

III Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Winkler held Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011, commencing at 6:30 PM in the Winkler Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Martin Harder, Councillors Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter, Marvin Plett, Herb Dick, Don Friesen, Ken J. Wiebe, City Manager Dave Burgess and Tracy Friesen.

Media: Steve Sukkau - Winkler Times  
Peter Cantelon - The Voice  
Chris Sumner - CFAM/CKMW

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#### INVOCATION

Invoc. 36. Councillor Herb Dick read a passage about believing God can change you and help set goals for yourself. He then led in prayer.

#### ADOPT AGENDA

Agenda 37. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for this meeting of Council be adopted.  
CARRIED

B&P Session 38. Don Friesen, Herb Dick:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Special Council meeting of January 27, 28, and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 (2011 Budget and Planning Session) be adopted as circulated.  
CARRIED

Jan 25 min. 39. Ron Neisteter, Marvin Plett:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 25, 2011 be adopted as circulated.  
CARRIED

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Corres. 40. Received for information.  
GV School Division - Budget Consultation  
Manitoba Local Government - Assessment Information  
- Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting - The Mayor, Councillors Ken J. Wiebe, Henry Siemens & Ron Neisteter will attend.

#### DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

SERC 41. SERC - update on work of SERC - Chris Kalansky & Carol Wilkinson  
- Chris is appointed as the coordinator for SERC which includes Winkler, Morden & RM of Stanley.  
- Emergency preparedness and response for the 3 municipalities.  
- 2 essential roles are operating an Emergency Operations Centre and an Emergency Reception Centre.

- The set up of an EOC has been the focus for past 3 years, will now be focused on the reception centre.
- Training exercises every year in Winkler & Morden. Last spring held a tornado table top exercise.
- Objective is to understand each responder's capabilities and limitations and how each can respond to a potential situation.
- In case of a catastrophic breach of the Morden dam, there would be 3 feet of water in Morden in 45 min, 10 hours later 1 ½ feet of water would hit Winkler.
- Training exercise will be held in Winkler in the fall, because of the Red River situation it was pushed back from spring to fall.
- Challenge has been trying to maintain the volunteers' interest and up to date training because most situations they train for will occur once every 10 or 20 years.
- Morden Rec Centre is the primary emergency reception centre, it can hold 1000 people and has a large storage facility in the back of the centre.
- Back up reception centre is located in the Winkler Arena.
- Darren Driedger surveyed all the fuel suppliers in the region to see whether they had back up power, can manually pump fuel, and 24 hr emergency contacts. SERC now has a complete and detailed fuel plan.
- Authorities under the Emergency Measures Act - if something happens, discern what needs to be done, give a quick overview to council and pass the required resolution to exercise the emergency powers.
- Emergency Prevention Order is declared by the Mayor or quorum of council if a disaster may occur and there's time to react. Ability to control and limit traffic, enter buildings or land, etc.
- State of Local Emergency is declared by the Mayor or quorum of council if a disaster is occurring or has occurred. Authority to utilize equipment on any property, qualified persons to render aid, and evacuate people.
- Discussions between municipalities regarding 2011 spring flooding. Potential for mandatory evacuations, depending on the weather in the near future and calls may be put out for volunteers to be trained.
- What about accommodations? Depends on the number of evacuees, there are hotels locally and in Winnipeg. In a large scale evacuation, gyms would be opened and host families would be required. A lot depends on the weather and how the flood evolves.
- 2 priorities for Winkler - the need for backup generators for Police & Fire. They are 2 key emergency responding agents and have to be able to operate in case of emergency. Second priority is the need for early warning towers.
- Request was made to Environment Canada for a weather radio for the region and will most likely be getting approval after April 2011.

- Councillor Don Friesen has used a weather radio and thinks it is a great system, if a weather warning is coming in it automatically turns on to that station.
- Mayor Martin Harder commented that Trans Canada Pipeline asked about projects in Winkler and suggests putting in a proposal for a weather radio station.
- Carol Wilkinson presented on what a Public Information Officer is. If a disaster occurs, they handle all calls on the media line, rapidly release information to the public, answer questions and provide press releases to the news media.
- Public Information Officers are not the primary spokespersons in a crisis but help save time by answering questions and providing needed information.

**WASTE & RECYCLING**

42. Marvin Plett, Herb Dick:

SWAMP BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Solid Waste Area Management Project (SWAMP) meeting held January 26, 2011 be accepted as information.  
CARRIED

**HEALTH & WELFARE**

43. Don Friesen, Marvin Plett:

Funding BE IT RESOLVED THAT approval be given for the application for funding from the Parks Lighting Project (Province of Manitoba).  
CARRIED

**PLANNING**

44. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:

B/L 2023-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2023-11 be read a third and final time.  
CARRIED

45. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:

MSTW BE IT RESOLVED THAT MSTW Planning District financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2010 be received as information.  
CARRIED

46. Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter:

B/L 2024-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2024-11 be read a first time and processed under the Planning Act.  
CARRIED

47. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:

Plan. Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Planning Committee minutes of February 3, 2011 be received as information.  
CARRIED

**RECREATION & CULTURE**

48. Henry Siemens, Don Friesen:  
Golf Course BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Golf Course Board meeting minutes of January 27, 2011 be received for information.

CARRIED

49. Henry Siemens, Don Friesen:  
Golf FS BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winkler Centennial Golf Club unaudited financial statements of October 31, 2010 be received as information.

CARRIED

50. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:  
Rec Cmte BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Recreation Committee meeting of January 21, 2011 be accepted as information.

CARRIED

51. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:  
Rental Rates BE IT RESOLVED THAT 2011 Arena rental rates and Aquatic Centre rental rates be adopted as attached.

CARRIED

**FINANCE**

52. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:  
Arrears BE IT RESOLVED THAT water & sewer arrears be added to the 2010 tax roll as per attached list.

CARRIED

52. Don Friesen, Marvin Plett:  
Hometown BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the application to Hometown Manitoba for the 2011 Tree Planting Project.

CARRIED

53. Henry Siemens, Don Friesen:  
Accounts BE IT RESOLVED THAT accounts payable in the amount of \$391,959.90 as approved by the Finance Committee be approved for payment.

CARRIED

**OTHER BUSINESS**

54. Henry Siemens, Herb Dick:  
Workshop BE IT RESOLVED THAT approval be granted to cover registration and travel expenses for City Manager Dave Burgess to attend a human resources half day workshop.

CARRIED

**ADDITIONS**

55. Marvin Plett, Don Friesen:

Grant-in-Aid BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winkler make application to Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation for Grant-in-Aid funding (2011) for walkway/bike paths, microsurfacing and patching for Southview Drive at an estimated cost of \$186,000.00

CARRIED

**QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA/PUBLIC**

- Chris Sumner asked if the Community Centre plan draft from the Master Planning Session will be displayed at City Hall? Yes it will.
- Peter Cantelon asked if the Southview Drive Grant-in-Aid was an application for funding? Yes. Does it cover the whole cost? Grant-in-Aid will cover 25-30% of the cost.

**ADJOURN**

56. Herb Dick, Ron Neisteter:

Adjourn BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of Council be adjourned.

7:35pm

CARRIED

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Mayor Martin Harder

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City Manager Dave Burgess