

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held at City Hall in the City of Portage la Prairie on Monday, April 12, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES 77/10 Moved by: Councillor Wagner
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn
RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held at City Hall on Monday, March 22, 2010, be approved with the following amendment: by removing the word “front” and replacing it with “east side” in Resolution No. 65/10 regarding the variation of Ed and Lasha Thurston.
Carried.

DELEGATIONS:

Mayor Brennan thanked all for attending, especially the youth of the community.

2010 YCOE Best Booth Award RCMP Constable Izza Mian was present to receive the award. Mayor Brennan presented the award and congratulated the RCMP.

Mr. John Boehm: Centennial Arena Mr. Boehm spoke regarding the Centennial Arena and passed around an information sheet.

Mr. Shane Moffatt: Centennial Arena Mr. Moffatt presented a report to City Council on Wednesday, March 20, and made a follow-up report to City Council. Mayor Brennan commended Shane for taking the lead in this and appreciated all the work put in.

Mr. Moffatt thanked everyone for coming. He spoke about concerns regarding travel to get ice time out of town. Inadequate ice surface is a real concern. He placed 6 questions before Council, with the first 5 concerning the Recreation Dept./PRRA Centennial Arena Assessment report:

1. Please explain operating estimates of \$308,610 over 7 months
2. Please explain why the report says it will cost more to run only the west side of Centennial than it did to run both rinks in 2009
3. Please explain \$17,000 per month in wages
4. Please explain \$190,000 in repairs needed for ice plant
5. Why do we need a new Zamboni when there is one at City Garage?
6. What precisely is meant by “de-commissioning?”

Since Mr. Moffatt’s report is based on a non-heated rink and the City’s report is based on a heated rink, the reports do not compare.

- PRRA Executive Director, Jenn Sarna spoke to questions #1 & 2.
- Councillor Quinn addressed question #3.
- Councillor Bereza handed out pictures and explained questions #4 & 5
- City Manager, Dale Lyle explained that his understanding of “de-commissioning” means removing the ice plant and compressors.

Nancy Brooks asked City Council to work together with user groups, to sit down to meet and exhaust every idea before decommissioning the ice rink.

Council was asked to consider delaying their decision until further discussion can take place. Mr. Moffatt also spoke of investigating the possibility of a court injunction to stop the de-commissioning.

78/10 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Keryluk
RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn to In-Camera at 7:40 p.m. Carried.

Council reconvened at 7:50 p.m. Mr. Lyle indicated that there are no City recreation

staff and the City/RM agreement on the PRRA covers staffing for the PCU Centre only. Mayor Brennan announced that Council will defer its decision for 4 weeks and is interested in entering into a dialogue with no more than 5 representatives from the user groups regarding operating the Centennial Arena at no cost to the City.

HEARINGS:

Tax Levy By-Law
#10-8475 – 1st
Reading

Mr. Bill Knott spoke regarding the following concerns:

- Can the City's fiscal year be changed to line up with the province's? Dale Lyle explained that the Manitoba Municipal Act mandates that all municipalities adhere to the calendar year for their fiscal year.
- What is the Budget making process? Councillor Wagner explained how the process works.
- Since the City Manager's budget was cut for 2010, why cannot all the departments follow suit? Councillor Quinn explained the process and how many of the costs are fixed.
- Noticed several "carry-overs" in the budget. Mayor Brennan explained that not carrying funds over to the next year forces budgets to be spent at year-end and is therefore a waste of money. Councillor Shindle gave an example of a grant being received one year, but not spent until the next.
- Requested a more open and informative process for the 2011 budget, with opportunities for the public to be involved.

Mayor Brennan thanked Mr. Knott.

79/10 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Bereza

RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for the Tax Levy By-Law #10-8475 now be closed.
Carried.

City Council adopted the 2010 budget for the City of Portage la Prairie on January 12, 2010. The Tax Levy By-Law is comprised of the 2010 budget in the Financial Plan and sets the mill rates needed to raise the tax dollars. The 10-year Capital Plan also makes up part of the Financial Plan.

Municipal Tax Levy

The 2010 Budget Estimates relies on \$9,366,484 in property taxes (\$9,378,545 including special Local Improvement Taxes) to meet all the expenditures not recovered by other revenues. There is an increase of **7.5%** in municipal tax dollars raised when compared to 2009.

The mill rate is based on the budgeted amount of tax dollars the municipality requires to meet its obligations in 2010. The total tax dollar requirement is spread over the entire assessment base for the City. The 2010 municipal tax rate is \$26.655 for every \$1,000 of the assessment portion that is subject to taxation.

(Portioned assessment is the value of the property multiplied by the percentage assigned by the Province. For residential property, the percentage to portion is 45%.)

A general reassessment took place last year for changes to the assessment in the 2010 tax year. Notices were sent to all property owners whose assessment had changed. For Portage la Prairie, the overall assessment increase was 25%. This lowers the tax rate since the tax dollars are spread over a larger tax base than in 2009. With the increase in taxes of 7.5%, the net result is in a mill rate decrease of 14.22%.

Items that account for the 7.5% increase are as follows:

<u>New Items:</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
RECREATION: Additional Costs for PRRA - City Share	1.2%
PROTECTIVE SERVICES: RCMP Contract Cost Increases	2.0%
PROTECTIVE SERVICES: Fire Salaries Increase	1.0%
FINANCING: Additional Transfer to General Reserve	1.0%
FINANCING: Additional Debt Payments (in addition to the Debt Mgt Plan)	1.0%
COMMUNITY DVPT: Downtown Development 2nd Street N.W.	
Landscaping (portion)	0.6%
Miscellaneous items	0.7%
	<u>7.5%</u>

The City's web site contains the 2010 Financial Plan as well as a tax impact calculator for taxpayers to calculate the increase or decrease that will take place on their 2010 tax bill in regards to municipal taxes and school taxes.

Education Levies

It is part of our mandate as a municipal corporation to collect school taxes on behalf of the School Board and the Province. These levies make up the total mill rate sent out on the tax bills.

The School Board's tax request within the City of Portage la Prairie increased by \$69,902, an increase of 1.3% from 2009. The Foundation levy, which is applicable to commercial property only, actually decreased by \$112,732 or 7.6% from 2009.

IMPACT

A house assessed at \$100,000 in 2009 that went up by the average re-assessment increase in 2010 would be at \$125,310 and would pay \$99 more in taxes as follows:

2010 property taxes on a house assessed at \$125,310	
Municipal	\$1,503
School	\$906
Resident Home Owner School Tax Rebate	-\$650
2010 Net Property Taxes	\$1,759
2009 property taxes on a house assessed at \$100,000	
Municipal	\$1,398
School	\$912
Resident Home Owner School Tax Rebate	<u>-\$650</u>
2009 Net Property Taxes	<u>\$1,660</u>
Property Tax Increase	<u><u>\$99</u></u>

A summary of the total impact is attached for information as well as graphs illustrating the various funding and expenditure categories for the 2010 budget.

For 2010, the tax payment deadline is July 31, 2010.

Debt Management Plan

The capital plan included in the Financial Plan is part of the City's Debt Management Plan. This plan lays out the capital expenditures over the next ten years with their impact on the operating funds, reserves and debt. It is worth highlighting that construction costs for the 4 lane causeway to Island Park (\$3.1 Million) is included in the General Fund and nutrient removal (\$53.25 Million) that is required to meet the new environmental regulations is included in the Utility fund of the plan. Projects over \$500,000 that are planned to take place over the next 10 years are as follows:

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>2010 DMP</u>
Pavement overlays	\$2,499,000
Island Park 4 lane causeway	\$3,100,000
5th Ave, 8th - Tupper (730m)	\$1,314,000
8th St NW, 4th Ave - 7th Ave (550m)	\$1,100,000
Heavy Equipment Renewal	\$1,725,000
Subtotal	<u>\$9,738,000</u>

The Plan includes an increase of 2.47% in taxes as additional funding for capital projects in 2011 in the 10 year Plan.

<u>Utility Fund</u>	
WPCF Recirc. pump replacements	\$480,000
Watermain renewals	\$1,625,000
Industrial Park watermain	\$4,810,000
Water System upgrading	\$2,250,000
Sanitary Sewer renewals	\$2,690,000
Heavy Equipment Renewal - Utility	\$768,000
Water Meter Changeout Program	\$1,350,000
Granular Activated Carbon Media Replacement	\$1,750,000
Lime Sludge removal	\$1,400,000
Ozone generator replacement	\$750,000
SBR liner replacement - 3 cells	\$1,500,000
Nutrient Removal	<u>\$53,250,000</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$72,623,000</u>

The Plan also includes a significant increase in sewer rates to fund the Nutrient Removal project – an estimated 30% spread over the first 3 years of the Plan. The utility rates and application made earlier for 2011 and 2012 will be reviewed by the Public Utilities Board later this year (as part of the follow up to the Interim Board Order issued late last year).

Updates from February 8 Budget Approval

The 2010 Budget approved on February 8, 2010 has since been revised to include projects carried over from 2009 to 2010.

Items carried over are as follows:

General Fund 12,013,264
Utility Fund 178,300

80/10 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
 Seconded by: Councillor Shindle

RESOLVED THAT the General and Utility Operating and Capital budgets for 2010 be amended to the amounts as listed in the attached Financial Plan.

AND THAT By-Law No. 10-8475, 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, 2010 be given first reading.
 Carried.

Variation PC 8-10
 CHB
 Developments –
 50-1st Street SW /
 Lots 93/94, Plan 2,
 Parish of Portage
 la Prairie

No one appeared.

81/10 Moved by: Councillor Bereza

Seconded by: Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for Variation PC 8-10 CHB Developments – 50-1st Street SW / Lots 93/94, Plan 2, Parish of Portage la Prairie now be closed.

Carried.

The applicant, CHB Developments Inc., is applying for a variation order to allow the front yard to be reduced from the required 7.5m to 3.596m. A variation (PC 18-09) was previously approved for this property to reduce the front yard to 3.66m. Once the house and carport were built a survey was completed and it was determined that the 3.66m was not sufficient. Therefore, the applicant is requesting the variation to allow the property to conform with the zoning by-law.

This building is in an R1 – Single Family Dwelling District.

The application has been circulated to the various City Departments no concerns being expressed.

82/10 Moved by: Councillor Bereza

Seconded by: Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the variation request of CHB Developments Inc. to vary the front yard to be reduced from the required 7.5m to 3.596m at the property known as 50 1st St SW which is legally described as Lots 93/94, Plan 12, 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, and Solid
Waste to Taxes for
March, 2010 – By-
Law #10-8458 – 1st
Reading

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

83/10 Moved by: Councillor Quinn

Seconded by: Councillor Shindle

RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 10-8458 being a by-law to authorize unpaid water, sewer and solid waste charges be added to taxes be read a first time.

Carried.

Council 2010-2011
Strategic Plan

Council held a number of strategic planning sessions and has established their 2010 to 2011 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 develop a nutrient removal business plan for the City.
2. To develop a City communications strategy
3. To determine non-ice uses for the Centennial Arena.
4. To develop a sewage line replacement program for the North West end of the City.
5. To plan a North End Park.
6. To develop a City Environmental plan for release to the public.
7. To develop and implement an Age Friendly Cities strategy for the City.
8. To continue partnerships with area First Nations.

84/10 Moved by: Councillor Quinn

Seconded by: Councillor Shindle

RESOLVED THAT the 2010 to 2011 City Strategic Plan be approved.

Carried.

Tax Sale Services
– By-Law #10-
8477 – 1st Reading

TAXervice manages the collection of property tax arrears for Manitoba municipalities. They look after the entire legal process - from courtesy letters through to tax sale auction.

Their knowledge and expertise in the field enables them to provide efficient and effective services. Many municipalities have signed on with TAXervice are very satisfied with their services.

These services are at no cost to the municipalities since any collection fees for taxes are chargeable to the delinquent tax payer.

In order for TAXervice to conduct the tax sale process on our behalf, the City must authorize them by by-law as a Tax Sale Manager.

- 85/10 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Shindle
RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 10-8477 being the by-law to establish a tax sale manager position be given first reading.
Carried.

By-Law #10-8479
– Trailer License
By-Law
Amendment – 2nd
& 3rd Reading

On March 22, 2010, Council gave first reading to this By-Law under “Old Business.”

On March 8, 2010 Council reviewed the request made by Mr. Danny Maxwell to commence trailer license charges at time of occupancy for new trailers. Administration was directed to prepare an amendment to allow for this. An amending by-law has been prepared to include the additional paragraph:
“If the location of the mobile home is a new site in a mobile home subdivision as defined in the City Zoning By-Law, the license fee will commence the first day of the month following the water service activation date for that property.”
By-laws come into effect when they are passed or at a later specified date. Therefore, this amendment would not be retroactive and thus not change the current bill to Mr. Maxwell.

- 86/10 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Shindle
RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 10- 8479 being a by-law to amend the Trailer License By-Law No. 7663 be read a second time.
Carried.

- 87/10 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Shindle
RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 10- 8479 be read a third time, finally passed, signed, and sealed.
Carried.
In Favour: Councillors Bereza, Ferris, Keryluk, Quinn, Shindle, Wagner, and Mayor Brennan

City Planning & Economic Development

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

By-Law #10-8476
– 2010 Fees and
Charges By-Law
#09-8449
Amendment – 2nd
& 3rd

On March 22, 2010, this By-Law received first reading under “New Business.”

It has been determined that it would be more equitable and more in line with market values to amend Clause 4 –Capital Levy Fees under Schedule C – Economic & Community Development to change the wording to read “Per each new lot or dwelling unit created - \$500.00/lot or unit.”

A By-Law is required to amend the Fees and Charges By-Law.

- 88/10 Moved by: Councillor Bereza
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner
RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 10-8476 to amend the 2010 Fees and Charges By-Law No. 09-8449 to amend Clause 4 –Capital Levy - All applications to read “Per

each new lot or dwelling unit created at \$500/lot or unit” be given second reading.
Carried.

- 89/10 Moved by: Councillor Bereza
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner
RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 10-8476 be read a third time, finally passed, signed, and sealed.
Carried.
In Favour: Councillors Bereza, Ferris, Keryluk, Quinn, Shindle, Wagner, and Mayor Brennan

Proposed
Subdivision and
Consolidation of
Lots 1 & 2, Plan
28293 PLTO, City
of Portage la
Prairie, Regional
Health Authority-
Central Manitoba
Inc.

An application for Approval of Subdivision has been submitted by the Regional Health Authority - Central Manitoba Inc. The applicant proposes to subdivide a 1.18 acre parcel from Lot 2, Plan 28293 PLTO (Title No. 2195431) and consolidate it with Lot 1, Plan 28293 (Title No. 2195394). The medical clinic requires additional land to expand its current facility.

- 90/10 Moved by: Councillor Bereza
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the subdivision of a 1.18 acre parcel from Lot 2, and its consolidation with Lot 1, of Plan 28293, conditional upon the applicant obtaining variation order to vary the minimum site width requirement.
Carried.

District Zoning
By-Law

A draft of this By-Law was reviewed by Council. The Planning District has held an Open House to invite comment and will make revisions before proceeding with first reading.

**Public Safety
Committee**

The Public Safety Committee respectfully submits the following reports:

Nothing to report.

**Waterworks
Committee**

The Waterworks Committee respectfully submits the following reports:

Monthly Activity
Reports

Council reviewed the reports.

**Transportation
Committee**

The Transportation Committee respectfully submits the following reports:

Award of Tender –
Granular Materials

This tender was advertised in the Daily Graphic and on the City’s website, and closed on March 9, 2010 with these two companies submitting bids. The material and quantities asked for are used for maintaining our gravel roads, winter sand for slippery conditions, and fill sand for necessary excavations.

The 2010 budget is \$97,539.93. This budget amount is made up of both municipal and utility accounts. The low bid is \$88,600.76 net of GST. This bid comes in \$8,939.17 under budget.

The 2009 gravel contract was approximately \$112,000.00 including GST.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Price (GST. incl.)</u>	<u>Bid Bond</u>
D. Humiski Trucking	\$ 93,030.80	Letter of Credit
E.F. Moon Construction Ltd	\$106,006.55	Yes

- 91/10 Moved by: Councillor Wagner
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie award the tender for the Supply of Granular Materials, as specified in tender 10 OPS 006, to D. Humiski Trucking, for the tendered price of \$93,030.80 including GST.
Carried.

**Community
Services
Committee**

The Community Services Committee respectfully submits the following reports:

Nothing to report.

**DEFERRED
BUSINESS**

None

NEW BUSINESS

By-Law #10-8480
– Rezoning
Application –
Mellco
Developments Ltd.
– 1st Reading

To commence the rezoning process of property owned by Mellco Developments Ltd. and located at the southeast corner of Cadham Bay and Prout Drive in the City of Portage la Prairie by amending the City of Portage la Prairie Zoning By-Law No. 7680 and giving By-Law No. 10-8480 First Reading.

The property in question, Block 7, Plan 35629, Parish of Portage la Prairie, is presently zoned C2 – Central Commercial District. The applicants, Mellco Developments Ltd., wish to rezone this property to R2 - Two Family Dwelling District.

The application has been circulated to the various City Departments with no concerns being expressed.

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.

The first reading of By-Law No. 10-8480 will commence the process as defined in “The Planning Act” in considering this application.

92/10 Moved by: Councillor Bereza
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie give By-Law No. 10-8480 First Reading and provide public notices as defined in Section 168 of “The Planning Act”.
Carried.

Purchase of High
Pressure Steamer

The steaming unit is an essential piece of equipment used to thaw frozen hydrants, sewers, watermain valves and storm sewers. The existing two units are 40 and 50 years old. The smaller unit of the two will not be certified by the Province of Manitoba beyond 2010. Upgrading of the existing larger is necessary to maintain certification. There is only one supplier of these high pressure steaming units used by the City of Portage la Prairie, and therefore, no tender was issued for the supply of the unit. Nothart Engineered Sales Ltd. honoured their quote of \$54,425.00 plus taxes issued to the City in 2009. The total cost to the City will be \$58,234.75 net of GST. This is approximately \$1,700 under the budget of 60,000.

93/10 Moved by: Councillor Keryluk
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie allow the purchase of one Saskatoon high pressure steamer from Nothart Engineered Sales Ltd for the price of \$60,956.00 including both applicable taxes.
Carried.

Award of Tender –
Watermain &

The tender was advertised in The Daily Graphic and on the City’s web page. The tender opening was Tuesday, March 30, 2010, with two bids received.

Wastewater Sewer
Renewal Contract

The contract consists of the following:

- 4th Street NW (5th Ave – 6th Ave) Watermain & Wastewater Sewer
- Dufferin Avenue SE (5th St SE – 6th St SE) Watermain & Wastewater Sewer

The City's net cost with the GST rebate is approximately \$325,000. The budget estimate was \$335,000. This is the first contract tendered from the 2010 Utility Renewal budget. The total Utility Renewal budget for 2010 is \$475,000.

94/10 Moved by: Councillor Keryluk
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie award the Watermain & Wastewater Sewer Renewal Contract, as specified in tender 10 OPS 007, to Towle Construction Ltd. for the tendered price of \$341,132.19 including taxes. Carried.

Award of Tender –
Biosolids Land
Application

The tender was advertised in the Daily Graphic and the City of Portage la Prairie Web site. The tender opening was Wednesday, March 31, 2010. Two packages were issued with only one returned. Assiniboine Injections has been the City's contractor for the past several years and they have done an excellent job.

The work includes the removal of approximately 1800 dry tonnes, or approximately 2700 tanker truck loads, of digested secondary solids from the anaerobic digester (BVF) and biosolids storage tanks at the Water Pollution Control Facility, hauling and injection into farmland as a soil amendment and fertilizer. The work for the spring application would begin in April and the Fall application would begin in September, weather permitting. The work would be performed according to the provisions and conditions set forth in Environment Licence 1907.

The utility budget contains \$504,000.00 (1400 dry tonnes @ \$360.00 per tonne) for land application of biosolids, net of recovery of costs for industrial biosolids. The City's cost of the work for 1400 dry tonnes would be \$494,116.00 (\$352.94 per tonne) net of GST. The budget quantity of sludge was based on conversations with Industry regarding production levels for the coming year. Some biosolids costs may be recovered from Industry (400 tonnes, \$141,000, estimated). The final quantities may be considerably greater or considerably less than the tender form quantities. No variation in the quantities actually handled shall give rise to any claim against the City of Portage la Prairie. The price per tonne (\$370.59) decreased slightly from 2009.

95/10 Moved by: Councillor Keryluk
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie award tender 10 OPS 005 to Assiniboine Injections Ltd. for the tendered price of \$667,056.60 including GST. Carried.

By-Law #10-8482
– Additional Debt
for Multiplex – 1st
Reading

The Phase 1 PCU Centre includes the main arena, aquatics, fitness and banquet rooms. The project costs were originally set up to be shared by the City, RM, other levels of government and public contributions. City Council had committed up to \$16 million towards this project, with the RM committed to \$8 Million, Canada Manitoba Infrastructure at \$8.33 Million and public funds estimated at \$3.4 Million. The total cost of the project was estimated at \$35.7 Million.

In the Fall of 2009, the City was advised of cost estimates for the construction of the project has changing from \$35.7 Million to \$37 Million.

The City's share of the project cost has therefore increased from \$16 Million to \$17.3 Million. The funding for the City's share is made up of:

Debt:	\$11.8 Million
Reserves:	<u>\$ 5.5 Million</u>
Total City Share	\$17.3 Million

The additional \$1.8 Million in debt is required since \$10 Million in Debt has already been issued. The Province of Manitoba is providing \$1.6 Million of the borrowing, while the

Portage Hospital Foundation and the Community Foundation are providing \$100,000 each.

A borrowing by-law for the additional debt was approved by the Municipal Board and by City Council. The debt is now ready to be issued. The Debenture issue by-law requires 1st reading and approval by the Municipal Board before 2nd & 3rd reading takes place.

- 96/10 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Shindle
RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 10-8482 authorizing the City's request to issue \$1,800,000.00 for the additional costs of construction of the multiplex be given 1st Reading; and
THAT By-Law No. 10-8482 be sent to the Municipal Board for approval.
Carried.

Saskatchewan Ave.
E. Water Servicing

Three of the four easterly property owners on Saskatchewan Avenue East near the City limit have expressed interest in receiving water servicing. A cost estimate to service those properties, at the City standard with fire protection, was developed a few years ago and the residents rejected the plan. Since the watermain must come a great distance, from Angle Road, it is prohibitively expensive to service the few homes near the City limit.

The RM Regional Water System will be installing a watermain east of the City along Saskatchewan Ave. this summer. The line would terminate immediately outside the City limit. It is proposed to extend the RM watermain and allow the City property owners at the east end of Saskatchewan Ave. to be serviced by the Regional Water System. The RM would decide on the connection fee, and the residents would pay the Regional Water System water rates. An agreement between the City and the RM would be required to allow for unpaid utility bills to be added to taxes and for the RM to be reimbursed.

The RM does not meet the City standards for pipe pressure rating and fire protection, and it does not guarantee water pressure.

- 97/10 Moved by: Councillor Keryluk
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie provide authorization, in principle, for specific City residents on Saskatchewan Avenue East to be serviced by the RM of Portage la Prairie Regional Water System.
Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

By-Law #09-8455
– Zoning By-Law
Amendment –
Lloyd & Donna
Moman – 3rd
Reading

The property in question, Lots 108/110 (except the westerly 35' of Lot 108 and the easterly 35' of Lot 110), Block 8, Plan 102, Parish of Portage la Prairie, is presently zoned R1 - Single Family Dwelling. The applicants, Lloyd and Donna Moman, wish to rezone this property to R3 – Multi Family Dwelling.

The property is currently existing non-conforming apartments within a house and property owner wishes to rezone to conform to the zoning by-law. Owner wishes to utilize property as a residential care facility which fits in an R3 Multi Family Dwelling Zone.

First Reading of this By-Law was given on December 1, 2009.

Second Reading of this By-Law was given on February 8, 2010.

Notification has been sent out to objectors as per Section 43 (1)(b). No second objections were received in this time frame. Therefore, a board hearing was not required and the council may give third reading as per Section 43(3).

- 98/10 Moved by: Councillor Bereza
Seconded by: Councillor Wagner
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the application to rezone the land legally described as Lots 108/110 (except the westerly 35' of Lot 108 and the easterly 35' of Lot 110) Block 8 Plan 102, Parish

of Portage la Prairie and known as 668 Countess Avenue from R1 – Single Family Dwelling to R3 – Multi Family Dwelling District.

AND THAT By-Law No. 09-8455 be read a third time, finally passed, signed and sealed.

Carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Council adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Mayor

Manager of Administration