

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 23RD, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA

PRESENT: Councillor R. Chrest in the Chair, Councillor V. Barletta, Councillor E. Black, Councillor M. Blight, Councillor L. Brown, Councillor D. Jessiman, Councillor D. Paterson, Councillor G. Rice, Councillor B. Smale

ABSENT: Mayor D. Burgess, Councillor M. Campbell

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Rice-Paterson
1481 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, January 23rd, 2006 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Blight-Rice
1482 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Monday, January 9th, 2006 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Prior to voting on the above, it was noted that Enquiry 592 on Page 820 should indicate that Dirk Gibbons, Armando Vazquez, and the 1948-1951 Brandon Grey's baseball team were all going to be inducted into the Manitoba Hall of Fame.

It was further noted that under Announcements with respect to the new president of the Kinsmen Club of Canada, that David Perkins was a current instructor at Assinboine Community College, not a former one.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) TERRY WINTERS – BRANDON FIRST

Terry Winters of Brandon First appeared before City Council to provide information on the opportunity for Brandon to host the 2008 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Directors Conference. She stated that the conference would attract 120 delegates from across the country and noted that the City of Brandon had been chosen over 6 other cities to host the event if the host requirements could be met.

Jessiman-Brown
1483 That the presentation by Terry Winters of Brandon First with respect to the City of Brandon hosting the 2008 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Directors Conference be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

JANUARY 9TH, 2006

Brandon, Manitoba
January 9th, 2006

The Mayor and Councillors
Brandon, Manitoba

Your PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, at its meeting held this 9th day of January, 2006, begs leave to report as follows and submits recommendations where deemed necessary and expedient:

Present: Committee Members:
 Mayor Dave Burgess, Chairman
 Coun. E. Black
 Coun. R. Chrest
 Coun. D. Paterson

Resource Personnel:
Mr. Ted Snure, A/City Manager
Mrs. V. Fifi, Director of Human Resources

Contract Settlement – E-911/Police Operator-Dispatch

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the recent negotiations with the E-911/Police Operator-Dispatch Division of the Brandon Professional Firefighters' Association (IAFF, Local 803).

Councillor Chrest

That the Committee resolve itself into a closed session. Carried unanimously.

Mrs. Fifi presented a summary of the negotiations and advised that these were ratified by the membership on December 5, 2005 as per the Memorandum of Settlement dated January 5, 2006. The Committee members requested clarity on some issues related to the proposed settlement.

Highlights of the negotiated settlement include:

- Salary increases of 2.75% on January 1, 2005 and 2.75% on January 1, 2006.
- Process for retraining employees who have returned from lay-off or have not worked sufficient shifts to maintain their required skill level.
- Advance sick bank hours upon completion of initial training period.
- Increase of maximum sick bank from 1040 hours to 1200 hours.
- Increase of maximum overtime bank from 72 hours to 144 hours, with a maximum payout of 72 hours.
- Double overtime for 'continuation of duty'.
- General clean-up of clauses and letters of understanding.

Councillor Black

That the proposed settlement as presented be recommended to City Council as follows: "That the City of Brandon enter into a two (2) year agreement with the E-911/Police Operator-Dispatch Division of the Brandon Professional Firefighters' Association (IAFF, Local 803) for the period January 1st, 2005 to December 31st, 2006 as per the Memorandum of Settlement whereby wages shall be increased 2.75% on January 1st, 2005 and 2.75% on January 1st, 2006." Carried Unanimously.

Councillor Chrest

That the meeting now adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

“R. Chrest”

A/CHAIRMAN

1484

Black-Smale

That the report of the Personnel Committee meeting held January 9th, 2006 regarding the tentative settlement reached between the City and the E-911/Police Operator-Dispatch Division of the Brandon Professional Firefighters’ Association (IAFF, Local 803) be received. CARRIED.

1485

Black-Barletta

That the City of Brandon enter into a two (2) year agreement with the E-911/Police Operator-Dispatch Division of the Brandon Professional Firefighters’ Association (IAFF, Local 803) for the period January 1st, 2005 to December 31st, 2006 as per the Memorandum of Settlement whereby wages shall be increased 2.75% on January 1st, 2005 and 2.75% on January 1st, 2006. CARRIED.

(B) VERBAL REPORT - WESTMAN REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD JANUARY 23RD, 2006

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Councillor Smale provided a verbal report from the Westman Regional Library Board , noting that the Town of Hartney was currently creating a local library and would be joining the Regional Library Board. She advised that the library was getting ready to open shortly and was expected to enhance the community.

(C) VERBAL REPORT – YOUTH FORUM FOR BRANDON COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN
JANUARY 23RD, 2006

Brandon, Manitoba
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The Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Blight advised that the final report of the Youth 1 Forum held in October, 2005 as part of Brandon’s Community Strategic Plan was now available on the City’s website and noted that the youth of Brandon were preparing for the future whereby it was very worthwhile to check out the comments and suggestions made at the Forum.

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Paterson-Black

That the verbal reports by Councillors Smale and Blight with respect to the Western Manitoba Regional Library Board and the Youth Forum for the Brandon Community Strategic Plan respectively be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(597) BUS SHELTER AT CORRAL CENTRE

Councillor Barletta noted that he had received calls from concerned citizens regarding the transit system and lack of a bus shelter at the Corral Centre and enquired if and when a shelter would be located in that vicinity.

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

(598) MEETING WITH RESPECT TO NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING LOCATION

Councillor Paterson advised that he had been expecting information on this agenda with respect to the new public safety building and he enquired when the issue would be brought before City Council.

At the request of the Chair, the Acting City Manager noted that a special meeting had tentatively been discussed for late January or early February. He reported that the General Manager of Protective Services and senior staff from the Engineering Department would be meeting with consultants from Earth Tech on Wednesday, January 25th, 2006 following which they would be able to determine how much additional time would be required to prepare the information requested by City Council.

Councillor Black noted that he would be away from February 7th to 23rd, 2006 and requested that the meeting not be held in his absence as the proposed site was located in his Ward and he would like to be part of deliberations.

(599) FLOOD CLAIMS FROM SUMMER STORM

Councillor Brown requested an update on the status of flood claims submitted from the storm that hit the City in July of 2005.

His Worship the Deputy Mayor agreed to take the matter under advisement

(600) SIGNAGE IN PUBLIC PARKS

Councillor Blight referred to a previous enquiry with respect to signage in public parks indicating restricted usage after dusk and enquired if any signs had been placed in the parks.

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

(601) ICY CONDITION OF SIDEWALKS/WALKPATHS

Councillor Blight noted that the icy conditions of the sidewalk and walking paths created dangerous situations and enquired if such could be rectified.

In conjunction with the above Councillor Jessiman commended the City's response to the ice problems on streets this winter and concurred with Councillor Blight that the icy sidewalks and paths created safety hazards and enquired if Administration could investigate remedies for such.

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

(602) UNSIGHTLY PREMISES ON 21ST STREET

Councillor Blight enquired if an update on the status of the derelict house at 224 – 21st Street could be provided along with any information on what could be done to rectify problem.

At the request of the Chair, the Acting City Clerk advised that the French translation of the compliance tickets were currently being completed and such tickets could then be used to address the problem under the Building and Property Standards By-law. It was noted that currently, the process required court action which was time intensive and expensive.

(603) CITY'S EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR POSSIBLE PANDEMIC

Councillor Jessiman referred to a previous enquiry with respect to the City's preparation for a flu pandemic and enquired if information on the City's preparations could be provided. Specifically, he requested information on what could be done for citizens who are vulnerable to this flu and what plans were in place for supplying City services in the event half of the City's staff became affected. He enquired if the report could be available for the next meeting.

In conjunction with the above Councillor Black noted that at a recent Brandon Regional Health Authority (BRHA) Board meeting there had been a presentation from the Senior Executive of the Regional Health Authority with respect to the status of their planning and noted that the City should be trying to complement the BRHA plan.

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

(604) USES FOR WATER TOWERS

Councillor Black noted that in the past there had been a staff member tracking abandoned water towers in Canada and the United States and enquired if currently there was someone putting together some options for Council's consideration.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOUTHWEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Considered was a report from Economic Development dated January 11th, 2006 with respect to the above.

Smale-Rice

1487 That the Council of the City of Brandon confirm its support for the Southwest Regional Development Corporation and the services it provides to member municipalities and make application for membership in said Corporation. CARRIED.

(B) TENDER NO. 97/05 – BOOSTER STATION UPGRADES

City Council considered a report from the City Engineer dated December 20th, 2005 with respect to the above.

Paterson-Brown

1488 That the low bid of Comstock Canada Ltd. for the Booster Station Upgrades as per tender and specifications at a cost of \$348,261.46 be accepted. CARRIED.

(C) DISCUSSION PAPER – REGULATION OF DIRECT AND INDIRECT ILLUMINATION FROM SPOTLIGHTS

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Brandon and Area Planning District dated January 6th, 2006 with respect to the above.

Barletta-Rice

1489 That a by-law be prepared to amend Zoning By-law No. 6642 with respect to adding general regulations pertaining to indirect illumination from spotlights whereby all spotlights or other bright lights directed skyward shall be turned off between 2300 hours and sunrise. CARRIED.

Councillor Paterson requested that the issue of bird safety be addressed in the draft by-law. It was further suggested that the times stipulated should be consistent with times outlined in other City by-laws, such as the Nuisance By-law.

(D) PARKING DETERMINATION – 355 & 365 PACIFIC AVENUE (CRANE ENTERPRISES LTD.)

Considered was a report from the Brandon and Area Planning District dated January 17th, 2006 with respect to the above.

Barletta-Smale

1490 That the number of required parking spaces for the CP Rail locker facility at 355 Pacific Avenue (Lots 2/3, Plan 40851 BLTO) be set at 40. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT

Black-Rice

1491 That the above motion be amended by adding thereto the words: “whereby said parking spaces shall be utilized by employees of the locker facility.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Paterson-Black

1492 That the above motion be further amended by adding the following thereto: “and further, that the determination of parking spaces be for a six month trial period whereby a report shall be submitted to Council prior the expiration of said trial period.” CARRIED.

(E) INCLUSION OF SECONDARY SUITES AS A PERMITTED USE IN ALL RESIDENTIAL ZONES

City Council considered a report from the Brandon and Area Planning District dated January 10th, 2006 with respect to the above.

Brown-Jessiman

1493 That a by-law be prepared to amend Zoning By-law No. 6642 with respect to allowing secondary suites as a permitted use in all residential zones with the exception of the RMH Residential Modular/Mobile Home Zone. CARRIED.

(F) PROPOSED DESIGN STANDARDS FOR FUTURE CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATIONS IN THE CR COMMERCIAL RESTRICTED ZONE

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Brandon and Area Planning District dated December 5th, 2005 with respect to the above.

1494 Barletta-Black
That the Special Development Standards for Developments in the CR Commercial Restricted Zone as outlined in the report of the Brandon and Area Planning District dated November 21st, 2005 be approved for submission to a neighbourhood meeting, along with a list of proposed permitted and conditional uses, following which a by-law shall be prepared to amend Zoning By-law No. 6642 with respect to said standards and uses, subject to any changes deemed appropriate as a result of community input obtained at the neighbourhood meeting. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 6817 - TO ADOPT THE 2006 SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF BRANDON

Considered was a report from the City Clerk's Department dated January 18th, 2006 with respect to the above.

1495 Jessiman-Barletta
That By-law No. 6817 to adopt the 2006 Schedule of Fees for services and activities provided by the City of Brandon be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

(A) HOSTING THE 2008 FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

In accordance with Rule 60 of City Council Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillor Jessiman gave notice of his intent to introduce at the February 6th, 2006 meeting of City Council the following motion:

“That the City of Brandon host the March 2008 meeting of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ Board of Directors at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.”

(B) IMPROVED NOTIFICATION PROCESS

In accordance with Rule 60 of City Council Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillor Paterson gave notice of his intent to introduce at the February 6th, 2006 meeting of City Council the following motion:

“That the City and Planning District Administration provide specific cost and staff time implications of and recommendations on utilizing the following means by which to improve the notification process for land use applications such as variation, conditional use and zoning amendment applications:

1. Radio Public Service Announcements
2. Print Public Service Announcements
3. Television Public Service announcements
4. Advertising on Cable Channel 23
5. Random Notices to Addresses Beyond the Required Area
6. Portable Signs
7. City of Brandon Website Link
8. Email List of People Wanting Notices
9. Plain Wording of Notices”

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WARD MEETING – ASSINBOINE WARD

Councillor Paterson announced that a ward meeting would be held on Tuesday, January 31st, 2006 at the North End Community Centre to discuss a new play structure proposed for the North End at the Community Centre whereby everyone was invited to attend.

PROVINCIAL SHORT COURSE SWIM MEET

Councillor Paterson noted that he had recently represented City Council at the Provincial Short Course Swim Meet hosted by the Brandon Blue Fins Swim Club at the Sportsplex.

MASTERS CURLING BONSPIEL

Councillor Jessiman announced that he had extended greetings on behalf of Council on January 10th, 2006 at the 31st Annual Brandon Masters Curling Bonspiel Banquet whereby he noted that the competitive division had been won by the Ralph Wilson team from Dauphin and Bill Piett of Brandon was the Crocus Credit Union Aggregate Champion.

FUNDRAISING DINNER AT ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

Councillor Jessiman reported that he had attended the fundraising dinner on January 21st, 2006 at the Royal Canadian Legion for new signage on Veteran's Way.

BRANDON LADIES BONSPIEL

Councillor Jessiman announced that he had attended the Brandon Ladies Bonspiel this past weekend and noted that the rink of Mabel Mitchell, Mary Adams, Shirley Bray, June Clark and Mildred Murray, the 1983 Canadian Seniors Champions, had participated whereby they placed third. He reported that he had been pleased to extend congratulations to such a long standing team and presented them with City pins.

ROBBIE BURNS' NIGHT

Councillor Smale announced that she had represented the Mayor and Council at Robbie Burns night held Saturday, January 21st, 2006 and noted that it had been a highly entertaining evening.

ALZHEIMERS GALA

Councillor Blight announced that he had represented Council at the Alzheimers Gala on Friday, January 20th, 2006.

HOME COMING FOR RICHARD SHICK

Councillor Blight announced that he had attended Brandon University on January 20th, 2006 to welcome home former Brandonite, Richard Shick, who was now coach of the BC Thunderbirds Volley Men's Team.

BRANDON CRIME STOPPERS LUNCHEON

Councillor Blight announced that the annual Brandon Crime Stoppers Luncheon would be held Wednesday, January 25th, 2005 at the Royal Oak Inn.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S WINTER FESTIVAL

Councillor Brown announced that the Lieutenant Governor's Winter Festival would be held February 2nd to the 4th, 2006 at locations around the City whereby he encourage people to attend. It was noted that there were 13 pavilions this year, and that free transit service between pavilions would be provided.

ADJOURN:

Paterson-Brown

That the meeting do now adjourn. (9:30 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK