

Minutes of a Meeting of Council held at City Hall in the City of Portage la Prairie on Monday, February 9, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

- PRESENT:** Mayor MacKenzie, Councillors Brennan, Keryluk, Quinn, Porter, and Wagner
- ABSENT:** Councillor Perry Robinson
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** 27/04 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Brennan
RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held at City Hall on Monday, January 26, 2004, be approved as circulated.
Carried.
- HEARINGS:** None
- DELEGATIONS:** None
- CORRESPONDENCE** The correspondence for this period was reviewed.
- COMMITTEES:**
- Finance, Legislative & Property Committee:** The Finance, Legislative and Property Committee respectfully submits the following report:
- By-Law 04-8211 – 1st Reading This is part of the normal monthly procedure to allow unpaid water and sewer accounts to be added to property taxes.
- 28/04 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Porter
RESOLVED THAT By-Law 04-8211 being a by-law to authorize unpaid water and sewer charges be added to taxes, be now introduced and read a first time.
Carried.
- City Planning & Economic Development Committee** The City Planning & Economic Development Committee respectfully submits the following report:
- By-Law 04-8218 – 2nd & 3rd Reading – Street Naming, Former Lions Pool Property On December 8, 2003 Council passed By-Law 03-8206 naming the cul-de-sac created in the development of the former Lions Pool property. The by-law was then forwarded to the Land Titles Office to register the name. Land Titles rejected the by-law on the grounds that it did not identify any affected Plan nor target any Certificate of Title.
- By-Law 04-8218 includes the information requested by Land Titles and repeals By-Law 03-8206.
- 29/04 Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner
RESOLVED THAT By-Law 04-8218 being a by-law of the City of Portage la Prairie to name Lions Memorial Place, be now read a second time.
Carried.
- THAT By-Law 04-8218 be now read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed.
Carried.
In Favour: Mayor MacKenzie, Councillors Brennan, Keryluk, Quinn, Porter and Wagner.

Manitoba Power Smart
Island of Lights – For
Information Only

The Manitoba Hydro Power Smart Island of Lights Presented by A Channel Final Report was presented to Council. Councillor Brennan provided highlights on the success of the 2003-2004 season.

Winter Lights
Competition – For
Information Only

Councillor Brennan advised that he, Mayor MacKenzie, Councillor Wagner and Councillor Quinn would be attending the Winter Lights Competition Awards on February 14, 2004 in Winnipeg.

**Public Safety
Committee**

The Public Safety Committee respectfully submits the following report:

The Public Safety Committee has nothing to report.

**Waterworks
Committee**

The Waterworks Committee respectfully submits the following report:

Councillor Keryluk advised that he had attended the MWWA Conference in Winnipeg and would be bringing a report to Council.

**Transportation
Committee**

The Transportation Committee respectfully submits the following report:

Grant-In-Aid Request

The proposed 2004 Grant-In-Aid submission to Manitoba Department of Highways and Transportation will include the following projects and estimated costs:

1. Dust Control on Gravel Roads (Total length = 1.91 km)	\$5,730	\$2,865	\$2,865
2. Sixth Avenue – 3 rd St. NE to Rail Spur Milling and Overlay	\$97,200	\$48,600	\$48,600
3. Scott Avenue – Cedar Bay to Willow Bay Reconstruction	\$62,200	\$31,100	\$31,100
4. Lorne Avenue – Tupper St. to Royal Rd. Milling and Overlay	\$14,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
5. Cambridge Street Paving (100 m from River Road)	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$15,000

The total 2004 Grant-In-Aid submission is \$209,130. The 2004 budget includes the City's share of the projects listed above in the amount of \$104,565.

30/04 Moved by: Councillor Keryluk
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie submit a Grant-In-Aid request for a total of \$104,565 in the following priority:

1. Dust control on gravel roads (\$2,865)
2. Sixth Avenue – 3rd Street NE to Rail Spur, Milling and Overlay (\$48,600)
3. Scott Avenue – Cedar Bay to Willow Bay, Reconstruction (\$31,100)
4. Lorne Avenue – Tupper Street to Royal Road, Milling and Overlay (\$7,000)
5. Cambridge Street Paving – River Road to 100 m east (\$15,000)

Carried.

**Community Services
Committee**

The Community Services Committee respectfully submits the following report:

Appointment of the
Weed Inspector

It is a requirement of the Noxious Weeds Act that every municipality annually appoint a Weed Inspector and notifies the Department of Agriculture of the appointment. This appointee carries out the provisions

of the Noxious Weeds Act. Dave Green has been the City's appointee for a number of years.

31/04 Moved by: Councillor Porter
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT in accordance with Section 11 of the Noxious Weeds Act, Council of the City of Portage la Prairie appoint Dave Green as the City's Noxious Weed Inspector;

AND FURTHER THAT this appointment be conveyed to the Director of Soils and Crops Branch of the Department of Agriculture.
Carried.

Winterfest – February 7,
2004 – For Information
Only

Councillor Brennan updated Council on the activities for the 2004 Winterfest Celebration that took place on February 7, 2004 at Island Park.

**DEFERRED
BUSINESS:**

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sale of Land to Mr.
David Miller

The City of Portage la Prairie offered for sale via a realtor, three residential lots located at 12th Street SW.

Those properties have been listed for approximately 4.5 months and we have now received an offer for Council's consideration.

Mr. Miller has offered to purchase all three lots for \$40,000 plus GST so that he may construct homes for sale.

While this is below what the listed price of the lots were (\$20,000/lot) the benefit to the City of this offer on this particular site is that all three lots are being purchased at once, as opposed to one at a time, with homes to be constructed within one year on two of the lots and within two years on the last lot.

Mr. Miller has signed the required development agreement.

32/04 Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie authorize the sale of the property legally described as: Lots 1,2 and 3, Plan 41016, RL 59 to Mr. David Miller for the total price of \$40,000 plus GST and further that the purchaser be responsible for their associated costs relating to the sale and transfer of this property.
Carried

La Salle Redboine
Conservation District
Proposal for Garrioch
Creek

Mr. Dave Huck, Manager of the La Salle Redboine Conservation District has approached the City asking permission to use the City owned land along Garrioch Creek to create a rehabilitation/education project with Crescentview Elementary School on Garrioch Creek.

For the past few years, under the direct supervision of Crescentview school teacher Trevor Shackleton, grades 7 through 9 Science students have been making several environmental observations and researching the ecosystems of Crescent Lake and Garrioch Creek. These observations have included water quality testing, animal habitat assessments and wetland fluctuations. Students have also conducted stream reach cleanups and take great pride in one of their neighborhood's rare natural spaces. Their pride is in large part due to their understanding of the importance of health in this area.

In an effort to protect our natural resources and foster conservation education the LSRBCD would like to partner with Trevor Shackleton and

Crescentview School in creating an interactive outdoor community classroom setting at Garrioch Creek.

The LSRBCD requires permission from the City of Portage la Prairie to carry out such a project on our property along Garrioch Creek, as part of it's funding application.

Administratively, we believe that this project will provide an excellent life experience for the participants and will benefit the general public.

This City has already benefited from the school groups cleaning up garbage and debris along the creek in previous years.

This project would fit in well with the City's walking path already in place along Garrioch Creek and possibly open up more future funding for expansion of the walkway system. However, the main purpose of Garrioch Creek is land drainage. This project cannot be permitted to override the main purpose of the Creek. The City may be required to implement drainage improvements in the area, and, as such, must retain full control over development along the creek. On occasion, the City will be required to excavate material from the creek and deposit along the creek bank, which may have a negative impact on this proposed project.

33/04 Moved by: Councillor Porter
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve, in principle, the LaSalle Redboine Conservation District's plan for the development of a creek rehabilitation and education project along Garrioch Creek with Crescentview Elementary School, subject to City approval of all plans prior to the installation of proposed structures and facilities.

Carried.

Handivan

Councillor Quinn expressed sincere appreciation for the \$30,000 donation to the Handivan Committee from Doris Michaluk in memory of Tom Fender.

OLD BUSINESS:

2004 Budget Speech

Councillor Quinn presented the 2004 Budget Speech. Councillor Wagner expressed concern about the way in which the 27th pay was budgeted for in 2004.

34/04 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Brennan

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie amend the 2004 Interim Operating and Capital Budgets adopted on December 8, 2003.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Mayor

Manager of Administration