

Minutes of a Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers of the City of Portage la Prairie on Monday, July 11, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

- PRESENT:** Mayor MacKenzie, Councillors, Keryluk, Porter, Quinn and Wagner
- ABSENT:** Councillors, Brennan, Robinson
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** 173/05 Moved by: Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner  
RESOLVED THAT the Council Minutes of the June 27, 2005 Regular Meeting of Council and the June 29<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting of Council be approved as circulated.  
Carried.
- DELEGATIONS:**
1. Richard Laframboise expressed his concerns regarding the Pawnbroker By-Law and indicated that there were certain types of second hand stores which had not received notice of the by-law. Mr. Laframboise objected to the by-law as it applies to second hand stores.
  2. Mr. Jim Roe advised Council that his basement had collapsed from the water situation. He requested the City's assistance as he did not have insurance to cover the problem. He also has limited places to stay due to his requirement for wheelchair accessibility. Mr. Roe was given an application form for disaster assistance, and telephone numbers to call for financial assistance.
- 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 reports:**
- Unpaid Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste to Taxes – By-Law 05-8260 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
- 174/05 Moved by: Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by: Councillor Keryluk  
RESOLVED THAT By-Law 05-8260 being a by-law to authorize unpaid water, sewer and solid waste charges be added to taxes, be read a first time.  
Carried.
- 2005 Strategic Plan
- Council Reviewed the 2005 Strategic Plan in camera.
- 175/05 Moved by: Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner.  
RESOLVED THAT the Strategic Plan for 2005 be accepted as reviewed.  
Carried.
- City Planning & Economic Development** **The City Planning and Economic Development Committee respectfully submits the following reports:**
- Doc Walker Signage – For Information Only
- The signs showing Portage la Prairie as the hometown of Doc Walker have not been received yet as the band has not yet approved the wording.
- Garage Sale Signage - For Information Only
- Council is concerned about the litter being caused by Garage Sale signage. Citizens are reminded that all signs must be removed once the Garage Sale is over.

**Public Safety  
Committee**

Manitoba Public  
Insurance Vehicle  
Immobilizers – For  
Information only

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

Council would like to advise Citizens that Manitoba Public Insurance has launched a new program in regards to immobilizers for vehicles to curb auto theft. Through this new program you can protect your vehicle with an immobilizer for as little as \$140.00. You can finance the cost at zero percent interest and you'll receive a \$40.00 discount each year on your Autopac premium. Further information can be found on the Manitoba Public Insurance web site; [www.mpi.mb.ca](http://www.mpi.mb.ca). Kitson's is the only CAA service shop in Portage la Prairie approved for this program.

**Waterworks  
Committee**

Sissons Drive Lift  
Station Land  
Acquisition

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

The City has received notice of approval for a Canada-Manitoba Infrastructure Grant to replace the aging sewage lift station located on Sissons Drive.

The plan is to locate the new station on the south side of Sissons Drive, directly across the road from the old station.

176/05 Moved by: Councillor Keryluk  
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Administration to approach the Province of Manitoba to acquire land in the Highway 1A right-of-way along the south side of Sissons Drive for the purposes of constructing a sewage pumping station.  
Carried.

Water Use Restriction

Councillor Keryluk asked City residents to reduce water usage and the demand on the sewer system as much as possible as a result of the extreme wet conditions.

**Transportation  
Committee**

10<sup>th</sup> St. N.W. Local  
Improvement Plan

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

On April 14, 2005 Administration sent letters to adjacent landowners along 10<sup>th</sup> St. N.W. between 6<sup>th</sup> Ave and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue inquiring of their interest to have the street paved.

The cost of the project would be borne by the adjacent landowners, and shared on a lot frontage basis. The total cost of constructing the road base and paving the street, with curb and gutter is estimated at \$110,000 plus \$10,000 for engineering work. The cost is estimated at \$113.64 per frontage foot. Therefore, for a 50-foot wide lot, the estimated cost is \$5,682. The project would take place in 2006 if the local improvement plan is approved.

Of the eleven property owners, four positive responses were received. Skerwood Park is an adjacent landowner to 50% of the paving project and provided a negative response as access to the mobile home park is not provided from 10<sup>th</sup> St. N.W. The plan therefore proposes the City to pay the portion of local improvement costs related to the Skerwood Mobile Home Park land out of the City's General Reserve in 2006.

The Municipal Board must approve the local improvement by-law before Council gives it third reading.

177/05 Moved by: Councillor Keryluk  
Seconded by: Councillor Porter

RESOLVED THAT the Local Improvement Plan no. RD05-02-V1 to construct and pave 10<sup>th</sup> Street N.W. between 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. be adopted and sent to the benefiting property owners.  
Carried.

Amendment to Traffic  
By-Law

The Highway Traffic Act states that the City must obtain approval from the Highway Traffic Board to post speed limits at anything other than 50km/h. A Resolution of Council must accompany an application to the Highway Traffic Board. Subsequent to this approval being received, Council should amend Schedule I of the Traffic By-law.

The speed limits on McCain Avenue approved by Council, and posted accordingly, have not been approved by the Highway Traffic Board, however, an application has been made for approval.

It is recommended to post McLenaghan Drive at 60km/h maximum speed limit, and request approval from the Highway Traffic Board.

Speed limits on MacDonald Street, Scott Avenue, and Old Bridge Road, which are posted at 60 km/h, have been approved by the Highway Traffic Board but must be added to Schedule I, however, the Highway Traffic Board must amend clause 896.1 of Regulation MR 204/92 regarding what is now known as Old Bridge Road. The reference in the current clause is to the old alignment of PR240 (formerly Bridge Road).

178/05 Moved by: Councillor Keryluk  
Seconded by: Councillor Porter

RESOLVED THAT Council apply to the Highway Traffic Board to post a speed limit of 60km/h on McLenaghan Drive, in both directions between PR 240 (River Road) and Old Bridge Road, and that Council advise the Highway Traffic Board of the changes to Old Bridge Road (formerly PR240) and apply for approval to post a speed limit of 60 km/h from PR 240 (River Road) to McLenaghan Drive in both directions.  
Carried.

Highway #1 and  
Yellowquill Trail  
Intersection

Manitoba Transportation and Government Services (Highways) has conducted a review of the intersection of Highway #1 and Yellowquill Trail.

While the construction of an interchange is not immediately warranted under Manitoba Transportation's standards, they must prepare to reserve land for the future construction, and they would like the support, in principle, of the local governments.

The proposed interchange would consume approximately 23.6 acres of City-owned land west of Hillside Cemetery, which, presumably, is reserved for future cemetery expansion. It might be possible to acquire Yellowquill Provincial Park from the Province in return, however, the park property is slightly less than 1/3 the area of the City property.

179/05 Moved by: Councillor Keryluk  
Seconded by: Councillor Porter

That Council approve, in principle, Manitoba Transportation's long-term plan for a grade-separated interchange west of the current intersection of Highway #1 and Yellowquill Trail, subject to the City being able to acquire Provincial land known as Yellowquill Provincial Park.  
Carried.

Tupper Street Paving

Manitoba Transportation and Government Services (Highways) are proposing to overlay the traveled lanes on Tupper St N between Saskatchewan Ave and the Skyline bridge.

Following discussion between City and Highways' staff, it was determined that the entire surface of the road should be paved from curb to curb.

The City would prepare the overlay design and manage the contract. The work would be tendered as part of the City's paving tender.

Highways had initially budgeted \$25,000 to do their proposed work, however, they will contribute \$35,000 to the City's proposed project.

The estimated cost of the full asphalt overlay is \$43,400. Milling is estimated at \$20,000. Curbing is estimated at \$2,200. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$65,600, with the City's share being \$30,600, plus engineering.

The Federal Budget proposed the sharing of fuel tax with municipalities. Council passed a resolution that this money would be used only for road repair and construction. It is proposed that the additional funds needed to complete this work be paid for from the Federal fuel tax grant.

180/05 Moved by: Councillor Keryluk  
Seconded by: Councillor Porter

RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Administration to prepare a tender and manage the paving of Tupper Street N from Saskatchewan Avenue to the Skyline Bridge, with Manitoba Transportation and Government Services contributing \$35,000 toward the project, and the City contributing the remainder.  
Carried.

Rainfall

Council commended the Operations Department for their work dealing with the huge abnormal rainfall.

**Community Services**

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

PCI Reunion

Councillor Porter commented on the success of the Portage Collegiate Institute Reunion, and commended the organizing committee for a great job.

**DEFERRED  
BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Financial Disaster Assistance

The Province of Manitoba administers a disaster financial assistance (DFA) program through the Emergency Measures Organization (EMO).

The heavy rains in June and July have caused damage to homes and property in the Province, including Portage la Prairie. A resolution by the municipality requesting DFA from the Province is required in order for individuals to be eligible for assistance. This resolution must be forwarded to the EMO within 30 days of the disaster.

Numerous municipalities have already passed resolutions for their areas and the City is receiving inquiries from the public on this program for this area. If City Council passes the resolution, the application information will be posted on the web site and in the local paper.

181/05 Moved by: Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by: Councillor Keryluk

RESOLVED THAT Council of the City of Portage la Prairie request Disaster Financial Assistance from the Province of Manitoba for the damage caused by the heavy rainfalls in the City of Portage la Prairie in the Spring and Summer of 2005.  
Carried.

Youth For Christ -  
Variation

The existing concrete slab that the proposed new Youth for Christ facility is being constructed on encroaches .12 inches into the Fourth Ave. NE boulevard. Youth for Christ have asked that the City grant an encroachment for a minimum of an additional 8 inches for the building foundation plus 24 inches for roof overhang or 32.12 inches in total. They have also requested an easement of up to 72.12 inches to allow for canopies and other exterior features on the building.

The boulevard along 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NE is about 13.5 feet between the curb and property line. There is a storm sewer in the boulevard along the back side of the curb, which would be about 3 feet wide, and there is a hydro pole line about 4 to 5 feet in from the curb.

As part of the proposed facility, a six foot wide sidewalk along the south side of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave should be constructed against the existing building/concrete foundation. This leaves only 7 feet or so for snow storage in the winter and providing more than the minimum encroachment would severely limit room for snow storage in winter.

Youth for Christ have indicated they can design the building to stay within the minimum encroachment of 32.12 inches that has been requested.

182/05 Moved by Councillor Keryluk  
Seconded by Councillor Porter

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Manager of Administration be authorized to sign an encroachment agreement with Youth for Christ/Portage Inc. to grant an encroachment of 8.12 inches for building foundation and 32.12 for building overhang for the proposed new Youth for Christ facility on the condition that Manitoba Hydro and Centra Gas provide assurances that this encroachment does not conflict with their utility lines and that all legal and related costs are the responsibility of Youth for Christ.

Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Pawnbroker By-Law  
Amendment – By-Law  
05-8281 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

The original Pawnbroker By-Law received final reading on May 24, 2005.

The Public Safety Committee has requested an amendment to the By-Law that provides for exceptions to Second Hand Dealers. Also, the word “licensed” should be removed from the phrase “licensed Second Hand Dealers” in Clause 5(f) (ii) point two and Clause 5(g) (ii).

Clause 5(j) has been added to exclude the reporting and holding period requirements for the following transactions for Second Hand Dealers: “any transaction consisting solely of used household furniture (excluding figurines), clothing and accessories, sports apparel, books and magazines.”

183/05 Moved by: Councillor Wagner  
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT By-Law 05-8281, being a by-law to allow for exceptions to Second Hand Dealers and delete the word licensed from the phrase licensed “Second Hand Dealers” be given 1<sup>st</sup> reading.  
Carried.

Parks By-Law  
Amendment – By-Law -  
05-8279 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

By-Law 02-8279 was given first reading on June 13, 2005, and amended prior to second reading at a special meeting on June 29, 2005, The amendment added a clause 8(d) to restrict the hours of operation of power driven boats between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and dusk. Third reading of the by-law was deferred until the necessary signs were received. The signs have now arrived and are ready to be installed once the By-Law receives third reading.

184/05 Moved by: Councillor Porter  
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT By-Law 05-8279, being a By-Law to allow the use of power driven boats not to exceed 10 horsepower on the west side of Royal Road Bridge be now given third reading, finally passed, signed and sealed.

Carried.

IN FAVOUR: Councillors Keryluk, Porter, Wagner and Quinn.

AGAINST: Mayor MacKenzie

Mayor MacKenzie noted that he had received a Yorkton Terrier sweater and a picture of Mayor DeVoss wearing it.

Mayor MacKenzie commended everyone involved with Canada Day for a job well done.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

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Mayor

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Manager of Administration