

Minutes of a Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers of the City of Portage la Prairie on Monday, May 24, 2005 at 6:05 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Councillor Robinson

ADOPTION OF MINUTES 114/05 Moved by: Councillor Wagner
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn
RESOLVED THAT the Council Minutes of the May 9th Regular Meeting of Council be approved as circulated.
Carried.

DELEGATIONS: None

HEARINGS: No one appeared in support of or objecting to the Variation request of Larry & Barb Lilley.

Public Hearing – Variation – Larry & Barb Lilley
Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner
RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for the variation request of Larry & Barb Lilley now be closed.
Carried.

The applicant, Larry & Barb Lilley, are applying for a variation order

- 1) To allow a non-conforming use to be permitted as per Planning Act 55 (3) (d);
- 2) To reduce the required front yard of 7.5 m to 6.1 m;
- 3) To reduce the required rear yard of 7.5 m to 3.66 m.

This building is in an R1 – Single-family dwelling district. The applicants had an existing non-conforming mobile home on property (loss due to fire) and are applying to continue this non-conforming use.

The application has been circulated to the various City Departments with two concerns being expressed regarding Mobile Homes in an R1 Single Family Dwelling District.

The Zoning By-law states that mobile homes are permitted in ‘RMHP – Residential Mobile Home Park District’ and ‘RMHS – Residential Mobile Home Subdivision District’.

Mobile Homes are permitted in an R1 Single Family Dwelling District provided they are attached to a permanent foundation. By denying the non-conforming use of this variation request, applicant must install mobile home on a permanent foundation. Public notices have been sent to all property owners within a 100-meter radius.

115/05 Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve a portion of the variation request of Larry & Barb Lilley

- To reduce the required front yard of 7.5 m to 6.1 m;
- To reduce the required rear yard of 7.5 m to 3.66 m;

And to deny the request for:

- Non-conforming use

at the property known as 210 7th Avenue NE which is legally described as Lot 349, Plan 29, 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 05-8258 – 2nd & 3rd Reading

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

116/05 Moved by: Councillor Quinn

Seconded by: Councillor Brennan

RESOLVED THAT By-Law 05-8258 being a by-law to authorize unpaid water, sewer and solid waste charges be added to taxes, be read a second time.

Carried.

AND FURTHER THAT By-Law 05-8258 be read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed.

Carried.

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

Easement – MTS – RE: Part of RL 54 – Abandoned CNR Property near Co-op Mall

Manitoba Hydro/Centra Gas Inc. has requested an easement over Part of RL 54, Parish of Portage la Prairie for the installation of a four inch steel gas line. This City owned property is an abandoned CNR rail line located near the Portage Co-op.

Their standard easement agreement has been provided for Council's review and approval. Manitoba Hydro/Centra Gas Inc. has included a sketch of the easement placement, however it does not adequately display the exact placement of the gas line. Manitoba Hydro/Centra Gas Inc. will be responsible for registering the easement and for all costs.

117/05 Moved by: Councillor Quinn

Seconded by: Councillor Porter

RESOLVED THAT Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the signing of an agreement between the City of Portage la Prairie and Manitoba Hydro/Centra Gas Inc authorizing easements over City-owned property legally described as All that portion of RL 54 Parish of Portage la Prairie taken for RLY right-of-way plan 327 PLTO excluding all mines and minerals as set forth in transfer 96-1191 PLTO, with the condition that Manitoba Hydro/Centra Gas Inc register a legal plan of easement acceptable to Portage la Prairie Land Titles Office.

Carried.

Monthly Activity Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports. Parking tickets issued are down so far this year and outstanding parking tickets are increasing. Council is continuing to review this.

Council Chambers

Council discussed the decorating of the Council Chambers and will provide further direction to Administration in this regard.

City Planning & Economic Development

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

Air Show Sponsorship

The City along with other community agencies and businesses were invited to a meeting facilitated by Southport Aerospace to determine the community's interest in sponsoring the former Winnipeg International Air

Show at Southport in June 2006.

The organizing committee for the former Winnipeg Air Show is prepared to offer the same type of program at Southport providing that they obtain or have commitments to secure between \$150,000 - \$200,000 in community based sponsorships by the end of May 2005.

The Winnipeg Air Show has been operational for the past 10 years and is a non-profit association whose main goal is to support charities and community groups. Approximately 300 local volunteers would be needed to make the event operate.

Any commitment that Council would make towards this proposal would be forwarded to the 2006 budget process for inclusion.

118/05 Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED THAT the City of Portage la Prairie agree to purchase a Gold Sponsorship at an approximate cost of \$8995 for the proposed 2006 Air show at Southport and that the funds be allocated in the 2006 budget.
Carried.

Request for Support –
2005 Portage Potato
Festival

The second annual Portage Potato Festival is scheduled to take place Saturday, August 6, 2005. The Festival is set to take place on Saskatchewan Avenue between Tupper Street & 3rd Street East as well as throughout Heritage Square.

The City of Portage la Prairie has already allocated \$7500 to the event in a cash donation approved in the 2005 budget deliberations. The Potato Festival Organizing Committee is requesting additional support from the City in the form of services to assist in the overall functions & marketing of the event.

The Festival Committee also requested special event insurance coverage by the City, which will be dealt with in a separate report to Council.

It is anticipated that the requests for support for the Potato Festival, in addition to the \$7500.00 already allocated to the event, will be at an additional cost to the City of at least \$2796.02.

119/05 Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the closure of Saskatchewan Avenue East from Tupper Street to 3rd Street East, 2nd Street North East from the East entrance to the Library parking lot to Saskatchewan Avenue, and Royal Road North from the West entrance to the Herman Prior Parking lot to Saskatchewan Avenue from 9:00pm Friday, August 5, 2005 until 3:00am Sunday August 7, 2005 for the Potato Festival.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the request of the Potato Festival Committee for the City to provide additional financial support in an amount not to exceed \$2800 for those services as identified in this report.
Carried.

Monthly Activity
Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

**Public Safety
Committee**

The Public Safety Committee has nothing to report.

Monthly Activity
Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

15-Minute Parking Signs

Council requested that 15-minute parking signs on the north east end of Saskatchewan Avenue be reviewed to determine if they are still required and comply with City by-laws.

Bike Auction

There was \$7500 donated to the Firefighters Burn Fund at the Bike Auction. Councillor Robinson received a jacket for his 25 years of volunteering at the Bike Auction.

Waterworks Committee

The Waterworks Committee has nothing to report.

Water System Audit – For Information Only

The Water Treatment Plant produces potable water to supply the City of Portage la Prairie, the regional water system, Southport and Poplar Bluff. In 2004, the Water Treatment Plant produced a total of 5,393,317 cubic meters of water.

Some of the unmetered and unbilled water can be accounted for as a result of the annual watermain flushing program and Fire Department consumption from hydrants.

Typical unaccounted-for water figures in North America are in the range of 15%. The City of Portage la Prairie's distribution system unaccounted-for water rate of 11% is good relative to other communities, but there is room for improvement. The City has an ongoing water meter replacement program where old meters are removed and replaced with new meters. Approximately 10 to 15 meters are changed each month.

Monthly Activity Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

Transportation Committee

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

By-Law 05-8274 – Amendment to Solid Waste By-Law – By-Law 05-8274 – 2nd & 3rd Reading

Council gave first reading to this by-law on May 9, 2005. It is now ready for second and third reading.

120/05 Moved by: Councillor Keryluk
Seconded by: Councillor Porter
RESOLVED THAT By-Law 05-8274, being a by-law to amend the Solid Waste By-Law, be read a second time.
Carried.

AND FURTHER THAT By-Law 05-8274 be read a third time, finally passed signed and sealed.

Carried.

In Favour: Councillors Brennan, Porter, Keryluk, Wagner

Opposed: Mayor MacKenzie, Councillor Quinn

Monthly Activity Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

Community Services

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

Beach Volleyball Fees

There is interest in Portage la Prairie in forming a new beach volleyball league at Republic of Manitobah Park on Thursday evenings, running June and July. Currently minimum maintenance occurs on these courts, but with the new league the City has been asked to increase the upkeep of the courts on a weekly basis similar to the Republic of Manitobah Park

soccer and baseball fields.

It is recommended that in an effort to keep consistency amongst the Athletic Field Users, that Council adjusts the 2005 fees & charges by adding the same rate as soccer and baseball to the booking of games at the beach volleyball courts. This investment will support the program as the courts will be at a higher quality due to the regular weekly maintenance.

121/05 Moved by: Councillor Porter
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie amend the fees & charges By-Law 04-8242 to include a fee for beach volleyball of \$9.02 per game for a new beach volleyball league for the summer of 2005.

Carried.

Package Partnership for
Splash Island

As part of a locally initiated tourism strategy, the Portage Industrial Exhibition Association and the Portage Golf Course would like to partner with Splash Island to create an "Island Adventure" package to attract tourists to our area to help our businesses reap the benefits of the tourism industry. This package is designed to offer a family oriented, weekend getaway to the City and includes 2 nights stay at the Fairground Campground, 2 adult (or 1 adult +2 junior) 18-hole rounds of golf, and 2 family passes to Splash Island.

The package will be offered to visitors for one lump sum price of \$100 for the entire holiday package, which requires that each of our organizations discount our prices by approximately 10%. The rate for a Family pass to Splash Island as per the Fees and Charges By-law approved by Council is \$11.50. For the purpose of this partnership, it is proposed that the City's family pass rate at Splash Island would be discounted \$1.50 per pass, totaling \$3.00 per package.

122/05 Moved by: Councillor Porter
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT Council of the City of Portage la Prairie authorize a \$1.50 discount to the family pass rate at Splash Island, as listed in the Fees and Charges By-Law approved by Council, for use in the new "Island Adventure" partnership package.

Carried.

Monthly Activity
Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

**DEFERRED
BUSINESS:**

By-Law 05-8268 –
Pawnbroker's By-Law
2nd & 3rd Reading

At the May 9th meeting Councillor Wagner deferred By-Law 05-8268 to the May 24th Council Meeting to allow additional time to make further amendments to the By-Law.

123/05 Moved by: Councillor Wagner
Seconded by: Councillor Brennan

RESOLVED THAT Pawnbroker By-Law No. 05-8268 as amended in the May 24, 2005 Council Agenda Package be read a second time.

Carried

124/05 Moved by: Councillor Porter
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT Clause 4(a)(iv) of By-Law No. 05-8268 be amended to require a thumbprint and one piece of identification.

Defeated

- 125/05 Moved by: Councillor Wagner
Seconded by: Councillor Brennan
RESOLVED THAT Pawnbroker By-Law No. 05-8268 as amended in the May 24, 2005 Council Agenda Package be read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed.
Carried
In Favour: Councillors Brennan, Keryluk, Wagner and Mayor MacKenzie
Opposed: Councillors, Porter and Quinn

NEW BUSINESS:

**Sissons Drive/Park
Drive Area
Subdivision**

In April, Council authorized the subdivision and reconfiguration of property in the Sissons Drive/Park Drive area to form 10 titles varying in size from 1510.9 square metres to 61274.4 square metres from 18 existing lots totaling 148,655.3 square metres, specifically Lots 2 – 8, Blk 2, Plan 1810 PLTO; Lots 9 -15 & 17, Blk 5, Plan 1810 PLTO; Part Lot 3, Plan 21353, PLTO; and Lots 3 & 4, Plan 20642, and closed part of Park Drive; City of Portage la Prairie, as per application from 73409 Manitoba Ltd. and 3346200 Manitoba Ltd.

The plan has been amended by adding Parcel S which is coming out of the former Parcel F, since the anchor tenant does not require the land now shown as Parcel S.

Manitoba Planning Services has no concerns. Planning District has recommended approval.

- 126/05 Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie authorize the subdivision of Parcel F to form a revised Parcel F and Parcel S., as shown on the attached sketch.
Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor

Manager of Administration