

MINUTES of a Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, February 27, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

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

**ABSENT:**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** 35/06 Moved by Councillor Wagner  
Seconded by Councillor Quinn  
RESOLVED THAT the Council Minutes of the February 13, 2006, Regular Meeting of Council be approved as circulated.  
Carried.

**DELEGATIONS:** None

**HEARINGS:** None

**COMMITTEES:**

**Finance, Legislative & Property Committee:**

**The Finance, Legislative and Property Committee respectfully submits the following reports:**

Unpaid Water, Sewer & Solid Waste to Taxes –By-Law 06-8297 - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

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

36/06 Moved by Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson  
RESOLVED THAT By-Law 06-8297 being a by-law to authorize unpaid water, sewer and solid waste charges be added to taxes, be now read a second time.  
Carried.

Moved by Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson  
AND FURTHER THAT By-Law 06-8297 be read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed.  
Carried.  
In Favour: Councillors Brennan, Wagner, Quinn, Robinson, Keryluk, Porter and Mayor MacKenzie.

Unpaid Various City Accounts Added to Taxes By-Law 06-8312 - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

In order to collect unpaid charges and fees it is the City's practice to add sums of money owing to the City of Portage la Prairie for these unpaid accounts to the Collector's Roll.

37/06 Moved by: Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by: Councillor Robinson  
RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 06-8312 being a by-law to authorize unpaid charges and fees to be added to taxes, be read a first time.  
Carried.

Unpaid Trailer  
Licenses Added to  
Taxes By-Law 06-  
8311 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

38/06

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.

Moved by: Councillor Quinn

Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 06-8311 being a by-law to authorize the unpaid 2005 trailer license fees as per schedule "A" be added to taxes, be read a first time.

Carried.

Lease of City Owned  
land – Area J

39/06

The City has re-purchased the land (approximately 25 acres) that it had sold to Lions Park Housing (LPH) located just north of Meighen Avenue.

Over the past number of years, including when the City had previously owned the land prior to sale to the LPH in 1998, the City had leased the property to Canada Manitoba Crop Diversification for agricultural purposes on the provision that they maintained the site to the satisfaction of the City. CMCD had been leasing the land for small plot research from LPH at a rate of \$50/acre and has requested consideration from the City to continue this arrangement.

Moved by: Councillor Quinn

Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie lease the land described as Area J to Canada Manitoba Crop Diversification for the cost of \$50/acre as requested.

Carried

Offer to Purchase  
Property Lot 13/14,  
Plan 24004

40/06

Mellco Developments are the current owners of 2 small pieces of property located in Mellenville, registered on one title but missed in the transfer of titles as the area was developed. Mellco has been paying for the taxes (approximately \$10 to \$12 per year) up until 2003.

The property taxes are now outstanding for 2 years and Mellco does not want to pay the taxes. If they do not pay the taxes, the property would enter the 2006 Tax Sale process. Tax sale charges would incur and be added to the minimum bid of the property. Should no one else bid on the property at the auction, the City would acquire it.

Another option would be to purchase the property for \$1 plus land title processing costs (approximately \$100).

Moved by: Councillor Quinn

Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

RESOLVED THAT the City of Portage la Prairie purchase the property legally described as Lot 13 and 14 SP Plan 24004 PLTO in RL 94 Parish of Portage la Prairie at the purchase price of \$1 plus related land title costs.

Carried.

Transfer of Land to Portage School Division		Council discussed this report In Camera.
	41/06	Moved by: Councillor Quinn Seconded by: Councillor Robinson RESOLVED THAT the City of Portage la Prairie agree to sell the City land, as listed on Certificate of Title Numbers 40410, 55325 and 68405, and being located north of Prince Charles School, to the Portage la Prairie School Division for \$1 plus costs and the Mayor and Manager of Administration be authorized to sign an agreement with the School Division accordingly. Carried.
Local Legal Services By-Law 06-8315 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading		Council reviewed this report in-camera.
	42/06	Moved by: Councillor Quinn Seconded by: Councillor Robinson RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 06-8315 being a by-law to retain Christianson Christianson Jones as the City of Portage la Prairie's local lawyers be read a first time. Carried.
Monthly Activity Reports		Council reviewed the monthly activity reports for January 2006.
<b>City Planning &amp; Economic Development Committee:</b>		<b>The City Planning and Economic Development Committee respectfully submits the following reports:</b>
Rezoning Application – Portage Gospel Hall, By-Law No. 06-8309 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading		Lot 391 Plan 12 Parish of Portage la Prairie, is presently zoned R1 – Single Family Dwelling. The Applicants, Portage Gospel Hall, wish to rezone this property to EI – Educational and Institutional District.  The City of Portage la Prairie Development Plan 11.1 states: Institutional Development shall not be restricted to any one pre-defined area but shall be permitted to occur wherever it is most appropriate for that particular facility provided it is compatible and complimentary to adjacent uses.  As per section 74(1) of “The Planning Act”, Council shall indicate its intention to enact a zoning by-law amendment by giving first reading and proceed with Public Notice as set out in Section 168.  The first reading of By-Law No. 06-8309 will commence the process as defined in “The Planning Act” in considering this application.
	43/06	Moved by: Councillor Brennan Seconded by: Councillor Wagner RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie give By-Law No. 06-8309 first reading and provide public notices as defined in Section 168 of “The Planning Act”. Carried.
Monthly Activity Reports		Council reviewed the monthly activity reports for January 2006.

Youth Career Expo

Councillor Brennan reminded all citizens that the Annual Youth Career Expo takes place March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Westpark School.

**Public Safety  
Committee:**

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

Monthly Activity  
Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports for January 2006.

Public Awareness

The Community Consultative Group will be hosting two Public Awareness information nights. The first awareness night is on "Consequences of Auto Theft" on March 15<sup>th</sup> and the second is on "Drugs and Gangs" on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Both meetings are being held at the Herman Prior Centre at 7:00 p.m. Councillor Wagner encourages all to attend.

**Waterworks  
Committee:**

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

Tender Awards for the  
Supply of Water  
Treatment Chemicals

The tender was posted in the Daily Graphic and electronically posted on the City's Web page. The tender closed on Tuesday, January 31, 2006 at 2:00pm. The contract is to supply the Treatment Chemicals for a two-year period from March 1, 2006 to February 28, 2008. The tender award should be issued for each individual chemical based on the two-year pricing of the lowest Bidder for each chemical.

Significant increases in cost for lime and potassium permanganate are evident. Other chemicals are reasonably close to budget estimates.

Dry Anionic Polymer and Cationic Coagulant are being re-tendered due to no bids being received.

44/06

Moved by: Councillor Robinson  
Seconded by: Councillor Keryluk

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie award contracts for the supply of chemicals for the Water Treatment Plant for a two year period, as specified in tender 06 OPS 004, to the following companies for the respective chemical product, for their submitted tendered price including GST, as follows:

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| 1. Lime - Graymont Western Canada Inc         | \$593,264.00 |
| 2. Potassium Permanganate - Univar Canada Ltd | \$75,050.00  |
| 3. Chlorine - Brenntag                        | \$72,836.54  |
| 4. Fluoride - Brenntag                        | \$30,507.84  |
| 5. Phosphoric Acid - Univar Canada Ltd        | \$13,962.92  |
| 6. Alufer - Univar Canada Ltd                 | \$43,308.00  |
- Carried.

Monthly Activity  
Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports for January 2006.

**Transportation  
Committee:**

Parking Meters in  
Front of Prince Charles  
School – By-Law 06-  
8296 – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Reading

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

Parking meters on Saskatchewan Avenue West end at 4<sup>th</sup> Street West. There are eight parking meters on Saskatchewan Avenue in front of Prince Charles School and there are seldom vehicles parked along this section of Saskatchewan Avenue. There are no parking meters on 3<sup>rd</sup> St. SW or 4<sup>th</sup> St. SW.

The School Division has requested that the meters be removed to provide overflow parking and to relieve pressure on surrounding side street parking.

45/06

Moved by: Councillor Keryluk  
Seconded by: Councillor Porter

RESOLVED THAT the parking meters on the south side of Saskatchewan Avenue between 4<sup>th</sup> St. SW and 3<sup>rd</sup> St. SW be removed; AND FURTHER THAT By-Law No. 06-8296 to amend Traffic By-Law No. 01-8105 to remove parking meters on Saskatchewan Avenue Between 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SW be given second reading.

Carried.

Moved by: Councillor Keryluk  
Seconded by: Councillor Porter

AND FURTHER THAT By-Law 06-8296 be read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed.

Carried.

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

Monthly Activity  
Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports for January 2006.

Tupper Street North  
Bridge – Paving  
Condition

Councillor Quinn requested the Transportation Committee Chair to contact the Department of Highways in regards to the condition of the paved surface of the Tupper Street North Bridge.

**Community Services  
Committee:**

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

Portage Kennel Club –  
Request for Camping

The Portage Kennel Club Annual Championship Dog Show traditionally takes place on the Canada Day weekend in the City of Portage la Prairie. The show attracts hundreds of competitors and spectators from across Manitoba and neighbouring provinces. The snow fencing provided has been used to prevent dogs from trespassing onto nearby residential properties and has been the responsibility of the Portage Kennel Club to pick up, set up and take down.

Council has previously permitted camping in the west parking lot of the Portage Centennial Arena for this Dog Show and for the Shrine Circus. Administratively, we have no concerns in supporting this request once again.

- 46/06 Moved by: Councillor Porter  
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn  
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie permit the Portage Kennel Club to camp on the west parking lot of the Portage Centennial Arena for their Annual Championship Dog Show June 30, July 1, 2 and 3, 2006.  
AND FURTHER THAT the Portage Kennel Club be responsible for the installation, rental and return of all required snow fencing and further that the west parking area be cleaned and restored to its prior condition at the full cost of the Portage Kennel Club to the sole satisfaction of the City.  
Carried.
- Winterlights Celebration Final Report – For Information Only Council reviewed a report on the successfully implemented Winterlights 2005 event and hosting of the National Judges December 1 – 3, 2005. Winterlights 2005 received two awards this year, which makes it a National Mega Award Winning Winter Light Show.  
  
Special thanks are extended to Marvin Orchard and Jean Armstrong along with their committee of volunteers for their time and commitment to this program.
- Aquatic Division 2006 Salary Revisions – By-Law No. 06-8313 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading The aquatic division has evolved since the addition of Splash Island consequently increasing the demands on the current aquatic organizational structure. Therefore, it has been necessary to review the job function and related pay structures to more accurately reflect position responsibilities and market values.
- 47/06 Moved by: Councillor Porter  
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn  
RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 06-8313 being a By-Law to adjust the Aquatic Program Supervisor and Senior Guard salaries be given first reading.  
Carried.
- Monthly Activity Reports Council reviewed the monthly activity reports for January 2006.
- DEFERRED BUSINESS:** None.
- NEW BUSINESS:**
- Tourism Advisory Committee Appointment 48/06 Moved by: Councillor Brennan  
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner  
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie appoint Guy Moffat as a member of the Tourism Advisory Committee effective immediately to the next Organizational Meeting of Council.  
Carried.
- Columbarium Agreement Council reviewed this report in-camera.

49/06 Moved by Councillor Porter  
Seconded by Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Manager of Administration be authorized to sign an agreement with Guinn & Simpson Joint Venture for the construction of one columbarium at Hillside Cemetery.

Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

Mayor MacKenzie requested members of Council to pause for a moment of silence and pay tribute to the memory of Terry Martin; former Councillor of The Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie. Councillor Martin served on many committees that included joint ventures between the Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie and the City of Portage la Prairie.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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Mayor

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Manager of Administration