

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING NO. 3/20

Minutes of Special Council Meeting No. 3/20 held Thursday, June 25, 2020, Council Chambers, City Hall, commencing at 5:15 p.m. Meeting was conducted via electronic means. Present in Council Chambers was the City Manager, City Clerk and Director of Leisure Services. All others participated via ZOOM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor: R. Bater
Councillors: K. Hawtin
G. Lightfoot
K. Lindgren
K. Steinborn
L. Taylor

MEMBER ABSENT: Councillor: D. Buglas

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: City Manager
City Clerk
Director of Corporate Services
Director of Finance
Director of Leisure Services
Director of Protective Services/Fire Chief

His Worship Mayor R. Bater in the Chair.

Preliminary financial impact due to COVID 19 report and discussion on SAMA starting the income approach assessment for Motels/Hotels – requested to be added to agenda.

AGENDA

7) BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda as presented for June 25, 2020, be approved, as amended.

Moved by Coun. K. Steinborn and G. Lightfoot,
CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES
Re: COVID 19 Re-Opening Plan for Facilities

8) BE IT RESOLVED that rental rates, not already locked in by contract, for City facilities, be increased by 8%, to offset the additional costs for cleaning/disinfecting/sanitizing and distancing per Sask. Public Health Orders, with the increase not applicable to outdoor sports

activity Associations, memberships or day-use rates, and only charged until the restrictions for cleaning/disinfecting/ sanitizing are relaxed or significantly reduced.

Moved by Coun. K. Lindgren and K. Steinborn,
CARRIED.

9) BE IT RESOLVED that regarding the operations at the Chapel Gallery and Allen Sapp Gallery, the following be approved:

- that the Chapel Gallery remain closed for at least the remainder of the year;
- that local artist exhibits shown at the Chapel Gallery be housed in the lower area of the Allen Sapp Gallery;
- that the Chapel Gallery be made available for rentals and special events;
- that the Allen Sapp Gallery open to the public the week of July 13th as part of Phase 4.2, Part 1 of the Saskatchewan Re-Open Plan;
- that the Allen Sapp Gallery hours of operation remain consistent with previous summers, that being daily from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and
- that renters must maintain proper contact tracing information of all patrons visiting the facility and that any patron not willing to provide the contact tracing information not be allowed to enter the facility.

Moved by Coun. L. Taylor and K. Hawtin,
CARRIED.

10) BE IT RESOLVED that regarding the operations at the CUplex Battlefords CO-OP Aquatic Centre, the following be approved:

- that the facility re-opens as provincial restrictions allow, but not until a minimum gathering level of 75 people, inclusive of patrons and staff, is allowed and not prior to August 1, 2020;
- that operational hours be reduced to 5 days per week – Wednesday to Sunday – with a review of operational hours in the Fall;
- that facility activities be limited to public and lane swims, with a review of activities in the Fall;
- that the use of the showers and lockers be closed until an effective method be found to clean/sanitize/disinfect them and still meet operational needs;
- that patrons with memberships be provided booking privileges;
- that no user rate discounts be given during the COVID-19 restrictions; and

- that renters must maintain proper contact tracing information of all patrons visiting the facility and that any patron not willing to provide the contact tracing information not be allowed to enter the facility.

Moved by Coun. K. Hawtin and G. Lightfoot,
CARRIED.

11) BE IT RESOLVED that regarding the operations at the CUplex NationsWEST Fieldhouse, the following be approved:

- that the facility re-opens as provincial restrictions allow, but not until a minimum gathering level of 75 people, inclusive of patrons and staff, is allowed and not prior to mid-September, 2020;
- that operational hours be reduced to 5 days per week – Wednesday to Sunday – with a review of operational hours in the Fall;
- that the middle lane of the track be closed to adhere to the 2 metre distancing requirement;
- that the use of the showers and lockers be closed until an effective method be found to clean/sanitize/disinfect them and still meet operational needs;
- that no user rate discounts be given during the COVID-19 restrictions; and
- that renters must maintain proper contact tracing information of all patrons visiting the facility and that any patron not willing to provide the contact tracing information not be allowed to enter the facility.

Moved by Coun. L. Taylor and K. Steinborn,
CARRIED.

12) BE IT RESOLVED that regarding the operations at the Don Ross Community Centre, the following be approved:

- that renters must maintain proper contact tracing information of all patrons visiting the facility and that any patron not willing to provide the contact tracing information not be allowed to enter the facility; and
- that the free Summer Playground Program be suspended this Summer due to COVID-19 restrictions and overall program costs.

Moved by Coun. K. Steinborn and L. Taylor,
CARRIED.

13) BE IT RESOLVED that regarding the operations at the Don Ross Arena, the following be approved:

- that the facility re-opens as provincial restrictions allow, with a minimum booking level of 50% of 2019 booking levels and not prior to October 1, 2020;
- that regular operational hours be scheduled: Monday to Friday – 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. and Saturday/Sunday – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.;
- that the use of the showers be prohibited to assist in the ability to meet COVID-19 cleaning and disinfecting restrictions;
- that no user rate discounts be given during the COVID-19 restrictions; and
- that renters must maintain proper contact tracing information of all patrons visiting the facility and that any patron not willing to provide the contact tracing information not be allowed to enter the facility.

Moved by Coun. G. Lightfoot and L. Taylor,
CARRIED.

14) BE IT RESOLVED that regarding the operations at the Civic Centre Arena, the following be approved:

- that the facility re-opens as provincial restrictions allow, with a minimum booking level of 50% of 2019 booking levels and not prior to August 15, 2020;
- that regular operational hours be scheduled: daily from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.;
- that the use of the showers be prohibited to assist in the ability to meet COVID-19 cleaning and disinfecting restrictions;
- that no user rate discounts be given during the COVID-19 restrictions with the exception of prior contract agreements; and
- that renters must maintain proper contact tracing information of all patrons visiting the facility and that any patron not willing to provide the contact tracing information not be allowed to enter the facility.

Moved by Coun. K. Steinborn and K. Lindgren,
CARRIED.

Re: Boys and Girls Club of the Battlefords Request for Summer Camp Funding

15) BE IT RESOLVED that a grant in the amount of \$27,000.00 be provided to the Boys & Girls Club of the Battlefords to facilitate two additional children's Summer Camps in the City, that the funds be re-allocated from existing Leisure Services operational budget funding, and that City facilities at both Centennial and Kinsmen Park be made available.

Moved by Coun. K. Lindgren and K. Hawtin,
CARRIED.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Re: Loan Interest Assistance Program for Commercial Properties

- 16) BE IT RESOLVED that a Loan Interest Assistance Program for Commercial Properties be developed per the criteria and regulations as outlined in the memorandum of the Director of Finance.

Moved by Coun. G. Lightfoot and L. Taylor,
CARRIED.

ADDITION

Re: COVID 19 Financial Impact Estimates to Date

- 17) BE IT RESOLVED that the report outlining the preliminary financial impact estimates due to COVID 19 on the City's revenues and expenditures be received.

Moved by Coun. K. Hawtin and K. Lindgren,
CARRIED.

Re: SAMA Commitment to Investigate Income Approach Assessment

- 18) BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor send a letter expressing Council's deep dissatisfaction with SAMA's lack of follow-up on beginning an investigation of the income approach assessment that was committed to Council on April 27, 2020, and further request that the work commence immediately.

Moved by Coun. L. Taylor and K. Hawtin,
CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

- 19) BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting do adjourn.

Moved by Coun. K. Hawtin,
CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK