

MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE 2006-2010 BRANDON CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M.

The Official Party, comprised of Mr. Justice John Menzies; Mayor-Elect Dave Burgess; City Clerk Conrad Arvisais; Councillor-Elect Doug Paterson; Councillor-Elect Vince Barletta; Councillor-Elect Murray Blight; Councillor-Elect Jeff Harwood; Councillor-Elect Jim McCrae; Reverend Mr. John MacKenzie of the Brandon Ministerial Association; City Manager Brian MacRae; Councillor-Elect Ken Fitzpatrick; Councillor-Elect Errol Black; Councillor-Elect Margo Campbell; Councillor-Elect Don Jessiman; and Councillor-Elect Garth Rice entered the Council Chamber and took their respective seats.

The City Manager opened the Inaugural Meeting by welcoming Mayor-Elect Burgess, the Councillors-Elect, Mr. Justice Menzies, Reverend MacKenzie and the ladies and gentlemen in attendance. He extended congratulations on behalf of all members of the Administration to all members of the incoming Council and advised that the Administration looked forward to working in partnership with the Council in planning and implementing initiatives that would ensure Brandon continues to grow and prosper, with a strong focus to providing a high quality of life for all of the residents.

At the direction of the City Manager, the City Clerk called the meeting to order and took Roll Call whereby each newly elected member of City Council confirmed their attendance and rose at the calling of their name.

PRESENT: Mayor-Elect Dave Burgess in the Chair, Councillor-Elect V. Barletta, Councillor-Elect E. Black, Councillor-Elect M. Blight, Councillor-Elect M. Campbell, Councillor-Elect K. Fitzpatrick, Councillor-Elect J. Harwood, Councillor-Elect D. Jessiman, Councillor-Elect J. McCrae, Councillor-Elect D. Paterson, Councillor-Elect G. Rice

ABSENT: NIL

INVOCATION:

The following Invocation was given by Reverend Mr. John MacKenzie of the Brandon Ministerial Association:

"Gracious God, we thank you for this day of ours and the people who come before us to build up our city and our country.

The Mighty and Gracious God, we are grateful to live in Brandon and in a country blessed to be a democracy. We are especially thankful for the gift of freedom of speech and conscience. We thank you, Oh Lord, for how you help each one of us and guide us in all that we do. We are thankful, Father, for the blessings we have in the democratic process whereby we, as citizens of this City, can elect men and women to represent us, care for us and serve us and to build up our city and protect the rights and dignity of each citizen of the City of Brandon.

We are thankful for these men and women who are willing and open to give their time and talent for the good of our city and our people. We thank you for the generosity of heart that prompted them to seek election and we thank you in advance for all the efforts that each and everyone of them will put forth over the next four years as they serve their mandate. Lord, we call your blessing down upon our elected

officials bless them and who they are, in all they do. Oh God, give them wisdom and knowledge to serve and may their decisions be just and merciful and consistent with the principles by which our country was founded.

In the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.”

OATH OF OFFICE:

Mr. Justice John Menzies moved to the Mayor's platform and invited Mayor-Elect Burgess to join him. Justice Menzies, assisted by the City Clerk, then administered the Oath of Office to Mayor-Elect Burgess. The City Clerk presented the Chain of Office to Justice Menzies who placed the Chain of Office around the neck of Mayor Burgess. Mayor Burgess assumed the Chair as Mayor of the City of Brandon.

Justice Menzies and the City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to each Councillor-Elect in turn.

His Worship the Mayor thanked Justice Menzies and the City Clerk for their assistance.

MAYOR'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

His Worship Mayor Burgess welcomed everyone in attendance, then presented the following inaugural address:

"Mr. Justice John Menzies, Reverend MacKenzie, ladies and gentlemen, thank you for all attending this very special evening.

Firstly, I want to thank the residents of Brandon for not only their support and encouragement through the election, but also after the election, it has been a real pleasure.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped me and cared so much through the efforts they gave me. The efforts they helped with really make it that much more rewarding for the work that each of us has put out and that is treasured by all of us.

A special thank you to my family for all their support and understanding, especially to my wife, Susan, she has definitely been my biggest supporter and I thank you for that.

I look forward to an exciting four years ahead of us and the very positive challenges that we have to address. I am very encouraged and confident that the Council we have before us will work to meet those challenges. I am sure they are just as anxious as I am to get down to business. I am also very sure we will all not agree on every issue and that is comforting, I think it is very important that we have different views and viewpoints to bring to all the business we deal with. We will have solid debates and I want to make sure we keep those respectful and productive.

I feel it is of the utmost importance we, as a Council, make timely decisions and progress on issues such as the police and fire facilities, the wastewater treatment facility, recreation facilities and affordable housing inputs. Infrastructure improvements and investments must be high on our agenda to keep up with the pressures of a growing city. Along with these decisions it is imperative that we continue to be fiscally responsible and always strive to provide an affordable, competitive municipal taxation environment.

I want to see this Council concentrate on civic issues and business and avoid deviating into affairs that other levels of government should look after. We are elected to set policy and direction for civic business and have more than enough to keep us busy at that level.

The Community Strategic Action Plan is one item I did want to mention. This has been incorporated with the help of about 300 to 400 citizens, and it is a step we have taken over the last four years that is extremely important. It is not owned by City Council, it is the public and I encourage Council to take that into account and take a look at what recommendations are brought forward by the community. That is real leadership, to look out to the community for its input. We have done that and we need to make sure we continue that.

I also want to touch, before I finish, on the City staff. I have thoroughly enjoyed the staff, all their personalities to deal with and their professionalism. It is really something we can be proud of. City Council, again I'll stress, is to set policy and direction, we need to let our staff carry that out and be respectful of the division between political and administrative duties we carry. We definitely have people in the City staff who really, truly care about what they do and go way above and beyond what they are asked to or paid for. I am very respectful of that.

I want to see our City continue to improve itself as we continue to grow. I look forward to working with all of Council and I am excited to, again, get on with business and I wish you all the best in the four years.

Thank you everyone for coming this evening.”

Yours truly,

"Dave Burgess"

Mayor

REMARKS BY WARD COUNCILLORS

Councillor Doug Paterson - Assiniboine Ward

Councillor Paterson addressed His Lordship, His Worship, Reverend MacKenzie, friends and family. He noted we live in a tremendous country, province and city with one of the most exquisite treasures being the democratic process and he thanked all those individuals who let names stand for office and those people who voted. He expressed his gratitude and love to his wife, Sandi and their son, Scott and all the family and friends who continue to support him.

Councillor Paterson also expressed his appreciation to all Ward 1 residents who continue to deal with him in a fair and respectful manner and for providing the comments to him during his campaign. He promised to continue to weigh all issues, ward and city-wide, in a fair manner and do his “prairie best” to deliver what the majority wanted.

He extended his thanks to the superior calibre staff of the City of Brandon for their efforts, and to the many volunteers and citizens who continue to provide quality community input.

Councillor Vince Barletta - Rosser Ward

Councillor Barletta acknowledged the Chair, Mr. Justice John Menzies, Reverend John MacKenzie and addressed the people in attendance. He conveyed his thanks to the citizens of Rosser Ward and to his friends and family alike, most particularly, his Mom and Dad and his partner Meegan Gavin.

He commented on the challenges ahead including restoration of historic homes, crime prevention, affordable housing, environmental issues and the revitalization of the downtown with new business and initiatives like the skateboard park and expressed his excitement to work on those and others issues that arose.

Councillor Murray Blight - Victoria Ward

Councillor Blight addressed those in attendance and noted that due to a sudden death in the family, his wife, Lorna, was not able to attend. He opened his remarks by commenting that the evening started yet another exciting chapter in his life and thanked his constituents for re-electing him. He advised that it was his intention to be a team player to take a proactive approach to municipal government. He reported that he would continue to promote the community strategic action plan, recognize Brandon youth, and communicate with residents of the ward.

Councillor Blight commented on the challenges of the budget process, to promote economic development and opportunity in the City and a need for decisive action in areas such as the Recreation Centre, Sportsplex, Public Safety Building and infrastructure demands and committed to continuing to work with senior levels of government to accomplish the needed work.

Councillor Jeff Harwood - University Ward

Councillor Harwood acknowledged His Worship, Mr. Justice Menzies, Reverend MacKenzie and honoured guests. He extended his thanks to the volunteers who worked on his campaign and thanked the residents of the University Ward for their support. He exclaimed that he was looking forward to working with His Worship and the other members of Council as a productive team to address issues such as the fire station, golf course and infrastructure requirements.

Councillor Jim McCrae - Meadows Ward

Councillor McCrae addressed those in attendance, particularly his family, and explained that it had been 23 years ago since he had sat at the table as a member of Council, with Mayor Ken Burgess in the Chair and noted that Ken Burgess had mentored him and helped prepare him for the future roles he would fulfill.

Councillor McCrae congratulated all his colleagues and extended his thanks to all candidates and voters who took part in the election process and to those brave people who had sacrificed their lives and well being to ensure the process.

Councillor McCrae concluded by reflecting that in four years, the current Council will be judged by its ability to work well together, to make Brandon and even better place to live and extended his heartfelt thanks to the residents of Meadows Ward 5 for their belief in him.

Councillor Garth Rice - South Centre Ward

Councillor Rice addressed the Chair and welcomed His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Justice John Menzies, Reverend John MacKenzie and other members of Council to the 2006 Inaugural Meeting and expressed his desire to work with them all. He expressed his love to his wife and family and thanked the residents of Brandon for having voted in such a diverse Council.

Councillor Rice concluded by stating that 25 years of working in the construction business had kept him well grounded and noted that he did not intend to lose sight of that.

Councillor Don Jessiman - Green Acres Ward

Councillor Jessiman thanked His Worship the Mayor for the opportunity to speak and acknowledged with appreciation the words and acts of Reverend John MacKenzie and Mr. Justice John Menzies. He recognized the invited guests in the gallery and the listeners at home and thanked them all for their support and interest in the Inaugural Meeting.

Councillor Jessiman remarked that it was a humbling experience to be sworn in as a member of Council for the fourth time and promised to continue to work as a team player to develop policy for the City's first class administration. He noted the challenges that would be faced in budgeting for such issues as the Public Safety Building, wastewater treatment facility, recreation upgrades and flood proofing and committed to broadening the tax base and shifting the burden of the education tax to the Provincial Government.

He concluded by thanking the electorate of Ward 10, and his invited friends and encouraged everyone to enjoy the hospitality of the evening to come.

Councillor Margo Campbell - Richmond Ward

Councillor Campbell acknowledged those in attendance and extended her heartfelt thanks to the Richmond Ward voters for their support, friendship and advice. She also conveyed her appreciation to her friends and family, Jeffrey in particular, for all their continued support and efforts during her campaign.

Councillor Campbell paid tribute to City administration for their help, support, knowledge and professionalism over the past 17 years and expressed her excitement in facing the challenges ahead for growth and safety in the community and committed to working as part of the team to set priorities and fulfill the vision for such growth.

In closing, Councillor Campbell commented on the poppies being worn that night and expressed her thanks to all the veterans, like her father, who had ensured our country's continued freedom.

Councillor Errol Black - Riverview Ward

Councillor Black addressed the Chair and exclaimed how proud and honoured he was to have been acclaimed in the Riverview Ward and committed to working hard over the next four years for the citizens of his ward and all of Brandon.

Councillor Black acknowledged City staff and reported that over the previous eight years, whenever he was faced with an issue or problem, staff were able to provide advice that lead to results. Councillor

Black also thanked his wife, Margaret, and the many friends and family in attendance for their continued support.

Councillor Black concluded by stating he looked forward to working with everyone around the table to achieve favourable results.

Councillor Ken Fitzpatrick - Linden Lanes Ward

Councillor Fitzpatrick addressed the honoured guests in attendance and thanked the people in Linden Lanes Ward who had given him the opportunity to serve and represent them over the next four years.

He thanked his wife and son for their help on his campaign along with the other members of his family and volunteer base (Jackie). He extended his thanks to the City administration for their great help during the campaign and to the residents for the respectful manner in which had had been received and noted that he lived in the best Ward in the City!

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Black-Jessiman

001 That pursuant to Subsection 15.(a) of Organizational By-law No. 6650, Councillor Doug Paterson be appointed Deputy Mayor to perform all duties of the Mayor, if the Mayor is absent from the municipality, or is incapable, through illness or other cause, of performing his duties as Head of Council with term of office to expire December 31st, 2007. CARRIED.

(B) APPOINTMENT OF ACTING DEPUTY MAYOR

Rice-Campbell

002 That pursuant to Subsection 15.(b) of Organizational By-law No. 6650, Councillor Don Jessiman be appointed Acting Deputy Mayor to perform all duties of the Mayor, if both the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor are absent from the municipality, or are incapable, through illness or other cause, of performing their respective duties as Head or Deputy Head of Council with term of office to expire December 31st, 2007. CARRIED.

(C) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Fitzpatrick-Barletta

003 That in accordance with Subsection 15.(c) of Organizational By-law No. 6650, the following appointments be made to the following Council Committees with terms of office to expire December 31st, 2007:

Audit and Finance Committee
Mayor Dave Burgess (Chair)
Councillor Murray Blight
Councillor Ken Fitzpatrick
Councillor Doug Paterson

Brandon Municipal Heritage Committee
Councillor Vince Barletta
Councillor Jeff Harwood

Grants Review Committee
Councillor Margo Campbell
Councillor Don Jessiman
Councillor James McCrae

Personnel Committee
Mayor Dave Burgess (Chair)
Councillor Murray Blight
Councillor James McCrae
Councillor Doug Paterson

Poverty Committee
Councillor Vince Barletta
Councillor Errol Black
Councillor Garth Rice
CARRIED.

(D) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL TO OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

004 McCrae-Blight
That in accordance with Subsections 15.(d) of Organizational By-law No. 6650, the following appointments be made to the following committees and boards with terms of office to expire December 31st, 2007:

Brandon & Area Planning District Board
Mayor Dave Burgess
Councillor Vince Barletta
Councillor Jeff Harwood
Councillor Garth Rice (Alternate)

Building Standards Committee
Councillor Ken Fitzpatrick
Councillor Don Jessiman
Councillor Garth Rice
Councillor Margo Campbell (Alternate)
Councillor Doug Paterson (Alternate)

Joint Task Force – City of Brandon & Brandon School Division
Councillor Murray Blight
Councillor Margo Campbell
Councillor James McCrae

Westbran Human Resources Opportunity Centre
Councillor Doug Paterson

Keystone Agricultural & Recreational Centre
Councillor Ken Fitzpatrick
Councillor Jeff Harwood

Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium
Councillor Murray Blight
Councillor Garth Rice

Western Manitoba Resgional Library
Councillor Don Jessiman
CARRIED.

(E) SCHEDULING OF COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2003

Black-Paterson

005 That pursuant to Subsection 15.(e) of City Council Organizational By-law No. 6650, regular meetings of City Council be held on the following dates in 2006 and 2007:

Monday, November 20th, 2006
Monday, December 4th, 2006
Monday, December 18th, 2006
Monday, January 8th, 2007
Monday, January 22nd, 2007
Monday, February 5th, 2007
Monday, February 19th, 2007
Monday, March 5th, 2007
Monday, March 19th, 2007
Monday, April 2nd, 2007
Monday, April 23rd, 2007
Monday, May 14th, 2007
Monday, May 28th, 2007
CARRIED.

Monday, June 11th, 2007
Monday, June 25th, 2007
Monday, July 23rd, 2007
Monday, August 20th, 2007
Monday, September 10th, 2007
Monday, September 24th, 2007
Tuesday, October 9th, 2007
Monday, October 22nd, 2007
Monday, November 5th, 2007
Monday, November 19th, 2007
Monday, December 3rd, 2007
Monday, December 17th, 2007

ADJOURN:

Black-Barletta

That the meeting do now adjourn. (8:23 p.m.) CARRIED.

The Official Party retired from the Council Chamber and proceeded to the foyer of the Civic Administration Building for the public reception in their honour.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK