#### **Committee of the Whole Meeting**

Tuesday, August 25, 2015 Emergency Services Building Meeting Room

Present Mayor Richard Ireland, Councillors Vonna Ireland, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Dwain

Wacko, Rico Damota, Brian Nesbitt

Absent Councillor Gilbert Wall

Also present Mark Fercho, Beryl Cahill, Kathleen Waxer, Yvonne McNabb, Marianne Garrah,

Nicole Veerman (Fitzhugh)

Call to Order The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Approval of Agenda MOTION by Councillor Arsenault that the agenda for today's committee meeting be approved as presented.

Carried

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Councillor Nesbitt that the minutes for the meeting of August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 be approved as presented.

Carried

Busking – AB Culture Days Council received a request from Marianne Garrah on behalf of IOTAD and Alberta Culture Days to allow busking during the Alberta Culture Days events on September 26 and 27, 2015. Ms. Garrah reported that, in previous years, the street entertainers have been paid through a government which is now not available this year. Council agreed to consider the request by way of notice of motion at the September 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 regular meeting. In the meantime, CAO Mark Fercho will conduct some research of others areas that allow busking.

Requests from IOTAD & JAG For waiver of lease fees for the new library Bldg..

Council received requests from both IOTAD and JAG for Council to waive the lease fees for their tenancy in the new library building for specific periods of time (IOTAD – one year; JAG – eight months). Culture & Recreation Director Yvonne McNabb provided a total potential loss of revenue at \$30,602, and stated that custodial costs would still need to be paid as this is done on contract \$50 per month per group; utilities would still need to be paid as these are on separate meters for each user group, the cost of which is unknown.

Council requested that both groups provide business plans. The requests will be presented at the September 1, 2015 regular meeting by way of notice of motion.

Business Arising from Minutes

In response to a question from Councillor Nesbitt, Mayor Ireland advised that the Tour of Alberta road closures have been advertised.

Strategic Plan 2ns quarter Councillors were advised that the most recent updates to the Strategic Plan are currently on the Municipality's website as a separate document to today's agenda package. Paper copies will also be provided to councillors.

CAO Mark Fercho suggested that Council might consider cancelling the September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015 committee meeting in order to use the day for reviewing and refining the Strategic Plan at the mid-point in their election term.

A request for waiver of notice and decision on cancelling the Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> committee meeting will be presented to Council on September 1<sup>st</sup> at its regular meeting.

### Legion Tax and Utilities status

The CAO provided a brief verbal update on the status of the Legion's taxes. Mr. Fercho advised that there not been any definitive answer from the Province. Mr. Fercho will prepare a letter to the province from the Mayor, requesting as much information as possible on the Legion's tax status.

## CFS Collaborative changes

CFS Director Kathleen Waxer updated Council on proposed changes to the CFS Board structure. Attempts are being made to get away from the round table set up and, instead, to utilize more of a facilitated session. Mrs. Waxer also reported that she will be meeting with the Minister of Human Services regarding the need to have more services at the community level. A request for notice will be presented at the September 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 regular meeting.

#### **Council Reports**

Some discussion took place on the suggestion of having a summer break from meetings. This will be an item for the Organizational meeting agenda on October 27<sup>th</sup>, when Council sets its meeting dates for the coming year.

Mayor Ireland reported on the recent BBQ which Council hosted for the Cavell Nurses Trust on August 24<sup>th</sup> at the Legion. Mayor Ireland feels that the Trust is a worthwhile, charitable cause and encouraged councillors to keep in touch with the group.

Deputy Mayor Wacko encouraged councillors to attend the upcoming Chamber dinner on September 15<sup>th</sup> when Joe Couture will be honoured for his outstanding public service to the province and to the Jasper community.

## Committee moves in camera

MOTION by Councillor Nesbitt that the committee move in camera at 10:55 am in order to discuss a FOIP matter.

Carried

# Committee reverts to open meeting

MOTION by Councillor Nesbitt that the committee revert to open meeting at 11:19 am.

Carried

#### Adjournment

MOTION by Councillor Nesbitt that, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 11:20 a.m. Carried