

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 17, 2008**

A Committee of the Whole Council Meeting of the City of Camrose was held at Mirror Lake Centre on Monday, March 17, 2008 with the following persons in attendance:

City Representatives:

Council:

Mayor C. Mastel; Councillors G. Galenza; I. Nielsen; W. Thronson; M. Lindstrand, and J. Howard.

Absent:

Councillors K. Pratt, R. McIsaac, and D. Shillington;

Administration:

Manager – B. Hamblin; Manager of Corporate and Protective Services – D. Herle; Engineer – T. Gillespie; Manager of Community Services – P. Nielsen; and Police Chief – D. Kambeitz.

Elk Island Catholic School Representatives:

Administration:

Chair, Tony Sykora; Vice Chair, Jean Boisvert  
Superintendent Chris Diachuk; Secretary-Treasurer Alberta Hutchings  
Maureen Duguay; Joe Weleshuk; Robert Simonowits; Luisa Davidse;  
Charlene Melenka; Ted Paszek and Joann Lloyd.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

At the request of the Elk Island Catholic S.R.D. #41, a Committee of the Whole Meeting was held to discuss matters of mutual interest.

**1 Student Enrolment Trends.**

Superintendent Chris Diachuk reported that of the 16 schools under their jurisdiction, including Camrose, enrolment has been increasing slightly.

**2 Future Growth in the City of Camrose**

City Engineer Ted Gillespie gave a presentation on the City's 2003 growth study that predicts a growth in population of 3.5% up to 2011 and a long term increase of 2.5%. The City is currently faced with development that extends beyond the city boundaries.

**3 Division Capital Plan.**

Superintendent Diachuk reported that a new high school is planned for Sherwood Park. There are no plans for a new school in Camrose, however they are proceeding with a long term facilities plan that will review current state of facilities and how adequately the facilities can accommodate growth.

**4 Reciprocal Use Agreement**

Tony Sykora and Chris Diachuk both reported that the reciprocal use agreement is working very well with the City of Camrose.

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**5 School Resource Officer and Police Service Dog**

Police Chief Darrell Kambeitz advised that the School Resource Officer and the DARE program operates in both schools at the grade 3 & 6 levels. A new grade 8 component has also been added to the DARE program. A total of 5 DARE instructors deliver the programs to Camrose students.

The Chief indicated that 20-25% of the School Resource Officer's time is dedicated to the two Elk Island Schools in Camrose and that the funding level currently provided by Elk Island is about 2%.

**6 Performing Arts Centre**

City Manager Brian Hamblin updated Elk Island School representatives on the plans for the new Performing Arts Centre at Augustana campus of the U of A.

**7 Environmental Education Program Partnership**

City Engineer Ted Gillespie updated the group on the Environmental Education Program Partnership for elementary children in Camrose that is under the leadership of Vicky Cole. This program is a partnership with local schools and is well received by students and school staff alike. The program deals with recycling, water/watersheds and the landfill and fits well with the curriculum. Two programs this year will include the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual June water festival and the other is promotion of waste reduction week.

**8 Information Packages for New Residents**

City Manager Brian Hamblin distributed informational packages to the Elk Island School representatives that are distributed to all new residents in Camrose.

Chair, Tony Sykora thanked Council and Administration for attending this meeting and for the information exchange.

Mayor Mastel thanked the Elk Island School representatives for their attendance and input.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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MANAGER OF CORPORATE AND  
PROTECTIVE SERVICES.