

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,
MARCH 3, 2008 AT 7:30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA**

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 D. Paterson, Councillor G. Rice

ABSENT: Councillor J. McCrae, Youth Council Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Harwood-Blight
543 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, March 3, 2008 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Rice-Jessiman
544 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATION & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nil

ENQUIRIES:

(323) **UPDATE ON ICONIC SIGNS**

Councillor Paterson referred to the 2007 budget allocation of \$10,000 which was to be used towards the design of iconic signs at the north and south entrances to the City of Brandon. He enquired whether or not a progress update could be provided.

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

(324) **CASINO PLEBISCITE**

Councillor Barletta advised that he had received numerous phone calls recently in regards to the March 12th, 2008 casino plebiscite. He enquired whether or not an update could be provided inclusive of voting locations, advance voting dates and locations and further where information on same could be obtained.

At the request of the Chair the Senior Election Official, Joni Swidnicki, provided City Council and the viewing public with the voting locations for each ward as well as the information on the process for sealed envelope voting and the dates and locations of the advance polls. She advised that all information on the plebiscite was available on the City of Brandon website and further, that voting locations, inclusive of a map, had been advertised in both the Brandon Sun and the Wheat City Journal. She further advised that any enquiries could be directed to the City Clerk's Office.

(325) SPRING CLEAN-UP AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SWEEPS

Councillor Barletta enquired as to the plans for spring clean-up, whether or not same was to include the graffiti clean-up and if any neighborhood sweeps were planned for 2008.

At the request of the Chair, the General Manager of Operations advised that the Operations Department had applied for a grant for two summer students who were to work with the Sanitation Section on clean-up, inclusive of graffiti. She further advised that two neighbourhood sweeps were planned for 2008 and that Rosser Ward could be considered for one of those. She noted that any calls related to graffiti clean-up on public property were to be directed to Public Works at 729-2285.

(326) CITY OF CALGARY - LIVING WAGE PROGRAM

Councillor Black advised that the City of Calgary had investigated the establishment of a Living Wage Program and same was to be voted on by their City Council very soon. He noted that with this program the City and those businesses who signed contracts with the City were required to pay a living wage of \$12.00/hour with benefits and \$13.25/hour without benefits. He enquired if the City of Calgary could be contacted for information on this program, inclusive of how the idea of this program was inspired and what the expectations of the program were.

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

(327) MANITOBA SPIRITED ENERGY CAMPAIGN

Councillor Black referred to the now defunct Manitoba Spirited Energy Campaign. He noted that while this campaign had not been a success another similar program was being considered by the Province of Manitoba. He enquired if, through the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, the Province could be requested to allow municipalities to have some input into a new slogan for Manitoba.

His Worship the Mayor advised that any such request would have to be referred to any individual Council member to bring forward. He noted that it was not appropriate for a Municipal Government to interfere with or give advice to the Provincial Government.

(328) MOBILE SIGN BY-LAW

Councillor Campbell advised that she had received a phone call from a local business owner who required information on the Mobile Sign By-law. She enquired whether or not this by-law was a separate by-law and whether or not information on same was provided on the City website.

At the request of the Chair, the City Manager advised that the Mobile Sign By-law was a separate by-law and confirmed that same was available on the City of Brandon website. He further advised that, because strict enforcement of the by-law was to begin in 2008, all businesses had been advised of the by-law requirements via mass mail-outs in the Spring and Fall of 2007.

(329) POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ITEMS ACCEPTED AT THE LANDFILL SITE

Councillor Harwood advised that he had received a telephone call recently from an area resident who had been concerned about compact fluorescent light bulbs being accepted at the landfill site because of their mercury content. He enquired what the procedure was for such items at the landfill site and further if same could be recycled.

Further to this issue Councillor Black referred to recent a recent enquiry in regards to discarded medications being accepted at the landfill site and enquired if information on same could be included in the response.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take both matters under advisement.

(330) VANDALISM AT THE CEMETERY

Councillor Harwood referred to past instances of vandalism at the cemetery. He enquired if additional fencing was planned and what other steps had been taken to ensure such instances could be avoided.

At the request of the Chair, the General Manager of Operations advised that the fence along Aberdeen Avenue had been removed and used to repair the fence along the west side and no further fencing was planned. She further advised that additional lighting had been installed and security guards patrolled at night in the summer months, both of which should deter vandals.

(331) CASINO DISCUSSIONS - GREEN ACRES WARD MEETING

Councillor Fitzpatrick advised that he had referred recent telephone enquiries he had received regarding the discussions on the proposed casino that were to take place at the upcoming Green Acres Ward Meeting to Councillor Jessiman. He enquired if an update on same could be provided.

At the request of the Chair, Councillor Jessiman advised that a Green Acres Ward Meeting was to be held Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at Harrison Middle School at 7:00 p.m. He noted that items for discussion between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. included the recreation hub and drainage issues. He further advised that discussions on the proposed casino were to take place from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. and confirmed that representatives from both the "yes" and "no" sides of the debate would be in attendance to answer any questions they could. He noted that while representatives from the Province of Manitoba and the Association of Manitoba Chiefs had been invited, both had declined to attend.

(332) TAXI BY-LAW REVIEW

Councillor Rice referred to the review of the City of Brandon Taxi By-law. He enquired as to when same was expected to be presented to City Council.

At the request of the Chair, the City Manager advised that the Taxi By-law was to be on the March 17, 2008 City Council Agenda as a discussion item with the by-law itself to be presented at the first meeting in April 2008.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WESTERN MANITOBA CENTENNIAL AUDITORIUM

Councillor Blight announced that the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium was currently conducting two surveys, one for user groups and one for patrons. He encouraged public involvement and provided contact information for Kathryn Graham, Meyers Norris Penny at 571-7651 or via email at kathryn.graham@mnp.ca

CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING

Councillor Black announced that on Friday, February 29, 2008 he, Councillor D. Jessiman and Mr. Ted Snure had attended a municipal meeting to review a document entitled "Conservation Districts Program Framework for the Future". He indicated the purpose of the session had been to consider the draft mission statement, objectives and methods of financing conservation districts and discuss some of the current issues. He reported the meeting had been very lively and worthwhile and advised that the next step would be to review the results of the four meetings held province-wide to eventually arrive at a consensus for all municipalities with respect to the direction and framework for such districts.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- (A) PROPOSAL TO SUBDIVIDE CNR PROPERTY LOCATED EAST OF 6TH STREET AND NORTH OF VAN HORNE AVENUE (PT. NE 1/4 14-10-19 WPM) - HERITAGE CO-OP LTD./CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY
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This item was withdrawn at the request of the General Manager of Development Services as it was deemed a minor subdivision and could be dealt with by the Planning Commission.

- (B) CBC COVERAGE OF THE ROYAL MANITOBA WINTER FAIR
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Considered was a report from Councillor E. Black dated February 26, 2008 with respect to the above.

Black-Barletta

545 That CBC Manitoba be requested to reverse its decision regarding its participation in the 2008 Royal Manitoba Winter Fair in Brandon and to do whatever is necessary to ensure there is a CBC booth and live programming throughout Winter Fair Week. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

- NO. 6896 - TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 605 - 39TH STREET (LOTS 39/40, BLOCK 8, PLAN 269 BLTO) FROM DR DEVELOPMENT RESERVE ZONE TO RSF RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY ZONE (TIGER HOMES LTD./CHAVES/CARBALLO)
1ST READING
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City Council considered a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated February 15, 2008 with respect to the above.

Blight-Jessiman

546 That By-law No. 6896 to rezone property located at 605 - 39th Street (Lots 39/40, Block 8, Plan 269 BLTO) from DR Development Reserve Zone to RSF Residential Single Family Zone be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Paterson-Jessiman

That the meeting do now adjourn. (8:07 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK