

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 20, 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 J. McCrae, Councillor D. Paterson, Councillor G. Rice, Youth Member Greg Crisanti

ABSENT: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Harwood-Fitzpatrick
633 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held Tuesday, May 20, 2008 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Blight-Rice
634 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Monday, May 5, 2008 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) DAN ROBERTSON, KEYSTONE CENTRE - THE ROUND-UP

Dan Robertson, General Manager of the Keystone Centre and Chaz Lambert, Agricultural Sales and Events Manager, appeared before City Council and provided a powerpoint presentation on the recent equine educational event, The Round-Up, held April 18-20, 2008 at the Keystone Centre. It was noted that the event had drawn international participation, and included a trade show, lecture hall with a variety of speakers, and clinics on various equine disciplines.

Harwood-Jessiman
635 That the presentation by Dan Robertson and Chaz Lambert of the Keystone Centre with respect to The Round-Up, an equine event that took place in the Westoba Credit Union Ltd. Agricultural Centre of Excellence April 18 - 20, 2008 be received. CARRIED.

(B) JEANNE MILLIS - RENAISSANCE BRANDON

Jeanne Millis and Vince Barletta of Renaissance Brandon appeared before City Council regarding an update on the activities of the Community and Culture subcommittee of Renaissance Brandon and to promote two upcoming events. The presenters announced that Thursday By the Fountain would be held weekly from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in Princess Park and would include an open air market, stage events, buskers, fitness activities and food vendors. They indicated that the second event to be held this summer would be Friday Picnic in the Park whereby downtown restaurants would have picnic lunches available for sale to enjoy every Friday in Princess Park.

McCrae-Rice
636 That the presentation by Jeanne Millis and Vince Barletta on behalf of Renaissance Brandon with respect to upcoming summer activities in Princess Park be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATION & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) GENERAL MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE APRIL 30, 2008

Considered was a report from the General Museum Advisory Committee of its meeting held April 30, 2008.

Black-Paterson

637 That the report of the General Museum Advisory Committee of its meeting held April 30, 2008 be received. CARRIED.

Black-Paterson

638 That an architect be engaged to conduct a comprehensive assessment of Fire Hall No. 1 for use as a general museum, a community archives or a combination of the two and the requisite funds be expended from the Professional Fees Reserve. CARRIED.

(B) PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT MAY 5, 2008

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Personnel Committee of its meeting held May 5, 2008.

McCrae-Jessiman

639 That the report of the Personnel Committee of its meeting held May 5, 2008 regarding the non-union pay administration program and salary increases be received. CARRIED.

McCrae-Jessiman

640 That an amount equal to 3.5% (\$134,554.65) of the 2007 non-union salary be authorized for increasing salaries as required to maintain the corporate rate and to provide for performance increases, where appropriate, in accordance with the non-union pay administration program. CARRIED.

(C) PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT MAY 5, 2008

City Council considered a report from the Personnel Committee of its meeting held May 5, 2008.

McCrae-Jessiman

641 That the report of the Personnel Committee of its meeting held May 5, 2008 regarding the tentative settlement reached between the City and the E911/Police Operator-Dispatcher Division of the Brandon Professional Firefighters'/Paramedics' Association (IAFF, Local 803) be received. CARRIED.

McCrae-Paterson

642 That the City of Brandon enter into a three (3) year agreement with the E911/Police Operator-Dispatcher Division of the Brandon Professional Firefighters'/Paramedics' Association (IAFF Local 803) for the period January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2009 as per the Memorandum of Settlement whereby wages shall be increased 3.25% on each of January 1, 2007, January 1, 2008, and January 1, 2009. CARRIED.

(D) AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT MAY 7, 2008

Considered was a report from the Audit and Finance Committee of its meeting held May 7, 2008.

Blight-Paterson

643 That the Audit and Finance Committee report of May 7, 2008 be received. CARRIED.

Blight-Fitzpatrick

644 That the 2007 City of Brandon Financial Report be received as presented. CARRIED.

Blight-Paterson

645 That Administration prepare and present a 2009 budget that contains a tax increase of no more than 5%. CARRIED.

(E) JOINT TASK FORCE - BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION AND CITY OF BRANDON
VERBAL REPORT MAY 20, 2008

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Councillor Blight provided a verbal report from the May 13, 2008 Joint Task Force Meeting. He reported that a presentation had been received from the City of Brandon Information Technology Department with respect to the fibre ring project that would upgrade services to the Brandon School Division, the Brandon Regional Health Authority and the City of Brandon. He also reported that 465 students were currently pre-registered for the 2008/2009 English as a Second Language (ESL) program and that several other matters including a review of the current ward boundaries, transportation issues, and a possible representative of City Council on the Brandon Sports Alliance Board were all discussed.

(F) WESTERN MANITOBA CENTENNIAL AUDITORIUM
VERBAL REPORT MAY 20, 2008

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Councillor Blight provided a verbal report from the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium facility operational review whereby he advised that the final report was to be presented June 12, 2008.

Paterson-Fitzpatrick

646 That the verbal reports by Councillor Blight with respect to the Brandon School Division and City of Brandon Joint Task Force and the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium respectively be received.

ENQUIRIES:

(370) STOP SIGNS AT 34TH STREET AND ROSSER AVENUE

Councillor Blight referred to the new four-way stop sign located at the corner of 34th Street and Rosser Avenue, whereby he noted that he had received an enquiry from an area resident regarding the requirements for crosswalks in the location. He advised that he had raised the enquiry with the Property and Traffic Coordinator who confirmed that a crosswalk was not required at this location.

(371) FIBRE PROJECT IN THE RIVERHEIGHTS AREA

Councillor Blight advised that a project of Manitoba Telecom Services, Manitoba Hydro and Westman Communications Group was currently underway in the Riverheights area. He noted that area residents had received a letter with information on the project and noted that a contact name was provided in that letter for those who had any questions.

(372) CLEAN-UP OF STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

Councillor Black advised that he had received calls recently from area residents in regards to the spring clean-up of streets and sidewalks whereby he requested an update on same.

At the request of the Chair, the General Manager of Operational Services advised that spring clean-up was currently underway and on schedule. She further advised that most of the issues raised would be addressed during the upcoming neighbourhood sweep of the Riverview Ward. She noted that boulevard sod was not available until the end of June, therefore, those improvements and patches were not to be part of the sweep but were to be taken care of as soon as possible.

(373) SEWER BACK-UP IN 1500 BLOCK OF 2ND STREET

Councillor Jessiman referred to a recent incident whereby there were numerous sewer back-ups to residences in the 1500 Block of 2nd Street. He advised that City crews had attended quickly and fixed the problem, however area residents were concerned about the cause of the back-up. He requested an update on same.

At the request of the Chair, the General Manager of Operational Services advised that she had not been made aware of the problem. She agreed to discuss the issue with staff and report back to City Council.

(374) TRAFFIC CONCERNS - 1ST STREET AND RICHMOND AVENUE

Councillor Jessiman advised that concerns had been raised recently regarding the increased volume of traffic at 1st Street and Richmond Avenue. He enquired if a traffic count could be conducted at the intersection, particularly just prior to and at the end of the normal work day times.

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

(375) REPAIRS TO PARK AVENUE EAST

Councillor Jessiman noted that Park Avenue East at 1st Street was currently closed for repairs. He enquired if an expected completion date was available.

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

(376) PARTNERS FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION PROGRAM

Councillor Barletta requested an update on the Partners for Climate Protection Program, particularly the establishment of a green house gas emissions inventory for the City of Brandon.

At the request of the Chair, the General Manager of Operations advised that, in 2005, the Province of Manitoba had paid for a green house gas emissions inventory to be completed for some communities, including the City of Brandon. She advised that while the inventory had worked well for smaller communities where public transit was not an issue, the results received for the City of Brandon had not provided the information necessary for a good baseline to work from. She added that the City continued to work with the Province of Manitoba on these issues and further, that a second inventory was to be completed by a recently hired Brandon University summer student.

(377) FEES CHARGED FOR REMOVAL OF LARGE ITEMS

Councillor Black advised that he had received some complaints from area residents in regards to the fees charged for the pick-up of large items by the sanitation department. He requested clarification on the policy regarding the fees charged and how those fees were determined.

At the request of the Chair, the General Manager of Operational Services confirmed that the fee charged was \$5.00 per item. She noted however, that the total fee was dependent on the number of pieces, for example, a couch and chair would be two separate items. She added that staff attempted to get as many details as possible about the size and type of item when the tickets were purchased so as to ascertain the appropriate fees to be charged.

(378) PROS AND CONS OF BACK-UP VALVES

Councillor Black referred to an enquiry he made at the last meeting of City Council whereby he requested a presentation to City Council on the pros and cons of back-up valves for sewers. He enquired if a presentation by the end of June 2008 was possible.

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

(379) DUMPING OF FRIDGES/FREEZERS AT LANDFILL SITE

Councillor Blight advised that he had been informed that there was one particular local business who had been dumping numerous fridges/freezers at the landfill site which left the City responsible for the disposal of the freon. He enquired if that had been the intent when the new policy which allowed for the disposal of same with no tipping fees had been established.

At the request of the Chair, the General Manager of Operational Services advised that had not been the intent of the policy and this particular situation was being investigated and further that a recommendation on same was to be brought to City Council in the near future.

(380) CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS - SUMMER SCHEDULE

Councillor Black noted that the summer schedule for City Council meetings appeared rather light. He enquired if that would be a good time to schedule some informal meetings for specific issues to be dealt with.

His Worship the Mayor advised that there was constant planning involved in the scheduling of City Council meetings, inclusive of what items were to be dealt with, and further that there had been special meetings scheduled as necessary where specific items were dealt with.

(381) UPDATE ON DEMOLITION OF BEAUBIER HOTEL

Councillor Campbell requested an update on the scheduled demolition of the former Beaubier Hotel at the corner of 8th Street and Princess Avenue.

At the request of the Chair, the City Manager responded that the required environmental assessment of the building had been completed, no unusual environmental issues had been found, and tenders had been issued for the demolition. He advised that once the tenders were closed, a definitive timeline for the removal of the building would be provided to City Council.

(382) CONSTRUCTION OF 18TH STREET BRIDGE

Councillor McCrae advised that he had received a complaint from an area resident regarding the slow process of construction and/or improvements to the 18th Street Bridge. He noted that he had responded that the Province of Manitoba was in charge of the project, but enquired if any further information was available.

His Worship the Mayor advised that even though a considerable amount of money was to be spent by the Province of Manitoba on improvements to both 1st and 18th Streets in the coming months he continually reminded the Provincial Government of the urgency for this project to be completed as soon as possible.

(383) 6TH STREET AND QUEENS AVENUE INTERSECTION

Councillor Jessiman requested the accident statistics for the past year for the intersection of 6th Street and Queens Avenue.

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

(384) FIRST STREET AND ROSSER AVENUE EAST SITE CLEAN-UP

Councillor Black requested an update on the First Street and Rosser Avenue East site clean-up.

At the request of the Chair, the City Manager responded that negotiations with Manitoba Conservation with respect to various remediation strategies were near completion and a recommendation to City Council was expected in the near future.

(385) BRANDON FAMILY YMCA RECREATION FACILITY

Councillor Campbell referred to recent media reports regarding the plans for the Joint City of Brandon/YMCA Recreation Facility and requested an update on same.

At the request of the Chair, the City Manager advised that the basic plans had not changed, however, changes had happened as the integrated design planning process was worked through. He noted that the process was expected to be completed by the end of July 2008 and a funding announcement was to be made at that time.

Further to this issue, Councillor Jessiman referred to recent media reports in which concerns had been raised with respect to the size of the aquatics surface. He enquired if the City was to have any input into the design of the new facility.

At the request of the Chair, the City Manager responded that the design was a joint process between the YMCA and the City of Brandon and that a requirement existed whereby the aquatics surface was to be at least equal to the current pool surfaces at the City of Brandon Sportsplex and the YMCA. He further advised that the pool size was to be 25 metres as a 50 metre pool had not been deemed necessary or cost effective. He confirmed that when the final design is agreed to by the City and the YMCA, it would be presented to City Council and the YMCA Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RICHMOND WARD MEETING

Councillor Campbell announced that a Richmond Ward Meeting would be held on Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Civic Administration Building, 410 - 9th Street.

INSTALLATION OF NEW WATER MAIN - CURRIE BOULEVARD

Councillor Campbell announced that a new water main would be installed on Currie Boulevard between Brian and Patricia Avenues and further, that all residents had been notified of such by the City.

LINDEN KIDS CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Councillor Blight announced that the Annual General Meeting of the Linden Kids Club would be held on Monday, May 26, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Westridge Community Centre. He encouraged all interested parties to attend as the Kids Club as well as the Centre itself were in dire need of volunteers to stay in existence.

CLEAN-UP OF LITTER AROUND CORRAL CENTRE

Councillor Paterson referred to previous concerns he had raised in regards to the amount of litter around the Corral Centre. He advised that he had corresponded with Mr. John Pearson of Shindico Realty Ltd. previously with regard to this issue, whereby he noted that the problem still existed and that he had once again spoken with Mr. Pearson. He announced that he had been pleased to see volunteers out and about recently who had done a tremendous job of cleaning up areas around the City. He thanked them for having taken the initiative to clean-up our City.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY - MAY 24, 2008

Councillor Harwood announced that the first Household Hazardous Waste Day of 2008 would be held on Saturday, May 24, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Civic Services Complex. He encouraged all residents with old paint cans, etc. to bring them to the Complex that day.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SWEEP OF RIVERVIEW WARD

Councillor Black announced that a Neighbourhood Sweep of the Riverview Ward would take place on Thursday, May 22, 2008. Volunteers were asked to meet at the Park Community Centre at 9:00 a.m. and it was expected the sweep would be completed by 4:00 p.m.

ELKS AND ORDER OF THE ROYAL PURPLE PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

Councillor Black announced that the Brandon Elks Lodge #14 and the Brandon/Wheat City Order of the Royal Purple Lodges #138 and 377 were to host the Provincial Conference on June 13, 14 and 15, 2008 at the Ukrainian Reading Hall and the Ukrainian National Home. He further announced that Brother Harold Roberts of Brandon Elks Lodge #14 was to be installed as Provincial President for a one year term at the conference.

He advised that approximately 125 delegates from across Manitoba were expected to attend along with the Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks of Canada, Brother Al Edwards and the Supreme Honoured Royal Lady of the Order of Royal Purple of Canada, Debbie Waldon.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) APPLICATION TO SUBDIVIDE - 2009 - 9TH STREET (VBJ DEVELOPMENTS LTD.)

Councillor McCrae declared a conflict of interest in this matter due to his employment as a realtor, and left the Council Chamber without any further discussion.

Considered was a report from the Planning Department dated April 23, 2008 with respect to the above.

Campbell-Black

647 That the application of VBJ Developments Ltd. to subdivide 2009 - 9th Street (Parcels K, M, R, V and X, Plan 47131 BLTO) be approved subject to the applicant providing confirmation to the City of Brandon Planning Department that:

- 1) arrangements have been made for a joint use easement and plan of easements to the satisfaction of Manitoba Hydro, MTS Allstream Inc. and Westman Communications Group; and
- 2) financial consideration in lieu of land dedication has been paid to the Brandon School Division. CARRIED.

Councillor Campbell advised Council that she had previously referred this matter to the June 16, 2008 meeting of City Council, however, since that time, a meeting had taken place with the developers whereby it was determined that all zoning requirements had been met and it was not necessary to hold up the approval of this application any further.

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

(B) APPLICATION TO SUBDIVIDE - 1625 BRAECREST DRIVE (WHISTLER LANDING INC.)

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Planning Department dated May 5, 2008 with respect to the above.

Paterson-Barletta

648 That the application to subdivide 1625 Braecrest Drive (Lot 1, Plan 47173 BLTO) to create fourteen (14) single-family bare land condominium units in the RHD Residential High Density Multiple Family Zone be approved subject to confirmation:

- 1) from the Senior Building Inspector of the City of Brandon Planning Department that the issues pertaining to site access and fire hydrants with respect to the Manitoba Building Code have been resolved to the Senior Building Inspector's satisfaction;
- 2) that arrangements have been made for a Joint Use Easement and Plan of Easement to the satisfaction of Manitoba Hydro, MTS Allstream Inc. and Westman Communications Group; and
- 3) that the Brandon School Division has received \$3,969.00 from the applicant. CARRIED.

(C) APPLICATION TO SUBDIVIDE - 630 OTTAWA AVENUE (SMITH)

City Council considered a report from the Planning Department dated May 5, 2008 with respect to the above.

Jessiman-Black

649 That the application to subdivide part of 630 Ottawa Avenue (Pt. Lot 25, Block 6, Plan 289 BLTO) to consolidate with 1628 - 6th Street be approved subject to:

- 1) the newly consolidated lot being registered as a single lot;
- 2) the proposed lot fronting on Ottawa Avenue having a minimum 3.0m (9.84') side yard on one side of the proposed lot to accommodate a required parking space for the existing house; and
- 3) the plan of subdivision indicating, if applicable, any and all existing easement agreements with respect to MTS Allstream Inc. services and facilities. CARRIED.

(D) NAMING RIGHTS GUIDELINES

Considered was a report from the General Manager of Operational Services dated May 5, 2008 with respect to the above.

Blight-Paterson

650 That the City of Brandon - Naming Rights Guidelines dated May 5, 2008 attached to the report of the General Manager of Operations dated May 5, 2008 be adopted. CARRIED.

(E) SUPPORT OF BRANDON ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Economic Development Officer dated May 7, 2008 with respect to the above.

Rice-Barletta

651 That for the years 2008 to 2011 inclusive, Economic Development Brandon be authorized to expend up to \$10,000 annually from the Affordable Housing Initiatives Reserve Fund to reimburse the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation for actual building permit fees incurred as a result of Brandon Energy Efficiency Program retrofits. CARRIED.

(F) CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS - BRANDON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

City Council considered a report from the City Clerk's Office dated May 12, 2008 with respect to the above.

Barletta-Rice

652 That the following citizen appointments be and are hereby made to the Board of Directors of the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation for a two (2) year term of office to take effect June 1, 2008 and expire May 31, 2010:

Drew Caldwell
Corey Roberts. LOST.

Blight-Jessiman

653 That the following citizen appointments be and are hereby made to the Board of Directors of the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation for a two (2) year term of office to take effect June 1, 2008 and expire May 31, 2010:

Diane Hastings Fotheringham
Corey Roberts. CARRIED.

(G) BAN ON SINGLE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS - COUNCILLOR BLACK

Considered was a report from Councillor E. Black dated May 6, 2008 with respect to the above in accordance with his notice of motion given at the May 14, 2008 meeting of City Council.

Black-Barletta

654 That the Province of Manitoba be requested to grant municipalities authority to proceed with by-laws designed to address specific environmental problems such as the sale and distribution of single-use plastic bags, the proliferation of discarded beverage containers (liquor bottles sold through the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission, soft-drink containers, juice containers, water bottles, etc.) in city streets, sidewalks, parks and walkways; and the proliferation of discarded take out beverage and fast food containers in the same locations. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 6902 - TO RENAME A PORTION OF MARYLAND AVENUE TO MAGNOLIA DRIVE
2ND AND 3RD READINGS

It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the April 21, 2008 meeting of City Council.

Campbell-Paterson

655 That By-law No. 6902 to rename Maryland Avenue as shown on Plan 276, Plan 1608, Plan 32649, Plan 33962, and Plan 47178 BLTO to Magnolia Drive be read a second time. CARRIED.

Campbell-Paterson

656 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. 6902 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. 6906 - TO AMEND TAXI BY-LAW NO. 6781 RE: TARIFF OF FARES FOR METERED
TAXICABS
1ST READING

Considered was a report from the General Manager of Corporate Services dated May 12, 2008 with respect to the above.

Blight-Jessiman

657 That By-law No. 6906, to amend Taxi By-law No. 6781 with respect to the tariff of fares for metered taxicabs be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

(A) APPOINTMENTS TO THE BRANDON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

In accordance with Rule 60 of City Council Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillor Black gave notice of his intent to introduce at the June 16, 2008 meeting of City Council, the following motion:

"That appointments to the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation be made directly by City Council."

ADJOURN:

Paterson-Jessiman

That the meeting do now adjourn (10:15 p.m.). CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK