

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers on Monday, June 24, 2002 at 6:04 p.m.

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

**ABSENT:** Councillor Porter

**MINUTES OF MEETING:** 196/02 Moved by: Councillor Hamilton  
Seconded by: Councillor Brennan  
RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting held on June 10, 2002 at City Hall in Portage la Prairie and the Special Meeting Minutes held on June 12, 2002 at the Westward Resort be approved as circulated.  
Carried.

**DELEGATIONS:** Mayor MacKenzie presented Inspector Rob Nason with a plaque to recognize his years of service with the City of Portage la Prairie RCMP Detachment.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The correspondence for this period was reviewed.

**HEARINGS:** Variation – Mellco Developments Ltd.  
No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this request. No written objections were received.

Variation – Danny & Shelly Frith  
Ms. Shelly Johnston-Frith was in attendance to answer any questions Council might have. No objections were received.

**Finance, Legislative & Property Committee:**

Your Worship:

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

By-Law 02-8150 – Unpaid Water & Sewer Accounts – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading  
June/Tieny

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

197/02 Moved by Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by Councillor Hamilton  
RESOLVED THAT By-law 02-8150 being a by-law to authorize unpaid water & sewer charges be added to taxes, be read a second time.  
Carried.

THAT By-law 02-8150 be read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed.  
Carried.

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

2003 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 service as was provided in the previous year.

The prioritisation of new/additional services and capital items is to be done on a departmental basis by the applicable Director.

Discretionary items over \$1,500 and any proposed staffing increases

are highlighted in the report. This allows Council to review material discretionary items to determine if the proposed expenditure is necessary for the existing program.

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.

198/02 Moved by Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by Councillor Hamilton

RESOLVED THAT:

1. That the modified program budgeting approach be utilized to set the 2003 budget.
2. That all discretionary items over \$1,500 and all staffing increases be presented separately for Committee's consideration.
3. That the net effect of all proposed new/additional services and capital items be presented separately for the Committee's consideration.

Carried.

Monthly Activity Reports –  
For Information Only

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

### **City Planning & Economic Development Committee**

Your Worship:

The City Planning and Economic Development Committee respectfully submits the following reports:

Variation – Mellco  
Developments Ltd.  
Dean/Iva

The applicant, Mellco Developments Ltd. are re-applying, as the original variation for this property for the construction of two 6-plex units and one duplex unit as well as the extension to the original variation have run out.

The property in this area is zoned R3 – Multiple Family Dwelling District. Public notices were sent out to all property owners within a 100 meters radius, with no objections received to date.

199 /02 Moved by Councillor Brennan  
Seconded by Councillor Allen

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the variation request of Mellco Developments Ltd. to vary the front yard requirement on the property on Brookside Crescent and the properties on Jack Cavers Place from the required 7.5 meters to varying distances of 6.0 meters (20 feet) to 7.15 meters (23.8 feet) which are legally described as Parcel 2 & 3, Block 2, Plan 35629, Parish of Portage la Prairie.

Carried

Variation – Danny & Shelley  
Frith  
Dean/Iva

The applicants, Danny Gordon Frith and Shelley Ann Johnston-Frith, are applying for a rear-yard variation for the construction of a deck at the rear of their house at 103 Meighen Avenue. It should be noted that behind this property is green space as well as Garrioch Creek.

Public notices were sent to all property owners within a 100-meters, with no objections received.

200/02 Moved by Councillor Brennan  
Seconded by Councillor Allen

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the variation request of Danny Gordon Frith & Shelly-Ann Johnston-Frith to vary the rear-yard requirement from 7.5 meters (25 feet) to 2.16 meters (7.2 feet) on the property known as 103 Meighen Avenue, which is legally described as Lot 19, Block 6, Plan 1721, Parish Lot 91/92, Parish of Portage la Prairie.

Carried.

Monthly Activity Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

Councillor Brennan read a response on behalf of Council regarding a rumor about a housing development for low-cost housing.

**Public Safety Committee**

Your Worship:

The Public Safety Committee respectfully submits the following reports:

Monthly Activity Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

**Waterworks 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 respectfully submits the following reports:

Royal Road South Traffic Control  
Kelly Braden

With the construction of the water park on Royal Road South, vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic along Royal Road S is expected to increase.

The current speed limit on Royal Road South from International Drive to Pelechaty Drive is 50 km/hr, while across the Bridge, and on International Drive the speed limit is 30km/hr. With increased potential conflicts that could develop between vehicles and bicycles and pedestrians, a reduced speed limit on Royal Road is warranted.

Royal Road beside the water park was paved at 9 meters wide. The intent is to have two bicycle lanes painted on each side of the road at 1.25 m in width, leaving two traffic lanes of 3.25m in width. Parking should not be permitted on this section of paved road, nor on International Drive from Royal Road to George Hill Drive.

With significant added traffic at the intersection of Royal Road and International Drive, consideration should be given to installing a 4-way stop. Currently traffic on Royal Road has the right-of-way at this intersection.

Currently, there is a crosswalk across Royal Road at the south end of the bridge. There is no sidewalk on the east side of this intersection where the crosswalk terminates. It is recommended to have the painted crosswalk at the south end of the Bridge deleted, and paint a North-South crosswalk on the west side of the intersection, as well as paint an east-west crosswalk on the south side of the intersection, with a sidewalk on the SW corner of the intersection, if a four-way stop is approved. Technically, pedestrians could cross the street at any stop sign, however, it is recommended to paint crosswalks in the manner specified. A pedestrian path would be constructed on the south side of International Drive, and not on the north side.

Playground signs could be installed on Royal Road South adjacent to the water park, and on International Drive.

201/02 Moved by Councillor Tenszen  
Seconded by Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT Council approve the following traffic control measures and amend Schedule "D" of Traffic Bylaw #01-8105 accordingly:

1. That the maximum speed limit on Royal Road South from International Drive to Pelechaty Drive be specified at 30 kilometers per hour.
2. That Royal Road South from International Drive to Pelechaty Drive and on International Drive from Royal Road to George Hill Drive be designated "No Parking" zones on both sides of each street.
3. That a 4-way Stop be installed at the intersection of Royal Road and International Drive.
4. That playground signs be placed on Royal Road South and International Drive adjacent to the water park.
5. That the painted crosswalk at the south end of the Bridge on Royal Road South be deleted.
6. That A pedestrian path be constructed on the south side of International Drive from Royal Road to the east side of the water park;

AND FURTHER THAT Schedule "D" of Traffic By-Law be amended to include the 4-way stop signs at Royal Road and International Drive;

AND FURTHER THAT Traffic Control Devices noted above be added to the Traffic Sign Directory.  
Carried.

Monthly Activity Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

**Community Services  
Committee**

Your Worship:

The Community Services Committee respectfully submits the following reports:

MS Fundraiser  
Dean

Mr. Jim McDonald would like to host a mixed slow-pitch tournament, with the proceeds to go to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. He has requested a grant to offset the associated rental fees for the use of diamonds # 1-6 at the Republic of Manitoba Park for July 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2002. The total grant amount for consideration is \$200.40 as per the Fees and Charges By-law 01-8117.

Mr. McDonald has also requested of the City that this fundraiser be identified as a community event for the purpose of obtaining an occasional permit through the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission. The City of Portage la Prairie is permitted to designate a maximum of six community events to be eligible for an occasional permit from the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission.

202/02 Moved by Councillor Allen  
Seconded by Councillor Brennan

RESOLVED THAT:

1. the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the request of Mr. Jim McDonald on behalf of the MS Society of Manitoba to rent the Republic Park for July 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2002 at normal City rental rates; and
2. the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the request of Mr. Jim McDonald to obtain an Occasional Use Permit for the purpose of hosting beer gardens at Republic Park on July 13 & 14, 2002.

Carried.

Monthly Activity Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

Splash Island

Councillor Quinn commended the Parks and the Community Services Staff on the new outdoor leisure facility project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

City Debentures-Issue Series  
"B" – By-Law No. 02-8153,  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading - Nettie

The City's share of costs for the Simplot projects was approved in the 2002 budget with funding through the issuance of debentures and recovered by the tax sharing agreement with the Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie. By-Law 01-8093 was approved by Council and approved by the Municipal Board to authorize debentures amounting up to \$6,587,000.

Tenders for the projects are being awarded with construction and billings throughout the summer. The issuance of a 15-year debenture dated for September 2002 in the amount of \$5,000,000 is required.

Each debenture issue requires a separate by-law to amend the initial by-law's payment schedule and 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.

203/02 Moved by: Councillor Quinn

Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton

RESOLVED THAT By-Law 02-8153 to amend By-Law 01-8093 to allow for the issuance of \$5,000,000 in debentures be given first reading.

Carried.

RM Loan Through  
Debentures-Issue Series "C"  
– By-Law No. 02-8154, 1<sup>st</sup>  
Reading

By formal agreement, the City has agreed to administer the Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie's share of costs and land purchase for the Simplot projects through the issuance of debentures. By-Law 01-8095 was approved by Council and approved by the Municipal Board to authorize debentures for the RM amounting up to \$4,800,000.

Tenders for the projects have been awarded with construction and billings throughout the summer. The issuance of a 15-year debenture dated for September 2002 in the amount of \$2,000,000 on behalf of the RM is required.

Each debentures issue requires a separate by-law to amend the initial by-law's payment schedule and 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.

204/02 Moved by: Councillor Quinn

Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton

RESOLVED THAT By-Law 02-8154 to amend By-Law 01-8095 for debentures on behalf of the RM to allow for the issuance of \$2,000,000 in debentures be given 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

Carried.

New Provincial Gaol

Councillor Dave Quinn advised that the Manitoba Attorney-General has announced that a new women's gaol is required to replace the run down facility in Portage la Prairie. No details of where the facility will be built were released.

205/02 Moved by Councillor Quinn

Seconded by Councillor Brennan

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie start a rigorous lobbying process with the goal of making Portage la Prairie the location of this new facility,

AND FURTHER THAT the Rural Municipality, our MLA and

our Member of Parliament be involved in this process.  
Carried.

Citizen, Sportsperson and  
Cultural Person of the Year

Mayor MacKenzie reminded the public that the presentation of these  
awards would take place at the Portage Industrial Exhibition opening.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

206/02 Moved by: Councillor Brennan  
Seconded by: Councillor Porter  
RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourns at 6:30 p.m.  
Carried.

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Mayor

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Manager of Administration