

*New Latch on door - 2 only.
Check sewer for sub + 2 ft -*

A G E N D A

For meeting of Council to be held in the Council
Chambers, Monday, June 8, 1953 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Hon. Ottawa J. H. Bay

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 25, 1953.

2. Unfinished Business:

- File* 1. Minister of National Defence Re: Property leased by Separate School Bd.
2. Canadian Pacific Railway Co. Re: C.P.R. pedestrian crossing
3. Copy of letter written to Board of Transport Commissioners Re: " " " }

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

4. R. D. Recreation Commission Re: erection of bleachers & Playground - in Woodlea Subdivision.
5. R. D. District Planning Com. Re: Land available for commercial property.
6. Lees & Krauss Agencies Re: " " *check for interest*
7. The Ad-Viser - L. D. Rideout Re: Purchase of alley. *{ \$2000 - low price - see land - west of hotel - west yard }*
8. Mrs. Agnes Robinson Re: " " "
9. Petition Re: Lane through Block A, Plan K.6
10. R. D. District Planning Com. Re: Resignation as District Planning Director.
11. M.B.M. Lawson Re: " " " " "

4. BY-LAWS:

1. Transfer By-Law No. 1732 - 3 readings.

5. REPORTS:

1. Commissioner's Report Re: Special Permit for Vehicles Engaged in Moving Houses, Sheds, etc.
2. Commissioners' Report Re: Preliminary Report on City Streets
3. Recreation Commission Minutes of June 1, 1953
4. Recreation Commission Report Re: Activities.
5. Red Deer District Planning Commission Minutes of May 25, 1953.
6. Fire Department Report for the Month of June, 1953.
7. Alberta Civil Defence Re: Civil Defence Exercise "Beware" June 20/53
8. Report by Artificial Ice Committee.
9. Building Permits: May 881,200
Forward 697,600
1,578,800

6. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Director of Civil Defence Re: Civil Defence Training Course
2. Civil Defence:
1. Wish to arrange a meeting between Council as a Control Committee and Civil Defence Director.
2. In addition to above, the whole Council is asked to participate in Exercise "Beware" on June 20, 1953. The time of this attach will be given by the Provincial Government.
3. Payment of Accounts.

*Brown - fill ditches in area
any by-laws
see Edmonton - City of Streets - Call 2 - see Edmonton*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

LETTER NO. 1

Minister of National Defence,
Ottawa, May 27, 1953.

His Worship
Mayor Paul Crawford,
Red Deer, Alberta.

Dear Mayor Crawford:

Further to my letter of May 7, I have now received from the Real Estate officers of the Army a report on the property leased by the Separate School Board at Red Deer.

The Army is, at present, giving consideration to declaring surplus the two parcels of land under question. You will understand that before this property could be declared surplus, we must determine whether or not the R.C.A.F. or the R.C.N. have any use for it.

The indications are that none of the Services has any requirement for this property, and it is expected that it will be turned over to Crown Assets Disposal Corporation for disposal in the near future.

I have asked that I be kept informed of the progress of this situation, and as soon as any further information is received, I will be pleased to write to you again.

Sincerely,
Paul Marshall,
Executive Assistant.

LETTER NO. 2

Canadian Pacific Railway Co.
Law Department C26401
Montreal 3, May 29, 1953.

Mr. J. A. Beveridge,
Assistant City Commissioner,
RED DEER, Alta.

Dear Sir:

Attached for your information is a copy of a letter I am today sending to the Board of Transport Commissioners concerning the construction of a pedestrian crossing over the C.P.R. near the intersection of the former 58th Street and Riverview Avenue in North Red Deer.

Yours truly,
K.D.M. Spence.

LETTER NO. 3

C 26401
May 29, 1953.

E. R. Hopkins, Esq., Secretary,
Board of Transport Commissioners, for Canada,
OTTAWA.

Dear Sir:

File No. 46551: APPLN, OF RED DEER, Alta, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OVER THE CPR TRACKS NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF THE FORMER 58th STREET AND RIVERVIEW AVENUE IN NORTH RED DEER.

The former public crossing at the above location was closed on authority of Board Order No. 76899 dated July 5, 1951. It was the view of the City at that time that the crossing was no longer required.

We have no objection now to the establishment of a pedestrian cross walk, on the understanding that the City will bear the expense of installing and maintaining it.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Mr. Beveridge.

Yours truly,
K.D.M. Spence.

CORRESPONDENCE:

LETTER NO. 4

City Hall,
June 4, 1953.

Mayor & Council,
City of Red Deer,
Red Deer, Alberta.

Gentlemen:

Out of June meeting of Recreation Commission the following are presented for your consideration:

1. That some thought be given to erection of bleachers at the swimming pool. No facilities are available at present for accommodating spectators and it is felt that bleachers at east end and north-west corner of pool would fill the requirements very nicely.
2. Need for playground space is very imperative in the Woodlea Subdivision. The Commission would recommend the setting aside of at least a portion of the area at the base of the hill for this purpose. Your attention to the above would be appreciated.

Yours very truly,
C. Jarvis Miller,
Secretary,
Red Deer Rec. Commission.

LETTER NO. 5

Red Deer District Planning Commission
City Hall,
May 26, 1953.

The Mayor & Council,
City of Red Deer,
Red Deer, Alberta.

Gentlemen:

The Red Deer District Planning Commission has asked me to pass on the attached letter for your comments and action, if any.

Yours truly,
C. Jarvis Miller,
Secretary.

LETTER NO. 6

Lees & Krauss Agencies,
4821 Gaetz Ave.,
April 23, 1953.

The Town Planning Commission,
City of Red Deer.

Attention: Mr. Jarvis Miller

Gentlemen:

Due to the rapid expansion of our city we feel that not enough is being done to make available more commercial property, the trend seems to be and at present there is no alternative but for new businesses to move to the outskirts.

This is going to put another burden on our taxpayers through the extension of utilities.

We have surveyed the possibility of making more land available by the diversion of Piper & Waskasoo creeks and the removal of Piper mountain, which could be used to fill in lower areas. We are well aware of the fact that we should have parks, but at present this area is nothing but an eyesore, and this would still leave an area large enough for any parks department to properly care for.

We will be only too pleased to discuss our proposal with you at any time.

Trusting that you will give this matter your earliest attention.

Yours very truly,
L. R. Quinton,
LEES & KRAUSS AGENCIES.

LETTER NO. 7

The Ad - Viser,
5015 Gaetz Ave.
May 29/53

Council of the City of Red Deer:-

Gentlemen:-

Re: the 20 ft. alley between lots 10 & 11, Blk. 1 Plan 6722.

On July 14th/52 I approached the council re it's purchase. On the recommendation of Matt Lawson (who had looked over the situation) my application was approved, providing my neighbor on the other side of the alley, did not object.

Since then I have discussed the matter with her, and am enclosing her written approval of its purchase.

(A) Since the alley is of little use to anyone other than myself, I would like to purchase it at a niminal price.

(B) If purchased the above alley would give me a total frontage of 70.9 ft. X 135 ft. which in times past, and under similar circumstance, the property owner has been allowed to erect a 2nd dwelling. I would appreciate a similar ruling in this case.

Yours truly,
L. D. Rideout.

LETTER NO. 8

3419 - 51 Ave.,
May 15, 1953

City of Red Deer:-

Please be advised that I have discussed with Mr. L. D. Rideout, (my next door neighbor) his proposed purchase of the alley between our respective properties; and hereby relinquish any interest I may hold in it; by reason of length of temure beside it.

(Mrs.) Agnes Robinson.

LETTER NO. 9

May 8, 1953.

Mr. J. A. Beveridge,
City Commissioner,
City of Red Deer.

Dear Sir:

Re: Block A, Plan K.6

We, the property owners, wish to make an application to have a lane put through Block A, Plan K.6.

W. T. Armstrong	Lot 6, Lot 9 less S.30' - Lot 11.
Dr. L. J. Patterson	Lot 5.
E. C. Howell	S.30' of 9, Lot 10 less S.45'
C. Ward	S.45' of Lot 10.
R. J. Sharp	E.75' of Lot 16
H. Howell	Lot 13.
T. H. Ferguson	S.1/2 of Lot 12.
R. M. Beatty	75' of Lot 7
E. L. Crowther	N.1/2 of Lot 12
F. C. Woolway	N.55' of Lot 1.
J. D. Swift	Lot 4.

MEMO:

L. E. Sawyer -	<u>Non Signers</u> S.45' of Lot 1
W. Martin -	S.1/2 of Lot 2 & Lot 3.
G. Hancock	N.1/2 of Lot 2
J. L. Mansfield	Lot 8; N.25' of Lot 7
M. E. Black	Lot 14
	Lot 15

Reason for requesting alley:

- (a) collection of garbage.
- (b) back entrance to property.

J.A.B.

LETTER NO. 10

Red Deer District Planning Com.
May 25, 1953.

The Mayor and Council,
The City of Red Deer,
Alberta.

Your Worship and Gentlemen:

I enclose herewith a copy of my letter of resignation to the Red Deer District Planning Commission which I think is self-explanatory.

I very much regret having to do this and hope there is some way in which I can help the Commission, and yourselves, through any difficulties this may cause.

I would like to take this opportunity to express, not only my regret at leaving but also my appreciation of your consideration in the past. I have very much enjoyed working in Red Deer and shall be very interested to watch its development in the future.

I remain, gentlemen,

Yours sincerely,
M. B. M. Lawson.

LETTER NO. 11

Red Deer District Planning Commission,
May 25, 1953.

Red Deer District Planning Commission,
Red Deer, Alberta.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:

I have been asked to return to the University of Toronto for the coming session to direct the course of Planning Studies as the present director is temporarily engaged by The United Nations to head a technical mission. It was put to me that this would be the best way to ensure the continuity of the course and that this was especially necessary as any interruption at this time might have a very harmful effect on planning education at Toronto, even throughout Canada.

In view of this I have, after some deliberation, accepted the proposal of the University. My appointment, to date from 1st. September, is not yet finalised but it has been approved by the President of the University and will probably be announced soon.

In these circumstances I feel that I should place my resignation at your disposal, to become effective any time up to the middle of August.

I may say that I am extremely sorry to be leaving the Commission. Red Deer is a fine and interesting area and the Commission is an excellent one to work with. I regret very much having to withdraw from what promises to be a most interesting and successful undertaking.

I am now on my way from Toronto and expect to be in Red Deer by the end of the month. I sincerely hope that this unforeseen development will not cause the Commission any great inconvenience and wish to assure you that I shall be pleased to do whatever may be in my power to ensure a satisfactory transfer to my successor.

I remain, gentlemen,

Yours sincerely,
M.B.M. Lawson, Director

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT
RE:
SPECIAL PERMIT FOR VEHICLES ENGAGED
IN MOVING HOUSES, SHEDS, ETC.

*7.00 5.00
+ cost of oil
costs incurred
by the city*

At the request of the Alberta Government Telephones and our Electric Light and Power Departments we are suggesting that the following permit be required for any person, persons or company wishing to move any building, machinery or other object which, in transit, restricts or incumbers the use of streets and other public places and/or which in the opinion of the city is of sufficient weight to damage the streets.

As for the form of this permit, it is modelled after the one required by the Highway Traffic Board.

The recommended fee is five dollars plus costs incurred by any workmen called upon to facilitate this movement. The fine for violation of this requirement would be fifty dollars plus cost of any damage done.

J. A. Beveridge,
City Commissioner.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Council, City of Red Deer,
RED DEER, Alta.

June 5, 1953

Re: Preliminary Report on City Streets

*Catch-up - out
Gravel - fill*

During recent weeks there have been numerous complaints about the condition of city streets and upon checking into this matter we have found the difficulties are not easily rectified.

Bring Streets To Grade

Fill: Only a few roads are at the proper grade. Most of those on grade are located in the central section of the city. The most suitable fill material is pit run gravel for fills over one foot deep and for lesser fills the rock must be graded according to depth.

In order to obtain this material at low cost we are now building a portable platform for the mechanical screen we have on hand. This equipment will be located at the city's gravel pit during the summer and moved onto our leased gravel in the river next fall. The main cost involved will be hiring trucks and a truck loader, when necessary. It is suggested that we spend up to \$5,000 on fill during 1953.

Cut: In addition to fill, many roads such as 43 Avenue are above grade and must be cut below sidewalk level. On this work we expect the minimum which should be done this year will cost \$3,500.

Gravel: The only roads in Red Deer with much 7/8" or top gravel on them are in the old army camp area, along Waskasoo Avenue, two roads in North Red Deer, and a few of the main streets such as Ross Street. As a result, our graders just cannot do much because the gravel is too hard to cut with a blade and if they scarify you just have mud or large boulders plus ruts. This fact should be made known to the public because even the Commissioners were certain the city grader operator was at fault until they tried running the grader.

For a start, we suggest the following roads be given a top coating of 7/8" crushed rock (crushed rock will bind and stay on a road whereas gravel tends to be pushed off)

These streets require crushed rock. They are, or shortly will be, at grade to take it.

51 St. from 49 Ave. to 48 Ave.	500'	170 cu. yds.
52 St. from 49 Ave. to 48 Ave.	500'	170 cu. yds.
53 St. from 50 Ave. to 47A Ave.	1800'	600 cu. yds.
Driving lanes in P.O. Parking Lot	750'	140 cu. yds.
41 Ave. from 38 St. to 36 St.	800'	350 cu. yds.

42 Ave. from 39 St. to 35 St.	1500'	650 cu. yds.
37 St. from 42 Ave. to 44 Ave.	700'	300 cu. yds.
	TOTAL	2380 cu. yds.

2380 cu. yds. @ 1.70 --\$4046
plus grader time in spreading.

Drainage: The city is in dire need of curb and gutters to protect the roads and make the boulevards more presentable.

At present, runoff water just lays in pools around the streets but with curbs and gutters plus gravel the situation will improved considerably. It is recommended that the city initiate a continuing curb and gutter program in 1954 similar to the present sidewalk program. Please note however, that surface water must still be carried a way. Discharging this water into sanitary sewers is not the answer. First these sewers are not large enough and secondly when we have to build the sewage treatment plant it will be too costly i.e. the sedimentation tank would have to be two to three times the size required for sanitary sewage along. Therefore our next major step in the road program is to install storm water sewers particularly where any paving is proposed. It goes without saying that no large paving program should be undertaken until storm sewers are installed.

Repair of Streets:

Paving: At present there are a number of holes in the city's paving which must be repaired. It has been arranged to loan a patching machine for a week at no cost from a Calgary firm to do this work. This machine will not be able to complete our summer's work and therefore it is recommended that we purchase a 10 T Patchmobile or some similar unti (cost \$5,100).

In addition to this patching, a number of streets need seal coating and it will be put on this summer. The sand and asphalt are in stock.

Gravel: As explained previously, it is the lack of gravel on our streets which hinders proper maintenance by the graders. Next year we should consider the purchase of a new large grader because at present we have only one old grader of undetermined age obtained from North Red Deer and a very poor Allis-Chalmers purchased in 1949 which has been under repair for over three weeks this spring.

Still to be investigated -- possible oiling of streets.

Recommendations:

1. That the city appropriate a minimum of \$8,500 to bring streets to grade this year.
2. That the city appropriate a minimum of \$5,000 for crushed rock to be placed on the aforementioned streets and others as required.
3. That a continuing curb and gutter program be started in 1954.
4. That before any large scale paving program is undertaken that we install storm sewers and/or before any sewage treatment plant is built that the city install storm sewers particularly in the downtown section.
5. That a unit for patching paved streets be purchased (to cost approximately (\$5,100)).
6. That a new grader be purchased in 1954.

NOTE: Total cost of above is \$18,600 only some \$2,500 of this was included in the 1953 budget. If this appropriation is approved it means we must curtail some much of our spending for the remainder of the year.

Respectfully submitted,
CITY COMMISSIONERS.

→ Long Term
→ Maintenance

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES - June 1, 1953

Present were: Dr. Carter, Mrs. Foster, R. B. Gish, C. M. Ward, Dr. Parsons, Miss Olsen, C. E. Ross, B. Woodrow, R. Holmes, J. Miller.

T. Cornett, H. Webb, Dr. Fleming, C. Anderson, M. Steffanick, and P. Crawford were absent from the meeting.

Chairman Carter called the meeting to order at 8:10 P.M. Minutes of previous meeting were approved as transcribed.

The matter of juvenile and junior ball for the summer months was left in the hands of the Secretary.

Mr. Ross stated that another sponsor was available for Bantam Baseball if another team was deemed necessary.

The question of "team" banquets was deferred to the July meeting.

Bob Gish reported that fly-casting lessons were proving a tremendous success. The matter of dividing the classes into age groups was left with Mr. Gish to talk over with the instructors.

Before further action is taken on the matter of tennis expenditure it was felt that the matter should be discussed with the Tennis Club officials. The Secretary was instructed to write inviting a delegation from their executive to be present at the next meeting of the Recreation Commission.

Commission approved of hours of use of pool as requested by Red Cross for their water Safety Course.

On motion of Ward and Holmes meeting went on record as asking City Council to consider the erection of bleachers at east end & north-west corner of swimming pool.

Ross & Olsen moved that Commission sponsor "Aqua-Shows". Motion was lost when put to the vote.

Secretary was requested to write City Council re setting aside area in Woodlea for playground. Motion of Woodrow and Gish.

Tentative request of RCAF for use of Athletic Field in summer months for soccer was approved by the Commission.

Meeting was sympathetic to request of Stampeders Football Club for use of Athletic Field for inter-squad game some time in summer. It was felt, however, that reaction of School Board to this proposal should be obtained. Secretary was instructed to write re this.

Matter of toboggan slide to be brought up at July meeting.

Adjournment at 9:55 P.M.

RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

June 4, 1953.

May, 1953

Boxing:

Card finally held in Armories on May 29th. Eleven bouts with boxers from Wetaskiwin, Ponoka, Calgary and Red Deer taking part. Card was sponsored by Kiwanis Club in cooperation with Red Deer Boxing Club. Crowd of over 400 attended. Return card to be held in Ponoka late in June.

Softball & Baseball:

Leagues commenced operation middle of month but have been badly handicapped by wet weather. Of 22 games scheduled in Girl's Leagues only six were played. Boys were more fortunate, playing a total of 15 games out 24 scheduled. Leagues are made up as follows: In Girl's Division - 4 mite softball, 6 Pee Wee, 8 Senior. In Boy's Softball - 4 Mite and 6 Pee Wee. Boy's Baseball - 4 Bantam and 3 Midget - Juvenile.

Following completion of school best of juvenile and junior players will be formed into one team for outside competition (little practice has been held for this group due to nearness of exams plus the wet weather). It is hoped to hold local tournament for Bantam teams early in July.

Four-team circuit has been formed in Men's Fastball. Most games will be played at North Red Deer diamond with a few slated for Mountview. Only two games have been played in this league to date.

Only three teams in Main Line Ladies' Fastball. Two games played in schedule to present time.

Red Deer Dodgers making favourable showing in Chinook League - played five games, winning three and losing two. Last three home games have been rained out.

Swimming:

Pool opened on May 16th. Outside of three warm days attendance has only been fair. Attendance totalled 2420 for the month.

150 boys and same number of girls registered for Red Deer Advocate "Learn to Swim". Lessons started on May 25th and will continue for one month with each group receiving three lessons weekly. Attendance has averaged between 75 and 80% of registration which is very gratifying in view of the unfavourable weather. F/Sgt. Barton, R.C.A.F., Penhold is in charge of the classes this season.

It is hoped to have Advanced Swim Lessons and Adult "Learn to Swim" commence first part of July.

Canadian Red Cross will hold "Water Safety" course at local pool August 3 to 8th.

Playgrounds:

No playground course will be sponsored by Health and Recreation Branch due to small number of candidates. Plans are going ahead to hold local school for two or three days prior to opening of playgrounds. Playgrounds will open on July 6th for eight-week period. Present indications point to sufficient number of supervisors to handle our playgrounds.

Kinsmen will start various improvements on grounds as soon as weather is suitable. First project will be fencing of new South Hill grounds; it is also hoped to move equipment to this field shortly. South School will be reopened as play area again this summer. Playground programme will be in hands of supervisors before local school is held.

Miscellaneous:

Fly-casting lessons are proving very popular as many as thirty turning out for the instructions. Messrs. Lee and Kalbfleisch are in charge of this activity which is held on Monday and Thursday evenings from nine o'clock on at the swimming pool.

Wrestling matches moving to Arena on June 5th. Hoped that crowds will warrant continued use of building for this activity. Other events are slated for building during July and August.

Junior School Tract Meet held on May 28th.

Eight meetings held in Commission office during the month.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Jewell - M.P.

Red Deer District Planning Commission

Minutes - May 25, 1953

Present: Mr. F. P. Galbraith, Councillor G. Roth, Mr. W. H. Stringer, Mr. H. N. Lash, Mr. R. H. Edgar, Alderman A. Sim, Councillor A. Bickford, Commissioner J. A. Beveridge and Secretary C. J. Miller

Meeting opened at 2:10 P.M. with Chairman Galbraith presiding. Minutes of previous meeting were approved as transcribed on motion of Roth and Edgar.

Re lots 14 & 15, Block A, Plan K-6, Secretary was instructed to write interested parties informing them that lots must have frontage of 50 feet.

Alderman Sim reported that City had approved Mr. Shaw's request for building on north side of 53 street. On motion of Bickford and Edgar meeting approved of transfer from Munro to Shaw.

Arthur Cave subdivision (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ -29-38-27-4) was approved by the meeting on motion of Roth and Sim (Sketch No. 2).

Alderman Sim reported that no further action by City was contemplated on Glover subdivision at the present time.

Proposed subdivision of Lot 8, Plan 2901 (Ervin Brown) was referred to M. D. of Red Deer for further information.

Letter from Mrs. Gibson re Block C, Plan 5746 A.H. was referred to M. D. of Red Deer with suggestion that they contact the owner of said property.

Subdivision NW $\frac{1}{4}$ -28-38-27-4 (Jack Choate) was given tentative approved by the meeting on understanding that plan prepared by a surveyor be presented before final approval is given. Motion of Roth and Stringer.

Commission reaffirmed previous suggestion that for purposes of subdivision any 5 acre plot shall include areas taken from same for use as road allowances.

Mr. D. C. Dandell's resignation from Commission was accepted with regret. On motion of Stringer and Edgar the Secretary was requested to write Mr. Dandell expressing appreciation for his services in the past. Matter of replacement was left in abeyance until the next meeting.

Letter from R. L. Johnston re subdivision of part E $\frac{1}{2}$ -2-38-27-4 was read to the meeting. Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Johnston for more information and sketches of project before further action is taken.

Letter from Lees & Krauss Agencies was referred to City Council for any further action.

Mr. Lampard's request re subdivision Lots 8, 8A, 9 & 9A on 43 Ave. was referred to Mr. Lawson for further action.

McCullough subdivision (3962 HW) along with river road (45 Ave.) was referred to Mr. Lawson.

Proposed subdivision lots 7 & 8, Block 4, Plan 1554 HW (C. R. Stewart) was also referred to Mr. Lawson for further study.

Subdivision NE $\frac{1}{4}$ -8-38-27-4, Plan 2278 HW, was found to be satisfactory but meeting felt Mr. Lawson's opinion on same should be obtained.

Mr. Snell's sketch SE¹₄-17-38-27-4 (Gaetz Ave. & 43 St.) was referred to Mr. Lawson.

A. R. Little subdivision - 45 Ave. was approved in principal; sketch to be presented and arrangements made for registering of street. Motion of Edgar & Sim.

Messrs. Galbraith & Edgar were appointed as a committee to work with M. D. of Red Deer and City Council in matter of replacement for Mr. Lawson. Motion of Sim & Bickford.

Alderman Sim spoke re arrangements made for convention of Community Planning Association of Canada (Alberta Division) to be held in Red Deer on June 12 and 13, 1953. On motion of Roth and Edgar expenditure of up to \$200 was authorized for same.

On motion of Roth and Stringer auditor's report was accepted as read.

On motion of Sim and Bickford \$15 auditor's fee - Robertson, Anderson and Co. was ordered paid.

Cheque Nos. 4, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 38, 39, 41, 42 were accepted as paid on motion of Sim and Bickford

Mr. Lash spoke to meeting re system followed in Edmonton re question of subdivision of plots of less than 5 acres that had been established prior to Planning Act. Secretary was instructed to write M. D. of Red Deer re this matter.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Mayor & Council,
City of Red Deer.

June 5, 1953

I wish to report that during the month of May, 1953 the Fire Dept. had 7 calls, one being a false alarm.

May 7, 12 noon: Call came in reporting grass fire in vicinity of 40 Ave. & 50 A St. Truck and 17 men turned out and quickly extinguished it with truck tank and 2 lengths of $1\frac{1}{2}$ " hose. Damage nil.

May 11, 5:00 P.M. Call came in reporting grass fire on North Hill on old highway. Truck and 16 men turned out and put it out with truck tank and 2 lengths $1\frac{1}{2}$ " hose. Damage nil.

May 13, 1:45 P.M. Call came from MacDonald's Farm Equipment reporting grass fire in vicinity of stored machinery. Truck & 10 men turned out and extinguished it with truck tank and 2 lengths of $1\frac{1}{2}$ " hose. Damage nil.

May 14, 11:25 A.M. Call came in from 58 St. & 60 Ave. reporting grass fire. Truck & 17 men responded and burned out the area. Truck tank & 2 lengths $1\frac{1}{2}$ " hose. Damage nil.

May 18, 5:50 P.M. Call came in from 4713 - 39 St. reporting a grass fire. Truck & 15 men responded and extinguished same. Damage nil

May 27, 9:00 P.M. Call came from Capitol Theatre reporting smoke in same, but was again cancelled before truck was dispatched. Smoke from an incinerator was blowing into exit doors causing a false alarm to be sent in. 19 men turned out.

May 28, 7:50 P.M. Call came from Calgary Power Co. yard reporting a grass fire that had caught onto the creosote on stored power poles. Truck & 16 men turned out and extinguished same, with truck tank and 2 lengths of $1\frac{1}{2}$ " hose. Damage nil.

The Dept. held its regular Tuesday night practices with an average attendance of 20 members.

It is with regret that I announce our Chief has been confined to hospital with a back ailment; also that J. Bergdal is recovering from a recent hernia operation.

Respectfully submitted,
A. D. Shaw,
Ass't Fire Chief.

The Mayor and Aldermen
City of Red Deer
Gentlemen,

Herewith letter from the Hon C E Gerhart, Minister for Civil Defence, and my "report" on the hypothetical bombing attack on Red Deer and District.

The latter was drafted some time ago, and was intended to be an exercise on a local "incident", to show what could happen here, and how we would deal with the situation. All sections of the Civil Defence Plan are mentioned in the report.

Though it was drafted before we got word about Exercise "Beware", it will now be useful in providing the information necessary if we participate in Exercise "Beware".

Yours respectfully
R C Lister
Director of Civil Defence

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ALBERTA CIVIL DEFENCE

10322-146 St.,
Edmonton, Alta.
Our Ref: E-2-10
May 27, 1953.

To: Mayors, or Reeves of Municipalities.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Civil Defence Exercise "Beware"
June 20, 1953.

The Province of Alberta is co-operating with the Province of British Columbia and the States of the Pacific Northwest in a general Civil Defence alert exercise to be held on Saturday, 20th June, 1953.

Participation by Alberta will be mainly an exercise for enrolled Civil Defence personnel. The extent to which municipalities can participate will depend on the degree of organization, planning and training reached in each locality. The exercise will be based on incidents resulting from assumed enemy air attack at various points in Alberta, which will be as schedule at pre-determined times on June 20, 1953.

In all municipalities where the local Civil Defence Authorities consider training and organization to be sufficiently advanced, it is recommended that the Civil Defence Services be exercised. In municipalities, other than cities, the incidents to be dealt with can be determined locally, and the exercise developed on a local level only; i.e. messages between the local Civil Defence Directors and Alberta C.D. Headquarters will not be actually transmitted, although, for the purpose of conducting the exercise, it may be necessary to draft and record messages as if sent and received.

Alberta Civil Defence Headquarters will send sealed envelopes, prior to the exercise, to the Director of Civil Defence of each Alberta city. These envelopes will contain details of the assumed incident, or incidents, on which each city's exercise will be based, and the envelopes will only be opened at a pre-determined interval after the "Red" alert has been received from Alberta C.D.H.Q.

It is not considered advisable at this stage to have general public participation in the exercise. However, much information and experience should be gained at this time, which will be invaluable when full participation by the general public is called upon.

My purpose at the present time is to acquaint all local authorities with what is being planned for this, the first large scale Civil Defence exercise to be held in this part of the continent; to solicit your co-operation and to request that you advise the Co-ordinator of Civil Defence at 10322 - 146 St., Edmonton, as to what participation your local organization may be able and willing to undertake in this matter.

Yours very truly,
(C.E. Gerhart),
Minister, Civil Defence.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENCE
O N
THE BOMBING ATTACK ON RED DEER & DISTRICT

(Hypothetical)

On the 23rd at 3:30 a.m. the Yellow Alert was received from Provincial Civil Defence Headquarters, Edmonton by telephone to Control Centre, City Hall.

Members of the Control Committee and the Planning Committee were summoned to their posts in the Control Centre. Other "key" personnel were alerted and all arrangements were made to meet a possible emergency. The "Yellow Alert" was passed on to the public, over Radio Station CKRD, but no warning siren was sounded. This was in accordance with pre-arranged policy.

Transport for the Mutual Aid Column, and for the 1st Aid Station (mobile), was assembled in readiness for a call from the Target Area (Edmonton), and personnel for these units were alerted.

The Transportation Section also notified all owners of vehicles registered to serve in an emergency, to have their vehicles ready and available in case they were needed.

Citizens not already enrolled as Civil Defence workers, and who offered their services, were enrolled by the Personnel Section of Administration Headquarters, City Hall, and were allocated to the various sections of the City Civil Defence Plan, according to the requisitions of the sections concerned. Many of the large number of workers required by the Welfare Services were recruited from these volunteers.

Units of the City Fire Dept. were dispersed to pre-arranged locations on the edge of the city—one to the South Hill, one to the north side, and one to the V.L.A. housing area.

Personnel of Control Centres, and other Headquarters staff took up their posts in the City Hall and in the office of the M.D. of Red Deer. The latter to keep touch with rural groups and observers. Civic and M.D. office staffs constituted the Information and Intelligence Section. The City Telephone Switchboard was moved in to the Control Room, and operators were detailed for a 24 hour service. Boy Scouts and Girl Guides were on duty to act as messengers and orderlies, etc.

A review, by the Control and Planning Committees, of the overall arrangements to meet the emergency, showed that, as far as could be foreseen, the arrangements were complete and satisfactory.

Buildings allocated for use as Emergency Hospitals, Welfare Centres, etc, were made ready and staffs detailed to them.

The Chief of Emergency Feeding reported adequate stocks of food on hand, and other commodities were in good supply. Necessary equipment for speedy serving of meals was available. High School students had offered their services in any way in which they could be useful, and would be employed chiefly in Welfare Centres.

The Chief Warden reported that all Wardens were alerted and at their posts.

The Damage Control Officer reported ready for duty and his deputies alerted.

Heads of Sections reported their sections alerted and awaiting further orders.

Auxiliary Police were prepared to set up and man control points and road blocks where necessary to guard vital points and to deal with the large influx of refugees that might be expected in case the Target Area was bombed. Directional Informational signs were ready to be placed at suitable locations, indicating Emergency Hospitals, Emergency Feeding Centres, Rest Rooms, etc.

The "Yellow Alert" was passed on the Womens' Groups and observers in rural areas.

The Intelligence and Information Section, City Hall, dealt with many calls for information and received situation reports from C.D. Headquarters, Edmonton, and from rural observers, through the M.D. Control Room.

At 6:30 a.m. we received the "Red Alert", from C.D. Headquarters, and we immediately warned the public by means of the Air Raid Siren. Rural areas were warned over Radio Station CKRD before it went off the air. Local "Hams" then "Stood by" to take over communication duties if necessary.

Normal business activities were suspended, people took cover, and Civil Defence services "stood by" for action. Air Raid shelters were made ready, and women and children occupied them.

At 8:00 a.m. word came that Edmonton had been bombed, and we were asked to send aid. The Mutual Aid Column, under the Deputy Director, was despatched immediately. At 8:15 observers in the country relayed reports of aircraft flying high and coming south. At the same time Incendiary bombs were dropped east of Red Deer, in the Springvale District, damaging a house and barn, and starting crop and grass fires. Self-help Parties, already organized, and supervised by the Councillor of the Division, dealt with these fires. There were no casualties, except to stock in the barn.

At 8:18 approximately, a Sector Warden in the City, reported H.E. bombs had dropped in his sector, and a few minutes later the damage Control Officer reported that the bombing had demolished a block on 75 St. N.E. Wardens and Rescue teams were extricating persons from the damaged houses, and were searching for others. Post Wardens gave necessary information regarding the number of people normally in the houses.

An Ambulance Collecting Point had been set up by the Damage Control Officer, and he was directing operations from his Control Point. Fire fighters were quickly on the scene to deal with fires started by the bombs.

A Sector Warden reported to Control Centre that the South Central part of the City, and the V.L.A. area, had received Incendiary Bombs, starting fires, which were dealt with by householders and wardens, using stirrup pumps and garden hose. Older children helped in putting out these fires. Some roof fires were dealt with by Auxiliary firefighters, using ladder and tank trucks.

Fire damage, which was extensive, was confined chiefly to those houses struck by fire bombs. Some wardens suffered bad burns, and were taken to Emergency Hospital. Several householders received minor burns and injuries, 1st Aid was rendered on the spot by wardens and 1st Aid Post personnel.

In the bombed area all but 5 of the persons known to have been in the houses at the time of the bombing were extricated, some badly injured, 2 dead. The injured were taken to Emergency Hospital, after being attended to at the 1st Aid Station. The persons missing trapped in the bombed houses, were later all extricated by the Rescue Teams, 3 being dead. Names and other relevant information regarding the dead persons were recorded in the Mortuary Log, by the Information and Registration Section.

Basement shelters undoubtedly saved the lives of many persons who had the forethought to construct them. The covered shelters protected them from falling beams and other heavy debris. One well constructed shelter withstood the blast of a bomb which demolished the house above it.

An Emergency Feeding Centre, set up in the basement of the United Church, provided meals for the people rendered homeless by the bombing, and for Civil Defence workers. The Ladies Auxiliary supervised these arrangements, helped by other groups.

The 1st Aid Station (mobile) was set up close to the devastated area, and the personnel attended to victims of the bombing as they were extricated by Rescue teams.

Soon after the Damage Control Officer reported the situation in hand at the bombed area, another Red Alert was received, and Civil Defence workers and others were re-warned by the Air Raid Siren, so that they could return to shelter.

An explosion rocked the Control Centre, and seemed to be close at hand, then a Warden Post reported that a large H.E. Bomb had landed on a business block, going through the roof of a Department Store, and wrecking the interior of the 2nd floor. Employees of the store, except Disaster Control personnel, had time to get into the basement shelter, and were protected from the explosion. Some out of town shoppers in the store at the time the Red Alert was sounded, were invited, by the management, to share the basement shelter with employees.

Some of the Disaster Control personnel suffered slight injuries, and 2 were badly injured in the explosion. One end of the store was badly wrecked. All persons known to have been in the store before the bombing, were accounted for.

In the bombed areas Public Works personnel were to hand to deal with disrupted utilities, but no water mains or sewers were seriously damaged. Gas and Power Co. personnel were also on the scene to deal with damage to gas and power lines.

Domestic animals injured in the bombing were taken to the Animal Clinic and attended to by the Veterinary Staff there.

Owing to the strict control exercised by the Auxiliary Police, and the vigilance displayed by the Wardens, there were no cases of looting. One man was arrested by a bridge guard as a suspected saboteur. Maintenance of Law and Order was on a high level.

The Medical Ass'n. made all arrangements for staffing the Emergency Hospitals, the Red Cross and St. John Ambulance Ass'n. jointly staffed 1st Aid Posts. The 1st Aid Station had its own personnel on duty, Medical Staff and others.

The "White Alert" or "All clear", was received from C.D. Headquarters at 8:30 p.m. on the 24th, after a "stand to" on the part of C.D. workers of 41 hours.

The Damage Control Officer reported that during and after the bombing, Warden Rescue Parties and others under his supervision, had carried out their duties in an admirable manner. The Chief Warden, and Sector Wardens, had at all times, kept warden posts filled, replacing casualties as they occurred. Rescue Teams had been kept up to strength. Post Wardens supplied information regarding number of persons in houses, and all were accounted for. One Rescue worker was injured while searching a demolished house, which collapsed over him.

The Auxiliary Police effectively handled the large numbers of refugees who streamed through Red Deer, against the request of the Provincial Civil Defence authorities that they "stay put" in their own areas and see the bombing through. They were intercepted at Control Points and directed through Red Deer. Those who wished to obtain meals in Red Deer were permitted to do so, at their own expense. Hotels and Restaurants served a one price, one style meal to expedite service.

As refugees moved of their own accord, without direction of Civil Defence authorities, they were not accorded use of the facilities of the Welfare Services, which were required for evacuees, (those being moved from the bombed area by direction of Civil Defence authorities). This proved to be a wise ruling, as word was received that a large convoy of evacuees was leaving Edmonton, proceeding to a Reception Area, and would stop at Red Deer for a meal.

Arrangements were at once made to receive these evacuees. Welfare Centres were notified and Emergency Feeding Centres prepared to deal with the large influx.

SOYER stoves were used to prepare the large quantities of stew, coffee, and tea required. These Emergency Feeding Centres were established in Church Halls and other suitable buildings, those usually used for banquets, etc. in connection with Church and other groups. Smaller halls were allocated as Comfort and Rest Rooms for mothers and children.

Incoming convoys of evacuees from the Target Area were met by Auxiliary Police and escorted to Emergency Feeding Centres, where the evacuees were given a meal. The Transportation Section took charge of the vehicles, servicing them where necessary, then then having them parked at the Welfare Assembly Area, in readiness to continue the journey to the Reception Area.

The Welfare Section carried out the numerous and difficult duties required of them very efficiently. Womens' Institutes Groups, from rural areas, gave their services and shared in the task of feeding the many hundreds of evacuees who came through Red Deer. Local welfare needs were submerged in the effort to provide immediate comfort for these homeless and destitute people from the Target Area, who had so recently undergone a very trying ordeal during atomic bombing.

Cooking staffs in Emergency Feeding Centres were equal to every demand made on them, and credit is due to local Hotel and Restaurant caterers and others, who helped to organize and instruct cooking staffs. SOYER stoves proved to be very valuable items of cooking equipment, especially in the quick preparation of stews and soups, which were turned out in astonishing quantities. Without them the ordinary facilities for cooking would have been inadequate.

It is fortunate that what started as an all out attack on Canada and the U.S. to be followed by the landing in Canada of airborne troops, to exploit the successes gained, was frustrated by our warning devices, and air and other defences. It is reported that only 25% of the attacking planes managed to get through and deliver their bombs. Though they caused many casualties, and extensive damage to cities and towns, and some rural areas, the tactical situation was not, at any time, seriously endangered.

The value of Civil Defence organization and training, and the need for all citizens to be enrolled in Civil Defence, was apparent. Mention should be made of how quickly the Engineering Section of the Civil Defence Plan dealt with the debris clearing of the devastated area, making streets again passable. They also dealt with unsafe demolished buildings, making it possible for Rescue workers to search these buildings.

Great credit is due to the Service Clubs who formed the sections of the Civil Defence Plan, and to others concerned in the arrangements for meeting the emergency. This includes Womens' Institutes and Ladies Auxiliaries in City and country, without whose help the Welfare Section could not have provided all the welfare services needed.

The Transportation Section had no difficulty in obtaining all the vehicles necessary for the Mutual Aid Column and 1st Aid Station, and for other purposes. The Transportation Committee co-operated in providing information regarding movements of convoys of evacuees from the Target Area.

There was a good response from those who had registered their vehicles for use in case of National Emergency.

The following is a list of all groups of the Civil Defence Plan for the City and District, whose members served throughout the emergency.

Ambulance Section	Red Deer Active Club
Communications Section	(Radio Stn. CKRD & Alta. Gov't. Phones Local "Hams".
Control Committee	Mayor and Aldermen
Engineering Section	(Heads of local building trades. (Public Works Foremen
Firefighters. (Auxiliary)	Red Deer Lions Club.
First Aid	(Local Red Cross. (St. John Ambulance Ass'n. (Medical Ass'n.
First Aid Station. (Mobile)	Medical Ass'n. Local Nurses. Nurses' Aides.
Intelligence & Information	City Clerk-City Hall Staff.
Medical Section	Medical Ass'n. appointees
Police Services (Auxiliary)	Red Deer Kinsmen Club.
Planning Committee	Heads of Civic Departments & appointed members.
Rescue Section	Local Oddfellows Lodge (IOOF)
Transportation Committee	Local Transport heads.
Transportation Section	Red Deer Kiwanis Club
Utilities	Civic employees & Gas and Power Cos. employees.
Veterinary Section	Animal Clinic
Warden Section	Warden Section
Welfare Section	R.D. Branch Canadian Legion Red Deer Rotary Club.

Buildings used - Welfare purposes

Emergency Hospitals: Canadian Legion Hall; I.O.O.F. Hall; Elks Hall.

Emergency Feeding Centres: United Church; Presbyterian Church, Anglican Parish Hall; Baptist Church; Nazarene College, Bldgs. at Fairgrounds.

Welfare Centres, Rest Rooms, etc.: Buildings at Fairgrounds, Bible Baptist Church; Orange Hall; Schools; Salvation Army Hall.

Assembly Areas: School Grounds; Fair grounds.

Vehicle Park: School Grounds, Fair grounds.

Soyev Stoves: Made by local metal workers, from steel drums. Gas laid on.

Yellow Alert: Attack by hostile aircraft probable. No warning sounded. Civil Defence & public notified by Radio and telephone.

Red Alert: Attack imminent. Air Raid Siren sounded. A three-minute signal, undulating at rate of 8 times per minute.

All clear: A group of 3 one-minute continuous (steady) signals, each 1 minute signal being separated from the next by a two-minute silent period.

Respectfully submitted, R.G. LISTER, Director.

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