

A G E N D A

For Council Meeting of City of Red Deer to be held in the Council
Chambers on Monday, June 6th, 1960 at 5.00 p.m.

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>BLK.</u>	<u>PLAN</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PUR. PRICE.</u>	<u>FLOOR AREA</u>
SUMMIT INVEST. & DEVELOPMENT CO.	5	16	3227KS	3838-39 Street	\$4260.08	
" " " "	2	16	3227KS	3917-38 Avenue	\$2867.60	
" " " "	4	16	3227KS	3909-38A Avenue	\$4298.76	
AMERICAN HOMES & REALTY LTD.	18	38	5187KS	5828-Westpark Cresc.	\$2166.52	900 Sq.ft.

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8. New Business:

DELEGATIONS:

Trinity United Evangelical Lutheran Church,
4334-39th Street,
Red Deer, Alberta.

Red Deer City Council,
City Hall,
Red Deer, Alberta.

April 13, 1960.

Dear Sirs,

In view of the action taken by the City of Edmonton last year, in regard to the re-adjustment of the electric rates to churches, from commercial to domestic rates; we the Ministerial Association, representing all the protestant churches in the City, together with the Roman Catholic Church, request your re-consideration of the electric rates to our churches. It is the consensus of opinion that we are being charged 'demand electric rates' for electricity normally used in off peak hours, i.e. for Sundays and week nights normally after 7.30 p.m.

On behalf of the Red Deer Ministerial Association:

Sincerely yours,
Rev. Albert E. Rasmussen.

P.S.

Enclosed, please find Edmonton Council ruling of Jan. 12th, 1959.

THE CITY OF EDMONTON
ELECTRIC LIGHT & POWER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

A. DOMESTIC LIGHTING RATES.

The "Domestic" Rate shall apply only to premises supplied with separate meters and used exclusively for domestic purposes, by the Customer and the Members of his immediate family, provided that:-

1. Where a customer provides for a consideration on his premises, accommodation for not more than four persons in addition to members of his own family, although without separate meter, said premises shall fall within the domestic rate.
2. Where not more than one suite on the premises of the customer is occupied by a separate family, said suite, notwithstanding there is no separate meter provided therefor, shall also fall within the Domestic Rate.

B. DOMESTIC LIGHTING RATES.

The "Domestic" Rate shall apply to those premises:-

1. Which are used for Divine Service or Public Worship as defined by the City Assessor; and
2. Which are metered separately or with the residence of the Pastor.

C. DOMESTIC LIGHTING & HEAVY DUTY APPLIANCE RATES.

The Domestic Lighting and Heavy Duty Appliance Rate shall apply only to premises where 230 Volt appliances of 3 K.W. or over are being operated, supplied with separate meter, occupied and used exclusively for Domestic purposes by the customer.

D. COMMERCIAL LIGHTING RATES.

"Commercial" rate shall apply to all other cases.

COUNCIL RULINGS SEPTEMBER 11th, 1946 (C.R.29-10), October 26th, 1953 (C.R.2) and January 12th, 1959 (C.R.14).

City Commissioners,
City of Red Deer.

May 30th, 1960.

Gentlemen,

Attached are rate comparisons for three Churches, small, medium and large. It will be noted that the difference between present and proposed is quite substantial, particularly for the larger Churches.

From the viewpoint of Utility operation, I cannot recommend any change from existing rates. Church premises are certainly not off-peak loads, the difference in consumption between Winter and Summer bears this out in that their maximum usage is in Winter when our power costs the most. While these premises are used mostly throughout the year on Sundays only, it has been noted that during the Christmas Season they are used extensively during the week, and right on our peak-load period for which we pay all year.

Another disadvantage from the Utility standpoint is that a large amount of line and transformer capacity is required to handle the load and this capacity remains idle most of the week. This disadvantage is noted particularly in the residential districts.

The argument for the Churches is that they are not a Commercial operation, that is they are not using the electricity as a means to better business, or to sell their product, and are not making money by the use of electricity, as is the case with the usual Commercial Customer. Perhaps this argument could also apply to other installations in the City; Schools, Armouries, Masonic Hall, Elks Hall etc., and where could one draw the line?

Yours truly,
O.C. Mills,
Elec. Supt.

COMMISSIONERS NOTE:

Further to the E.L. & P. Supt., report, the following are rate comparisons he has used on the following three churches.

<u>Church</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>K.W.H.</u>	<u>Present Net Billing</u>	<u>Net Domestic</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Bible Institute 52nd Street	Jan-Dec.	1900	\$116.39	\$66.44	\$49.95
	Cost per KWH		6.12¢	3.49¢	
Lutheran Church, 39 Street.	Jan-Dec.	4940	\$357.40	\$111.42	\$245.98
	Cost per KWH		7.23¢	2.25¢	
United Church	Jan-Dec.	9800	\$692.70	\$181.30	\$511.40
	Cost per KWH		7¢	1.8¢	

The above figures show the large church receiving a grant of over \$500.00 and a small church a grant of only \$50.00.

Mr. Mills has pointed out the extra equipment required to handle these loads, particularly in residential areas, and also the creation of a precedent for other organizations to apply.

We suggest also, that if Council refer to the recent Forecast of the City's Budget Position for the years 1961-1965, it is noted that by the present Provincial Statutes the taxpayers of our City are, in the year 1960, subsidizing our City Churches to the amount of \$23,834.00 in taxes.

With the above information we have no alternative to recommend no change in our light and power rates to churches.

COMMISSIONERS.
John Robinson will appear before Council on behalf of several property owners on 55 Street in respect to recent widening of the said 55 Street.
COMMISSIONERS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Chairman,
Police Commission,
City of Red Deer,
Alberta.

Red Deer, Alta.
May 27th, 1960.

Dear Sir,

Re: Left Turns, and Removing of Solid Lines
at City Lanes

1. Adverting to the above, and the subject matter which was brought up at the last Police Comm. meeting, regarding certain left turns which might be contemplated off the various lanes in the City, and also regarding the removal of certain solid lines opposite lanes in the City, in order to facilitate the servicing of stores and delivery, I wish to state as follows.

2. Myself, and the traffic section have been carefully studying and observing this so called proposal and it would now appear, that this could be a dangerous practice from a safety point of view. It is obvious that this would facilitate certainly the truck traffic, but there is little question that it would be immediately abused by the normal car traffic, and thus create a real problem. Also, if the lanes have access by means of broken solid lines, so that the vehicles can cross from one side to the other, the pedestrians will also feel that they have the same privilege, and this would create another real problem.

3. Also as a result of studying traffic and vehicle control reports from other centres, and recommendations as made by safety authorities, it is now our opinion, that these left turn signs should not be put into effect, nor should the solid lines be removed at lanes, as it will:

- (1) Disrupt traffic in it's normal flow.
- (2) Disrupt the traffic signal timing and calibration.
- (3) Will create many traffic hazards.
- (4) Tend to make enforcement impossible, especially with regards to accidents.
- (5) From a safety point of view, should not be considered.

E.O. Kumm, Sgt.,
1/C Red Deer City Detail.

NOTE:

In view of the above letter we have taken the liberty of not commencing the line painting programme.

Your Engineer and Commissioners checked in Edmonton and Calgary last week, and lines are not broken at lane intersections in these two cities.

COMMISSIONERS.

Letter No.1.

RED DEER COUNCIL OF WOMEN

The Mayor and Council,
City of Red Deer.

4529-48 Street,
Red Deer, Alta.

May 18th, 1960.

Dear Sirs,

We wrote you under date of February 18th, giving the results of a survey made through our member organizations and other women's bodies on the question of shopping hours in Red Deer. The response to this survey was overwhelmingly in favour of night shopping on one evening a week, and individual inquiries made among women strongly supported this view.

We hope, therefore, that, in the plebiscite to be taken at the City election that voters will be given the opportunity of selecting one of three choices, e.g.

1. The By-law to be retained as it is.
2. Controlled shopping hours, with one evening a week shopping.
3. The By-law to be rescinded and merchants allowed to set their own hours.

(Mrs.) Yours very truly,
L.F.de Launay,
President, Red Deer Council of
Women.

NOTE:

Under the terms of the City Act, we have been petitioned to hold a plebiscite on questions 1. and 3. only.

COMMISSIONERS.

Letter No.2:

CANADIAN ROCKIES TOURIST ASSOCIATION

Room 303,
134-8th Avenue S.E.,
CALGARY, Alberta.

His Worship Mayor J.McAfee,
Red Deer,
Alberta.

May 24th, 1960.

Your Worship,

C.R.T.A. is the first and only Province-wide Tourist Service Organization in Alberta. It is a non-profit organization financed by membership fees and grants from Public Bodies, Trade Organizations and private individuals augmented by a matching grant from the Provincial Government Travel Bureau.

For more than 12 seasons we have operated Information Bureaus and Teletype reservation offices throughout Alberta, South-East British Columbia and the State of Montana. This season we are glad to have been able to extend our activities into Central Alberta by co-operating with the Red Deer Chamber of Commerce in the operation of the Tourist Information Bureau in your City.

Amongst our members are the City of Calgary, Edmonton, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge; Tourist Associations at Medicine Hat, Lethbridge and Calgary; Chambers of Commerce at Fort MacLeod, Banff, Jasper etc. We should be very glad to be able to add the City of Red Deer to our list of members. To this end we are hopeful that consideration will be given by your City to joining with other cities and towns in becoming a member of C.R.T.A., and thus helping us to increase still further the services we can give to tourists.

The impact on the economic life of the Province of the tourist industry is recognised. In 1959 over 2½ million visitors left some \$67,000,000.00 in Alberta. Many economic studies have conclusively shown that tourist dollars besides being new money also seep through every level of the economic structure so that every business, indeed every individual, in the Province benefits either

directly or indirectly and to a greater or lesser degree from them.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your courteous and friendly reception of us last week. We enclose various statements of our activities and finances for your information and shall be very glad to supply any other information you may require on request.

Yours sincerely,
CANADIAN ROCKIES TOURIST ASSOC'N.
H.A. Webster,
Secretary-Manager.

NOTE:

Your Commissioners recommend that this year, we make a token membership payment of \$100.00.

As the above named group have started to assist our local C. of C. in the promotion of the Tourist Booth, and providing they continue to do so, we suggest that in future years, the portion of the grant we make to the C. of C. and which they turn over for tourist promotion, we pay direct to the C.R.T.A. as the Provincial Govt. match dollar for dollar. This group also canvas private enterprise. We have checked with the Treasurer and the \$100.00 mentioned can be charged to our Industrial or Public Relations account.

COMMISSIONERS.

Letter No. 3:

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

Box 10,
Red Deer, Alberta.

May 24th, 1960.

Dear Mr. Amy,

On applying for permit to move our storage buildings, from Pcl.1 C, Plan 5009 K.S. to Pt. S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 8-38-27-4., we find that the latter is zoned 3 A, private open space. The buildings are presently located at the rear of the trailer court. This land has all been designed to be taken up by extending our trailer court and putting in Summer camping facilities. The parcel of land intended to move then onto is located approx. 1000 ft. from main highway and 650 feet from the nearest dwelling, other than our own. We purchased the land about 2 years ago for the purpose of moving these storage buildings onto it. With the railroad bordering the West side of this and the proposed truck route cutting through the North East corner, it would seem more suitable to us as well as the City to have this zoned commercial.

We are hoping this request to Council to have this land re-zoned will cut short the time required to go through other channels, as there is much to do and the tourist season is drawing near.

I am,

Yours truly,
G.S. Frizzell.

RED DEER DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION

City Clerk,
City of Red Deer,
Red Deer, Alta.

May 31st, 1960.

Dear Sir,

Re: Application - G.S. Frizzell

Mr. Frizzell first approached this Commission regarding the re-zoning of Lot 1 for the purpose of erecting a modern service station and trailer court on October 19th, 1956. Plans showing the overall development of this property was submitted, re-zoning was carried out and the subdivision design finally approved

and registered, under which the whole of his property was to be used for the purpose of (1) a trailer court, (2) a service station, and (3) a site for a hotel or other use permitted under the zoning.

It was our understanding, although nothing was put in writing, that the sub-standard buildings, which were being used by Mr. Frizzell in connection with his house-moving business, would be removed as development of the trailer court took place. Not only have the buildings not been removed, but it would seem that they are under lease or being used by another party for a purpose which is not strictly in accord with the By-law.

Mr. Frizzell now wishes to move the old buildings onto another site which was previously zoned as a Small Holding, and is now zoned as A-3 (Private Open Space).

The uses permitted in this district are limited to those uses permitted in a Small Holding District, and in addition, with the approval of the Council, the storage of lumber, pipe or building materials, used car lots, trailer sales and rentals, and any use, which in the opinion of Council, is not detrimental to the use of adjacent sites or sites in the vicinity provided that no permanent building shall be erected.

The reason why sites in this district are limited to temporary buildings not exceeding 600 square feet is that the land cannot be economically serviced, and is unsuitable in the long range plan of the City for one reason or another for development.

It is strongly recommended that (1) the application for re-zoning this land should be rejected, (2) the present use of these buildings should be investigated in view of the fact that the use is not the use permitted before the By-law was passed or under the existing By-law, and the use has changed relatively recently.

Yours truly,
Donis Cole,
Director.

NOTE:

Your Commissioners suggest there is no other alternative than to support the above recommendation.

COMMISSIONERS.

Letter No.4.

City Council,
Red Deer, Alta.

6104-61 Avenue,
Red Deer.

May 31st, 1960.

Dear Sirs,

The North Hill Sports Centre and Community Club has been endeavouring for two years to establish a much needed playground in our immediate neighbourhood.

The area represented is roughly, that lying between 62nd St. and 67th St., bounded on the East by the old highway and on the West by 61st Ave., or as far as this neighborhood extends.

The need for playground facilities is urgent, as there are over one hundred children in this area who are of an age that would be using such a playground if one were available.

To-date we have raised funds and built a good sized skating rink which has been in use for the past two Winters. As there was no other property available to us, we leased land for the rink but erected it in such a way that it can be moved if and when a permanent location is obtained. We have been supporting hockey teams and ball teams with equipment and financial assistance.

Now we would like to set up Summer playground equipment for the younger children and request Council's help in establishing a suitable playground on a permanent or temporary basis. It has been suggested that if no land is available at present from the City for a permanent site perhaps the Council would allow our group to use the undeveloped road allowance situated one block West of the old highway on

63rd St. running through to the brow of the hill on 62nd St. This location is very suitable in that it is situated close to the most heavily populated section of our neighborhood.

This request is respectfully submitted, and we ask for your earnest consideration of our appeal.

Yours truly,
(Mrs.) E.B. Farnell,
Secretary,
North Hill Sports Centre &
Community Club.
P.O. Box 501.

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

Gentlemen,

Re: North Hill Sports Centre & Community Club

In reference to attached letter from above Club the following comments are offered.

1. The Recreation Commission does not look with favour on the installation of equipment on land not deeded for park, recreation or school purposes.
2. The area suggested is quite heavily treed. Even if the roadway were available for such purpose we have not the budget allocation to undertake such a cleaning job.

It would appear that the parties making the request for facilities are in an unfortunate position. A play area is badly needed somewhere in this district - the only other site on the hill is located at the new North Hill School; approximately one mile North of the area in question.

With the numerous small holdings in the areas it would seem that several years will possibly elapse before sufficient subdivision and consolidation of park reserve will take place to make a playground possible.

If the above is the case City Council might well consider other means of acquiring sufficient land for a playground - otherwise the people are faced with a problem of increasing population with no apparent facilities for use by the children.

Should a move be made to acquire land in the area the distance of this section from City play facilities should be considered. Sufficient land should be obtained for playground purposes.

Respectfully submitted.
C.J. Miller,
Recreation Director.

NOTE:

Whilst we are in sympathy with this Club, and they are really community minded and do a lot toward recreation for the young groups, we can only agree with the notations of the Recreation Director.

Until such times as this area is subdivided, and more thickly populated we cannot see any way to help them in so far as land is concerned.

COMMISSIONERS.

REPORTS:

8.

No. 1.

Mr. F. A. Amy,
City Clerk,
City Hall.

June 1st, 1960.

Dear Sir,

In regards to the effectiveness of Fire By-law No.2003 controlling the sale and use of Fire Crackers.

There were 6 Stores selling fireworks over the long week-end of May 21-23; all places observed the By-law in regards to displaying; also sales to children under the age of 16 years.

We had no trouble or fires started by firecrackers this year and on only a couple of occasions did I see any children with them.

In most cases the parents seemed to have purchased them and held family displays at night.

I feel that as long as the merchants selling fireworks co-operate with us, as was done this year, there will be very little trouble from firecrackers.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. Thomlison,
Fire Chief.

NOTE:

The report of Fire Chief is submitted as requested by Council at meeting of May 24th, 1960.

COMMISSIONERS.

No. 2:

The Red Deer Health Unit report for May 1960 in connection with Water Analysis (Bacteriological) of Red Deer City Public Water Supply, all tests taken proved satisfactory.

No. 3:

His Worship,
Mayor J.M.McAfee,
The City of Red Deer,
Red Deer, Alberta.

Edmonton, 17th May, 1960.

Dear Mayor McAfee,

According to your wishes I have surveyed the welfare set-up of the City of Red Deer and discussed the matters concerned with several persons in Red Deer, Edmonton and Calgary. Amongst those with whom I discussed these matters were Alderman G. Sinclair, the Chairman of your Council's Welfare Committee, Mr.F.P.Galbraith, Mr. E.S.Bishop, Superintendent of the Edmonton Welfare Department, a judge in the Calgary Family Court and a representative of the Public Welfare Department of the Provincial Government.

My findings are as follows:

1. The work performed by the present Welfare Section of the City of Red Deer, which is composed of Mr. A. Green, the supervisor and Miss Vera Russell the Welfare Worker, was found generally satisfactory and is recognized as such by the institutions and persons with which the Section is associated in its work. The approach to the problems and to the cases is proper and to the point. The field work is carried out in a very conscientious manner. I am not aware of any complaints

either on the part of institutions collaborating with the Red Deer Welfare Section, or from the interested public. There are no cases which are unduly delayed or left undecided.

The handling of the cases in the office and the filing system are not elaborate. It may, with advantage to the whole procedure be improved by applying recognized standards and forms as used in other welfare departments (i.e. in Edmonton). However, the requirements of the Provincial Government concerning cases in which they bear part of costs, are met satisfactorily.

Miss Vera Russell, who performs most of the welfare work, has an excellent reputation in the Community and with the authorities with whom she works. She is generally recognized as a very conscientious and experienced worker, who treats the cases and the people involved with good will and compassion. However, her procedure in handling cases and her non-professional, though conscientious, approach to matters is slightly frowned upon by some professional university trained welfare employees who have met her or are acquainted with some of her cases.

2. In 1959 the Red Deer Welfare Section handled approximately the following number of cases:

- 75 counsel cases, mostly concerning married couples,
- 25 relief cases,
- 50 transitory relief cases,
- 25 cases concerning old people,
- 15 cases of finding homes for old-age people,
- 65 cases of children requiring help or care and
- 15 cases of children in custody.

This case load, which by the way has a tendency to grow, and no doubt will grow if the economic situation will further deteriorate, can be with certain difficulty carried by one experienced welfare worker, providing he has adequate stenographical and office help. However, the present Welfare Section in Red Deer has not such help and therefore Miss Russell is overburdened and Mr. Green, who is engaged in other City matters, has to use one third of his time in helping her.

3. The City Commissioner, Mr. E. Newman and Mr. Green have informed me that Mr. Green's other duties will soon demand his entire attention and that the problem before the City administration is how to organize the Welfare Section in the future. In view of the information in p. 1 & 2, I consider the following possible solutions:

(a) To appoint a permanent male welfare worker who has complete university training for welfare work and to let Miss Russell work as his assistant. I do not favor this solution. The appointed male welfare worker will no doubt have tendency to overbuild his section, to overestimate the importance of welfare work and to unduly increase the number of cases. That will result in increased expenditure and possibly in the necessity of appointing additional welfare employees. Besides it is impossible to acquire a qualified male welfare worker below a salary of approximately \$5,500 per year, which I doubt the Council will be willing to pay.

(b) To appoint Miss Russell as City Welfare Officer and to hire a permanent, university trained female welfare worker who will work as Miss Russell's assistant. Such female welfare worker will have to be paid approximately \$4,000 per year. This solution seems to be more practicable, although the relationship may become strained between Miss Russell, who represent experience and who has knowledge of local problems and her subordinate who will represent ideas on welfare matters, accepted by professionals.

(c) To appoint Miss Russell as a Welfare Officer and to give her a well qualified stenographer as assistant. Such stenographer may carry out all office work and the filing and also perform part of the intake work - receiving cases at the counter while Miss Russell is engaged in field work. This solution may require securing additional professional advice for Miss Russell, so that her approach to cases and to the whole welfare problem may profit from the recent development of welfare science and practice and her office work and filing system may follow the accepted standards used in other welfare departments. I would suggest that in order to secure professional advice and direction the City would engage a professional welfare man who may come to Red Deer for a week or so in order to look into matters in detail and help Miss Russell with organizing her section and office procedure and who afterwards will occasionally, say every 3 months, visit the Section in order to observe its progress and give professional advice. Such consulting welfare man can no doubt be found amongst the professional welfare supervisors working in Edmonton or Calgary.

(d) Whatever solution will be finally adopted by the Council it should, in my opinion, require a substantial increase in Miss Russell's salary. At present she received \$2,200 per year which is inadequate remuneration for the work which in other cities is reimbursed by at least \$3,500 per year. True, at the present time Miss Russell shares the responsibility with Mr. Green who is her supervisor but even so her salary is below any accepted standard for her kind of work. Should she become a responsible Welfare Officer who will refer directly to the City Commissioner and Council, her salary should not be much less than that for which the City can secure the services of a comparable trained welfare worker.

Thanking you for the opportunity of performing this survey for you and for the opportunity of visiting again Red Deer for which I have a soft spot in my heart, I remain

Very sincerely yours,
Julian Suski.

NOTE:

The above report was requested by Council, and as the Health Unit have decided to abandon the idea of hiring a qualified welfare worker, your Welfare Committee have passed the following recommendation.

COMMISSIONERS.

May 25th, 1960.

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE WELFARE COMMITTEE - CITY OF RED DEER
AT COMMISSIONERS OFFICE MAY 25, 1960.

Present: Alderman G. Sinclair, Chairman. Alderman Barton & Alderman Moore, Mayor McAfee, Commissioner Newman, A.W.Green, Secretary.

Subject: To discuss recommendations of Mr. Julian G. Suski, Edmonton, after completion of his survey of Welfare conditions in City.

All present having read and studied the survey, the three suggestions put forth by Mr. Suski were studied and the following recommendation was made to Council:-

That item #3 be put into effect and Miss Vera Russell be appointed Welfare Officer for the City of Red Deer at a salary of \$3500 per year plus car allowance and that a competent stenographer of mature age be obtained to work as secretary within the department. The Commissioners to work out travel arrangements and expenses for Miss Russell.

That recommendation of Mr. Suski re assistance of professional help in setting up the Welfare Dept., re Forms etc., and occasional supervision be followed and that Council write the Provincial Welfare authorities asking for this guidance.

NOTE:

The above is a recommendation of your Welfare Committee.

COMMISSIONERS.

No.4

The Red Deer Health Unit milk analysis report of milk samples purchased from vendors in City of Red Deer during the month of May 1960, proved satisfactory.

No. 5:

Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of Wednesday, May 18th, 1960, held in City Hall at 4.15 p.m.

Present: Chairman A. Allen, Ald. G. Sinclair, City Commissioner Newman, City Auditor D.J. Sheridan, City Treasurer R.N. McGregor, Assistant Treasurer J.H. Pallo. Absent Ald. D. Barton.

1. Garbage Disposal - Dominion Fruit: Secretary was instructed to obtain from the Engineering Dept., a report re cost per load of Fire Damage disposal in an effort to claim costs from Dominion Fruit.
2. Pension Proposals: Life Underwriters Association of Red Deer submitted nine pension plan proposals for consideration of the Committee - the Committee instructed the Secretary to return the proposals and request the Association to forward their recommendation and plan best suited to the City requirements.
3. Appraisal of Buildings & Equipment: Committee were advised that appraisal of all buildings and contents had been completed and the Insurance Brokers would be submitting proposals with regard to replacement cost insurance in the near future.
4. Tax Adjustments: Adjustments to the Tax Roll as submitted by the Tax Collector were approved and recommended to Council for approval as follows:

Business Tax Roll.

<u>Add</u>	Park Service Station (B.A.)	186.50
	Swanee Car Sales	31.50
	King Perry Farm Supplies	103.50
<u>Delete</u>	White Bakery - overcharge	24.50
	Firestone Tire Co. - overcharge	242.13
	Humbers Jewellery - overcharge	91.66
	B.A. Oil Service - overcharge	27.00

Property Tax.

<u>Delete</u>	L. Telning - Discount error	1.63
	Mrs. E. Hartley - Cancel 1960 Taxes - property purchased by City	488.70

5. City Bus Subsidy. Recommend to Council renewal of Contract for one year period at \$5000.00.
6. Report of Treasurer re Recreation Commission Fund approved and filed.
7. Request of Parks Dept., for additional Budget of \$1000.00 in lieu of Hospital grounds maintenance was deferred for further information. Secretary was instructed by the Committee to obtain confirmation from Hospital authorities with regard to cancellation of Parks requirements for 1960. Further it was the unanimous opinion of the Committee that representation from the Finance Committee meet with the Hospital Board to explain budget provision for the extra work. Chairman Allen further suggested for future budgets School & Hospital authorities be informed that parks maintenance provision must be requested prior to the budget being set, which will eliminate any further problems.

Meeting adjourned 6.15 p.m.

Chairman - A. Allen

Secretary - R.N. McGregor

The Mayor & City Council,
City of Red Deer.

June 2nd, 1960.

Gentlemen,

At the last meeting of City Council one of the Aldermen suggested that more traffic counts should be taken in the City. He considered that a number of problems could be solved with this type of information. With this in mind we have taken a traffic count on Gaetz Avenue between 48 Street and 49 Street.

This block has a 44 foot roadway and has parking both sides. The "comfortable" capacity of this roadway, according to accepted standards is 450 vehicles per hour in one direction.

The following counts and comparisons have been observed:

1. In the first hour in which the counter was installed (5 p.m. - 6 p.m., May 28th, 1960) the count was 788 vehicles in one direction.
2. In the first 55 hours the volume of traffic in one direction exceeded 450 vehicles per hour 26 times or approximately 50% of the total day and night period from Friday to Sunday.
3. In September 1956 the flow of traffic in two directions between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., was 6000 vehicles (see plate 16 of the traffic report). Following are recent flows:

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday May 28th, 1960	=	11,408 two directions.
8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday May 29th, 1960	=	7,966 two directions.
8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday May 30th, 1960	=	9,820 two directions.
8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday May 31, 1960	=	9,553 two directions.
8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday June 1st, 1960	=	9,253 two directions.

4. During the day period (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) the traffic volume in one direction exceeded the design capacity of 450 vehicles per hour as follows:

Saturday May 28th, 1960	9 hours out of 10 = 90% of the time
Sunday May 29th, 1960	5 hours out of 10 = 50% of the time
Monday May 30th, 1960	8 hours out of 10 = 80% of the time
Tuesday May 31st, 1960	7 hours out of 10 = 70% of the time
Wednesday June 1st, 1960	6 hours out of 10 = 60% of the time

5. Total 24 hour traffic volumes (two directions) in September 1956 are recorded as 11,000. The following counts have been recorded in 1960.

Saturday May 28	=	18,144
Sunday May 29	=	14,652
Monday May 30	=	16,231
Tuesday May 31	=	15,569
Wednesday June 1	=	not available

The following traffic flow counts made by Bert Huffman, Traffic Engineer, City of Edmonton in 1959 are also 24 hour, two-way counts and therefore can be compared with the above.

Low Level Bridge	=	32,000
High Level Bridge	=	20,000
White Avenue	=	20,000
109 St. between High Level and White Avenue	=	25,000
Jasper Avenue - 109 St. to 124 Street	=	17,000
Jasper Avenue-East of 109 St.	=	23,000
111 Avenue (by Westmount S.C.)	=	20,000
Kingsway	=	18,000

This data is submitted for information. It may be of interest to note that these counts are close to the estimates made by our traffic consultants in their 1956 survey.

Yours truly,
E.J. Deck, City Engineer.

No.7:

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

Gentlemen,

I wish to report that during the month of May 1960 the Fire Dept., responded to 26 calls as follows: Brush or Grass 6, Other fires outdoors 2, Emergencies 3, Rubbish near building 2, Country Calls 2, Vehicle Fires 6, Needless Calls 2, Building Fires 3.

Brush or Grass:

There were grass and brush calls to the following addresses - 5406-39 Street, Fairgrounds, South 52 Ave., 5920-60 Street, 48 St. & 47 Ave., C.P.R. tracks South boundary. These were caused by children with matches 3, spontaneous ignition - 1, unknown - 2. Damage Nil.

Other Fires Outdoors:

May 14, 1960. 14.45- Fairgrounds. Manure pile at barn area of Fairgrounds starting from heating and extinguished and overhauled with Engine 3 & crew.

May 3, 1960 - 18.47 - 42 St & 43 Ave. Flare pot overturned and on arrival righted same and extinguished surplus oil. - Damage nil.

Emergencies:

May 5, 1960. - 13.38 - 49 St at 49 & 50 Aves. Gasoline spill in front of Advocate building. No fire, covered with dry chemical.

May 9, 1960 - 3329-44A Ave. Baby choking resuscitator call. On arrival could not clear air passage, full of curdled milk. Doctor used mouth to mouth but to no avail. Baby died.

May 26, 1960 - 19.17 hrs. - 3906-50 St. Smell of gas in locked house by other occupants. Forced entry and shut off gas; and locked premises. Damage Nil.

Rubbish Near Building:

May 8, 1960 - 21.53 hrs. - 4750-55 St. Open burning in alley and high wind endangered above property. Engine 3 put out fire and reported same to Fire Inspector. Damage nil.

May 30, 1960 - 10.35 - 52 St. & 49 Ave. Small boys had bonfire going close to steps on old Baptist Church. Put out fire and returned boys to parents. Damage Nil.

Country Calls:

May 1, 1960 - 14.51 hrs. - approx. 1½ miles W. & 1½ miles N. of Poplar Ridge Hall. Mr. B. Dickey was burning rubbish and fire got to property of Mr. F. Herman who called us. Responded with Engine 3 and large tanker. Put out roof involved and protected other buildings. Slight damage to roof and some fence destroyed. Billed \$180.00 for the call.

May 29, 1960 - 14.05 hrs. - Call from T.V. Station. Grass fire, assumed costs, and I despatched Engine 3 and water truck. Damage nil. Billed \$75.00 for call.

Vehicle Fires:

May 12, 1960 - 15.17 - 4412-Gaetz Ave. Call from Hepworth Car Lot. On arrival most of fire out, and overhauled mats, cushions etc. Engine had been idling and sediment bowl had broken. Damage to wiring and engine components approx. \$150.00.

May 15, 1960 - 17.07 hrs - 3518-50 Ave. Received call of car fire at Hillcrest Store but recalled Engine 5 as fire had been extinguished. Damage nil.

May 22, 1960 - 15.32 - Rear of Atlas Lumber. On arrival whole cab involved and front of stake box. Vehicle not in use. Put out blaze. Driver's window open, probably matches or firecrackers. (No estimate). Damage to cab & components.

May 27, 1960 - 14.38 - At 50 St. & 50 Ave. Car fire in front of Botterill & McKee from carburettor flooding. Put out fire and very slight damage. \$20.00 approx.

May 28, 1960 - 14-22 at 5305-45 Ave. Car fire from carburettor flooding, recently repaired for same trouble for \$45.00. Damage to wiring, hose and possibly paint. (No estimate).

May 31, 1960 - 22.09 at 5059-43 Street. Car fire in bush at rear of above premises. On arrival found all involved and put out. An abandoned skeleton, no motor or tires; used as a club house. Scrap value if any.

Needless Calls:

May 11, 1960. Out of City. Runner reported fire at property of R. Tisdale. I despatched Engine 3 since owner could not be contacted. Owner refused to pay for service so I recalled the unit.

May 12, 1960 - 17.53 at 44 St. & 37 Ave. Mrs. Ogilvie reported bonfire because of high wind. On arrival found her husband had already put it out. (Small children).

Building Fires:

May 12, 1960 - 19.27 - 6560-59 Ave. Call from Mrs. Bunch on smoke and wiring. On arrival no fire but wiring charred and burnt. Turned over to Provincial Electrical Inspector who made necessary recommendations. Damage nil.

May 22, 1960 - 20.04 - East of Comp. High School. Call came for small portable sheds used for Agricultural storage at Comp. High. On arrival found East shed burnt out and adjacent shed starting. Put out fire and had R.C.M.P. confiscate 1000 ft. of primer cord stand in second shed with no owner. Children use these for privacy in smoking etc., and were seen by teachers prior to fire. Slight damage \$50.00.

May 29, 1960 - 14.27 - 55 St. & Gaetz Ave. Call from Egg Processing Plant of C.P.A.D. Pool. On arrival found storage shed at rear well involved (no roof) and threatening Egg Plant and Horne & Pitfield warehouse. Shed beyond saving so confined our operation to protection of adjacent properties. We used master stream (deluge) for water curtain on Egg Plant, and 2½" fog lines also. Equipment used, Engine 5, Truck 2 and Ladder 4. Hose lines 1 master stream, 4-2½" fog lines, 3-1½" fog lines and 1 H.P. line, approx. 2500 ft. of hose. Tin siding and no fire stops in Egg Plant made control difficult, also fake spaces made overhaul extensive; holes in walls and roof etc. Water curtain and absent windows in Egg Plant made for some water damage. We used tarpaulins to cover office furniture and spent considerable time on overhaul and salvage after fire was controlled. We moved new pails etc., in basement to place of safety and left the building in as good a shape as possible. All water removed from floors and general clean-up of the whole premises. The fire was under control in about ¾ hour, but overhaul, salvage and clean-up made up for most of the time spent there. Cause has not been determined officially but would hazard a guess that burning in this restricted area was the most likely source of ignition, since there was neither heat nor light in the shed at rear. Estimated damage \$10,000.00 approximate.

The Fire Inspector inspected 27 Commercial premises and issued 2 recommendations, under By-law No. 2003.

He checked and issued permits for sale of firecrackers; and rechecked same regarding displays.

The usual run of garbage burning complaints both in restricted area, and after hours.

The Volunteer Brigade have changed practices to every second week of 2 hour duration. Average attendance is 14.

Respectfully submitted,
A.D. Shaw,
D/Chief.

No. 8:

CANADIAN NAZARENE COLLEGE,
Red Deer, Alta.

May McAfee & Members of
The Council,
City of Red Deer.

May 26, 1960.

Gentlemen,

Canadian Nazarene College has enjoyed a tax free relationship for the past thirty-one years of its existence in Red Deer. This relationship has been extended by the City Council through these years in two ways: (1) by not placing the college properties on the assessment roll, and (2) last year by making a grant in lieu of taxes. This year all of this has changed without adequate explanation.

Obviously, a major policy change has come into existence.

1. What are the reasons for this change? It cannot be only that the City needs additional revenue, for this has always been the case.
2. What issues have entered the picture that have provoked this sudden departure from the time-honored policy?
3. What is the present philosophy of the City officials regarding church-related educational institutions?
4. Why - when it has been firmly established across the Province of Alberta church-related educational institutions of all denominations have been given this tax exempt relationship in one form or another - has the City of Red Deer gone alone in the direction of taxing this church-related educational institution? We would draw attention to the fact that almost every church in this City gives support to a church-related institution which has been offered a tax exempt relationship in the community where it is located.
5. Is it valid to insist that the pressure for a change has come from the Provincial Government? The Provincial Government has made provision in the City Act for a grant-in-lieu of taxes, and there is a consistent record in the legislature of passing private bills exempting church-related educational institutions.
6. How much would a tax grant to us affect the amount of provincial grant made to this City?
7. Since we are a major property holder in the City of Red Deer, is it possible for us to discuss informally the issues involved in our case with the City Council in a specially called session prior to June 10? We will be prepared to bring the Executive Committee of our Board of Governors.

Yours truly,
Willard H. Taylor,
President,
Canadian Nazarene College.

NOTE:

Suggested Answers.

No. 1. As the tax on real property is increasing to the extent that it is becoming a grave problem. City Council have been forced to take a new look on properties that have been exempted from taxation in the past.

These increase in costs are brought about by the rapid increase in over population, which in turn requires more adequate Fire Protection, Police Protection, Education Costs and general Municipal Services.

In past years it has been the practice to allow certain exemptions, or grants in lieu of taxes, but with the above facts before us, and in fairness to all taxpayers, Council have decided that these costs must be spread among those who in the past were not taxed, but still benefit from the above mentioned services.

No.2: Answered by No.1.

The City officials have no philosophy regarding church-related institutions.

No.3: We are not looking upon institutions as church-related. We are looking upon them as private schools or business colleges who are not financially recognized by the Senior Governments, and therefore feel they should not be subsidized any longer by the taxpayers of Red Deer as a whole.

No.4: The City of Red Deer recognize the injustice of asking its taxpayers to subsidize private schools and colleges, when they (the taxpayer) are already paying toward the cost of normal education facilities which are financially recognized by the Senior Governments.

We are unable to answer the second sentence of this question as we are not aware of any such groups referred to.

No.5: We are not insisting that the pressure for a change in policy has come from the Provincial Government. Sect. 339(G) of City Act states that Council may pass by-laws granting aid to certain groups and organizations, but we have found in our continued requests for more financial assistance from the Senior Governments, both through the Union of Alberta Municipalities, and the Mayors and Municipalities Association, these Governments ask us "have you taken a look at your own sources of raising more revenue, look at your exemptions and grants! ".

No. 6: Until we know what the grant for 1960 will be, and the formula used, we are unable to answer this question.

No. 7: As Council have already included this property as taxable assessment for 1960, the request for an informal discussion can only be answered by them.

COMMISSIONERS.

No.9:

To City Commissioners.

From: City Treasurer.

Re: Recreation Centre

I am given to understand that the Committee in charge of the Architects Competition concerning the Proposed Recreation Centre, are requesting Service Clubs to forward funds appropriated for this project to the City of Red Deer In Trust.

In order to handle these funds in trust will you please arrange for Council resolution establishing a "Recreation Centre Trust Fund" with the Mayor and Treasurer appointed as Trustees of the Fund.

R.N.McGregor.

NOTE:

Recommend the above resolution receives Council's approval.

COMMISSIONERS.

CITY OF RED DEER

Red Deer, Alta.

May 2, 1960.

Dear Sir or Madam:-

Re: Petition for lane - between 44th and
45th Avenue, North of 55th Street.

City Council gave further consideration to petition for installation of lane between 45th and 44th Avenue, running North from 55th Street, at Council meeting of April 25th, 1960, and the following decision of Council was made:

"Council of the City of Red Deer agree that petition to have lane constructed between 44th and 45th Avenue, North of 55th Street will be approved providing all property owners concerned are prepared to give up required 10 feet of land at no cost to City, and majority of property owners agree to pay the unit rate charges for construction of deep base gravel lane".

City Council directed that the wishes of individual property owners concerned be obtained in respect to this decision.

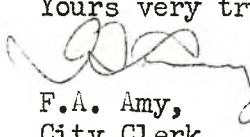
To comply with Council's decision and to permit construction of lane, it would be necessary that all property owners are willing to give up the land required for lane purposes at no cost to the City.

It would also be necessary that the majority of property owners concerned agree to pay the construction costs of the lane, which, under 1960 rates, would be 45¢ per front foot per year for 5 years, or cash payment of \$1.90 per front foot. In example a 50' lot would be required to pay 50 x 45 -- \$22.50 per year for 5 years, or a cash payment of 50 x \$1.90 - \$95.00.

Would you please indicate on the questionnaire form below your wishes in this matter, and return form to this office in self-addressed envelope enclosed, prior to May 15th, 1960.

Your early return of the form below would be much appreciated.

Yours very truly,


F.A. Amy,
City Clerk.

FAA:pf

I/We agree to donate land required
for lane at no cost.

☐ Agree ☐ Do not agree

Signed

Address

I/We agree to pay current charges for
construction of lane.

☐ Agree ☐ Do not agree

Signed

Address

Re: Petition for lane - between 44th and 45th Avenue,
North of 55 Street.

Letter previously noted was forwarded to all property owners in area
 concerned as taken from City Assessment Roll. Total of 22 letters forwarded.

Tabulation of results is as follows:-

Agree to donate land.	9
Do not agree to donate land... ..	6
Agree to pay frontage charges	6
Do not agree to pay frontage charges... ..	8
No answer on frontage charges	1
No opinion expressed	2
No reply received	5

F.A.Amy,
 City Clerk.

VOLUNTARY TRAFFIC TICKET REPORT MAY 31, 1960.

Number of Tickets Issued	1731
Number of Warnings Issued	216
Number of Second Notices Issued	355
Number of Prosecutions	54
Total Receipts for May 1960	\$1609.00
Total Receipts for May 1959	\$1399.00
Percentage Increase <u>15.01%</u>	

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ADDITIONAL AGENDA

For City of Red Deer Council Meeting June 6th, 1960.

June 2nd, 1960.

Mr. M. Newman,
City Commissioner,
City Hall, Red Deer.

Dear Mr. Newman,

Re: The South 36 feet of Lot 12 and all of
Lot 11, both in Block 2, Plan No. 5425 K.S.,
in the City of Red Deer.

Kindly bring to the attention of the City Council this request for the establishment of a gas service station to be located on the above described lands.

The successful operation of this new business is contingent, I am sure you will agree, upon your consent to the construction of at least a temporary entrance from the Edmonton Highway to the South West corner of this property. This would also greatly facilitate the flow of traffic from the said highway into the adjoining business locality - the A & W Drive-Inn.

I am enclosing a drawing and plot plan for this proposed new station which I hope will meet with your approval.

Respectfully yours,
Grant Bloomer.

NOTE:

Re: Above Request

Council has a set policy with respect to crossings from the service road to the highway.

That no crossings be allowed at other than normal road intersections, which in the case of this area in question occurs every $\frac{1}{4}$ mile, if we agree to any more temporary crossings, the purpose of a service road is defeated, further a temporary crossing is not easy to remove.

This particular site is an "inside" lot, which under the zoning by-law requires a 200' frontage for a service station site. Our understanding is that Mr. Bloomer has a 100' vacant lot, and can use 36' of an adjacent lot of his, he already has an appeal into the Zoning Appeal Board on this item.

We therefore recommend that Council do not accede to this request for a temporary crossing.

COMMISSIONERS.

Mr. Cole will submit a plan of this area.