

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held at City Hall in the City of Portage la Prairie on Monday, May 14, 2007 at 6:07 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES 138/07 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner
RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held at City Hall on Monday, April 23, 2007 be approved as circulated with the following amendment to Resolution 123/07; deleting the word "front" and replacing is with the word "side" and that the Special Meeting Minutes of Council held at City Hall on May 8, 2007 be approved as circulated.
Carried.

DELEGATIONS: None

HEARINGS:

Variation – Deanna Henry & Joanne Smith – 201 Duke Avenue No one appeared in favour of or objection to this variance request.

139/07 Moved by: Councillor Wagner
Seconded by: Councillor Bereza
RESOVLED THAT the Public Hearing for the variation request of Deanna Henry and Joanne Smith now be closed.
Carried.

The applicant, Deanna Henry, is applying for a variation order to allow for a detached garage to be constructed.

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

140/07 Moved by: Councillor Bereza
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the variation request of Deanna Henry & Joanne Smith for a detached garage to vary
1) Side yard, when no attached garage or carport, to be reduced from the required 5m down to .6m;
2) Side yard for an accessory building to be reduced from the required 1.5m down to .6m.
at the property known as 201 Duke Avenue which is legally described as Lot 9, Block 4, Plan 1998, Parish of Portage la Prairie.
Carried.

Variation – Jeff Koldyk – 1320 Lorne Avenue West Mr. Jeff Koldyk appeared before Council to answer any questions regarding the variation request.

141/07 Moved by: Councillor Wagner
Seconded by: Councillor Bereza
RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for the variation request of Jeff Koldyk now be closed.
Carried.

The applicant, Jeff Koldyk, is applying for a variation order to allow the front yard to be reduced from the required 7.5m to 3.32m in order to build a deck.

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

- 142/07 Moved by: Councillor Bereza
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the variation request of Jeff Koldyk to vary the front yard to be reduced from the required 7.5m to 3.32m at the property known as 1320 Lorne Avenue West which is legally described as Lots 31/32, Block 2, Plan 340, Parish of Portage la Prairie.
Carried.

Variation – Ron & Corrie
McRorie – 51 Pelechaty
Drive

Mr. Ron McRorie appeared before Council to answer questions regarding his variance request.

- 143/07 Moved by: Councillor Wagner
Seconded by: Councillor Bereza
RESOLVED THAT the hearing for the variation request of Ron & Corrie McRorie now be closed.
Carried.

The applicants, Ron and Corie McRorie, are applying for a variation order to allow the required height of 4.5m to be increased to 9.58m.

This building is in an R1A – Suburban Residential District.

- 144/07 Moved by: Councillor Bereza
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the variation request of Ron and Corie McRorie to vary the required height of 4.5 m to be increased to 9.58 m at the property known as 51 Pelechaty Drive which is legally described as Block 3, Plan 523, Parish of Portage la Prairie.
Carried.

Variation – Gary
LaFreniere – 233-5th
Avenue NE

No one appeared in favour of or to object to this variance.

- 145/07 Moved by: Councillor Wagner
Seconded by: Councillor Bereza
RESOLVED THAT the hearing for the variation request of Gary LaFreniere now be closed.
Carried.

The applicant, Gary LaFreniere, is applying for a variation order to allow the front yard to be reduced from the required 7.5m to 5.99m. Applicant wishes to construct an attached garage and would like it to line up with the front of the house.

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

- 146/07 Moved by: Councillor Bereza
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the variation request of Gary LaFreniere to vary the front yard to be reduced from the required 7.5m to 5.99m at the property known as 233 5th Avenue NE which is legally described as Lot 255, Plan 29, Parish of Portage la Prairie.
Carried.

COMMITTEES:

**Finance, Legislative &
Property Committee**

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

Unpaid Water, Sewer &

This is part of the normal monthly procedure to allow unpaid water, sewer

Solid Waste to Taxes for
April – By-Law 07-8346
– 1st Reading.

and solid waste accounts to be added to property taxes.

147/07 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Shindle
RESOLVED That By-Law No. 07-8346 being a by-law to authorize
unpaid water, sewer and solid waste charges be added to taxes be read a first
time.
Carried.

Tax Levy By-Law – By-
Law 07-8360 – 2nd & 3rd
Reading

This By-Law received 1st Reading on April 23, 2007. It is now ready to
receive 2nd & 3rd Reading.

148/07 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Shindle
RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 07-8360, being a by-law of the City of
Portage la Prairie to authorize the levying and raising of property taxes for
school and municipal purposes for the year ending December 31, 2007 be given
second reading.
Carried.

Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Shindle
RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 07-8360 be given third and final
reading, finally passed, signed and sealed.
Carried.
In Favour: Councillors Shindle, Bereza, Ferris, Quinn, Wagner, Keryluk and
Mayor Brennan.

Tentative Property
Development Schedule –
Kelly K Street
Subdivision – For
Information Only

Council reviewed a tentative property development schedule for the Kelly K
Street Subdivision.

By-Law 07-8362 –
Repeal Existing
Scholarship By-Law and
Implement Policy and
Procedure CL-AV Queen
Elizabeth Scholarship –
By-Law 07-8362 – 1st
Reading

By-Law 7785 provides for the granting of five scholarships to graduates of
the three high schools in Portage la Prairie, one to Westpark School, two to
Arthur Meighen High School and two to Portage Collegiate Institute. Since
the fall of 2006 Arthur Meighen High School and Portage Collegiate Institute
have merged into one High School.

To remain consistent in the number of scholarships granted, it is suggested to
grant one scholarship to a Westpark School graduate and four scholarships to
graduates of the Portage Collegiate Institute. The value of each of the
scholarships for 2007 will be five hundred dollars, with future years amounts
to be determined annually by Council through the budget process.

Policy CL-AV will replace the existing By-Law with these changes.

149/07 Moved by Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Shindle
RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 07-8362 being a by-law to repeal the
existing scholarship By-Law that is no longer required, be now read a first
time.
Carried.

**City Planning &
Economic Development**

**The City Planning & Economic Development Committee has nothing to
report.**

Public Safety

The Public Safety Committee respectfully submits the following reports:

Committee

Part-Time Fire Fighter –
Training Rate – By-Law
07-8363 – 1st Reading

The 2007 part time fire fighter training rate is \$12.78 per hour and the 2007 fire fighting rate is \$17.52 per hour. Included in the 2007 budget is \$6,000 to increase the training rate to \$17.52 an hour to have the same rate for both training and fire fighting.

150/07 Moved by: Councillor Ferris
Seconded by: Councillor Keryluk
That By-Law 07-8363, being a by-law to increase the part time fire fighting training rate be given first reading.
Carried.

Emergency Mutual Aid
Memorandum of
Understanding – RM of
Macdonald

The RM of Macdonald has requested the City of Portage la Prairie to renew their Peacetime Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement. In April of 2005 the City of Portage la Prairie initially entered into an agreement at the request of the RM of Macdonald. Since the 2006 election the provincial government, Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization, requires new mutual aid agreements with neighbouring municipalities as part of their Emergency Plan. These agreements support each other when affected or threatened by peacetime emergencies and provide assistance when required.

It is also proposed that any cost incurred in connection with the mobilization, movement and deployment of Mutual Aid resources will be borne by the Municipality receiving the Aid.

151/07 Moved by: Councillor Ferris
Seconded by: Councillor Keryluk
RESOLVED That the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie renew the Peacetime Emergency Mutual Aid Memorandum of Understanding with the RM of Macdonald and further that the Mayor and Manager of Administration be authorized to sign said Memorandum of Understanding.
Carried.

Waterworks Committee

The Waterworks Committee respectfully submits the following report:

Manitoba Water Quality
Regulations – For
Information Only

Council reviewed a report updating the City on the enactment of two provincial regulations, and the potential impact to the utility.

Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee respectfully submits the following reports:

Loading Zone – 3rd Street
NW

Park Terrace Apartments has requested a “No Parking Zone” for the residents at the apartment block on the west side of 3rd Street NW. from their front access sidewalk to their parking lot driveway. The owner has indicated that the neighbours accessing the street have difficulty backing out of their driveway because of cars parked on both sides of the street.

The Traffic By-Law allows for the creation of loading zones for people and goods.

152/07 Moved by: Councillor Wagner
Seconded by: Councillor Ferris
RESOLVED That Council authorize the creation of a loading zone, approximately 12 meters in length at Park Terrace Apartments at 805-3rd Street NW, between the front sidewalk and the parking lot access, and amend the Traffic By-Law Traffic Directory accordingly.
Carried.

Industrial Park
Directional Signage

Complaints have been received about trucks using 3rd Street NE when it is not a designated truck route.

The streets within the City are well signed with regard to truck routes and “no Truck” routes. McCain Foods Ltd. would like additional signage on the Highways outside of the City.

It is proposed to install signage on Hwy #1, #1A and PTH 26. The Highway Traffic Act states that the City must obtain approval from the Manitoba Highway Traffic Board to install signage along Provincial Roads. A resolution of Council is requested to accompany the application for the proposed directional signage.

153/07 Moved by: Councillor Wagner
Seconded by: Councillor Ferris

RESOLVED THAT an application for the installation of directional signage for the McMillan Industrial Park along Provincial Highways be made to the Highway Traffic Board.
Carried.

Award of Tender –
Granular Materials

This tender was advertised in the Daily Graphic and closed on April 12, 2007 with two companies submitting bids.

The 2007 budget is approximately \$105,500.00. The low bid is \$97,672.36 net of GST. This bid comes in approximately \$7,800.00 below budget.

154/07 Moved by: Councillor Wagner
Seconded by: Councillor Ferris

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie award the tender for the Supply of Granular Materials, as specified in Tender 07 OPS 005, to D. Humiski Trucking, for the tendered price of \$103, 532.70 including GST.
Carried.

**Community Services
Committee**

The Community Services Committee respectfully submits the following reports:

Out of Scope Employee
Uniforms – By-Law 07-
8365 – 1st Reading

Effective April 30, 2007 the Provincial Government has implemented changes to the Employment Standards. Included in the changes are the employers’ responsibility to pay for uniforms and special clothing required to be worn by employees.

As a part of the City’s out of scope by-law, employees of the aquatic division are required to wear specific clothing displaying the City’s logo and name.

By-law 07-8365 will amend the current out of scope employee By-Law 05-8272 to allow for the changes to comply with the new Provincial Regulations effective April 30, 2007.

155/07 Moved by: Councillor Shindle
Seconded by: Councillor Bereza

That By-law No. 07-8365, being a by-law to revise the employee uniform requirement be given first reading.
Carried.

**DEFERRED
BUSINESS:**

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Council adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor

Manager of Administration