

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Council held at City Hall in the City of Portage la Prairie on Monday, May 4, 2009 at 12:45 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Councillor Wagner

ADOPTION OF MINUTES 130/09 Moved by: Councillor Quinn
Seconded by: Councillor Bereza
RESOLVED THAT the approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held at City Hall on April 27, 2009 be waived.
Carried

DELEGATIONS: None

HEARINGS: None

By-Law 09-8439 - PCU Centre – 2nd Arena and Associated Works
The Canada-Manitoba Infrastructure Program has approved the City’s submission for \$5.1 million to construct a second arena at the PCU Centre. This is tri-partite funding with the City, Province and Federal shares each being \$1.7 million. The Federal share of the funding is new money available for construction of the second arena.

The Province of Manitoba had previously committed to fund \$5 million toward phase #1 with \$3.3 million of that funded through the previous Manitoba Rural Infrastructure Fund “MRIF”. The balance of \$1.7 million of that funding was designated to be made available to be used to match any federal infrastructure funding for the second arena.

The Federal Government previously committed \$3.3 million in funding through the MRIF program. This announcement under the BCF-CC program will bring the Federal/Provincial share of funding for phase 1 and phase 2 of the PCU Centre to \$10 million; \$5 million each.

The debt issuance will require Municipal Board approval and a debt by-law has to be given first reading and forwarded to the Municipal Board. If Council decides to proceed with this project, Stantec Architecture should be authorized to proceed to make the adjustments necessary to complete the design of the second arena, a more detailed cost estimate and to enable it to be tendered. If the second arena design and tender are completed by June 30th, the arena will be completed by early fall of 2010.

131/09 Moved by: Councillor Shindle
Seconded by: Councillor Quinn
RESOVLED THAT By-Law No. 09-8439 to authorize the issuance of \$1.55 million in debenture debt for the construction of the Portage Mutual Arena and associated works be given first reading and forwarded to the Manitoba Municipal Board for approval; and
THAT Tower Engineering be authorized to engage Stantec Architecture at a cost not to exceed \$100,000 to complete the Portage Mutual Arena design and detailed cost estimate and prepare and issue tenders.
Carried.

DEFERRED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS None

OLD BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to discuss, Council adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Mayor

Manager of Administration