

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2008 AT 7:30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA

PRESENT: Mayor D. Burgess in the Chair, Councillor V. Barletta, Councillor E. Black, Councillor M. Blight, Councillor M. Campbell, Councillor K. Fitzpatrick, Councillor J. Harwood, Councillor D. Jessiman, Councillor J. McCrae, Councillor D. Paterson, Councillor G. Rice, Youth Member Sid Robinson

ABSENT: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Harwood-Blight

841 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held Monday, October 20, 2008 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Blight-Fitzpatrick

842 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Monday, October 6, 2008 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Barletta-Blight

843 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held October 6, 2008 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATION & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) **GENERAL MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE** **OCTOBER 7, 2008**

Considered was a report from the General Museum Advisory Committee from its meeting held October 7, 2008.

Black-Harwood

844 That the report of the General Museum Advisory Committee from its meeting held October 7, 2008 be received. CARRIED.

Black-Paterson

845 That the mandate of the General Museum Advisory Committee as originally established by City Council at its meeting held March 19, 2007 be extended to December 1, 2009. CARRIED.

(B)

POVERTY COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 7, 2008

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Poverty Committee from its meeting held October 7, 2008.

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Rice-Barletta

That the report of the Poverty Committee dated October 7, 2008 with respect to the proposed change of New Era School to a French Immersion Milieu School be received. CARRIED.

Rice-Barletta

That a delegation of the Poverty Committee represent the interests of working poor/underprivileged/aboriginal students who will be affected negatively by the proposed change of New Era School to a French Immersion Milieu school. NOT VOTED ON.

Prior to the above motion being voted on, His Worship the Mayor stated that under Section 144 of Procedure By-law No. 6634, the motion was ultra vires and ruled same Out of Order. He explained that it was not within City Council's jurisdiction to become involved in the affairs of the Brandon School Division. As an alternative, His Worship the Mayor suggested that the Poverty Committee could request that the Division's Board of Trustees conduct a public hearing on this matter.

(C) BRANDON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE
VERBAL REPORT

OCTOBER 20, 2008

October 20, 2008
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Paterson reported that an informal meeting had been held on October 16, 2008 between himself, as a member of the Brandon Municipal Heritage Committee (BMHC), Kim Longstreet, the Heritage Coordinator, and several community groups interested in implementing a statue/sculpture program to recognize those residents of Brandon who had served in the various wars and as peace keepers. He advised that a recommendation was being forwarded to BMHC to form a sub-committee of that committee to work towards that end.

(D) BRANDON AND AREA PLANNING DISTRICT
VERBAL REPORT

OCTOBER 20, 2008

October 20, 2008
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Barletta reported that the 2009 Manitoba Planning Conference would once again be held in the City of Brandon, October 28 - 30, 2009, at the Keystone Centre. He advised that the conference was a joint venture between the Province of Manitoba, the City of Brandon, and the Brandon and Area Planning District.

(E) **WESTERN MANITOBA CENTENNIAL AUDITORIUM**
VERBAL REPORT

OCTOBER 20, 2008

October 20, 2008
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Further to his report given at the October 6, 2008 meeting of Council, Councillor Blight reported that Mr. Terry Payne had been appointed by the Province of Manitoba to fill an existing vacancy on the Board of the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium and would be joining the next Board meeting scheduled for October 21, 2008.

Fitzpatrick-Black

847 That the verbal reports by Councillors Paterson, Barletta and Blight with respect to the Brandon Municipal Heritage Committee, the Brandon and Area Planning District and the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium respectively, be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(458) **REFUSE PICK-UP - 1600 BLOCK OF 26TH STREET AND BRENTWOOD VILLAGE TRAILER PARK**

Councillor Campbell advised that she had received complaints from residents in the 1600 Block of 26th Street as well as those in Brentwood Village Trailer Park who had indicated that their refuse had not been picked up on their last garbage day. She noted that there was confusion among the residents as to where the bins were to be placed and indicated that may have been the reason they were not picked up. She added that these bins were now full and enquired if the residents could be contacted to advise them as to the placement of the bins for pick-up, and further, if arrangements could be made to have these bins emptied as soon as possible.

At the request of the Chair, the City Manager advised that arrangements were to be made for the bins to be emptied as soon as possible. He encouraged all members of City Council to contact himself, or Mr. Rick Bailey, Manager of Public Works when these types of situations arose in the future.

(459) **TRAFFIC CONCERNS AT VICTORIA AVENUE AND MCDIARMID DRIVE**

Councillor Harwood advised that he had received calls from area residents who had raised concerns regarding traffic at the intersection of Victoria Avenue and McDiarmid Drive. He noted that the construction of Tim Horton's on the corner of this intersection had increased traffic in the area. He requested a traffic count be taken at the intersection and further, that the installation of traffic signals be considered.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

(460) **PICK-UP OF BAGGED LEAVES**

Councillor Harwood advised that he had received calls from area residents regarding the disposal of bagged leaves. He enquired if bagged leaves could be picked up by City staff under the Sanitation Department Bulk Item Pick-up Program.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

(461)

CROSSWALK AT 18TH STREET AND LORNE AVENUE

Councillor Fitzpatrick referred to a previous enquiry by Councillor Barletta with regards to the crosswalk at 18th Street and Lorne Avenue. He noted that it had been reviewed by the Provincial Government at that time, however, no improvements were made. He enquired if the Province could be contacted again and requested to consider either removal of that crosswalk or the installation of traffic lights at that intersection.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

(462)

EXPANDED USE OF BICYCLES ON CITY STREETS

Councillor Fitzpatrick provided a copy of an article he had recently read regarding the use of bicycles in Paris, France. He noted that the article advised that an increase in the number of bicycle paths had not increased the amount of bicycle users in that city, however, a program whereby bicycles had been provided for use free of charge had significantly increased the usage of bicycles. He enquired if such a program could be investigated for the City of Brandon.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

(463)

VANDALISM AT CEMETERY

Councillor Fitzpatrick referred to a recent article in the Brandon Sun regarding vandalism at the Brandon Cemetery. He noted that His Worship the Mayor had indicated at that time that the installation of cameras was being considered to deter vandals. He provided an article he had read recently with regard to the use of surveillance cameras in other cities and enquired if same could be considered for the Brandon Cemetery.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

(464)

MEETING WITH PROVINCE OF MANITOBA ON KEYSTONE CENTRE FUNDING

Councillor Fitzpatrick referred to a meeting that had been held recently with the representatives from the Province of Manitoba, the City of Brandon and the Provincial Exhibition regarding funding for the Keystone Centre. He requested an update on same.

His Worship the Mayor advised that he had been informed by The Honourable Rosann Wowchuk, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives, that she was to be in Brandon on Friday, October 17, 2008 when a press release was to be issued by the Province regarding funding for the Keystone Centre. He advised that the Province had committed \$250,000 per year for the next 5 years towards the Keystone Centre with the requirement that the City match those funds. He stated that he had expressed his concern to the Province that this announcement had been made without the knowledge of City Council and further, that the issue was to be discussed by all of City Council before any commitment was made by the City.

(465)

RESPONSIBILITY FOR SIDEWALKS AND BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Councillor Rice referred to the transfer of the responsibility for sidewalk construction and maintenance from the Public Works Division to the Parks Division. He enquired if that transfer had worked to the benefit of both divisions and what had been the budget implications of same.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

(466)

KEYSTONE CENTRE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Councillor Black referred to a previous study commissioned by the City regarding the financial implications of the Keystone Centre. He enquired if a copy of that study could be provided to City Council.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

(467)

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF MEMORIAL CUP ON BRANDON COMMUNITY AND KEYSTONE CENTRE

Councillor Black requested an evaluation of the economic impact of the 2010 Memorial Cup on both the community as a whole as well as the Keystone Centre.

His Worship the Mayor advised that the total economic impact was approximately \$12.9 million with the majority of the costs associated with the event being the \$5 million upgrade to the Keystone Centre. He agreed to take the matter of the impact on the Keystone Centre itself under advisement.

(468)

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FREEZE ON FUNDING FOR POST SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLES

Councillor Black referred to recent media reports which indicated that the Federal Government had implemented a freeze on funding for post secondary education for Aboriginal Peoples, which forced them to seek funding from banks and other financial institutions. He enquired if Brandon University and Assiniboine Community College could be contacted for clarification on this issue and further, how their students had been impacted.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

(469)

HANDI TRANSIT SERVICE ON SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS

Councillor Black advised that he had received calls recently regarding the hours of operation for handi-transit service on Sundays and Holidays. He requested an update on same.

At the request of the Chair, the City Manager advised that the handi-transit service was available between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sundays and Holidays. He noted that the exception to that policy was Christmas Day and Boxing Day, in which case the actual bookings for those days were looked at in order to provide service during the most highly used time period. He added that the reason for the time period was that when the service was put in place there were no private companies which provided the service. He indicated however, that there were now 3 private carriers available and further, the Sunday hours allowed for trips to and from church and shopping. He further added that, except on rare occasions, the customer needs were met within that time frame.

Further to this issue Councillor Black advised that the complaint he heard most often was surrounding holidays when people were invited out for an evening meal and the handi-transit's 5:00 p.m. cut-off time did not allow for them to book a ride home.

At the request of the Chair, the City Manager advised that the private carriers offered the service 24 hours a day, albeit more expensive than the costs incurred for the City service.

(470) **REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES AND USE OF BUILDING BY INTERNATIONAL PAPER INDUSTRIES (IPI) AT LANDFILL**

Councillor Black requested an update on International Paper Industries (IPI) inclusive of revenues, expenditures and their use of the building at the City Landfill Site.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SOUTH CENTRE WARD MEETING

Councillor Rice announced that a South Centre Ward Meeting was to be held Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at the Central Community Centre at 7:00 p.m. He noted that the agenda items to be included were waste and recycling, taxation levels, Citizens on Patrol Program, streets and roads and any other city or ward issues.

WESTMAN MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION DINNER

Councillor Blight announced that the Westman Military Family Appreciation Dinner was to be held November 11, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Montana's Cookhouse. He invited interested parties to contact the Brandon Chamber of Commerce for further information.

BRANDON REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE FOUNDATION CANCER LOTTERY

Councillor Blight announced that the Brandon Regional Health Centre Foundation Westman Cancer Lottery was currently underway and he encouraged everyone to support this worthy cause.

BRANDON COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE/ÉCOLE NEW ERA 125TH CELEBRATION

Councillor Harwood announced that he had been pleased to represent His Worship the Mayor and Councillors at the Brandon Collegiate Institute/École New Era 125th Anniversary Celebration where he presented a plaque to the school on behalf of the City of Brandon, thanking them for their contribution to the community.

RIVERVIEW WARD MEETING

Councillor Black announced that a Riverview Ward Meeting was to be held Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at the East End Community Centre at 7:00 p.m. He stated that the agenda items to be included were the Keystone Centre, budget, and an update on the remediation of the First Street and Rosser Avenue site.

FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES (FCM) FORUM MAGAZINE - CREATIVE CITIES ARTICLE

Councillor Paterson referred to an article in the latest FCM Forum Magazine regarding creative cities. He noted that the article was on Page 6 of the Summer 2008 edition and encouraged all members of Council to read the article. He provided his copy of the magazine to the City Clerk's Office to copy for those interested.

BRIDGES OF BRANDON

Councillor Paterson announced that at a recent meeting with Ms. Esther Bryan, Communities In Bloom Coordinator for the City of Brandon, Ms. Bryan had advised him that the only way the City was able to move up in the level of competition was with the installation of some sculptures and/or statues.

ACCOLADES - CONDITION OF PROVINCIAL ROADS WITHIN THE CITY

Councillor Paterson thanked the Province of Manitoba and City staff for their contributions to the vast improvements of Provincial roads within the City.

HOSTING OF THE 2010 MEMORIAL CUP

His Worship the Mayor stated that he was pleased to announce that the City of Brandon had been chosen by the Western Hockey League to host the 2010 Memorial Cup at the Keystone Centre. He thanked the Province of Manitoba and members of City Council for the efforts they had put forth to secure funding for this event.

HOMECOMING EVENT - BRANDON SALUTES

His Worship the Mayor announced that Brandon Salutes was to host a Homecoming Event on November 15, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Manitoba Room at the Keystone Centre to welcome home the Shilo troops from Afghanistan. He noted that this was to be a family event with entertainment for all ages and encouraged everyone to attend.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE MANITOBA SENIOR BASEBALL LEAGUE

Considered was a report from the General Manager of Corporate Services dated October 10, 2008 with respect to the above.

Councillor Paterson declared a professional conflict of interest in this matter and left the Council Chamber prior to any further discussion.

Jessiman-Black

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That a loan to the Manitoba Senior Baseball League in the amount of \$20,000 be authorized and that up to one half of this amount be forgiven to the extent the loan is repaid by June 1, 2009 subject to passage of the necessary bylaw and execution of an agreement by the subject league and the City of Brandon to formalize this loan. CARRIED.

Following the above motion being voted on, Councillor Paterson re-entered the Council Chamber.

(B) 2009 BUDGET

City Council considered a report from the General Manager of Corporate Services dated October 14, 2008 along with his power point presentation with respect to the above.

Paterson-Fitzpatrick

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That the proposed 2009 budget be received and referred to a public consultation session to be held at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 in the foyer at City Hall and City Council's budget deliberations to be held on Friday, December 12, 2008. CARRIED.

(C) STRUCTURE OF THE KEYSTONE GOVERNANCE MODEL

Submitted for consideration was a report from Councillor K. Fitzpatrick dated October 9, 2008 with respect to the above in accordance with his notice of motion given at the October 6, 2008 meeting of City Council.

Fitzpatrick-Harwood

850 That the City of Brandon review the current structure of the Keystone Centre Governance model, and in conjunction with the Province of Manitoba, come forward with a recommendation on the restructuring of the organization. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 6922 - TO REZONE 903 PATRICIA AVENUE (PT. SW 1/4 11-10-19 WPM) FROM DR DEVELOPMENT RESERVE ZONE TO RSF RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY ZONE AND PR PARKS AND RECREATION ZONE (VBJ DEVELOPMENTS LTD./DRIEDGER)
1ST READING

Considered was a report from the Planning Department dated October 2, 2008 with respect to the above.

Campbell-Fitzpatrick

851 That By-law No. 6922 to rezone 903 Patricia Avenue (Pt. SW 1/4 11-10-19 WPM) from DR Development Reserve Zone to RSF Residential Single Family Zone and PR Parks and Recreation Zone be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 6923 - TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE MANITOBA SENIOR BASEBALL LEAGUE
1ST READING

City Council considered a report from the General Manager of Corporate Services dated October 10, 2008 with respect to the above.

Councillor Paterson declared a professional conflict of interest in this matter and left the Council Chamber prior to any further discussion.

Blight-Jessiman

852 That By-law No. 6923, to provide a \$20,000 loan to the Manitoba Senior Baseball League with up to one half of that amount being forgivable if repaid by June 1, 2009, be read a first time. CARRIED.

Following the above motion being voted on, Councillor Paterson re-entered the Council Chamber.

NO. 6924 - TO ESTABLISH A TARIFF OF FARES FOR METERED TAXICABS IN THE CITY OF BRANDON
1ST READING

Submitted for consideration was a report from the General Manager of Corporate Services dated October 15, 2008 with respect to the above.

Rice-Harwood

853 That By-Law No. 6924 to establish a tariff of fares for metered taxicabs within the City of Brandon be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Paterson-Rice

That the meeting do now adjourn. (9:27 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK