

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held at City Hall in the City of Portage la Prairie on Monday, January 28, 2008 at 6:04 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Councillor Quinn

ADOPTION OF MINUTES 27/08 Moved by: Councillor Wagner
Seconded by: Councillor Bereza
RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held at City Hall on January 14, 2008 be approved as circulated. Carried.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:
Variation – James Steuart Vincent Hart appeared once again to express his concerns with this variation
James Steuart appeared in support of the variation.
Angela Steuart appeared in support of the variation.

28/08 Moved by: Councillor Bereza
Seconded by Councillor Wagner
RESOLVED THAT the hearing for the variation request of James Steuart now be closed. Carried.

The applicant, James Richard Steuart, is applying for a variation order to allow the

- 1) South side yard to be reduced from the required 1.5m to .381m and;
- 2) Reduce the north side yard from 1.5m to 1.23m

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

The application has been circulated to the various City Departments with one concern being expressed regarding the spatial separation. Applicant will be required to meet current requirements for residential spatial separations as per the Manitoba Building Code before building permit is issued.

Public notices have been sent to all property owners within a 100 meter radius.

Council deferred this item to the January 14, 2008 council meeting pending further information. At the January 14, 2008 council meeting, resolution 07/08 was approved that the south side yard be amended by deleting .381m and replacing it with .681m. Council tabled the variation request to the next council meeting to be held on January 28, 2008.

29/08 Moved by: Councillor Bereza
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the variation request of James Richard Steuart to vary the south side yard to be reduced from the required 1.5m to .681m and reduce the north side yard from 1.5m to 1.23m at the property known as 111 16th St NW which is legally described as Lot 505, Plan 33, Parish of Portage la Prairie with the following conditions:

- 1) 5” eaves troughs must be installed providing proper drainage to the street; and
- 2) A cement block wall is to be built to form the south wall of the garage.

Defeated.

HEARINGS:

By-Law 08-8397 – Debenture
Authorization – Wilkinson
Crescent – 1st Reading

John Boehm appeared in support.

30/08 Moved by: Councillor Shindle

Seconded by: Councillor Bereza

RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for the Debenture
Authorization for Wilkinson Crescent now be closed.

Carried.

The Debenture by-law for the design and construction of Wilkinson
Crescent allows for borrowing up to a maximum of \$2,185,000.00 for the
project.

The project is estimated at a cost of \$2.64 million dollars funded by 2008
and future Federal Fuel Tax revenues. The debt term for \$2.185 million is
for 5 years, with the principal and interest to be paid with future Fuel Tax
revenues in each of the 5 years.

The Debenture authorization by-law requires 1st reading and this is sent to
the Municipal Board for approval before 2nd & 3rd reading takes place.
After the approvals are in place and the funds are required, another by-law
will be required to issue the debt and release the funds.

The Hearing Notice was advertised in the January 11 and 15 publications of
the Daily Graphic as required.

31/08 Moved by: Councillor Shindle

Seconded by: Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 08-8397 authorizing the City's
request to borrow in the amount of \$2,185,000.00 for the design and
construction of Wilkinson Crescent be given 1st Reading; and

THAT By-Law No. 08-8397 be sent to the Municipal Board for
approval.

Carried.

DELEGATIONS:

Mr. Kirt Prince from S.A. Prince Bluesky Charities Inc. made a
presentation regarding their goal to create a hospice home for terminally
ill First Nations people and their plan to expand to all people in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

S.A. Blue Sky Prince Charities
Inc. – Request for Occasional
Permit and Waiver of Portage
Centennial Arena Facility
Rental Fees

S.A. Blue Sky Prince Charities Inc. has verbally requested an occasional
liquor permit for their upcoming event. The Manitoba Liquor Control
Commission requires authorization from the City of Portage la Prairie, as
owners of the facility, before issuing a liquor permit to the organizers.
Administratively, there are no concerns regarding support for this event
provided all terms of the rental contract are met. The Group has also
requested a waiver or reduction of fees for the Portage Centennial Arena
facility rental for May 31, 2008.

32/08 Moved by: Councillor Shindle

Seconded by: Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie
approve S.A. Blue Sky Prince Charities Inc.'s request to obtain an
occasional use liquor permit through the Manitoba Liquor Control
Commission for a fundraising event to be held Saturday, May 31, 2008 at
the Portage Centennial Arena.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the City of Portage la
Prairie deny the request to waive or reduce the Portage Centennial Arena
facility rental fees for May 31, 2008.

Carried.

COMMITTEES:

Finance, Legislative & Property Committee

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

By-Law 07-8354 – Unpaid Water, Sewer & Solid Waste to Taxes for December – 2nd & 3rd Reading

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

33/08 Moved By: Councillor Shindle

Seconded By: Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED THAT By-Law 07-8354 being a by-law to allow unpaid water, sewer and solid waste charges be added to taxes be read a second time.

Carried.

Moved By: Councillor Shindle

Seconded By: Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED THAT By-Law 07-8354 be read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed. Carried

In Favour: Councillors Bereza, Shindle, Ferris, Keryluk, Wagner and Mayor Brennan.

By-Law 07-8382 – Cancel Un-Issued Borrowing – 2nd & 3rd Reading

In 2001 Council passed a by-law authorizing \$6,587,000 of debt towards the upgrading of the water treatment and wastewater treatment systems to update and expand the systems as well as accommodate the Simplot's processing facility.

Borrowing for the project actually amounted to \$6,000,000, leaving a remaining balance of \$587,000 to be cancelled. A by-law is required to cancel the balance.

34/08 Moved by: Councillor Shindle

Seconded by: Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 07-8382 authorizing the cancellation of the un-issued borrowing authorized by By-Law No. 01-8093 be given second reading.

Carried.

Moved By: Councillor Shindle

Seconded By: Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED THAT BY-Law 07-8382 be read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed.

Carried.

In Favour: Councillors Bereza, Shindle, Ferris, Keryluk, Wagner and Mayor Brennan.

Monthly Activity Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

City Planning & Economic Development

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

Monthly Activity Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

Public Safety Committee

The Public Safety Committee respectfully submits the following reports:

Monthly Activity Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

Councillor Ferris announced the retirement of the Fire Chief for April 28, 2008.

Waterworks Committee

The Waterworks Committee respectfully submits the following reports:

Odours – WPCF

Council reviewed a report on the odours from the WPCF.

Monthly Activity Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee respectfully submits the following reports:

Monthly Activity Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

Community Services Committee

The Community Services Committee respectfully submits the following reports:

Public Skating Cancellation Request

Each year the Centennial Arena hosts approximately four major ice tournaments and the City typically receives requests to cancel Public Skating during these events. On March 14 – 16 the Portage Ringette Association will be hosting the Manitoba Ringette Association Provincial Playdowns for the Petite level (12 – 13 years) and have requested that Public Skating be cancelled for the weekend. Twenty teams are expected to take part in this event.

The Public Skate Policy, adopted in May 2007, states that it is the intent of the City to ensure Family Skate is maintained on Sundays on a continuous basis and therefore, cancellation requests for this time will only be given consideration under special circumstances and approved by resolution of City Council. All other requests will be considered on an individual basis.

35/08 Moved By: Councillor Shindle

Seconded By: Councillor Ferris

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie deny the request to cancel Public Skating March 14 – 16, 2008.

36/08 Moved By: Councillor Shindle

Seconded By: Councillor Ferris

RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 35/08 be amended to read that the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie denies the request to cancel Public Skating on March 16, 2008 only.
Defeated.

Recreation & Leisure Services
2007 Annual Report

Council reviewed the Recreation & Leisure Services Department's Annual Report.

Monthly Activity Reports

Council reviewed the monthly activity reports.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Council adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Mayor

Manager of Administration