

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,
JANUARY 5, 2009 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 K. Fitzpatrick, Councillor J. Harwood, Councillor D. Jessiman, Councillor J. McCrae, Councillor D. Paterson, Councillor G. Rice

ABSENT: Councillor M. Campbell, Youth Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

956 Jessiman-Blight
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, January 5, 2009 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

957 Harwood-Rice
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Monday, December 22, 2008 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(A) VARIATION APPLICATION - 735 AND 753 PERCY STREET (VAN BI LE)

City Council sat to receive representation on the variation application of Van Bi Le for 735 and 753 Percy Street.

It was noted that the public hearing on this application was being reconvened from the December 8, 2008 City Council Meeting.

No representation was made either in support of or in opposition to the application.

Councillor Black advised that a community meeting had been held on December 18, 2008 whereby all area residents' concerns had been addressed.

958 Black-Fitzpatrick
That the Public Hearing on the above noted application be concluded. CARRIED.

Black-Fitzpatrick

959 That the variation application of Van Bi Le, on behalf of 3848451 Manitoba Ltd., to reduce the north and south side yards from 3m (9.84') to 2.134m (7') and reduce the minimum required number of parking spaces from 6 to 5 to accommodate two four-plexes at 735 and 753 Percy Street (Lots 15/18, Block 24, Plan 9 BLTO) in the RMD Residential Moderate Density Multiple Family Zone be approved whereby such approval is hereby granted in accordance with the intent of the application dated October 7, 2008, the attached letter of intent dated October 7, 2008, the attached drawing dated September 2008 and subject to the owner/successor executing the development agreement with the City of Brandon attached to the report of the General Manager of Development Services dated December 24, 2008. CARRIED.

(B) POLICE STATION LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

City Council sat to receive representation on the proposed local improvement project for the conversion of the existing building located at the corner of 10th Street and Victoria Avenue to a Police Station.

In accordance with Section 160(2) of The Municipal Act, it was noted that Councillor Campbell was absent from the public hearing this evening due to illness.

Ron Cumming, President of the Brandon Chamber of Commerce, appeared before City Council in opposition to the local improvement project. Mr. Cumming stated that he agreed that a new Police Station was a necessity, however, he was concerned with the annual debt payments for the next twenty years and the tax increases required to cover those payments. He suggested the sale of certain assets not typically municipally-owned, such as the golf course, to generate revenue.

Paterson-Barletta

960 That the Public Hearing with respect to the Police Station Local Improvement project and the related borrowing of an estimated \$12,994,000 be concluded. CARRIED.

COMMUNICATION & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nil

ENQUIRIES:

(513) SNOW CLEARING

Councillor Black advised that he had recently received calls from ward residents in regards to snow clearing. He noted that residents complained that previously cleared sidewalks were covered in when the streets were ploughed. He requested an update on the procedures followed in regards to snow clearing.

At the request of the Chair, the General Manager of Operational Services, Mr. Rod Sage, responded that snow plough operators made every attempt not to cover the entire sidewalk during snow clearing operations and the windrow left by the snow plough was removed within two weeks. He asked that residents report any sidewalks which were completely covered after ploughing to the Public Works Department and same would be taken care of immediately.

(514) FRONT STREET REFUSE COLLECTION - SNOW CLEARING OPERATIONS

Councillor Black noted that windrows left by the snow plough created difficulties for residents who were required to take their refuse bins to the front street for pick-up. He enquired if any solutions to this problem were available.

At the request of the Chair, the General Manager of Operational Services, Mr. Rod Sage, advised that driveway approaches were cleared during snow clearing operations. He encouraged residents to use those approaches to access the front street with their refuse bins.

Further to this issue, Councillor Black enquired if back lanes where access was no longer required for refuse collection were still to be part of snow clearing operations.

At the request of the Chair, the General Manager of Operational Services, Mr. Rod Sage, responded that all back lanes where access was required were to be cleared as part of normal street clearing operations.

(515) SNOW CLEARING BUDGET

Councillor McCrae enquired as to the status of the snow clearing budget.

At the request of the Chair, the General Manager of Operational Services, Mr. Rod Sage, responded that the snow clearing operations were currently within the allotted budget, however, \$250,000 had been set aside in the reserve fund for snow clearing, if necessary.

(516) SNOW DUMP SITES

Councillor Black requested an update on the availability of snow dump sites within the City.

At the request of the Chair, the General Manager of Operational Services, Mr. Rod Sage, advised that while the City did not provide any private dumping facilities, adequate properties existed around the City for private contractors, and the City continued to use the landfill site as a dumping location.

Further to this issue, the City Manager advised that negotiations were ongoing with the Construction Association of Rural Manitoba for a private snow dump site at the landfill site and same was expected to be available for the next snow season.

(517) UPDATE ON THE STRATEGIC PLAN

Councillor Paterson requested an update on the Strategic Plan.

His Worship the Mayor advised that a previous enquiry had been raised on this issue and an update was expected in the near future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WESTMAN TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Councillor Harwood announced that he had been pleased to represent His Worship and City Councillors at the Westman and Area Traditional Christmas Dinner held December 25 and 26, 2008 at the Keystone Centre. He issued accolades to Gladden Smith, the donors, and all the volunteers who worked together to make Christmas happen for the less fortunate members of the community.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) ABSENCE FROM CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS - COUNCILLOR J. HARWOOD

Considered was a report from Councillor J. Harwood dated December 29, 2008.

Paterson-McCrae

961 That Councillor J. Harwood be granted leave to be absent from the meetings of City Council to be held February 2 and 17 and March 2, 2009. CARRIED.

(B) LAND ACQUISITION - SOUTH OF PATRICIA AVENUE EAST OF 9TH STREET

Considered was a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated December 23, 2008 with respect to the above.

Jessiman-Black

962 That approximately 11.86 acres of property located south of Patricia Avenue and east of 9th Street (Part of NE 1/4 1-10-19 WPM) be purchased from Edward McLeod for the sum of \$99,000 to maintain the land drainage in the south end of the City;

and further, that the 2009 Capital Budget be amended to include an expenditure from the Storm Sewer Reserve in the above amount. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 6919 - TO AUTHORIZE THE POLICE STATION PROJECT AS A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT AND THE RELATED BORROWING OF \$12,994,000
FIRST READING

Paterson-Rice

963 That By-law No. 6919 authorizing the creation of the Police Station as a Local Improvement Project and the related borrowing of an estimated \$12,994,000 for that purpose be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 6931 - TO CLOSE A PORTION OF PACIFIC AVENUE FROM 1ST TO RUSSELL STREETS AND EAST/WEST PUBLIC LANE IN BLOCKS 38/39, PLAN 4
1ST READING

Black-Harwood

964 That By-law No. 6931 to close and convey that portion of Pacific Avenue from 1st to Russell Streets and the public lane in Blocks 38/39, Plan 4 to the City of Brandon be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

(A) INSTRUMENT LANDING SYSTEM - BRANDON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

In accordance with Rule 60 of City Council Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillor Harwood gave notice of his intent to introduce at the January 19, 2009 meeting of City Council, the following motion:

"That the City of Brandon make a formal request to the Federal Government for the installation of an Instrument Landing System at the Brandon Municipal Airport."

(B) LAND INVENTORY - CITY OF BRANDON GOLF COURSE

In accordance with Rule 60 of City Council Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillor Barletta gave notice of his intent to introduce at the January 19, 2009 meeting of City Council, the following motion:

"That Administration provide an inventory of land at the City's golf course that may be available for residential development."

ADJOURN:

Jessiman-Barletta

That the meeting do now adjourn. (8:15 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK