

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2008 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 J. Harwood, Councillor D. Jessiman, Councillor J. McCrae, Councillor D. Paterson, Councillor G. Rice, Youth Member Stephen Montague

**ABSENT:** Councillor K. Fitzpatrick

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Harwood-Paterson  
704 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held Monday, June 30, 2008 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Blight-Harwood  
705 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held June 16, 2008 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Rice-McCrae  
706 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held on Tuesday, June 24, 2008 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

**HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:**

(A) CHIEF K. ATKINSON - CITY OF BRANDON 2007 CRIME STATISTICS

Chief Keith Atkinson of the Brandon Police Service appeared before City Council to review the City of Brandon 2007 Crime Statistics. He advised that overall, there was a 5% decrease in the total number of crime events reported from 2006, however there had been increases in violent and property crime incidents. Chief Atkinson noted that the number of impaired driving and drug charges had also increased, however, the increase was largely due to enforcement driven efforts. He concluded by stating that the Police Services would continue to be proactive in its policing initiatives in an effort to achieve further decreases in the overall crime statistics for the City of Brandon.

Blight-McCrae  
707 That the presentation by Chief Keith Atkinson of the Brandon Police Service with respect to the City of Brandon 2007 Crime Statistics be received. CARRIED.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

(A) CONDITIONAL USE APPEAL HEARING - 1603 MORELAND AVENUE (SMOOTH FREIGHT LTD.)

Mr. Ted Snure, General Manager of Development Services, appeared before City Council with respect to the above noted appeal. He noted that the Planning Commission had not included a recommendation from Administration that funds be paid to the City to be used for the future upgrading of Moreland Avenue in its final resolution on the conditional use application. Mr. Snure stated that Moreland Avenue was currently a gravel roadway that would require upgrading to a paved urban street in the future, and that the securing of funds from the developers of properties to assist in infrastructure upgrades had been a practice of the City of Brandon for all types of developments.

Mr. Paul Roy appeared on behalf of Smooth Freight Ltd., the original applicant. He noted that Moreland Avenue was a dead end gravel road that serviced five businesses, all that used big trucks and heavy machinery with machine shops. Mr. Roy stated that the owner of the property simply wanted to add to the existing machine shop on the property and felt that there should be some connection between the nature of the development and the conditions approved. Mr. Roy explained that road contributions were familiar when developing new lots, new buildings were constructed, or if changes in traffic patterns were anticipated, but that it was inappropriate to apply such a condition in this case.

Orville Prokopchuk, member of the City of Brandon Planning Commission appeared before Council. He noted that Mr. Hedley of Smooth Freight Inc. was not a developer, and simply wanted to expand his existing building.

No further representation was put forward either in support of or in opposition to the proposal.

Paterson-McCrae

708 That the appeal hearing for the conditional use application of Smooth Freight Ltd. for 1603 Moreland Avenue be concluded. CARRIED.

Paterson-Rice

709 That the conditional use application of Smooth Freight Ltd. on behalf of 2328054 Manitoba Ltd., to allow for a truck terminal and truck repair to be approved conditional uses at 1603 Moreland Avenue (West 1/2 of Lot 3, Plan 1809 BLTO) be approved, whereby such approval is hereby granted in accordance with the intent of the application dated May 9, 2008, the attached letter of intent dated May 6, 2008 and the attached drawing described as A1, subject to the applicant:

- a) providing a written dust control plan to the Planning Department to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Development Services whereby said plan shall be complied with by the applicant/owner or successor;
- b) submitting and implementing a landscape plan acceptable to the Planning Department, which provides for the planting and ongoing maintenance of shrubs adjacent to the new building foundation;
- c) ensuring that no trailers are parked or stored in the area designated as front yard or side yard set back area in the current CAR zone;
- d) ensuring that the area to the east of the new structure (15.2') be identified as a fire lane with no parking of trailers or trucks in this area; and
- e) paying to the City of Brandon the amount of \$16,500 with said funds to be retained by the City in a reserve account and used for the future upgrading of Moreland Avenue. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT

McCrae-Blight

710 That the above motion be amended by deleting clause e) in its entirety. LOST.

AMENDMENT

Burgess-Barletta

711 That the above motion be amended by deleting in clause e) the figure: "\$16,500" and substituting therefor the figure: "\$8,250". CARRIED.

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

FOR

His Worship Mayor Burgess  
Councillor Barletta  
Councillor Campbell  
Councillor Jessiman  
Councillor McCrae  
Councillor Paterson  
Councillor Rice

AGAINST

Councillor Black  
Councillor Blight  
Councillor Harwood

COMMUNICATION & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) WESTMAN CENTENNIAL AUDITORIUM  
VERBAL REPORT

JUNE 30, 2008

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Councillor Blight provided a verbal report from the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium. He advised that the final report on the facility operational review had not been presented yet, but was expected very shortly and anticipated that there would be several issues to address such as revenue opportunities, condition of the grounds and safety issues.

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

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Councillor Blight provided a verbal report from the June 24, 2008 Joint Task Force Meeting. He reported that the number of students enrolled in the ESL program continues to increase and issues such as transportation, recreation and ward boundaries were discussed. Councillor Blight noted that September 29, 2008 had been set as a tentative date for a joint meeting between the Brandon School Division Trustees and members of City Council.

Councillor McCrae further reported that work continued on the establishment of a Speaker's Bureau to be implemented in the Fall of 2008 which would aim to educate young people on the election process and issues, and hopefully encourage a larger voter turnout for upcoming elections.

Harwood-Blight

712 That the reports by Councillor Blight with respect to the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium and the Joint Task Force be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(398) PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCULPTURES AND STATUES IN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

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Councillor Paterson noted that he had recently been working on a project called the “Bridges of Brandon” and further, that this project now included sculptures and statues. He requested that information be sought from the Province of Manitoba as to its level of contribution towards sculptures and statues in the City of Winnipeg so as to assist the Brandon group with their compilation of a report to City Council.

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

(399) AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVES - FORUM MAGAZINE ARTICLE

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Councillor Paterson referred to an article on Page 41 of the May/June 2008 issue of Forum Magazine which contained information on a new affordable housing program in Langford, British Columbia. He noted that the program in Langford contained a rule which required that every single family subdivision developed contain one affordable home for every ten homes built and sold for profit. He enquired if this idea could be investigated for the City of Brandon and further, that a report be presented back to City Council for consideration as part of the Affordable Housing Policy.

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

(400) DECENTRALIZATION OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES

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Councillor Paterson referred to recent media articles regarding the possible decentralization of some Federal Government offices from bigger cities to smaller communities. He enquired if the potential for Brandon to take advantage of this issue could be investigated further.

His Worship the Mayor advised that this issue was being reviewed by the Senate, rather than the Federal Government, and further, that steps had already been taken to have Brandon taken into consideration. He added that the situation would be monitored closely and updates provided as they became available.

(401) UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT CHARGES

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Councillor Black requested that a policy on development charges be investigated so as to deter from same being dealt with on an ad hoc basis. Further to this issue, he noted that the conditional use appeal before City Council tonight was a good example of charges having been considered on an individual basis, and had a policy been in place, that would not have happened.

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

(402) EAST/WEST LANE BETWEEN 22ND STREET AND VIOLET CRESCENT

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Councillor McCrae noted that the east/west lane between 22nd Street and Violet Crescent was in need of repairs and dust control. He enquired if same could be considered in the near future.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

KIM LONGSTREET - HERITAGE COORDINATOR

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Councillor Harwood advised that the Brandon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee was pleased to announce that Kim Longstreet had recently been appointed as the Heritage Coordinator for the City of Brandon. He noted that she began her position on June 16, 2008 and was already hard at work preparing information for the Doors Open Event which was to be held July 19 and 20, 2008.

RIVERVIEW WARD MEETING

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Councillor Black announced that a Riverview Ward Meeting was to be held July 8, 2008 at the East End Community Centre at 7:00 p.m. Agenda items were to include discussion on a museum, the Keystone Centre, downtown redevelopment as well as any other ward issues.

BRANDON PRIDE EVENT - JULY 19, 2008

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Councillor Barletta announced that the Sexuality Education Resource Centre along with other community partners was to host a Brandon Pride Event on Saturday, July 19, 2008 at Princess Park beginning at 4:00 p.m. with a social to follow at the North Hill Inn.

CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS

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Councillor Blight encouraged everyone to attend the Canada Day Celebrations to be held July 1, 2008 at the Riverbank Discovery Centre beginning at 1:00 p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- (A) APPLICATION TO SUBDIVIDE - LAND SOUTH OF RICHMOND AVENUE AND WEST OF 34TH STREET (WAVERLY DEVELOPMENTS LTD./BROOKWOOD FARMS MANITOBA LTD.)
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His Worship the Mayor declared a conflict of interest in this matter due to his relationship to the applicant and left the Council Chamber without any further discussion.

Considered was a report from the Planning Department dated June 5, 2008 with respect to the above.

McCrae-Harwood

713 That the application of Waverly Developments Ltd. on behalf of the owner, Brookwood Farms Manitoba Ltd., to subdivide land south of Richmond Avenue and west of 34th Street (Pt. NE 1/4 9-10-19 WPM) be approved subject to:

1. the land being re-zoned from DR Development Reserve Zone to RSF Residential Single Family Zone and its owner or successor entering into a development agreement with the City of Brandon pursuant to Section 135 of The Planning Act;
2. confirmation that arrangements have been made for a Joint Use Easement and Plan of Easements to the satisfaction of Manitoba Hydro, MTS and Westman Communications Group; and
3. confirmation from the Senior Building Inspector of the City of Brandon Building Department that the issues pertaining to site access with respect to applicable building and fire codes have been resolved to the Senior Building Inspector's satisfaction. CARRIED.

Following the above motion being voted on, His Worship the Mayor re-entered the Council Chamber.

(B) REVIEW OF BOUNDARIES - BRANDON ELECTORAL WARDS

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City Council considered a report from the City Clerk dated June 11, 2008 with respect to the above.

Blight-Paterson

714 That the necessary by-law be prepared to alter the electoral wards of the City of Brandon in accordance with the maps attached to the report of the City Clerk dated June 11, 2008. CARRIED.

(C) ENQUIRIES ON CITY WEBSITE - COUNCILLOR E. BLACK

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Submitted for consideration was a report from Councillor E. Black with respect to the above in accordance with his notice of motion given at the June 16, 2008 meeting of City Council.

Black-Jessiman

715 That the Information Technology Department make the necessary arrangements to post on the City's website enquiries raised by members of Council and the responses to those enquiries so that the citizens of Brandon will know what happens to those enquiries. CARRIED.

(D) MONUMENTS TO COMMEMORATE BRANDON VETERANS - COUNCILLOR E. BLACK

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Considered was a report from Councillor E. Black dated June 20, 2008 with respect to the above in accordance with his notice of motion given at the June 16, 2008 meeting of City Council.

Black-Paterson

716 That a committee be established to work with the Royal Canadian Legion and other community organizations to determine whether there are appropriate monuments to commemorate the contributions of Brandon veterans in the world wars, the Korean war and other wars that qualify as wars as determined by the Government of Canada. CARRIED.

(E) REVIEW OF STREET NAMING POLICY - COUNCILLOR E. BLACK

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Submitted for consideration was a report from Councillor E. Black dated June 20, 2008 with respect to the above in accordance with his notice of motion given at the June 16, 2008 meeting of City Council.

Black-Barletta

717 That Administration review the Street Naming Policy and come up with an alternative that allows for community participation in the naming of streets as opposed to the present arrangement. LOST.

FOR

Councillor Barletta  
Councillor Black  
Councillor Rice

AGAINST

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

(F) SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR E. BLACK

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Submitted for consideration was a report from Councillor E. Black dated June 20, 2008 with respect to the above in accordance with his notice of motion given at the June 16, 2008 meeting of City Council.

718 Black-Barletta  
That a Special Meeting of City Council be held during July or August to discuss the fiscal crisis of the Keystone Centre, the implications of rising fuel costs and the operation of the City, and the economics of downtown redevelopment. LOST.

AMENDMENT

719 Barletta-Rice  
That the above motion be amended by deleting therefrom the words: "the implications of rising fuel costs and the operation of the City, and the economics of downtown redevelopment". LOST.

It was suggested that these items be discussed by City Council at an upcoming retreat to be held in the Fall of 2008.

(G)       SIOUX VALLEY DAKOTA NATION CASINO INITIATIVE

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Considered was a report from the City Manager dated June 26, 2008 with respect to the above.

720 McCrae-Campbell  
That the letter from Chief Donna Elk of Sioux Valley Dakota Nation dated June 4, 2008 relative to support for a casino in the R.M. of Sifton be received;

and further, that Sioux Valley Dakota Nation be advised that Brandon City Council feels it would be inappropriate for the City to take a position for or against any particular First Nation or proposed location relative to the development of a First Nations casino in southwestern Manitoba, prior to the conclusion of the casino site selection process already outlined by The Honourable Dave Chomiak, Minister responsible for the Manitoba Gaming Control Commission, and Grand Chief Ron Evans of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

Nil

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Rice-Blight  
That the meeting do now adjourn (9:53 p.m.) CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK