

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers of the City of Portage la Prairie on Monday, November 14, 2005 at 6:39 p.m.

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

ABSENT:

ADOPTION OF MINUTES 282/05 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Porter
RESOLVED THAT the Council Minutes of the October 24, 2005 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as circulated.
Carried.

DELEGATIONS: **Ms. Roberta Christianson – Portage and District Arts Council**

Ms. Christianson presented the Council with a cheque to complete repayment of the PDAC loan. She sincerely thanked Council for their assistance. Ms. Christianson also provided Council with information on demographic statistics.

HEARINGS: **Variation – Mr. Norman Winter**

No one appeared to speak for or against the variance. A letter was received from residents of Dalton Grove Estates indicating they don't object to the variance but expressed concern over parking trucks with fairground rides on the road. A letter from Shirley Grace was received objecting to the variance and expressing concern about fair rides being parked on the streets.

Variation – Mr. Norman Winter 283/05 Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner
RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for the variation request of Mr. Norman Winter now be closed.
Carried.

The applicant, Norman Winter, is applying for a variation order to allow for an addition to the mobile home which would be a garage on south side and increased non-conformity to the north.

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

Existing north side yard is currently .62 meters. Applicant wishes to add a 2x6 wall to outside of existing structure, this brings the side yard down to the requested .47 meters.

A site visit to the surrounding properties has revealed that out of 10 properties that are in a similar situation with either attached or detached garages on corner lots, four (4) properties are similar to this request.

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

Council requested that Administration review this matter further.

284/05 Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the variation request of Norman Winter to vary the

- 1) north side yard requirement of 1.5m to be reduced to .47m
- 2) south side yard requirement of 3.6m to be reduced to .61m

at the property known as 47 9th St. S.E. which is legally described as Lot 111/113, Block 8, Plan 102, Parish of Portage la Prairie
Defeated.

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 & Solid Waste to Taxes (October) By-Law #05-8264 – 1st Reading

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

285/05 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Robinson
THAT By-Law 05-8264 being a by-law to authorize unpaid water, sewer and solid waste charges be added to taxes be read a first time.
Carried.

Fees & Charges By-Law – By-Law #05-8286 – 2nd & 3rd Reading

This By-Law has been reviewed by Council and was given first reading on October 24, 2005. It is now ready to be given second & third reading.

Council requested information on lost revenue if the youth swimming lesson fees are not increased.

286/05 Moved by; Councillor Wagner
Seconded by: Councillor Porter
RESOLVED THAT the 2006 Fees & Charges By-Law 05-8286 be amended to maintain swimming lesson rates at the 2005 levels.
Carried.

287/05 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Robinson
RESOLVED THAT Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the Fees and Charges schedules for the year 2006 by giving By-Law No. 05-8286 second reading as amended.
Carried.

AND FURTHER THAT Council of the City of Portage la Prairie give By-Law 05-8286 third reading, finally passed, signed and sealed.
Carried.

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

Agreement for Services with Dakota Tipi First Nation

Council reviewed the report regarding an agreement for services with Dakota Tipi First Nations in camera.

288/05 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Robinson
RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the continuation of services of water and fire fighting to Dakota Tipi First Nations for the years 2006 and 2007 under the proposed terms as presented.
Carried.

City Planning & Economic Development

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

Southport Airport
Zoning By-Law

Transport Canada and Southport Aerospace Centre Inc. have requested that the City and RM of Portage la Prairie enter into an agreement to establish airport zoning regulations. The purpose of the zoning regulations would be to protect Southport from incompatible land development.

Attached is a draft agreement. If City Council agrees to proceed, the next step is to request Transport Canada to supply the City with an actual agreement to sign. Subsequent to signing the agreement, Transport Canada will undertake a study to provide details of the proposed zoning regulations for the City and Planning District's review and approval.

289/05 Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED That the City of Portage la Prairie request that the Government of Canada, Department of Transport, prepare an agreement regarding Southport Aerospace Centre zoning regulations for the City's review.
Carried.

3rd Quarter Report on
Skills Link Program.

Council reviewed the 3rd Quarterly Report on the Skills Link Program.

**Public Safety
Committee**

The Public Safety Committee respectfully submits the following reports:

Monthly Activity Report
– RCMP – September
2005

Council reviewed the September 2005 stats from the RCMP. Councillor Wagner noted the decrease in crimes stats and 50% less vehicles being stolen.

School Crossing –
Saskatchewan Avenue
West

Councillor Wagner indicated that Gwen Bailey, 2101 Saskatchewan Avenue West, requested that the City review the possibility of installing a crosswalk. Administration is to review this matter further.

**Waterworks
Committee**

The Waterworks Committee has nothing to report.

**Transportation
Committee**

The Transportation Committee has nothing to report.

**Community Services
Committee**

The Community Services Committee submits the following report.

Councillor Porter congratulated Jody Fletcher and Roberta Christianson of PDAC for all their efforts and accomplishments that the Arts Council has achieved over the years.

**DEFERRED
BUSINESS:**

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Acceptance of
Downtown
Revitalization Report

Ms. Susan Radstrum, the consultant hired by the City to provide a conceptual framework for the re-development of downtown Portage la Prairie, presented her final report to City Council at its last regular meeting, October 24, 2005.

The report provided Ms. Radstrum's perspective and concepts, along with input from the community, for Council to consider with respect to revitalizing the downtown area. This presentation of this report also completes one of the actions steps related to downtown re-development

which is identified in Council's 2005 strategic plan (goal #4).

With the acceptance of this report, the City may commence the internal review process of determining an approach with respect to consideration and implementation of the key downtown re-development concepts as presented.

290/05 Moved by: Councillor Brennan
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED That the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie accept the Downtown Development Concept Plan as developed by Ms. Susan Radstrum and presented to City Council on October 24, 2005.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Manager of Administration

Mayor