

## Public Hearing

- The City is expected to pass a bylaw to establish a Business Improvement District Downtown. Public Notice went out at the end of February. Once again, council considered public representations concerning the matter at this meeting. Representatives from five businesses spoke in favour of the concept last night and downtown business owner, Derek Schmidt, noted a very small portion of businesses are opposed but the majority are in support. The bylaw did not receive three readings and therefore will be brought back to the next council meeting.

## Presentation

- Representatives from Living Faith Chapel and Ministerial Association officially invited the Mayor and Councillors to the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast to be held Saturday, April 13, 2013.

## Delegation

- Three students (from Sakewew, JPII and NBCHS) encouraged council involvement in "The Pink Revolution" to promote diversity, prevent bullying, and to make the world a safer place. Students from each high school are uniting once again to take a stand against bullying and invited Council to declare April 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> as Pink Revolution Anti-bullying Week. The students thanked Council for raising awareness around bullying, discrimination and homophobia. The City has declared "Day of Pink" for the past two years.

## Correspondence

- Regina Mayor, Michael Fougere, is encouraging municipalities from across Canada to participate in the Mayor's Poetry Challenge where a poet from each community reads a poem at the start of council meetings in March or April. It is in recognition of World Poetry Day and National Poetry Month. Mayor Hamilton accepted and a reading will take place at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of North Battleford City Council.
- Council received a letter from the board of the North Battleford Golf and Country Club, stating its position on implementing a user fee to recoup \$62,500.00 for the City. The board appreciated a meeting with the City Manager, Director of Finance,

Mayor, and Councillor Don Buglas to discuss the matter. The letter states NBGCC has already passed its budget and is unable to implement a fee for 2013 but willing to work on a plan for 2014.

## Proclamations

- Mayor Ian Hamilton proclaimed April 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> as Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

## Inquiries

- Councillor Ray Fox attended a three day Partnering in Hope Community Workshop at WDM which covered victim services and bullying issues – among many other topics. Fox was the emcee and host.
- Councillor Greg Lightfoot requested snow removal from the parking lot at the Don Ross Centre so patrons can park during the upcoming Svoboda Dance Festival. Director of Public Works and Engineering, Stewart Schafer, said he will look into getting crews to that location. Lightfoot along with Mayor Hamilton and Councillor Richardson commended all crews involved with the snow clearing and action during/after the storm last week.
- Councillor Cathy Richardson appreciates the reflective pylons along Territorial Drive near the Alliance Church in places where the pavement is uneven between the shoulder and roadway. She inquired as to whether the City utilizes snow fences and recommended one be installed along 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Riverview next winter.
- Councillor Ryan Bater asked what the purpose of the pedway connecting the NATIONSWEST Field House and Northland Power Curling Centre is if it is not always open. Director of Parks and Recreation, Keith Anderson, explained the two facility managers are currently working out a plan (hours of operation, etc).

## Reports

- RCMP statistical data for February (attached).
- North Battleford Fire Department statistics for February: nine motor vehicle accidents, five cooking incidents, six false fire alarms, two carbon monoxide incidents (with CO levels detected), one fuel spill.
- Bylaw Enforcement is looking at ways to collect on unpaid parking tickets under Bylaw No. 1946. It allows the Special Constables to tow and impound vehicles that

have several unpaid parking tickets. The department is also reviewing bylaws around snowmobiling and all terrain vehicle use as well as bylaws regarding hunting, shooting and trapping (all of which need updating).

- Building Inspector, Jerry Wintonyk, presented February building permit numbers. Six were issued, valuing \$5,150,600.00. During the same period in 2012, 11 were issued, valuing \$1,072,400.00.
- Three new tennis courts will be constructed on the west side of the Civic Centre, north of the Skate Park. The tender has been awarded to G & C Asphalt with the courts to be completed by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 (weather permitting). The courts replace the ones situated on land where Caleb Construction is currently constructing a senior housing project.

## New Business

- Pending Saskatchewan Municipal Board approval, pavement overlay will commence on 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 93<sup>rd</sup> Street to Walker Drive (Local Improvement) and sub grade, sub base, base and pavement on Pioneer Avenue from Battleford Road to 114<sup>th</sup> Street , both as 2013 Local Improvements.

## Bylaws

Three Bylaws were introduced with all to be brought back to next meeting of Council for final reading.

- Bylaw No. 1952 (Establishing a Business Improvement District)
- Bylaw No. 1953 (Amend Waterworks Bylaw No. 1706) - setting water rates
- Bylaw No. 1954 (Amend Sewerage Bylaw No. 1707) - setting sewerage rates

Absent Councillor: Trent Houk

The next meeting of City Council is on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

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