

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on March 13th, 2001 at 6:02 p.m.

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| PRESENT: | | Present: Councillors Allen, Brennan, Hamilton, Porter, Quinn, Tenszen with Mayor Ian MacKenzie in the Chair. |
| ABSENT: | | None |
| ADOPTION OF MINUTES: | 52/01 | Moved by Councillor Quinn Seconded by Councillor Allen RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on February 27 th , 2001 at 6:05 p.m. be approved as circulated. Carried. |
| HEARINGS: | | <u>Portage Friendship Centre – Conditional Use</u> |
| <i>Dean</i> | | The Manager of Administration read two letters of objection into the record. Mr. Chris Bures of Portage Chrysler spoke to Council further to his letter of objection. He is concerned that the office space will develop into a drop in centre that may cause problems with increased parking problems and vandalism. Garda Sinclair-Moran, Executive Director of the Portage Friendship Centre, defended their request for conditional use indicating the building would be used for office space only. She noted that their young patrons did not have vehicles and that the staff are considering renting parking spaces. She listed several projects that the Centre has for their youth, including Youth Leadership and Employment and Training programs, and noted that all activities would be off-site. She also indicated that the Centre would not be open in the evenings. Other staff and patrons of the Centre also spoke in support of the application for conditional use. |
| 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 February, 2001 By-Law 01-8087 <i>Shirley/June</i> | 53/01 | 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 01-8087 being a by-law to authorize unpaid water and sewer charges be added to taxes be read a first time. Carried |
| Debt Management Plan | | Council reviewed the updated Debt Management Plan in camera. |
| 2001 Utility Capital | | Council reviewed a report on the 2001 Utility Capital in camera. |
| Simplot Update | | Council reviewed the Simplot Update report in camera. |
| City Planning & Economic Development | | Your Worship, your City Planning and Economic Development Committee has nothing to report. |
| Public Safety Committee | | Your Worship, your Public Safety Committee has nothing to report. |
| Waterworks Committee | | Your Worship, your Waterworks Committee has nothing to report. |

**Transportation
Committee**

Your Worship, your Transportation Committee respectfully submits the following report

Snow Clearing

Mayor MacKenzie noted that he has received calls about the narrow streets, and indicated that it was due mainly to vehicles parked on the streets when the City is trying to clean the snow. Notices have been placed in the Citizens Information Page to remind drivers not to park on the streets during snow clearing days. As a last resort, the City will tow vehicles.

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**Community
Services Committee**

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

2001 Portage Dog
Show

The Portage Dog Show is an annual event that takes place on the Canada Day weekend in Portage la Prairie. The show will bring individuals from across Manitoba into our Community. Annually, the organizers of the Dog Show request permission to camp at the Arena Site. Plus the Portage Kennel Club provides fencing in order to keep the dogs away from the yards of individuals living in the area.

Dean

54/01

Moved by: Councillor Allen
Seconded by: Councillor Tenzon

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie permit the Portage Kennel Club to camp on the west parking area of the Arena during their annual dog show June 30, July 1 & 2, 2001.

AND FURTHER THAT the Kennel Club be responsible for the installation, rental, and return of all required snow fence and further that the west parking area be cleaned and restored to its prior condition at the full cost of the Portage Kennel Club to the sole satisfaction of the City.

Carried.

Diversional Sign
Policy

The three diversional signs and panels have been located on the #1 Highway for approximately six months. This policy would allow the local community groups to advertise their events at a venue that is affordable, and give the City of Portage la Prairie exposure on an extremely busy travel route. The marketing of local events on the advertising panels will also allow the community to draw on out of town travelers that may not have stopped in the City otherwise.

Dean

55/01

Moved by: Councillor Allen
Seconded by: Councillor Tenzon

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the Diversional Sign Policy Number ECD-ED-AC as presented.

Carried.

Southport Aerospace
– 60 Years of
Training

Liz Vieweg approached Council to request a donation towards fireworks for this celebration in September.

Dean/Dennis

56/01

Moved by: Councillor Allen
Seconded by: Councillor Tenzon

RESOLVED THAT the City of Portage la Prairie provide Southport Aerospace with a fireworks display for their 60 Years of Training Celebration, similar to the City's fireworks display for July 1st. In addition, the set-up and clean up of the fireworks will be done by the City.

Carried.

**DEFERRED
BUSINESS:**

Conditional Use – Portage Friendship Centre

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Award of Tender –
Treated Water
Reservoir and
Pumping Station –
010PS 005

The construction project includes a new 4.68 million liter concrete reservoir, pumping station, tie-ins to our existing distribution system, and improvements to the existing McKay Reservoir. The project was advertised in the Daily Graphic and The Winnipeg Free Press. The tender opening was held in Winnipeg at Earth Tech Canada Ltd. on March 9, 2001.

Kelly

Earth Tech has been retained to provide engineering services throughout the duration of this project.

A 2.5 million liter reservoir was originally to have been constructed in 2000, however, the proposed Simplot Industrial development caused the project to be deferred. This project was estimated at \$2.5 million, to be cost-shared 50:50 with the Manitoba Water Services Board. With the addition of Simplot, a larger treated water reservoir of 4.68 million liters is to be constructed at the WTP site. The pre-tender estimate was \$4.0 million. The extra cost of design and construction is to be cost-shared between the City, Simplot, the Province and the RM.

The low bid, net of the GST rebate, is \$3,457,607.

The City has an agreement for funding with the MWSB for this project. Based on the low bid received, approximately \$2.2 million will be cost-shared 50:50 with the MWSB and the remaining \$1.3 million will be attributed to the Simplot project.

57/01

Moved by: Councillor Hamilton
Seconded by: Councillor Porter

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie award the contract for the Treated Water Reservoir and Pumping Station, as specified in tender 01 OPS 005, to Bird Construction for the tendered price of \$3,591,883.00 including GST and a \$150,000 contingency.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT 58/01

Moved by Councillor Brennan
Seconded by Councillor Hamilton

RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Manager of Administration