

Carried.

Public Safety Committee

The Public Safety Committee has nothing to report.

Councillor Ferris announced that the four Fire Fighter postings have been filled.

Waterworks Committee

The Waterworks Committee respectfully submits the following report:

WPCF Year End Report

Council reviewed the WPCF 2007 Annual Report.

Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee respectfully submits the following reports:

Island Park Bridge Report

The KGS Group structural assessment of the Island Park Bridge Report has been received. The last structural assessment of the Island Park Bridge was completed in 1986.

The KGS report details short term repairs that are required at an estimated cost of \$40,000. Funding for these repairs will be included in the 2008 budget and KGS Group will complete the design for the work to be done with tendering and construction to be completed this winter. The short term repairs will bring the bridge maximum allowable double axle load, assuming two axles placed 4 feet apart, to 13,460 kg (30,000 lbs), or up to 15,600kg (34,000 lbs) if the vehicle travels less than 10 km per hour. The KGS report states "These maximum allowable axle loads are reasonably consistent with the current bridge load rating which is based on the analysis completed in 1986."

The report indicates that the aforementioned short term upgrade should be done as soon as possible and that, in any event, a long term upgrade of the bridge or replacement of the bridge should be undertaken in the next 4 to 5 years.

The long term options listed in the report are:

- To restore the existing bridge at limited load restrictions that do not meet existing vehicle needs. This will require repair to the north end of the bridge and replacing the south end of the bridge. The estimated cost of this option is \$600,000.
- To construct a two-lane causeway to replace the entire bridge with essentially no load restriction. A short span link would be provided in the centre of the causeway. The estimated cost of this option is \$1,620,000.
- To construct a four-lane causeway, with a short span link, at an estimated cost of \$2,570,000.
- To construct a new bridge with appropriate vehicle load rating to replace the existing bridge. The estimated cost of this option is over \$6,000,000.

There are a variety of vehicles using the Island Park Bridge on a regular basis that exceed the 1986 study rating (13,500 kg GVW; 36,000kg GVW low speed) and the KGS load rating for the bridge. Certain agricultural-related vehicles, Fair-related vehicles, and construction-related equipment have axle loads that exceed the rating designated in the 1986 report as well as the reassessed KGS load ratings. The KGS report states "A significant limitation to the existing bridge is the restricted load capacity. When constructed in the 1920's, the design requirements were substantially less than present day vehicular loads."

Installing a one lane causeway on the west side of the existing bridge will maintain the bridge for use by lighter vehicles for access to the Island.

The City's Ten-year Debt Management Plan should include either:

- \$600,000 in 4 to 5 years to repair the north end of the bridge and replace the south end of the bridge; or
- \$1,620,000 in 4 to 5 years to construct a 2 lane causeway or \$2,570,000 for a 4 lane causeway.

40/08 Moved by: Councillor Ferris

Seconded by: Councillor Shindle

RESOLVED That the Structural Assessment of the Island Park Bridge Report by KGS Group be accepted and that up to \$150,000 funding be included in the 2008 budget to undertake the short term rehabilitation measures identified by KGS Group and to construct a one lane causeway to the Island to be designated as a truck route only; and That consideration be given to including funding in the City's ten year debt management plan to repair and reconstruct the existing bridge, or to construct a new permanent causeway to the Island.

Carried.

Grant In Aid Application

The proposed 2008 Grant-In-Aid submission to Manitoba Department of Highways and Transportation will include the following projects and estimated costs:

	Total Cost	GIA Request	City Share
Overlay Lorne Ave NE Tupper St to Royal Road	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Dust Control on Gravel Roads	\$8,205	\$4,102.50	\$4,102.50
Royal Rd Bridge Repairs	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Crescent Rd E (390 meters)	\$885,690	\$442,845	\$442,845
TOTAL	\$973,895	\$486,947.50	\$486,947.50

The total 2008 Grant-In-Aid submission request is \$486,947.50.

41/08 Moved by: Councillor Ferris

Seconded by: Councillor Shindle

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie submit a Grant In Aid Request for a total of \$486,947.50 in the following priority:

1. Dust Control on Gravel Roads (\$4,102.50)
2. Royal Road Bridge Repairs (\$25,000)
3. Overlay Lorne Ave NE – Tupper St to Royal Rd (\$15,000)
4. Crescent Rd East Pavement Reconstruction (390 meters) (\$442,845)

Carried.

Community Services Committee

The Community Services Committee respectfully submits the following reports:

PCI Safe Grad Request

Safe Grad is a National Preventative Program supported by the Education Officials across Canada intended to prevent accidental deaths during graduation activities. Safe Grad activities may or may not involve consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Previous Safe Grad celebrations in the Portage Centennial Arena have been successful with no major incidences. Therefore, Administration supports the request to obtain an occasional use liquor permit.

42/08 Moved by: Councillor Shindle

Seconded by: Councillor Bereza

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie

permit Portage Collegiate Institute to obtain an occasional use liquor permit for the Portage Centennial Arena on Saturday, June 21, 2008 for the purpose of hosting their Safe Grad Event.
Carried.

Celebrate Canada Fund

The *Celebrate Canada!* application requires that the local government approve the designation of a signing authority to apply for the grant. It is required that the Municipal Council name and approve the person who is signing the application form as being the authorized person to sign on behalf of the municipality. A copy of the resolution confirming this authorization is required to be sent with the grant application.

43/08 Moved by: Councillor Shindle

Seconded by: Councillor Bereza

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie approve the authorization of Jeanne Zwiép, Manager of Recreation Services of the City of Portage la Prairie to apply for federal funding from the Celebrate Canada! Program for Portage la Prairie's Canada Day Celebrations Tuesday, July 1, 2008.

Carried.

DEFERRED BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2008 Budget Approval

Councillor Quinn presented the 2008 Budget Speech.

Councillor Bereza acknowledged and thanked Dale Lyle & Nettie Neudorf and their staff for their hard work.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Quinn for the budget speech.

44/08 Moved by: Councillor Quinn

Seconded by: Councillor Shindle

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Portage la Prairie amend the 2008 Interim Operating and Capital Budget for the General and Utility Operating Funds adopted on December 10, 2007 as indicated in the attached revised Budget.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Council adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor

Manager of Administration