

A Carman Dufferin Joint Meeting was held in the Council Chambers of Memorial Hall on Thursday, January 11, 2018. Those present at the meeting included Mayor Bob Mitchell, Councillors Brent Owen, Brad Johnston, Jane Swanton, Robynn Salter, Matt Gray, Richard Dyck; Chief Administrative Officer Cheryl Young; RM of Dufferin - Reeve George Gray, Councillors Sheldon Harder, Barry Driedger, Fred Dunn, Harvie Takvam, Barry Fraser; Chief Administrative Officer Sharla Murray; Media – Emily Disefano, Valley Leader.

Mayor Bob Mitchell called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the Annual Planning meeting.

Those attending the meeting included:

Fire Department Capital Budget Request – Ben Vanderzwaag, Fire Chief reviewed with the Councils the decision to replace the fire trucks on a 10-year rotation. He also advised that the payment for the new apparatus could be made over two years due to the length of building the truck. The first payment would be for the chassis (\$130,000 to \$175,000.00); Mid-term payment approximately \$50,000 with the balance being paid in year two. He reviewed the two different types of fire trucks that would be available to purchase. The custom top mount enclosed pumper rescue apparatus would possibly have a better resale value and has full SRS restraint system. The custom truck would be \$150,000+ more. The same style of truck that the department has now, a commercial top mount enclosed pumper rescue apparatus would be closer to around \$480,000.00. The custom truck is what you would see in Winnipeg; however there has been a shift in thinking in the fire community to move forward with the custom truck in smaller communities. The new apparatus will replace two pieces of equipment – the older fire truck and the Rescue vehicle and Fire Chief Vanderzwaag expected these two pieces of equipment should be able to be sold for approximately \$75,000 to \$100,000.00. Once the contract has been signed the dollar of the purchase will be locked in so the fluctuation of the Canadian dollar would not cause issue once the resolution to purchase has been passed.

STARS Heliport Options - Michael Kowalson and Jason Johnson - Carman/Dufferin have been leaders over the past few years with the per capita grants received from our community. Last year STARS did 619 missions in Manitoba and this year should be in excessive of 700 projects. The temporary landing zone (TLZ) has been closed at Carman Hospital. The area around the hospital has become too built up; however there are steps that can be taken to have a heliport developed in the area. By having a landing zone at the hospital, it would save time and reduce risk to patient and reduce the amount of time the doctors would need to travel outside of the community. Lights would not be a requirement. STARS can give three names of consultants for procurement policy to work through the process of building a helipad. The community would need to decide who would take ownership for the upkeep, etc.

The Back Door – Tyler Friesen and Martin Dewit – Tyler reviewed the workings of The Back Door and the ambitious addition that is being proposed to their existing building on Main Street. The proposal will move the offices to the front of the building; ample storage for the centre; gym or open area; small lift; additional washrooms. The additional ask of \$10,000.00 would be used to offset the cost associated with engaging professionals to develop the concept drawings into stamped drawings. This could be in the vicinity of \$50,000.00. Currently Brad Harms has been volunteering his service; however eventually will need to seek out professionals for stamped drawings. The existing Piston Ring building will be moved from the location and the addition will be on the south of their existing centre. Tyler felt that in future years, The Back Door would be coming back to the municipalities for another larger chunk of money.

Carman Minor Ball – Erin Lemky – New ball diamonds would allow Carman to run tournaments; host provincial tournaments; increase player development; and keep families in our community. She reviewed the costs of the ball proposal. Phase 1 - \$800,000.00 for grading and tiling; Phase 2 - \$360,000 for fencing and dugouts; Phase 3 – concession – does not have pricing for this portion.

Ronald McDonald House – Wendy Galagan; Eden Ramsay – Reviewed the funding formula that is used for the Ronald McDonald House. Their program supports the health and wellbeing of children by providing a home away from home.

Boyne Regional Library Renovation Committee – Dale Owen, Neil Strachan, Laurie Wood, and Victoria Froebe – The renovation will address accessibility and everyone will be able to enter into the library through the same door. The Children section is too small and programming has had to be cancelled because of limited space. This is the best used library per capita outside of the city of Winnipeg. All parts of the building will be brought up to code. The design has been developed so that the spaces can be used for different things. There are diverse needs in our community and that flexibility is important. The committee is working closely with Heritage Manitoba to keep the dignity of the building. They have been working with a local company to keep the construction management within the community. The total cost of the project is \$1.54M that includes the construction and architect. Presently the committee has raised approximately \$500,000.00 with some of the money being spent on the plans. The committee is looking at continuing to fundraise and apply for grants. They will look at grants; however often you are required to have 75% of your total funding raised. There is a donor that advised that once 65% has been raised, there will be money coming from that donor. The cash calendar fundraiser raised \$3500 and the group received \$10,000 of donations in the month of December. They hope to break ground in the spring of 2019. The committee feels that they might only be able to raise another \$100,000.00. If they could raise another \$400,000.00, this would reduce the amount of their ask from the municipalities and could reduce the 2019 request.

Golden Prairie Arts Council – Haley McIntosh and Brenda Major – This year they have increased their request by \$5,000.00 because the shingles on the station need to be replaced. With the additional funds, GPAC would be able to complete the roof this year and it would solve the water problem they are having. They asked if they could continue receiving the additional funding, they would move this into wages to be competitive in this department. They have a few new younger members on the board that are providing new ideas and initiatives for GPAC. They are beefing up their fundraising and will have an online donation option on their website. They have also attempted to coincide their fundraising to match when companies might have funds available to donate. They have gained partnerships over the years – KidDance; new satellite galleries at Roland General Store; and possibly with Newman Hand. They currently have \$15,000 saved up for the roof project. Looking forward they would like to get some security measures in place. They will be applying to Carman Area Foundation as well. Community Places is a granting avenue that is not that open to the organization any longer. The roof would be the last step to finish the upgrading of the outside of the station.

Carman Family Resource Centre – Michelle Bergsma – There seems to be a lot more young families in our community. They had 52 caregivers and 75 children at the Stay and Play. They have a couple new board members coming on at the AGM on January 31st. Councils are invited to attend this AGM.

The councils reviewed all the requests put forward to the 2018 Community Budget meeting. The committee felt the requests were in line and acceptable.

Those organizations presenting at the meeting and the committee recommendations were as follows:

STARS – The committee felt that it would look at developing a helipad by using local contractors.

Fire Truck – The committee felt that it should move forward with the purchase of the commercial top mount enclosed pumper rescue apparatus, at a cost of \$480,000.00 to be budgeted over two years.

Splash Pad – With the new requirements that the washroom requires showers; likely the Splash Pad committee will be short approximately \$15,000.00. The committee felt this should be included in the upcoming budget.

Baseball – The committee does not feel it can afford to include \$400,000.00 each for the development of baseball diamonds. The committee felt that the cost of the land, in the amount of \$375,000.00 needs to be included in the complete project cost and then possibly split in amongst all parties. The committee felt CMB must also work with

Carman Soccer to develop the two additional soccer pitches that were guaranteed to the former property owners. The councils are working on a way to provide support to CMB while we move forward to getting the new area developed for soccer and ball.

Boyne Regional Library addition – The councils were concerned that now the ask appears that the renovation committee has stopped fundraising and this concerned the Town and RM. The Councils felt it would be difficult to find money in this budget to give them the requested funding this year. The committee did not want to stifle their fundraising efforts; however not certain how to encourage them without giving them money.

GPAC – The committee felt that it should include the additional funds for the roof upgrades in the upcoming budget.

Ronald McDonald House – The committee felt that it would increase the grant to this organization to \$5000.00 - \$2500 per municipality.

The Back Door – The project is very ambitious and the committee realizes that they will likely be back in future years for additional funding. The committee agreed to give them the additional funds for the development of the building plans.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Robert J. Mitchell, Mayor

Cheryl Young, Chief Administrative Officer