

**TOWN OF VIRDEN
COUNCIL MEETING**

TIME: MARCH 17, 2009 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS VIRDEN, MB
**PRESENT: DEPUTY MAYOR JOHNSON, COUNCILLORS
CHACUN, MCCONNELL, SCHNEIDER, WARKENTIN,
AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAMS**
REGRETS: MAYOR DUNNING, COUNCILLOR POTTER

MINUTES

MOVED BY WARKENTIN, SECONDED BY SCHNEIDER, THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council and the Public Hearing, both held on March 3, 2009, be approved as posted and distributed.

CARRIED
5 – 0

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED BY CHACUN, SECONDED BY SCHNEIDER, THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED
5 – 0

RCMP REPORT

MOVED BY MCCONNELL, SECONDED BY WARKENTIN, THAT the RCMP report for the month of February as presented by Constable Morissette be approved.

CARRIED
5 – 0

NEPTUNE SOFTWARE SUPPORT CONTRACT

MOVED BY MCCONNELL, SECONDED BY SCHNEIDER, THAT the Town of Virden enter into a one year software maintenance support contract with Neptune Technology Group (Canada) Ltd. at a cost of \$2,912.00 including taxes.

CARRIED
5 – 0

NEPTUNE METER READING COURSE

MOVED BY MCCONNELL, SECONDED BY CHACUN, THAT the Manager of Finance and Administration and the Waterworks Foreman be authorized to attend the Neptune Meter Reading Course in Saskatoon on April 22, 2009 at a cost of \$250.00 each, plus applicable taxes and expenses per policy.

CARRIED
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2010 OLYMPIC TORCH RUN MEETING

MOVED BY SCHNEIDER, SECONDED BY MCCONNELL, THAT Mayor Dunning, the Manager of Recreation Facilities Operations and the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to attend the 2010 Olympic Torch Run Informational Meeting to be held in Minnedosa on April 14, 2009, with their expenses being paid.

CARRIED
5 – 0

RECOGNITION GIFT

MOVED BY SCHNEIDER, SECONDED BY WARKENTIN, THAT the Town of Virden purchase a small token of appreciation for Ken Ivey and Brenda Cameron for their work with Manitoba in Bloom.

CARRIED
5 – 0

NOVEMBER 2008 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MOVED BY MCCONNELL, SECONDED BY SCHNEIDER, THAT the Town of Virden Financial Statements for the Eleven Months Ended, November 30, 2008, be approved as presented.

CARRIED
5 – 0

PATCHING TENDERS

MOVED BY WARKENTIN, SECONDED BY SCHNEIDER, THAT Profile Paving be awarded the 2009 sidewalk tender.

CARRIED
5 – 0

2009 EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL TENDERS

MOVED BY WARKENTIN, SECONDED BY CHACUN, THAT the 2009 Equipment and Material Tender be awarded as follows:

- Fridd Trucking for the supply of a loader, tandem trucks, truck and trailers and pit run gravel;
- Sparks Sand and Gravel for the supply of a trackhoe, mini hoe, "A" base gravel, "C" base gravel and 1" screened traffic gravel.

CARRIED
5 - 0

RECREATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor Dunning entered the meeting via telephone.

MOVED BY MCCONNELL, SECONDED BY DUNNING, THAT based on the findings of the Recreation Steering Committee from the public consultations and the advice outlined by the project engineering team that the Town of Virden move to the design phase for a projected new regional multi-purpose recreation /cultural facility with a view to an early construction of the facility such that current infrastructure monies can be utilized, with the anticipated budget for design being between \$600,000.00 and \$750,000.00.

For the motion: Mayor Dunning, Councillors Chacun, Johnson, McConnell, Schneider and Warkentin
Against the motion: None

Mayor Dunning left the meeting.

AMM MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS SEMINAR

MOVED BY SCHNEIDER, SECONDED BY WARKENTIN, THAT all members of Council, the Chief Administrative Officer and the Manager of Finance and Administration be authorized to attend the AMM Municipal Officials Seminar April 15 and 16, 2009 in Brandon and further that all other Managers and Foreman be authorized to attend the trade show on April 15, 2009, with their expenses being paid.

CARRIED
5 - 0

BORROWING FOR CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES

MOVED BY MCCONNELL, SECONDED BY SCHNEIDER,

WHEREAS subsection 173(1) of the Municipal Act provides that a council may by resolution borrow money for operating expenditures during a fiscal year, but the amount borrowed must not exceed the amount collected in taxes and grants in lieu of taxes in the previous fiscal year;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Virden collected municipal taxes and grants in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$2,410,750.16 in the 2008 fiscal year;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Virden be authorized to borrow from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce such amounts not exceeding five hundred thousand (\$500,000.00) as are required by the municipality for operating purposes for 2009;

AND THAT if required, the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer shall be empowered to hypothecate and pledge, as security thereof, the taxes imposed and levied for the year 2009.

CARRIED
5 - 0

HOMETOWN MANITOBA GRANT APPLICATION – KENDERDINE SUBDIVISION PARK

MOVED BY CHACUN, SECONDED BY MCCONNELL, THAT that Town of Virden submit an application to Hometown Manitoba for funding for the Kenderdine Subdivision Park.

CARRIED
5 - 0

FINANCE

McConnell declared a conflict of interest in the payments of accounts with cheque 58334 to McNeill Harasymchuk McConnell by virtue of his employment with that firm.

MOVED BY WARKENTIN, SECONDED BY SCHNEIDER, THAT the finance be approved as follows:

Town of Virden	Cheque Nos.	58278 – 58279	
		58281 – 58309	
		58312 – 58332	
		58335 - 58360	\$98,593.45

Water Works	Cheque Nos.	21449 – 21486	\$11,442.57
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CARRIED
5 – 0

Councillor McConnell left the meeting without voting or entering into the discussion regarding the payment of cheque 58334.

MOVED BY WARKENTIN, SECONDED BY SCHNEIDER, THAT cheque number 58334 for the amount of \$87.15 be approved.

CARRIED
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Councillor McConnell returned to the meeting.

IN CAMERA SESSION

MOVED BY CHACUN, SECONDED BY MCCONNELL, THAT Council adjourn into an In Camera meeting of the Committee of the Whole to discuss the following:

- Planning Document Review
- Rec Facility Matters
- Appreciation Gift
- Personnel Matter
- Administration Staff Salaries Recommendations

MOVED BY MCCONNELL, SECONDED BY SCHNEIDER, THAT the meeting of Committee of the Whole be adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

CARRIED
5 – 0

ADMINISTRATION STAFF SALARIES

MOVED BY MCCONNELL, SECONDED BY WARKENTIN, THAT the administrative staff salaries as presented by the Chief Administrative Officer be approved with the recommended amendment to her salary.

CARRIED
5 – 0

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY SCHNEIDER, SECONDED BY WARKENTIN, THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:35 pm.

CARRIED
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DEPUTY MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER