Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on February 27th, 2001 at 6:05 p.m.

PRESENT:

Present: Councillors Allen, Brennan, Hamilton, Porter, Quinn, Tenszen with Mayor Ian MacKenzie in the Chair.

ABSENT:

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: 44/01

Moved by Councillor Quinn
Seconded by Councillor Hamilton
RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on February 13th, 2001 at 6:05 p.m. be approved as circulated.
Carried.

HEARINGS:

None

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 report:

Unpaid Water & Sewer to Taxes for January, 2001 By-Law 01-8086 – 2nd and 3rd Reading. 45/01

This is part of the normal monthly procedure to allow unpaid water and sewer accounts to be added to property taxes.

Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton
RESOLVED THAT By-Law 01-8086 being a by-law to authorize unpaid water and sewer charges be added to taxes be read a second time.
Carried

THAT By-Law No. 01-8086 be read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed.
Carried.

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

Adding Unpaid Trailer License Fees to Taxes By-Law 01-8085 – 2nd and 3rd Reading. 46/01

This is part of the normal monthly procedure to allow unpaid water and sewer accounts to be added to property taxes.

Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton
RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 01-8085 being a By-Law to authorize the unpaid 2000 trailer license fees be added to taxes, be read a second time.
Carried.

THAT By-Law No. 01-8085 be read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed.
Carried.

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

Cancellation of Unissued Authorized Debt By-Law No. 01-8088 – 1st Reading.

When the City requires financing for a capital project through debentures, a by-law is required to authorize the estimated debt. To actually issue the debt, a second by-law is required when the capital project is complete and the actual debt amount is known.

The Municipal Board authorizes and tracks all debt authorized to be issued and all authorized debt actually issued. The City authorized $10.2 Million in debt for the upgrade of the Wastewater Treatment Facility. However, it actually issued $3.95 Million, leaving a balance of $6.25 of authorized debt dedicated to this project.

The project was completed and the outstanding amount of debt authorized is not required to that specific project. After first reading of the by-law to cancel unissued debt is given, it is presented to the Municipal Board for approval.

47/01 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton
RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 01-8088 being a by-law to cancel unissued authorized debt, be given first reading and forwarded to the Municipal Board for approval.
Carried.

Sale of City Land – 377701 Manitoba Ltd. (Shindico)

The City of Portage la Prairie acquired approximately 3.77 acres of land from the Department of Highways in September of 2000 for the cost of $58,691.24. This property is located just west of the IGA and Boston Pizza. Subsequently the City offered the property for public tender for 6 weeks with a closing date of January 29, 2001.

The City received one tender for the property from 3177701 Manitoba Ltd. for the amount of $60,200.00 excluding the G.S.T.

The tender also includes that the City will construct a road that will be cost shared with the adjacent property owner. The road will be considered a private road with the purchaser expected to maintain the road at its cost after construction is completed.

In this case, Shindico owns the adjacent property so there will be no concerns in terms of maintenance and road ownership. The City will not have any further duties or obligations in respect of the road once construction has been completed.

48/01 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie authorize the sale of the property legally described as: Parcel A, Plan 38794 PLTO in RL 56, Parish of Portage la Prairie exc all mines and minerals as set forth in transfer 1039238 PLTO for the total price of $60,200 excluding GST and further that 3177701 Manitoba Ltd. be responsible for any and all associated costs relating to the sale of this property.
Carried.

Activity Reports for January 2001 – for information only.

Committee reviewed the Activity Reports for January 2001.

Ongoing Projects List – for information only.

Committee reviewed in camera the Ongoing Projects list for February.

Debt Management Plan – for information only.

Committee reviewed in camera the Debt Management Plan for 2001.

Simplot Update – for information only.

Committee was updated in camera on the Simplot project.

City Planning & Economic Development

Your Worship, your City Planning and Economic Development Committee respectfully submits the following report

Departmental Annual Report – for information only.

Committee was presented with a copy of the Department of Economic and Community Development Annual Report for 2000 for information and review.

Activity Report for January 2001 – for information only.

Committee reviewed the Activity Reports for January 2001.

Public Safety Committee

Your Worship, your Public Safety Committee respectfully submits the following report

Activity Reports for January 2001 – for information only.

Committee reviewed the Public Safety Activity Reports for January 2001 and the RCMP Management Report for December 2000.

Waterworks Committee

Your Worship, your Waterworks Committee respectfully submits the following report

Activity Reports for January 2001 – for information only.

Committee reviewed the Activity Reports for January 2001.

Water Plant Functional Design Presentation – for information only.

Committee heard in camera a presentation by Cochrane Engineering on the Water Plant Functional Design.

Transportation Committee

Your Worship, your Transportation Committee respectfully submits the following report

Year End Solid Waste Report 2000 – for information only.

Committee was advised that the diversion rate from the landfill site for Portage la Prairie increased from 30.2% in 1997 to 43.4% in 2000. In 2000, this equates to 913 tonnes of recycables, or 70 kg/person. Our goal of 40 kgs/person has been surpassed and consequently this has significantly increased our diversion rate from the landfill site.

Activity Report for January 2001 – for information only.

Committee reviewed the Activity Reports for January 2001.

Community Services Committee

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

Portage Collegiate Institute 2001 Safe Grad.

Safe Grad is a National Preventative Program supported by the Police and Education Officials across Canada. Safe Grad activities may or may not involve the consumption of alcoholic beverages.

The idea behind a Safe Grad is to have a controlled setting where the students cannot come and go and they must remain inside the facility, confining the activities in one area.

Provincial Legislation and Municipal By-Law #7321 does permit Council to allow smoking in public facilities and Council has given permission to the Safe Grad Committee in the past. By-Law #7321 outlines that Council can permit the designation of a smoking area in the Portage Centennial Arena for a specific event that is not athletic, sporting or a specific event.

49/01 Moved by: Councillor Allen
Seconded by: Councillor Porter
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie permit the Portage Collegiate Institute Safe Grad Committee to obtain an Occasional Permit for the Portage Centennial Arena on June 27, 2001, for the purpose of hosting the Safe Grad Event.

THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie permit smoking in the West Arena of the Portage Centennial Arena under the condition that all Provincial Legislation is adhered to by the Portage Collegiate Institute Safe Grad Committee in accordance with City By-Law #7321.
Carried.

Khartum Shriners – Portage Shrine Club.

Khartum Shriners – Portage Shrine Club are hosting the annual Shrine Circus on May 4th, 2001 at the Portage Centennial Arena. They have requested that the City of Portage la Prairie allow them to obtain a liquor permit at the Centennial Arena for this event. The Manitoba Liquor Control Commission requires authorization from the City of Portage la Prairie, as owners of the facility, before issuing a liquor permit to Khartum Shriners – Portage Shrine Club.

50/01 Moved by: Councillor Allen
Seconded by: Councillor Porter
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the request by Khartum Shriners – Portage Shrine Club to obtain a liquor permit at the Centennial Arena for May 4th, 2001.
Carried.

Activity Reports for January 2001 – for information only.

Committee reviewed the Activity Reports for January 2001.

DEFERRED BUSINESS

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

New Council Systems – For Information Only

Councillor Quinn voiced his concerns about the new Council system of holding Committee and Council meetings on the same evening. He felt the meetings now lasted too long and that Council members were not as involved or informed as they were under the old system. He indicated that some matters being dealt with under the new system were not receiving adequate attention. He requested Council to consider this matter and place it back on the agenda in September.

ADJOURNMENT 51/01 Moved by Councillor Hamilton
Seconded by Councillor Brennan
RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor Manager of Administration