

XXIV Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Winkler held Tuesday, December 10th, 2013 commencing at 6:30 PM in the Winkler Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Martin Harder, Councillors Ron Neisteter, Herb Dick, Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens, Don Friesen, City Manager Dave Burgess and Tracy Friesen.

Media: Steve Sukkau - Winkler Times
Cori Bezan - Winkler/Morden Voice
Chris Sumner - CKMW/CFAM

INVOCATION

Invoc. 597. Councillor Marvin Plett wrote and read a passage about how the Creator uses imperfect people to affect change and bring peace. "Sometimes it falls upon a generation to be great, you can be that great generation" He then led in prayer.

ADOPT AGENDA

Agenda 598. Henry Siemens, Herb Dick:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the regular Council meeting of December 10, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED

Nov. 26 Min. 599. Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of November 26, 2013 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Corres. 600.
Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation
Letter from Min. of Municipal Government - 2013 General Support grant
GVSD - Speed limits in school zones
- Recommendation is to reduce speed to 30 km/hr in all school zones from 7am - 5:30pm from Sept. to June. Suggestion is to ask the GVSD for zones and how much distance is preferable.
Min. of Municipal Gov - Federal Gas Tax Funding
Recreation Connections Manitoba

FINANCE

Accounts 601. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT accounts payable in the amount of \$715,386.46 as approved by the Finance Committee be approved for payment.

CARRIED

602. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
Lot Sale BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Offer to Purchase Lot 3 Block 4 Plan 43825, 455 Roblin Blvd East, made by Joe Klassen of Capital Building Systems for \$52,712.00 plus GST be accepted.

CARRIED

603. Henry Siemens, Don Friesen:
Skate Park BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve bridge financing for Pineridge Skate Park in the amount of \$38,523.76.

CARRIED

604. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:
Policy BE IT RESOLVED THAT the amendments to the City of Winkler Clothing Policy be approved as attached.

CARRIED

605. Marvin Plett, Don Friesen:
BTHR BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Boundary Trails Heritage Region Inc. Municipal Membership for 2014 be renewed at a rate of \$.50 per Capita up to a maximum of \$1000.00.

CARRIED

Provide brochures regarding tourism updates, signage at heritage sites/museums in various municipalities, tourism information signs.

606. Marvin Plett, Ken J. Wiebe:
Donation WHEREAS, the City of Winkler has been offered a donation in the form of shares;

AND WHEREAS, the receipt of shares requires an account in order to receive and sell such shares;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Manger and the Mayor be authorized to sign all required documents to open an account with Credential under the name of City of Winkler to receive such donation.

CARRIED

607. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
Offer BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Offer to Purchase Lot 9 Block 4 Plan 43825, 535 Roblin Blvd East, made by John J. Fehr of Innovative Doors 2006 Inc. for \$63,426.00 (self declaration of GST) be accepted.

CARRIED

It was noted that the building will be an estimated 4,000 sq. ft.

POLICE & FIRE

608. Ken J. Wiebe, Henry Siemens:
Fire Dept BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winkler Fire Department November Fire Report be received for information.

CARRIED

It was noted that the new response policy and less fires have resulted in half the calls this year as compared to last year.

WASTE & RECYCLING

609. Ron Neisteter, Marvin Plett:

SWAMP BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SWAMP Board minutes of November 20, 2013 be received for information.

CARRIED

A representative from Green Manitoba was invited to meet with SWAMP and complimented on a nice clean operation. Green MB offered to work with SWAMP and partnering with them will provide valuable information.

HEALTH & WELFARE

610. Marvin Plett, Herb Dick:

Fluoride WHEREAS the City of Winkler has been participating in the provincial Community Water Fluoridation program since 1964;

AND WHEREAS Manitoba Health's policy on water fluoridation is based on scientific information and recommendations from such bodies as the World Health Organization, Health Canada, Manitoba and Canadian Dental and Dental Hygiene Association and the American Dental Association;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winkler continue the participation in the provincial Community Water Fluoridation program.

CARRIED

For: 5

Opposed: 2

There is a lot of passion from both sides and pros and cons to both. Councillor Siemens noted that after wading through all the information provided, he has formed an opinion that he is confident in. It is not a trivial matter.

PLANNING

611. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:

Planning BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Planning Committee minutes of December 5, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED

612. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:

B/L 2102-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2102-13 to close Public Reserve Land be read a second time, as amended.

CARRIED

613. Don Friesen, Marvin Plett:

B/L 2102-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2012-13 to close Public Reserve Land be read a third and final time and passed, as amended.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

614. Peter Cantelon – Fossil Discovery Centre

- Have the largest collection of marine reptile fossils in the country.
- Endeavoring to get signature museum status from the province.
- There are 6 signature museums in Manitoba designated for their uniqueness by the province.
- Seeking support from the City and asking council to offer a \$5,000 grant to the museum.
- 82% of visitors come from outside the RM of Stanley/Winkler area.
- Biggest benefit of signature museum status is they will provide funding between \$50-60,000 which has to be directed at marketing.

615. Tanya Chatenueff & Kent Winning – Central Plains

Pembina Valley Tourism

- 2013 successes include developing a new brand and built and maintained relationships with communities.
- Receiving positive feedback from communities involved in the Amazing Race challenge. Faced some challenges but are learning as they go.
- Examples of events include the passport adventure, artist studio tours and the raptor festival.
- Develop partnerships through various trade shows.
- Provide opportunities for networking, eg. the awards gala for businesses who have been active in developing and promoting tourism.
- Receiving less funding from the province due to the merger. Asking for support from local governments of \$.50 per capita for cities and towns and \$.30 per capita for municipalities.
- In turn for support, the Central Plains will continue to work hard to draw more traffic and jobs to this area.

Mayor Harder commented that PVRAM has significant concern about redirecting funding to the tourism side because the funding has been reduced. Recommendation that was made by the committee is to ask for support from those who are the greatest benefactors of tourism such as local restaurants, hotels, etc.

- Kent Winning agrees that businesses should get involved but it's not as simple as asking them to support the tourism association, rather put together products that incorporate what Central Plains is doing and sell that.
- Opportunities to work with businesses such as hotels & taxi companies to involve them at the ground floor with advertising on tickets for events.
- When the merger happened, the tourism secretary used Central Plains' initiatives as an example for other regions because what they are doing works.
- The main purpose used to be to advertise events that are already there. Now they're interested in developing events and greater capacity for those events.
- Projected budget is roughly \$90,000 looking at a positive budget of about \$8,000.
- open to comments as to how to do things better.

616. Cindy Kalansky & Janet Granda - Pembina Valley

Humane Society

- Organization serves 29 communities.
- Since 2010, the society has taken in 886 animals and sterilized hundreds of those animals.
- Requesting \$2,500 to continue providing services to the community.
- Services provided: intake service, lost and found, adoption and referral, containment and sterilization - improves safety and cleanliness in a community.
- Accomplishments in 2013 include replacing a van, completing a storage shed and making community connections - attended over 30 events in over 10 communities.
- Dog trainer Shaun Diamond was brought in to educate people on responsible pet ownership. He provided two 8-10 week sessions and a lot of people left feeling more confident about their animals and their capabilities.
- Established a capital fund with \$14,000 to fix dog kennels that are not usable due to an installation error.
- Goals for 2014 are to match those funds, continue expanding partnerships, add another half time employee, (one full time employee is not enough). Priority is to install electrical in the new shed, purchase new Kuranda dog beds at a cost of \$80-85 each - \$2,000 total project.

Council:

- Councillor Wiebe encouraged the society to educate people to be responsible, cats and dogs are often dropped on farm yards and don't survive.
- Councillor Plett appreciates the fact that they have a proposed budget and council thanked the society for their excellent work.

617. Ron Neisteter, Ken J. Wiebe:

Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT Public Hearing for By-Law 2109-13 to close public reserve land be closed.

CARRIED

618. Don Friesen, Herb Dick:

B/L 2109-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2109-13 be given second reading.

CARRIED

619. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:

B/L 2109-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2109-13 be given third and final reading.

CARRIED

620. Herb Dick, Don Friesen:

Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT Public Hearing for Zoning By-Law 2096-13 be closed.

CARRIED

621. Marvin Plett, Ken J. Wiebe,

B/L 2096-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Zoning By-Law 2096-13 be given second reading.

CARRIED

622. Henry Siemens, Herb Dick:
B/L 2096-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Zoning By-Law 2096-13 be given third and final reading.

CARRIED

623. Ken J. Wiebe, Ron Neisteter:
Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT Public Hearing for By-Law 2110-13 be closed.

CARRIED

624. Marvin Plett, Don Friesen:
B/L 2110-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Zoning By-Law 2110-13 be given second reading.

CARRIED

625. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:
B/L 2110-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Zoning By-Law 2110-13 be given third & final reading.

CARRIED

626. Henry Siemens, Don Friesen:
Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing for By-Law 2108-13 be closed.

CARRIED

627. Ken J. Wiebe, Herb Dick:
B/L 2108-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2108-13 be given second reading.

CARRIED

628. Don Friesen, Henry Siemens:
B/L 2108-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2108-13 be given third and final reading and passed, subject to Development Agreement.

CARRIED

629. Ron Neisteter, Ken J. Wiebe:
Convene BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council be adjourned and convene into the Variation Board.

CARRIED

630. Ken J. Wiebe, Henry Siemens:
Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing for Variation Application No. 1145-13 be closed.

CARRIED

631. Marvin Plett, Ken J. Wiebe:
App 1145-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Variation Application No. 1145-13 be approved, subject to Development Agreement.

CARRIED

632. Don Friesen, Herb Dick:
Reconvene BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Variation Board be adjourned and reconvene into Regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

633. Herb Dick, Ron Neisteter:
Morden Vet BE IT RESOLVED THAT the November 18th, 2013 Minutes of the Morden Veterinary Services District Board be received for information.

CARRIED

634. Herb Dick, Henry Siemens:
Morden Vet BE IT RESOLVED THAT the October 21st, 2013 Minutes of the Morden Veterinary Services District Board be received for information.

CARRIED

Receiving a \$2,000 grant from Morden in lieu of property taxes.

635. Ken J. Wiebe, Henry Siemens:
SERC BE IT RESOLVED THAT the information circulated for the December 6th, 2013 SERC Executive Meeting be received for information.

CARRIED

636. Marvin Plett, Ron Neisteter:
WHEREAS, a stable and secure housing system that creates and maintains jobs and allows for a range of living options is essential to attracting new workers, meeting the needs of young families and supporting seniors and our most vulnerable citizens; and,
WHEREAS the high cost of housing is the most urgent financial issue facing Canadians with one in four people paying more than they can afford for housing, and mortgage debt held by Canadians now standing at just over \$1.1 trillion; and,
WHEREAS housing costs and, as the Bank of Canada notes, household debt, are undermining Canadians' personal financial security, while putting our national economy at risk; and,
WHEREAS those who cannot afford to purchase a home rely on the short supply of rental units, which is driving up rental costs and making it hard to house workers in regions experiencing strong economic activity; and,
WHEREAS an inadequate supply of subsidized housing for those in need is pushing some of the most vulnerable Canadians on to the street, while \$1.7 billion annually in federal investments in social housing have begun to expire; and,
WHEREAS coordinated action is required to prevent housing issues from being offloaded onto local governments and align the steps local governments have already taken with regard to federal/provincial/territorial programs and policies; and,
WHEREAS, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has launched a housing campaign, "Fixing Canada's Housing Crunch," calling on the federal government to increase housing options for Canadians and to work with all orders of government to develop a long-term plan for Canada's housing future; and,
WHEREAS FCM has asked its member municipalities to pass a council resolution supporting the campaign;

AND WHEREAS, our community has continuing housing needs, such as the Winkler Affordable Housing Inc and the Buhler Active Living Centre Inc, that can only be met through the kind of long-term planning and investment made possible by federal leadership;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that council endorses the FCM housing campaign and urges the minister of employment and social development to develop a long-term plan for housing that puts core investments on solid ground, increases predictability, protects Canadians from the planned expiry of \$1.7 billion in social housing agreements and ensures a healthy stock of affordable rental housing for Canadians.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the minister noted above, to Stan Struthers Manitoba minister of municipal affairs, to MP Candice Bergen, Minister of State for social development, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and to the Association of Manitoba Municipalities.

CARRIED

ADJOURN

637. Ron Neisteter, Ken J. Wiebe:

Adjourn
8:30pm

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of Council be adjourned.

CARRIED

Mayor Martin Harder

City Manager Dave Burgess