

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 5TH, 2006 AT 11:45 A.M. 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 L. Brown, Councillor R. Chrest, Councillor D. Jessiman, Councillor G. Rice, Councillor B. Smale

ABSENT: Councillor Campbell, Councillor Paterson

READING OF THE CALL

At the direction of the Chair, the City Clerk read the following:

“Your Worship, on December 30th, 2005, in accordance with the requirements of The Municipal Act, written notice of this meeting was delivered to all members of City Council (including those absent from the Chamber) advising that a Special Meeting of City Council would be convened on this date with respect to an agreement between the City of Brandon and the Rural Municipalities of Cornwallis and Elton and the Brandon and Area Planning District on annexation and Planning District services, and the matter of tax shifting changes to the City’s 2006 Financial Plan. As all statutory requirements have been met and there is a quorum of City Council present, it is lawful to proceed with the meeting.”

GENERAL BUSINESS

(A) **AGREEMENT - CITY OF BRANDON, RURAL MUNICIPALITIES OF CORNWALLIS, ELTON AND BRANDON AND AREA PLANNING DISTRICT BOARD**

City Council considered a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated December 30th, 2005 which provided an overview of the process, the issues and interests, the agreement in principle, implementation steps and conclusions resulting from negotiations with the Rural Municipalities of Cornwallis and Elton with respect to the Brandon and Area Planning District Board, service delivery and annexation.

Chrest-Barletta

That the City of Brandon enter into an agreement in principle with the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis, the Rural Municipality of Elton and the Brandon and Area Planning District Board in the form attached as Appendix “A” to Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs and Trade’s Facilitator’s Report dated December 12th, 2005 with respect to:

- (i) the City of Brandon’s annexation of land from the Rural Municipalities of Cornwallis and Elton;
- (ii) a proposed service delivery model that will give the City and the Rural Municipalities greater autonomy over local planning matters and streamline service delivery; and
- (iii) maintaining the Brandon and Area Planning District Board. CARRIED.

(B) **TAX SHIFTING CHANGES PROPOSED FOR FINANCIAL PLAN**

Submitted for consideration was a report from the General Manager of Corporate Services dated January 5th, 2006 with respect to tax shifting changes for the Financial Plan.

Mr. McMillan appeared before Council to provide information on the legislative options available to Council to moderate shifts in tax burdens due to reassessment.

Black-Jessiman

1467 That the Financial Plan be prepared in accordance with the budgets adopted on December 16th, 2005 without the implementation of phase-in provisions, but including a provision for a \$50 grant to residential properties. LOST.

Chrest-Smale

1468 That it be hereby confirmed that the Financial Plan be prepared in accordance with the budgets adopted on December 16th, 2005 without the implementation of phase-in provisions or financial assistance programs. CARRIED.

Black-Jessiman

1469 That the implications of the changes to the Provincial Legislation for the formulation of budgets and taxation be referred to the Audit and Finance Committee for further study and evaluation and report back to City Council by August 31st, 2006. CARRIED.

ADJOURN:

Rice-Smale

That the meeting do now adjourn. (1:13 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK