

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on October 9, 2001 at 6:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Brennan, Hamilton Porter, Quinn, Tenszen and Mayor MacKenzie in the Chair.

ABSENT: Councillor Allen

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: 276/01 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton
RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 24, 2001 in the Council Chambers of City Hall be approved as circulated.
Carried.

HEARINGS: None

DELEGATIONS: Koko Platz Development

A number of people attended the Council meeting to hear Council speak on this rezoning request on the corner of Meighen Avenue and Bridge Road.

Mr. Paul Wood of 35 Bridge Road spoke in opposition to the rezoning, and presented Council with a petition from other area residents also opposed to the project.

Ms. Lorrie Currie of 28 Campbell Place also spoke to Council in opposition of the rezoning.

Mr. Danny Maxwell then spoke to Council and requested that his application for rezoning be withdrawn.

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 September, 2001 – By-Law 01-8113 – 1st Reading Shirley/June

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

277/01. Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton
RESOLVED THAT By-Law 01-8113 being a by-law to authorize unpaid water and sewer charges be added to taxes be read a first time.
Carried.

Fees & Charges By-Law Amended Marg

At the meeting on September 10, 2001, Council authorized changes to the Island of Lights fee schedule to increase the number of people in passenger vehicles and vans to “Seven or Fewer” for the entrance fee of \$5.00 per vehicle from “Six or Fewer”. The Fees and Charges By-Law must now be updated to reflect this change. Passenger vans of “Seven persons or more” must then also be changed to read passenger vans of “eight persons or more” to correspond with this change.

The Fees & Charges By-Law 01-8078 states that “Council may from time to time, by resolution, amend each and every schedule attached to this by-law.

278/01 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton
RESOLVED THAT Item No. 10 of Schedule "C" to By-Law 00-8078 be amended to read as follows:

10. Island of Lights
 - a) passenger vehicles and vans of 7 persons or fewer
\$5.00/vehicle
 - b) passenger vans of 8 persons or more
10.00/vehicle

**City Planning & Economic
Development**

Winter Lights Celebration –
For Information Only

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

Communities in Bloom has announced their new program, the Winter
Lights Celebration, to begin this winter. In partnership with the
Canadian Tourism Commission, communities across Canada are
invited to share their Winter Celebrations with other communities.

The goal of the program is to encourage municipalities large and small,
throughout Canada to decorate their community with winter lights with
the objective of creating attractions for tourism from within Canada
and from abroad. The program will offer promotional and business
opportunities to it's partners and sponsors while enhancing the tourism
potential of participating municipalities. Since Portage la Prairie is
home to Manitoba's premier winter light display on Island Park, this is
an excellent project to get involved in.

Judges will evaluate participating communities in two areas:

1. Visual presentations through the creative use of lighting
and festive adornments on public, commercial and
residential properties.
2. Community involvement projects that are for the
enjoyment of all citizens and visitors to the community
including outdoor festivals, church festivities and creative
art presentations.

Participating in this program offers many benefits. There will be an
opportunity for National promotion and visibility of our community
and the Island of Lights. It has the potential to increase civic pride
and community involvement by the challenge of a national evaluation.

Rezoning Application –
Koko Platz Development
LTd. – By-Law 01-8112
Dean

The Applicant, Koko Platz Development Ltd. c/o Mr. Danny Maxwell
withdrew his application for rezoning.

279/01 Moved by: Councillor Porter
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton
RESOLVED THAT the City of Portage la Prairie refund the
unused portion of application fees to Mr. Maxwell.
Carried.

Public Safety Committee

Your Worship, your Public Safety Committee has nothing to report.

Waterworks Committee

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

Construction of a Waste
Activated Sludge Digester
Kelly/Dale

Council reviewed this report in camera.

280/01 Moved by: Councillor Hamilton
Seconded by: Councillor Porter
RESOLVED THAT Administration be authorized to proceed to
have an agreement drafted with McCain Foods to cost share the
construction of a Waste Activated Sludge Facility on a 53.3%/46.7%
McCain/City basis.
Carried.

Transportation Committee

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

Temporary Closing of Lane –
Shaw Cable
Kelly

Shaw Cable intends to broadcast the annual Lion's Television auction on Saturday, November 3, 2001. They have requested to set up their broadcast equipment in the rear lane behind their facility, which will require temporarily closing the lane. They intend to set up beginning Friday morning and tear down after the broadcast, at approximately 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 4, 2001.

281/01 Moved by: Councillor Tenzzen
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT Shaw Cable be permitted to close the rear lane between 1st Street SW and 2nd Street SW and set up their broadcast equipment in the lane on November 2 and November 3 to 2:00 a.m. Sunday, November 4, 2001 subject to the following conditions:

- a) that the lane be appropriately barricaded and signed at the north and south accesses to the lane;
- b) that adjacent property owners be notified;
- c) that emergency services be notified;
- d) that adjacent property owners have access to their rear yards, as required.

Carried.

Request for Bus Loading
Zone – Arc Industries
Kelly

Portage ARC Industries has requested a bus loading zone at 1675 Saskatchewan Avenue West, Monday to Friday for the periods of 8:30am to 9:15am and 3:30pm to 4:00pm.

The Traffic Bylaw allows for the creation of bus stops and passenger loading zones. Bus stops are defined as designated portions of the roadway adjacent to a curb or road edge for the exclusive use of buses, and loading zones are for loading of passengers and goods to/from any vehicle. Saskatchewan Avenue has angle parking at this location. A bus stop would require restricting the parking on the entire frontage at ARC Industries so that a bus could get near the road edge. Currently the bus is stopping just off the paved surface of Saskatchewan Avenue and behind the parking stalls.

282/01 Moved by: Councillor Tenzzen
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the creation of a bus stop at Portage ARC Industries at 1675 Saskatchewan Avenue West for the periods Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 9:15am and 3:30pm to 4:00pm.
Carried.

Request for Loading Zone –
701 Crescent Road East
Kelly

Lakeshore Apartments has requested a "Loading zone" at the front door of the apartment block on Crescent Road East adjacent to the sidewalk that currently exists. The sidewalk along the curb is approximately 10 meters in length.

The Traffic Bylaw allows for the creation of loading zones for people and goods.

283/01 Moved by: Councillor Tenzzen
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the creation of a loading zone at 701 Crescent Road East at the front entrance of the Lakeshore Apartments.
Carried.

**Community Services
Committee**

Your Worship, your Community Services Committee has nothing to report.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Tourism Advisory
Committee – Resignation
Dean/Sarah

Wendell Keeler and Liz Vieweg resigned from the Tourism Advisory Committee.

Membership on the TAC is determined by Council at their annual Organizational Meeting. The Tourism Advisory Committee Terms of Reference states that only Council shall have the authority to fill any vacancies on the TAC. (section 4.0 Membership)

The terms on the committee are as follows:

2-Year Terms

Steve Prince
Ernie Shwaluk
Craig Dunn
Tracey Wall

One-Year Terms

Will Pacholuk
Liz Vieweg
Wendell Keeler

Mr. Keeler and Ms. Vieweg's term on the TAC ends on January 1, 2002. Their replacement would then serve two consecutive years on the Board. However, since there are only 4 months remaining in the vacant terms, the replacement board member's terms should last the remaining 4 months, and continue as a new appointment for the ensuing term of two years.

Ron Zuke and Randy Davison are recommended to fill the vacant two year terms. Both are heavily involved in the tourism industry and will offer new perspectives to the committee. Ron Zuke works in the marketing industry at CFRY and Randy Davison has invested in the hospitality industry in Portage la Prairie by Managing the new Boston Pizza Restaurant.

284/01 Moved by: Councillor Tenszen
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton

RESOLVED THAT Council appoint Ron Zuke to the Tourism Advisory Committee as a replacement for Wendell Keeler for a term of four months according to the previously approved Terms of Reference and that Ron Zuke continue to serve on the TAC for the ensuing term of two years.

RESOLVED THAT Council appoint Randy Davison to the Tourism Advisory Committee as a replacement for Liz Vieweg for a term of four months according to the previously approved Terms of Reference and that Randy Davison continue to serve on the TAC for the ensuing term of two years.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Driving Range Lease
Agreement – City of Portage
la Prairie and Portage Family
Golf Land Ltd.
Dean

The City was approached by a representative of Portage Family Golf Land Ltd. (PFG) concerning the development of a golf driving range facility and family golf playground several months ago.

The vision for PGF is to fill a void within Portage la Prairie area by developing a first class driving range and family playground that would include baseball batting cages and a mini-golf area.

A market analysis conducted by PFG indicated that since there is not existing competition for driving ranges in the immediate area and that driving ranges are an important part of accommodating existing and new golfers and the opportunity to develop this type of first class facility in Republic Park was very desirable.

285/01 Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by; Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the signing of a lease agreement with Portage Family Golf Land Limited for the purpose of operating a golf driving range practice facility and family golf playground, on City property legally described as Lots 11-74, Block 2, Plan 354, PLTO and Lots 1-80, Block 5, Plan 354 PLTO.

Carried.

Purchase of Land – WTP
Upgrades
Kelly/Dale

The City requires a small parcel of land (0.78 acres) immediately adjacent to the west of the WTP, which is owned by the Province, in order to construct a pre-treatment facility. This is mostly low-lying land with no value for residential construction purposes. Also a large parcel of land (24.7 acres), currently owned by the Province, is required for the construction of proposed lime sludge drying beds. This is fairly low lying land which is not cropped, but it is used for natural hay.

The Provincial Appraiser has appraised the value of the small parcel of land next to the WTP at \$1560.00. The large parcel of land has been appraised, with a discount, at \$300 per acre or \$7410.00. The total value was rounded to \$9000.00. The City is responsible for all costs of transferring title, which may equate to the same as the value of the land.

The Province will draft an agreement regarding the sale of the land once a purchase price is settled.

The City is also intending to acquire a small piece of the Yellowquill Trail right-of-way. The RM has commenced the process to subdivide and close this piece of property.

286/01 Moved by: Councillor Hamilton
Seconded by: Councillor Porter

RESOLVED THAT the Council offer \$9000.00 plus all costs for the 0.78 acre of land in part RL 23 and 24.7 acres of land in part WLS and 372, to the Province of Manitoba.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

287/01 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Porter

RESOLVED THAT the Council Meeting be adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Manager of Administration