

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, October 15, 2002 at 6:05 p.m.

- PRESENT:** Councillors Allen, Brennan, Hamilton, Porter, Quinn, Tenszen with Mayor Ian MacKenzie in the Chair.
- ABSENT:** None
- MINUTES OF MEETING:** 279/02 Moved by: Councillor Allen
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton
RESOLVED THAT the regular minutes of the Council meeting held on September 23, 2002 at City Hall in Portage la Prairie be approved as circulated.
Carried.
- DELEGATIONS:** Mayor MacKenzie welcomed a group of adult students from Red River Community College who were observing the meeting as part of their course of studies.
- HEARINGS:** Variation – Richard Sareault

No one appeared and no objections were received.
- CORRESPONDENCE:** The correspondence for this period was reviewed.
- Finance, Legislative & Property Committee:** Your Worship:
The Finance, Legislative and Property Committee respectfully submits the following report:
- Unpaid Water & Sewer to Taxes – By-Law 02-8162 – 1st Reading
Tieny/June
- This is part of the normal monthly procedure to allow unpaid water and sewer accounts to be added to property taxes.
- 280/02 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton
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 first time.
Carried.
- City Planning Committee** Your Worship:
The City Planning and Economic Development Committee respectfully submits the following reports:
- Variation – Richard Sareault – 122-8th Street NE
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- The applicant, Richard Sareault, is applying for a front yard variation from the required 7.5 meters (25 feet) to 3.18 meters (10.6 feet) as he wishes to construct an attached garage, which will be flush with the front of the existing house. The existing house is a non-conforming use, which presently has a 10.6-foot (3.18 meter) frontage.
- This building is in an R1 – Single-family dwelling district.
- Public notices were also sent to all property owners within a 100 meters (330 foot) radius, with no objections received.
- 281/02 Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Allen
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the variation request of Richard Sareault to vary the front yard from the required 7.5 meters (25 feet) to 3.18 meters (10.6 feet) at the property known as 122-8th Street N.E. which is legally described as Lots 7 & 8, Block 71, Plan No. 31, River Lot 68, Parish of

Portage la Prairie.
Carried.

Tourism Opportunity Round
Table

Councillor Allen invited anyone interested to a Tourism Opportunity Round Table to be held Tuesday, September 24, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Westward Resort and Conference Centre.

Public Safety Committee

Your Worship:
The Public Safety Committee respectfully submits the following report:

Inspector Gilles Geurtin

Councillor Porter introduced Inspector Gilles Geurtin.

Waterworks Committee

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

Biosolids Land Application
Kelly

Simplot requires significant quantities of active biosolids with which to seed their newly constructed Bulk volume Fermenter at their plant site. These solids will be held in the City's (McCain's) Bulk Volume Fermenter. Recent measurements of biosolids quantities in the BVF indicate that there is adequate active biomass in the BVF for Simplot, but not significant excess that would justify removal of some biomass this fall.

Assiniboine Injections were the successful bidder for the City's 2002 Biosolids Tender and they have requested that the City extend the contract for another year to compensate for the fact that there is no work for them this fall. Assiniboine have offered to hold their contract unit pricing for 2003.

282/02

Moved by: Councillor Hamilton
Seconded by: Councillor Porter

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie extend the contract with Assiniboine Injections Ltd. for the land application of biosolids for the 2003 season at the 2002 tendered unit rate.

Carried.

**Transportation
Committee**

**Your Worship:
The Transportation Committee respectfully submits the following reports:**

Crescent Road Traffic
Kelly

At the July 22, 2002 Council meeting a petition was received with the following wording:

“This Petition is to convince the City to put in stop signs and/or speed bumps; in order to slow (and or divert) vehicles in the high traffic areas along Crescent Road.

Help Protect the Citizens of Portage la Prairie and allow people to enjoy walks by the lake without having to race traffic to cross the street”

There are presently no stop signs on Crescent Road west of Royal Road. Reasons for the City to install stop signs or other traffic control devices along Crescent Road West would be based on speed, pedestrian safety, accidents and volume of traffic.

Crescent Road Speed

From January to April 1993, the RCMP logged the actual speeds of all vehicles traveling this stretch of roadway and the results were forwarded to Operations for an analysis. The average speed of vehicles traveling along Crescent Road was 51.37 km/hour.

In the summer of 2002 the RCMP again logged actual speeds of vehicles on Crescent Road over a period of 5 days using stationary radar in covert locations. The total number of cars beamed were 117 and the average speed calculated was 49.9 km/hour.

Between June 5th and July 19th, 2002 three "Speedwatch Checks" were held on Crescent Road between Koko Platz entrance and Yellowquill School. These were manned by Citizens on Patrol Program personnel. Total vehicles speed checked was 1,041 with the average speed being 47.3 km/hour.

Pedestrian Safety

There are concrete sidewalks along the north side of Crescent Avenue West from Royal Road to 7th Street SW. The lake trail runs along the south side of Crescent Road West from Royal Road to Yellowquill School.

It is unclear what kind of pedestrian traffic volumes are involved crossing Crescent Road and where and when crossing is occurring. This information would be required prior to making any decision on installing stop signs or pedestrian cross walks.

Collisions

As far as collision statistics are concerned, there does not appear to be a pattern of motor vehicle collisions occurring along any section of Crescent Road that single out this road as requiring additional traffic control measures.

Volume of Traffic

A need for additional traffic control measures could be based on the volume of traffic merging at some intersections or the volume of traffic flowing through some intersections. In addition, if the volume of traffic merging at intersections is significant, there could be a requirement for stop signs. If the sheer volume of traffic is too much for the roadway to effectively handle the present volume of vehicular and pedestrian traffic there may be a requirement to look at some other traffic control measures. Further quantitative/qualitative examination of the above noted points (and of their possible impact) is required prior to any traffic control measures being implemented.

The provision of multi-direction stop signs is normally warranted where the volume of traffic is approximately equal in all directions. If stop signs are placed where this is not the case, the results observed are usually that there is an increase in the number of collisions and traffic delays. The foregoing is a well-accepted standard with all transportation agencies, including the Transportation Association of Canada.

If some of the intersections along Crescent Road west of Royal Road have traffic merging that is relatively equal in volume, stop signs may be warranted. Based on available information, this is not currently the case.

283/02

Moved by: Councillor Tenzen

Seconded by: Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT traffic flow counts be taken along Crescent Road West.

Carried.

Councillor Porter requested that the traffic counts be taken within the next two weeks.

Teen Warehouse Final
 Report – For Information
 Only

Council reviewed the Teen Warehouse Final Report. Councillor Allen commended the Community Services Department Staff for their work on the warehouse.

NEW BUSINESS:

Additional 2002 Taxes
 Added
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The assessors have provided another list of additions and deletions to the assessment roll. The list was late due to a backlog of activities at the Assessment Branch. These items are included in the 2003 Preliminary Roll. In order for the timelines for appeal, approval is required as soon as possible.

The additional tax revenue budgeted for 2002 was \$85,000. The September report totaled \$38,250 in added taxes. This report makes up \$28,416, including a legislated business fee adjustment for Shaw Cable of \$1,440. The total for the 2002 actual added tax revenue amounts to \$66,666.

It was anticipated that upgrades to the Westco Storage in 2001 would generate a significant amount in added taxes but the information required by the Assessment Branch has not yet been received.

Increase in assessments are as summarized:

	Class	Assessed Value	Portioned Value
2001	60T	54,800	35,620
2002	80T	771,200	347,060
	30G	9,400	2,440
	60T	390,100	253,590
Total		1,225,500	638,710
Taxes Added	\$28,416		

284/02

Moved by: Councillor Quinn

Seconded by: Councillor Hamilton

RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Section 326 of The Municipal Act, the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie authorize the 2002 reported additions to the assessment rolls and realty taxes.
 Carried.

Deferred Business:

Landfill Operation
 Kelly

285/02

Moved by: Councillor Quinn

Seconded by: Councillor Tenzen

RESOLVED THAT the matter tabled by Resolution 273/02 at the September 23rd Council meeting be taken from the table.
 Carried.

286/02

Moved by: Councillor Quinn

Seconded by: Councillor Tenzen

RESOLVED That Council authorize the implementation of solid waste tipping fees at the PR 227 landfill for all individuals, organizations, and companies hauling solid waste which originates from within the City and from other jurisdictions, with the exception of the RM of Portage la Prairie in accordance with the agreement between the City and RM; and

That the Mayor and Chairperson of the Transportation Committee be appointed as the City representatives on the Waste Disposal Site Management Committee.
 Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

287/02

Moved by: Councillor Allen

Seconded by: Councillor Porter

RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourns at 6:30 p.m.
Carried.

Mayor

Manager of Administration