

MINUTES of a Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at 6:07 p.m.

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

**ABSENT:**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** 118/06 Moved by Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson  
RESOLVED THAT the Council Minutes of the May 8, 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 and Solid Waste to Taxes, By-Law 06-8300 – 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.

119/06 Moved by Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson  
RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 06-8300 being a by-law authorizing unpaid water, sewer and solid waste accounts to be added to taxes, be now read a second time.  
Carried.

Moved by Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson  
RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 06-8300 be now read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed.  
Carried.

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

Loan to Terriers, By-Law 06-8319 – 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Readings

The Portage & District Terriers Hockey Club Inc. approached the City of Portage la Prairie asking for a loan to pay Revenue Canada for their outstanding account.

120/06 Moved by Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson  
RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 06-8319, being a by-law to authorize the loan of \$27,200 to Portage & District Terriers Hockey Club Inc. be now read a second time.  
Carried.

Moved by Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson

RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 06-8319 be now read a 3<sup>rd</sup> time, finally passed, signed and sealed.

Carried.

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

Central Plains  
Alcoholics  
Anonymous Lease of  
City Facility

In July 2001 Council authorized Administration to negotiate a lease with Central Plains Alcoholics Anonymous (CPAA) for the use of the old Kinsmen Hall building. The CPAA has expressed a desire to extend the lease as the facility is a valuable asset to their program.

The proposed new lease is for a shorter two year term scheduled to commence September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2008 and has been revised to specify roles and responsibilities for both the Lessor and the Lessee.

The nature of the lease is similar to the previous one, for a rental fee of \$1.00 per year. The CPAA is responsible to pay for the local improvement taxes and is required to pay the utilities for the facility and for minor facility maintenance.

121/06 Moved by Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson

RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Administration to sign the lease with Central Plains Alcoholics Anonymous for a new lease term commencing September 1, 2006 – August 31, 2008.

Carried.

Activity Reports for  
April, 2006 – For  
Information Only

Council reviewed the activity reports for the month of April.

Council was advised that AMM will be meeting with the Minister Responsible for Parking Tickets to further address the possibility of adding unpaid parking fines to Driver's Licenses.

**City Planning &  
Economic  
Development  
Committee:**

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

TransCanada  
Yellowhead Highway  
Association Conference  
– For Information Only

The City of Portage la Prairie hosted the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual TransCanada Yellowhead Highway Association Conference on May 12-14 at the Canad Inn, with approximately 70 delegates and guests, along with Federal and Provincial Ministers and their representatives.

Council was advised that Councillor Earl Porter was elected Vice President for the Manitoba Region.

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April, 2006 – For  
Information Only

Council reviewed the activity reports for the month of April.

**Public Safety  
Committee**

Activity Reports for  
April, 2006 – For  
Information Only

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

Council reviewed the activity reports for the month of April.

Council was advised that Cpt. Ken Tessier retired after 22 years of service with the City of Portage la Prairie Fire Department.

New appointments to the Fire Department include:

- Dave Holmes promoted to a Captain's position
- Stephen Moffit awarded a Full Time Fire Fighter position

Councillor Wagner noted that identity theft is on the rise, and the RCMP are going to be working with the Chamber of Commerce on this issue. The public is urged to take measures to protect themselves from identity theft.

**Waterworks  
Committee**

Tender Award for the  
Supply of Laboratory  
Testing Services

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

The tender was advertised and closed on Wednesday April 26, 2006.

The contract is to supply the Laboratory Testing Services for a two year period from June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 to May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

Eighty percent of the cost of Coliform testing is reimbursed by the Provincial Government which will bring the annual cost below budgeted estimated. Heterotrophic Plate Count testing is considerably higher than the previous contract, due to the fact that the Provincial Government is no longer subsidizing the HPC sample testing. The E-coli testing was not included in the budget due to Provincial sampling requirements that were issued to take effect on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2006. The Organic/Inorganic semi annual testing was under estimated in the budget.

122/06

Moved by Councillor Robinson  
Seconded by Councillor Keryluk

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie authorize the Mayor and Manager of Administration to enter into an agreement on behalf of the City:

- 1) Bacti Testing
  - a) Heterotrophic Plate Count      ALS      \$ 6,676.80
  - b) Coliforms      ALS      \$12,685.92
- 2) Distribution Testing Set (Metals)      ALS      \$ 3,235.68
- 3) Semi-annual Testing
  - Organic/Inorganic      Norwest Labs      \$ 8,605.53
- 4) Pesticide Screening      Maxxum      \$ 1,760.00

Carried.

Activity Reports for  
April – For Information  
Only

Council reviewed the activity reports for the month of April.

**Transportation  
Committee**

Road Closure –  
McCain Avenue, East  
Road, By-Law 06-  
8320 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

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

The City is in the process of registering a new legal plan of subdivision for the area east of Westco Drive. The existing McCain Avenue and East Road rights-of-way must be closed to allow for the new plan of subdivision.

In accordance with requirements of The Municipal Act, [sections 290(2) and 420], the by-law will be advertised and a hearing held on June 26, 2006. If no objections are received at the hearing, the by-law will receive 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings and be forwarded to the Minister for final approval.

The by-law provides for the authorization for the title for the surface rights and the subsurface (mines and minerals) rights of the closed roads to vest in the City of Portage la Prairie. Approval of the Ministers responsible for the Municipal Act and Crown Lands Act will be required.

123/06

Moved by Councillor Keryluk  
Seconded by Councillor Porter

RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 06-8320, being a by-law to close a portion of McCain Avenue and East Road, legally described as All that portion of McCain Avenue and of East Road contained within the limits of Plan No. 24594 PLTO in River Lot 69, Parish of Portage la Prairie, be now introduced, read a first time and advertised.  
Carried.

Public Reserve Closure  
– McMillan Industrial  
Park, By-Law 06-8321  
– 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

The City is in the process of registering a new legal plan of subdivision for the area east of Westco Drive.

An existing public reserve in the area must be closed to allow for the new plan of subdivision.

The by-law will be advertised and a hearing held on June 26, 2006. If no objections are received at the hearing, the by-law will receive 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings and be forwarded to the Minister responsible for the Planning Act for final approval.

124/06

Moved by Councillor Keryluk  
Seconded by Councillor Porter

RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 06-8321, being a by-law to close a Public Reserve, legally described as Public Reserve B, Plan No. 24594 PLTO in River Lot 69, Parish of Portage la Prairie, be now introduced and read a first time and advertised.  
Carried.

Activity Reports for  
April, 2006 – For  
Information Only

Council reviewed the activity reports for the month of April.

**Community Services  
Committee**

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sport and  
Recreation Expo – For  
Information Only

Council reviewed an information report on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sport and Recreation Expo that took place on Saturday, May 13 at the Portage Centennial Arena, an event to increase awareness about the many recreation and sport opportunities available in Portage la Prairie.

Free Annual Public  
Swim

Council's decision to offer a free public swim from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 was successful in attracting 554 patrons to the Southport Community Aquaplex.

This event not only served as an opportunity to promote the Southport Community Aquaplex and educate the public through Red Cross and Lifesaving Society water safety publications, but also created an atmosphere with which to promote physical activity through swimming.

In addition, patrons were able to observe lifeguards-in-training as 13 students participated in the National Lifeguard Service (NLS) award exam that afternoon in the pool area.

The high number in attendance is a good indicator that the free swim was successful in promoting the facility, the programs and services available and the opportunity for families to participate together.

125/06

Moved by Councillor Porter  
Seconded by Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie authorize the Economic and Community Development Department to provide a free public swim and water safety presentation to the public at the Southport Aquaplex on an annual basis in order to increase public awareness and participation in aquatic programs.

Carried.

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**DEFERRED  
BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Award of Tender – 8<sup>th</sup>  
Street Watermain  
Renewal Contract

The tender was advertised and was opened on Wednesday, May 10, 2006, with one bid received.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Street watermain has had several breaks in this area over the years.

The City's net cost with the GST rebate is approximately \$182,887.00. The preliminary budget estimate was \$166,000 therefore the project is approximately \$16,900 over budget. This is the first project tendered from the 2006 Utility Renewal budget.

126/06 Moved by Councillor Robinson  
Seconded by Councillor Keryluk

RESOLVED THAT THE Council of the City of Portage la Prairie award the tender 06 OPS 019 to Towle Construction Ltd. for the tendered price of \$195,689.09, including taxes.  
Carried.

Rezoning Application,  
Erik Lee, 600 Queen  
Ave., By-Law 06-8322  
– 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

The property in question, Lots 1/2 Block 7 Plan 8, Parish of Portage la Prairie, located at 600 Queen Avenue, is presently zoned R1 - Single Family Dwelling. The applicant, Erik Lee, wishes to rezone this property to R3 – Multiple Family Dwelling district.

The application will be circulated to the Province for review and comment after first reading.

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.

127/06 Moved by Councillor Brennan  
Seconded by Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie give By-Law No. 06-8322 First Reading and provide public notices as defined in Section 168 of “The Planning Act”.  
Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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Mayor

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Manager of Administration