

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers on Monday, April 28th, 2003 at 6:04 p.m.

- PRESENT:** Councillors Keryluk, Robinson, Quinn, Brennan and Wagner with Mayor Ian MacKenzie in the Chair.
- ABSENT:** None
- MINUTES OF MEETING:** 100/03 Moved by: Councillor Wagner
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn
RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on April 14, 2003 at City Hall in Portage la Prairie be approved as circulated.
Carried.
- HEARINGS:** Tax Levy By-Law Hearing – no one appeared.
- DELEGATIONS:** Mayor MacKenzie presented ex-Councillor Brian Tenszen with a framed collage of Portage La Prairie pictures.
- CORRESPONDENCE:** The correspondence for this period was reviewed.
- COMMITTEES:**
- Finance, Legislative & Property Committee:** Your Worship:
The Finance, Legislative & Property Committee respectfully submits the following reports:
- Unpaid Water & Sewer to Taxes for March, 2003 – By-Law 03-8177 – 2nd & 3rd Reading
- Nettie
- 101/03 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Robinson
RESOLVED THAT By-Law 03-8177 being a by-law to authorize unpaid water and sewer charges be added to taxes, be read a second time.
Carried.
- THAT By-Law No. 03-8177 be read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed.
Carried.
- In Favor: Mayor MacKenzie, Councillors Quinn, Robinson, Brennan, Wagner and Keryluk.
- Tax Levy By-Law – For Information Only
- On February 24, 2003 City Council adopted the 2003 budget for the City of Portage La Prairie. Assessment information from the Province was received and the local school division has provided their requisition for the year. The 10-year capital plan is being finalized and the Education Support Levy from the Province is yet to be received.
- However, a public hearing is required before the Tax Levy By-Law is passed. This hearing is planned for April 28, 2003, the same date the by-law receives 1st reading. The Tax Levy Speech will be delivered at that time.
- The Tax Levy By-Law sets out the 2003 mill rates and Financial Plan and 10-year Capital Plan.
- Monthly Activity Reports
- Council reviewed the monthly activity reports for March, 2003.
- City Planning & Economic Development Committee** Your worship:
The City Planning & Economic Development Committee respectfully submits the following reports:

Tourism Awareness Week –
For Information Only

Council reviewed the Tourism Awareness Week report. Councillor Brennan reminded Council that Tourism Awareness Week was from May 5-9, 2003.

Monthly Activity Reports –
For Information Only

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports for March, 2003.

Public Safety Committee

Your worship:
The Public Safety Committee respectfully submits the following reports:

Provision of Constable Status

It is deemed advisable by the Courts that persons charged with By-Law enforcement responsibility be delegated Constable status for the purpose of issuing Provincial Common Offence Notices for By-law violations.

Dennis 102/03

Moved by: Councillor Wagner
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn
RESOLVED THAT Fire Chief Dennis Nodrick, Deputy Fire Chief Philip Carpenter, and Animal Control Officers Wendell Hawker and Brian Ogilvie be appointed as Constables for the City of Portage la Prairie for the purpose of issuing Common Offence Notices for violations against City by-laws.
Carried.

Monthly Activity Reports –
For Information Only

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports for February and March, 2003.

Waterworks Committee

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

Monthly Activity Reports –
For Information Only

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports for March, 2003.

Transportation Committee

Your worship:
The Transportation Committee respectfully submits the following reports:

Monthly Activity Report – For
Information Only

Council reviewed the monthly activity report for March, 2003.

Councillor Keryluk noted the Portage and District Hospital Foundation fund raising BBQ will be held May 30, 2003 from 11:00a.m. to 1:30p.m.

**Community Services
Committee**

Your worship:
The Community Services Committee respectfully submits the following reports.

Portage Dog Show Camping
Request

The Portage Kennel Club Annual Championship Dog Show traditionally takes place on the Canada Day weekend in the City of Portage la Prairie. This year the show has been moved to the following weekend as Canada Day falls on a Tuesday. The show attracts hundreds of competitors and spectators from across Manitoba and neighboring provinces. The snow fencing provided has been used to prevent dogs from trespassing onto nearby residential properties and has been the responsibility of the Portage Kennel Club to set up and take down.

Council has previously permitted camping in the West parking lot of the Portage Centennial Arena for this Dog Show and for the Shrine Circus.

Dean 103/03

Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie permit the Portage Kennel Club to camp on the West parking lot of the Portage Centennial Arena for their Annual Championship Dog Show July 4, 5 and 6, 2003;
AND FURTHER THAT the Portage Kennel Club be responsible for the installation, rental and return of all required snow fencing and further that the West parking area be cleaned and restored to its prior condition at the full cost of the Portage Kennel Club to the sole satisfaction of the City.
Carried.

Monthly Activity Reports –
For Information Only

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports for March, 2003.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

2003 Tax Levy By-Law
Speech – By-Law 03-8187 –
1st Reading

Councillor Quinn presented the 2003 Tax Levy By-Law Speech.

Nettie

104/03

Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

THAT the General and Utility Operating and Capital budgets for 2003 be amended to the amounts as listed in the attached Financial Plan, and THAT By-Law No. 03-8187, being as by-law of the City of Portage la Prairie to authorize the levying and raising of property taxes for school and municipal purposes for the year ended December 31, 2003 be given first reading.
Carried.

Request for Extension for
Variation – Mellco
Developments Ltd. – Prout
Drive

The applicant has requested an extension to their original variation order, which was passed by Resolution No. 152/02 on May 27th, 2002, for an additional 12 months.

The Planning Act, Section 53(13) states: “A Variation order made under subsection (8) shall expire and cease to have any effect if it is not acted upon within 12 months from the date it was made, unless it is renewed before the expiry date at the discretion of council for an additional period not exceeding 12 months.”

To date two building permits have been taken out of the remaining 6 lots to be developed.

As per the original variation order on this matter, there are no concerns with the application for an extension to the original variation order and as such, would recommend approval.

Dean

105/03

Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner

THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the request to extend the variation order # CP – 11/02, Res. No. 152/02 to April 28th, 2004 at the properties on Prout Drive which are legally described as Lots 1 to 3, Block 6, and Lots 1 to 10, Block 4, Plan 35629, Parish of Portage La Prairie.
Carried.

Tender Award – For the
Replacement of Air Handling
Unit – Herman Prior Center

The City of Portage la Prairie owns the existing Heritage Square facility that houses both the Herman Prior Seniors Center and the City Library.

Last year it was determined by Centra Gas after an inspection, that the air handling system in the Herman Prior portion of the facility was beyond repair and had to be replaced before the fall of 2003.

After being notified of this, the City engaged an engineering company to inspect the existing unit to confirm the problems that had been identified by Centra Gas and to develop tender specifications for the replacement of the existing unit.

The Tender for Replacement of the Herman Prior Air Handling Unit was advertised for the second in the Daily Graphic on Friday, November 29th, 2002, with a closing date of December 13th, 2002 with four tenders were received by the time of the Tender closing.

Then initial tender prices came in considerably over budget and it was determined that no tender would be awarded on that basis.

The results of the four tenders that were received were:

