

A G E N D A

For City of Red Deer Council Meeting to be held in the Council Chambers,
Parsons Clinic Building, Ross Street, on Monday, May 7th, 1962 at 4.15.p.m.
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:No.1.

The following is in reply to enquiry at Council meeting of April 23rd, 1962 by Alderman Mrs. Taylor.

April 30th, 1962.

F. A. Amy, Esq.,
City Clerk,
Red Deer, Alberta.

Dear Sir,

Re: North Hill Playground.

Concerning the above, I must state that nothing has been finalized on this matter to date.

Three parcels of land have been checked: (a) 3 acres; (b) 5 acres; (c) 7 acres. Of the three areas, (a) is too small; (b) has the better terrain, while (c) is the better location.

It has been our understanding that a site in this area would be selected sufficiently large enough for a Junior High School, plus a playground area. We would think that such, of necessity, requires at least ten acres.

Council is probably aware of the efforts being made to formulate an agreement with the School Board for joint acquisition, preparation and maintenance of sites for use by both the Schools and the Recreation Department. No doubt, once we have a definite policy in this regard, it will serve to expedite the matter of land acquisition.

As a basis for further action, we might suggest that School Authorities be questioned as to their future needs in the area in the hope that sufficient land can be acquired to meet the needs of both Boards for a considerable number of years.

Yours truly,
C. J. Miller,
Supt. of Recreation.

NOTE:

There is no doubt replotting scheme will be made in the North West section of City in the not too distant future. We suggest the matter of establishment of playground area should be deferred until the replotting plan is underway.

COMMISSIONER.

No.2:

Re: Study of Operation of the Red Deer Recreation Centre

City Commissioner G. J. Gamble requests further consideration of this Report be deferred to next meeting of Council to enable him to conduct further discussions with Y.M.C.A. Officials.

City Clerk.

The following are draft resolutions submitted by Planning Director in respect of:-

- (a) Policy to be adopted in considering applications for Duplex dwellings in R.2-B Districts in Fairview.
 - (b) Policy to be adopted regarding basement or cellars under Duplexes approved by Council.
1. Resolved that not more than 33% of the lots designated R.2 (B) and adjacent to the railway in the Fairview subdivision be approved for multiple family use.
 2. Resolved that in all cases where the approval of Council is required and granted for the construction of a duplex or semi-detached house, the following condition shall automatically apply.

The building shall be so constructed and set in the ground that the sub floor shall be not more than three and a half feet above grade and the area under such floor shall be constructed as a cellar and not a basement.

CITY CLERK.

REPORTS:No.1.No.9. (Red Deer) Health Unit Milk Report - April 1962.

Samples of milk purchased from vendors in the City of Red Deer during the month of April, all proved satisfactory.

No.2:

Court of Revision - Frontage Assessments Appeals on 1962 Local
Improvement Constructions

City Act requires Council to appoint not less than three no more than five Council members to act as Court of Revision - Frontage Assessment Appeals on 1962 Local Improvement Constructions.

It is recommended Council set Monday, June 18th, 1962 at 3.00 p.m., in City Council Chambers, as date, time and place for sitting of the Court of Revision.

City Clerk.

No.3:

To: Mayor E. Newman.

From: By-law Committee.

May 1st, 1962.

At your request, By-law Committee at their meeting of April 30th, 1962, discussed their recommendation of March 19th, 1962, that submissions be presented in connection with License By-law No. 1862, and Committee agreed they would like this matter put on the agenda for the next Regular Council Meeting to allow Council to make a decision on this.

Yours truly,
A. White,
Secretary.

NOTE:

Recommend that City advertise for submissions with respect to License By-law to be heard by By-laws Committee.

MAYOR.

No.4:

May 1st, 1962.

To: City Clerk.

From: By-laws Committee.

At By-law Committee meeting of April 30th, 1962, the following recommendation was made in connection with By-law No.969 - Meat Inspection By-law.

"That By-law No.969 be redrafted with the provisions that meat inspection be carried out to Federal standards, which would require an increase in retaining fee from \$50.00 per month to \$300.00 per month."

The Inspector is prepared to put in a maximum of 15 hours per week at \$300.00 per month.

A. White,
Secretary.

NOTE:

Recommend if Council agree with Committee's recommendation that the increased costs be recovered by way of inspection charge for each carcass inspected.

COMMISSIONER.

No.5:VOLUNTARY TRAFFIC TICKET REPORT - APRIL 1962.

Number of Tickets Issued	2152
Number of Warnings Issued	188
Number of Second Notices Issued	497
Number of Prosecutions	99
 Total for April 1961	 \$1657.00
Total for April 1962	\$2502.00
 <u>Percentage Increase</u>	 <u>51%</u>

No.6:Re: Next Regular Council Meeting

The next Regular Meeting of Council is scheduled for Monday, May 21st. As this is a Public Holiday, we presume Council will agree to holding next meeting of Council on Tuesday, May 22nd, 1962.

CITY CLERK.

No.7:Re: Annual Civic Holiday.

It has been policy for the past few years for the Mayor to proclaim the First Monday in August as the Annual Civic Holiday.

We presume Council will wish this policy to be continued, the Civic Holiday for 1962 would then be Monday, August 6th.

CITY CLERK

No.8:

Fire Dept. Headquarters.

His Worship the Mayor
& City Council.

May 2nd. 1962.

During the month of April 1962, the Fire Dept., responded to 30 fire calls as follows:-

Building Fires: 3. Other Fire Outdoors: 3. Dump Fires: 1. Vehicle Fires: 2.
Rubbish in Vacant Lots: 1. Grass or Brush: 12. Needless Calls: 7.

Building Fires: 3.

April 24th, 1962. 09.15 hrs. Call came in stating apartment under construction on fire at 5405-47A Ave. Despatched Engine 5 and Ladder 4 and on arrival fire was out. Careless use of plumbers torch ignited insulation causing charring to roof and some timbers. Checked over and returned to Hall. Damage estimated \$550.00.

April 25th, 1962. 18.06 hrs. Call came in stating grease fire at 4144-46 Street. Despatched Engine 5 and Ladder 4 and on arrival baby sitter had fire out. Chip Pot had boiled over and ignited fat, and girl used flour to extinguish. Damage nil. Returned to Hall.

April 29th, 1962. 14.44 hrs. Call came in stating building on fire on road to Dump Grounds. Engine 3 and crew responded and Chief ordered Truck 2 and Engine 5 out to fire. Building all involved on arrival and kept fire out of brush. Used portable pump for supply and wet down and extinguished. Abandoned building approx. 16' x 40' total loss with old steam engine inside. Appraised loss value \$400.00. Returned to Hall.

Other Fire Outdoors: 3.

April 9th, 1962. 21.09 hrs. Call came in stating sparks and debris from careless garbage burning at I.G.A. Store in West Park. Despatched Engine 3 and crew and on arrival cleaned up ground burning and put out incinerator as wind was high and gusting. Damage nil. Returned to Hall.

April 12th, 1962. 10.03 hrs. Call came in stating grass fire behind 4733-54 Street. Despatched Engine 3 and crew and on arrival found small straw pile burning close by as well. Extinguished same and returned to Hall. Damage nil.

April 16th, 1962. 11.48 hrs. Inspector Johnson had garbage complaint and went with Engine 3 and 2 firemen to extinguish same at 4906-53 Street - Model Apartments. Damage nil. Returned to Hall.

Dump Fires. 1.

April 20th, 1962. 23.53 hrs. Call came in stating rubbish burning on J. Morrisroe property. Despatched Engine 3 and crew, and on arrival found fire burning in an old abandoned basement giving off large amounts of smoke. Put out with $1\frac{1}{2}$ " lines and returned to Hall. Damage nil.

Rubbish in Vacant Lot 1.

April 14th, 1962. 15.20 hrs. Call came in stating grass fire in adjacent lot to Red Deer Auto Court. Despatched Engine 5 and crew, and on arrival found main fire out. Wet down embers and fringe area and returned to Hall. Damage nil.

Rubbish near Building: 1.

April 20th, 1962. 12.14 hrs. Call came in stating fire in brush near building. Despatched Engine 3 and crew, and on arrival found large pile of debris burning at 7179 Sylvan Lake Trail. Burned fire guard around pile and returned to Hall. Damage nil.

Vehicle Fires: 2.

April 15th, 1962. 09.59 hrs. Call came in stating car fire at Hillcrest Cabins on South Hill. Despatched Engine 5 and crew, and on arrival at scene fire was out. Slight damage to wiring and engine components. Returned to Hall.

April 24th, 1962. 16.26 hrs. Fire Chief reported vehicle fire at Safeway Store. Engine 5 and crew responded and on arrival found steam cleaning truck involved. Put out with $1\frac{1}{2}$ " fog line and used booster line to overhaul. Careless handling of gasoline caused same. Extensive damage to unit, no estimate at present. Returned to Hall.

Brush or Grass Fires. 12. These are twice yearly problems due to high grass. Vacant lots and Brush areas in the City. They occurred with no damage at:-

5330-46 Ave.	North of 55 St. & 42 Ave.	5619-Golf Course Road.
South Hill by C.P.R. tracks	4526-Waskasoo Crescent	5916-West Park Crescent
& Creek	3944-43A Avenue	3502-50 Avenue
5838-45 Avenue	3573-54 Ave. Crescent	4512-48 Avenue
3917-50 Street		

Needless Calls: 7.

April 1st, 1962. 11.14 hrs. Call came in stating washing machine smoking at 4708-Gaetz Avenue. Despatched Car 1 and two firemen and on arrival lady had unplugged washer, motor quite hot. Told lady to call electrician. Returned to Hall.

April 3rd, 1962. 13.51 hrs. Call came in stating grass fire at 5836-60 Avenue. Despatched Engine 5 and crew, and on arrival found C.P.R. employees burning right-of-way. Returned to Hall.

April 6th, 1962. 19.24 hrs. Call came in stating smoke in building at 5013-49 Ave. Despatched Engine 5 and crew, and on arrival found a light socket shorting. Instructed owner to call electrician. Returned to Hall.

April 9th, 1962. 17.17 hrs. Call came in stating smoke in house at 4110-42 Street. Despatched Engine 5 and crew, and on arrival owner had removed burning toy block from hot air register. Returned to Hall.

April 14th, 1962. 16.22 hrs. Call came in stating smoke in trailer on River Road. Despatched Engine 5 and crew, and on arrival forced entry and found plastic dishes boiled dry in a pot on the stove. Ventilated trailer and shut off stove. Returned to Hall.

April 15th, 1962. 10.43 hrs. Call came in stating fire in Lacombe. Chief gave permission and Engine 3 and crew responded but were recalled at City Limits. Returned to Hall.

April 25th, 1962. 17.46 hrs. Call came in stating rubbish fire at 3120 Calgary Trail. Despatched Engine 3 and crew, and on arrival found garbage being watched and under control. Returned to Hall.

During the month the City Ambulance responded to 12 calls within the City and one outside.

The Fire Prevention Bureau submit the following inspections:

Commercial Buildings	25.	Apartments	1.	Industrial Buildings	5.
Lodging House	1.	Garage & Service Stations	3.		
				<u>Total</u>	<u>35.</u>

Building Plans Inspected 8.

Fire Investigations:

Abandoned building by City Dump.	East of 35 Ave. Rubbish.
Apartment Building 5405-47A Ave.	Truck Fire at Safeways.

Checked 29 calls for need of grass burning.

Re-inspection of recommendations 19.

Recommendations issued 12.

During the month of April the Fire Department has had two crews burning off vacant and City property, also for the aged and infirm incapable of handling it themselves. The side hills pose a problem as does the creek bed, and these are always vulnerable and dangerous in Spring and Fall.

The Volunteer Brigade held practices on the 3rd and 17th of April, with average attendance of ten members. Jackets were approved for Brigade Members and pay increase of \$1.00 per hour for Captains.

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

No. 9:

May 2nd, 1962.

To: City Commissioner.

From: The Building Inspector.

Applications for Approval of Home Occupations

The following applications comply with the requirements of By-law 2011 and are submitted for Council's approval.

1.	O. M. Konsmo	5502-35 Street	Light Delivery
2.	J. A. Fleming	3718-45 Street	Aquarium Sales
3.	E. Layden	4537-45 Street	Excavator
4.	L. Olson	5914-56 Avenue	General Contractor
5.	Cec Hiles	5904-West Park Cresc.	Plasterer
6.	J. Mulder	4026-50A Street	Siding Applicator
7.	A. Bauman	5940-West Park Cresc.	Painter
8.	L. J. Gill	5734-41 Street Cresc.	Painter
9.	D. J. Gray	5853-41 Street Cresc.	Mobile Steam Cleaner.
10.	R. F. Curr	4601-47 Street	Trucker
11.	V. Wunsch	703-Terrace Park	General Contractor
12.	F. Rollings	3933-50A Street	Sewing Machine Service
13.	P. Basso	5337-46 Avenue	General Contractor
14.	B. Ruttle	4433-Embury Crescent	Electrical Contractor
15.	A. E. McMullen	3534-44 Avenue	Refrigerator Service
16.	A. Opden Dries	3736-47 Street	Electrical Contractor
17.	D. Winter	3437-41 Avenue	Earth Mover
18.	C. M. Houston	3734-50 Avenue	Floor Finisher
19.	Otto Terndrup	5334-42 Avenue	Painter
20.	B. van Staalduinen	6234-61 Avenue	Painter.

No. 10.

April 27th, 1962.

The Council,
City of Red Deer.

Gentlemen,

In reply to our tender on tire and tube supply and repair the following net discounts were submitted from the current price lists:-

Item	Civic Tire & Battery	Firestone Stores	Red Deer Tire Service	Kerr Tire Service
Auto tires	35%	25%	37.56%	37%
Truck tires	35%	30%	40%	40%
Farm tires	35%	30%	40%	40%
All tubes	35%	30%	40%	37%
Vulcanizing & Recap	35%	30%	35%	35%

Unit price flat repairs:

$\frac{1}{32}$ ton tube	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.50
$\frac{1}{32}$ ton tubeless	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00
$\frac{1}{4}$ ton tube	1.00	1.25	1.50	2.00
$\frac{1}{4}$ ton tubeless	1.00	1.25	1.50	2.50
1 ton tube	1.50	1.25	1.50	2.00
2 ton tube	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.50
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton tube	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.50
3-5 ton tube	2.00	2.50	3.00	3.00
Loader tires	3.00	6.50	3.00	3.50

On the basis of last year's total retail cost and number of flat repairs, using the above discounts, our total costs from the various suppliers would be:-

Civic Tire	\$5,213.27
Firestone Stores	5,723.27
Red Deer Tire Service	5,036.44
Kerr Tire Service	5,107.41

In view of the foregoing I would recommend placing the tire and tube contract with Red Deer Tire Service.

Yours truly,
A. S. Krause,
Purchasing Agent.

NOTE:

Concur with recommendation of Purchasing Agent.

COMMISSIONER.

No. 11.

May 2nd, 1962.

To: The City Commissioners.

From: The Building Inspector.

Re: Approval of use of Lots 21-22, Block 24, Plan 7604S - 5805 Riverview Avenue, for duplex or semi-detached dwellings.

This is a conditional use requiring approval of City Council under Zoning By-law 2011.

A survey of all property owners within 200 feet of the above property has been carried out with the following result.

Those Against	1
Those For	7
Those For With Reservation	1
Not Replying	<u>5</u>
Total number canvassed	14

Approval of this use is requested in order that the City may sell these Lots as a Duplex or Semi-Detached dwelling site. The Lots in question are a 46' lot and a triangular Lot with 144' frontage. The shape and size of the lots makes development of the two lots as one site with a duplex or semi detached dwelling the most practical.

Commissioners' Recommendation: That approval be given for the use of this site for a duplex or semi-detached dwelling.

G. K. Jorgenson.

No. 12:

Water Analysis Report (Bacteriological) - April 1962.

Samples of water tested from Red Deer City Public Water Supply all proved negative.

Re: New City Hall

The second plebiscite of proprietary electors on Borrowing By-law to finance construction of New City Hall, scheduled for May 9th, 1962, was cancelled by Council when Provincial Legislation passed on April 5th, 1962 authorized no plebiscite necessary unless 5% of proprietary electors petitioned for same.

The intention of the City to proceed by way of the new legislation was advertised as required by same, and the expiry date for receipt of demands for a plebiscite was May 1st, 1962. No demand for plebiscite was received.

On May 2nd, 1962, the Local Authority Board was contacted and they advise the Borrowing By-law for the New City Hall has been approved by that Board.

It may be of interest that Red Deer is the first city in the Province to proceed by way of the amended Provincial Legislation.

The Architects, Secord & Herzog were contacted on May 2nd and they will commence work on detailed working drawing for the New City Hall immediately. The Architects state plans necessary to put this project out to tender will be completed within three months, they anticipate a period of one month to six weeks from invitation to tender to commencement of contract. They also estimate construction of the new building will commence September 15th to October 15th, 1962, with completion date estimated one year later. The estimated commencement date will allow full advantage being taken of Winter Works Scheme if same is in effect in the Winter of 1962-1963.

CITY CLERK.

No. 14:Dog Control Report - April 1962.

Redeemed	15
Euthanized	7
Sold	-
Still Impounded	<u>3</u>
Total	<u>25</u>

Fred Szastkiw,
License Inspector.

No. 15:Business & Professional Licenses Report - April 1962

	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>
Business & Professional	\$2020.00	\$1940.00
Mobile Homes	722.91	302.17
Public Accommodation	109.00	556.00
Machinery	155.00	255.00
Dray	245.00	520.00
Taxis & Taxi Drivers	11.00	2.00
Vending	121.00	40.00
Dogs	50.00	123.00
Bicycles	177.00	212.50
	<u>\$3610.91</u>	<u>\$3950.67</u>

Total January 1st to April 30th, 1961.

\$12,020.86

Total January 1st to April 30th, 1962.

\$11,330.91

Fred Szastkiw,
License Inspector.

Written Enquiry: (Ald. McRobbie)

April 13th, 1962.

No. 1.

To: The City Clerk.

Please direct this letter to the Mayor and City Council. As I will be absent from the next Regular Meeting I would request that the Councillors and Mayor give attention to this matter.

Our water situation is to say the least deplorable. We have, I believe, a 3,000,000 gal. per day capacity filtration plant and I would assume we are using about one-third of that amount. Numerous citizens are going to the Rotary Park as well as the Creameries for water that they can drink. The water is badly discoloured, bad tasting, and anything but inviting. Since this plant is only about ten years old is this the best that it can do or is it being handled properly?

In conversation with Mr. Gamble about the situation I am told to see the Plant foreman Mr. Logan. He further claims nothing can be done about the discolouration. I cannot accept this statement as fact and feel that with proper engineering advisors and better Plant operation we can have a palatable water supply like other Alberta cities are enjoying.

With Red Deer in the news about its intelligent stand on fluoridation of the water we should be able to offer the tourist something better to sample and boast about than the stuff we have been putting out this past few weeks. Misunderstandings naturally arise among many and some are blaming fluorides for the filthy water. I have received many complaints from our citizens who are paying for a good water supply and have also been told that infant children are suffering as a result of this water having to be used in their feeding. Is this good enough?

I urge a complete study of this water situation by an independent qualified engineer and some solution, even if it means using water wells as a new source.

(Alderman) Jas. McRobbie.

Reply to Written Enquiry:

To: City Clerk.

April 25th, 1962.

From: City Engineer.

Re: Council's Written Enquiry about City Water

Each Spring we have difficulty treating water. The period of time varies from three to six weeks preceding river break-up. The treated water may be slightly coloured, have a musty odour and a noticeable taste which is more pronounced when used for making tea or coffee. During the remainder of the year the water is of excellent quality. Water served in cafes always seems to have an objectionable taste. This is usually attributable to disinfecting agents used in cleaning glasses.

Throughout the year the water is hygienically pure.

Every community taking water from a river will experience problems during this critical period of the year. The degree of problem with the raw water is dependent on whether the community has an impounding reservoir. It also depends on the type of watershed. The watersheds may have numerous sloughs, marshlands, etc., which induce certain problems.

Colour: The colour in the water is generally caused by organic matter in solution or suspension. All of this is caused by snow melt running through fields, sloughs and "fair weather" streams.

Odour: The odour is caused by organic matter - i.e. from sloughs, marshland, etc.

Taste: May be caused by:-

1. A change in hardness of water.
2. High chlorination.
3. Organic matter in the water.
4. Lack of oxygen.

The river water under normal conditions has some colour, odour and taste but this can easily be removed when the treatment plant is operating normally. However, during the critical period the colour, taste and odour increase in intensity and the treatment plant cannot be operated normally, because of other complicating factors i.e.

- (a) Proper coagulation becomes extremely difficult. Coagulation is the process of adding an agent (alum or nalco) to water to facilitate sedimentation of suspended matter. The agent normally provides a floc on which suspended matter impinges and rapidly settles. It also assists in settling the precipitates caused by the softening process in the same manner. The floc with the suspended matter and precipitates clinging to it also removes a great deal of bacteria.

Under normal conditions the size of the floc is about the size of a matchhead. However, at the critical period, we are not able to get a floc that is 10% of this size. We suspect that the reason for this is because the water at this time of the year has but a small amount of minute particles of suspended matter which is not sufficient to act as a proper nuclei for the initial formation of floc.

Proper coagulation, through physical action, materially assists in reducing colour, taste, odour and bacteria. We have endeavoured to improve coagulation during this period by experimenting with the controllable factors i.e. we have changed the type of coagulant, varied the quantity of coagulant, and increased the mixing time.

- (b) Proper water softening in conjunction with proper coagulation also assists in reducing colour, taste, odour and bacteria. However, we are not able to soften the water at this time of the year for reasons which are not entirely evident. The average raw water hardness is 200 p.p.m. and we soften to about 90 p.p.m. The raw water at this time of the year has a hardness of about 125 p.p.m.
- (c) The bacteria count at this critical time is quite high and combined with poor coagulation and no softening, we find it necessary to increase the chlorine addition up to 800%. Most of the chlorine is used up in combining with organic or inorganic matter, oxidation of organic or inorganic compounds, etc. The residual chlorine in the water leaving the filter plant throughout the year is less than one p.p.m. Chlorine is used as both a preventative and corrective agent in the control of tastes and odours in some treatment plants. Sometimes it actually intensifies odours already present or produces odours in an otherwise odour-free water. Pre-chlorination may be an answer to the taste problem.

To counteract these complicating factors, we use activated carbon which substantially reduces tastes and odours. We have added as much as 30 p.p.m. with an average of 15 p.p.m. I understand Lethbridge were able to get rid of the taste in their water by adding 22 p.p.m.

The capacity of our treatment plant and the addition of fluoride have nothing to do with the taste, odour and colour problem.

We believe that we have, on the average, produced satisfactory water. However, we are selling a very important commodity and should be cognizant of the wishes of the consumer. Therefore, we should at least take steps to find out how much more it will cost to produce better water so that a decision can be easily made. The production of quality water during this critical time is rather complex and because the period of time is rather short, we do not have much time to experiment. It might be cheaper and likely faster to have expert advice on this subject.

N. J. Deck,
City Engineer.

No.2: (Alderman Power).

The following written enquiries were submitted to Council meeting of April 23rd, by Alderman Power.

- (1) What progress has been made in connection with the removal of the C.N.R. tracks South of Ross Street.
- (2) When will the new Fire Hall be ready. What additional space will be available to other City Departments when the Fire Department is moved.
- (3) What plans has the City for providing additional off-street parking?

ANSWERS:

- (1) Negotiations are still underway, definite dates for removal of tracks not as yet clarified.
- (2) Fire Hall will be ready for occupancy by May 15th, 1962.

Main Floor: Will be occupied by expanding the machine accounting section of the Treasurer's Dept. In addition, machine work of preparing Utility and Tax bills presently done in the basement of the City Hall will also be transferred to the main floor of the existing Fire Hall. The space gained by this move will reduce the present crowded conditions of the Treasurer's Dept. This move will be completed at a minimum of cost and will involve installation of improved lighting and construction of a ramp from the main floor (City Hall) to the main floor of the existing Fire Hall.

Second Floor: The most reasonable move of departments would be to make the following changes.

The Assessing and Industrial Development departments move into the Fire Hall. The Building and Licensing Dept., move to the Assessor's office. The Welfare Dept., expand into the Building Dept's present location.

This move would not require a large expenditure in that one partition would have to be removed, removal of fire pole and repair floor. Fix steps.

- (3) All new buildings in Commercial area are required to supply off-street parking facilities of one space for each 300 sq. ft. of main floor area, one for each 500 sq. ft. of second floor area on property concerned or immediately adjacent. If they do not wish to supply same they may pay into Off Street Parking Fund one third of the estimated cost of each parking space required by the building. This money is put in Trust Fund and can be used only to provide additional off-street parking facilities, one third of cost from Trust Fund two thirds from general City revenue.

Property has been acquired on 51st Street adjoining present 51st Street Parking Lot and when parking situation requires same this Lot can be extended.

No specific policy has been established by Council regarding the enlargement of existing parking lots, acquisition of new lots or the development of existing lots.

It should be noted that since the fund was set up, the sixty stalls East of Hudson's Bay has been paved and metered, and \$30,000 has been spent on the parking lot at the C.P.R. Station.

It is desirable that several large lots to hold not less than 100 cars should be established so that when it costs more than \$1,500 per stall to buy land and develop it the City can erect parking structures.

In some cases, such as the property near the Salvation Army, the small lot on 52nd Street and the small lot near Vellner Motors, it may be desirable at an appropriate time to exchange these properties for larger properties in the vicinity. E.g. We sold 125 feet where the Hudson's Bay now stands in exchange for 175 feet where the City parking lot is now

accommodated. This is a lot which I consider should be enlarged to the South or East to ensure adequate parking in connection with the Civic Centre.

The Salvation Army parking lot, I believe should ultimately be exchanged for property on the East side of 49th Avenue. It is not considered at this time that the parking situation is serious, but the gradual requisition of property in the proper locations is being watched.

If the City is able it should set up a fund of say \$10,000 per year for off-street parking acquisition and development which would be matched by \$5,000 per annum from the Parking Fund. The important thing is to be able to act quickly when possible.

It should be noted that one third of the cost of the building recently acquired on 51st Street could be met from parking funds, providing the building is committed for future parking use.

No.3: (Alderman Mrs. Taylor)

The following written enquiries were submitted to Council meeting of April 23rd, 1962 by Alderman Mrs. Taylor.

- (1) As there are not any defined crosswalk areas on the corner of 55 Street and Gaetz Avenue, I ask that a study be made of this difficult intersection and crosswalk definitions be made for the guidance and safety of pedestrians. This corner is especially confusing for children, who often wait for a crossing, unsure of where to go.
- (2) Should there not be a "No Parking" sign for a specified number of feet by the crosswalk on 55 Street and 47A Avenue on the South side of the street. As it is if a car is parked right to the Eastern curb, it is almost impossible to see anyone coming out from the curb. This is especially bad at night, though dangerous even in daylight.

A fire hydrant just West of this curb limits parking in front of this residence and so means that sometimes cars go to the extreme curb to park.

ANSWERS:

- (1) The traffic pattern at the intersection of 55 Street and Gaetz Avenue, is being studied by Traffic Engineers, Stanley, Grimble & Roblin. Sand bags are presently used to define vehicle traffic lanes and when the best location is established permanent traffic lane dividers will be installed, and pedestrian crosswalks defined.
- (2) The Signs Dept., have been requested to check this area as same is an off-set intersection, and if feasible a "No Parking" sign will be installed.

CORRESPONDENCE:Letter No.1.

Red Deer Separate School District No.17.
P.O.Box 625, Red Deer.
April 23rd, 1962.

The Red Deer City Council,
c/o Mr. F. A. Amy,
City Clerk,
Red Deer, Alta.

Gentlemen,

Re: Lot S, Block 33, Plan 5187 K.S.

Thank you very much for your letter of April 11th, advising that the Council of the City of Red Deer approved the transfer of the above lot to the Red Deer Separate School District #17 for the building of a new school and the Board wishes me to express their deep appreciation for the prompt action the Council took in this matter.

Yours very truly,
C. J. Lerouge,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Letter No.2:

Department of Agriculture,
Field Crops Branch,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Secretaries of Counties,
Municipal Districts, Cities,
Towns and Villages.

April 17, 1962.

Dear Sir,

Every county, municipal district, city, town and village is responsible for (1) weed control within its corporate limits, (2) the proper administration of the Noxious Weeds Act within the corporate limits of the Municipality. In assuming this control the council of each municipality must appoint "..... such weed inspectors as are required for the purpose of the proper administration of this Act" (see Section 7, Noxious Weeds Act).

In every county and municipal district, field supervisors are appointed as permanent weed inspectors. In cities, towns and villages, however, weed inspectors are usually appointed on a temporary basis with reappointments or new appointments made yearly.

This letter is to remind all municipalities that a weed inspector should be appointed as early in the Spring as practicable where such as yet has not been done. This will help the inspector to organize his work and place him in a better position to perform his services more efficiently.

We would like to point out that Section 7, subsections 5, 6, 7, and 8 should be adhered to when making the appointment. We are attaching hereto two copies of the Weed Inspector's Declaration Forms to be completed and one copy returned to this office as required under the Noxious Weeds Act. Please submit the name, address and telephone number of your weed inspector.

Your early attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,
W. Lobay, Supervisor
Soils and Weed Control

NOTE:

Would recommend that James Jutte, City Parks Foreman, be appointed by resolution of Council as Weed Inspector under Noxious Weeds Act, for the City of Red Deer.

COMMISSIONER.

Letter No.3:

Red Deer Local Council of Women.

His Worship the Mayor
and Council,
Red Deer, Alta.

April 19th, 1962.

Dear Sirs,

At the April 17th meeting of the Red Deer Local Council of Women the following motion was passed:

"Moved ... that the Council of Women write to the Red Deer City Council requesting that they review the present By-law regarding fire-crackers (and related devices); and ask that they revise this By-law so that the sale of fire-crackers is prohibited except to organized groups, and then only by permit."

We feel that the existing By-law is difficult to enforce, and is quite inadequate, considering the dangerous nature of fire-crackers in the hands of children or careless adults. These devices are a fire hazard as well as a potential source of serious injury.

We understand that many larger cities (for example Calgary) have adopted far stricter policies regarding the sale and use of fire-crackers, and that these policies have been quite favourably received and successfully enforced. We respectfully submit that Red Deer should take preventive measures in this field before serious accidents occur.

Yours very truly,
(Mrs.) R. Ethier - Secretary.

NOTE:

Sec.275 of the City Act permits Council to prohibit or regulate the setting off of fireworks. Following is Fireworks By-law presently in effect.

FIREWORKS

156. (a) MANUFACTURE of Fireworks within the City is prohibited.

(b) 1.No person shall offer or display for sale any fireworks unless a permit is first had and obtained from the Fire Chief.

2. It shall be a condition of each permit issued under Clause 1. hereof.

(i) In the case of the storage of fire works that the same be stored in safe and proper containers approved by the Fire Chief.

(ii) In a case of the display for sale of fire works, that the same be displayed in such a manner so that the public frequenting the premises upon which such fireworks are displayed for sale are not able to handle the same.

(c) No person under the age of 16 years shall purchase fireworks.

157. (a) No person shall discharge, explode or set off any fireworks on any highway within the City nor on or near any other person or property in such a manner as to be likely to cause injury or damage.

(b) Nothing in this part shall be construed to prohibit the use of fireworks by railroads or other transportation agencies for the purpose of signals or illuminations or for the sale or use of blank cartridges for shows or theatres or for the sale or use of blank cartridges for shows or theatres or for signal or ceremonial purposes in athletic or sport events or for use by military organizations.

(c) Any fireworks purchased but not discharged, exploded or set off shall be either:

- (i) Safely disposed of.
- (ii) Stored in accordance with Subsection B hereof or,
- (iii) Returned to the Vendor thereof.

CITY CLERK.

Letter No.4:

City of Red Deer.

Keith McColl Agencies.

April 30th, 1962.

Re: Arnold Pipke Property - 5507-60 Avenue, Red Deer,
Lots 3 & 4, Block E, Plan 5190 V.

We wish to advise that Mr. Pipke is prepared to sell the above described property including buildings, to the City of Red Deer for the sum of \$5,000.00

Kindly address correspondence and replies to this office.

Yours truly,
 Keith McColl.

NOTE:

In the overall plan of Fairview subdivision a sum of money was included therein for acquisition of two older houses and lots in an area thereof which will be zoned for multiple dwellings. The above property is one of these. Would recommend Council's approval of this property.

 COMMISSIONER.

Letter No.4:

City Council,
 Red Deer.

Alberta Association of Registered Nurses,
 Chapter No.6,
 4131-47 Street, Red Deer.

April 25th, 1962.

Dear Sirs,

At a recent meeting of our Alberta Association of Registered Nurses we were discussing the subject of the City budget. We were quite disturbed at the cut in allotment for City Welfare Work. This work is, we feel, most important and we should do all in our power to encourage good and efficient work in this department.

We would ask you to reconsider the allotment for this worthwhile work.

Yours sincerely,
 (Mrs.) May C. Gardiner, R.N.
 Corresponding Secretary.

Letter No.6.

His Worship the Mayor
 & Council,
 City of Red Deer.

Red Deer Local Council of Women.

April 19th, 1962.

Dear Sirs,

It has been brought to the attention of the Red Deer Local Council of Women that the Social Service Allowance in the recent City budget has been substantially reduced. On behalf of all our represented Women's Groups, we most strongly protest this change.

We respectfully suggest that this represents false economy, since Social Service Work is constructive and preventive in nature. The need for it is increasing not decreasing. We feel that such a drastic reduction in the allotment for Social Service work will seriously hinder its effectiveness to function. Surely this is a backward step in our usually progressive community!

We most earnestly urge you to reconsider this allotment, and will be looking forward to hearing of your further deliberations on this subject.

Yours very truly,
 (Mrs.) R. Ethier,
 Secretary.

Letter No.7:

Ladies' Orange Benevolent Association
Garden City Lodge No.322.
3706-47 Street, Red Deer.

Red Deer City Council.

To: The Mayor & Aldermen.

April 25th, 1962.

At our meeting last night I was instructed to write to you in protest at the recent cut in budget allowances for Social Services and Welfare in our City.

Our members would ask that this matter be re-considered and that increased allowance be made.

Yours truly,
(Mrs.) Grace McFadden,
Recording Secretary.

Letter No.8:

Hudson's Bay Company,
Calgary, Alberta.

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

Dear Sirs,

Electric Power Rates

We are writing to request you to adjust the rate we pay for electricity at our new Store in your City.

We realize that modern Department Stores are heavy users of electricity; our demand of 390 KW and consumption of 120,000 K.W.H. per month is to be expected. We realize, too, that the rate you have applied to us is the best you have in your present schedules, namely your rate No.8 of 40¢ per KW of demand per month, plus a flat 1½¢ per K.W.H. of consumption.

The basic reason we are asking for a better rate is that our demand and consumption is so far in excess of the minimum for which rate No.8 was set up. We qualify for this rate on the basis of buying primary power and owning our own transformer; plus having an installation of over 100 K.V.A. However, our demand is almost four times this figure, and we suggest another rate should be struck that acknowledges such higher scale use of the service installation. Your costs to service our Store are far lower than the average because of this high useage. Present billing to us averages in excess of \$2,000 per month.

Specifically, we suggest a sliding scale set up beyond rate No.8. For example, were you to establish that the first 200 hours' use of the demand were to be billed at 1½¢ per K.W.H. and all in excess of this at 1¢, then our average rate would be 1.45 cents per K.W.H. instead of the present 1.63 cents, including the service charge. Alternatively, and simpler to calculate, would be a rate of 1½¢ for the first 50,000 K.W.H. and 1¼¢ for all over this, per month, yielding an average of 1.48 cents. This type of rate structure acknowledges the lower cost to you of service in an installation where the use of the demand is high, and is fair to you and to use, the consumer.

We had a brief discussion with your Mr. O. C. Mills on this subject, in general terms. This is our formal application to you for consideration. We realize that you cannot set up a rate for an individual consumer, and that anyone else on your system who can qualify for the new rate would be entitled to it also, but we believe that few, if any, in Red Deer can do so.

We hope to receive your favourable reply.

Yours faithfully,
For the Hudson's Bay Company,
H. M. Hunter,
Services Superintendent.

NOTE:

The power rate structure in this City has not been changed and was in effect prior to the construction of the Bay Store. These rates were known to the Bay officials at time of planning for their store here.

Any reduction in rates would apply to all consumers, present and future, having power consumption in the range in question, and would result in loss of revenue to the City which would be reflected in the mill rate.

It is recommended the reduction applied for be not approved.

COMMISSIONER.

Letter No. 9.

Red Deer District Planning Commission.

May 3rd, 1962.

City Commissioners,
City of Red Deer.

Dear Sirs,

Re: Application for Hospital Hill Site Terrace Housing

Zeiter Brothers are interested in developing further row housing on the City owned site on the West side of the Hospital Hill (52nd Avenue). The land is now zoned to permit this.

A preliminary plan showing 28 units has been submitted for consideration, but in my view this is too crowded and should be reduced to 24 units with a greater space between the blocks.

It is recommended that the City agree to provide Zeiter Brothers with 24 lots each with 24 feet frontage (internal) and 36.5 feet (external) minimum at a price of \$1,500 per lot including survey.

24 lots @ \$1,500 = \$36,000

This price to include service connection to property line.

The City Engineer has advised that the lots can be supplied with:-

Paved road.
Paved lane.
Sidewalk, curb & gutter along road.
Sewer & water in road.
Underground wiring (power & telephone)
Service connections to property line of which about
\$8,000 is attributable to the opposite side of the Street.

at a total cost of \$28,100.

It should be noted that this development has come at the most appropriate time, in that it will be most desirable to pave the Hospital hill next year in connection with the new Auxiliary Hospital. The above estimated cost includes the cost of paving both halves of the road and the curbs on the Hospital side of the road.

The developers would be required to submit plans of the buildings for City approval and to enter into an agreement to landscape the public reserve. All service connections and sidewalks would be the responsibility of the developer inside the property line.

It would further be recommended that similar agreements be entered into in respect of the maintenance of the buildings as was entered into in Terrace Park. No charge would be necessary, however, for maintenance of internal parks.

P.S. For approval of Council please. Yours truly, D. Cole, Director.
Plans will be available for Council.

NOTE:

This matter has been discussed with the Land Dept., and the above proposal is in line with our present Land Sale Policy and prices for this type of development.

D. J. Wilson.

Concur with recommendations of Planning Director.

COMMISSIONER.

Re: Social Service Budget

With reference to the three letters on the agenda, and another from the Highway W.I. which arrived too late for the agenda, the objections vary.

1. States the allotment has been cut.
2. States the allowance has been substantially reduced.
3. States cut in budget allowance.
4. States cut in budget.

It appears to me that there is a complete misunderstanding between budget and estimate.

The following are the exact figures appearing in the budget document and the last column, the Finance Committee Recommendation, represent the figure adopted by Council as the Budget.

	1960 <u>Actual</u>	1961 <u>Estimate</u>	1961 <u>Actual</u>	1962 Dept. <u>Estimate</u>	Finance Committee <u>Recommendations</u>
Admin. Salaries	6160	11000	9510	15830	9770
Staty & Supplies	635	400	685	1185	945
Welfare Costs	26385	34000	35150	35000	30000
Homes for Aged	4545	6000	1915	1000	-
Child Welfare	1565	2000	1175	4335	2315
Grants	375	375	375	375	375
Equipment Expense	-	-	320	445	205

Administration Salaries:

This amount increased from \$6160 in 1960 to \$9510 in 1961. The Department request for 1962 included provision for extra help. Council did not feel this was justified this year, but the actual budget was increased by \$260.

Stationery & Supplies:

These figures speak for themselves, an increase each year in the approved budget.

Welfare Costs:

This is a figure that will increase or decrease as the needs arise, and correspondingly our revenue will fluctuate as 80% of these costs are a charge to the Provincial Government.

Homes for Aged:

As the Provincial Government now pay 100% of these costs, there is no budget provision required.

Child Welfare:

These figures also speak for themselves.

From the above breakdown you will see the Budget has been increased in all cases of fixed costs.

If the writers of these letters are referring to the estimates, this is a different subject, and I will quote some other examples of how the Budget Committee had to reduce estimates in nearly all departments in order to come up with a mill rate that would provide a good standard of services, and not be at a level that would create a hardship on our citizens.

	<u>1961 Actual</u>	<u>1962 Dept. Estimate</u>	<u>Approved Budget</u>
Fire Dept.	201730	244785	212190
Sanitation & Waste Removal	93470	111205	104125
Public Works	238315	256400	252725

I would therefore recommend that these letters be acknowledged by a word of thanks for the interest of these ladies organizations, together with the facts from this report which clearly shows the budget allotment or allowance, whatever it may be called, was not cut below last year's actual expenditures.

E. Newman,
Mayor.