

Minutes of a Meeting of Council held at City Hall in the City of Portage la Prairie on Monday, January 24, 2005 at 6:04 p.m..

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

ABSENT: Councillor Quinn

ADOPTION OF MINUTES 15/05 Moved by: Councillor Wagner
Seconded by: Councillor Brennan
RESOLVED THAT the Council Minutes of the January 10th, 2005 Council Meeting be approved as circulated.
Carried.

DELEGATIONS: None

HEARINGS:

Request for Variation –
Portage Aboriginal
Headstart Public Hearing
Lianna Wanbdiska appeared before Council to support her organization's request to reduce the required number of parking stalls.

16/05 Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner
RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for the variation request of Portage Aboriginal Headstart Inc. now be closed.
Carried.

The applicant, Portage Aboriginal Headstart Inc., are applying for a variation order to vary the required parking stalls of 6 to be reduced to 4.

This building is in a C2 – Central Commercial district.

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

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

17/05 Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the variation request of Portage Aboriginal Headstart Inc. to reduce the required number of parking stalls from 6 to 4 at the property known as 1500 Saskatchewan Ave. W. which is legally described as Lot 275, Plan 15, Parish of Portage la Prairie
Carried.

Development Plan
Amendment – Rule
Homes Ltd. – By-Law
04-8246 Public Hearing
Charly Rule spoke to Council in support of his request to amend the Development Plan.

Comments from various government agencies were read into record, including an objection from CNR.

18/05 Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner
RESOLVED That the Public Hearing for the Development Plan Amendment for Rule Homes Ltd. now be closed.
Carried.

Charly Rule of Rule Homes Ltd. has applied to amend the City of Portage la Prairie Development Plan to redesignate lots as shown on the By-Law.

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

The Planning District also has concerns over the Development Plan and Zoning of an 'R' – Residential District in a 'C' – Commercial District. The current Development Plan in section 7.0 Commercial Development points 7.1 to 7.7 provides no indication of residential in a commercial district.

The application has also been advertised in the Daily Graphic for two consecutive weeks as well as public notices have been sent to all owners of property within a 100 meter radius of the proposed development as per Section 28 (2) of the Planning Act.

19/05 Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie give by-law 04-8246 second reading and forward to the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Trade for approval.
Defeated.

Rezoning Application –
Rule Homes Ltd. – By-
Law 04-8247

Public Hearing

This request was not proceeded with as a result of the application for Development Amendment being defeated.

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 – December –
By-Law 05-8253 – 1st
Reading

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

20/05 Moved by: Councillor Robinson
Seconded by: Councillor Brennan
RESOLVED THAT By-Law 05-8253 being a by-law to authorize unpaid water and sewer charges be added to taxes be read a first time.
Carried.

Monthly Activity
Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

Phased-In Property Tax
Increase for
Renovations

Councillor Wagner shared a newspaper article from the Winnipeg Free Press that suggested in Winnipeg, homes under \$175,000 that are more than 25 years old have property taxes phased in over five years for renovations. Administration was instructed to investigate this matter.

City Planning & Economic Development

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

Skills Link Program –
Final Report

Council reviewed the final report on the Skills Link Program.

The report indicated the opportunity and assistance of programs such as the Skills Link Program will continue to help youth in our community as the partnership between the City of Portage la Prairie and Human Resources Skills Development Canada continues with great success.

The City of Portage la Prairie has secured funding to continue into Year 2 of the Skills Link Program. The Skills Link Program will continue to be a partnership between the City of Portage la Prairie and Human Resources and Skills Development Canada.

21/05 Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED That the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie continue with their participation with Human Resources and Skills Development Canada in the Skills Link Program until December 16, 2005.
Carried.

Winterlights Celebration
Award Ceremony

The City of Portage la Prairie has entered into the 4th annual Winterlights Celebration from Communities in Bloom. The City of Portage la Prairie won this prestigious award in 2001 & again in 2003, and is entered into the 5,000-20,000 population category for 2004. The purpose of this event is to bring together all communities participating in the Winterlights Celebration in order to give out the awards for the 2004 Winterlights Celebration participants. It also provides an excellent opportunity for national promotion & visibility of each community, provides information on generating civic pride and winter lighting, while also focusing on the business prospects generated by enhancing the tourism potential of communities across Canada.

The estimated cost to attend this event is \$1020 per person. It was suggested that Councillor Wagner represent Council at this symposium.

22/05 Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED That Council of the City of Portage la Prairie authorize the Mayor, at least one Councillor and two staff members to represent the community of Portage la Prairie at the Winterlights Celebration National Awards and Symposium in Toronto, Ontario scheduled for March 11 & 12, 2005.
Carried.

Encroachment
Agreement – 202-5th
Avenue NW

The single story building located at 202 – 5th Avenue N.W. and owned by John Alvin McDonald, encroaches slightly onto 2nd Street N.W. and onto 5th Avenue. Mr. McDonald is in the process of selling the property and requires an encroachment agreement from the City to complete the transaction.

The east wall, including the eave, encroaches 1.6 feet onto 2nd Street N.W., and the south wall and step encroach onto 5th Avenue N.W. by 0.5 feet and 3.05 feet respectively.

The request has been circulated to City Departments with no concerns being expressed.

23/05 Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED THAT Council of the City of Portage la Prairie enter into an agreement with John Alvin McDonald to allow the building located at 202 – 5th Avenue N.W. and legally described as the easterly 40 feet perpendicular of Lots 814 and 815, Plan 66, PLTO in River Lot 64, Parish of Portage la Prairie, to encroach 1.6 feet onto 2nd Street N.W. and 3.05 feet onto 5th Avenue N.W. respectively.
Carried.

Monthly Activity
Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

**Public Safety
Committee**

Peacetime Emergency
Mutual Aid – MOU

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

The Town of Carman and the RM of Dufferin have requested the City of Portage la Prairie enter into a Peacetime Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement. These agreements support each other when affected or threatened by peacetime emergencies and provide assistance when required.

It is also proposed that any cost incurred in connection with the mobilization, movement and deployment of Mutual Aid resources will be borne by the Municipality receiving the Aid.

The City currently has a signed agreement with the City of Selkirk.

24/05 Moved by: Councillor Wagner
Seconded by: Councillor Brennan

RESOLVED That the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie enter into a Peacetime Emergency Mutual Aid Memorandum of Understanding with the town of Carman and the RM of Dufferin, and further that the Mayor and Manager of Administration be authorized to sign said Memorandum of Understanding.
Carried.

The City of Portage la
Prairie and the Regional
Health Authority
Central Manitoba Inc. –
MOU

The RHA – Central has requested the City of Portage la Prairie enter into an agreement for the purpose of planning and resource sharing. In addition, the MOU would allow joint participation in training and exercises for preparedness and response.

25/05 Moved by: Councillor Wagner
Seconded by: Councillor Brennan

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Regional Health Authority – Central MB Inc. , and further that the Mayor and Manager of Administration be authorized to sign said Memorandum of Understanding.
Carried.

Monthly Activity
Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

Community Policing
Consultative Group –
For Information Only

Councillor Wagner advised that this group has met twice. He reviewed a newspaper report about Community Policing.

**Waterworks
Committee**

Massey Crescent Local
Improvement – By-Law
04-8245 – 2nd & 3rd
Reading

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

The local improvement costs for two of the nine lots on Massey Crescent are to be debenturized and levied on the respective properties over ten years, from 2005-2014.

The By-Law received first reading on November 8, 2004 and was sent to the Municipal Board for approval. A typing error was discovered in Clause 2 of the by-law and clause 3 was deemed redundant. The By-Law requires 2nd & 3rd Reading and to be forwarded to the Municipal Board to receive authorization for debenture issuance.

26/05 Moved by: Councillor Robinson
Seconded by: Councillor Keryluk

That By-Law 04-8245 be amended as follows:

- a) Clause No. 2, second line, delete “ninety-nine thousand, fifty-four dollars and 97 cents” and replace with “ninety-nine thousand, fifty-four dollars and ninety-seven cents”;

- b) Delete Clause: No. 3; and,
- c) Delete Clause No. 4 and replace the following as Clause No. 3
“That Schedule “C” for the said By-Law No. 03-8182 be cancelled
and Schedule “C” hereto be substituted therefore”.

AND FURTHER THAT By-Law 04-8245 as amended, to amend By-Law 03-8182 to allow for the issuance of \$25,765.16 in debentures be given 2nd reading.

Carried.

THAT By-Law 04-8245 be given 3rd reading, finally passed, signed and sealed and forwarded to the Municipal Board.

Carried.

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

Monthly Activity
Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

**Transportation
Committee**

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

Regional Landfill
Committee – For
Information Only

Council announced the recent approval of the Landfill Authority for the 227 landfill site.

Greater detail is provided in the agreement between the City and the RM.

The following members were appointed to the Regional Landfill Board at the Organizational Meeting: Mayor Ian MacKenzie, Councillor Walter Keryluk and Councillor Earl Porter.

Traffic By-Law
Amendment – By-Law
05-8254 – 1st Reading

Section 47(b) of Traffic By-Law states, in part:

“From November 1 to April 30 in each year, no person shall park a vehicle on any portion of a street
i) on the day following residential garbage collection; or
ii) upon the City providing 24 hours notice by way of “No Parking” signs
until the snow removal equipment has completed the work on that street.”

There has been some confusion as a result of this clause when the day following residential garbage collection is a Saturday. The intent has always been that the snow would be cleared on the next business day after garbage collection during normal weather conditions, however the above clause leaves one with the impression that when garbage collection is on a Friday, the snow would be cleared on Saturday. To clarify the situation, the amending by-law inserts the word “business” before the word “day” in Section 47(b)(i).

Also, in reviewing the Traffic By-Law, it was noted that Section 49(h) allows for parking passes to be provided to drivers of vehicles from outside the City while attending a convention in the City. This is a practice the City has not followed for several years, and it is not anticipated to be reinstated. To clean up the by-law, it is recommended that Clause 49(h) be deleted in its entirety.

27/05

Moved by: Councillor Keryluk
Seconded by: Councillor Porter

RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 05-8254 being a by-law to amend the Traffic By-Law 01-8105 be now introduced and read a first time.
Carried.

Monthly Activity Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

Community Services

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

Request for Funding –
2005 Masters and
Diamond Ladies
Provincial Curling
Championships

Portage la Prairie Curling Club will be host to the 2005 Masters & Diamond Ladies Provincial Curling Championships on February 23-28, 2005. This event will have sixteen Masters and sixteen Diamond ladies teams competing for the right to represent Manitoba in national championships. Over 128 curlers as well as their spouses, relatives and many spectators from across Manitoba are expected to attend.

There are no specific funds budgeted in 2005 for this event.

The Rural Municipality has indicated their support to host the brunch in cooperation with the City of Portage la Prairie.

28/05 Moved by: Councillor Porter
Seconded by: Councillor Brennan
THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie authorize support of \$500 for the 2005 Masters & Diamond Ladies Provincial Curling Championships.
Carried.

Heritage Advisory
Committee Member
Appointments

The Portage Heritage Advisory Committee currently has six voting members, where full membership is seven. By-law No. 7796 indicates that Council, by resolution, may fill vacancies occurring on the committee and that the Portage Heritage Advisory Committee may make recommendations for filling such vacancies. (section 3.7)
At their regular meeting of December 9, 2004, the Portage Heritage Advisory Committee recommended that Mr. James Kostuchuk be considered for appointment to the committee.

29/05 Moved by: Councillor Porter
Seconded by: Councillor Brennan
RESOLVED That Council appoint Mr. James Kostuchuk to the Portage Heritage Advisory Committee for a one year term ending December 31, 2005.
Carried.

Monthly Activity
Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

**DEFERRED
BUSINESS:**

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

Portage Community
Centre Inc. Debt

Council reviewed a letter from the Portage and District Arts Council "PDAC" and a revised lease agreement between PDAC and PCCI in accordance with the deal the City brokered to pay off PCCI's outstanding debt with provision for a 9.6 year cost recovery for the City. The deal also included a grant of \$4,993.86 for the 2004 outstanding property taxes, not including penalties.

A letter from the Credit Union was reviewed indicating the outstanding debt. Based on the City paying the loans off on January 26th, the amount outstanding is \$340,505.00 The City's budget includes \$340,555.00 for this purpose.

30/05 Moved by: Councillor Porter
Seconded by: Councillor Brennan
RESOLVED THAT the City of Portage la Prairie pay outstanding loans
of \$340,505 to the Portage Credit Union on behalf of the Portage
Community Centre Inc.; and

THAT the City of Portage la Prairie pays the 2004 property taxes in the
amount of \$4,993.86 out of the 2004 surplus funds on behalf of Portage
Community Centre Inc.
Carried.

Mayor's Year-End
Report

Mayor MacKenzie presented his year-end report for 2004.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor

Manager of Administration