

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on June 25, 2001 at 6:29 p.m.

- PRESENT:** Councillors Allen, Brennan, Hamilton, Tenszen & Quinn with Mayor Ian MacKenzie in the Chair.
- ABSENT:** Councillor Porter
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** 153/01 Moved by: Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton  
RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 11, 2001 and the Special Meeting of Council held on June 11th, 2001 in the Council Chambers of City Hall be approved as circulated.  
Carried.
- HEARINGS:**
- Variation: William & Barbara Boak  
William Boak appeared before Council to explain the reason for his application.
- Variation: Kelly Sweeney  
No one appeared before Council.
- Debenture Authorization – 01-8093 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
No one appeared before Council.
- Loan to the RM – 01-8095 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
No one appeared before Council.
- 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:
- This is part of the monthly procedure to allow unpaid water and sewer accounts to be added to property taxes.
- Unpaid Water & Sewer to Taxes – 01-8100 June/Shirley 154/01 Moved by: Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton  
RESOLVED THAT By-Law 01-8100 being a by-law to authorize unpaid water and sewer charges be added to taxes be read a second time.  
RESOLVED THAT By-Law 01-8100 be read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed  
Carried
- In Favour: Councillors Allen, Brennan, Hamilton, Quinn, Tenszen and Mayor MacKenzie.
- Mill Rate Comparison – For Information Only
- Committee reviewed the analysis of municipal and education mill rates for 2001 The City's mill rate is 1.6 mills less than Winnipeg but almost three mills more than Brandon.
- The City of Portage la Prairie's mill rate has decreased by 8% since 1990 and is raising 5% less in property tax revenues since 1990 while inflation has risen 27% over the past 11 years.
- 2002 Budget Guidelines Nettie
- The modified program budget approach is designed to allow the Budget Committee to focus on the net cost of programs offered by the City and on those new/additional services and capital items that Council deems to be necessary.
- As a result the Budget Committee is presented with an operating

budget that includes the net cost required to provide the same level of services as was provided the previous year. This allows the Budget Committee to focus less on individual line items and more on the underlying value of a program and whether or not the program is worthwhile.

The prioritization of new/additional services and capital items is to be done on a departmental basis by the applicable Director. Discretionary items over \$1500 and any proposed staffing increases are highlighted in the report.

Any capital items over \$5,000 and new/additional levels of service are not included in the operating budget. The net effect of the proposed capital/service item is presented separately so that the Committee can judge the cost of the proposal on its own merits.

155/01 Moved by: Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton  
RESOLVED THAT the modified program budgeting approach be utilized to set the 2002 budget.

RESOLVED THAT all discretionary items over \$1500 and all staffing increases be presented separately for Committee's consideration.

RESOLVED THAT the net effect of all proposed new additional services and capital items be presented separately for Committee's consideration.  
Carried.

Short-term Borrowing By-Law  
Nettie

Current surpluses appear to be sufficient to provide funding for the City operations. However, there may be requirements for interim financing until debenture debt can be issued for the capital projects.

By-Law No. 01-8094 will set up a line of credit, at no cost to the City, which can be drawn on only in the event it is required.

156/01 Moved by: Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton  
THAT By-Law No. 01-8094 be given first reading.  
Carried.

Councillor Quinn commented that if there are people wanting to put something forward for budget, they should do so now.

Debenture Authorization  
Nettie

The City of Portage la Prairie adopted the 2001 Financial Plan which sets out the capital projects for this year and the Debt Management Plan which outlines the capital projects for the years 2002 to 2011.

Within these plans included the requirement for debentures for infrastructure to accommodate Simplot's potato processing facility. Projects that were initially scheduled for 2005 to 2008 for the Water Plant had to be advanced to 2001 and 2002 to meet Simplot's water demands.

As well, the City has entered into agreement to commit directly to this new industry by sharing the infrastructure costs between the Province (1/3), Simplot (1/3) and the RM (1/6), resulting in one-sixth the infrastructure costs to be paid by the City.

Funding sources for the City's share of the Water Plant and Simplot projects are as follows:

City's Funding Requirement	
	Total (\$Millions)
General Reserve	1.300
Utility Reserve	3.514
Utility Operating Surplus	.738
Debentures (Debt)	5.807
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11.359</b>
<b>Debt Including 13% Contingency</b>	<b>6.587</b>

Revenues to pay for the debt will be through the City's share of municipal taxes from Simplot, local improvement levies from Simplot for previous water & sewer debt, and water & sewer revenues from Simplot. For greater clarity, the debt will not be paid through taxes nor will water & sewer rates increase to pay the debt.

In compliance with the Debt Free By-Law, the Debenture Authorization By-Law 01-8093 includes the temporary suspension of the discontinuance of long-term borrowing. The City is allowed to have a debt maximum of 7% of its portioned assessment less existing debt. This amounts to \$11,387,000 remaining allowance for additional debt. Combining the RM's debenture request with the City's will utilize the remaining allowance (\$6,587 M + \$4.8M).

The Debenture authorization by-law requires first reading prior to submission to the Municipal Board for their approval. Upon their approval, the City will then give 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> reading to the by-law. Once debt is required, another by-law will be required to issue the debt and release the funds.

157/01 Moved by: Councillor Quinn  
 Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton

RESOLVED THAT By-Law 01-8093 authorizing the City's request for debentures in the amount of \$6,587,000.00 be given first reading.  
 Carried.

RM Loan through  
 Debentures  
 Nettie

The RM has requested the City to administer its one-sixth share of costs for the Simplot projects through the issuance of debentures. A separate borrowing by-law is required for this and payment terms will also be part of the cost-sharing agreement between the City and RM. The Debentures for the RM's share will be \$4,800,000 as specified in Schedule A of the by-law and includes their share of the expanded reservoir and contingencies.

A cost sharing agreement between the City and the RM (Schedule B of the by-law) outlines the terms of payment for the RM debentures. Payment for the debentures will include the RM's portion of property taxes collected from Simplot and their portion of the local improvement levy payment received from Simplot. With the exception of some administrative time required to process the required paperwork, there is no cost to the City.

Since the City would be administering the debt on behalf of the RM, it must comply with the Municipal Act as if it was the City's own debt. Also, in compliance with the Debt Free By-Law, the Debenture Authorization By-Law includes the temporary suspension of the discontinuance of long-term borrowing.

The Debenture authorization by-law requires first reading prior to submission to the Municipal Board for their approval. Upon their approval, the City will then give 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading to the by-law. Once debt is required, another by-law will be required to issue the debt and release the funds.

158/01 Moved by: Councillor Quinn  
 Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton  
 RESOLVED THAT By-Law 01-8095 authorizing the City's request for debenture on behalf of the RM in the amount of \$4,800,000 be given first Reading and

RESOLVED THAT the cost sharing agreement between the City and the RM of Portage la Prairie, setting out the payment terms of the debenture, be signed by the Mayor and Manager of Administration.  
 Carried.

Monthly Activity Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports for May, 2001.

Impact of 2002 Reassessment  
 – For Information Only

Members of the Assessment Branch appeared before Council to review the impact of the 2002 Reassessment. Portage la Prairie's taxable assessment has gone from \$219,774,880 to \$226,797,025 (3.9%). The 2002 Reassessment Year for Portage la Prairie shows a change of \$7,022,145 which is a 3.2% increase from 2001.

The Reassessment reflects how property values have changed in the four years since the last reassessment. These changes may be attributed to a combination of:

- ? Pressures from market forces (for example, higher real estate values)
- ? New development
- ? Improvements to existing properties

Award of Land Lease  
 Tenders  
 Dean

The leases for Areas A, E, F, G and H will expire in 2001.

A tender was issued for these areas for the term of December 1, 2001 to November 30, 2006. The tenders were sent to the previous lessees as well as advertised in the Daily Graphic. The tender closed on May 25, 2001. The following tenders were received: (amounts shown are the annual lease payments)

	Area A	Area E	Area F	Area G	Area H
Douma Farms	\$14,565				
Sissons Farms	5,620.30	\$778.80	\$2,019.60	1,433.44	
SB Vegetable Growers				\$4,052.50	

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie authorize the lease of City land to the following:

		Annual Base Rent
Area A	Douma Farms	\$14,565.00 plus GST
Area E	Sissons Farms	\$778.80 plus GST
Area F	Sissons Farms	\$2,019.60 plus GST
Area G	SB Vegetable Growers	\$4,052.50 plus GST

For the period of December 1, 2001 to November 30, 2006.

159/01 Moved by: Councillor Quinn  
 Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Manager of Administration be authorized and directed to execute the leases on behalf of the City of Portage la Prairie and to affix the corporate seal of the City thereto, and to do such further and other things necessary or incidental to carry out the terms of the agreement  
 Carried.

Current Projects List

Council reviewed the Current Projects List in camera.

Simplot Update

Council reviewed a report on Simplot in camera.

**City Planning & Economic  
Development**

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

Rezoning – Ideal  
Warehousing – 01-8101  
Iva

The Applicant, Ideal Warehousing Ltd., wishes to rezone the property  
at 510 Saskatchewan Avenue East.

The property in question is presently zoned C1 – Central Commercial  
District. The owner of the property wishes to rezone this property to  
allow for the permitted use of a Taxi or courier service/dispatch and  
for the Conditional Use of a Service Station. At the present time the  
existing service station is a non-conforming use in a C1 District. Once  
the rezoning to C2 Central Commercial (fringe area) has passed, the  
owner will have to apply for a conditional use for the service station.

160/01 Moved by: Councillor Brennan  
Seconded by Councillor Allen

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie  
give By-Law 01-8101 to rezone 510 Saskatchewan Avenue from C1  
Central Commercial (core area) to C2 Central Commercial (fringe  
area). First Reading and provide public notices as defined in Section  
42 (1) and (2) of the Planning Act.  
Carried.

Council Representation on  
Central Plains Board  
Dean

On May 29, 2001 Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approved a  
resolution to become a member of the Central Plains Regional  
Development Corporation. In return for our membership fee, the City  
will be able to attend Board Meetings of the CPRDC and access  
database services as required.

161/01 Moved by: Councillor Brennan  
Seconded by: Councillor Allen

RESOLVED THAT Councillor Ken Brennan be appointed as  
the City of Portage la Prairie representative on the Central Plains  
Regional Development Corporation until the next Organizational  
Meeting of Council.  
Carried.

Agreement for Services –  
City of Portage la Prairie and  
the Portage la Prairie Real  
Estate Board  
Dean

Representatives from the Portage la Prairie Real Estate Board met with  
the Mayor, City Manager and Director of Economic and Community  
Development to discuss the possibility of the City listing some or all of  
it's property through the Board and it's members. The Board has  
proposed a similar arrangement as they have with the other two levels  
of government whereby the real estate agents would rotate the listings  
as provided by the City to the Board on a 90 day rotation with six  
members, commissions being 6%, and the listing agency to conduct a  
free market evaluation on each property listed.

162/01 Moved by: Councillor Brennan  
Seconded by: Councillor Allen

RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Administration to  
negotiate an agreement for services with the Portage la Prairie Real  
Estate Board concerning the sale of City owned residential and  
commercial properties.  
Carried.

Chamber of Commerce  
Request for Project Funding  
Dean

Council allocated \$13,200 that could be accessed by the Chamber on a  
project-by-project basis and recently provided the Chamber with  
\$2000 towards the development of a business and goods services  
inventory project which is underway.

The Chamber has forwarded another proposal to the City requesting  
allocation of \$9495 to complete the following projects:

- Shop Local/Think Regional Survey
- Diversional Highway Sign Advertising Panels
- Business Improvement Seminars
- Welcome to Portage Program

The Chamber has also agreed that from a cash flow basis, payment of 50% up front with the balance of payment upon project completion would be acceptable.

163/01 Moved by: Councillor Brennan  
Seconded by: Councillor Allen

RESOLVED THAT Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the funding requests of the City of Portage la Prairie and District Chamber of Commerce for \$9495 shall be used to off-set the costs to complete the projects.  
Carried.

Request for Variation – Kelly  
& Enid Sweeney  
Iva

This building is in an R1 – 60 Single family dwelling district.

Mr. & Mrs. Sweeney will take possession of this property on July 1, 2001, and as such, they have the permission of the present owner to apply for the variation

164/01 Moved by: Councillor Brennan  
Seconded by: Councillor Allen

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the variation request of Kelly and Enid Sweeney to vary the side yard requirement from five feet (1.5 meters) to 2.35 feet (0.71 meters) to allow for the construction of an attached garage at the property known as 418 Seneca Street, which is legally described as Lot 4, Block 2, Plan 1867, and Parcel S, Plan 1940, Parish Lot 94, Parish of Portage la Prairie.  
Carried.

Request for Variation –  
William & Barbara Boak  
Iva

The applicants, William & Barbara Boak, are applying for a variation due to the fact that they plan to construct a 9 ft x 20 ft deck on to the rear of their dwelling, which will make the existing garage side yard a non-conforming use. As well, all Accessory buildings are required to be six feet behind the main dwelling. Due to the fact that the Boak's plan to construct a deck onto the rear of their dwelling, this will in effect make the present side yard of the Garage non-conforming. At the present time it does conform. Due to the fact that the garage is now less than 6 feet behind the main dwelling, the Zoning by-law states that the garage side yard shall be 5 feet, thus creating the reason for this variation request from 5 feet to 1.95 feet.

165/01 Moved by: Councillor Brennan  
Seconded by: Councillor Allen

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the variation request of William and Barbara Boak:

- To vary the distance from the Garage to the principal building from the required 6 feet to 2.95 feet.
- To vary the east side of the yard of the proposed addition from the required 5 feet to 1.95 feet.

At the property known as 669 Maplewood Crescent which is legally described as Lot 27, Plan 1290, Parish Lot 62, Parish of Portage la Prairie.  
Carried.

Appointment to Tourism  
Advisory Committee  
Dean

Appointments have been made to the Tourism Advisory Committee and the Terms of Reference have been approved. The Tourism Advisory Committee is strictly advisory in nature and may offer their recommendations to Council for consideration.

City Council has full authority over all actions of the TAC and in this regard it is deemed essential to appoint a member of Council to attend the monthly meetings.

166/01 Moved by: Councillor Brennan  
Seconded by: Councillor Allen

RESOLVED THAT Councillor Sharon Allen be appointed to the Tourism Advisory Committee to represent Council.  
Carried.

Monthly Activity Reports	Council reviewed the monthly activity reports for May, 2001.
<b>Public Safety Committee</b>	Your Worship, your Public Safety Committee respectfully submits the following report:
Monthly Activity Report	Council reviewed the monthly activity report for May, 2001.
<b>Waterworks Committee</b>	Your Worship, your Waterworks Committee respectfully submits the following reports:
Award of Tender – Tupper Street North Watermain Renewal Kelly B	<p>The tender was advertised in the Winnipeg Free Press and the Daily Graphic. The tender opening was Tuesday, May 29, 2001.</p> <p>The work includes the replacement of existing watermains, valves and services lines from the main to the property lines. All restoration work will also be completed under this tender.</p> <p>This section of the waterline has experienced several breaks over the years.</p> <p>The utility budget contains \$106,000 (including 3% GST) for watermain renewals. The cost of the work is \$106,749.38 net of GST rebate. The tender is \$750.00 over budget. The work is scheduled for completion by August 10, 2001.</p>
167/01	<p>Moved by: Councillor Hamilton Seconded by: Councillor Tenzsen RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie award the tender of 01 OPS 002 to Towle Construction Ltd for the tendered price of \$110,631.17. Carried.</p>
Monthly Activity Reports	Council reviewed the monthly activity reports for May, 2001.
<b>Transportation Committee</b>	Your Worship, your Transportation Committee respectfully submits the following reports:
Award of Tender – Solid Waste Collection KellyB	<p>All the tenders were advertised publicly in the Daily Graphic and Winnipeg Free Press.</p> <p>The tender for the collection of solid wastes closed on May 29, 2001. This tender includes the collection of solid waste from all residential dwellings including multiple family. The term of the contract is 3 years, from August 1, 2001 to July 31, 2004, with no major changes, only a few more homes were added.</p> <p>The low bidder is the current waste collection contractor and has had the contract since January 1990. Canadian Waste has the equipment and resources to complete the work. The current contract value is approximately \$10,350.00 per month, or \$124,200.00 per year, net of GST rebate. The tender price for the last five months of 2001 would be \$16,395.75/month (net of GST rebate) which would result in this budget area being over budget by approximately \$27,728.00 in 2001. The low tender price represents a 58% (\$72,550) annual increase. Some of this increase can be attributed to the increase in fuel costs, larger/newer equipment for residential and multiple family dwelling collection, and one additional staff 3 days per week.</p>
168/01	<p>Moved by: Councillor Tenzsen Seconded by: Councillor Quinn RESOLVED THAT the contract for the collection of residential solid waste for the three year period, August 1, 2001 to July 31, 2004, as specified in Tender 01 OPS 016 be awarded to Canadian Waste Services Inc. at the tendered price of \$613,169.38. Carried.</p>

Monthly Activity Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports for May, 2001.

**Community Services  
Committee**

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

International Year of the  
Volunteer  
Sarah

Volunteers impact every aspect of Canadian society through work in health and social services, education, the environment, faith organizations, arts and culture, and sports and recreation. 2001 has been declared International Year of the Volunteer in over 77 nations around the world in order to recognize, honour and celebrate the enormous contributions that volunteers make to our society.

The City of Portage la Prairie has the task of determining how to acknowledge, celebrate and publicize the importance of volunteerism to the community. By providing free parking throughout the City, all citizens who volunteer in any aspect of their lives, benefit. In doing this the City of Portage la Prairie can show its appreciation for their efforts.

169/01

Moved by: Councillor Allen

Seconded by: Councillor Tenszen

RESOLVED THAT the Council authorize July 9-13, 2001 as "Free Parking Week" in the City of Portage la Prairie in recognition of our community volunteers who willingly contribute their time for the betterment of our community.  
Carried.

Southport Portage Piranhas  
Dean

The Southport Community Aquaplex was closed from Tuesday, February 6, 2001 to Sunday, February 11, 2001 to resolve a problem of clarity in the pool water.

The Southport Portage Piranhas have requested that the City of Portage la Prairie grant the club a reduction in their pool rental bill in the amount of \$2400.00 to compensate for the lost swim time due to the problems and closure of the Southport Community Aquaplex.

In agreement between the City of Portage la Prairie and Southport Aerospace Centre Inc., it is outlined in "Maintenance and Repair" that Southport shall keep the facilities in good repair, meeting or exceeding provincial legislative standards and that Southport is responsible for maintenance of the facility.

The agreement between the Southport Portage Piranhas and the City of Portage la Prairie states in section 11 c) that:

"The City shall not be liable in damages in the event that any aquatic use is closed for any reason, including strikes, walkouts, power outages, emergency evacuation of patrons, stoppages by police, and Act of God for any reason beyond the control of the City and the Lessee releases the City from any claim from such occurrences or closure

170/01

Moved by: Councillor Allen

Seconded by: Councillor Tenszen

RESOLVED THAT the Council deny the Southport Portage Piranhas request for \$2400 compensation due to the closure of Southport Community Aquaplex from February 6-11, 2001 since contracts state that the City of Portage la Prairie is not liable for any damages nor is the City responsible for maintenance of the aquatic facility; and

RESOLVED THAT the City of Portage la Prairie forward the Southport Portage Piranhas request for compensation to Southport Aerospace Centre Inc. for their consideration.  
Carried.

Transportation to Southport  
Aquatic Centre – For  
Information Only  
Dean

Local transportation companies and two Winnipeg companies have been approached to see if there was any interest in providing a shuttle service between Lions Pool and Southport Aquatic Centre.

**Portage la Prairie Transportation Companies:**

- 1.) M.C.C. Enterprises 85  
Approx. \$ 75.00/ one way trip  
(31 passenger bus, street bus configuration, no seat belts)
- 2.) ATCO Frontec- no PSV licensee which will not allow them to haul passengers.
- 3.) Portage la Prairie School Division  
Their buses are only to be used for school business.
- 4.) Portage Evangelical Church  
They would be interested in working something out with The City but require time to do some investigating into licensees and fuel costs.
- 5.) A.P.S. Enterprises
- 6.) MDC  
All of their vehicles are already in full use for the summer and are unavailable for our shuttle services
- 7.) Portage Terriers

**Winnipeg Transport Companies:**

- 1.) King Transportation  
\$150.00 + GST/ round trip
- 2.) Beaver Bus Lines

The objective of a shuttle service would be to provide children, youths and adults a means of transportation to and from Southport Pool for the months of July and August 2001. The times of the shuttle service would correspond with the hours of public and family swim. The pick-up and drop off location would be located at Lions Pool. Administration was requested to obtain information on regulations and costs for the City to run a bus service during this time period.

Council instructed Administration to review the various options related to the provision of public transportation to and from the Southport Aquaplex to the City.

The basis for the review and comparative pricing is as follows:

- That the public pick-up and drop-off point would be the Lion's Pool.
- That there would be at least 2 trips per hour.
- That there would be no charge to the public for use of the services.
- That the total available number of shuttle service hours would be 29.5 hours per week (based on our public swimming summer schedule).
  - Monday – Friday: 7 round trips per day
  - Saturday – 5 round trips per day
  - Sunday - 6 round trips per day
- That the service would not be available during swimming lesson times.
- That the MB Health Operator's Permit allows a maximum of 276 swimmers in the pool.

- That there were approximately 3,000 patrons at the Lion's Pool last summer during July and August.
- That should the City of Portage provide a transportation service, our insurance company has advised us to contact the Portage School Division to identify their transportation policies/requirements (i.e. vehicle safety inspection requirements, rules of conduct, etc.). The City's insurance company also suggests that a public request be issued to the community (time permitting), inviting comments or concerns about the proposed transportation service. In addition, the insurance company advises that the City of Portage develop a "user's pass" for all passengers (free or of a charge), which would be signed and serve as a waiver by the user or parent. A potential issue with the "user's pass" system would be how to eliminate one user sharing a pass with another user.
- That the Portage School Division has a "Rules of Conduct" and a "Ridership Booklet", which would need to be reviewed to establish a similar guideline for the City's pool transportation service. This would be done in consultation with our insurance provider.

In our research, it was determined that there were four potential providers for the shuttle service that were properly licensed to provide the service that we requested.

The following chart outlines the carrier, and their total price based on the requirements that the City outlined:

Name of Carrier	Licenses Class 2	Vehicle Capabilities	Insurance	Cost of Service (prices include GST)	Total Cost to City (prices include GST)
<u>MCMc Enterprises</u> (Portage Co.)	<u>Yes</u>	31 passenger bus	5 million	\$150.00/trip x 46 trips x 8 weeks = or they quoted for \$1,900.00/week x 8 weeks = (\$64.41/hour)	\$55,200.00  \$15,200.00
<u>APS Enterprises</u> (Portage Co.)	Yes	26 passenger bus	5 million	\$140.00/trip x 46 trips x 8 weeks = or they quoted for \$230.00/day x 56 days x 1.07 GST= (\$58.40/hour)	\$51,520.00  \$13,781.24
<u>Arrow Taxi</u> (Portage Co.)	Yes	7 passengers in a van	5 million	\$10.50/trip x 46 trips x 8 weeks x 1.07 GST= or \$64.20/hour x 29.5 hours x 8 weeks =	\$4,134.48  \$15,151.20
<u>King Transportation</u> (Wpg Co. will hire local driver)	Yes	Choice of 48 passenger bus or a 54 passenger bus	10 million	\$150.00/trip x 46 trips x 8 weeks = or they quoted for \$64.20/hour x 29.5 hours x 8 weeks =	\$55,200.00  \$15,151.20

- Arrow Taxi will offer the shuttle service at a total price of \$4,134.48 but will only be able to accommodate 7 people per trip. In addition their liability insurance is only \$5 M.
- King transportation will offer service at a price of \$15,151.20 and supply us with a 48-54 passenger air-conditioned bus. They have \$10 M liability insurance and they will only charge for time used, not for standby time.

- APS Enterprises will offer us the service for \$13,781.24 with the capacity to take 26 passengers. They have restricted 6 runs a day; we require 7 runs a day Mon. – Fri.
- MCMc Enterprises will offer the service at a cost of \$15,200.00 and has a capacity of 31 people.
- King's Transportation and MCMc Enterprises have the best prices from a cost/maximum potential passenger capacity perspective.
- King's Transportation has \$10 M liability insurance, compared to only \$5 M for MCMc.
- King's Transportation has also clarified that they will only charge for the number of hours used, not for standby time. Whereas, MCMc has quoted a weekly price of \$1,900.
- King's Transportation has a higher passenger capacity by 17-23 people per trip, as compared to MCMc.
- MCMc is a local company, whereas, King's Transportation is based in Winnipeg, however has indicated that they will hire a driver locally.
- King's Transportation does require a letter from the City of Portage indicating that there is a need for this service in the community as a result of the closure of the Lion's Pool. The letter is forwarded to the Motor Transportation Board, as King's is a Winnipeg based company, hiring a driver from Portage.

171/01 Moved by: Councillor Allen  
Seconded by: Councillor Brennan

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the hiring of MC Mc Enterprises as the shuttle service for transportation to and from Southport Community Aquaplex for the months of July and August, 2001.  
Carried.

B5 Group – For Information Only

Council reviewed a report on the B5 Group in camera.

Outdoor Aquatic Leisure Facility – Design Concept/Location -

Council reviewed a report on the Outdoor Leisure Facility in camera.

Monthly Activity Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports for May,2001.

**DEFERRED BUSINESS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Sale of City Land Dean

In 1982, the City determined that the public lane, located between Oak and Spruce Bay, would be available to property owners to purchase.

From what we can determine, all of the public lane was sold to adjacent property owners with the exception of two small parcels, one of which is located directly to the west of Mr. Ommerli's property.

Over the years, Mr. Ommerli has been under the impression that the 8' x 101.91' strip directly adjacent to the west of his land was under his ownership. It was when Mr. Ommerli came to the City to obtain a building permit to construct a garage and a legal survey was completed, that he found out that his piece of land was actually owned by the City of Portage la Prairie. This parcel is legally described as Lot G, Block 4, Plan 1934, PL 68. The strip is 126.91 ft total in length and 8 feet in width. Mr. Ommerli is requiring only 101.91 feet in length of the property.

In order to facilitate Mr. Ommerli request to build a garage, he will require the City land and as such has agreed to purchase the property in accordance with Council's sale of public lane and undevelopable area policy, which identifies a sale of \$0.45 per square foot plus all associated costs including GST.

The property size is 815.2 square feet and equates to a total purchase price of \$366.84.

Mr. Ommerli has provided the City with a cheque as partial payment for the transaction and has agreed to cover all associated costs, which includes legal, transfer fees and land surveyor adjustment costs.

Since the City has no use for this property and it will benefit Mr. Ommerli's plans to construct a garage as he intended to do, we would recommend the sale of this piece of property.

If approved by Council, the land sale would be considered in progress and Administration would be in a position to issue a building permit based on this and the adjusted legal survey that would need to be completed.

172/01 Moved by: Councillor Quinn  
 Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie authorize the sale of 8 feet x 101.9 feet of City owned property, described as a portion of Lot G, Block 4, Plan 1934, PL 68 to Mr. Herman Ommerli for the purchase price of \$366.84 plus GST and all associated costs.  
 Carried.

MWSB Agreements  
 Kelly/Dale

The Manitoba Water Services Board has forwarded an agreement for various facilities at the Water Treatment Plant including preclarification and ozone systems, filter upgrade, lime sludge ponds and engineering as follows:

	<b>City</b>	<b>MWSB</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Preclarification, ozone, etc.	\$2,540,000	\$2,540,000	\$5,080,000
The City and Manitoba Water Services Board have already signed the following agreements for projects being constructed in 2001 and 2002:			
2. South Feedermain	\$840,000	\$360,000	\$1,200,000
3. Water Plant and Reservoir	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
4. Reservoir & Engineering	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$3,600,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,180,000</b>	<b>\$5,700,000</b>	<b>\$11,880,000</b>

The City has requested funding for the following additional projects in 2002/2003 at the Water Treatment Plant :

1. Chemical room/control system (50% of 1.2 million)
2. Granular Activated Carbon filters (50% of \$2.8 million)
3. Ozonation facility balance of construction (50% of \$1.4 million)

The Water Treatment Plant upgrades will provide a consistently high quality of water year round.

As part of their Corporate Values in the 2001 Strategic Plan, City Council stated "Council and their appointed representatives are committed to a democratic, open and responsive government and will ensure that the public will have an opportunity to influence municipal decision making."

The 1996 and 1991 Citizens Surveys had the following questions and responses that the upgrades to the Water Treatment Plant and the south

feedermain (to increase pressure to the south sector of the City) will address:

112. Do you consider the taste, odour and appearance and temperature of your drinking water to be:		
	1996 Results	1991 Results
Satisfactory	30%	73%
Unsatisfactory	67%	26%
Don't know	3%	1%
115. During the past year, have there been occasions when the rate of flow or pressure of your water caused you problems?		
	1996 Results	1991 Results
Yes	19%	13%
No	81%	87%

The City's 2001 Strategic Plan also states that "Communication is a critical element in ensuring that the activities and accomplishments of the City of Portage la Prairie are provided to the public in a timely and accurate manner." In accordance with this Corporate Value, an information circular on the Water Treatment Plant upgrades has been prepared and will be distributed to City residents in the next few weeks.

173/01 Moved by: Councillor Hamilton  
 Seconded by: Councillor Brennan

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Manager of Administration be authorized to sign an agreement with the Manitoba Water Services Board to provide funding for the following Water Treatment Plant projects as indicated:

1. Preclarification and ozone systems, filter upgrades, pumps, lime sludge ponds, central control system, McKay Reservoir C.T. upgrade, engineering and contingencies	City	MWSB	Total
	\$2,540,000	\$2,540,000	\$5,080,000

2000 Citizen, Sports and Arts/Cultural Volunteer Awards - Dean

Council reviewed a report on the 2000 Citizen, Sports and Arts/Cultural Volunteer Awards in-camera

174/01 Moved by: Councillor Allen  
 Seconded by: Councillor Tenzsen

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the Committee's Recommendations for the 2000 Citizen of the Year, 2000 Sportsperson of the Year and the 2000 Arts/Cultural Person of the Year.  
 Carried.

International Year of the Volunteer Project – Portagex "Hats off to Volunteers Parade"  
 Sarah

Volunteers impact every aspect of Canadian Society through work in health and social services, education, the environment, faith organizations, arts and culture, and sports and recreation. 2001 has been declared International Year of the Volunteer in over 77 nations around the world in order to recognize, honour, and celebrate the enormous contribution that volunteers make to our society.

On Saturday, July 7, 2001 Portage Industrial Exhibition Association along with the Portage Kinsmen is holding a 2001 Portagex Parade. The parade will salute community volunteers in recognition of the theme of Portagex "Hats off to Volunteers". The parade is a kick off to the Portagex which runs from July 7-9, 2001.

The City of Portage la Prairie has the task of determining how to acknowledge, celebrate and publicize the importance of volunteerism to the community. Entering the "Hats off to Volunteers" parade would be another innovative way to show the City's appreciation throughout the community in celebration of International Year of the Volunteer.

The parade marshalling area is behind Portage Consumer Coop, Saskatchewan Avenue West with the start time of 11:00 a.m. proceeding down Saskatchewan Avenue. Parade assembly begins at 9:30 a.m., and larger groups should be in place by 10:35 a.m.

All local businesses, voluntary groups, and organizations have been invited to participate with no entry fee or pre-registration required.

The total float cost of creating this float would be \$629.00 plus tax. Recognizing this project as an out of budget expense, it would be an excellent opportunity for Mayor and Council to ride on the float to show their appreciation to volunteers in the community on behalf of the City of Portage la Prairie in recognition of International Year of the Volunteer. This parade entry will also create visibility at the Portagex for the Mayor and Council, and will be a great addition to an annual community event.

175/01 Moved by: Councillor Allen  
Seconded by: Councillor Tenszen

RESOLVED THAT the Council authorize administration to enter a float in the Portagex Parade on July 7, 2001 to show their appreciation to volunteers in the community, as well as their support to the Portagex held at Island Park July 7 – 9, 2001.  
Carried.

Good Sheppard Church

Mayor MacKenzie announced that he had represented the City of Portage la Prairie at the grand opening of the Good Sheppard Church. He commented on the fact that Portage la Prairie should be proud to have such a beautiful structure in their community.

High School Graduations

Mayor MacKenzie announced that he had attended the Arthur Meighen Graduation on Saturday and will be attending the Portage Collegiate Institute Graduation on Wednesday evening. He commented on the achievement of our young people in the community and wished them well in their future endeavors. The Mayor also commented on the fact that there were \$30,000 in bursaries and scholarships.

Island Park

Mayor MacKenzie encouraged the citizens of Portage la Prairie to watch for speeding drivers in Island Park and report them to the RCMP.

Vandalism

Mayor MacKenzie noted that there was some vandalism done to Saskatchewan Avenue over the weekend. He reminded the Citizens of Portage la Prairie that there is a \$500 reward offered for information leading to the conviction of persons who vandalize City property.

ADJOURNMENT

176/01 Moved by: Councillor Allen  
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT the Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.  
Carried

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Mayor

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Manager of Administration