr. Juell outlined the study process, data collection and existing traffic patterns. He provided information on City growth advising that the majority of the population growth is anticipated to be in West Lethbridge while the majority of employment growth is anticipated to be in South and North Lethbridge. He displayed maps identifying the potential long range urban growth areas and the resulting 110,000 population horizon travel patterns.

Mr. Juell advised that the proposed arterial road network serves the forecast travel demand. The recommended network improvements can be implemented in stages to serve growth and the two interchanges to the NSTC, one each at Scenic Drive and 43rd Street would provide the best long term options.

The following resolution was presented:

B.A. Lacey:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from Darwin Juell, Transportation Manager, regarding the Circulation Road Study, be received as information and filed

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Circulation Road Study with a proposed access to the future Highway 3 at Scenic Drive North be approved

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor's Office send a letter to the Province of Alberta (Alberta Transportation) requesting that this roadway connection be added to the proposed plan for the future Highway 3 designs
PRESENTATION: (continued)

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the protecting of the roadway corridors between the City and the future North-South Trade Corridor (Highway 3 and Highway 4) be referred to the Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mr. Juell and Mr. Bolger be thanked for their presentation.

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ACTION: Mayor’s Office, Infrastructure Services

3.3 Tyson Boylan, Community Planner and Tatsuyuki Setta, Community Planner, re West Lethbridge Employment Centre Area Structure Plan

Tatsuyuki Setta, Community Planner, advised that the West Lethbridge Employment Centre Area Structure Plan would provide a planning framework that will guide future long term development and the land use pattern in the area of West Lethbridge between Highway 3 and Walsh Drive/Bridge Drive West. This area would be primarily developed to provide additional employment opportunities in West Lethbridge.

Tyson Boylan, Community Planner, advised that the Plan Area is 575 hectares and includes 98 separate property owners. He reported on the reasons the City is initiating this action instead of a private developer.

Mr. Boylan reported on how this initiative addresses requirements in the West Lethbridge Urbanization Plan, 1969 and the Municipal Development Plan. He outlined the transportation connection points, potential utility connection points and site constraints and opportunities.

Mr. Setta provided the proposed timeline for the project and the public consultation process.

The following resolution was presented:

K.E. TRATCH:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from Tyson Boylan, Community Planner and Tatsuyuki Setta, Community Planner, advising that the Administration have commenced development of an Area Structure Plan for an Employment Centre in West Lethbridge (between Highway 3 and Walsh Drive/Bridge Drive West), be received as information and filed
PRESENTATION: (continued)

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mr. Boylan and Mr. Setta be thanked for their presentation.

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ACTION: City Solicitor, Development Services

3.4 Marcie Stork, Volunteer Coordinator and Fund Development, Lethbridge Senior Citizens’ Organization (LSCO) and Jim Hahn, Board Member, Nord-Bridge Senior Citizens’ Association, re Waiver of Yates Memorial Centre Costs for a Joint Fundraising Event - “Old West” Favourites, Saturday, February 20, 2010

Alderman Carlson declared a conflict because he is involved with the event and left City Council Chambers.

Jim Hahn, Board Member, Nord-Bridge Senior Citizens’ Association, provided a history of their Association. He advised that the Medicine Hat Senior Citizens’ Organization, Lethbridge Senior Citizens’ Organization (LSCO) and Nord-Bridge Senior Citizens’ Association have recently formed a Southern Alberta Coalition to lobby the Provincial government for additional funding.

Mr. Hahn described the fundraising project “Old West” Favourites that LSCO and Nord-Bridge have organized and their financial request from the City.

Marcie Stork, Volunteer Coordinator and Fund Development, Lethbridge Senior Citizens’ Organization (LSCO), reported on how critical fundraising has become to their organizations and the need for community involvement.

The following resolution was presented:

B.A. LACEY:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the communication from Marcie Stork, Volunteer Coordinator and Fund Development, Lethbridge Senior Citizens’ Organization (LSCO) and Jim Hahn, Board Member, Nord-Bridge Senior Citizens’ Association requesting a waiver of the Yates Memorial Centre costs of $2,590.35 for a joint fundraising event – “Old West” Favourites, Saturday, February 20, 2010, be received as information and filed

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the request be approved with funding from contingencies

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ms. Stork and Mr. Hahn be thanked for their presentation.

Absent: J.H. Carlson

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ACTION: City Treasurer, Community Services
PRESENTATION: (continued)

Alderman Carlson returned to City Council Chambers.

3.5 HEARING: Unsightly Property at 314 – 17 Street North

Duane Ens, Manager, Regulatory Services, reported that the property at 314 - 17 Street North is in contravention of the City of Lethbridge Bylaw 3193 regarding unsightly premises, as it contains appliances, tires, chairs, a toilet and numerous other miscellaneous items. He requested that City Council authorize the issuance of Form C to the owner, Robert Ralph James.

The following resolution was presented:

T.H. WICKERSHAM:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Administration regarding the Unsightly Premises at 314 – 17 Street North, be received as information and filed

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Clerk, pursuant to the Unsightly Premises Bylaw 3193, be instructed to issue a Notice in Form C upon Mr. Robert Ralph James, the owner of the property

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

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ACTION: City Clerk, Regulatory Services

3.6 Duane Ens, Regulatory Services Manager, re New Parking Ticket Process

Duane Ens, Regulatory Services Manager, advised that a wireless ticket process has been implemented. He reported that this system was designed specifically for an existing City system and provides for real time data transfer to City Hall. This new system eliminates the need for hand written tickets, manual entry and will provide instant notification to cashiers. He advised that the new ticket is a thermal ticket which is waterproof and difficult to tear or crumple. He spoke about the environmental savings associated with this new system and how it will improve the working conditions for the Regulatory Officers.

Dave Henley, Senior Bylaw Officer, reported that the system is Blackberry based and prompt based for ease of use. He provided City Council with a live demonstration.

The following resolution was presented:

M.A. SIMMONS:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Administration regarding the New Parking Ticket Process, be received as information and filed
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mr. Ens and Mr. Henley be thanked for their presentation.

Absent: T.H. Wickersham

CARRIED

ACTION: City Treasurer, Regulatory Services

3.7 Ken Clarke, Concerned Citizen, re Installation of Rumble Strips in School and Playground Zones

Ken Clarke, Concerned Citizen, questioned whether everything has been done to ensure the safety of children in school and playground zones. He proposed the installation of rumble strips at the entrances to the zones. Mr. Clarke reported that research indicates that slower speeds provide drivers a larger viewing field and greater time to react. He advised that some people speed because they intentionally ignore posted signs while others are unaware of entering a zone due to distraction. Rumble strips would address the later by providing a means to get their attention.

The following resolution was presented:

S.G. WARD:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the communication from Ken Clarke, Concerned Citizen, requesting the installation of rumble strips at the beginning of school and playground zones, be received as information and filed

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

PRIOR TO A VOTE BEING CALLED ON THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION, THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT WAS PRESENTED:

B.A. LACEY:

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this matter be referred to the Administration to further research the issue and report back to City Council in two months.

VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT:

For: R.K. Tarleck
     B.A. Lacey
     R.K. Parker
     M.A. Simmons

Opposed: J.H. Carlson
          K.E. Tratch
          S.G. Ward
          T.H. Wickersham

DEFEATED
PRESENTATION: (continued)

A VOTE WAS CALLED ON THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED:

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ACTION: Infrastructure Services

3.8 Alvin Reinhard Fritz, Fritz Architect Inc., re Reimbursement of Business License and Tipping Fees for 1225 – 6 Avenue South (Gary Boivin House)

Alvin Reinhard Fritz, Fritz Architect Inc., advised ON the “Love Lethbridge” organization currently involved in the construction of the Gary Boivin residence. Mr. Fritz provided information of the Boivin family and the hardships they have endured. He advised that renovation of the home was not an option because of the condition. He provided a presentation showing the residence prior to demolition, the demolition process, construction to date, site plan drawings and a picture of the completed home.

Mr. Fritz advised that many firms have incurred expenses to assist with this project and requested that the City partner with them.

The following resolution was presented:

R.K. PARKER:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the communication from Alvin Reinhard Fritz, Fritz Architect Inc., requesting reimbursement of business license costs of $670.00 to K5 Concrete Company and tipping fees of $2,825.80 to C & V Excavating for work done on the Gary Boivin House (1225 – 6 Avenue South), be received as information and filed

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Business License Fee of $670.00 for 2010 be waived and $1,500 be contributed for tipping fee costs, with funding from contingencies

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

Opposed: J.H. Carlson
B.A. Lacey

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ACTION: City Treasurer, Regulatory Services, Infrastructure Services

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PRESENTATION:  (continued)

3.9 Ken Ikle and Robert Babki, Spokespersons for Committee on Government Affairs, re Borrowing Bylaw 5625, To Enter into a Credit Facility with The National Bank of Canada, and Responses to Email Communications sent to City Council

Ken Ikle, Spokesperson for Committee on Government Affairs, expressed concern with the lack of responses from members of City Council to email inquiries. He also expressed concern with the agreement with the National Bank on the Asset Backed Commercial Paper (ABCP) investments and the terms of Bylaw 5625, To Enter into a Credit Facility with The National Bank of Canada.

PRIOR TO THE RESOLUTION BEING PRESENTED, Robert Babki, Spokesperson for Committee on Government Affairs requested time to present.

R.K. PARKER:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Robert Babki, Spokesperson for Committee on Government Affairs, be granted an additional five minutes for his presentation.

Opposed:  R.K. Tarleck

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Robert Babki, Spokesperson for Committee on Government Affairs, expressed concern with the confidentiality agreement with The National Bank, exactly what investments the City had and whether the ABCP investments were within the City of Lethbridge Investment Policy. He also questioned Bylaw 5625 regarding the borrowing of money for current operating expenses not occurring for two years.

The following resolution was presented:

K.E. TRATCH:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the communication from Ken Ikle and Robert Babki, Spokespersons for Committee on Government Affairs, regarding Borrowing Bylaw 5625, To Enter into a Credit Facility with The National Bank of Canada, and lack of response to email communications sent to City Council, be received as information and filed

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mr. Ikle and Mr. Babki be thanked for their presentation.

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ACTION:  City Treasurer, City Solicitor, City Clerk

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PRESENTATION: (continued)

3.10 Larry Elford, Citizen, re Investment Matters

Larry Elford, Citizen, asked questions about procedures for handling investments and public money at the City. He inquired about the names of the investments, the investments being permitted within the investment policy, the source of investment advice and proposed changes to the investment policy.

The following resolution was presented:

K.E. TRATCH:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the communication from Larry Elford, Citizen, regarding investments of the City of Lethbridge, be received as information and filed

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

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ACTION: City Treasurer, City Solicitor, City Clerk

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4. SUBMISSIONS:

4.1 Kathy Hopkins, Director of City Manager’s Office, re Funding for Sherring Picnic Shelter

T.H. WICKERSHAM:

WHEREAS a Community Adjustment Fund (CAF) program grant in the amount of $538,000 was awarded in November, 2009 for the construction of a new Picnic Shelter located in the North Lethbridge Sports Park

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from Samuel Conard, Engineering Planner, regarding the Picnic Shelter, be received as information and filed

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the amount of $1,162,000 to complete the entire scope of work for the North Lethbridge Sports Park Picnic Shelter project, be approved with funding from the Urban Parks Reserve.

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ACTION: City Treasurer, City Solicitor, Community Services
5. **OFFICIAL BUSINESS:**

6. **BYLAWS:**

   **R.K. PARKER:**
   
   THAT we do now adjourn until Monday, January 25, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.
   
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   Mayor                     Acting City Clerk