

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,  
JANUARY 4, 2010 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 K. Fitzpatrick, Councillor J. Harwood, Councillor D. Jessiman, Councillor J. McCrae, Councillor D. Paterson, Councillor G. Rice

**ABSENT:** Nil

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

1244 Harwood-Blight  
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, January 4, 2010 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

1245 Harwood-Rice  
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Monday, December 21, 2009 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

**HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:**

Nil

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

(A) BY-LAW NO. 6958 - TO CLOSE AND CONVEY THE WEST HALF OF THE EAST/WEST  
LANE IN BLOCK 74, PLAN 2 LOCATED SOUTH OF PACIFIC AVENUE AND EAST OF  
7TH STREET TO ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS

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City Council sat to hear representation on the above noted matter.

Mr. Ted Snure, General Manager of Development Services appeared before City Council and provided background information on the proposed road closure. He noted that the City of Brandon's contribution of land from the closure of the lane for \$1.00 was in keeping with recommendations for enabling partnerships with not-for-profit organizations set forth in the Affordable Housing Plan adopted by City Council in April, 2007. Mr. Snure also assured members of City Council that access for emergency services vehicles would not be affected by the road closure.

No further verbal or written representation was put forward either in support of or in opposition to this by-law.

1246 Barletta-McCrae  
That the Public Hearing to close and convey the west half of the east/west lane in Block 74, Plan 2, BLTO located south of Pacific Avenue and east of 7th Street be concluded. CARRIED.

**COMMUNICATION & PETITIONS:**

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) POVERTY COMMITTEE  
VERBAL REPORT

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Councillor Rice provided a verbal report on the December meeting of the Poverty Committee at which a report on the Samaritan House Food Bank had been discussed. Councillor Rice referred to the statistics provided that had been circulated to members of City Council which showed an alarming increase in the use of the food bank. He noted that the volume of food distributed had increased by 30% and the demand for baby items had increased by 25%. Councillor Rice advised that the number of volunteer hours had also increased for the food bank.

(B) GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE  
VERBAL

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Councillor Campbell gave a verbal report on the Grants Review Committee whereby she noted that all applications had been reviewed and interviews with specific organizations had been completed. She advised that the Committee had made its preliminary decisions, and once the mill rate was set, a final report with the Committee's recommendations would be forthcoming.

Black-Fitzpatrick

1247 That the verbal reports by Councillors Rice and Campbell with respect to the Poverty Committee and the Grants Review Committee respectively be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(734) INCENTIVES FOR NEW BUSINESSES

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Councillor Paterson referred to notification received from the Economic Development Officer, Ms. Sandy Trudel, whereby she advised that Fortune Minerals had chosen Saskatoon, Saskatchewan over Brandon as the site for their \$150 million metallurgical processing facility. Councillor Paterson noted that Ms. Trudel had indicated that the Province of Saskatchewan had provided more incentives for the company than the Province of Manitoba. He enquired if the issue of Provincial incentives could be discussed with the Provincial Government so as to avoid such situations arising in the future.

His Worship the Mayor also expressed his concern with this situation and advised that this issue was on his agenda for an upcoming meeting with Premier Greg Selinger.

Further to the above, Councillor Blight expressed his concern with the issue of Brandon being the second choice, and enquired as to the steps necessary to avoid this problem in the future.

His Worship the Mayor advised that the first step was to raise the issue with Premier Selinger as soon as possible, which he intended to do.

(735) SECURITY AT CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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Councillor Paterson referred to recent news reports regarding security concerns at Winnipeg City Hall. He requested an update on the steps being taken to ensure the safety and security of staff and members of City Council at the Brandon Civic Administration Building.

His Worship the Mayor agreed with Councillor Paterson that the situation in Winnipeg had been alarming and agreed to take this matter under advisement.

(736) OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY IN BRANDON

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Councillor Fitzpatrick noted that the Olympic Torch Relay would be coming to Brandon on Friday, January 8, 2010 and requested an update on same.

His Worship the Mayor advised that the Olympic Torch Relay celebrations would be held at the Riverbank Discovery Centre from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 8, 2010 with entertainment by Amanda Stott and many other local performers. He added that information on all the planned festivities and route information was available on the City of Brandon website as well as through the local media.

(737) DEER CROSSING SIGNS - 17TH STREET EAST AND RICHMOND AVENUE

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Councillor Fitzpatrick noted that deer in the area of 17th Street East and Richmond Avenue were becoming an increasing problem and enquired if deer crossing signs could be considered for the area.

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

(738) SNOW DUMPING SITES FOR COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES

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Councillor Rice noted that snow dumping sites throughout the City of Brandon for use by commercial enterprises were no longer available and enquired if the re-establishment of same could be considered.

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

(739) FOLLOW UP TO PORTER AIRLINES ENQUIRY

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Councillor Blight referred to a previous enquiry whereby he had requested information from the Economic Development Office regarding the possibility of Porter Airlines coming to Brandon. He advised that the response had been that due to Brandon's location and population, it was unlikely that Porter Airlines would consider servicing Brandon.

(740) MANITOBA HOMECOMING 2010

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Councillor Black referred to recent advertising regarding Manitoba Homecoming 2010 and requested an update on what events were planned for the City of Brandon, and further, if any efforts had been made to encourage former residents to come back for the festivities.

His Worship the Mayor advised that the main event for the City of Brandon was the MasterCard Memorial Cup to be held at the Keystone Centre. He added that other local annual events and tourist attractions all had homecoming themes planned for 2010. He concluded by stating that the intent was to promote Manitoba Homecoming 2010 as much as possible throughout the year.

(741) CLEARING SIDEWALKS IN DOWNTOWN AREA

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Councillor Black advised that he had received complaints from residents of his ward regarding the length of time it took for the sidewalks to be cleared in the downtown and surrounding areas and enquired if ways to speed up that process could be considered.

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

(742) SUNDAY SHOPPING HOURS AND BRANDON TRANSIT SERVICE

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Councillor Black enquired if the possibility of Sunday bus service to coincide with Sunday shopping hours could be researched.

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

(743) CONCEPT PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORT LAND

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Councillor Harwood referred to a Concept Plan created a number of years ago for the development of land at the Airport. He noted that at that time, a light industrial park was being considered and requested an update on the status of that plan.

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

(744) UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO AIRPORT UNDERGROUND SERVICES

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Councillor Harwood referred to ongoing problems with the underground lines to the Brandon Airport and requested an update on the status of upgrades and improvements planned for same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operational Services advised that the Operational and Development Services Divisions continued to work together to improve the services at the Airport itself. He added, however, that the repair and, in some cases replacement, of all underground lines running from the Trans Canada Highway to the Airport property was required prior to any further commercial development in the area.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BRANDON SALUTES PANCAKE BRUNCH - JANUARY 23, 2010

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Councillor Blight announced that a Pancake Brunch to show support for the spouses and families of deployed soldiers was being hosted by Brandon Salutes from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on January 23, 2010 at Canadian Forces Base Shilo.

Further to this issue, Councillor Paterson noted that not everyone would have transportation to Shilo for the event and enquired if the use of a Brandon Transit bus could be considered.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take the matter of the bus under consideration.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) DESIGNATION OF LOCAL ASSISTANT - FIRES PREVENTION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT

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City Council considered a report from the City Clerk dated December 28, 2009 with respect to the above.

Harwood-McCrae

1248 That, in accordance with The Fires Prevention and Emergency Response Act, the Office of the Fire Commissioner, Province of Manitoba be requested to designate City of Brandon Fire Chief Brent Dane, Deputy Fire Chief Garry Bell, and Deputy Fire Chief Steve Romanik as Local Assistants to the Fire Commissioner to operate within the provisions of the Act within the City of Brandon. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT

McCrae-Rice

1249 That the above motion be amended by deleting the words: "Deputy Fire Chief Garry Bell, and Deputy Fire Chief Steve Romanik as Local Assistants", and substituting therefor the words: "as a Local Assistant". CARRIED.

(B) PROPOSALS FOR THE FORMER CONVERGYS BUILDING

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Submitted for consideration was a report from Councillor K. Fitzpatrick dated December 29, 2009 with respect to the above and in accordance with his notice of motion given at the December 21, 2009 meeting of City Council.

Fitzpatrick-Paterson

1250 That proposals be called for the sale or long term lease of the City owned building at 638 Princess Avenue or parts thereof whereby said proposals shall:

- (a) be called by no later than February 5, 2010 and close April 15, 2010; and
- (b) be submitted thereafter to City Council for consideration and decision. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 6958 - TO CLOSE AND CONVEY THE WEST HALF OF THE EAST/WEST LANE IN BLOCK 74, PLAN 2 LOCATED SOUTH OF PACIFIC AVENUE AND EAST OF 7TH STREET TO THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS

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It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the November 2, 2009 meeting of City Council.

Barletta-Paterson

1251 That By-law No. 6958 to close and convey the west half of the east/west lane in Block 74, Plan 2, located south of Pacific Avenue and east of 7th Street, be read a second time. CARRIED.

Barletta-McCrae

1252 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. 6958 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. 6967 - TO CLOSE AND CONVEY A PORTION OF THE NORTH/SOUTH LANE IN BLOCK 1, PLAN 211 BLTO, LOCATED SOUTH OF VICTORIA AVENUE AND WEST OF 26TH STREET

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Considered was a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated December 22, 2009 with respect to the above.

Harwood-Paterson  
1253 That By-law No. 6967, to close and convey a portion of the north/south lane in Block 1, Plan 211 BLTO, located south of Victoria Avenue and west of 26th Street be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 6968 - TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 6852 TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL FEE SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR SERVICES, ACTIVITIES OR THINGS PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF BRANDON FOR 2010

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It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the December 21, 2009 meeting of City Council.

Blight-Jessiman  
1254 That By-law No. 6968, to amend By-law No. 6852 to adopt the Annual Schedule of Fees for services, activities or things provided by the City of Brandon for 2010, be read a second time. CARRIED.

Blight-Paterson  
1255 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. 6968 third reading.

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

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Blight-Black

That the meeting do now adjourn. (8:38 p.m.) CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK