

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,  
NOVEMBER 19, 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

**ABSENT:** Youth Council Member

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**Blight-Harwood**  
429 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, November 19, 2007 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

**Rice-Jessiman**  
430 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Monday, November 5, 2007 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

**HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:**

(A) **FIONA JEFFRIES - BRANDON AND SHILO WALK TO AFGHANISTAN**

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Fiona Jeffries appeared before City Council to request support for the Brandon and Shilo Walk to Afghanistan. She invited members of Council and the general public to log their physical activity with the intent of walking the distance from Brandon to Afghanistan which was approximately 13,000 km. Ms. Jeffries invited members of City Council to attend the launch of the walk on January 25, 2008 and encouraged everyone to wear red on that day as a show of support for the troops. She also advised that further information was available at walktoafghanistan@gmail.com, or by calling 765-3000, ext. 3867 or 3868.

**Black-Harwood**  
431 That the presentation by Fiona Jeffries with respect to support for the Brandon and Shilo Walk to Afghanistan be received. CARRIED.

(B) **SUPPORT FOR MILITARY LOUNGE - HONOURARY COLONEL BETTY COLEMAN**

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Honourary Colonel Betty Coleman appeared before City Council to request support for the establishment of a military lounge at the Winnipeg International Airport. She stated that over 40,000 military personnel travelled through Canadian airports to training centres to prepare for deployment to Afghanistan and that the Royal Military Institute of Manitoba was establishing a military lounge for all regular military and reservists who travelled through the Winnipeg International Airport, noting this would be the first such lounge established in Canada.

Honourary Colonel Coleman requested an annual financial contribution by the City of Brandon to towards the operation of the lounge, noting that the Provincial Government had committed \$15,000.00 to the project.

McCrae-Harwood

432 That the presentation by Honourary Colonel Betty Coleman with respect to support for a military lounge at the Winnipeg International Airport be received and referred to the City Administration for consideration and subsequent report to City Council. CARRIED.

(C) COMPSTAT POLICING MODEL - BRANDON POLICE SERVICE

Chief of Police K. Atkinson appeared before City Council and with the use of a power-point presentation, provided information on the proposed CompStat policing model. He explained that this model utilized a simple database to map locations of crimes, traffic collisions and hotspots in the City which was then used to identify trends and develop strategies and enforcement programs to reduce crime rates. Chief Atkinson advised that the new system did require some organizational changes and would be implemented on January 1st, 2008.

Harwood-Blight

433 That the presentation by Police Chief K. Atkinson with respect to the utilization of the CompStat model of policing be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATION & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OCTOBER 30, 2007

The Mayor and Council  
City of Brandon

Your AUDIT and FINANCE COMMITTEE, at its meeting held this 30th day of October, 2007, begs leave to report as follows and submits recommendations where deemed necessary and expedient:

Present:

Mayor D. Burgess, Chairman  
Councillor K. Fitzpatrick  
Councillor D. Paterson  
Councillor M. Blight

Resource Personnel:

Mr. B. MacRae, City Manager  
Mr. G. McMillan, General Manager of Corporate Services  
Ms. D. Hitchins, Director of Finance

CHAIRMAN: Mayor Dave Burgess brought the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Nine Month Budget Review

Ms. Hitchins presented the September, 2007 budget review to the Committee highlighting a projected budget surplus in the General Revenue Fund of \$1,759,473 composed of a favourable variance in land sales of \$592,858, a favourable variance in Provincial grants and a favourable variance in other

operating budget items. A large portion of this latter category is attributed to a delay in hiring new positions and vacancies not yet filled. Ms. Hitchens also outlined the allocation of this surplus to the various reserve funds. The Utility Revenue Fund has a projected budget surplus of \$549,500 largely due to the Highland Avenue project not being completed this year. This surplus would be allocated to reserves to fund this project in future years.

The Committee discussed the budget review and administration answered several questions from the Committee.

Motion - Councillor Paterson moved a motion to accept the budget review as presented. Carried.

#### Capital Acquisition and Debt Financing Policy

Mr. McMillan presented a proposed policy which formalizes a debt pay-as-you-go plan that was originally implemented in the late 1990's. This policy will be used as a guide in making capital acquisitions and managing debt. Subsequent to the discussion of this policy, the following motion was made.

Motion - Councillor Paterson moved a motion to receive the policy as presented and refer to City Council for their consideration. Carried.

#### Future Debt Projections

Several City Councillors had requested a report which outlines the future debt projections of the City given there are numerous larger projects currently being contemplated. Mr. McMillan presented this report to the Committee which breaks down the projects into two categories - General Fund and Utility Fund.

A discussion ensued regarding the upcoming projects and administration answered questions put forth by the Committee members.

Motion - Councillor Blight moved a motion to receive the report subject to each individual project being approved by Council. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
"Mayor Burgess"  
CHAIRMAN

434 Paterson-Fitzpatrick  
That the Audit and Finance Committee report of October 30, 2007 be received. CARRIED.

435 Paterson-Blight  
That the Capital Acquisition and Debt Financing Policy be approved. CARRIED.

(B) POVERTY COMMITTEE  
VERBAL REPORT

NOVEMBER 19, 2007

November 19, 2007  
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Councillor Rice provided a verbal report on the Poverty Committee meeting held November 6, 2007. He summarized the written submission he had provided to City Council on the Solutions to Overcome Poverty Forum held in February and March, 2007 and requested authority to meet with the Minister of Family Services and Housing to present the document and discuss the recommendations contained therein.

Rice-Black

436 That the verbal report by Councillor Rice on the Poverty Committee be received. CARRIED.

Rice-Black

437 That the Poverty Committee of City Council meet with The Honourable Gord Mackintosh, Minister of Family Services and Housing to present and discuss with him the recommendations received at the Solutions to Overcome Poverty Forum held February 28th and March 6th, 2007. CARRIED.

(C) GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE  
VERBAL REPORT

NOVEMBER 19, 2007

November 19, 2007  
Brandon, Manitoba

The Mayor and Councillors  
City of Brandon

Councillor Campbell provided a verbal report with respect to the Grants Review Committee whereby she advised that the Committee had met November 13, 2007 and started the process of reviewing the grant requests submitted for 2008. She noted that the meeting included a review of the request from David Wilson on behalf of Augustfest Brandon Incorporated with respect to carrying over funding for the Manitoba Heritage Tattoo. Councillor Campbell stated that the Grants Review Committee would be meeting with a number of grant applicants including Mr. Wilson to discuss their funding requests whereby a report would be presented to City Council outlining the Committee's decisions at the December 17, 2007 meeting of Council.

Paterson-Fitzpatrick

438 That the verbal report of Councillor Campbell with respect to the Grants Review Committee be received. CARRIED.

Campbell-Jessiman

439 That the matter of carrying over funding for the Manitoba Heritage Tattoo be referred to the December 17, 2007 meeting of City Council. CARRIED.

(D) JOINT TASK FORCE - CITY OF BRANDON AND BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION  
VERBAL REPORT

NOVEMBER 19, 2007

November 19, 2007  
Brandon, Manitoba

The Mayor and Councillors  
City of Brandon

Councillor Blight provided a verbal report on the meeting of the Joint Task Force between the City of Brandon and the Brandon School Division held November 6, 2007. He advised that the Task Force had discussed the City's Recreation Master Plan, the transportation of home economics/shop students and traffic concerns in the area of 15th Street and Van Horne Avenue and Victoria Avenue and McDiarmid Drive. Councillor Blight also reported that an invitation would be forthcoming to members of City Council to a joint luncheon with the representatives of the School Division in the near future.

Paterson-Fitzpatrick

440 That the verbal report by Councillor Blight with respect to the Joint Task Force be received.  
CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(265) ENFORCEMENT OF IMPAIRED DRIVING

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Councillor McCrae referred to the recently distributed crime statistics and enquired specifically on impaired driving statistics. He noted more and better enforcement on this type of offence was occurring, which resulted in an increase in the number charges laid, and enquired if the Council and Administration could go on record encouraging citizens to refrain from drinking and driving during the festive season and all throughout the year.

His Worship the Mayor advised that he had just recently provided a Christmas wish for the City's web page which included that very message.

(266) PUBLISHING NAMES OF IMPAIRED DRIVERS

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Councillor Paterson made reference to the action being taken by the City of Winnipeg with respect to publicizing the names of persons charged with impaired driving and he enquired if the City of Brandon was contemplating similar action.

At the request of the Chair, the Chief of Police advised that was aware of the action being taken in Winnipeg and would monitor same, but to date, similar action was not being proposed for the City of Brandon.

In conjunction with the above, Councillor Black advised that up until about three years ago, the media had been reporting the names of persons charged with impaired driving, via information provided during court proceedings.

Further to the above, Councillor Black reported on the efforts of Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) with respect to reducing the theft of automobiles and suggested resources might be better allocated to enforcement regarding impaired driving, as impaired drivers caused numerous accidents and cost insurance companies enormous amounts of money. He enquired if the Police Chief was aware of what allocation was made by MPI for enforcement of impaired driving regulations.

Police Chief Atkinson advised that MPI provided \$70,000 per year to the Brandon Police Service for impaired driving initiatives, which was utilized in the City's Road Watch Program. He further advised that MPI had increased its funding this year by \$15,000 to \$20,000.

(267) TRAFFIC CONCERNS AT VICTORIA AVENUE AND MCDIARMID DRIVE

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Councillor Harwood advised that residents in the vicinity of Victoria Avenue and McDiarmid Drive had voiced concerns with respect to new development in the area and the subsequent increase in traffic. He enquired if the City could monitor the traffic flow and volume in the event corrective action needed to be taken.

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

(268) SIGNAGE ON HIGHWAYS LEADING INTO BRANDON

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Councillor Jessiman advised that he had received concerns with respect to signage on the various highways leading into Brandon and noted same would be dealt with during budget deliberations.

(269) VICTORIA WARD ISSUES

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Councillor Blight advised that various ward issues had been referred to the Administration for consideration, including seeding and landscaping along streets and walkways on Antelope and Otter Bays and the possible closure of the small park in the Riverheights area.

(270) OFFICE SPACE FOR PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION

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Councillor Blight enquired if an update could be provided on any efforts being put forward by the City of Brandon with respect to the proposed relocation of the Provincial Exhibition office.

His Worship the Mayor advised that neither the Province of Manitoba nor the City of Brandon had contemplated any enlargement of the Keystone Centre to facilitate additional office space and leasing arrangements in the Keystone Centre should be left to the jurisdiction of its Board of Directors.

(271) DEPOSIT BASED SYSTEM FOR COLLECTING AND RECYCLING BEVERAGE CONTAINERS IN MANITOBA

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Councillor Black referred to a motion put forward by the City of Brandon and subsequently supported by Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) at its 2006 Annual Convention with respect to the establishment of a deposit based system for the collection and recycling of beverage containers. He enquired if His Worship the Mayor could seek an update from the Minister of Conservation, given that no action had been taken to date by the Province of Manitoba. He further enquired if an additional letter could be sent to the President of AMM requesting an update on its progress regarding the above noted motion.

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

(272) SPECIAL INFORMAL MEETING OF COUNCIL REGARDING FIRE HALL LOCATIONS

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Councillor Black sought clarification with respect to the upcoming Special Informal Meeting of City Council scheduled for Monday, November 26, 2007 regarding proposed fire hall locations. Specifically, he requested property ownership information for the sites proposed on Kirkcaldy Drive and 1st Street (south of Veteran's Way, east of 1st Street) and the Fleming School site.

His Worship the Mayor advised that neither property was currently owned by the City of Brandon and indicated that acquisition of the property on Kirkcaldy Drive would likely occur faster than acquisition of the Fleming School site, if same was even possible, given its current usage as an education facility.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT 18TH STREET AND CUMBERLAND AVENUE

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Councillor Paterson announced the installation and implementation of the new traffic lights at 18th Street and Cumberland Avenue and extended his thanks to the Province of Manitoba and City staff.

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

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Councillor Paterson announced that he had attended a very successful Santa Claus parade on Saturday night but expressed some concern with respect to the lack of participation by downtown merchants regarding initiatives like street vendors or “midnight madness” events to coordinate with the event.

BRANDON BLOCK PARENTS

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Councillor Blight announced that the Brandon Block Parents would be holding a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at the Brandon Police Service whereby the Block Parents continued existence in the community would be discussed.

BRANDON CITIZENS ON PATROL

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Councillor Blight announced that the Brandon Citizens on Patrol would be holding a meeting on Wednesday, November 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Brandon Police Service.

BRANDON AND AREA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE - MOVIE “TOXIC TRESPASS - HOW SAFE ARE YOUR CHILDREN”

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Councillor Black announced that the Brandon and Area Environmental Committee would be showing a film entitled “Toxic Trespass - How Safe Are Your Children” on November 25, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in Lecture Theatre “B” at the Brodie Science Building at Brandon University and encouraged the general public to attend as admission was free.

CYCLING ACCIDENT

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His Worship Mayor Burgess extended wishes for a speedy recovery to Councillor Paterson who had been involved in an unfortunate cycling accident.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIC PLAN

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Considered was a report from the General Manager of Operational Services dated November 5, 2007 in conjunction with a verbal presentation by the Community Development Co-ordinator with respect to the above.

Rice-Paterson

441 That Brandon's Environmental Strategic Plan dated October 2007 be adopted and the recommendations contained therein be implemented. CARRIED.

Prior to voting on the above, it was suggested that recommendations with respect to brownfield reclamation, green procurement and infill development be considered for inclusion in the annual report.

(B) JOINT RECREATION FACILITY

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City Council considered a report from the General Manager of Operational Services dated November 9, 2007 with respect to the above.

Barletta-Paterson

442 That a Memorandum of Agreement be entered into between the City of Brandon and the Brandon Family YMCA for the development of a joint recreation facility;

and further, that this project be hereby deemed a priority in seeking funding from the Federal and Provincial Governments. CARRIED.

(C) PROPERTY PURCHASES - 210 - 8TH STREET AND 212 - 7TH STREET

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Manager of Property and Traffic dated November 9, 2007 with respect to the above.

Barletta-Black

443 That 210 - 8th Street and 212 - 7th Street (Lots 15 to 24 inclusive, Block 41, Plan 2 BLTO) be acquired from Parch Investments Ltd. for the sum of \$600,000, whereby such cost plus applicable land transfer taxes shall be funded through the borrowing of funds. CARRIED.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, a recorded vote was taken on the above motion.

FOR

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

AGAINST

Councillor Rice

(D) REQUIREMENT FOR NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON SERVICE ROAD

Considered was a report from the Manager of Property and Traffic dated October 31, 2007 with respect to the above.

Paterson-Jessiman

444 That the Traffic Engineering Branch of Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation be requested to install "No Parking" signs along each side of Middleton Avenue, and Highland Avenue for the entire length of each avenue between 1st Street North and 18th Street North. CARRIED.

(E) 2008 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR AND ACTING DEPUTY MAYOR

City Council considered a report from His Worship the Mayor dated November 6, 2007 with respect to the above.

McCrae-Paterson

445 That pursuant to Subsection 15(a) of Organizational By-law No. 6650, Councillor Don Jessiman 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 on November 16, 2008. CARRIED.

McCrae-Fitzpatrick

446 That pursuant to Subsection 15(b) of Organizational by-law No. 6650, Councillor Jeff Harwood 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 on November 16, 2008. CARRIED.



(F) 2008 APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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Submitted for consideration was a report from His Worship the Mayor dated November 6, 2007 with respect to the above.

Fitzpatrick-Paterson

447 That in accordance with Subsection 15(c) of Organizational By-law No. 6650, the following appointments be and are hereby made to the following Council Committees with terms of office to expire November 16, 2008:

Audit and Finance Committee

Mayor Dave Burgess (Chair)  
Councillor Murray Blight  
Councillor Ken Fitzpatrick  
Councillor Doug Paterson

Grants Review Committee

Councillor Margo Campbell  
Councillor Don Jessiman  
Councillor James McCrae

Poverty Committee

Councillor Errol Black  
Councillor Margo Campbell  
Councillor Garth Rice

Brandon Municipal Heritage Committee

Councillor Jeff Harwood  
Councillor Doug Paterson

Personnel Committee

Mayor Dave Burgess (Chair)  
Councillor Don Jessiman  
Councillor James McCrae  
Councillor Doug Paterson

Taxi Appeal Committee

Mayor Burgess (Chair)  
Councillor Garth Rice (Acting Chair)  
Councillor Jeff Harwood  
Councillor Don Jessiman (Alternate)  
Councillor Doug Paterson (Alternate)  
CARRIED.

(G) 2008 APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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Considered was a report from His Worship the Mayor dated November 6, 2007 with respect to the above.

Barletta-Rice

448 That in accordance with Subsection 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 November 16, 2008:

Brandon and Area Planning District Board

Mayor Dave Burgess  
Councillor Vince Barletta  
Councillor Jeff Harwood  
Councillor Garth Rice (Alternate)

Building Standards Committee

Councillor Ken Fitzpatrick  
Councillor Doug Paterson  
Councillor Garth Rice  
Councillor Vince Barletta (Alternate)  
Councillor Murray Blight (Alternate)

Joint Task Force

City of Brandon and Brandon School Division  
Councillor Murray Blight  
Councillor Ken Fitzpatrick  
Councillor James McCrae

Westbran Human Resources Opportunity Centre

Councillor Doug Paterson

Keystone Agricultural and Recreational Centre

Councillor Ken Fitzpatrick  
Councillor Jeff Harwood

Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium

Councillor Murray Blight  
Councillor Jim McCrae  
Councillor Garth Rice

Western Manitoba Regional Library

Councillor Vince Barletta  
CARRIED.

(H) 2008 SCHEDULE OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

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Black-McCrae

That pursuant to Subsection 15.(e) of Organizational By-law No. 6650, regular meetings of City Council be held on the following dates in 2008:

Monday, January 7, 2008  
Monday, January 21, 2008  
Monday, February 4, 2008  
Tuesday, February 19, 2008  
Monday, March 3, 2008  
Monday, March 17, 2008  
Monday, April 7, 2008  
Monday, April 21, 2008  
Monday, May 5, 2008  
Tuesday, May 20, 2008  
Monday, June 16, 2008  
Monday, June 30, 2008  
Monday, July 21, 2008

Monday, August 18, 2008  
Monday, September 8, 2008  
Monday, September 22, 2008  
Monday, October 6, 2008  
Monday, October 20, 2008  
Monday, November 3, 2008  
Monday, November 17, 2008  
Monday, December 8, 2008  
Monday, December 22, 2008  
CARRIED.

(I) 4-WAY STOP SIGNS ON MCDONALD AVENUE - COUNCILLOR PATERSON

Considered was a report from Councillor D. Paterson dated February 5, 2007 with respect to the above in accordance with his notice of motion filed at the February 5, 2007 meeting of City Council and subsequent referral motion.

Paterson-Black

That 4-Way Stop Signs be installed forthwith at the intersection on McDonald Avenue at 19th Street to alleviate speeding and traffic safety concerns. NOT VOTED ON.

Barletta-Jessiman

450 That the matter of the proposed installation of 4-Way Stop Signs at the intersection of McDonald Avenue and 19th Street be referred to the Administration for report back to Council. CARRIED.

(J) 3-WAY STOP SIGNS AT KIRKCALDY AND KNOWLTON DRIVES

At the request of Councillor D. Paterson, this item was deleted from the agenda.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 6876 - TO REZONE 1324 AND 1330 - 1ST STREET NORTH FROM CAR COMMERCIAL ARTERIAL ZONE TO CG COMMERCIAL GENERAL ZONE (JIMARCO DEVELOPMENT INC./SAMSON HOLDINGS LTD./SWANSON/STANGER)  
2ND READING AND ABEYANCE OF 3RD READING

It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the August 20, 2007 meeting of City Council.

Paterson-Black

451 That By-law No. 6876 to rezone 1324 and 1330 - 1st Street North (Lots 6/9, Block 1, Plan 848 BLTO) from CAR Commercial Arterial Zone to CG Commercial General Zone be read a second time;

and further, that third reading of this by-law be held in abeyance pending a decision with respect to any further objections made to City Council. LOST.

At the request of Councillor Paterson, a recorded vote was taken on the above matter.

FOR  
His Worship Mayor Burgess  
Councillor Black  
Councillor Fitzpatrick  
Councillor Jessiman  
Councillor McCrae

AGAINST  
Councillor Barletta  
Councillor Blight  
Councillor Campbell  
Councillor Harwood  
Councillor Paterson  
Councillor Rice

NO. 6889 - TO RENAME STREETS IN THE CITY OF BRANDON  
1ST READING

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Considered was a report from the Manager of Property and Traffic dated November 5, 2007 with respect to the above.

Campbell-Jessiman

452 That By-law No. 6889 to rename "Fernwood Avenue" as shown on Plan 679, Plan 41942, and Plan 45570 BLTO to "Sycamore Drive" be read a first time. CARRIED.

Prior to the above motion being voted on, Councillor Campbell requested Administration confirm that there were no residential or commercial properties that currently utilize the civic address of Fernwood Avenue.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Black-Barletta

That the meeting do now adjourn. (10:29 p.m.). CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK