

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers on Monday, February 25, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

MINUTES OF MEETING: 58/02
Moved by: Councillor Tenzsen
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn
RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting held on February 11th, 2002 at City Hall in Portage la Prairie be approved as circulated.
Carried.

DELEGATIONS: Karen Johnson made a presentation to Council on the results of the Labour Assessment Survey which she had undertaken on behalf of the City.

CORRESPONDENCE: The correspondence for this period was reviewed.

HEARINGS: None

Finance, Legislative & Property Committee: Your Worship:
The Finance, Legislative and Property Committee respectfully submits the following report:

By-Law 02-8135 – Unpaid Water & Sewer to Taxes for January – 2nd & 3rd Reading
Shirley/June

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

59/02
Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton
RESOLVED THAT By-Law 02-8135 being a by-law to allow unpaid water and sewer accounts to be added to property taxes be read a second time.
Carried.

RESOLVED THAT By-Law 02-8135 be read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed.
Carried.

In Favour: Councillors Allen, Brennan, Hamilton, Porter, Quinn, Tenzsen & Mayor MacKenzie.

Cancellation of Taxes Request
Nettie

Ms. Cornelia Neuschwander has requested in writing to cancel the taxes for her property, 123-10th Street NE, for the period May 2001 to September, 2001.

Her letter states that this cancellation should be made as a result of lost revenues due to new zoning requirements. Ms. Neuschwander believes she was not advised properly of the new zoning requirement and should therefore be compensated for losing the tenant.

Under the 1983 zoning by-law the zoning for this property was M2 or Heavy Industrial and allowed for auto repair shops. In 1994 the zoning by-law was amended, causing this property to fall under the M1 zoning that does not permit auto repair. Both zoning by-laws did not permit auto wrecking.

The Planning Act requires public notice and a public hearing when there is an amendment to the zoning by-law. This legislated procedure was followed when the zoning by-law was amended in 1994.

In 2001, it was discovered that the property was used for auto-wrecking. Ms. Neuschwander could not provide any sufficient evidence that an auto repair business had been continuously operating at the above noted location before the existing by-law was passed.

60/02

Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton

RESOLVED THAT the City of Portage la Prairie deny the request to cancel taxes for the property located at 123-10th Street NE. Carried.

New Microphones for
Council Chambers
Marg

Shaw Cable has requested that the City consider replacing the microphones used by Council. These microphones work with the Shaw Cable system to allow the recording of the Council and Committee meetings for viewing by the public. The microphones owned by the City have not been working well, and have been temporarily replaced with mikes owned by Shaw Cable. One of the microphones, which seems to work better than others, runs on Solar Power without batteries. This is the microphone being recommended by Shaw Cable.

Shaw Cable provided a new camera to use at Council meetings to improve the sound quality, but it is the City's responsibility to provide the sound system to hook into their camera. Last year Council turned down a request to replace the entire sound system because of budget constraints. New microphones would help to improve the quality of sound.

Inland Audio in Winnipeg carries these lapel mikes that cost about \$159 each. Eight mikes are required for Council members and the City Manager. Total cost for eight mikes, including tax, is approximately \$1400.

61/02

Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton

RESOLVED THAT Council approve the purchase of eight microphones for the Council Chambers at a total cost of approximately \$1400.00
Carried.

Current Projects List – For
Information Only

Council reviewed the current projects list in camera.

D'Arcy & Deacon – Legal
Fees

Council reviewed this report in camera

62/02

Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton

RESOLVED THAT a meeting with the AMM executive & Mr. Art Elias be arranged to further discuss the Mellco insurance claim.
Carried.

**City Planning & Economic
Development Committee**

Your Worship:
The City Planning and Economic Development Committee respectfully submits the following report:

Monthly Activity Reports –
For Information Only

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

Recreation Connections
Conference – For
Information Only

Councillor Brennan thanked the Economic & Community Development Department for their fine work in successfully hosting the Recreation Connections Conference. He also noted that this was the first time this conference had been held outside of Winnipeg and that due to the success of this conference in Portage la Prairie, Recreation Connections Inc. would consider hosting the event in our City again.

CEC Hearing – For
Information only

Councillor Brennan advised that no decision has been made with regards to the CEC Hearings. The City is expecting a decision shortly.

Public Safety Committee:

Your Worship,
The Public Safety Committee respectfully submits the following reports:

Monthly Activity Reports –
For Information Only

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

Water works Committee:

Your Worship:
The Waterworks Committee respectfully submits the following reports:

Monthly Activity Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

**Transportation
Committee:**

Your Worship:

The Transportation Committee has nothing to report.

Award of Fuel & Lubricants
Kelly B

This tender was advertised publicly in the Daily Graphic. The tender closed on January 29, 2002.

The tender includes the supply of fuel and lubricants for a two-year period beginning March 1, 2002, and ending February 29, 2004.

Bidders were requested to submit unit prices on 5 items with estimated quantities, with gasoline and diesel fuel being the major items.

All bidders, except Shell Canada, submitted prices for all materials, and have met qualifications.

The 2001 consumption of gasoline was 113,000 litres. The 2001 consumption of Diesel was 60,000 litres. The 2002 tender were based upon these figures.

The total annual budget for gas and diesel in all of these accounts is approximately \$96,400. The low tender for gas and diesel (\$73,929 annually net of GST rebate), excluding lubricants, is approximately \$22,470 under budget assuming the unit prices do not change for the entire year, and our actual consumptions are no different than the tendered quantities.

The 2002 prices are similar to the 1998 prices.

63/02

Moved by: Councillor Tenzzen

Seconded by: Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie award the tender for the supply of Fuel and Lubricants, for a two year period, as specified in tender 02 OPS 002, to Petro-Canada Lubricants for the tendered price of \$174,410.70, including taxes.

Carried.

Portage & District Recycling
Inc. Agreement
Kelly

PDRI submitted a proposal to enter into a five-year contract with the City.

Under the terms of the agreement, the City would pay a flat fee for each tonne of material collected and processed. As the monthly tonnage increases, the tonnage charge decreases. PDRI would retain the revenues generated from the sale of materials. The City would retain the Manitoba Product Stewardship Corporation funding assistance, which currently is \$152 per tonne.

At the current rate of 50 tonnes of recyclables per month, the City would be charged \$11,250 per month. The City would receive \$7600 in MPSC revenue, resulting in a net cost to the City of \$3650 per month, or \$43,800 per year. As the tonnage increases, the unit cost decreases, however, the net cost increases. For example, at 70 tonnes per month, the net cost to the City would be \$55,650 per year. In previous years, this program has operated with no net cost to the City, however, the service provided to the City was poor.

The operation of the collection and processing of recyclable materials is going very well, with few complaints from the Public.

64/02

Moved by: Councillor Tenszen
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Manager of Administration, on behalf of the City of Portage la Prairie, to sign an agreement with Portage and District Recycling Incorporated for the collection, processing and sale of recyclable materials, beginning March 1, 2002 and ending July 31, 2007.

Carried.

Solid Waste Annual Report –
for information only

Council reviewed the 2001 Solid Waste Annual Report.

Monthly Activity Reports –
For information only

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

**Community Services
Committee:**

Your Worship:

The Community Services Committee respectfully submits the following report:

Portage Collegiate Institute
2002 Safe Grad
Dean/Jennifer

Portage Collegiate Institute has used the Portage Centennial Arena for Safe Grad for the past ten years. At each of these events there has been an Occasional Permit approved and there have been no problems in regard to control or damage to the facility.

The reason for the request to smoke within the facility is in terms of control for the Safe Grad Committee using the facility and trying to prevent incidents from occurring when the Grads would have to leave the building to smoke. The idea behind the 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 Portage Centennial Arena for a specific event that is not athletic, sporting or a specific event.

65/02

Moed by: Councillor Allen
Seconded by: Councillor Tenszen

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 Wednesday, June 26, 2002 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.

Monthly Activity Reports –
for information only

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

Bingo Hall – For Information
Only

Council reviewed a report on the bingo hall in camera.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Brennan extended “Get Well Wishes” to Constable Mike Templeton on behalf of the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie.

ADJOURNMENT:

66/02

Moved by: Councillor Quinn

Seconded by: Councillor Brennan

RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor

Manager of Administration