

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on January 23rd, 2001 at 6:10 p.m.

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

ABSENT:

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: 18/01 Moved by Councillor Allen
Seconded by Councillor Quinn
RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on January 8, 2001 at 6:10 p.m. be approved as circulated.
Carried.

HEARINGS:

DELEGATIONS: Mr. Richard Anderson made a presentation to Council to object to having his false alarm fine added to his property taxes. He was advised Council would consider his arguments and a decision would be made at a later date.

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:

Adding Unpaid Solid Waste Collection Fees, Noxious Weed Accounts, Garbage Pickup Fees, and False Alarm Fines. By-Law 01-8083 – 2nd and 3rd Reading.

In order to collect unpaid solid waste collection fees, noxious weed accounts, garbage pickup fees, and false alarm fines, it is the City's practice to add sums of money owing to the City of Portage la Prairie for these unpaid accounts to the Collector's Roll.

19/01 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton
RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 01-8083 being a by-law to authorize the unpaid solid collection fees, noxious weed accounts, garbage fees, and false alarm fines be added to taxes, be read a second time.
Carried.

THAT By-Law No. 01-8083 be read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed.
Carried.

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

Unpaid Water & Sewer to Taxes for December, 2000 By-Law 01-8084 – 2nd and 3rd Reading

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

20/01 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton
RESOLVED THAT By-Law 01-8084 being a by-law to authorize unpaid water and sewer charges be added to taxes be read a second time.
Carried.

THAT By-Law 01-8084 be read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed.
Carried.

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

Debenture Policy AC-AI

The Investment Policy was last reviewed in 1989. It has now been revised with the following significant changes:

Scope – This has been added to clarify that debentures are only issued in accordance with the Debt Free By-Law.

Statement – Debentures are only considered when other funding alternatives are not applicable or appropriate.

Nettie/Marg

21/01 **Responsibilities** – these have been changed to include the responsibilities of the Director of Finance.

Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton

RESOLVED THAT the revised Debenture Policy AC-AI be approved.
Carried.

Public Works Manager
2000 and 2001 Salary

The Pommen Report recommended that the Public Works Manager's salary be adjusted to \$49,137 for 2000. The 2000 salary was passed incorrectly as \$48,845 and the 2001 salary was set at \$49,822 (\$48,845 plus 2%)

Dale/Sharon T.

22/01 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton
RESOLVED THAT the 2000 salary for the Public Works Manager be adjusted to \$49,137 and the 2001 salary be adjusted to \$50,120.
Carried.

Activity Report for
December, 2000 – for
information only.

Committee reviewed the Activity Report for December 2000.

Current Projects List -
for information only.

Committee reviewed in camera the Current Projects List

Simplot – for
information only.

The City Manager updated Council in camera on the status of the proposed new industry.

Sale of Land to
Shindico.

Council discussed in camera an offer to purchase property from the City.

Dean

23/01 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton
RESOLVED THAT lots 3 and 4, Block 2, Plan 1810 be sold to Shindico (or a company of their choosing) for \$27,600 with a closing date of April 6, 2001 and that the Mayor and Manager of Administration be authorized to sign all documents necessary to transfer this property.
Carried.

City Planning & Economic Development

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

Encroachment
Agreement – City of
Portage la Prairie and
Moar (Tkachyk sale to
Moar)

It is necessary for the owner of 161-8th St. N.W. to enter into an encroachment agreement with the City to allow the eave of the house to encroach onto Fisher Avenue.
The owner was provided with an encroachment agreement for review and signature and has since returned the signed agreements for review and approval of City Council.

The encroachment involves the house eaves, which encroach onto Fisher Avenue by 0.60 feet.

- Dean* 24/01 Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Allen
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie enter into an agreement with Daniel and Heather Moar to allow the house located on lots 10 and 11, Block 3, Plan 100 to encroach onto Fisher Avenue.
Carried.
- Encroachment Agreement – City of Portage la Prairie and Elizabeth Irene Wilkinson
It is necessary for the owner of 162-8th St. N.W. to enter into an encroachment agreement with the City to allow the eave of the house, the fence and the deck to encroach onto Fisher Avenue. The owner was provided with an encroachment agreement for review and signature and has since returned the signed agreements for review and approval of City Council.
The encroachment involves the house eaves, which encroach onto Fisher Avenue by 1.0 feet, the wood fence and deck, which encroach onto Fisher Avenue as much as 5.75 and 1.65 feet respectively.
- Dean* 25/01 Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Allen
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie enter an agreement with Elizabeth Irene Wilkinson to allow the eaves, fence and deck of the house located on Lot 124, Plan 34 to encroach onto Fisher Avenue.
Carried.
- Conservation District
Council discussed in camera the possibility of the establishment of a conservation district.
- Dale/Marg* 26/01 Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Allen
RESOLVED THAT the City of Portage la Prairie express interest in principle to join the proposed Redboine Conservation District and that the Mayor and City Manager provide additional information on the proposed Conservation District as it becomes available.
Carried.
- December Activity Report – for information only.
Committee reviewed the activity reports for December 2000.
- Public Safety Committee**
Your Worship, your Public Safety Committee respectfully submits the following report
- December Activity Report – for information only.
Committee reviewed the activity reports for December 2000.
- Waterworks Committee**
Your Worship, your Waterworks Committee respectfully submits the following report
- December Activity Report– for information only.
Committee reviewed the activity report for December 2000.
- Transportation Committee**
Your Worship, your Transportation Committee respectfully submits the following report
- Grant-In-Aid Request
The proposed 2001 Grant-In-Aid submission for \$72,600 to Manitoba Department of Highways and Transportation will include projects costing \$145,200.
The 2001 budget includes the City’s share of the grant-in-aid projects.

27/01 Moved by: Councillor Tenzzen
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn

Kelly/Nettie

RESOLVED THAT Council of the City of Portage la Prairie submit a Grant-In-Aid request for a total of \$72,600, in the following priority:

- 1 – Dust control on gravel roads (\$3,600)
- 2 – Royal Road South Milling and Overlay (\$32,200)
- 3 – Crescent Road Milling and Overlay (\$13,150)
- 4 – 3rd Street N.E. rubber rail crossing (\$19,000)
- 5 – Dickens Avenue – Tupper St. N. to 3rd St. E. (\$1,800)
- 6 – 7th Avenue West – 3rd St. N.W. to 4th St. N.W. (\$2,850)

Carried.

December Activity
Report– for information
only.

Committee reviewed the activity report for December 2000.

**Community Services
Committee**

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

December Activity
Report - for information
only.

Committee reviewed the activity report for December 2000.

**DEFERRED
BUSINESS**

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Sidewalk Snow
Clearing

Requests have been made to have the snow cleared from the path along the Crescent Lake bank.
The original intent of the sidewalk snow clearing program was to improve pedestrian safety in areas around public schools and other public facilities. The lake bank path does not meet this criteria, as it is more of a recreational walkway. However, there are no adjacent businesses or homeowners that would clear the snow from this path, as in other areas of the City. This path is the main artery from one end of the residential areas of the City to the other, and as such, could be considered a main pedestrian thoroughfare leading to many City facilities.

28/01 Moved by: Councillor Tenzzen
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn

Kelly

RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the expansion of the sidewalk snow clearing program to include the path along Crescent Lake, from Kelly K. St. to Armstrong St.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Treated Water
Reservoir – Southeast
and Water Supply
Main.

The MWSB has allocated \$3.6 million (shared equally with the City) for the design and construction of a treated water reservoir and associated watermain upgrading for the period of 2000/01 and 2001/02. The reservoir was to have been constructed in 2000, however, the proposed industrial development caused the project to be deferred. The new industry will require a larger treated water reservoir to be constructed at the WTP site, at an additional cost estimated at \$1 million over the original estimated reservoir cost. The south feedermain was originally scheduled to be constructed in 2001.

The total cost of the engineering and construction of the watermain is estimated at \$1,850,000. This work is cost shared 30% MWSB and 70% City.

Kelly

29/01 Moved by: Councillor Porter
Seconded by: Councillor Allen
RESOLVED THAT Administration be authorized to proceed with the
tendering and construction of the south water supply main; and
THAT Earthtech/Reid Crowther be hired for the design and contract
administration of the south water supply main.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

30/01 Moved by Councillor Porter
Seconded by Councillor Allen
RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:45 p.m.
Carried.

Mayor

Manager of Administration