

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held at City Hall in the City of Portage la Prairie on Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at 6:02 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Ken Brennan, Councillors Bereza, Ferris, Keryluk, Quinn, Shindle and Wagner

**ABSENT:** None

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES** 105 /07 Moved by: Councillor Wagner  
Seconded by: Councillor Shindle  
RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held at City Hall on Monday, March 26, 2007 be approved as circulated.  
Carried.

**DELEGATIONS:** None

**HEARINGS:**

Variation – Steel Art Signs No one appeared to speak in favour of or object to this variation.

106/07 Moved by: Councillor Wagner  
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn  
RESOLVED THAT the hearing for the variation for Steel Art Signs, now be closed.  
Carried.

The applicant, Steel Art Signs Corp., is applying for a variation order to allow a third sign to be permitted on the South side of the building. The applicant is installing signage on the North and West sides of this building. This building is located at the west end of the Royal Plains Strip Mall.

This building is in a C-3 Highway Commercial district.

107/07 Moved by: Councillor Bereza  
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner  
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approves the variation request of Steel Art Signs Corp. to vary the sign requirement of two signs to be increased to three signs at the property known as Unit 1 - 2352 Sissons Drive, which is legally described as Parcels N & Q, Plan 45309, Parish of Portage la Prairie.  
Carried.

Conditional Use – Mellco Developments Mrs. Faye Nickart appeared to speak in favour of this Conditional Use.

108/07 Moved by: Councillor Wagner  
Seconded by: Councillor Bereza  
RESOLVED THAT the hearing for the Conditional Use for Mellco Developments now be closed.  
Carried.

The applicant, Mellco Developments Ltd., has applied for a conditional use to allow for a two family dwelling (duplex). The applicant was initially going to build a six-plex that included 2 two-storey units.

This property is located in an R3 – Multiple Family Dwelling Zone.

109/07 Moved by: Councillor Bereza  
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner  
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the conditional use application of Mellco Developments Ltd. to allow for a two family dwelling (duplex) in an R3 – Multiple Family Dwelling Zone at the property 30, 34, 38, 42, 46, 50, 54, 58 Jack Cavers Place, which is legally described as Lot 2, Plan 39872, Parish of Portage la

Prairie.  
Carried.

## **COMMITTEES:**

### **Finance, Legislative & Property Committee**

Unpaid Water, Sewer & Solid Waste to Taxes for March, By-Law 07-8345 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

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

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

110/07 Moved by: Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by: Councillor Shindle

RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 07-8345 being a by-law to authorize unpaid water, sewer and solid waste charges to be added to taxes, be read a first time.  
Carried.

### **City Planning and Economic Development Committee**

Rezoning – City of Portage la Prairie – By-Law 07-8361 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

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

The property in question, a portion of Parcel B, Plan 43000, Parish of Portage la Prairie, is presently zoned R3 – Multiple Family Dwelling. The applicants, City of Portage la Prairie, wish to rezone this property to R2 - Two Family Dwelling District.

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

111/07 Moved by: Councillor Bereza  
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED That the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie give By-Law No. 07-8361 first reading and provide public notices as defined in Section 168 of “The Planning Act”.  
Carried.

Portage la Prairie International Committee 2007 Strategic Plan

Council reviewed the Portage la Prairie International Committee’s 2007 Strategic Plan and the amended mission Statement. The purpose of the Portage la Prairie International Committee is to encourage and support immigration in the City and Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie.

The adoption of the 2007 strategic plan will provide the Portage la Prairie International Committee with the direction and support of City Council to move forward.

112/07 Moved by: Councillor Bereza  
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED That Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the Portage la Prairie International Committee’s 2007 strategic plan.  
Carried.

### **Public Safety Committee**

**The Public Safety Committee has nothing to report.**

### **Waterworks Committee**

Water Treatment Plant Year End Report for 2006

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

The Waterworks Committee reviewed the 2006 Water Treatment Plant Year End Report.

**Transportation  
Committee**

9<sup>th</sup> Street NW Local  
Improvement Plan

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

The 2007 budget includes a local improvement project to pave 9<sup>th</sup> St. N.W. between Scanlan Ave. and 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW.

The cost of the project would be borne by the adjacent landowners, and shared on a lot frontage basis. The total cost of constructing the road base and paving the street, with curb and gutter is estimated at \$202,000 plus \$28,000 for engineering work. The cost is estimated at \$201.20 per frontage foot. Therefore, for a 50-foot wide lot, the estimated cost is \$10,060.19.

The budget for the City's share was \$10,000 but the revised estimate is \$32,192.60. The additional amount of \$22,192.60 is proposed to be funded by the Fuel Tax Reserve.

113/07 Moved by: Councillor Wagner  
Seconded by: Councillor Ferris

RESOLVED THAT the Local Improvement Plan no. RD07-01-V1 to construct and pave 9<sup>th</sup> Street N.W. between Scanlan Ave. and 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW be adopted and sent to the benefiting property owners.  
Carried.

Solid Waste Annual  
Report - 2006

The Waterworks Committee reviewed the 2006 Solid Waste Annual Report.

**Community Services  
Committee**

**The Community Services Committee has nothing to report.**

**DEFERRED  
BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Council Strategic Plan

Council held a number of strategic planning sessions in late 2006 and has established their 2007 to 2010 Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan establishes Council's priorities during the term of this Council's office and will be reviewed and amended annually as required. Strategic Plan items are:

1. To create a business plan and process to develop and operate a Multiplex for the community
2. To develop a plan that would call for the re-configuration of the Koko Platz/PR 240 intersection that would include the installation of traffic lights, egress, and access
3. To re-construct and pave Wilkinson Crescent
4. To develop a sewage line replacement program for the north west end of the City
5. Upgrade Saskatchewan Avenue West from 4<sup>th</sup> St W to Elm St W to an urban standard
6. To develop a nutrient removal business plan for the City
7. To develop a community pride program focused around the development of a streaming video
8. To expedite construction of a new regional hospital for Portage la Prairie
9. To continue developing partnerships with area First Nation's entity
10. To provide funding to conduct a study that examines local social conditions and needs in Portage la Prairie
11. To develop a tax incentive program for downtown related business development

114/07 Moved by: Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by: Councillor Shindle  
RESOLVED That the 2007 to 2010 City Strategic Plan be approved.  
Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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Mayor

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Manager of Administration