

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, November 12, 2002 at 6:06p.m.

- PRESENT:** Councillors Brennan, Keryluk, Quinn, Robinson, Tenszen and Wagner with Mayor Ian MacKenzie in the Chair.
- ABSENT:** None
- MINUTES OF MEETING:** 303/02 Moved by: Councillor Robinson  
Seconded by: Councillor Tenszen  
RESOLVED THAT the regular minutes of the Council meeting held on October 15, 2002 at City Hall in Portage la Prairie and the minutes of the Inaugural Meeting held on November 4, 2002 be approved as circulated.  
Carried.
- DELEGATIONS:** Mr. Harvey Carmichael – Location of the Cenotaph  
Mr. Carmichael spoke to Council in support of a letter sent by himself and Bill Sherritt requesting that the Cenotaph be moved from its present location to the old Lion's Pool property. The writers felt that in its present location, the memorial was not as accessible as it should be and that the suggested location would provide more visibility to the public.
- HEARINGS:** None
- CORRESPONDENCE:** The correspondence for this period was reviewed.
- COMMITTEES:**
- Finance, Legislative & Property Committee:** Your Worship:  
The Finance, Legislative & Property Committee respectfully submit the following reports:
- By-Law 02-8162 – Unpaid Water & Sewer Services for September, 2002 – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading  
Tieny/June
- This is part of the normal monthly procedure to allow unpaid water and sewer accounts to be added to property taxes.
- 304/02 Moved by: Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by: Councillor Robinson  
RESOLVED THAT By-law 02-8162 being a by-law to allow unpaid water and sewer accounts to be added to taxes be read a second time.  
Carried.
- THAT By-Law 02-8162 be read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed.  
Carried.
- Blue Cross Coverage Under AMM Umbrella  
Lorrie
- On July 4, 2002 the City of Portage la Prairie was notified by Blue Cross that the rates for vision and dental were going to increase by 23.9% as of September 1, 2002.
- The vision and dental premiums are 50/50 cost shared for CUPE employees. For Fire, Management/Confidential, Out-of-Scope and Council the vision plan is 50/50 while the City pays 100% of the dental premium.
- Hayhurst Elias Dudek (HED) had previously sent the City information regarding the group benefit programs that HED offers for the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) underwritten by Manitoba Blue Cross.

The rate increase with Blue Cross cannot be avoided because it is based on last year's experience rating.

The CUPE Union and the Fire Fighters Union have been advised and both are in agreement with joining the AMM plan. The Management/Confidential and Out-of-Scope Employees have been advised and to date have heard no objections.

304/02 Moved by: Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by: Councillor Robinson  
RESOLVED THAT the City of Portage la Prairie join the group benefit programs that HED offers for the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) underwritten by Manitoba Blue Cross.  
Carried.

Monthly Activity Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

**City Planning & Economic Development Committee:**

Your Worship:  
The City Planning & Economic Development Committee respectfully submit the following reports:

Monthly Activity Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

**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:

Manitoba Water Services Board Agreement – Cartier Regional Water System Dale

The City signed an agreement on October 13, 1998 with the Manitoba Water Services Board to supply up to 200,000 gallons (908,000 litres) per day of treated water to the Regional Water System. The Manitoba Water Services Board provides funding to municipalities for the purpose of supplying water and sewer infrastructure. One of the Manitoba Water Services Board's funding priorities includes providing treated water to rural areas.

The City of Portage la Prairie has signed agreements worth \$22.88 million with \$9.1 million in grant funding over the last 3 years from the Manitoba Water Services Board.

The Manitoba Water Services Board has requested that the City increase the allocation to the Regional Water System from 200,000 gallons/day to 500,000 gallons/day. There were some initial discussions with the General Manager of the Manitoba Water Services Board concerning an increase in the Regional Water System allocation by between 200,000 and 300,000 gallons/day. In further discussions with the General Manager he has indicated that an increase of 250,000 gallons/day to 450,000 gallons/day (2.4 million litres) would meet their needs. The regional water system is currently using 57,000 gallons/day (260,000 litres) and is still expanding.

The Water Treatment Plant capacity is being increased from an actual capacity of 18.8 million litres to 35.0 million litres. The functional design report included an allocation of 3.7 million litres for rural/regional water.

305/02 Moved by: Councillor Robinson  
Seconded by: Councillor Keryluk  
RESOLVED THAT the revised agreement with the Manitoba Water Services Board to provide treated water to the Cartier Regional Water Supply System be amended to show 450,000 gallons per day;

and

That the Mayor and Manager of Administration be authorized to sign the amended agreement with the Manitoba Water Services Board.  
Carried.

Monthly Activity Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

**Transportation Committee**

Your Worship:

The Transportation Committee respectfully submits the following reports:

Santa's Parade of Lights  
Dean/Sarah

The Chamber has requested that both directions on Saskatchewan be closed as a result of a suggestion made after the parade in 2000. In 2000, it was noted that several cars along the parade route did not reduce their speed in the westbound direction and there were many children and adults crossing the westbound lanes at many points on the Avenue. The lanes in both directions were closed for the 2001 parade.

At the west end, a north detour route should be provided in the westbound lane from 21<sup>st</sup> to the west. Traffic heading east on Saskatchewan from the Mall area will be stopped until the last float in the parade passes 21<sup>st</sup> St. W. Some vehicles will use the IGA parking lot as a detour route. A detour route on the south side is not possible. As the parade passes 20<sup>th</sup> St. W, this intersection will be opened. As the parade nears 9<sup>th</sup> St East, a detour route to the north on 9<sup>th</sup> St NE or 10<sup>th</sup> St NE can be set up.

Two City staff are required to set up and tear down the barricades as the parade moves along Saskatchewan Avenue.

306/02 Moved by: Councillor Keryluk

Seconded by: Councillor Tenzsen

RESOLVED That Council authorize the closure of Saskatchewan Avenue in both directions between 21<sup>st</sup> St West and 9<sup>th</sup> St East, and in the eastbound direction from Elm St. to 21<sup>st</sup> St W, for the annual Santa's Parade of Lights, on the evening of Friday, December 6, 2002, beginning at 7:30pm.

Carried.

Monthly Activity Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

**Community Services  
Committee:**

Your Worship:

The Community Services Committee respectfully submits the following report:

Monthly Activity Reports:

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

**DEFERRED BUSINESS:**

Variation – Portage School  
Division – Portage Collegiate  
Institute  
Dean/Iva

Portage School Division applied to have a gravel surface on the expansion of their parking lot on 4<sup>th</sup> Street S.W. Council deferred a decision on this request to November 12<sup>th</sup> for discussion.

The City of Portage la Prairie Zoning By-Law requires that the surface of the accessory off-street parking area, loading area and the access driveways thereto shall be surfaced with either asphalt, concrete or paving bricks in all other than "R1" and "R2" zoning districts. This building is in an "EI" Educational & Institutional district.

307/02 Moved by: Councillor Brennan

Seconded by: Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie

deny the variation request of Portage School Division at the property known as 35 – 4<sup>th</sup> Street S.W. which is legally described as Lots 1/29, Plan No. 127 & Lots 1/20, Block 2, Plan 367, River Lot 62, Parish of Portage la Prairie.  
Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Council Schedule  
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With the Annual Convention of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities taking place the week of November 25, there will be no quorum for the Council meeting also scheduled for November 25.

308/02 Moved by: Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by: Councillor Robinson  
RESOLVED THAT the Council meeting of November 25, 2002 be cancelled and that Council instead meet on Monday, November 18, 2002 following the Board of Revision.  
Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

309/02 Moved by: Councillor Brennan  
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn  
RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourns at 6:44 p.m.  
Carried.

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Mayor

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Manager of Administration