

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2007 AT 7:30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA**

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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 Councillor Stephen Montague

ABSENT: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Blight-Paterson

356 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, September 24, 2007 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Harwood-Fitzpatrick

357 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Monday, September 10, 2007 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) GRANT MCMILLAN - UTILITY RATES

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Grant McMillan, General Manager of Corporate Services, and Ian Christiansen, Manager of Design and Inspection, appeared before City Council to provide a power-point presentation with respect to proposed increases in utility rates and infrastructure challenges. A written copy of the presentation was provided to members of City Council.

It was noted this item would be placed on the agenda for the October 9, 2007 meeting of City Council for discussion and debate.

Black-Fitzpatrick

358 That the presentation by Grant McMillan, General Manager of Corporate Services, with respect to utility rates be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATION & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nil

ENQUIRIES:

(234) DROP OFF ON 8TH STREET BRIDGE

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Councillor Black referred to a previous enquiry with respect to the 8th Street Bridge whereby he noted a dangerous situation had existed at both ends of the bridge with respect to the depth of the drop offs in order to access the adjacent roads. He advised that to date, nothing had been done to improve the situation and enquired when same would be looked at.

At the request of the Chair, the City Manager advised the situation had been reviewed and would be rectified prior to the end of the construction season.

(235) REPAIRS TO ROSSER AVENUE EAST

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Councillor Black noted that Rosser Avenue East from 1st Street to Russell Street was in dire need of repair and he enquired when same would be done.

At the request of the Chair, the City Manager advised that the City was awaiting information with respect to a piece of property located on Rosser Avenue East, prior to full repairs being undertaken, however, patching would be done in the near future with repaving scheduled for 2008.

(236) 34TH STREET AND RICHMOND AVENUE TRAFFIC CIRCLE

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Councillor Fitzpatrick advised that the tender for the construction of the traffic circle at 34th Street and Richmond Avenue had closed, with no bids being received. He enquired if the tender would be re-issued next year.

At the request of the Chair, the Director of Development Services confirmed same.

In conjunction with the above, Councillor Blight enquired if interim improvements would be made to the lighting at the subject intersection whereby His Worship the Mayor advised that same was cost prohibitive for a short term fix.

(237) UPDATE ON PRAIRIE CRESCENT CONSTRUCTION

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Councillor Fitzpatrick advised that the construction on Prairie Crescent had been scheduled for completion by the end of September and he enquired if same was still the case, and if not, if penalties would be incurred.

At the request of the Chair, the General Manager of Development Services advised that the construction company had commitments outside the city, but discussions with respect to the completion of Prairie Crescent were ongoing, inclusive of penalties being incurred if the repairs were not completed prior to the end of the contract season.

(238) CROSSWALK ON 18TH STREET AND LORNE AVENUE - BRANDON UNIVERSITY

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Councillor Barletta referred to another vehicle/pedestrian accident on 18th Street in the vicinity of Brandon University and he enquired if there had been any further updates from the Province of Manitoba with respect to regulation or control of the subject intersection.

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

(239) UPDATE ON 1ST STREET AND ROSSER AVENUE SITE

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Councillor Rice enquired if it would be possible, during downtime, to utilize City staff and equipment to level the site at 1st Street and Rosser Avenue.

At the request of the Chair, the City Manager advised that no action could be taken until a human health risk assessment was conducted by the Province of Manitoba, hopefully within the next few weeks.

(240) MARKETING OF FACILITIES FOR TRAINING CAMPS

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Councillor Paterson referred to a previous enquiry with respect to utilizing facilities in Brandon for athletic training camps. He noted there were several National Hockey League coaches who grew up in the Westman area and he enquired if action could be taken to market the city facilities.

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

(241) EXHIBITION HOCKEY GAMES

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Councillor Paterson noted that North Bay, Ontario has recently hosted a National Hockey League exhibition game. He enquired if Administration could attempt to attract a future exhibition game in Brandon.

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

(242) GOLF COURSE UPDATE

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Councillor Blight enquired if an update could be provided on the operation of the Recreation Centre golf course.

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

(243) UPDATE ON BALL DIAMONDS

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Councillor Blight noted that later in the meeting, an item would be discussed with respect to acquisition of land for the construction of softball diamonds. Councillor Blight advised that there were many upcoming events that could be hosted in Brandon if facilities permitted and he enquired if meetings were being held with the various user groups to determine events of interest.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SALVATION ARMY 120TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

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Councillor Paterson announced that he had attended the 120th Anniversary Dinner for the Salvation Army. He noted what an asset the Salvation Army was to the citizens of Brandon and the community as a whole.

JOINT MEETING - GENERAL MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND BRANDON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE

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Councillor Harwood reminded the viewing audience that a joint meeting with the General Museum Advisory Committee and the Brandon Municipal Heritage Committee would be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Foyer of City Hall. He encouraged interested individuals to attend.

REMEDIATION MEETING WITH CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

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Councillor Blight announced that he and Councillor Paterson, along with some members of the Administration, would attend a remediation meeting with representatives from the Canadian Pacific Railway on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 regarding noise and safety issues.

REVISIONS TO THE 2008 ASSESSMENT ROLL

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His Worship the Mayor advised that applications to revise the 2008 Assessment Roll were currently being accepted in the City Clerk's Office, with a deadline of 4:30 p.m. on October 1, 2007 and he provided information on what grounds an appeal could be made.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

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Considered was a report from the General Manager of Operational Services dated September 10, 2007 with respect to the above.

McCrae-Harwood

359 That the City of Brandon enter into a five year agreement with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #3 to cost share the Remembrance Day Ceremony on a 50/50 basis, up to a maximum of \$1,000 annually. CARRIED.

(B) LAND ACQUISITION - FIRE HALL

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Councillor McCrae declared an interest in this matter as he is a real estate agent in the City and left the Council Chamber without any further discussion to avoid a conflict.

City Council considered a report from the Property Section dated September 14, 2007 with respect to the above.

Blight-Fitzpatrick

That the City of Brandon purchase 1710 Princess Avenue, (Lots 17/20, Block 51, Plan 2, BLTO) for the sum of \$210,000, 1718 Princess Avenue, (Lots 17/20, Block 51, Plan 2, BLTO) for the sum of \$195,000, 215-18th Street (Lots 15/17, Block 51, Plan 2, BLTO) for the sum of \$170,000, and 223-18th Street (Lots 13/15, Block 51, Plan 2, BLTO) for the sum of \$175,000, for the future location of a Brandon Fire Hall Facility, whereby \$375,000 shall be expended from the Land Acquisition Reserve and \$375,000 shall be expended from the Protective Services Building Reserve as well as applicable Land Transfer Taxes being shared equally amongst the Land Acquisition Reserve and Protective Services Building Reserve. NOT VOTED ON.

Barletta-Black

360 That the purchase of property for the future location of a Brandon Fire Hall Facility be referred to the October 22, 2007 meeting of City Council to allow public input on the matter. CARRIED.

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

(C) LAND ACQUISITION - SOFTBALL DIAMONDS

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Submitted for consideration was a report from the Property Section dated September 7, 2007 with respect to the above.

Paterson-Blight

361 That the City of Brandon purchase approximately 0.37 acres of land located south of Andrews Field, west of 19th Street North from Mr. Robert M. McKay, (Lot W, Plan 25221 BLTO) for the sum of \$6,275.00 in order to construct softball diamonds, whereby said funds shall be expended from the Land Acquisition Reserve. CARRIED.

(D) REQUEST FOR CASINO PLEBISCITE - COUNCILLOR BLACK

Considered was a report from Councillor E. Black dated September 10, 2007 with respect to the above in accordance with his notice of motion filed at the September 10, 2007 meeting of City Council.

Black-Rice

That the City of Brandon conduct a plebiscite with respect to the casino issue, prior to June 30, 2008, whereby the question to appear on the ballot would be:

Do you support the establishment of a casino in the City of Brandon?

Yes  No

NOT VOTED ON.

Burgess-Blight

362 That the request to hold a plebiscite with respect to the casino issue be referred to the first meeting of City Council following receipt of information from the Province of Manitoba on the requirements to establish and operate a casino, inclusive of possible funding allocations, or the first meeting of City Council in 2008, whichever is sooner. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 6866 - TO REZONE 25 - 26TH STREET FROM RLD RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY MULTIPLE FAMILY ZONE TO RMD RESIDENTIAL MODERATE DENSITY MULTIPLE FAMILY ZONE (VAN PROPERTIES MANAGEMENT)  
3RD READING

City Council considered a report from the Planning Department dated September 20, 2007 with respect to the above.

Harwood-Blight

363 That By-Law No. 6866 to rezone part of the property known as 25 - 26th Street (Parcel B, Plan 35917 BLTO) from RLD Residential Low Density Multiple Family Zone to RMD Residential Moderate Density Multiple Family Zone to accommodate future residential development be read a third and final time. CARRIED.

In accordance with Section 137 of The Municipal Act, a recorded vote was taken on the motion to give By-law No. 6866 third reading.

FOR

His Worship Mayor Burgess  
Councillor Barletta  
Councillor Black  
Councillor Blight  
Councillor Campbell  
Councillor Fitzpatrick  
Councillor Harwood  
Councillor Jessiman  
Councillor McCrae

AGAINST

Councillor Paterson  
Councillor Rice

NO. 6878 - TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BRANDON TO ENTER INTO A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH CENTRA GAS MANITOBA INC. FOR THE SUPPLY OF NATURAL GAS TO THE CITY AND ITS INHABITANTS  
2ND AND 3RD READINGS

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It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the September 10, 2007 meeting of City Council.

Black-Campbell

364 That By-law No. 6878 to enter into a franchise agreement with Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. for the supply of natural gas to the Brandon community be read a second time. CARRIED.

Black-Rice

365 That this by-law be read a third and final time. CARRIED.

In accordance with Section 137 of The Municipal Act, a recorded vote was taken on the motion to give By-law No. 6878 third reading.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
His Worship Mayor Burgess	Nil
Councillor Barletta	
Councillor Black	
Councillor Blight	
Councillor Campbell	
Councillor Fitzpatrick	
Councillor Harwood	
Councillor Jessiman	
Councillor McCrae	
Councillor Paterson	
Councillor Rice	

NO. 6879 - TO ESTABLISH A MULTI-FAMILY AFFORDABLE HOUSING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
1ST READING

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Submitted for consideration was a report from Economic Development dated August 31, 2007 with respect to the above.

Black-Rice

366 That By-law No. 6879 to create a Multi-Family Affordable Housing Financial Assistance Program to encourage the construction of affordable multi-family housing units in the City of Brandon, be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 6881 - TO CREATE THE FEDERAL TRANSIT FUNDING RESERVE FUND  
2ND AND 3RD READINGS

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It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the September 10, 2007 meeting of City Council.

Black-Blight

367 That By-law No. 6881 to create the Federal Transit Funding Reserve Fund, be read a second time. CARRIED.

368 Black-Paterson  
That this by-law be read a third time and final time. CARRIED.

In accordance with Section 137 of The Municipal Act, a recorded vote was taken on the motion to give By-law No. 6881 third reading.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
His Worship Mayor Burgess	Nil
Councillor Barletta	
Councillor Black	
Councillor Blight	
Councillor Campbell	
Councillor Fitzpatrick	
Councillor Harwood	
Councillor Jessiman	
Councillor McCrae	
Councillor Paterson	
Councillor Rice	

NO. 6885 - TO ESTABLISH AN ECONOMIC INCENTIVE POLICY FOR THE CITY OF BRANDON  
1ST READING

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Considered was a report from Economic Development dated August 31, 2007 with respect to the above.

369 Fitzpatrick-Black  
That By-law No. 6885 to establish an economic incentive policy for the City of Brandon be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 6886 - TO AMEND NUISANCE BY-LAW NO. 5806 TO PROHIBIT HUNTING AND TRAPPING  
WITHIN THE CITY OF BRANDON  
1ST READING

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Considered was a report from the Chief of Police dated September 18, 2007 with respect to the above.

370 Blight-Barletta  
That By-law No. 6886 to amend Nuisance By-law No. 5806 to prohibit hunting and trapping within the City of Brandon be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Blight-Barletta  
That the meeting do now adjourn. (9:48 p.m.) CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK