

## **CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN**

### **Notice of Motion – Hospice**

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#### **Motion:**

That Administration explore the feasibility of utilizing the land or a portion of land at the old Health Care Centre site for a hospice, and further that the land not be put on the market until a feasibility review is complete.

#### **Purpose:**

To determine if Council wishes to support Councillor Bossert's motion.

#### **Background:**

At the August 25, 2015 regular Council meeting, Councillor Bossert presented a notice of motion that Administration explore the feasibility of utilizing the land or a portion of land at the old Health Care Centre site for a hospice.

If the above motion is approved, the old Health Care Centre site land would not be put on the market until a feasibility review for the site is complete.

#### **Discussion:**

As Council considers the notice of motion, there are a number of factors to be examined, including:

- What is the expected outcome of a feasibility study; is it a City initiative or for some other organization?
- As there is no local Hospice Society, whose initiative would this be?
- How does the use of this land relate to a Land Management Strategy? Council will consider implementation of such a strategy as part of the 2016 Budget deliberations?
- What is the potential loss of funds either from the sale of land and future property taxes?
- How does the use impact the downtown as to increasing growth from a residential and business perspective?
- What is the impact of a delay in developing the site?
- What is the City's commitment to the project, including resources and funds?
- Are there other community organizations looking for land for their endeavors?
- Who will conduct the feasibility study? If the City was to conduct such a study it would have to be completed by a consultant. Funding would need to be allocated which, depending on the scope, could be in the \$20,000 to \$50,000 range.

#### **Alternatives:**

1. That Council support Councillor Bossert's motion.
2. That Council not support Councillor Bossert's motion.

**Recommendation:**

That Council advise how they wish to proceed.

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