

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers on Monday, February 24, 2003 at 6:12 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

Councillors Keryluk, Tenszen, Robinson, Quinn, Brennan and Wagner with Mayor Ian MacKenzie in the Chair.

**ABSENT:**

None

**MINUTES OF MEETING:**

42/03 Moved by: Councillor Keryluk  
Seconded by: Councillor Tenszen  
RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on February 10, 2003 at City Hall in Portage la Prairie be approved as circulated.  
Carried.

**DELEGATIONS:**

None

**HEARINGS:**

None

**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:

By-Law 03-8175 – Unpaid Water & Sewer to Taxes for January, 2003 – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading  
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This is part of the normal monthly procedure to allow unpaid water and sewer accounts to be added to property taxes.

43/03 Moved by: Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by: Councillor Robinson  
RESOLVED THAT By-Law 03-8175 being a by-law to authorize unpaid water and sewer charges be added to taxes be read a second time.  
Carried.

THAT By-Law 03-8175 be now read a third time, finally passed, signed, and sealed.  
Carried.

In Favor: Councillors Quinn, Robinson, Keryluk, Tenszen, Brennan, Wagner and Mayor MacKenzie.

Organizational and Procedure By-Law No. 03-8181 – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

Section 148(1) and Section 149(1) provide that a Council must review the organizational by-law and the procedure by-law, respectively, at least once during its term of office. The City of Portage la Prairie combined these by-laws into one, and it must be reviewed by this Council some time between now and 2006.

By-Law 03-8181 was given 1<sup>st</sup> Reading on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2003 and is now ready for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.

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44/03 Moved by: Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by: Councillor Robinson  
RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 03-8181 being the Organization and Procedure By-Law for the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie, be now read a second time.  
Carried.

THAT By-Law No. 03-8181 be now read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed.  
Carried.

In Favor: Councillors, Quinn, Robinson, Keryluk, Tenszen, Brennan,

Wagner and Mayor MacKenzie.

Monthly Activity Reports – For  
Information Only

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports for January, 2003.

Current Projects List – For  
Information Only

Council reviewed the Current Projects List In Camera.

Herman Prior Senior Citizens  
Center

Council reviewed this report In Camera.

**City Planning & Economic  
Development Committee**

Your worship:  
The City Planning & Economic Development Committee respectfully  
submits the following reports:

Manitoba Hydro Power Smart  
Island of Lights Presented by  
A Channel Final Report – For  
Information Only

Council reviewed and accepted the Final Report of Manitoba Hydro  
Power Smart Island of Lights presented by A Channel.

Women's Jail – For  
Information Only

Councillor Wagner advised that the first meeting of the Steering  
Committee will take place on February 19, 2003 at City Hall.

Monthly Activity Report – For  
Information Only

Council reviewed the monthly activity report for January, 2003.

**Public Safety Committee**

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

Monthly Activity Report – For  
Information Only

Council reviewed the Monthly Activity Report for January, 2003.

**Waterworks Committee**

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

Monthly Activity Report – For  
Information Only

Council reviewed the Monthly Activity Report for January, 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 January, 2003.

**Community Services  
Committee**

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

Signing of Manitoba Society of  
Seniors 2004 Agreement

The Portage Host Committee was successful in securing the Manitoba  
Society of Seniors 55 Plus Games to be held in June, 2004 in the City of  
Portage la Prairie. During the three-day period, over 1,600 visitors are  
expected to enter our community. The potential economic impact of  
these visitors is estimated at many thousands of dollars as they stay in  
hotels and campsites, visit local shops and restaurants and other  
attractions during their stay. The games have never been to Portage La  
Prairie in its 19-year history.

Mr. Charlie Clifford and Mr. Lynn Switzer requested of Council on  
November 26, 2001, their support in principle and consideration for a  
future financial donation of up to \$10,000 towards the games in the 2004  
fiscal year, which would consist of a combination of a cash contribution  
and the use of City facilities such as the Portage Centennial Arena, the  
Republic of Manitobah Park, Crescent Lake, and access to Splash  
Island. In the budget proposed by the Portage Host Committee, a total of

\$40,000 is anticipated to be generated through sponsorship and cash donations.

Mr. Switzer has requested that the City sign the Manitoba Society of Seniors Agreement. This standard contract has been used in previous games and is the agreement between the Manitoba Society of Seniors, Inc., the Portage Host Committee and the City of Portage la Prairie.

A copy of the proposed 2004 Portage La Prairie games budget projects a net income of \$5,325. The Portage Host Committee does not anticipate a financial loss, nor do they feel there is an inability to raise the necessary \$40,000 in sponsorship and an additional \$30,500 in sales. The Agreement does state, however, that should there be any deficit incurred over the three days of the games, that it is the responsibility of the Portage Host Committee. However, the previous six games have proven that the games are profitable. The success of the games are also dependent on effective committee financial management, which the Portage Host Committee has secured.

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45/03 Moved by: Councillor Tenszen  
Seconded by: Councillor Brennan

RESOLVED THAT the Council or the City of Portage la Prairie authorize the Mayor and Manager of Administration to sign the Manitoba Society of Seniors 55 Plus Games Agreement.

Carried.

Young Parents' Resource  
Centre Request for Public  
Swim Passes

The Young Parents' Resource Centre (YPRC) is a non-profit charitable organization assisting residents of Portage la Prairie since 1996. They are primarily funded by Health Canada through the Community Action Program for Children. The goal of YPRC is to improve the health and well-being of children and their families through the provision of individual support and counseling, parenting education, personal development, and the provision of recreational programming.

The YPRC also coordinates a Drop-In that provides young parents and children a venue to connect with peers, access to recreational and educational activities that they may otherwise not experience. The YPRC is requesting either two group swim times or complimentary admissions to a regular public swim times at Splash Island during the summer of 2003. A copy of their letter is attached.

The City has in the past provided support to those agencies who have demonstrated need for recreation services. The swimming sessions of the Drop-In have been identified as an important, healthy activity for the children involved. Participants of the program have expressed their appreciation for the recreational swimming opportunity at Southport. The YPRC further suggests that the participants may not have otherwise participated due to financial limitations.

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46/03 Moved by: Councillor Tenszen  
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie grant a maximum of 24 adult admissions and 30 child admissions to the Young Parents' Resource Centre for use during a public swim at Splash Island during the summer of 2003.

Carried.

Winterfest 2003 Final Report –  
For Information Only

Council reviewed the Winterfest Final Report.

Monthly Activity Report – For  
Information Only

Council reviewed the Monthly Activity Report for January, 2003.

Aquatic Program Supervisor

Council reviewed this report In Camera.

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47/03 Moved by: Councillor Tenszen  
Seconded by: Councillor Brennan

RESOLVED THAT Council approve the resolution as it appears in the report dated February 10, 2003.  
Carried.

**DEFERRED BUSINESS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Former Lions Pool Property  
Rezoning – By-Law 02-8159 –  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

The applicant, The City of Portage la Prairie, has applied to amend the City of Portage la Prairie Zoning By-Law No. 7680, to rezone the property known as 50 Queen Avenue (former Lion's Pool property) from P – Parks, Recreation and Open Space district to R1-60 – Single Family Dwelling district in order to allow the City of Portage la Prairie to develop this now vacant land for sale as residential lots.

The application has been circulated to the various City Departments and the Province with no concerns being expressed.

The application has also been advertised in the Daily Graphic for two consecutive weeks. As well, public notices have been sent to all owners of property within a 300 foot radius of the proposed development as per Schedule 45(2), (3), and (4) of the Planning Act.

First Reading of this By-Law was given on Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2002 to commence the process as defined in the Planning Act in considering this application. By-Law No. 02-8159 was given 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading on September 9, 2002, at which time an objection was received.

The Municipal Board Hearing on this matter was held on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003. A letter was received from the Municipal Board on February 19, 2003, ordering that the City of Portage la Prairie By-Law No. 02-8159 BE CONFIRMED. The Municipal Board is of the view that the proposed amendment to the Zoning By-Law is not contrary to the Development Plan and more specifically that the proposed use is not incompatible with any other uses in the area.

Based on this, Council may provide this bylaw third and final reading.

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48/03 Moved by: Councillor Brennan  
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the application to rezone the land property know as 50 Queen Avenue and legally described as: At Portage La Prairie and being Lot 1, Block 15, SS Plan 21428 PLTO in RL 64 to 68 Parish of Portage La Prairie from P – Parks, Recreation and Open Space district to R1-60 – Single Family Dwelling district in order to allow the City of Portage la Prairie to develop this now vacant land for sale as residential lots.

THAT By-Law No. 02-8159 be read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed.

Carried.

In Favor: Councillors Brennan, Keryluk, Quinn, Robinson, Tenszen, and Mayor MacKenzie.

Opposed: Councillor Wagner

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Portage & District Arts  
Council Request – Loan  
Security

PDAC was formed in 1976 and has evolved into an organization that continues to expand its vision as the focal point for a variety of local artists and groups for residents of the City and rural municipality.

In 2002, PDAC decided to relocate their entire operation into the William Glesby Centre so that there would be a common facility that would house both the performing and visual arts. In order to accommodate the move, considerable renovations to that portion of the Glesby Centre that PDAC was to utilize were required. In late September of 2002, PDAC moved into their renovated space.

Due to circumstances, as determined by PDAC, to be beyond the control of the Board of Directors, a funding shortfall has arisen and as a result, PDAC has had to obtain a loan for \$80,000 in order to meet their financial obligations associated with the building renovations.

PDAC approached the City in December of 2002 to request Council consideration to secure the total operating loan on their behalf since the organization has no assets that would meet the requirements of the lending institution they are dealing with.

A question has come up regarding the proposed Portage and District Arts Council loan guarantee.

The clause restricting municipalities from providing loan guarantees was deleted when the Municipal Act was revised in 1996. The Municipal Act provides that a municipality can borrow money, with authorization of the Municipal Board and can loan money as long as the total amount loaned doesn't exceed 30% of current year tax revenue and the municipality stays within its debt limits.

The Provincial Inter-governmental Affairs Department has indicated that their position is that municipalities cannot provide loan guarantees, even though the Municipal Act does not specifically prohibit this.

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49/03 Moved by: Councillor Tenszen  
Seconded by: Councillor Brennan

RESOLVED THAT the City of Portage la Prairie loan the \$80,000 to PDAC out of General or Recreation Reserve, (2003 - \$73,000 in Recreation Reserve with \$50,000 of this intended for Crescent Lake walkway) with repayment terms similar to those of the bank (over 3 years at rates similar to the bank or whatever terms Council may determine).

Carried.

2003 Budget

Councillor Dave Quinn presented the 2003 Budget Speech

The Tax Levy By-Law, which sets out the mil rates reflecting the 2003 budget, will be ready in April for approval. A public hearing will be scheduled for the first reading of the by-law

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50/03 Moved by: Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

RESOLVED THAT the 2003 Interim Operating and Capital Budgets adopted on December 9, 2002 be amended to reflect the attached revised Budget.

Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

51/03 Moved by: Councillor Kerylyk  
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.  
Carried.

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Mayor

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Manager of Administration

