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For the meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers  
on Monday, January 14, 1957 at 7:30 p.m.

1. Present:

Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held January 7, 1957

2. Correspondence:

- Calgary Herald re: Request for paper racks on Streets.
- Salvation Army re: Grant
- Ratepayers on 57 St. Cresc. re: Paving of 57 St. Crescent

3. By-laws:

- By-law No. 1900 - Pertaining to 1957 Assessment
- By-law No. 1862 (D) Amendment to Licensing By-law.

4. Aldermen's New Business:

5. Reports:

- 1. Re: Streetlighting
- 2. Recreation Commission - Summary of Activities - Dec. 1956
- 3. Recreation Commission Minutes - January 9, 1957
- 4. Red Deer District Planning Commission Minutes - Dec. 14, 1956
- 5. Annual Report - Fire Department

6. New Business:

Payment of Accounts

Correspondence:

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LETTER NO. 1

January 7, 1957

Mr. P. Amy  
City Clerk  
City of Red Deer, Alta.

Dear Sir:

I am writing with regard to our request for permission to place wire racks for holding papers on streets in Red Deer.

It has been thought that these wire racks would service the downtown public with the Calgary Herald Paper.

On behalf of the Calgary Herald,

I remain,

"Barrie J. Hughes"  
Local Agent

NOTE:

As these papers are available in book stores etc., we would not recommend above.

COMMISSIONERS

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January 3, 1957

To the Mayor and Councillors  
City of Red Deer  
Red Deer, Alberta

Gentlemen:

The Salvation Army, through its eight Institutions and twenty-two Corps centers in Alberta, have been able to serve the social welfare needs of the Province on an increased scale for another year.

Our services reached the areas of the unmarried mother, the aged and infirm of both sexes, the needy and neglected child, and the family in distress. There was also the rehabilitation service to the prisoner and the first offender, and the work of mercy among suffering and lonely in Institutions and Hospitals.

Our clients come from every part of Southern Alberta and there are very few municipalities not represented by these needy people. Through its Social Service activities the Salvation Army is able to relieve the Municipal Governments of many vexing social problems. This of course is incidental to the fact that there is a needy individual who is looking to us for help. We would point out also that our services are rendered without regard to race, color or creed.

For a number of years the City of Red Deer has made us a grant of \$250.00 to our Social Service work and we are appreciative of their continued interest and help. In the light of our increased needs and cost of operation we would appreciate it very much if Red Deer could see their way clear to make us an increased grant, say of \$400.00 for 1957.

Thanking you for your kind consideration of this request, I am

Sincerely yours,

"Burton Dumerton"  
(Senior Major)

NOTE:

Suggest we consider above request at budget meeting. COMMISSIONERS

November 28, 1956

The Mayor and Aldermen  
City of Red Deer  
Red Deer, Alta.

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned, home-owners and residents of 57th Street Crescent, (also known as Waskasoo Crescent) hereby petition the City of Red Deer to pave the aforementioned 57th Street Crescent in 1957. We further suggest that, in view of the fact that the two blocks comprising 57th Street Crescent, have already been supplied with side-walk (one side) curbs and gutters, also the fact that a rough base or blotter coat was also laid in 1955, that the work of paving be done early in 1957 paving season. This Crescent is rapidly deteriorating and we believe if the work is done early, much of the previous work could be saved.

Signed by 14 petitioners.

NOTE: Consider in 1957 Construction Program.

COMMISSIONERS.

BY-LAW NO. 1900

A by-law pertaining to the 1957 Assessment of the City of Red Deer.

WHEREAS Section 466 (1) of the City Act of the Province of Alberta authorizes Council to adopt the whole or any part of the Assessment Roll of the previous year as the assessment for the current year.

NOW THEREFORE THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RED DEER ENACTS AS FOLLOWS

The 1956 Assessment Roll shall be adopted in full as part of the assessment for the current year, except where the 1956 assessment roll has since been varied or altered due to a decrease in value by the destruction or removal of buildings, or improvements thereon, or from some cause other than fair wear and tear, or varied due to an increase in value by the erection, completion or substantial repair of buildings or improvements thereon, or by some other physical cause.

DONE AND PASSED IN OPEN COUNCIL this 14th day of January 1957 A.D.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

Report on Streetlighting

A plan of progressive street lighting can probably be formulated, but will depend on how much money is available and to what extent improvement is desired. The following is submitted for comments.

Investigation of streetlighting equipment seems to indicate that at this time it might be a bit foolish to lay down a fixed policy in streetlighting improvement. Some equipment now in process of manufacture and forecast for manufacture are so far ahead of anything now on the market that it is just short of fantastic. For instance our 400 watt mercury-vapour unit is considered the best light source presently on the market as it puts out 20,000 lumens. There is also a much smarter looking unit on the market, a fluorescent that puts out 16,000 lumens but one manufacturer has developed a fluorescent lamp that almost doubles the output and by using this new lamp the fluorescent fixture would put out about 30,000 lumens. This might be something to look forward to in further improving our downtown lighting.

At present the best buy in residential district lighting appears to be the Westinghouse AK-6 unit which uses 200 watt incandescent lamps and can be easily converted to mercury-vapour at 175 watts. We have several of these incandescent units on the approaches to the Michener Hill bridge, particularly noticeable on the 49 Street approach. One of these units in mercury vapour is installed on a trial basis on 55 Street in the 4700 block and might mention that we have had several favorable comments on this particular unit. However, the Canadian Line Material people are coming out with a new unit competitive with the AK-6 and claim superior performance. General Electric also promise a superior unit, but probably will not be on the market until mid-1957. Powerlite (Northern Electric) have a similar unit but recommend the 125 watt lamp for theirs. So far have been unable to obtain a sample of this unit despite frequent requests for same. It is doubtful if it will compete with the 175 watt unit as the basic lamp output is considerably lower.

At the moment it would appear that a continuation of 400 watt mercury-vapour should be made in the Commercial section of the City. The logical pattern for this would seem to indicate that next on the program would be Ross Street in the City Hall Block, and 49 Street from 49 Avenue to 51 Ave. However, being that bases and wiring are being installed on Gaetz Avenue from 42 St. to 48 St, and from 52 St. to 55 St. we will be more or less forced to install standards in this area. This will require 40 units at about \$275.00 each or \$11,000.00. Ross Street would require 8 units and 49 Street 11 units, or 19 at \$275.00 each making \$5225.00. Labour and material for installing bases and wiring would be extra to the above. Being that underground wiring and bases are being installed on Gaetz Avenue by contract, it is suggested that the other three blocks be installed with overhead wiring until these streets are to be repaved at which time underground could be installed if required.

It is also noted that no provision has yet been made to light South Hill section of the highway. This will be doubly dark coming off the brightly lighted area at 42 St. and perhaps this section should be lighted to the Gaetz Ave. Standard at this time.

To improve the residential district streetlighting I would suggest we purchase a quantity of AK-6 mercury vapour units and install on all main through roads, 55 St. 50 St., (47 Ave. east) 43 Ave., (50 St. south), 43 St. (50 Ave. west), 48 Ave. (Waskasoo Park to 55 St.). 59 St. (west of highway). This would free a quantity of good lighting units to install elsewhere but in addition we should buy a quantity of good incandescent units to replace our old street lighting fixtures. Would suggest we buy 50 type AK-6 mercury vapour units at \$80.20 each and 50 of the same type incandescent at \$38.90 each (lamps extra at \$11.85 for MV and .55 incandescent) early in 1957 and attempt to have these installed by summer of 1957. A further order of 50 units should be placed to accommodate new subdivisions and additions to the older areas.

You will note that I have recommended an expenditure of \$8,500.00<sup>5</sup> for lighting fixtures for residential districts. This will certainly not complete the modernization of streetlighting but would be a good start and if a like amount were spent each year we could complete the program in three years, or a lesser amount could be spent in succeeding years and prolong the project. But I would recommend the first year be handled in one project if at all possible. Labour and wiring materials would bring the above estimate to about \$10,000.00.

To recapitulate the various proposals:-

<u>Gaetz Avenue</u>	
40 lighting units @ \$275.00 each	11,000.00
Labour & materials for bases & wiring	?
<u>Ross Street</u>	
19 units @ \$275.00 each	5,225.00
Labour & materials (overhead wiring)	600.00
<u>South Hill (Highway)</u>	
12 units @ \$275.00	3,300.00
Labour & Materials (overhead wiring)	500.00
<u>Residential - replacement</u>	
50 - AK-6 MV @ \$92.05	4,602.50
50 - AK-6 incandescent @ \$39.45	1,972.50
Labour & materials	1,500.00
<u>Residential - new</u>	
50 - AK-6 incandescent @ \$39.45	1,972.50
Labour & materials	<u>800.00</u>

Total Cost of Streetlighting 31,472.50  
plus cost of underground wiring on Gaetz Ave.

If we eliminate the Gaetz Ave. project from our calculations, this job already being contracted, it would take \$47,516.75 to bring our streetlighting up to date. By spending \$20,000.00 this year would leave \$27,000 to be handled later, and with an expenditure of \$10,000.00 per year we should be able to replace and enlarge existing lighting and provide new lighting in the new subdivisions and be caught up in from four to five years.

The foregoing estimate would permit us to make a good show of streetlighting improvement but as mentioned previously would not complete the job. For instance, it has been suggested that to light 56 St. properly would require 8 units of the 175 watt MV type and four steel poles. The large number of units here is due to the size and quantity of trees, and it is therefore necessary to light the sidewalks from the opposite side of the street. To do this the trees would have to be trimmed up a minimum of 5 ft. from the ground to allow light to penetrate under them. To properly light this street would mean an expenditure of about \$2,000.00. Would suggest we appropriate four of the proposed new units (175W MV) as a start for this street and install the balance another year.

Another problem that comes up is that all streets leading off the highly lighted streets will appear dark in comparison. It would therefore be advisable to install extra lighting on streets adjacent to those lighted with mercury-vapour. This is particularly noticeable on 51 Ave. both north and south of Ross Street, and again at 48 Ave. and Ross Street. Is also very noticeable at 47 Avenue and Ross Street where the incandescent now take over. This situation would be somewhat bettered by installing a small mercury-vapour fixture just off of these brightly lighted streets, and taper down to a good incandescent.

The before mentioned estimates are based on overhead wiring being acceptable and in any area where this would be objectionable the costs would be proportionately higher in the "labour and materials" item on an average of six to one. This average ratio of six to one could be cut down to about four to one in residential districts, if we can get the wire in at just the right time; the right time being between the completion of sidewalks and the start of lawns. In some residential blocks underground wiring will be our only means of providing adequate streetlighting so it might be worthwhile to plan on this type for all residential street lighting.

To light a 500 foot block, using steel poles and underground wiring, and using 175W MV units would cost about \$1,500.00. Some economies might be possible in this estimate, as it includes Union Metal poles at \$125.00 each while I understand Edmonton are using drillstem at a considerable saving. Have been unable to obtain costs on this proposal but would presume a saving of \$80.00 per block might be obtained if drill-stem is suitable and obtainable..

It is hoped that this report will indicate what can be done for various sums of money, and perhaps a formula may be figured out from this to provide a program of/modernization. A gradual change would perhaps be preferable from the point of expenditures, but a large change would certainly be more effective. If a large change is required, materials should be placed on order quite soon in order to ensure delivery on time. Also, we usually have more staff available early in the year rather than in the fall so it would be desirable to have this project started early. In any case the standards for Gaetz Avenue should be ordered by the middle of January and any other standards required should be ordered at the same to get the best discount and freight rates possible.

Any comments or instructions would be gratefully received so that a program can be inaugurated.

Respectfully submitted,

O.C. Mills, ELec Supt.

NOTE:

The above report is submitted for Council's consideration and any suggestions they may have in connection with streetlighting in both residential and commercial areas.

The City Hall block and Ross Street is quite a problem and we have not touched this up to now as we have a lot of overhead wires on the south side to serve the City Hall. When a new building is erected these lines would be strung in the lane behind the telephone office and the City Hall will be served by underground lines from the corner of 48 Ave. and Ross St.

This could be done now but would prove rather costly operation - approximately \$8,000.

If Council agree that we should hold off with the underground wiring to the City Hall until such time as we have a new building, then we can, if Council wish, complete the mercury vapour lighting in this block with overhead wiring and correctly place steel poles between our existing wooden poles.

COMMISSIONERS

## Summary of Activities - December, 1956

### Hockey and Skating:

Skating attendance a total of 10488 from rink opening on September 30 until the end of the year.

Sixteen free skating periods for youngsters during this time. While no count was kept of attendance an average of 250 per session would be a conservative estimate.

Skating Club has seven sessions, speed skaters 14 and figure skaters seven. (Figure skaters use ice three hours each Saturday Afternoon).

Indians running fourth in Central Alberta Loop. Have played nine home games to total attendance of 10521 for average of 1170 per game. Team playing a very pleasing brand of hockey.

Monarchs making a "run-away" of Chinook league to date. Played eight league games - winning seven and tying one. Five home games with average attendance of 68. Brand of hockey is deserving of much better patronage.

Local Juveniles are leading their league while midget "A" and "B" are running second and third in their league.

Local minor leagues got underway during Christmas holiday. Total of eleven games played to end of year with aggregate total of 242 participating.

Forty games played in roomball league to end of year. R.C.M.P. leading the league followed by Crawford's, Chrysler and City Hall. Playoffs will start about end of January with four of eight teams taking part.

Commercial Hockey League proving very popular. Eight of twelve games in schedules completed at the end of the year.

New outdoor rink completed. Will be used for league games after the first of the year.

Church League will start operating early in January.

### Miscellaneous:

Ski Tow completed and hill now in operation. To date hill is being well patronized.

Ladies "Keep Fit" held five sessions to end of year with total attendance of 114. Classes will resume on January 7/57.

Fencing classes will be resumed on January 8. Attendance is quite satisfactory considering the limited space available.

Central Alberta Basketball League played to end of year. Schedule resumes on January 4th.

Twenty replies received to questionnaire re recreation building needs. Rough plans for building are now being drafted. Once an estimate is

received on preliminary costs it is hoped to call interested groups together to see what can be done about financing such a building.

Third annual recreation school held in Red Deer during the Christmas holidays. Some 50 people from various parts of the province attended a very worthwhile Conference.

Six meetings held during the month.

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING - City Hall, Jan. 9, 1957.

Present: R.J. Seater, Ald. J. McRobbie, J. Douglas, H. Bailes, Mrs. W.B. Parsons, W. Martin, P. Crawford, Miss A. Olsen, Mrs. G. Hancock, D. Holmes, F. Nielsen, J. Kennedy, Ass't. Dir. D. Moore, Sec. Jarvis Miller.

Mrs. Foster and C. Campbell were absent from the meeting.

Meeting opened at 8:05 P.M. with Mr. Seater presiding. Minutes of previous meeting were approved as transcribed on motion of Crawford and McRobbie.

Business out of Minutes:

- (a) School Rentals: It was suggested that report as presented by published together with the suggestion that parties (particularly small groups) contact the Recreation Commission concerning their needs so that an effort can be made to combine rentals where possible.
- (b) Recreation Conference: Mr. Miller reported that Recreation Institute held at Composite High during Christmas week had been an outstanding success with some 50 recreation leaders from all parts of the Province in attendance. Ald. McRobbie suggested that an effort should be made to acquaint the general public as to this type of Conference in an effort to have more local people in attendance.
- (c) Building Committee: Sketch plans as drawn by local contractor were presented to the meeting. It was suggested that the building committee make a detailed study of these plans and present their suggestions to the next meeting of the Commission. Motion of Nielsen and Bailes.

It was also suggested that Committee contact Library Board to ascertain their future needs and their feelings as to matter of incorporating library in recreation building.

New Business:

- (a) Balancing of Hockey Teams: This matter was left in the hands of Mr. Moore and the various coaches concerned.
- (b) Insurance Report: Mr. Moore reported that a total of 287 were now registered for hockey and that further registrations would be cut off on January 10, 1957.
- (c) Playground rinks and dressing room facilities: Mr. Moore reported that most rinks were in reasonably good shape. He pointed out the need for additional dressing room space at the outdoor rinks and stated the possibility of obtaining a shack on loan. The Commission authorized Mr. Moore to investigate this matter further and proceed if satisfactory.
- (d) Budget Committee: Messrs. Seater, McRobbie, Gilchrist and Miller were appointed to this committee on motion of Martin and Kennedy. This committee to meet in the near future. Mr. Crawford brought to the attention of the Committee the advisability of budgeting for heating in the Arts Building at the Fairgrounds should this building be made available for our use and further stated that he would be prepared to bring in a figure as to the approximate cost.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

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Chairman

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Secretary

RED DEER DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION

December 14, 1956.

Minutes of the Red Deer District Planning Commission held in the City Hall, December ~~17~~<sup>14</sup>, 1956.

Present: Mr. R. H. Edgar, Mr. A.T. Robson, Mr. F.P. Galbraith, Mr. P. LeCerf, Mr. J. Rear, Mr. R. D. Price, Councillor L. H. Erickson, Mayor J. McAfee, Director D. Cole, Assistant Planner R. Cundy, Secretary C.J. Miller, Mr. C. Humber was present as an observer for the Public School Board.

1. Meeting opened at 8:05 P.M. with Mr. Galbraith in the chair. Minutes approved on motion of Edgar and Rear with correction noted in Commercial "special" rezoning with word "resolved" to read "considered".

2. Business out of Minutes:

(a) Report on City Boundaries:

Tabled until Commission wishes to re-consider the matter.

(b) Rezoning - Commercial "Special".

Question of above proposed regulations as listed in November minutes of Commission will be dealt with in detail at the January meeting of the Commission.

(c) Separate School and Roman Catholic Church.

File 55/54

Director reported that the Mr. Lash had replied to inquiry to the effect that the Commission had no option but to accept land donated for school purposes as public reserve.

As to the Church Site this matter had been referred to the Attorney-General for an opinion. The Director was instructed to notify the Separate School Board accordingly and to draw its attention to the disadvantages of the proposed site.

3. New Business

A. Subdivisions.

No new subdivisions were brought forward at the meeting.

4. Other Business

(1) Director was authorized to purchase office desk, chair, drawing table and stool at approximate cost of \$400.00. Motion of McAfee and LeCerf.

(2) Farnell Application for rezoning.

There being no objections to this application for rezoning the Director was authorized to take the necessary action in notifying the Department of Town and Rural Planning. Motion of McAfee and Robson.

(3) Councillor Erickson reported to the meeting that the M.D. of Red Deer has set aside approximately 10 acres in the "Rosebank Subdivision" as park reserve; same being located in SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  - 19-27-27-4, Block 22, Plan 1034 A.R.

(4) Various members of Commission were of opinion that afternoon meetings would probably ensure of better attendance. Accordingly, the January meeting of the Commission will revert to the third monday of the month (January 20/57) at 2:00 P.M. - with members to be notified of meeting place.

5. Payment of Accounts:

Accounts and members fees and allowances were ordered paid on motion of Price and Edgar.

Red Deer Advocate - \$42.56  
C.P.A.C (Membership) 3.00  
City of Red Deer (Postage) - 15.68

Member fees and allowances: Mr. R. H. Edgar \$15.00, Mr. P. LeClerc \$15.00, Councillor C.R. Braithwaite \$10.00, Councillor L. H. Erickson \$15.00, Mr. J. Rear \$15.00, Mr. H.A. Little \$10.00, Mayor J. McAfee \$15.00, Mr. F.P. Galbraith \$10.00, Dr. W.B. Parsons \$5.00, Mr. J. Fallo \$30.00, Mr. C. J. Miller \$75.00

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

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Chairman

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Secretary