

Minutes of a Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie on Monday, February 28, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Brennan, Keryluk, Robinson, Quinn and Wagner

**ABSENT:** Mayor MacKenzie, Councillor Porter

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES** 47/05 Moved by: Councillor Wagner  
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn  
RESOLVED THAT the Council Minutes of the February 14, 2005 Council Meeting be approved as circulated.  
Carried.

**DELEGATIONS:** Mr Angus Moar – Go Hard or Go Home Hockey Camps

Mr. Moar made a presentation to Council regarding the Summer Ice Rental Fees, requesting a reduction in Summer Ice fees to be more in line with the fees charged to Minor Hockey for winter ice.

**HEARINGS:** 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:**

Unpaid Water & Sewer to Taxes – January – By-Law 05-8255 – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. This is part of the normal monthly procedure to allow unpaid water and sewer accounts to be added to property taxes.

48/05 Moved by: Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by: Councillor Robinson  
THAT By-Law 05-8255 being a by-law to authorize unpaid water and sewer accounts be added to taxes be read a second time.  
Carried.

THAT By-Law 05-8255 be read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed.  
Carried.

In Favour: Councillors Brennan, Quinn, Keryluk, Wagner, Robinson.

Unpaid Trailer License to Taxes – By-Law 05-8267 – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. The Fees & Charges Bylaw 00-8078 states: “ THAT any unpaid fees or charges owed to the City by any tax payer including any penalties related thereto as well as any fines imposed on the tax payer by the court for contravention of the City By-Laws may be added to the taxes of the said tax payer and may be collected or enforced in the same manner as a tax as defined by the Municipal Act, L.M. 1996 c.58.”

In order to collect unpaid trailer license fees, it is the City’s practice to semi-annually add sums of money owing to the City of Portage la Prairie for trailer license fees to the Collector’s Roll.

49/05 Moved by: Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by: Councillor Robinson  
RESOLVED That By-law No. 05-8267 being a by-law to authorize the unpaid 2004 trailer license fees as per schedule “A” be added to taxes, be read a second time.  
Carried.

RESOLVED THAT By-Law 05-8267 be read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed.

Carried.

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

Monthly Activity  
Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

Current Project Lists

Council reviewed the Current Project Lists.

**City Planning &  
Economic  
Development**

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

Monthly Activity  
Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

**Public Safety  
Committee**

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

Fire Prevention &  
Emergency Services By-  
Law 05-8266 – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Reading

The City of Portage la Prairie Fire By-Law 7424 was approved by Council in 1995 and is now being updated. The By-Law was given first reading on January 24, 2005.

50/05

Moved by: Councillor Wagner

Seconded by: Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT By-Law 05-8266 providing for fire fighting and fire prevention be now introduced and read a second time.

THAT By-Law 05-8266 be read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed.

Carried.

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

Monthly Activity  
Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

**Waterworks  
Committee**

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

Request for Funding –  
Manitoba Water  
Services Board

The City has recently received MWSB funding for WTP upgrading and expansion, a new pump station, upgrades to the McKay pump station, a new water feedermain, and several watermain renewals. With the WTP upgrading, a number of deficiencies related to the project were noted, and the City originally received approval from the MWSB to proceed with these items in 2004, however, the funding was later pulled by the MWSB. Funding might be available in 2005. The total estimated cost is \$300,000, however, this work could be done over two years.

The WPCF biosolids tank discharge pumps draw in air when the biosolids in the tanks is drawn down to a point about one meter depth. This causes the whole pipe system and pumps to shake violently. It is proposed to install variable frequency drive units on the pumps at an estimated cost of \$55,000.

51/05

Moved by: Councillor Robinson

Seconded by: Councillor Keryluk

RESOLVED That the City of Portage la Prairie apply to the Manitoba Water Services Board for funding in the amount of 50% of \$355,000 (\$177,500) for the upgrading of various processes and systems at the Water Treatment Plant and the biosolids pumping system at the Water Pollution Control Facility.

Carried.

Water & Sewer  
Agreement – 4309487  
Manitoba Ltd.

At the meeting of January 10, 2005, Council approved a fringe area water and sewer agreement with the R.M. of Portage la Prairie and 6171311 Canada Ltd., based on information provided by the Rural Municipality. However, when the agreement was sent to Land Titles to be registered, it was discovered that the company name and the legal description were incorrect.

The agreement has been rewritten to show the correct company name and legal description.

The R.M. has requested both water and sewer services for 4309457 Manitoba Ltd., to be effective January 1, 2005.

52/05

Moved by: Councillor Robinson  
Seconded by: Councillor Keryluk

RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Manager of Administration to sign the Fringe Area Water and Sewer Services Agreement with the R.M. of Portage la Prairie and 4309457 Manitoba Ltd.;

AND FURTHER THAT the agreement be registered by caveat against the land belonging to the customer;

AND FURTHER THAT resolution No. 12/05 be considered void.  
Carried.

WPCF 2004 Year End  
Report

Council reviewed the WPCF 2004 Year End Report.

WTP 2004 Year End  
Report

Council reviewed the WTP 2004 Year End Report.

Monthly Activity  
Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

**Transportation  
Committee**

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

Snow Clearing, Snow  
Removal & Sanding  
Quality Standard

The Snow Clearing, Snow Removal, and Sanding Quality Standard has been revised to reflect road closures and name changes to priority streets.

- 1) Westco Drive has been closed from Lincoln Avenue to McCain Avenue. This section of Westco is removed from the priority street list.
- 2) McCain Avenue from Westco Drive to Stephens Avenue (Northeast Industrial Park Road) has been added to the Priority list.
- 3) Street names on Island Park have been revised.

53/05

Moved by: Councillor Keryluk  
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT the amendment to the Snow Clearing, Snow Removal, and Sanding Quality Standard be approved (DOP-PW-7C) be approved.

Carried.

Solid Waste Annual  
Report 2004

Council reviewed the Solid Waste Annual Report 2004.

Monthly Activity  
Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

**Community Services**

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

Herman Prior Centre  
Heating System

The City received a letter from the Herman Prior Senior Services Center in which they have requested the City waive the 2005 furnace repayment charge of \$5,168.86, due to the fact that their natural gas bill for the period January 2004 to January 2005 was \$13,500 higher than the

previous year, following the installation of a new furnace.

The new furnace installed by Winnipeg Supply was put into operation in Oct. 2003 had shown a greatly increased Natural Gas consumption in the months following. To date the consensus is that the main reason for the high-energy bills is the fact that there is a great number more air changes per hour compared to the old system.

The engineering firm that wrote up the contract specifications allowed for the maximum occupancy capacity of the center when calculating the number of fresh air changes required in the building and sizing the heating system. Since the building is at full capacity a small percentage of the time, the heating system was working much harder than it had to based upon the low occupancy for the first winter of operation.

Although the fresh air intake louvers were set to ensure the recommended air exchanges at the extreme limits of occupancy for the building, this situation rarely occurs. The natural gas bill was, therefore, unreasonably high. This was beyond the control of the HP Senior Service Center, therefore, it may be seen as reasonable to pay for a portion of the extra heating costs incurred.

54/05 Moved by: Councillor Quinn

Seconded by: Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED That the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the Herman Prior Center's request to waive the furnace repayment fee for 2005, in the amount of \$5,168.86.  
Carried.

La Verendrye Parent  
Advisory Council –  
Request for Outdoor  
Rink Grant

The City of Portage la Prairie's Outdoor Rink Grant Policy has been in effect since 1998. The purpose of the policy is to provide a maximum grant of \$500 to assist neighbourhoods create and maintain an outdoor skating rink for community use.

55/05 Moved by: Councillor Quinn

Seconded by: Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED That Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the request for grant funding in the amount of up to \$500.00 to the La Verendrye School Parent Advisory Council as per policy #ECD-CD-AB Outdoor Rink Grant Policy.  
Carried.

Sports & Recreation  
Expo – April 23, 2005 –  
For Information Only

The City of Portage la Prairie is pleased to host the 1<sup>st</sup> Sport and Recreation Expo to be held April 23 at the Canad Inns-Portage la Prairie.

The purpose of this new event is to increase the awareness throughout the community about the sport and recreation opportunities that are available in Portage la Prairie, and to provide an educational opportunity for our local sport & recreation leaders and volunteers. The Department of Economic and Community Development will use the information gathered in the recent Recreation Inventory, to offer this event Free to the community.

While Portage la Prairie's volunteers, coaches and leaders normally have to leave our community in order to become certified in specific areas of expertise, including the mandatory Provincial coaching courses, this event will provide local training to fulfil our local needs.

Monthly Activity  
Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

**DEFERRED  
BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Arena Ice Fees

Council discussed the request made by Angus Moar for a reduced summer ice rate for the Go Hard or Go Home Hockey Camps.

56/05

Moved by: Councillor Quinn

Seconded by: Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED THAT the 2005 Fees & Charges By-Law be amended to provide for winter ice rental rates to be effective August 15, 2005.  
Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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Mayor

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Manager of Administration