

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009 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

**ABSENT:** Councillor K. Fitzpatrick

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

1006 Harwood-Blight  
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held Monday, May 4, 2009 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

1007 Rice-Blight  
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Monday, April 20, 2009 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:**

(A) WESTERN MANITOBA REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD  
VERBAL REPORT MAY 4, 2009

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May 4, 2009  
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors  
City of Brandon

Councillor Jessiman reported that he had attended a meeting of the Western Manitoba Regional Library Board in Carberry on April 29, 2009. He noted that a 3 year contract for Administration and support staff had been ratified which resulted in an average salary increase of 3%.

1008 Harwood-Blight  
That the verbal report by Councillor Jessiman with respect to the Western Manitoba Regional Library Board be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(594) ASSISTANCE WITH SPRING CLEAN-UP

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Councillor Paterson noted that plastic bags and papers that had accumulated over the winter months were blowing around following the spring melt, resulting in many areas of the city appearing very untidy. He enquired if contracting workers through local community groups on an annual basis for a massive early spring clean-up could be considered.

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

(595) AVAILABILITY OF SMALLER REFUSE BINS

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Councillor Rice noted that he had recently received calls from a number of elderly ward residents who found the larger refuse bins too hard to handle. He advised that smaller bins had been ordered for these residents and enquired when same were expected to be available.

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

(596) AGREEMENTS REQUIRED FOR ANNOUNCED INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

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Councillor Harwood referred to the recent announcements regarding funding to be provided for the Skateboard Park and the Instrument Landing System (ILS) at the Brandon Airport under the Building Canada Infrastructure Program whereby he enquired as to the process to be followed prior to commencement of construction and further, when construction was expected to begin.

His Worship the Mayor advised that construction of the Skateboard Park was expected to be started as soon as possible. He noted that the ILS System was a joint Federal and Provincial Government project with no involvement by the City of Brandon, however, he had been advised by the local Member of Parliament, Mr. Merv Tweed, that construction was expected to begin in the summer of 2009.

(597) CONDITION OF PURPLE MARTIN HOUSES IN HUB AREAS

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Councillor Jessiman noted that the purple martin houses located in the hub areas of the city had fallen into disrepair. He enquired if same could be repaired or replaced and noted that a gentleman had offered to monitor and maintain the houses once the initial repairs were completed.

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

(598) UPDATE ON GENERAL SPRING CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS

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Councillor McCrae requested an update on the general spring clean-up operations of the City.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operational Services advised that spring street sweeping operations were in full swing. He added that street cleaning was conducted east to west with the North Hill falling in the middle and further, spring clean-up operations commenced where fall operations halted.

(599) TRAFFIC CONCERNS - 22ND STREET BETWEEN VICTORIA AND PARK AVENUES

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Councillor McCrae referred to traffic concerns raised by residents in the area of 22nd Street between Victoria and Park Avenues and enquired if 4-way stop signs could be considered to alleviate the problem.

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

(600) PLASTIC BAGS BLOWING AROUND CITY

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Councillor Black referred to the number of plastic bags blowing around the City of Brandon whereby he enquired if the Environmental Committee of the Community Strategic Plan currently had any measures planned in relation to the use of plastic bags.

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

(601) UPDATE ON CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE

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Councillor Black requested an update on the Crime Prevention Committee, inclusive of their activities and current membership.

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

(602) CUT BACK IN SERVICES – CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION (CBC)

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Councillor Black referred to recent reports whereby it was noted that the CBC intended to focus their efforts on larger urban areas. He noted that the CBC correspondent had left Brandon over a year ago and had never been replaced. He enquired if CBC could be contacted and requested to re-establish an office in Brandon.

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

(603) UPDATE ON DISASTER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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Councillor Blight requested an update on the Province of Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) Disaster Financial Assistance Program.

His Worship the Mayor advised that the only information he had received was that the EMO was in the process of setting up an office in Brandon. He agreed to keep City Council apprised of any information he received on this issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HIGHWAY REDEVELOPMENT ON 1ST STREET

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Councillor Paterson announced that, contrary to the original plans, left turn lanes were planned for both Ross Avenue and Kirkham Crescent off 1st Street North as part of the highway redevelopment project.

SOUTH CENTRE WARD MEETING - MAY 27, 2009

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Councillor Rice announced that a South Centre Ward Meeting was to be held May 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Community Centre. He added that members of City Administration would be in attendance and invited everyone to attend.

É-GRE MUSIC COMPETITION

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Councillor Harwood announced that he had been pleased to represent His Worship the Mayor and City Council at the awards ceremony for the É-gre National Music Competition held at Brandon University on May 2 and 3, 2009. He extended accolades to Greg Hutsal and the committee for another successful event.

RIVERVIEW WARD MEETING - MAY 5, 2009

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Councillor Black announced that a Riverview Ward meeting was to be held May 5, 2009 at the East End Community Centre at 7:00 p.m. He advised that agenda items included trends in city expenditures and taxation, inclusive of alternatives to property tax increases; issues raised by the Canada West Foundation at the Association of Manitoba Municipalities meetings; major capital projects in the works for the immediate future; and any other ward issues. He added that members of City Administration would be in attendance and encouraged all residents to attend.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS SPRING KICK-OFF

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Councillor Blight announced that he had been pleased to represent His Worship the Mayor and City Council at the Spring Kick-Off for the Special Olympics, held recently at the Keystone Centre.

MANITOBA SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME

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Councillor Blight announced that he had been pleased to represent His Worship the Mayor and City Council at the Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame event held at the Keystone Centre on May 2, 2009.

RESUMPTION OF CONSTRUCTION ON 9TH STREET

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Councillor Campbell announced that construction on 9th Street which had been halted in the fall of 2008 was expected to resume the week of May 18, 2009.

GRAND OPENING OF MCKENZIE SEEDS COMPLEX

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His Worship the Mayor announced that he had been pleased to attend the grand opening of the McKenzie Seeds complex. He added that McKenzie Seeds was one of the oldest businesses still operational in Brandon and wished them well in the future.

RETIREMENT OF GENERAL MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES - G. MCMILLAN

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His Worship the Mayor announced that the General Manager of Corporate Services, Grant McMillan, was retiring after 29 years of employment with the City of Brandon, including 11 years as City Treasurer. He noted that tonight was Mr. McMillan's final City Council meeting and invited him to say a few words.

Mr. McMillan responded that while he had enjoyed his time with the City, especially the last 11 years as Chief Financial Officer, now was the time for him to move into the next phase of his life. He thanked everyone for having made his time so enjoyable over the years. Mr. McMillan's speech was followed by a round of applause.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) REGIONAL JET SERVICE INCENTIVES

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Submitted for consideration was a report from Councillor D. Paterson dated April 20, 2009 with respect to the above and in accordance with his notice of motion given at the April 20, 2009 meeting of City Council.

Paterson-Blight

1009 That a committee of City Council be established to join forces with other interested municipalities to lobby the Federal Government to come forward with incentive packages to entice air carriers to provide jet service to their communities. CARRIED.

(B) APPOINTMENT OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITIZENS TO BRANDON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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City Council considered a report from the City Clerk's Department dated April 24, 2009 with respect to the above.

Barletta-McCrae

1010 That the following City Council appointments be and are hereby made to the Board of Directors of the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation with terms of office to take effect on May 15, 2009 and expire October 28, 2010:

Mayor Dave Burgess  
Councillor Vince Barletta  
Councillor Doug Paterson  
CARRIED.

Barletta-Harwood

1011 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 on June 1, 2009 and expire May 31, 2011:

Thomas Keith Edmunds  
Rod Ficek  
Patrick S. Love  
Wendy Schabrel  
Kevan Sumner  
CARRIED.

(C) EVENT OF LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE - 2009 WESTERN CANADIAN MUSIC AWARDS, FESTIVAL AND CONCERT

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Considered was a report from the Community Development Coordinator dated April 21, 2009 with respect to the above.

Harwood-Jessiman

1012 That the Western Canadian Music Awards (WCMA), Festival and Conference, being held September 17 to 20, 2009, at various venues throughout the City of Brandon, be deemed an Event of Local Significance in the City of Brandon. CARRIED.

(D) ELECTION TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS - FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES

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Submitted for consideration was a report from Councillor D. Jessiman dated May 1, 2009 with respect to the above.

Rice-Barletta

1013 That the City of Brandon assume the cost of Councillor D. Jessiman attending meetings of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' National Board of Directors in the event he is elected to said Board. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 6939 - TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED WEST OF 39TH STREET/WAVERLY DRIVE BETWEEN WREN CRESCENT AND WINDSOR DRIVE (LOTS 4/16 AND 26/36, BLOCK 14 AND PT. LOTS 27/37, BLOCK 15, PLAN 269 BLTO) FROM DR DEVELOPMENT RESERVE ZONE TO RSF RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY ZONE (WAVERLY DEVELOPMENTS LTD./JACOBSON AND GREINER LTD.)  
2ND AND 3RD READINGS

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His Worship the Mayor declared a conflict of interest in this matter due to his relationship with the applicant and left the Council Chamber without further discussion.

It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the March 16, 2009 meeting of City Council.

Blight-Jessiman  
 1014 That By-law No. 6939 to rezone land located west of 39th Street/Waverly Drive between Wren Crescent and Windsor Drive (Lots 4/16 and 26/36, Block 14 and Pt. Lots 27/37, Block 15, Plan 269 BLTO) from DR Development Reserve Zone to RSF Residential Single Family Zone be read a second time. CARRIED.

Blight-Jessiman  
 1015 That the 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. 6939 third reading.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Councillor Barletta	Nil
Councillor Black	
Councillor Blight	
Councillor Campbell	
Councillor Harwood	
Councillor Jessiman	
Councillor McCrae	
Councillor Paterson	
Councillor Rice	

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

NO. 6944 - TO NAME THE STREETS WITHIN THE PROPOSED SOUTHRIDGE DEVELOPMENTS SUBDIVISION AND RE-NAME ISLAND PARK DRIVE AS SHOWN ON PLAN 44290 LOCATED EAST OF 9TH STREET (SE 1/4 11-10-19 WPM)  
1ST READING

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Submitted for consideration was a report from Planning Services dated April 20, 2009 with respect to the above.

Campbell-Black  
 1016 That By-law No. 6944 to name streets in the proposed Southridge Developments Subdivision east of 9th Street and north of Patricia Avenue (SE 1/4 11-10-19 WPM) and to rename that portion of Island Park Drive as shown on Plan No. 44290 be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 6945 - TO NAME THE STREETS WITHIN THE PROPOSED SOUTH GROVE ESTATES SUBDIVISION LOCATED EAST OF TRACEY STREET AND NORTH OF PATRICIA AVENUE (SW 1/4 11-10-19 WPM)  
2ND AND 3RD READINGS

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It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the April 20, 2009 meeting of City Council.

1017 Campbell-Blight  
That By-law No. 6945 to name streets in the proposed South Grove Estates Subdivision located east of Tracey Street and north of Patricia Avenue (SW 1/4 11-10-19 WPM) be read a second time. CARRIED.

1018 Campbell-Blight  
That the 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. 6945 third reading.

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

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Rice-Paterson  
That the meeting do now adjourn. (8:18 p.m.) CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK