

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on August 27th, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.

- PRESENT:** Councillors Brennan, Hamilton, Porter, Quinn and Mayor MacKenzie in the Chair.
- ABSENT:** Councillors Allen & Tenszen
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** 229/01 Moved by: Councillor Hamilton
Seconded by: Councillor Porter
RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on August 13, 2001 in the Council Chambers of City Hall be approved as circulated.
Carried.
- HEARINGS:** Matthew Gray – Rezoning – By-Law 01-8107 – 2nd & 3rd Reading
No one appeared before Council on this issue.
Request for Variation – Richard & Susan VanAert
No one appeared before Council on this issue.
Request for Variation – Chris Bures
A letter of objecting to the variance from Linda & Dave Bull was read into the record. No one appeared either in favour or in opposition to the request
- DELEGATIONS:** Mr. Richard Johnson – Objection to Maintenance & Occupancy By-Law
Mr. Johnson spoke to Council not in opposition to the order under the Maintenance and Occupancy By-Law, but to request an extension of time for the clean-up.
- 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 Water & Sewer to Taxes for July – 01-8108 – 2nd & 3rd Reading
Shirley/June
This is part of the normal monthly procedure to allow unpaid water & sewer accounts to be added to property taxes.
- 230/01 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton
RESOLVED THAT By-Law 01-8108 being a by-law to authorize unpaid water and sewer accounts to be added to taxes be read a second time.
Carried.
RESOLVED THAT By-Law 01-8108 be read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed.
Carried.
In Favour: Councillors Brennan, Hamilton, Porter, Quinn and Mayor MacKenzie.
- Second Quarter Forecast
Nettie
Council reviewed the Financial Results for the first six months of 2001. A year-end deficit in the General Operating Fund of \$96,619 and a year-end surplus in the Utility Operating Fund of \$27,357 are forecast.

Committee reviewed a list of material differences in cost centers exceeding \$10,000 between the 2001 budgeted amounts and the 2001 forecast amounts.

- 231/01 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton
RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement and Forecast for the six months ended June 30, 2001 be adopted.
Carried.

Notice of Objection to Order under Maintenance By-Law Dean/Dennis

Council reviewed a report in camera on the Notice of Objection to Order under Maintenance By-Law

- 232/01 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie amend the order that was issued to the property owner located at 54-5th Street NW in the City of Portage la Prairie to provide that the property be in good repair by September 30, 2001.
Carried.

Current Project List – For Information Only

Council reviewed the Current Project lists in camera.

Monthly Activity Reports – For Information Only

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports for July.

City Planning & Economic Development

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

Variation – Chris Bures Dean/Iva

The applicant, Chris Bures, on behalf of 73688 Manitoba Ltd., is applying for a variation to permit the use of an Ambulance Service as a similar use in a C3-Highway Commercial District.

At the present time the City Zoning By-Law does not specifically permit the Ambulance Services as a permitted or Conditional Use in a C3-Highway Commercial District. Under the Planning Act Council may allow a variation under Section 53 (3) (I) which states “by permitting a proposed use of land, building or structure that is not listed as a permitted or conditional use in that zone, if in the opinion of Council, it is readily identifiable as being similar to the uses of land, buildings or structures defined in general terms in the by-law for that particular zone.”

This building is in a C3 – Highway Commercial 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 feet) radius, with one letter of comment received.

- 233/01 Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Porter
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the variation request of 73688 Manitoba Ltd. c/o Chris Bures to permit the use of an Ambulance Service as a similar use in a C3 – Highway Commercial District at the property known as 437 Tupper Street North which is legally described as North ½ of Lot 641, all of Lots 642, 643, & 644, Plan 66, PL 64, Parish of Portage la Prairie.
Carried.

Matthew Gray - Zoning By-Law Amendment By-Law 01-8107 – 2nd & 3rd Reading Dean/Iva

The applicant, Matthew Gray, having received the permission of the owner, Roman Catholic Archiepiscopal Corporation of Winnipeg – St. Hyacinth Church has applied to amend the City of Portage la Prairie Zoning By-Law No. 7680, to rezone the property located at 506-1st Street NW from E1 – Educational and Institutional District to R1 –

Single Family Dwelling District in order to allow the former St. Hyacinth's Church to be converted to a residence for his own use.

The City of Portage la Prairie Development Plan designates this area R-Residential and policy 5.6 states that re-development and infill shall be encouraged since this type of development utilizes existing services.

The application has been circulated to the various City Departments and the Province with no concerns being expressed. The application has also been advertised in the Daily Graphic and public notices have been sent to all owners of property within a 300 foot radius of the proposed development as per Section 45(2), (3) and (4) of the Planning Act.

First Reading of this by-law was given on Monday, July 23, 2001 to commence the process as defined in the Planning Act in considering this application.

234/01 Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the application to rezone the land property known as 506-1st Street NW and legally described as: being Lots 752 and 753, Plan 66, PLTO in RL 64 Parish of Portage la Prairie from EI – Educational & Institutional District to R1 – Single Family Dwelling District in order to allow the former St. Hyacinth Church to be converted to a residence for personal use, and THAT By-Law 01-8107 be read a second time. Carried.

THAT By-Law 01-8107 be read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed. Carried.

In Favour: Councillors Brennan, Hamilton, Porter, Quinn and Mayor MacKenzie.

Harold Nichol Development Agreement – For Information Only – Dean

Council reviewed a report on the Harold Nichol Development Agreement in camera.

Monthly Activity Reports – For Information Only

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports for July, 2001.

Public Safety Committee

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

Monthly Activity Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports for July, 2001.

Waterworks Committee

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

Update on Waste Activated Sludge Facility – For Information Only

Council was updated on the Waste Activated Sludge Facility.

Kelly B

Parrheim/McCains Sewage Billing Reconciliation – For Information Only

Council reviewed this report in camera.

Kelly/Dale

Monthly Activity Reports – For Information Only

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports for July, 2001.

Transportation Committee

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

Monthly Activity Reports – For Information Only.

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports for July, 2001.

**Community Services
Committee**

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

Youth for Christ Agreement
– Use of Heritage Square
Parking Lot
Dean/Jennifer

Mr. Art Schroeder, Drop-In Coordinator for Youth for Christ, has indicated that there is a need to provide additional recreation experiences for youth-at-risk they have attending their programs. There is limited space at the Youth for Christ center and the Heritage Square Parking lot is in close proximity to their location. Youth for Christ has confirmed that they will provide the equipment, supervision and required barricades for the activity.

There is no concern for City liability as Youth for Christ has assumed responsibility and should Council authorize, an agreement would be signed and a copy of Youth for Christ's certificate of liability insurance for a minimum of two (2) million dollars would be required.

Mrs. Cheryl Barker, Executive Director of the Herman Prior Senior Services Centre has also been contacted and does not foresee any conflicts by allowing Youth for Christ the use of the parking lot area at the times specified.

235/01 Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton

THAT Council approve Youth for Christ's request to use the West side of the Heritage Square Parking Lot on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. commencing August 28, 2001 until October 31, 2001 and further that Administration be authorized to enter into an agreement to this effect with Youth for Christ to the sole satisfaction of the City.
Carried.

Monthly Activity Reports –
For Information Only

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports for July, 2001.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

New Server for City Hall
Nettie

The City Hall server provides central computer data storage, accounting functions, e-mailing services and web browsing to the staff at City Hall. Recently the hard drives have become corrupt, causing numerous errors and performance problems to occur. The server is also lacking sufficient RAM to meet processing demands, causing other errors to occur. The City has been advised that the server needs to be replaced as soon as possible.

Local suppliers and Winnipeg suppliers were contacted to provide quotes for a new server best suited for our computer processing needs. Council reviewed the quotes from various companies.

The lowest quote received was from Kortex Computers for the IBM server. Kortex has a proven track record with the City of Steinbach and the City of Winnipeg and has received many awards and recognition from various sources.

The replacement of the server was originally planned for 2002. Replacing the server in 2001 requires approval by resolution of Council in accordance with the City's purchasing by-law. The cost of the server will be allocated 25% to the Utility Operating Fund and 75% to the General Operating Fund.

236/01 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton

RESOLVED THAT the City Hall server be purchased from Kortex Computers for the pre-installation price of \$9,109.10.

Carried.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Lease of City Facility
Dean/Jennifer

At the July 23, 2001 regular Council Meeting, Council authorized Administration to negotiate a lease with Alcoholics Anonymous, Alanon Family Groups and Alateen for the use of the old Kinsmen Hall building.

The lease is a five-year term to commence on the first day of September, 2001. A rental fee of \$1.00 per year payable on the first working day after the first of September each year has been agreed to by the Alcoholics Anonymous board.

Alcoholics Anonymous will be responsible to pay for the property taxes and is required to pay the utilities for the facility. Those terms were also agreed to in the previous lease with the Kinsmen.

In addition, Alcoholics Anonymous has purchased the required public liability insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000. A copy of their policy has been forwarded to the City.

237/01 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton
RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Administration to sign the lease with Alcoholics Anonymous to the sole satisfaction of the City.

Request for Variation –
Richard & Susan Van Aert
Dean/Iva

The applicants, Richard and Susan VanAert are applying for a variation as they wish to construct a single car garage.

This building is in an R1 – Single Family dwelling district. The application has been circulated with no concerns being expressed. Public notices were also sent out with no objections received to date. Administratively, there are no concerns.

238/01 Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the variation request of Richard & Susan VanAert to vary:
1. the east side yard requirement of 5 feet (1.5 meters) to 4 feet (1.2 meters), and
2. the front yard from the required 25 feet (7.5 meters) to 14.7 feet (4.4 meters)
at the property known as 835 Duke Avenue which is legally described as Lot 2, Plan 2378, Parish Lot 69, Parish of Portage la Prairie.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

239/01 Moved by: Councillor Porter
Seconded by: Councillor Tenzsen
RESOLVED THAT the Council Meeting be adjourned at 6:34 p.m.
Carried.