

XVII Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Winkler held Tuesday, August 27th, 2013 commencing at 6:30 PM in the Winkler Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Martin Harder, Councillors Henry Siemens, Ron Neisteter, Ken J. Wiebe, Herb Dick, Marvin Plett, Don Friesen, City Manager Dave Burgess and Tracy Friesen.

Media: Steve Sukkau - Winkler Times
Alison Friesen - Winkler/Morden Voice
Pam Feduk - CKMW/CFAM

INVOCATION

Invoc. 413. Mayor Martin Harder read a devotional entitled Guard the Heart. Words are like feathers, once spoken they are impossible to get back. He then led in prayer.

ADOPT AGENDA

Agenda 414. Herb Dick, Ken J. Wiebe:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the regular Council meeting of August 27, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED

Aug 13 Min. 415. Don Friesen, Marvin Plett:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of August 13, 2013 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

FINANCE

Accounts 416. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT accounts payable in the amount of \$1,165,664.50 as approved by the Finance Committee be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Financials 417. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the interim Financial Statements to July 31, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED

B/L 2104-13 418. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Loan of Fund By-Law 2104-13 be given Second Reading.

CARRIED

Application has been made to change the legal name to Buhler Active Living Center Inc.

B/L 2104-13 419. Henry Siemens, Don Friesen:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Loan of Fund By-Law 2104-13 be given Third and Final Reading.

CARRIED

420. Don Friesen, Ron Neisteter:
Tender BE IT RESOLVED THAT we award the 2013 sewer relining tender to Insituform for a total price of \$267,979.04 including taxes.

CARRIED

The tender came in under budget. Other tenders were received and will be included as well.

421. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:
Reductions BE IT RESOLVED THAT 2013 business assessment reductions be approved as per attached list.

CARRIED

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CARRIED

423. Henry Siemens, Don Friesen:
Added Tax BE IT RESOLVED THAT supplementary real property assessments/taxes be added to the 2013 tax roll as per attached list.

CARRIED

424. Don Friesen, Ron Neisteter
Crosswalks BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the purchase of two sets of pedestrian-activated crosswalk beacon lights from Trafco Canada for a total cost of \$18,323.20 (taxes included.)

CARRIED

Solar powered pedestrian activated crosswalks at Grandeur & Roblin Blvd. Traffic counts on both streets were over 4000 vehicles a day.

425. Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens:
Finance BE IT RESOLVED THAT Finance Committee minutes of August 27th, 2013 be accepted.

CARRIED

Clarification was given regarding the \$10,000 budget for unforeseen expenses for the 2014 budget. The goal is not to spend it if it's not needed.

TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES

426. Ron Neisteter, Don Friesen:
W&S Report BE IT RESOLVED THAT the July Water & Sewer Report be received for information.

CARRIED

427. Ron Neisteter, Don Friesen:
MB Hydro BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves granting authorization to Manitoba Hydro to add thirteen light standards on the north side of Pineridge Place and on the south side of Grandeur West with an additional annual cost of \$347.04 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED

428. Don Friesen, Ron Neisteter:
PTH 428 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Schedule A of Traffic By-Law No. 2029-11 be amended to reduce the speed limit on 15th Street from PTH 14 to the CP Railway tracks south of Grandeur Avenue to 50 kilometers per hours. And further, that PTH 428 from the north boundary of City of Winkler limits through south to Roblin Blvd be reduced to 60 km per hour as allowed within sections 98.1 to 98.4 of the Provincial Traffic Act.

CARRIED

New provincial legislation allows municipalities to change speed limits in school zones. Pathways going across PTH 428 and reduced speed limits need to be in place before the school year starts. It could take up to 2 years for the decision to come through from the province.

PLANNING

429. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
B/L 2105-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2105-13 to close Public Reserve Land be given Second Reading.

CARRIED

430. Ron Neisteter, Marvin Plett:
B/L 2105-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2105-13 to close Public Reserve Land be given Third & Final Reading.

CARRIED

431. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:
Permit Rep. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2013 Building Permit Report to July 31, 2013 be received for information.

CARRIED

Good to see strong development across all sectors. The building permit revenue from developers is around 69% of the total revenue for MSTW so far.

RECREATION & CULTURE

432. Library Presentation - Councillor Marvin Plett
Councillor Plett presented the results of the reading challenge between Winkler and Steinbach. Winkler won the challenge and Steinbach Mayor Goertzen will wear a t-shirt designed by Winkler at their next council meeting. Children from all the South Central library's read over 1,000,000 minutes combined.

433. Marvin Plett, Ken J. Wiebe:
Library BE IT RESOLVED THAT the July 2013 Library Financials be received for information.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

434. Neil Schmidt - Winkler Flying Club

A number of local business people who are interested in making major investments in the airport would like to be assured that the airport will be here for the long haul. 14 support letters were received in total.

435. Ron Neisteter, Herb Dick:

Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing for Conditional Use Application No. 1131-13 be closed.

CARRIED

Public notice has been circulated as per requirements of The Planning Act. No objectors were present. No objections were received by the Administration Office.

Earl Braun - Home Furniture

- Concerned about the exhaust coming from this industry. The building will be used for storage and auto body work. The building will not be any closer to the street.

It was mentioned that the type of filter system in auto body shops now generates very pure air.

It was asked if an auto body shop needs to be light industrial. Yes it does, that's why the conditional use. Any building additions would again have to go through the process.

Part of the development agreement could include improvements to the front of the building.

436. Ken J. Wiebe, Don Friesen:

App 1131-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Conditional Use App. No. 1131-13 be approved subject to a Development Agreement.

CARRIED

Councillor Don Friesen declared an interest in the subdivision and variation applications and left the meeting.

437. Henry Siemens, Herb Dick:

Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing for Subdivision Application 4463-13-7128 be closed.

CARRIED

Public notice has been circulated as per requirements of The Planning Act. No objectors were present. No objections were received by the Administration Office.

It was asked if the apartment size lot is for multifamily. The zoning lends to a 3 storey building and the proposal would be for a 3 storey with an attached garage. How many total units? 72.

Applicant John Froese

- If we go with multifamily units the line can be run underneath the building. There are no neighbors on two sides so it's a good place and won't interfere with neighboring properties.

Abe Hoepfner

- Understood that Chevy Dr was extending towards Prairieview Dr not towards 14th St. Concerned about the added traffic and lack of sidewalks. Chevy Dr goes through to 14th St to encourage people to go out onto 14th St which would lessen traffic congestion. In multifamily developments with higher density, a sidewalk is very likely and could be part of the development agreement.

438. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
Subdiv. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Subdivision Application 4463-13-7128 be approved.
CARRIED

439. Ken J. Wiebe, Marvin Plett:
Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing for By-Law 2103-13 be closed.
CARRIED
Public notice has been circulated as per requirements of The Planning Act. No objectors were present. No objections were received by the Administration Office.

440.
B/L 2103-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the By-Law 2103-13 be given Second Reading.
CARRIED

441. Henry Siemens, Ken J. Wiebe:
B/L 2103-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2103-13 be given Third & Final Reading.
CARRIED

442. Ken J. Wiebe, Herb Dick:
Convene BE IT RESOLVED THAT Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned and convene into the Variation Board.
CARRIED

443. Don Friesen, Ken J. Wiebe:
Pub. Hearing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing for Variation Application No. 1132-13 be closed.
CARRIED
Public notice has been circulated as per requirements of The Planning Act. No objectors were present. No objections were received by the Administration Office.

Applicant Sam Berg was present.

A review of has been done on the fire wall it has received the proper requirements.

444. Herb Dick, Henry Siemens:
App 1132-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Variation Application No. 1132-13 be approved.
CARRIED

445. Ron Neisteter, Marvin Plett:
Reconvene BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Variation Board be adjourned and reconvene into
Regular Council Meeting.
CARRIED

446. Herb Dick, Ken J. Wiebe:
Airport WHEREAS the City of Winkler has as huge industrial base that is supported by
the Winkler Municipal Airport and has become an integral part of the growth of
many business,

AND WHEREAS these businesses contribute significantly to the tax base in the
City of Winkler,

AND WHEREAS the Winkler Airport has acquired the "Canpass" designation
for customs clearance,

AND WHEREAS the Winkler Airport is conveniently located in the industrial
park with existing paved access,

AND WHEREAS the Winkler Airport continues to accommodate a growing
aircraft use and future growth potential,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the long term
continuation of the Winkler Airport at the current location in the City of Winkler
and that further municipal discussions on a regional airport outside of Winkler
will not be entertained.

CARRIED

This is an important decision for the long term operation of the airport. Council
has received 13 letters of support from the public and a support letter from
Winkler Fire & Rescue.

QUESTIONS FOR THE MEDIA/PUBLIC

Allison Friesen asked for the purchase amount for the solar powered lights.
\$18,600.

Steve Sukkau asked when the lights will be installed. There is a 4-6 week delay in
shipping and will go up as soon as possible.

Addition of lights and fencing along Grandeur Ave and 15th St around the skate
park will be installed to enhance safety.

ADJOURN

447. Ron Neisteter, Ken J. Wiebe:
Adjourn 7:40pm BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of Council be adjourned.
CARRIED

IN-CAMERA

448. Henry Siemens, Marvin Plett:

Convene BE IT RESOLVED THAT the In-Camera session be adjourned and reconvene into Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

449. Don Friesen, Ron Neisteter:

Sale BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the sale price of \$150,000 to be set on at Lot 1 Plan 43825.

CARRIED

Mayor Martin Harder

City Manager Dave Burgess