

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

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Ken Brennan, Councillors Keryluk, Porter, Quinn, Robinson, and Wagner

**ABSENT:** Mayor Ian A. MacKenzie

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** 72/06 Moved by Councillor Porter  
Seconded by Councillor Wagner  
RESOLVED THAT the Council Minutes of the March 13, 2006, Regular Meeting of Council, and the March 14, 2006, Special Meeting of Council, be approved as circulated.  
Carried.

**DELEGATIONS:** **David Huck, LaSalle Redboine Conservation District**  
Mr. Huck reported on the Redboine Conservation District activities and Annual Report.

**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 06-8298 – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings

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

73/06 Moved by Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson  
RESOLVED THAT By-Law 06-8298 being a by-law to authorize unpaid water, sewer and solid waste charges to be added to taxes, be now read a second time.  
Carried.

Moved by Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson  
RESOLVED THAT By-Law 06-8298 be read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed.  
Carried.  
In Favour: Deputy Mayor Brennan, Councillors Keryluk, Porter, Quinn, Robinson, and Wagner

2005 Year End Results

Financial results for the year 2005 show a year end surplus in the General Operating Fund of \$144,451, and a surplus in the Utility Operating Fund of \$1,116. The CP land purchase by the arena was expensed in 2001 from the general operating fund but has been cancelled due to legal hold ups.

74/06 Moved by Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson  
RESOLVED THAT the un-audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2005, be adopted, and

THAT \$21,000 of the General Operating surplus be transferred to the Recreation Reserve, and

THAT the remaining General Operating surplus be transferred to the General Reserve, and

THAT the Utility Operating surplus be transferred to the Utility Reserve.  
Carried.

Federal Gas Tax Reserve, By-Law 06-8317 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Section 168(1) of The Municipal Act, S.M. 1996, c58 provides that a municipality may by by-law establish reserve funds for any general or specific purpose. Municipalities have been instructed to set up a reserve fund to record the payments of the Federal Gas Tax Funding Agreement.

Eligible projects are categorized in the areas of public transit, water, wastewater, solid waste, community energy systems, transportation infrastructure including local roads.

On January 10, 2005, City Council passed a resolution that for the remainder of its term, any monies received from other levels of government designated as fuel tax rebate money be spent on the repair, upgrading and/or building of roads within the City of Portage la Prairie.

In late February, the City of Portage la Prairie received its 2005 payment of \$244,108.68. A total of \$1.879 million will be collected over the first 5 years of the agreement period.

75/06 Moved by Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson  
RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 06-8317 being a by-law to create a Gas Tax Reserve Fund, be now read a first time.  
Carried.

Monthly Activity Report – For Information Only

Council reviewed the activity report for February, 2006.

**City Planning & Economic Development Committee:**

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

Monthly Activity Report – For Information Only

Council reviewed the activity report for February, 2006.

The Canada Manitoba Infrastructure Committee has announced their contribution to the Crescent Lake Walkway. Federal and Provincial governments will contribute \$120,000 each towards this project.

Congratulations to the Planning District Board on a successful well attended conference held this month here in Portage la Prairie.

**Public Safety  
Committee**

Monthly Activity  
Report – For  
Information Only

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

Council reviewed the activity report for February, 2006.

Special thanks to Agrium for their \$1,000 contribution to the City's Fire Department to assist in purchasing confined rescue equipment.

**Waterworks  
Committee**

Monthly Activity  
Report – For  
Information Only

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

Council reviewed the activity report for February, 2006.

**Transportation  
Committee**

Monthly Activity  
Report – For  
Information Only

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

Council reviewed the activity report for February, 2006.

**Community Services  
Committee**

Monthly Activity  
Report – For  
Information Only

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

Council reviewed the activity report for February, 2006.

**DEFERRED  
BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

76/06

Moved by Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by Councillor Porter

RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m.  
Carried.

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Mayor

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Manager of Administration