



# MINUTES

Thursday August 13, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.  
Conference Room at the Town Office  
1907– 21 Avenue

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

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**MEMBERS:** Chairperson John Dozeman and Members Victor Czop (electronic participant) ,  
Members at Large Steve Staples and Mayor Jennifer Handley (ex-officio).

**OTHERS:** Neil Smith Chief Administrative Officer

### 1. CALL TO ORDER & ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

1.1 The meeting was called to order by Chair Dozeman at 3:00 pm.

#### RESOLUTION # 1 - 20/08/13 – 13 - Staples

IT WAS MOVED to accept the agenda for the August 13, 2020 Finance Committee meeting as distributed. CARRIED

### 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS & BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

2.1 Minutes of the last meeting of the January 13, 2020 Finance Committee were accepted at the Regular Meeting of Council held January 20th, 2020.

### 3. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

#### **3.1 Audit Services RFP – E**

*A discussion was held with respect to the desired involvement of the Committee and Council in the Request for Proposals as the Finance Committee had been involved in the last 2015 review.*

#### RECOMMENDATION # 1 - 20/08/13 – 13 – Handley

RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that the Chief Administrative Officer provide Council with a breakdown of the ultimate award decision with respect to the 'Audit Services' contract. CARRIED

#### **3.2 Stimulus Project Funding - E**

*Discussion was held with respect to the challenges of submitting a reasonable proposal to the Province for the use of the Municipal Stimulus Fund allocation by October 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 given the sum involved and the rules attached. Some ideas were also floated:*

- 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue sidewalk
- Arena projects
- Community Centre and other furnace/ HVAC needs.

*It was noted that a Request for Decision would be required at the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.*

**RECOMMENDATION # 2 - 20/08/13 – 13 – Staples**

RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that it budget for projects that do not exceed the allocation for the Municipal Stimulus Program in 2021 AND FURTHER THAT multiple smaller projects be alternately considered if eligible . CARRIED

**3.3 Asset Management Update – E**

The following topics were discussed within the item:

- The need to move away from the costly Citywide platform;
- The imminent cohort Asset Management training/ facilitation event from AUMA.
- The high likelihood that administration will be directed to reduce or eliminate the Citywide cost centre for 2021 even if a long term solution cannot presently be sourced.

**3.4 Fees & Rates Bylaw Review 2020 discussion - E**

The following topics were discussed:

- The only debate in utilities likely being whether a new “Year 5” is added to the schedule;
- The focus on recreation fee levels and their fairness/ cost recovery effectiveness around COVID adaptation and the Local/ Non-Local user dimension;
- Pursuing a dependable capital stream for building a reserve independently of external funds;
- The need to update cemetery fees and rates (separate bylaw).

It was noted that a Request for Decision with a draft schedule would be required at the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and that a further committee meeting would be necessary.

**4. REPORTS / AGENDA BUILDING:**

The next meeting was set at August 26<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm (Committee Room).

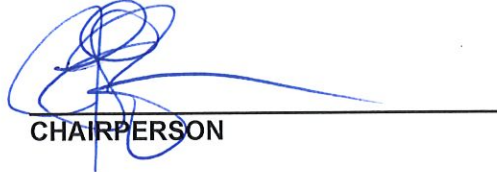
**5. ADJOURNMENT:**

**RESOLUTION # 2 - 20/01/13 – 13 - Handley**

Moved to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting at 5:24 pm

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 CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL

  
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 CHAIRPERSON

  
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 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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These minutes accepted and signed this 8th day of September, 2020.



