

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held at City Hall in the City of Portage la Prairie on Monday, June 9, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

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

**ABSENT:** None

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES** 162/08 Moved by: Councillor Wagner  
Seconded by: Councillor Bereza  
RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held at City Hall on May 26, 2008 be approved as circulated.  
Carried.

**DELEGATIONS:** John Boehm: Mr. Boehm appeared to speak about the Multiplex and the status of the business plan.

**HEARINGS:** None

**COMMITTEES:**

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

By-Law 08-8388 – Unpaid Water, Sewer & Solid Waste to Taxes for May – 1st Reading                      This is part of the monthly procedure to allow unpaid water, sewer and solid waste accounts to be added to property taxes.

163/08 Moved by: Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by: Councillor Shindle  
RESOLVED THAT By-Law 08-8388 being a by law to authorize unpaid water, sewer and solid waste charges be added to taxes be read a 1st time.  
Carried.

Legal Services – Labour Relations                      The City of Portage la Prairie previously engaged the services of Morgan Whiteway with regards to legal advice regarding labour relations and collective bargaining. Mr. Whiteway is no longer available.

In discussions with Mr. Mitchell, he has indicated that he has provided legal services for labour relations to companies such as Simplot, Maple Leaf & Superstore. He has also provided legal counsel to the City of Brandon, Brandon University and Mayfair Farms.

Mr. Mitchell has agreed to assist the City of Portage la Prairie by providing legal advice for labour relation issues.

164/08 Moved by: Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by: Councillor Shindle  
RESOLVED That the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie retain Grant Mitchell, Q.C. from Taylor McCaffrey LLP as the City's lawyer for labour relation issues.  
Carried.

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

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

**Waterworks  
Committee**

**The Waterworks Committee has nothing to report.**

**Transportation  
Committee**

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

Amendment to  
Traffic By-Law –  
RHA

The Traffic By-Law authorizes City Council to make changes to the installation and location of traffic control signage and designation of streets within the City. A Council resolution is necessary to add or delete traffic control signage and change street designation.

The RHA plans to add a parking lot access on the south side of the intersection of 9<sup>th</sup> St SE and Queen Avenue, effectively making this a 3-way intersection.

In order to provide for safe traffic movement a three-way stop is necessary. Two stop signs would be City-owned and one would be RHA owned.

165/08 Moved by: Councillor Wagner  
Seconded by: Councillor Ferris

RESOLVED THAT Council authorize amendments to the following sections of the Traffic Bylaw.No. 01-8105 Traffic Sign Directory reference drawing that specifies the location of traffic control signage to provide for the installation of two stop signs on City Right-of-way on Queen Avenue eastbound at 9<sup>th</sup> ST SE and on 9<sup>th</sup> St SE southbound at Queen Ave.  
Carried.

Crosswalk on  
Crescent Road East

In August of 2006, Council approved the installation of a pedestrian crosswalk on Crescent Road East at the south end of the cul-de-sac intersection that existed at that time, at the front entrance to Lakeshore Apartments. The crosswalk was never installed due to the impending River Road/Crescent Road intersection upgrade and road alignment changes. A request from a resident of Lakeshore Apartments to install a crosswalk has been received.

If installed now, the crosswalk would be located in the middle of a block, at a curve in the road, and not at an intersection. Pedestrian crossing in the middle of the block on a road with a relatively high traffic volume is not advisable. Crosswalks can also give pedestrians a false sense of security.

With the proposed installation of a sidewalk from River Road to Bridge Road on the school side of Crescent Road this summer, access to the lake side will be improved.

The Principal of Crescentview School has concerns about installing an unsupervised crosswalk in the area of the school, and believes that a sidewalk to River Road on the school side will greatly improve access and safety. The School Division Superintendent concurs.

If a crosswalk is considered necessary, possible locations could be adjacent to the Crescentview School bus loop or at the driveway to Woodlands Walk Apartments.

166/08 Moved by: Councillor Wagner  
Seconded by: Councillor Ferris

RESOLVED That Council direct administration to install a pedestrian crosswalk on Crescent Road East at Lakeshore Apartments, and amend the Traffic Bylaw Traffic Sign Directory accordingly; and,  
That Council authorize the installation of any other crosswalk on Crescent Road East from Bridge Road to River Road.  
Defeated.

The Mayor recommended this be looked at in the future once the sidewalk is complete.

**Community  
Services  
Committee**

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

Portage Kennel  
Club Request for  
Camping

The Portage Kennel Club Annual Championship Dog Show attracts hundreds of competitors and spectators from across Manitoba and neighbouring provinces. The snow fencing provided has been used to prevent dogs from trespassing onto nearby residential properties and has been the responsibility of the Portage Kennel Club to pick-up, set up and take down.

Council has previously permitted camping in the West parking lot of the Portage Centennial Arena for this Dog Show. Administratively, we have no concerns in supporting this request once again.

Moved by: Councillor Shindle

Seconded by: Councillor Bereza

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie permit the Portage Kennel Club to camp on the West parking lot of the Portage Centennial Arena for their Annual Championship Dog Show July 3 - 6, 2008.

AND FURTHER THAT the Portage Kennel Club be responsible for the installation, rental and return of all required snow fencing and further that the West parking area be cleaned and restored to its prior condition at the full cost of the Portage Kennel Club to the sole satisfaction of the City.

Carried

**DEFERRED  
BUSINESS**

Amendment to  
Traffic By-Law –  
Truck Route

As requested by Council the Transportation Committee met to review the proposed truck route on Crescent Road and Tupper Street. The Committee reviewed a variety of options and recommends that the proposed “No Parking” zones on the North Side of Crescent Road East from Royal Road to Tupper Street and on the west side of Tupper Street South from Dufferin Avenue to Crescent Road be instituted.

With parking allowed on only one side of the street this will allow two-way traffic on Tupper Street. The No Parking on Crescent Road is required to provide enough space for a turning radius for truck traffic to access the new causeway.

The Committee noted that there will still be parking allowed on the East side of Tupper and on both sides of the street on Royal Road. The proposed no parking on the South end of Tupper on the East side can be reduced from 20 m to 10 m and still allow enough turning radius for truck traffic. The Committee also noted that the lane between Royal Rd and Tupper St is maintained to provide access to the rear of the lots fronting onto Crescent Road.

167/08 Moved by: Councillor Wagner

Seconded by: Councillor Ferris

RESOLVED That Council authorize amendments to the following sections of the Traffic Bylaw.No. 01-8105 Schedule “C”, Truck Routes; Schedule “D”, a drawing that specifies No parking zones; and the Traffic Sign Directory reference drawing that specifies the location of traffic control signage; to provide for:

- 1) the installation of a stop sign at each end of the proposed causeway;
- 2) the addition of Tupper St S as a Truck Route;
- 3) the addition of Crescent Road E from Tupper to Royal Rd as a Truck Route;
- 4) “No parking” on the north side of Crescent Road E from Royal Rd to Tupper St
- 5) “No parking” on the west side of Tupper St S from Dufferin Ave to Crescent Rd.; and
- 6) “No parking” on the east side of the southerly 10m of Tupper St S.

Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Easement  
Agreement – Lucy  
Borszuck

As part of the development of Lot 3 Plan 41334, the developer, Lucy Borczuch must provide for drainage of the lot. A plan to install two catchbasins and a land drainage sewer pipe across the frontage of Lot 2, Plan 41334, also owned by Lucy Borczuch, along with a signed easement agreement was received by the City.

The agreement will allow the City of Portage la Prairie to access the property upon which the land drainage sewer is to be installed in order to maintain and repair the pipe and catchbasins. It is in the interests of the City to enter into this agreement.

168/08 Moved by: Councillor Wagner

Seconded by: Councillor Ferris

RESOLVED That the Mayor and Manager of Administration be authorized to sign an easement agreement on behalf of the City to provide for the maintenance and repair of a land drainage sewer system on Lot 1, Plan 41334, RL 57.

Carried.

Canada Day Road  
Closure

Island Park will be the site of our Canada Day Celebrations with all activities taking place in Island Park. Due to the large number of people attending this event it has been determined that George Hill Drive should be closed during this time.

Crescent Road from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East to Royal Road and 4<sup>th</sup> Street West to Royal Road will be closed at 8:00 p.m. to mitigate vehicular/pedestrian conflict. Local traffic will be allowed access during this time.

Due to the location of the fireworks display it is important that the Heavy Vehicle Causeway and the Island Park Bridge be closed for safety reasons during this time.

Upon approval, a letter to all Island Park residents will be sent notifying them of the closure.

169/08 Moved by: Councillor Shindle

Seconded by: Councillor Bereza

RESOLVED THAT George Hill Drive be hereby closed for the Canada Day celebrations between 7:00am and 6:00pm on Tuesday, July 1, 2008.

AND THAT the Heavy Vehicle Causeway be closed to all vehicle and pedestrian traffic from 10:00am until midnight or until the conclusion of the fireworks display on July 1, 2008.

AND THAT Crescent Road from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East to Royal Road and 4th Street West to Royal Road be closed on July 1, 2008 from 8:00 pm until midnight or until the conclusion of the fireworks display.

AND FURTHER THAT the Island Park Bridge be closed to all vehicle and pedestrian traffic on July 1, 2008 from 10:00 pm until midnight or until the conclusion of the fireworks display.

Carried.

Multiplex Canteen  
– Naming Rights,  
McCain  
Foundation

McCain Foundation has offered \$100,000 for 20 year naming rights to the PCU Centre concessions (one on the main floor and one on the second floor in the main arena). The offer of \$100,000 is to be paid over 4 years with \$25,000 for year 1 already received.

The offer from McCain Foundation requires the PCU Centre to:

- Use McCain products wherever it makes sense, especially fries;
- Allow appropriate signage

170/08 Moved by: Councillor Shindle

Seconded by: Councillor Bereza

Resolved that the offer from McCain Foundation for naming rights to the two concessions in the PCU Centre, for:

1. \$100,000 in four installments over the remaining three years.
2. 20 years;
3. McCain products to be used wherever it makes sense in the PCU Centre

be accepted on the condition that the RM of Portage la Prairie also accepts the offer and that the Mayor and City Manager be authorized to sign the agreement with the RM of Portage la Prairie and McCain Foundation or McCain Foods in compliance with their offer.

Carried.

Skateboard Park

The 2008 budget allocation included \$10,000 for a skateboard park. Over the last month administration has been consulting with the local skateboard community and has identified two priorities; to provide an interim skate park for the local youth community and to determine a long term permanent solution to the skate park needs of our community.

To that end it is proposed that a few key pieces of modular equipment be purchased immediately for use during the summer of 2008. It has been determined that placing the equipment on private property will be cost prohibitive due to the insurance requirements and it is proposed the pieces be placed on the Centennial Arena site.

If approved the City's responsibility would include adding the equipment under our insurance (liability) coverage and ensuring the equipment is inspected regularly for maintenance issues. The proposed equipment would not be supervised although it will be at the site of the Teen Warehouse.

171/08 Moved by: Councillor Shindle

Seconded by: Councillor Bereza

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the purchase and installation of skateboard equipment at the Portage Centennial Arena as per the 2008 budget allocation.

Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Council adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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Mayor

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Manager of Administration