

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 3, 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:**

453 Harwood-Rice  
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, December 3, 2007 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

454 Blight-Fitzpatrick  
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Monday, November 19, 2007 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

**HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:**

(A) TERRY PARLOW - BRANDON PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS/PARAMEDICS ASSOCIATION

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Terry Parlow, President of the Brandon Professional Firefighters/Paramedics Association, appeared before City Council with respect to proposed locations for the construction of fire halls. He stated that quick response to fire and emergency situations was paramount for public safety, and suggested the proposed location of a fire hall at 18th Street North and Maple Avenue would not provide the required response time.

455 Black-Paterson  
That the presentation by Terry Parlow, President of the Brandon Professional Firefighters/Paramedics Association, with respect to fire hall locations be received. CARRIED.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Nil

**COMMUNICATION & PETITIONS:**

(A) WESTMAN RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

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Councillor Black presented correspondence from Mr. David C. Wilson, Co-convenor of the Westman Retired Educators Association Education 125 Museum, with respect to its Education Museum displayed in the Town Centre and in support of the creation of a general museum.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) GENERAL MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE DECEMBER 3, 2007

December 3, 2007  
Brandon, Manitoba

The Mayor and Councillors  
City of Brandon

Councillor Black provided a verbal summary of the General Museum Advisory Committee dated December 3, 2007.

Black-Paterson

456 That the General Museum Advisory Committee report dated December 3, 2007 be received.  
CARRIED.

Black-Paterson

457 That the mandate of the General Museum Advisory Committee be extended to December 1, 2008.  
CARRIED.

Black-Barletta

458 That the mission statement for the General Museum Advisory Committee be approved as follows:

“The Brandon Museum and Archives mission is to collect, conserve, study, exhibit and interpret historic and heritage materials relating to the City of Brandon and its place within the history of Southwestern Manitoba.” CARRIED.

Black-Harwood

459 That the present members of the General Museum Advisory Committee have their terms extended until an alternative non-profit, community-based organization is established to assume responsibility for the management of the museum/archives. CARRIED.

Black-Harwood

460 That City Council consider a \$50,000 commitment to the General Museum Advisory Committee (GMAC), as part of City Council's 2008 operating budget deliberations, so that GMAC can proceed with its mandate in 2008 (a request that is already on the agenda for the December 12th, 2007 budget deliberations); and further that City Council authorize GMAC to proceed with applications for matching funds from other levels of Government and/or heritage organizations or foundations.  
CARRIED.

Black-Barletta

461 That the City Manager be authorized to work with the General Museum Advisory Committee to develop a business plan for a museum/archives project in the downtown area that can be used in negotiations with senior levels of Government, foundations, corporations and other potential donors of funds or resources in-kind for the construction and/or operation of a museum/archives. CARRIED.

Black-Barletta

462 That a feasibility study be carried out early in the New Year (2008) to determine if the C.P.R. station would be a suitable building for a museum/archives in the downtown area. CARRIED.

Black-Harwood

463 That, should the feasibility study confirm the suitability of the C.P.R. station as a home for a museum and archives, the City negotiate with the C.P.R. to acquire the building and adjacent properties.  
CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(273) UPDATE ON FLEMING SCHOOL SITE

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Councillor Harwood referred to previous discussions on the Fleming School site and the process to obtain same. He enquired if an update could be provided.

At the request of the Chair, the City Manager advised the City was continuing with the negotiation process and was hopeful same would be resolved in the New Year. He further advised that the disposal process of a school site had to be dealt with by the Brandon School Division and the Public Schools Finance Board, utilizing very stringent guidelines which stipulated in part, that the property could be used for community or education purposes, and did not guarantee the sale to the highest bidder. He concluded by stating the process would likely take anywhere from eight months to a year to finalize and did not guarantee possession of the property by the City of Brandon.

With respect to the above, Councillor Campbell noted the Brandon School Board had indicated at its recent meeting, that by working together, the timelines could be reduced. She enquired if a formal request had ever been made to the Brandon School Division directly for use of the property as a fire hall and if a written response with respect to proposed timelines could be obtained from the School Division.

The City Manager advised that such a formal request had not been made as both the City and the Brandon School Board were well aware of the stipulations set out by the Public Schools Finance Board however a written response could be obtained.

(274) SNOW CLEARING POLICY

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Councillor Fitzpatrick noted that it was once again time to provide information on the City's snow clearing policy, inclusive of information on bus routes and whether or not driveways would be cleared this year. He enquired if an update could be provided to City Council and the general public in that regard.

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

(275) CLEARING OF SIDEWALKS AND BICYCLE PATHS

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Councillor Fitzpatrick enquired if information could be provided on the current policy for clearing sidewalks and bicycle paths, inclusive of instruction to staff to avoid blocking sidewalks and back lanes when bicycle paths were cleared.

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

(276) SNOW MOBILE ROUTES

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Councillor Campbell enquired if information could be provided to City Council and the general public with respect to the legal routes established to allow snow mobiles to exit the City limits, inclusive of what fines would be imposed for not using the established routes.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement and suggested use of the City Page for public education.

(277) SPEEDING IN VICINITY OF PATRICIA AVENUE AND BRENTWOOD TRAILER PARK

Councillor Campbell reported that she had contacted the Brandon Police Service with respect to taxi vehicles speeding in the vicinity of Patricia Avenue near the Brentwood Trailer Park and enquired if the police could monitor the situation using an unmarked police vehicle.

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

(278) PARKING ON 22ND STREET BETWEEN RICHMOND AND OTTAWA AVENUES

Councillor McCrae referred to previous enquiries raised by Councillor Campbell with respect to the dangerous situation created by allowing vehicles to park along both sides of 22nd Street from Richmond to Ottawa Avenues. He enquired if this situation could be reviewed once again.

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

(279) PROVINCIAL FUNDING FOR FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC POSITIONS

Councillor McCrae referred to the recent news release from the Province of Manitoba with respect to funding four additional firefighter/paramedic positions for the City of Brandon. He enquired if there had been any indication by the Province as to the term of such funding.

At the request of the Chair, the City Manager advised that the funding was to be sustained funding, included in the annual Provincial grants provided to the City. He further advised that the Province had been made aware that provision of the additional positions was dependent upon the ongoing funding from the Province.

(280) PUBLIC SECTOR EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE DATA

Councillor Black referred to a presentation made by Dr. Enid Slack at the recent Association of Manitoba Municipalities Annual Convention with respect to the data collected by Statistics Canada on public sector expenditures and revenues. He indicated the information was the property of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and enquired if a copy of same could be obtained. He further indicated that a resolution should be prepared and placed on an upcoming Council agenda for submission to the FCM to lobby the Federal Government to improve the data being collected.

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

(281) SURVEY BY PROBE RESEARCH

Councillor Black advised that Probe Research was currently conducting a telephone survey of residents in the City of Brandon on municipal service satisfaction and he enquired if said survey had been commissioned by the City.

At the request of the Chair, the City Manager advised that the City of Brandon was currently working with Probe Research to develop a survey to be conducted in the City however same was not finalized. He did indicate that perhaps test questions were being conducted however that was the only possible tie in to the survey being prepared.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UNIVERSITY WARD MEETING

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Councillor Harwood announced that he would hold a ward meeting on Monday, December 10, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the West End Community Centre. He noted items of discussion would include the fire hall, Brandon and Area Road Network Study, Solid Waste Management Plan, crime prevention and other ward issues.

5TH ANNUAL MANITOBA PROVINCIAL HIGH SCHOOL 5-PIN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP

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Councillor Jessiman announced that he had been pleased to attend the 5th Annual Manitoba Provincial High School 5-Pin Bowling Championship and banquet. He noted there had been 90 participants involved in the tournament.

NEW ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE LABORATORY

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Councillor Black announced that on November 22, 2007, he had attended the opening of the new environmental science laboratory at Brandon University, funded by a series of grants including the Canada Foundation for Innovation and Manitoba Research and Innovation. He noted the lab would contain a lot of new equipment and be of value to the City as it was able to process water and soil samples which previously had to be sent elsewhere for analysis.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) LOCATIONS - NEW FIRE HALL(S)

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Considered was a report from the City Clerk dated November 28, 2007 with respect to the above.

Paterson-Jessiman

464 That a new fire hall be built at the southwest corner of 18th Street North and Maple Avenue.  
CARRIED.

At the request of Councillor Black a recorded vote was taken on the above motion.

FOR

His Worship Mayor Burgess  
Councillor Blight  
Councillor Fitzpatrick  
Councillor Harwood  
Councillor Jessiman  
Councillor McCrae  
Councillor Paterson

AGAINST

Councillor Barletta  
Councillor Black  
Councillor Campbell  
Councillor Rice

(B) 2008 APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF REVISION

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City Council considered a report from the City Clerk dated November 23, 2007 with respect to the above.

Jessiman-Fitzpatrick

465 That the following citizen appointments be and are hereby made to the City of Brandon Board of Revision with terms of office to expire December 31, 2008:

Donald Cornell (Chair)  
Don Partrick  
Wes Shewchuk  
Gary Walker

CARRIED.

(C) 2008 APPOINTMENTS TO THE POVERTY COMMITTEE

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Submitted for consideration was a report from the City Clerk dated November 23, 2007 with respect to the above.

Rice-Paterson

466 That the following citizen appointments be and are hereby made to the Poverty Committee, with terms of office to expire December 31, 2008:

Dayle Hughson  
Glen Kruk  
Heather Sharpe

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 6889 - TO RENAME STREETS IN THE CITY OF BRANDON  
2ND AND 3RD READINGS

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It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the November 19, 2007 meeting of City Council.

Black-Jessiman

467 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 second time. CARRIED.

Black-Paterson

468 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. 6889 third reading.

It was noted that Councillor Campbell was absent during the discussion and vote on the above noted matter.

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

NO. 6890 - TO RENAME SYCAMORE CRESCENT  
1ST READING

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Considered was a report from the Manager of Property and Traffic dated November 16, 2007 with respect to the above.

469 Black-Jessiman  
That By-law No. 6890 to amend By-law No. 6803 with respect to Sycamore Crescent be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 6891 - TO RENAME A PORTION OF COLLEGE AVENUE  
1ST READING

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City Council considered was a report from the Manager of Property and Traffic dated November 16, 2007 with respect to the above.

470 Jessiman-Paterson  
That By-law No. 6891 to rename that portion of College Avenue in Plan No. 43096 be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Barletta-Paterson  
That the meeting do now adjourn. (9:58 p.m.). CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK