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24 complaints investigated

Sgt. Ross Lewis of the Wadena RCMP detachment was in attendance at the regular council meeting on Monday evening, Sept. 21 to present council with the policing report for August.

There were 24 complaints investigated for the month: assault (1 case); theft under \$1000 (4); other criminal code (1); criminal code traffic (5); break, enter and theft (4); fraud (cheques) (2); disturbing the peace (2); and municipal by-law (1). Nineteen charges were laid during the month.

Lewis reported that investigations into the 10 break, enter and thefts occurring in Wadena since mid-August had resulted in charges being laid against three adults and two young offenders.

Recreation Director Andy Dobson informed council that the Recreation Centre had been thoroughly cleaned and prepared for the upcoming season. Start-up of the ice plant is scheduled for Oct. 26.

In his report, Dobson outlined

some of the changes implemented to the former Saskatchewan Lotteries TIP Grant program. The restructuring of the program has resulted in an increase of funding—approximately \$3000. New stipulations for the monies call for disbursement of at least 20% (\$2240) for senior population (60+) and 10% (\$1200) targeted population (persons not participating in existing programs).

The total eligible grant is determined from the urban and allotted municipal populations at a rate of \$6 and \$4 per capita respectively. The program has also received a name change and is now the Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Program.

Disbursements of the funds, as recommended by the Rec. Board, are: Wadena Guitar School, \$200; Weneeda Park Lodge, \$250; Wadena Museum, \$75; Wadena Chapter of Special Olympics, \$250; Wadena Figure Skating Club, \$200; First Wadena Scout Group, \$200; Wadena Ukrainian Dance Club, \$200; Pleasant View Care Home, \$100; Guides of Canada, \$125, and Wadena Elementary School, \$250. The remaining monies will be disbursed at a later date.

Council has agreed to purchase additional land for the cemetery at

a cost of \$17,000. The 5.99-acre parcel to be purchased is adjacent to the present site.

Committee reports submitted and approved consisted of Wadena Housing Authority, Aug. 10; Wadena & District Museum Committee, Sept. 13; Recreation Board, Sept. 14; and the Administration Committee, Sept. 16. The museum minutes reported 1,200 guests as having signed the guest book this year.

In Mayor Banadyga's absence, Alderman Bill Filipchuk chaired the meeting with all other aldermen in attendance as well as Administrator Michael Hotsko, Recreation Director Andy Dobson and Office Assistant Patti Woloshyn.