

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2001 at 6:04 p.m.

- PRESENT:** Councillors Hamilton, Porter & Tenszen with Deputy Mayor Brennan in the Chair
- ABSENT:** Mayor MacKenzie, Councillors Allen & Quinn
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** 213/01 Moved by: Councillor Hamilton  
Seconded by: Councillor Tenszen  
RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on July 23, 2001 in the Council Chambers of City Hall be approved as circulated.  
Carried.
- HEARINGS:** Reinhart & Adriana Kirchner – Variation Application  
  
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Swaine of 57 Meighen Avenue spoke in opposition to the variation as submitted. Mr. & Mrs. Kirchner appeared in support of their claims, but were willing to consider a compromise.  
  
Ideal Warehousing – Rezoning Application  
  
No one appeared before Council on this matter.
- DELEGATIONS:** None
- CORRESPONDENCE:** The correspondence for this period was reviewed.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
- Finance, Legislative & Property Committee** Your Worship, your Finance, Legislative and Property Committee respectfully submits the following reports:
- Adding Unpaid Trailer Licenses to Property Taxes – 01-8103 – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Shirley/Nettie
- 214/01 Moved by: Councillor Hamilton  
Seconded by: Councillor Porter  
RESOLVED THAT By-law 01-8103 being a by-law to authorize the unpaid 2001 trailer license fees as per Schedule “A” be added to taxes, be read a second time.  
Carried.  
  
RESOLVED THAT By-Law 01-8103 be read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed.  
Carried.  
  
In Favour: Deputy Mayor Brennan, Councillors Hamilton, Porter and Tenszen.
- Adding Unpaid Business License Fees to Property Taxes – 01-8104 – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Shirley/Nettie
- 215/01 Moved by: Councillor Hamilton  
Seconded by: Councillor Porter  
RESOLVED THAT By-Law 01-8104 being a by-law to authorize the unpaid 2001 business license fees as per Schedule “A” be added to taxes, be read a second time.  
Carried.

RESOLVED THAT By-Law 01-8104 be read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed.  
Carried.

In Favour: Deputy Mayor Brennan, Councillors Hamilton, Porter & Tenszen.

Adding Unpaid Water &  
Sewer to Property Taxes –  
By-Law 01-8108 – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Reading  
Shirley/June

This is part of the normal monthly procedure to allow unpaid water and sewer charges be added to taxes be read a first time.

216/01 Moved by: Councillor Hamilton  
Seconded by: Councillor Porter  
RESOLVED THAT By-Law 01-8108 to add unpaid water & sewer to taxes be read a first time.  
Carried.

### **City Planning & Economic Development**

Your Worship, the City Planning & Economic Development Committee respectfully submit the following report:

Ideal Warehousing –  
Rezoning – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading  
– By-Law 01-8101  
Dean/Iva

Council gave first reading to By-Law 01-8101 on June 11, 2001.

217/01 Moved by: Councillor Porter  
Seconded by: Councillor Tenszen  
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie give By-Law 01-8101 second reading.  
Carried.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie give By-Law 01-8101 third reading, finally passed, signed and sealed.  
Carried.

In Favour: Deputy Mayor Brennan, Councillors Hamilton, Porter & Tenszen.

Island of Lights –  
Authorization for Recreation  
Reserve Withdrawal  
Dean

Over the past three years, Administration has presented Council with a proposed spending plan for the purchase and sale of display pieces for the Island of Lights.

The basic premise for the plan that Council has endorsed is that Administration may only purchase those display pieces that have been sold. The purchasing plan for 2001 included the purchase and sale of:

- A toy soldier to be affixed to City Hall
- 16 pieces that will be affixed to hydro poles along Royal Road and the bridge leading up to Island Park,
- Lighted pieces that will be affixed to the bridge giving it a tunnel/covered type look.

In the 2001 budget, Council approved \$26,000 for the purchase of a marquis display piece that would be placed at the entrance of the light show. However, during our sales campaign of the above noted pieces, it was determined that the selling of the covered bridge concept was not going to occur,

Council was advised of this and authorized Administration to utilize the budgeted funds for the marquis piece for the development of the bridge lighting project since this would have a higher profile and likely would be a significant attraction for the 2001/02 light show.

During these discussions, the recognition of recreation reserve funds withdrawal to purchase the toy soldier, 16 hydro pole pieces and associated costs was inadvertently omitted from the approved budget, and as such, a resolution of Council is required to ensure that the expended funds are in accordance with the Municipal Act.

To date, the toy soldier, and 5 of the 16 hydro pole pieces have been sold. We anticipate successful sale for the balance of the hydro pole pieces before the start of this years show.

218/01 Moved by: Councillor Porter  
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie authorize the withdrawal of up to \$15,000 for the purchase and development of a toy soldier lighted display piece, 16 hydro pole light pieces, and associated costs from the recreation reserve on the condition that only those display pieces that have been sold may be paid for from this account and further that all sales revenues from the sale of these pieces be placed back into the recreation reserve.  
Carried.

### **Public Safety Committee**

Your Worship, your Public Safety Committee respectfully submits the following reports:

Traffic Statistics – For  
Information Only  
Rob

Councillor Quinn made mention of the additional Constable that the RCMP received in order to increase traffic enforcement. He questioned why the traffic stats are down when they have an extra officer. Inspector Nason replied that there have been extenuating circumstances that have caused the decrease in traffic enforcement such as the elimination of the unmarked car and injuries to the RCMP officer. He also mentioned that the extra officer was approved by Council at least three years ago and with the exception of this year, traffic enforcement was up.

### **Waterworks Committee**

Your Worship, the Waterworks Committee respectfully submits the following report:

Water & Sewer Services to  
Long Plains First Nations  
Nettie/Dale

Council reviewed a report on providing Water & Sewer to Long Plains First Nations in camera.

219/01 Moved by: Councillor Hamilton  
Seconded by: Councillor Porter

RESOLVED THAT the City of Portage la Prairie agree in principle to provide water and sewer services to the Long Plain First Nation 6B property adjacent to Yellowquill College subject to an agreement being signed and a development plan provided to the City.  
Carried.

### **Transportation Committee**

Your Worship, your Transportation Committee respectfully submits the following report:

Appointment to Redboine  
Conservation District Board  
Marg

On May 14, 2001, Council passed By-Law No. 01-8092 to authorize the City of Portage la Prairie to participate in the LaSalle Redboine Conservation District, which is comprised of eight Sub-Districts. We have now been asked to appoint two persons to the Board to represent the Delta SubDistrict. The structure of the Board provides that one of these appointments shall be a member of Council, and the other a citizen appointee.

220/01 Moved by: Councillor Tenszen  
Seconded by Councillor Porter

RESOLVED THAT Mayor Ian MacKenzie be appointed as the City of Portage la Prairie Council representative on the LaSalle Redboine Conservation District Board, and Ms. Val Sissons be appointed as the Citizen Representative from the City of Portage la Prairie until the next Organizational Meeting.  
Carried.

**Community Services  
Committee**

Your Worship, your Community Services Committee respectfully  
submits the following report:

Demolition of Lion's Pool  
Kelly/Dean

The Operations Department has indicated that they are in the position to commence the demolition of the Lions pool basin and deck and utilize the material as part of our lake bank stabilization program and this work could commence with the authorization of Council.

The Demolition of the Lions Pool building however will likely need to be completed by a third party due to the size and the fact that there may be some salvageable value in the laminated roof and the cedar plank roof decking. It is recommended that Council authorize Administration to commence to solicit prices and that we ascertain costs to determine if the unbudgeted work may proceed this year to be included as part of the 2002 budget deliberations.

Since the building is not being used this summer, the issue of safety comes into effect and if the City has no use for the existing facility and amenities, demolition and development of the site should commence.

- 221/01 Moved by: Councillor Tenzsen  
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton  
THAT Council authorize the Operations Department to proceed with the removal of the Lion's Pool basin and deck and that this material be used for the lake stabilization program.  
AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize Administration to obtain prices for the demolition of the Lions Pool building and provide information back to Council for consideration.  
Carried.

Dutch Elm Disease  
Agreement  
Marg

The City of Portage la Prairie and the Province of Manitoba enter into an agreement under the Dutch Elm Disease Act each year for a period April 1 to March 31. The Act allows for the sharing of actual costs up to \$0.50 per capita. The total rebate will be approximately \$6,600.

Eligible costs include the pruning and replacement of diseased elm trees, basal spraying and general tree care. The estimated cost of the City program is \$18,000 and is included in the 2001 operating budget.

This program is critical to the maintenance of the urban forest and has assisted in the preservation of existing elms. All work must be completed by March 22, 2002 and claims must be submitted by March 31, 2002.

- 222/01 Moved by: Councillor Tenzsen  
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton  
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie enter into an agreement with the Province of Manitoba for the cost-sharing of the Dutch Elm Disease Control Program for 2001/2002.  
Carried.

Final Conceptual  
Design/Approval – Outdoor  
Leisure Water Park  
Dean

Council has met with the outdoor leisure water park design leader, Mr. Bob Ellard on two separate occasions and provided direction in relation to the proposed design for the new facility.

Based on the most recent changes, the proposed design was presented to the community on July 16, 2001 at a public open house where our design leader, Mr. Bob Ellard, overviewed the design features of the proposed facility and responded to public questions.

It is estimated by Mr. Ellard, that the cost for the facility as revised is approximately \$1.55 million excluding contingencies. Our design leader, Mr. Ellard, is at the point where final approval of the conceptual design is required so that he may commence the completion of the design/bid tender package that will be issued to qualified companies.

- 223/01 Moved by: Councillor Tenszen  
Seconded by: Councillor Porter  
RESOLVED THAT Council approve the conceptual design for the proposed outdoor leisure water park and authorize Administration to instruct Mr. Bob Ellard to prepare the final design/bid tender specifications for public release accordingly.  
Carried.

Portage Pride Program  
Informational Meeting

The "Portage Pride" program is a proposed initiative that in the end, will create increased community involvement and pride, increased awareness of the community to residents, a more positive experience for tourists, and increased visibility of Portage la Prairie within the Province of Manitoba. It may also decrease vandalism throughout the city by instilling a feeling of community ownership in youths by working together with the residents, businesses and organizations on a beautification project.

By facilitating partnerships between local businesses and residents alike, the "Portage Pride" program will create a positive, clean and aesthetically pleasing environment for local families, friends and visitors to enjoy.

If there is sufficient interest in the project, the City of Portage la Prairie would then create a "Portage Pride" Ad Hoc Committee. This committee would be responsible to create awareness, solicit interest and sponsorship, and develop strategic initiatives to plan for the project's implementation for the spring of 2002. This committee, during the planning stages, would also indicate budget implications for the City of Portage la Prairie.

- 224/01 Moved by: Councillor Tenszen  
Seconded by: Councillor Porter  
That Council authorize administration to host an informational meeting regarding the development of a community beautification program, in order to determine interest within the community.  
Carried.

2001 Canada Day  
Celebration – Final Report –  
For Information Only

Council reviewed the Final Report for the 2001 Canada Day Celebrations.

**DEFERRED BUSINESS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Liquor Act Changes  
Dale/Jodi

Two petitions opposing the Sunday sale of liquor were received.

- 225/01 Moved by: Councillor Porter  
Seconded by: Councilor Hamilton  
RESOLVED THAT this report be tabled until the Council meeting of September 24, 2001.  
Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Application for Variation –  
Reinhart & Adriana Kirchner  
Dean/Iva

The applicants, Reinhart and Adriana Kirchner, are applying for a variation as they plan to construct a 12ft. x 12ft. (3.6 m x 3.6m) deck on to the rear of their dwelling. At the present time this home is under construction.

This building is an R1 – single family dwelling district. The application has been circulated to the various City Departments with no concerns being expressed. Public notices were also sent to all property owners within a 100 meters (330 foot) radius. One objection was received. The Kirchner's agreed to compromise and have changed their request to construct a 10x14 foot deck instead. In this situation, the rear yard requirement of 25 feet would be reduced to 20 feet.

226/01 Moved by: Councillor Porter  
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the variation request of Reinhart & Adriana Kirchner to vary the rear yard requirement of 25 feet to 20 feet – at the property known as 3 Ireland Crescent which is legally described as Lot 8, Block 7, Plan 1721, Parish Lot 93, Parish of Portage la Prairie.  
Carried.

Award of Tender – 2001  
Paving Contract – 01-OPS-  
003  
Kelly B

The tender for the 2001 Pavement Contract closed and bids were opened on Tuesday, August 7, 2001. Two bids were received, the lowest of which was \$594,864.47 from Maple Leaf Construction Ltd.

The work includes:

- Overlays:
  - Royal Road – Saskatchewan Avenue to Crescent Road
  - Crescent Road – 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW to 18<sup>th</sup> Street SW
  - Lorne Avenue West – Tupper Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Street NW
  - St. George Avenue – 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW to 8<sup>th</sup> Street SW
  - Dufferin Avenue East – 4<sup>th</sup> Street SE to 6<sup>th</sup> Street SE
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Street NW – Gigot Avenue to Lorne Avenue
- Park Drive Paving, curb and gutter
- Fire Hall parking lot
- Saskatchewan Avenue median reconstruction
- Keith Street paving
- IGA access paving
- Boston Pizza access alterations
- Fisher Avenue @ 4<sup>th</sup> Street NE – curb repairs

#### Overlays and Fisher Avenue Curb Repairs

The tendered price for overlays (\$347,574.51), less the GST rebate of \$12,993.44 is approximately \$32,381.07 over the total budget (\$302,200). In order to remain within budget the Crescent Road overlay will be reduced to between 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW to 15<sup>th</sup> Street SW, effectively cutting out three blocks.

#### Park Drive

This project will be cost shared with Shindico Developments and the City of Portage la Prairie. Shindico are responsible for pavement costs only and these costs are to be based on the frontage of lots 3 and 4, block 2, plan 1810 on Park Drive. It is estimated that the City will be reimbursed approximately \$9,725.48 from Shindico Developments.

The tendered price for Park Drive (\$161,703.22), less Shindico's share (\$9,725.48) and less the GST rebate of \$6,044.98, is approximately \$10,932.76 over budget amount of \$135,000.

#### Fire Hall Parking Lot

The tendered price for the Fire Hall Parking Lot, (\$3,531.00) less the GST rebate of \$132.00 is approximately \$399.00 over the budget amount of \$3,000.

#### IGA Paving/Boston Pizza Access

This project will be cost shared with Shindico Developments and the City of Portage la Prairie. Each party will be responsible for 50% of the total cost. The tendered price for the IGA paving and Boston Pizza access is \$30,157.95. The City's 50% portion is \$15,078.98, less the GST rebate of \$563.70, is approximately \$2,015.28 over budget amount of \$12,500.

#### Keith Street Paving

The tendered price for the Keith Street Paving (\$28,145.39), less the GST rebate of \$1,052.17 is approximately \$2,906.78 under budget amount of \$30,000.

Saskatchewan Avenue Median Reconstruction

The tendered price for the Saskatchewan Avenue Median Reconstruction (\$24,952.40), less the GST rebate of \$932.80, is approximately \$15,980.40 under budget amount of \$40,000.

- 227/01 Moved by: Councillor Tenzzen  
Seconded by: Councillor Porter  
RESOLVED THAT Council award the tender for the 2001 Pavement Contract, as specified in tender 01-OPS-003, to Maple Leaf Construction Ltd. for the tendered price of \$594,864.47, including taxes.  
Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- 228/01 Moved by: Councillor Porter  
Seconded by: Councillor Tenzzen  
RESOLVED THAT the Council Meeting be adjourned at 6:45 p.m.  
Carried.

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Mayor

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Manager of Administration