

→ 1:30 P.M. - Tues
 → 7:30 - Thurs
 A G E N D A

2:30 - Police
 \$11,000 \$18,800

For meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chambers, Monday, March 9/53 at 7:30p.m.

PRESENT:

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 23, 1953.
2. Delegations:
 - 1. Red Deer Auto Court Re Trailer Camp. - See Letter #1 Page 1. Resolution
 - 2. Presbyterian Church - See Letter #2 Page 5. agree to sell land.

3. Unfinished Business:

1. Resolution re Medical Treatment for Indigents - Red Deer Medical Ass'n.
2. Report on M.B.M. Lawson - tabled from last meeting.
3. Letter from Dr. Leboldus re dentures for J. Stenerson (Report Dr. Parsons).
4. Wing Wing - App. to purchase Lots 9 & S.23' of 10, Blk 12, Plan K.
5. Merry Motors Ltd. - Re: above.

4. Correspondence:

1. Red Deer Board of Trade Re: 1953 Budget.
2. Benevolent & P.O. of Elks Re: Artificial Ice for Arena.
3. Canadian Council of the Blind Re: Resolution to Government - Means Test for the Blind, and increase in rate.
4. R.D. School Division #35 Re: Landscaping of Memorial Centre.
5. R.C.M.P., Edmonton Re: Policing City of Red Deer.
6. Dept. of Lands and Forests Re: Gravel lease. - Red Deer River.
7. R.D. Recreation Commission Re: Artificial Ice for Arena.
8. City Electrician Re: Inspections in City.
9. Northwestern Utilities Ltd. Re: By-law No. 1708-closing of pt. 56 St.
10. Dr. Ross Walton Re: "
11. By-laws: 12. Nolan, Chambers, Might, Saucier, et al. Re: Stewart Petroleums Ltd.

1. No. 1708 - cancellation of part of 56 St. - 2nd and 3rd readings.
2. No. 1714 - Amendment to Cemetery by-law - 3 readings.
3. No. 1715 - Agreement with C.N.R. Telegraphs - 3 readings.
4. No. 1716 - Transfer by-law - 3 readings.
5. No. 1717 - Agreements for land sale as follows: 3 readings.

Name	Lot	Block	Plan	Purch. Price	Floor Area
Atlas Lumber Co.	2	2	438OH.W.	\$1,730.00	\$3,000. warehouse
Mr. and Mrs. John Roth	14	2	2171HW	222.00	600 sq. ft.
R.D. Investments	5-6	1	7297BH	210.00	400 "
"	7-8	1	7297BH	210.00	"
"	9-10	1	7297BH	210.00	"
"	11-12	1	7297BH	210.00	"

6. Reports:

1. Report by Ald. Johnstone re Housing.
2. Purchase of Public Works Equipment. - Commissioners.
3. Report of the Fire Department for the month of February, 1953.

4. Report of Child Welfare Officer for the month of February, 1953.
5. Minutes of Recreation Commission meeting of March 2, 1953.
6. Report of Recreation Commission for the month of February, 1953.
7. Report of Civil Defence Director re Conference in Ottawa on Emergency Feeding.
8. Milk Test reports for February.
9. Report on Land Assessment and land sales policy.
10. Progress report on Land Sales - City Assessor.

7. New Business:

1. Bettenson Cartage are interested in purchasing parcels E and F, Plan _____ for the purpose of erecting thereon a gravel sorting and washing plant. Would like to have council's reaction.

Assessed values.

Parcel E - 2.49 acres - \$375.00
Parcel F - 1.26 " - 185.00 G.A.N.

2. Payment of accounts.

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areas to city to grow*

Hearing on rates

CORRESPONDENCE:

LETTER NO. 1-A

Knox Presbyterian Church,
March 6, 1953.

City Commissioner,
City of Red Deer.

Dear Sir:-

We would like to make application to meet with City Council of Red Deer on Monday night, March 9th in connection with information on church property. Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours very truly,

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
W.A. McLaren, Secretary.

Memo: Presbyterian Church is applying for 100 feet frontage x 200 feet deep on Ross St. adjacent to C.N.R. right-of-way which is now zoned as Park land. A vote of the proprietary electors is required before this can be rezoned. Negotiations are underway with C.N.R. to obtain a triangular portion of land in front of this property in addition to some other.

J.A.B.

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LETTER NO. 1

Red Deer Auto Court
Red Deer, Alta.,
March 3, 1953.

Mayor Paul Crawford and
Red Deer City Council.

Gentlemen:-

We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. G.A. Nechkin dated Feb. 24th in which he advises us of your action in dealing with our request concerning a Trailer Park. Our request was in effect, as follows:-

1. That the City of Red Deer improve a City Road which would facilitate trailers unto our property, if this was done satisfactorily we in turn would spend approximately \$10,000. to eliminate an ever increasing problem, which belongs more to the City of Red Deer than to us, that is, the attempt to accommodate Owners of Trailer Homes with totally inadequate facilities.

2. That if the City of Red Deer failed to do this, what consideration could be offered Red Deer Auto Court to eliminate this unhealthy condition.

Your conclusion gentlemen to charge us \$50.00 annually clearly indicates that the proverbial ostrich like approach must have been adopted for this situation, which, not only remains, but will, soon, have to be faced in some more tangible manner, by some authority.

The Red Deer Auto Court have given further consideration to this problem, and concluded, it also is not our problem, and accordingly we will not consider the expenditure of large amounts required for this development justified. To protect ourselves we have no alternative but to notify our 23 Trailer Home tenants to vacate at the end of March.

Trusting you will appreciate that our offer was in the public interest to big extent, and apologizing for taking up your valuable time.

Yours very truly,

G. Les Strange, Manager,
Red Deer Auto Court.

MEMO:

Cost of improving roadway - Approximately \$600. Lease was offered on land in question for \$50. per year at Feb. 23rd meeting of the Council.

Some eviction notices have been issued already and a delegation will be appearing before Council on Monday to ask where they can move the trailers or what can be done to improve the present situation. J.A.B.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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LETTER NO. 2

Board of Trade,
Feb. 27, 1953.

City of Red Deer,
Red Deer.

Dear Sirs:-

In giving due consideration to our planned activities for the year 1953, our Council is requesting that our budget is basically made up as follows:

<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Funds Available</u>	
Printing	\$150.	Bal. in bank	\$600.
Sec. Salary	300.	Membership dues	
Memberships	150.	(Est.)	2500.
Entertainment, Banquet	800.	Deficit	<u>500.</u>
Trophies, prizes, presentations	300.		3,600.
Donations	200.		
Advertising	500.		
Delegates expenses	100.		
Sign project	750.		
Sundry expenses	<u>150.</u>		
	3,600.		

The sign project concerns placing suitable signs on the north and south approaches to our city giving a lot of information.

We are expecting to entertain a Motorcade of the National Convention Members of Canadian Chambers of Commerce in Edmonton as one of the major items on the expense side

Thanking you for your considerations.

Yours truly,
Red Deer Board of Trade,
A.A. MacDonald, President.

LETTER NO. 3

B.P.O. Elks,
Feb. 23, 1953.

Red Deer City Council,
Red Deer.

Gentlemen:-

The members of this Order have asked me to express their appreciation and gratitude for the measure in which you have planned and located the new Red Deer Arena. We know that your commitments to the city are many and costly, but we feel that a very fitting completion to this project would be the installation of an artificial ice plant in the arena. We are hoping to realize this event in the not too distant future.

Yours sincerely,
L.A. Northey, Rec. Sec.

LETTER NO. 4

Canadian Council of the Blind,
1605-Centre St. N., Calgary
Feb. 24, 1953.

City Clerk,
City of Red Deer.

Dear Sir:-

On January 14, 1953 a Brief was presented to the Hon. Paul Martin, Minister of National Health and Welfare, dealing with two requests for improved welfare for the blind sponsored by the Canadian Council of the Blind and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

It would be deeply appreciated if the Red Deer City Council would indicate their support by endorsing the enclosed resolution and forwarding copies to the Provincial and National Ministers of Health and Welfare.

Respectfully yours,
W.H. Phillips, Chairman,
Alberta Division of the
Canadian Council of the Blind.

(See next page for resolution)

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the greatest need of the blind is encouragement reinforced by a basic disability handicap allowance to afford a reasonable degree of security capable of being supplemented where possible by earnings to a level enjoyed by most citizens of Canada, and

WHEREAS the Means Test as it is now applied to the payment of Blindness Allowance acts as a deterrent to the efforts of many blind Canadians to become self-supporting, and

WHEREAS the present rate of Blindness Allowance of \$40.00 per month is inadequate for those whose physical condition is such that they are unable to contribute to their own support, therefore be it

RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Means Test be eliminated with respect to Blindness Allowance.
2. The Blindness Allowance rate be increased to \$50.00 a month.

LETTER NO. 5

Red Deer School Division #35,
February 24, 1953.

The Council,
City of Red Deer.

Gentlemen:-

Re: Red Deer Memorial Centre Landscaping

The above item has been discussed by the Divisional Board and I have been instructed to forward the following suggestion for your consideration:-

"That the Red Deer School Division #35 meet 50% of the initial outlay required for landscaping around the Memorial Centre and that the City of Red Deer be given full charge and responsibility of the care and maintenance of same."

The original understanding was that the Division subscribe an amount equal to 25% of the initial outlay and attend to the care and maintenance of the landscaping. However the Board has given this greater thought and feel that the above suggestion would be more satisfactory as the school closes down during the summer months when ground caretaking is required and it is felt that the grounds would be neglected when a beautiful sowing of flowers and lawn could be provided.

Please advise as to your decision on this matter.

Respectfully yours,

J.E. Parton,

Secretary-Treasurer.

MEMO:

Initial cost - Labour: 2 hrs. per week for 4 men. 55.00
Annual cost - Labour: 2 days per week for 6 months 480.00 per year.
Materials 30.
565.00 per year. J.A.B.

LETTER NO. 6

R.C.M.P., Edmonton,
February 6, 1953.

Asst. City Commissioner,
City of Red Deer.

Dear Sir:-

Re: The Policing of the City of Red Deer
by R.C.M.P.

I acknowledge with thanks your letter of February 5th and I am very glad to note that the services of our Force have been satisfactory.

I have a report from the Officer Commanding, Red Deer in which he draws attention to the increase in population in Red Deer and suggests that two additional men should be detailed for City police work. I understand that this has already been discussed with you by Sgt. Johns.

The present contract is for 7 men, the last increase being at your request in December, 1951. The population of the City is now stated to be in excess of 8100.

Would you please be good enough to advise me if the City is prepared to contract for an additional two men on and from the 1st of April next, at the new rate of \$2000. per man? Would you also advise me if the City wishes to renew the Contract for a period of either one or two years?

Yours truly,

F.A. Regan, Supt. for O.C. "K" Div.

MEMO:

Request is based on one per thousand. Paying for 7 but only actually using 6 for general policing. Should have 2 men per shift plus relief men. - 8. We are not paying for other services, N.C.O. in charge of the city detail, now C.I.B. man, or identification (finger printing, etc.) Also paying for only one car and during break-downs use another one of the outside detachments.

(over for remainder of memo).

Memo continued: Re: Enforcement of Parking

RCMP doesn't like this work but thinks it is the best method under circumstances. Any parking prosecutions in court would have to be the responsibility of RCMP. Cost - City Office would have a great deal of difficulty and cause the city administration a lot of trouble. J.A.B.

LETTER NO. 7

Director of Lands,
Dept. of Lands and Forests,
Edmonton, Alta.
Feb. 23, 1953.

J.A. Beveridge,
Asst. City Commissioner.

Dear Sir:- Re: Bed of Red Deer River in the NE¹ 17 and Sec. 20, 21 and 28-38-27-W4 left of the center line of the river.

In reply to your letter of the 18 instant I wish to advise that a reservation has been placed against the sand and gravel on the above described areas, on behalf of the City of Red Deer. This reservation is placed in our records on the understanding that at the end of each year the City of Red Deer will furnish this department with returns accounting for all sand and gravel removed from the area and the disposition made of same.

If the sand and gravel removed from these areas is removed for public works no royalty will be payable but if any of the sand and gravel is used for other purposes there will be royalty of 10¢ per cu. yd. payable on all gravel used for other purposes.

Yours truly,
D.S. Lawson,
For: V.A. Wood,
Director of Lands.

LETTER NO. 8

Recreation Commission,
March 3, 1953.

Mayor and Council,
City of Red Deer.

Gentlemen:-

The matter of installation of artificial ice in the Red Deer arena was discussed at some length at the March meeting of the Recreation Commission.

It was the unanimous feeling of the members present that steps should be taken re installation of artificial ice in the arena and further that if space is available for building of curling rink that consideration be given to installation of plant sufficiently large to handle both skating and curling rinks.

The above is for your consideration.

Yours truly,
C. Jarvis Miller,
Secretary.

LETTER NO. 9

City Electrician,
March 4, 1953.

Mayor and Council,
City of Red Deer.

Gentlemen:-

In view of the increasing amount of work in the E.L. and P. Dept., I suggest that this is the time to complete negotiations with the Prov. Electrical Inspection Branch to take over wiring inspections in the City of Red Deer. This action should eliminate the necessity of increasing the staff of the department for at least several years. If this is not done it is reasonable to expect that the staff will have to be increased in the very near future, possibly this next summer, as other work is on the agenda which will keep the department very busy for this year.

I believe we should begin negotiations as soon as possible in order that they might be completed by the first of May of this year at the latest. Your instructions would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
O.C. Mills, City Electrician.

MEMO:

Considering the rising costs of civic services, it would appear good business to request the Prov. Gov't. to undertake electrical inspections within the City. Commissioners.

LETTER NO. 10

Northwestern Utilities Ltd.
Edmonton, March 5, 1953.

Mr. Geo. Nechkin,
City Clerk,
Red Deer.

Dear Sir:-

Re: By-law 1708

We are enclosing a plan showing the location of our gas pipe line on that portion of Stevenson Street (56 Street) affected by the by-law.

We request that the Council grant us an easement 20 feet in width across the portion of the street affected and in the location shown on the plan. The width of 20 feet is requested because of the possibility of a second gas line being necessary in this location due to the growth of the City.

Yours very truly,

R.F. Allan, Plan Supervisor.

LETTER NO. 11

Dr. R. Walton, March 5, 1953.

Red Deer City Council,
Red Deer, Alta.

Gentlemen:-

Re: Proposed by-law 1708

We the undersigned would like to point out to you that if you close this portion of 56 St. you will be closing the only street that could be used to gain access to our property. This will only leave us the alley which we are now using which extends, from the corner of 51 Ave. and 56 St. south to 55 St. We will agree to the closing of this portion of 56 St. under the following conditions:

1. That the alley above referred to be graded and gravelled to its full 26 feet wide.(it is now 18 feet).

2. That drainage be provided to carry away the run-off water.

3. That visibility be improved where this alley joins 55 St. At present when entering 55 St. from this alley visibility is very poor and is an accident menace as it is hard to see particularly to the east.

4. That the portion of 51 Ave. south of the river be graded, gravelled and ditched.

5. That this improved grade then be maintained regularly the same as other streets in the city.

6. That this work be done as soon as weather conditions will permit.

We will be at the council meeting on March 9th to discuss this with you.

Yours truly,

R. Walton, and W.A. Thomas.

MEMO:These letters from Dr. R. Walton and Northwestern Utilities are in connection with the closing of 56 St. beside the P & H elevator. This land was included in the negotiations with Lion Oils on Block B but it was not until last summer that the surveyor was told to proceed with closure. In actual fact, the City negotiated with some land it did not own. Not to proceed with the closure would simply make a confused situation more confused. J.A.B.

LETTER NO. 12

Nolan, Chambers, Micht, Saucier, et al.
Calgary, March 2, 1953.

Mayor of Red Deer,
Red Deer, Alta.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Lots 16 and 18, Blk 30, Plan 7604S and Stewart
Petroleums Ltd. Our file: 26336-RGB

We are solicitors for Stewart Petroleums Ltd. and in that regard we refer you to the recent interview between yourself and Brig. C.D. McCarthy, President of Stewart Petroleums Ltd. and to the letter dated Sept. 26, 1952 from the Asst. City Commissioner of your City to Mr. S.W. Pepper, Mgr. of Stewart Pets. Ltd.

Our client now wishes to complete title to the lands above mentioned, as it is in a position to dispose of the same. We would be pleased, therefore, to receive from your City necessary documents of transfer at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

Robert G. Black.

MEMO:

Our solicitors, Kirby and Murphy, examined the situation with respect to the above land for a second time and came to the following conclusions:

The City can foreclose under the Judicature Act but it will be a lengthy and involved procedure. Further, their opinion is that the Courts will not rule that Stewart Petroleums Ltd. should forfeit in excess of \$15,000. It is suggested the City permit Stewart Petroleums sell the block subject to the City's zoning, building regulations, etc. This could be extended to generally include Council's approval.
J.A.B.

Red Deer, Alberta,
March 7th, 1953.

TO: The City Commissioners
City Hall,
RED DEER, Alberta.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Interim Report - Housing

Since date of last report, we have seen the Hon. Mr. A. J. Hooke, Edmonton, Mr. E. R. Hoover of C. M. & H. C. Southern Alberta and some contractors all on housing and/or land assembly.

We still have some things to put together before being in a position to make a full report. However, we can make this interim statement.

Our city is short of homes in the normal or low rental range and we therefore suggest that our Commissioners investigate the possibilities there might be in having more homes available for use and suggest in particular enquiries into what possibilities there would be available under Section 9 of the N. H. A. Meantime our committee will continue its inquiries.

Yours very truly,

E. A. Johnstone
For Council - Housing Committee.

PURCHASE OF $\frac{3}{4}$ Yd. Dragline and $\frac{3}{8}$ yd. Truck
Mounted Backhoe

Equipment rentals for the two machines, it is proposed to purchase were \$19,803. in 1952.

Total Machine Days Worked

$\frac{3}{4}$ Yd. machine - \$12,900. = 1122 hours @ 11.50/hr. = 140 days.

$\frac{3}{8}$ yd. machine - \$6,903 = 767 hours @ \$9.00/hr. = 96 days
TOTAL 19,803.

10-B Machine 722 hours = 90 days
TOTAL 326 days

Note: Hours worked by 10-B: 1951 - 1143; 1950 - 1578.

Estimated Saving

(a) City Engineer of Edmonton stated their cost is \$7.-\$8./ hour for City owned $\frac{3}{4}$ yd. machines. Under the assumption, if we purchased a machine the annual saving on the $\frac{3}{4}$ yd. would be:

1122 hrs. @ (\$11.50-\$8.00) = \$3,927.

(b) Approximate cost of operating 10-B:

	<u>Materials</u>	<u>Labour</u>
Operation 1100 hrs. @ 1.60/hr.		1,760.
Supplies	750.	
Maintenance	1,318.33	1,105.78
Depreciation (annual)		
(\$11,086. + \$3,360. - \$8,000.) $\times \frac{1}{5}$	1,289.	
Orig. cost motor		
	Total	6,223.
	Cost per hour	5.65
Estimated annual saving if we use our own machine -		
1100 hrs. : (\$900.-\$5.65)		\$3,685.

There should, however, be a saving of around \$7,600. realized by buying this machinery.

SUMMARY OF EQUIPMENT

$\frac{3}{8}$ Yd. machines - backhoe only.

(will need dragline next winter)

P & H is considered to be the best machine for our needs.

Unmounted	\$10,305.
Mounted (used 3 ton tandem axle truck)	2,500.
	12,805.

Comment: Heavy, well-built machine with Chrysler Industrial Motor. All motor parts are obtainable from local Chrysler dealer. All other parts available from Ferguson Supply at short notice.

$\frac{3}{4}$ Yd. Machines - backhoe only. Can buy shovel attachment by means of rental purchase at \$500./month. Will not need shovel until a large amount of fill is required.

There are 3 good machines and selection should be made on basis of cost. (American Hoist has, however, a slight preference). Parts supply assured for all 3 machines.

Deisel engines required in the large machine.

	<u>Cost</u>
American Hoist - with backhoe and G.M.C. deisel	\$28,600.
P & H with backhoe and Caterpillar diesel (Composite \$39,455.)	29,640.
Bucyrus Erie - with backhoe and caterpillar diesel	28,880.

RECOMMENDATION:

Purchase $\frac{3}{4}$ yd. American
Purchase $\frac{3}{8}$ yd. P & H

Less trade-in	
Total	33,405.

May obtain 2% to $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ discount on above for cash payment.
Commissioners.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT - REPORT
FEBRUARY, 1953

March 2, 1953.

The Mayor and Council,
City of Red Deer.

Gentlemen:-

I wish to report that during the month of February, 1953 the Fire Department received no fire calls.

The Department held its regular Tuesday night practices with an average attendance of 14 members, the drop in the number of men attending practices is due to hockey games being played on Tuesday nights, besides have 6 men on duty at the Arena there is usually a few more that go to the games.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. N. Thomlison,
Fire Chief.

WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT

March 4, 1953.

The Mayor and Council,
City of Red Deer.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to submit my monthly report to you for February, 1953:

Feb. 1-2nd.	Letters and reports to Mrs. Hills Offices in Calgary & Edmonton.
Feb. 3	Mrs. Laidler in hospital.
Feb. 4	Lawyer Leatham (Office) re Dutch family.
Feb. 5	Mrs. Paull re her brother.
Feb. 6	Mrs. Laidler clothing for baby taken to her home.
Feb. 7	Mrs. Crothy, interview re her children who are being made wards of this province.
Feb. 9	Mrs. Crothy filling out papers at my home.
Feb. 10	Helen St. Germain, finishing up papers re her baby, re ward of this province.
Feb. 11	Mrs. Millett re clothing for her 12 children living at Sylvan Lake, husband left her.
Feb. 12	Mrs. McKinnon re her nephew.
Feb. 13	Mrs. Laidler re baby quilt and blankets.
Feb. 16	Mrs. McKee, Cochrane, re her daughter who is in trouble.
Feb. 17	Reports to Mrs. Hagen, Edmonton.
Feb. 18	Steve Smith (Indian" from Cranbrook, B.C. who is ill.
Feb. 19	Mrs. Hucal, domestic trouble, stayed here in my home all night.
Feb. 21	Checking hotels.
Feb. 23	Police and lawyer with Mrs. Hucal.
Feb. 24	Mrs. McKinnon re her nephew.
Feb. 25	Mr. and Mrs. Koples, R.M. House, re <u>her</u> son residing with the grandmother at Brownfield.
Feb. 26	Mrs. Norman van Dam re foster home.
Feb. 27	City Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Vera Russell,
Child Welfare Officer.

RECREATION COMMISSION - MINUTES
March 2, 1953.

Present were: Dr. Carter, H. Gilchrist, M. Steffanick, Mrs. Foster, R.B. Gish, Dr. Fleming, T. Cornett, Miss Olsen, R. Holmes, C.M. Ward, C.J. Miller.

Mayor Crawford, Dr. Parsons, H. Webb, C. Anderson, A. Goodacre and B. Woodrow were absent from the meeting.

Meeting opened at 8:10 p.m. with Dr. Carter presiding.
Minutes of previous meeting were adopted as read.

H. Gilchrist spoke to meeting re proposed change in site of outdoor rinks and stated that he hoped to have sketch of same ready for the next meeting.

Bob Gish spoke to the meeting re skiing and stated that Club was fortunate in having a qualified instructor and had paid up membership of about thirty.

Art Goodacre's resignation from the Commission was accepted with regret. Matter of replacement was left over until the next meeting.

Letter from Wilf Carter Shows was read to the meeting. It was decided to turn this over to Teen Town should they wish to sponsor such show.

Letter from Red Cross re water safety school in Red Deer was tabled for further information re same.

On motion of Cornett and Gish it was recommended that Recreation Director attend regional convention of National Recreation Association to be held in Great Falls, Montana, April 13, 14 and 15th.

Matter of hut on proposed rink site was tabled until further information is received re location of rink.

Resolution of Alberta Recreation Association re appointment of Director of Physical Education and Recreation for Province was approved by the meeting.

Meeting was unanimous in feeling that steps should be taken re installation of artificial ice in arena and further suggested that if space is available for building of curling rink that consideration be given to installation of plant sufficiently large to handle both skating and curling rinks. Motion of Holmes and Ward. Secretary was instructed to forward same to City Council.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

RECREATION COMMISSION - REPORT
FEBRUARY, 1953.

March 4/53.

Boxing:

Classes have been moved to Swimming Pool where it is possible for boys to have more than one work-out weekly. Attendance has jumped to 12-15 per session. Instructors would like to hold boxing card in Red Deer some time in April. This matter is now being looked into and prospects look bright for same.

Basketball:

Sixteen league and playoff games played during the month. In Men's Division Composite High and Ramblers won semi-final play from Olds and Stettler. Ramblers one game up on High School in league final. Lacombe High and Red Deer Ladies meet in finals of Ladies' Division. Attendance at games has improved somewhat but is still very disappointing.

High School teams start Provincial Playdowns first week in March. High School Tournament (Central Alberta) slated for the latter part of March.

Health and Recreation Classes:

Lila Bawtinheimer now in charge of these classes. Attendance has improved somewhat and is now averaging 15 per session - total of 240 for the month. Mild weather has cut into attendance considerably this winter.

Skating and Hockey:

Figure skating has proved very popular. Over 100 girls have registered for this class. Red Deer Skaters made very creditable showing in Rotary Carnival.

Speed skaters preparing for Provincial Meet in Red Deer, March 7th. 9 Red Deer entries for this. To date out-of-town entries received point to a very successful meet. (Over 100 at time of writing).

Mite and Pee Wee Leagues completed schedules by end of February - 8 games in each division; average of 12 players per team per game. Two games left to be played in Bantam schedule - 8 games played in the month. Warm weather has caused schedules to run away behind time as all games have to be played at night in order to be sure of ice.

Juveniles played 3 league games and ended on top of standing. Knocked from Provincial play by Drumheller in "home and Home" series.

Midgets played two exhibition games and two playoff games against Wetaskiwin - knocked from running by latter club.

Bantams won first round of Provincial Play by defeating Lacombe. Are now drawn against Vegreville in second round of play.

Six "2-11" games played at Arena during month of February. Schedule ends March 5 - considerable number of postponed games will have to be dropped from schedule due to lateness of season. Six of nine clubs enter playdowns and it is hoped to get these started the first part of March.

Monarchs completed schedule of 14 home and away games ending on top of league. Average home attendance of 1294 (this figure does not include attendance at two exhibition games and two play-off games played to date. Should Monarchs continue to win and have ice it is possible for them to have several more home playoff games. (Have won first rounds in league and Provincial playoffs).

Demands for ice remain very heavy and point to the need for another outdoor boarded rink. Warm weather has created a considerable headache in matter of running off scheduled events. In some cases it has been necessary to turn down requests of outside interests desiring to use the Arena due to uncertainty of ice conditions.

Two session of "Tot" skating in Arena. Only fair attendance as weather has made it impossible to schedule this as a regular event.

Skiing:

Successfully organized. To date have paid-up membership of 30. Have been very fortunate in obtaining fully qualified instructor. Club has operated under difficulties due to the unseasonable weather.

Miscellaneous:

Director attended Alberta Recreation Association meeting in Wetaskiwin on February 20 and 21st. (Report on this was given at March Commission Meeting).

Four meetings held in Commission office during the month.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Jarvis Miller,
Secretary.

Civil Defence, Emergency Feeding Conference, Ottawa, February 16-17-18, 1953

Chairman, Mr. R.P. Curry, Chief, Welfare Planning Board, Civil Defence

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MONDAY

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| 1. Introduction of members and opening address | Chairman |
| 2. Basic Civil Defence Organization | Col. W. Smith |
| 3. Civil Defence Operations and Control | Mr. J. Wallace |
| 4. Film - "The Atomic Bomb, its effects and how to meet them" (5 reels)
(Shown in the National Film Board Theatre, Bank St.) | |
| 5. Civil Defence Welfare Services Organization | Mr. S.J. Bailey |
| 6. General outline of Emergency Feeding, in Civil Defence | Dr. L.B. Pett |
| 7. Outside assistance | Mr. J. McKinnon |
| 8. Discussion | |

TUESDAY

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| 1. Duties of chiefs of Emergency Feeding-the Job to be done | Mr. J. McKinnon |
| 2. Consideration of specific aspects-organizational | (discussion) |
| 3. Special problems- (a) Supply; (b) Preparation; (c) Transport | |
| 4. The role of Emergency Feeding in Civil Defence Health Services | (discussion) |
| 5. Consideration of local training courses | (Discussion.) |

WEDNESDAY

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| 1. Consideration of the Federal Civil Defence Emergency Feeding Course. | |
| 2. Brief review of pamphlet covering improvisation of cooking units. | |
| 3. Cooking equipment that can be purchased or made. | |
| 4. The problem of pure water supply. | |
| 5. Sanitation. | |
| 6. Closing address | Chairman. |

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CIVIL DEFENCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

March 5, 1953.

The Mayor and Council, City of Red Deer,
The Reeve and Councillors, M.D. of Red Deer.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to submit my report on attending the Civil Defence Emergency Feeding Conference, held in Ottawa, on February 16th, 17th and 18th, 1953.

It was attended by Civil Defence personnel from the provinces, and by representatives from the Catering and Restaurant Ass'ns. There was also a representative from the United States, Mr. Edward Lefleur, Director of Civil Defence from Bismarck, North Dakota.

The Conference was held in the Jackson Building, which houses the Civil Defence Welfare Planning Board, Dept. of Health and Welfare. Looking over the building, noting the many signs, I was astonished at the extent to which research is being carried out, in all departments, including Emergency Feeding.

The Chairman, Mr. R.B. Curry, opened the meeting by outlining the reasons for Civil Defence planning. He stressed the tense, critical international situation, stating his belief that we should no longer think in terms of "cold" war, or "phoney" war, but realize that we are actually at war, and have no illusions about it.

Other speakers on the agenda represented the Technical Training School, and Welfare Planning, Dept. of Health and Welfare. Captain Howe, RCASC, Canadian Army, spoke on Emergency Feeding and Improvisation of Cooking Equipment.

From the agenda attached, it will be seen that we had a full 3 days, hearing addresses and discussing items of the agenda.

On the first day items 2 and 3 were included for the benefit of those not yet familiar with Basic Civil Defence Organization, Operations and Control.

The film shown us was made recently in England, and has just been received in Canada. It is expected that it will be made available to Provincial Film Libraries in the near future. It differs from American made films in that it is entirely free from "ballyhoo", and sensational statements. Voices used are well modulated ones, and pleasant to listen to; sound effects are restrained and music is in keeping with the theme of the film. It was shown in 5 reels, at the National Film Board Theatre, Bank Street.

Resuming our conference seats, the flow of Welfare Services was shown by charts and described by Mr. Bailey, Civil Defence Welfare Administration Officer. The City of Ottawa was taken as an example of planning to meet the effects of atomic bombing. Statistics and research data showed that out of a population of 208,000, with a bomb bursting at 2,000 feet above the city, 25,000 would be killed, 350,000 injured, and 105,000 would be homeless.

This represented an average problem in Emergency Feeding and Welfare Services in general.

The discussions which followed brought out such matters as pre-attack evacuation, of the target area, how it would affect production and be useful to the enemy, saving the expense of attacking. It was suggested that, in order to lessen the possible effects of the bombing, and reduce casualties, non-essential inhabitants could be withdrawn beforehand to the Mutual Aid and Reception Areas.

It was made clear that Planning Welfare services was a local responsibility. This is now axiomatic.

In his "General outline of Emergency Feeding", Dr. L.B. Pett, Chief of Nutrition Division, Dept. of Health and Welfare, stated that it was important to stress nutrition chiefly in the case of persons two years of age and under. Availability of food supplies, keeping open the normal channels of supply, were the chief requirements in Emergency Feeding. He thought that Emergency Feeding should not last more than 4 days (in an unsustained attack, RCL). He stressed that ample supplies of hot water should be available, for cleansing of utensils and preventing spread of bacteria.

There was considerable discussion on ways and means of cooking for large numbers of people, of suitable equipment, as well as food items. In a large city, obtaining sufficient equipment would be a very important matter. Supplies of all articles would have to be kept on hand, in readiness. It was pointed out that many articles could be made of paper; plates, cups, etc. but even these articles, required by thousands, would take up a great deal of storage space.

The matter of packaged and canned goods was discussed, and it was disclosed that owing to the restricted shelf life of some commodities, replacement would be necessary at frequent intervals. Some goods would last indefinitely under suitable conditions.

Containers for hot tea, coffee, cocoa, soup, stews, etc. came up for discussion, and various types were mentioned, some merely containers, others designed to keep contents hot over long periods.

Army designed containers have been found to be satisfactory, and these were suggested as suitable for Emergency Feeding in Civil Defence.

Under "outside assistance", the matter of obtaining the services of Hotel and Restaurant proprietors was discussed. It was realized that from these professions much valuable information and assistance would be forthcoming.

In this respect the contribution of Mr. Geo. Heckman, Pres. of Industrial Caterers Ltd. of Montreal, was most enlightening, if not helpful to smaller communities. He stated that Montreal covered 200 square miles, being about 10 miles by 20 miles in area. It had over 4,500 industries essential to the war effort. Because of its importance, and extreme vulnerability, it was believed likely that it would receive not one bomb, but several bombs. Because of this a very perilous situation exists in Montreal in respect to emergency feeding, as all food supplies, meat and groceries, come into, and are distributed from the city, from its warehouses and abbatoirs.

He pointed out that the Mutual Aid Areas also obtained their supplies from the City warehouses and abbatoirs, so that, in case of emergency, they would not be able to help much in the matter of supplies.

The water supply would probably be diminished, or rendered entirely unusable in a few minutes, by disruption of waterworks, breaking of pipes, and by radio-activity. Some local stockpiling would have to be done, he thought, as the city uses 500,000 qts. of milk, and 100,000 loaves of bread daily.

It was suggested that measures be taken to ensure that supplies went direct to Mutual Aid Areas, and to outlying parts of the city. This arrangement might be followed to advantage by other large cities, to reduce the possibility of total loss of food supplies by bombing.

The consensus of opinion was that, in Canada, emergency feeding requires a policy of redistribution of supplies, rather than stockpiling of supplies. Warehouse stocks would have to be maintained to full capacity.

Mr. McKinnon stated that if 400 bombers say, made a sneak attack on this continent, 53% might get through with mixed atomic and high explosive bombs. He asked us to cast our thoughts back to pioneer days when, Pa and Ma and the baby sick in bed, and other children sick, the neighbours came in to help Pa and Ma. The children were taken to other homes, and looked after. Mutual Aid was history repeating itself, in Civil Defence.

In considering local training courses in Emergency Feeding, it was suggested that cooks from hotels and restaurants might constitute the instructional staffs, and instruct local civil defence volunteers in cooking for large numbers. Instruction would stress plain, wholesome meals, making sandwiches, and improvised meals.

As an example of improvised cooking equipment, Captain Howe, RCASC, Canadian Army, showed and described the Soyer Stove. This is made from a 50/75 gallon steel drum. A rolled tin chimney is attached to one side, a hole is cut in the top to take a large (20/30 gal) stewpot. Steel bars pass from side to side to hold the stewpot in a suitable position. Other bars, lower down, hold the fire, if coal (or wood) is used. A fuel door, and draft door, are fitted to the stove, which can be made in a few hours by a metal worker. It is claimed to be a very useful and practical piece of equipment for emergency feeding. Gas or Propane can be used in it, where available.

Though no definite cut and dried plan for Emergency Feeding emerged from the conference, a copy of a plan used in an exercise in Civil Defence in England, was inserted in the folder given to each delegate, and the talks and discussions were productive of many suggestions and recommendations likely to be very useful to those planning for Civil Defence in Target and Mutual Aid Areas.

The Chairman, at all times, endeavoured to keep the discussion to the point, and encouraged all delegates to speak fully and freely on all topics.

I realize that, depending on notes hastily scribbled during the addresses and discussions, I have not, perhaps, done full justice to the speakers or to the topics discussed, but I left the conference room with the feeling that I had derived a great deal from it, much that would be useful to me in carrying out my duties as Director. Contacts and talks with other delegates gave me new slants on Civil Defence in general and Emergency Feeding in particular.

Respectfully submitted,
R.C. LISTER,
Director.

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ADDITIONAL AGENDA

RED DEER CURLING CLUB
4834 - 54 Street,
Red Deer, Alberta,
9th March, 1953.

Mayor Paul Crawford,
CITY OF RED DEER.

Your Worship,

The members of the Executive Committee of the Red Deer Curling Club are very interested in matter of having artificial ice installed at the Red Deer Arena and understand that the subject will be given full consideration at an early meeting of the City Council.

Apart from our feelings as members of the curling fraternity we feel that it would be in the best interests of the City to have artificial ice installed as soon as possible. From our own point of view we would like, when it is decided to take the necessary action, to have an opportunity to discuss with council the idea of making provisions to service several sheets of curling ice at some time in the near future.

I regret that, at this time, I am unable to express the views of our membership as a whole but the matter of obtaining artificial ice for our own use will be brought up for discussion at our Annual Meeting on March 13th and I feel sure that this letter will receive the endorsement of the meeting at that time.

We feel that, although a considerable amount of money is involved, installation of an artificial ice plant for curling will pay for itself in the long run and the same should be true of the arena.

Yours very truly,

Signed "J. Gibson,
James Gibson,
President.

City of Red Deer
Masonic Lodge

100' x 200'

Cost 30 % x 220

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