

Minutes of a Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers of the City of Portage la Prairie on Monday, April 25, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor MacKenzie, Councillors Brennan, Keryluk, Porter, Robinson, Quinn and Wagner

**ABSENT:** None

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES** 96/05 Moved by: Councillor Wagner  
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn  
RESOLVED THAT the Council Minutes of the April 11, 2005 Council Meeting be approved as circulated.  
Carried.

**DELEGATIONS:** None

**HEARINGS:**

Variation – Mr. Shane Moffatt No one appeared in support or to object to the variation application of Mr. Shane Moffatt.

97/05 Moved by: Councillor Brennan  
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner  
RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for the variation request of Mr. Shane Moffatt now be closed.  
Carried.

The applicant, Shane Moffatt, is applying for a variation order to allow  
1) the west side yard to be reduced from the required 1.5m down to .3m  
2) the front yard to be reduced from the required 7.5m down to 6.77 m

This building is in an R1 – Single-family dwelling district.

The application has been circulated to the various City Departments with two concerns being expressed:

- 1) Side yard reduction could cause encroachment of eave
- 2) Reduced parking space in front yard

After a review of the property, it was noted that:

- 1) Eave overhang will either have to be reduced to .1m to allow for eaves trough or side yard reduced to only .6m.
- 2) Of the 11 residential lots, 3 have garages with front yards that vary from 4.11m to 6.71m.

Public notices have been sent to all property owners within a 100-meter radius.

98/05 Moved by: Councillor Brennan  
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner  
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the variation request of Shane Moffatt to vary  
1) the west side yard to be reduced from the required 1.5m down to .6m  
2) the front yard to be reduced from the required 7.5m down to 6.77 m at the property known as 201 Duke Avenue which is legally described as Lot 9, Block 4, Plan 1998, Parish of Portage la Prairie.  
Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE** The correspondence for this period was reviewed.

**COMMITTEES:**

**Finance, Legislative & Property Committee:** The Finance, Legislative and Property Committee respectfully submits the following report:

Unpaid Water, Sewer  
and Solid Waste to  
Taxes – By-Law 05-  
8257 – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

This is part of the normal monthly procedure to allow unpaid water, sewer  
and solid waste accounts to be added to taxes.

99/05 Moved by: Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

RESOLVED THAT By-Law 05-8257 being a by-law to authorize  
unpaid water, sewer and solid waste charges be added to taxes, be read a  
second time.  
Carried.

RESOLVED THAT By-Law 05-8257 be read a third time, finally  
passed, signed and sealed.

Carried.

In Favour: Councillors Brennan, Porter, Quinn, Robinson, Wagner,  
Keryluk and Mayor MacKenzie.

Monthly Activity  
Reports

Council Reviewed the monthly activity reports.

### **City Planning & Economic Development**

### **The City Planning and Economic Development Committee respectfully submits the following reports:**

2004 High School  
Graduating Survey – For  
Information Only

Council reviewed a report outlining the findings of the 2004 High School  
Graduating Class survey.

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Career  
Opportunity Expo – For  
Information Only

Council reviewed a report outlining the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Career Opportunity  
Expo.

Monthly Activity  
Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports for March 2005

### **Public Safety Committee**

### **The Public Safety Committee respectfully submits the following report.**

Pawnbrokers By-Law –  
By—Law 05-8268 – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
& 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

Councillor Wagner advised that second and third reading of By-Law 05-  
8268 would be deferred to the next Council meeting.

100/05 Moved by: Councillor Wagner  
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT second and third reading of the Pawnbroker By-Law  
05-8268 be deferred to the next regular meeting of Council.

Carried.

Monthly Activity  
Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

### **Waterworks Committee**

### **The Waterworks Committee respectfully submits the following reports:**

Inclusion of Simplot  
Biosolids in Tender

Simplot Canada Ltd. has requested that the City include the volume of  
sludge to be removed from their reactor at Poplar Bluff Industrial Park in  
our land application tender.

Simplot would be responsible for land procurement, advertising, soil  
testing, etc. as required by their environment licenses #2518R. The City

would assist with laboratory analysis for application rates on a cost recovery basis. Simplot would pay their share of the program based on the calculated dry tonnage removed from their system.

The City of Portage la Prairie could realize some benefit from volume pricing by including the Simplot sludge in our tender. Simplot has indicated that they have acquired land nearby; therefore the haul distance should not cause an increase in pricing.

101/05 Moved by: Councillor Robinson  
Seconded by: Councillor Keryluk

RESOLVED THAT Council authorize administration to enter into an agreement with Simplot Canada Limited to include residual solids from their wastewater pretreatment system in the City's Biosolids Land Application Contract, and conduct laboratory testing for the application program on a cost-recover basis.  
Carried.

Monthly Activity  
Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

**Transportation  
Committee**

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

Award of Tender –  
Granular Materials

This tender was advertised in the Daily Graphic and closed on March 29, 2005 with two companies submitting bids. The material and quantities asked for are used for maintaining our gravel roads, winter sand for slippery conditions, as well as pit run gravel and fill sand for necessary excavations.

The 2005 budget is \$89,400.00 including GST. This budget amount is made up of both municipal and utility accounts. The low bid is \$86,795.19 net of GST. This bid comes in approximately \$2,600 below budget.

102/05 Moved by: Councillor Keryluk  
Seconded by: Councillor Porter

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie award the tender for the Supply of Granular Materials, as specified in tender 05 OPS 007, to D. Humiski Trucking, for the tendered price of \$92,870.85.  
Carried.

Monthly Activity  
Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

**Community Services**

**Your Worship:  
The Community Services Committee respectfully submits the  
following reports:**

Sport & Recreation  
Expo

Councillor Porter commended the Economic and Community Development Department Staff for the excellent job they did in organizing the first ever Sport and Recreation Expo. Mayor MacKenzie also commented he has heard many positive comments about the event.

Progress for Portage  
Facility Rental Waiver  
Request

This year marks the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Progress for Portage Fastball Tournament. The organizers have also committed all potential profits towards continued facility upgrades at Republic Park. They are therefore requesting a full facility rental waiver.

Council has approved the facility rental waivers for this tournament in 2003 and 2004. The cost would have been \$1248.98 plus GST for the use of diamonds #1-8 and the new diamond #9 both days in 2004. A facility use

agreement has been signed and completed by the organizers.

103/05 Moved by: Councillor Porter  
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie authorize Administration to waive any facility rental fees that may be applicable to the Progress for Portage Fastball Committee fundraising fastball tournament on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005 and further, that Administration require the Committee to provide the City with a financial statement that outlines the net profits that are contributed towards the development of new ball diamonds for Republic Park.  
Carried.

Community Event  
Permit – Nasty Sports

The NASTY Sports and Entertainment group are currently scheduling preliminary tournaments for the North American Slo-pitch Team of the Year championships and would like to host a softball tournament at Republic Park. If selected, Portage la Prairie will be one of twelve preliminary tournaments. Each tournament will consist of 32 teams. Teams will be from across Canada and can include local teams. The preliminary tournaments will be used to introduce teams to the viewers of their reality television program that will commence at a later date. To be selected as a venue, Portage la Prairie, must be able to provide access to 6 baseball diamonds with the ability to host a beer gardens, concessions and allow a video crew on-site.

The Manitoba Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) requires authorization from the City of Portage la Prairie, as owners of the facility, before issuing a liquor permit to the organizers. As the request is for a beer garden which is open to participants and the general public, the MLCC requires that the City of Portage la Prairie approve a community event permit for the event.

In addition, NASTY Sports and Entertainment group will be required to secure liability insurance to host the beer gardens and will be required to submit a copy of such policy and their security plan at the time of signing the City's facility use agreement.

104/05 Moved by: Councillor Porter  
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the request from the NASTY Sports and Entertainment group to obtain a community event permit for their event to be held at the Republic Park July 9-10, 2005.  
Carried

Winterlights National  
Awards Program

From March 10-13, 2005, Councillor Wagner, and Economic and Community Development Staff, Sarah Tittmore and Tanya Angus, attended the Winterlights National Awards Program in Toronto Ontario. The program was focussed on three primary areas that included an awards program based on population categories, a tradeshow and a workshop that focussed on ways and means to use the winter season as an opportunity to increase tourism and community pride.

The results of the awards program were announced on March 13, 2005 with the City of Riviere-du-Loup, Quebec winning in our population category of 10,001 – 20,0000

Based on the evaluations of the two judges who visited Portage la Prairie last December, we believe that the City should play a stronger role in working with and enhancing cultural events, and encourage the commercial sector with more initiatives. Our overall evaluation for 2004 was 88%, which is the highest percentage we have had since our inception into the program, therefore we are very pleased with our evaluation. Lastly, it was recommended that Portage la Prairie compete in the Stars Category next year as we are previous winners.

- 105/05 Moved by: Councillor Porter  
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn
1. RESOLVED THAT the City review the possible categories prior to entering into the Competition, and in particular review the Stars Category.
  2. RESOLVED THAT the City of Portage la Prairie continues their participation in the National Winterlights Program.

Carried.

Monthly Activity  
Reports

Council approved the monthly activity reports.

**DEFERRED  
BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

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Mayor

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Manager of Administration