

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2010 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

ABSENT: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Jessiman-Rice
1369 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, April 26, 2010 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

(A) MANITOBA GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION AWARD - BEST URBAN HOME GROUNDS

His Worship the Mayor presented a plaque on behalf of City Council to Gregory Boguski and Joe Stouffer in recognition of their having won the Burgess Shield in the Manitoba Good Roads Association 2009 Competition for the Best Urban Home Grounds.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Harwood-Blight
1370 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Monday, April 12, 2010 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) ALAN RANSOM AND MAXINE CHACUN - ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA MUNICIPALITIES' CONVENTIONS IN BRANDON

Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) representatives Councillor Alan Ransom, Rural Western District Board Member, and Councillor Maxine Chacun, Urban Western District Board Member appeared before City Council to answer questions on the future hosting of the AMM conventions in the City of Brandon.

Paterson-Harwood
1371 That the presentation by Councillor Alan Ransom, Rural Western District Board Member of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) and Councillor Maxine Chacun, Urban Western District Board Member of AMM, with respect to the future hosting of AMM conventions in Brandon be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(A) BY-LAW NO. 6973 - TO CLOSE AND CONVEY THE PUBLIC LANE IN PLAN 1701 BLTO LOCATED ADJACENT TO KASIURAK BAY

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

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

1372 Paterson-Fitzpatrick

That the Public Hearing to close and convey the public lane in Plan 1701 BLTO adjacent to Kasiurak Bay be adjourned to allow area residents an opportunity to review the recommendation by City Administration to City Council for its reconvening of the public hearing on May 10, 2010. CARRIED.

COMMUNICATION & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) KEYSTONE CENTRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APRIL 26, 2010
VERBAL REPORT

April 26, 2010
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Rice provided a verbal report on the April 26, 2010 meeting of the Keystone Centre Board of Directors. He advised that the upgrades to the main arena for the 2010 MasterCard Memorial Cup were near completion, the new glass had been installed, the temporary lighting was ready to install and the press facilities were to be built the first week of May 2010. He added that the general painting and clean-up of the facility was well underway and the temporary air conditioning was ready to install. He concluded by stating that the preparation of the facility for the Memorial Cup was on schedule and would be completed in time for the May 13, 2010 start date.

(B) WESTERN MANITOBA CENTENNIAL AUDITORIUM (WMCA) BOARD OF GOVERNORS APRIL 26, 2010
VERBAL REPORT

April 26, 2010
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Blight provided a verbal report on the recent meeting of the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium (WMCA) Board of Governors. He advised that, at that meeting, the Board discussed the tenders for the construction at the Auditorium and same were expected to be awarded in June 2010.

(C) WESTERN MANITOBA REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD APRIL 26, 2010
VERBAL REPORT

April 26, 2010
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Jessiman provided a verbal report on the April 21, 2010 meeting of the Western Manitoba Regional Library Board in Hartney, Manitoba with eighteen members in attendance. He reported that the Board had agreed to submit the applications to hire eight summer students, one for each Library Branch and two for the City of Brandon Library. He added that also agreed on at the meeting was the establishment of a committee to research the investment of surplus funds with the members of the committee being himself, Bill Shackel and Norm Campbell.

(D) JOINT TASK FORCE - BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION AND CITY OF BRANDON
VERBAL REPORT APRIL 26, 2010

April 26, 2010
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Blight provided a verbal report on a recent meeting of the Brandon School Division and City of Brandon Joint Task Force. He reported that items discussed at that meeting included continuation of the bus program, plastic bag recycling, housing, facilities and transportation and traffic concerns.

Black-Rice

1373 That verbal reports of the Keystone Centre Board of Directors, the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium Board of Governors, the Brandon School Division and City of Brandon Joint Task Force, and the Western Manitoba Regional Library Board be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(803) SPEED OF TRAFFIC ON 6TH AND 13TH STREETS

Councillor Rice referred to a recent news report regarding a traffic accident at the intersection of 6th Street and College Avenue whereby the vehicles from that collision had landed on the front steps of a house on the corner. He noted that the speed of traffic on 6th Street and 13th Street continued to be a problem and enquired if methods to reduce the speed on the those streets, such as traffic control devices and stricter enforcement could be considered.

His Worship the Mayor concurred with Councillor Rice and agreed to take this matter under advisement.

(804) ODOUR OF SEWER BACK-UP GAS AT THE LIBRARY

Councillor Jessiman advised that an odour of sewer gas continued to be a problem at the Western Manitoba Regional Library in Brandon. He noted that this situation had been ongoing for quite some time, with no solutions found thus far. He enquired if this situation could be investigated and rectified with a report on same to City Council as soon as possible.

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

(805) DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Councillor Harwood referred to previous discussions regarding the disposal of household hazardous waste in the City of Brandon. He noted that the current semi-annual disposal days were not sufficient and enquired if the Province of Manitoba could be contacted to discuss the possibility of a disposal site at the City of Brandon Landfill Site.

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

(806) TRAFFIC CONCERNS – LYNDALE DRIVE AND MARYLAND AVENUE INTERSECTION

Councillor Campbell noted that the intersection of Lyndale Drive and Maryland Avenue continued to be a traffic concern and advised that this issue would be addressed in 2011 by converting same into a T-Crossing. She noted that improvements to the walk path in the area as well as 18th Street were also planned for 2011.

(807) DUMPING OF REFUSE THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF BRANDON

Councillor Black advised that on a recent walk along the Eastern Access Route he had observed a refuse dumping ground. He noted that the issue of people dumping off refuse in certain areas throughout the City of Brandon continued to be a problem. He enquired if stricter penalties and enforcement could be considered to alleviate this problem.

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

(808) PHARMACEUTICALS DISPOSED OF AT THE LANDFILL SITE

Further to Councillor Harwood's enquiry at this meeting regarding the disposal of household hazardous waste, Councillor Black noted that the disposal of pharmaceuticals and the potential for same to leak into the water system also continued to be a problem. He enquired if the distribution of a list of pharmaceutical disposal sites in the City of Brandon as an insert in water or tax bills could be considered.

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

(809) BRANDON SUN CITY PAGE ADVERTISING

Councillor Fitzpatrick enquired if any surveys or polls had been conducted regarding the amount of citizens who read the Brandon Sun City Page on a regular basis to determine if it was an effective means of advertising.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager advised that the City of Brandon had recently entered into a new contract with the Brandon Sun with respect to the City Page and the intent was to conduct a survey in Fall 2010 to ascertain readership of same.

(810) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Councillor Fitzpatrick referred to a newspaper article he had recently read on the subject of information technology and local government. He provided a copy of same to be forwarded to the Director of Information Technology and requested a report back on the potential benefit of some of these ideas for the City of Brandon.

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

(811) COUNCIL UPDATES ON THE CITY OF BRANDON WEBSITE

Councillor Fitzpatrick referred to a previous enquiry whereby he had enquired if the City Council updates could be posted on the City of Brandon website for public viewing and requested an update on same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager advised that a public version of the City Council updates would be posted on the City of Brandon website commencing the end of May 2010.

(812) UPDATE ON RECREATION FACILITIES

Councillor Fitzpatrick enquired if an update to City Council on the operations of the recreation facilities throughout the City of Brandon was planned in the near future.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager advised that a report on this issue would be presented to City Council by the end of June 2010.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

EARTH DAY CELEBRATIONS

Councillor Black announced that Earth Day celebrations held Sunday, April 25, 2010 at Princess Park had been a huge success and issued accolades to the organizers. He added that the 300 rain barrels available had been sold and that more were to be made available in the future.

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING - APRIL 28, 2010

Councillor Black announced that a ceremony would be held April 28, 2010 at 5:15 p.m. at City Hall with respect to the National Day of Mourning to honour workers killed or injured on the job. He encouraged everyone to attend.

SOUTH CENTRE WARD MEETING

Councillor Rice announced that a South Centre Ward Meeting was to be held May 5, 2010 at the Central Community Centre, commencing at 7:00 p.m. and encouraged everyone to attend.

RAILWAY SAFETY WEEK

Councillor Rice announced that Railway Safety Week would be held April 26 to May 7, 2010 with police officers conducting education and enforcement activities throughout the City of Brandon.

NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING - WESTRIDGE SPRAY PARK

Councillor Fitzpatrick announced that a neighbourhood meeting would be held in May 2010 where the future of the Westridge Spray Park would be discussed with the date for same to be announced as soon as possible.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) PROPOSED FEDERAL WASTEWATER REGULATIONS

City Council considered a report from the Acting General Manager of Development Services dated April 6, 2010 with respect to the above.

Paterson-Jessiman

1374 That the City of Brandon make its concerns known to the Federal Government regarding the duplicity of Provincial and Federal regulations with respect to wastewater treatment effluents. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT

Black-McCrae

1375 That the above motion be amended by:

- (a) deleting the word: "duplicity" and substituting therefor the word: "duplication"; and
- (b) adding the words: "and recommend to both the Federal and Provincial Governments as well as the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Association of Manitoba Municipalities that they work with the City of Brandon to establish a regulatory system that meets the requirements of all Canadians." CARRIED.

(B) 2010 APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF REVISION

Submitted for consideration was a report from the City Clerk dated April 16, 2010 with respect to the above.

Jessiman-Harwood

1376 That Ron Powers be and is hereby appointed to the City of Brandon Board of Revision with term of office to expire December 31, 2010. CARRIED.

(C) TENDER - CONTRACT C PAVING WORKS

Councillor Rice declared a conflict of interest in this matter due to his employment in this industry and retired from the Council Chamber without further discussion.

Considered was a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated April 19, 2010 with respect to the above.

Harwood-McCrae

1377 That the low bid of Maple Leaf Construction Ltd. to carry out the Contract C Paving Works as per tender and specifications at a cost of \$913,761.19 (including GST) be accepted. CARRIED.

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

(D) KRISTOPHER CAMPBELL MEMORIAL SKATEBOARD PLAZA TENDER

Councillor Rice declared a conflict of interest due to his being employed by the Kristopher Campbell family and retired from the Council Chamber without further discussion.

City Council considered a report from the General Manager of Operational Services dated April 15, 2010 with respect to the above.

Barletta-Jessiman

1378 That the low bid of J & D Penner Ltd. for the construction of the Kristopher Campbell Memorial Skateboard Plaza as per tender and specifications at a cost of \$1,041,921.78 excluding GST be accepted. CARRIED.

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

BY-LAWS:

NO. 6973 - TO CLOSE AND CONVEY THE PUBLIC LANE IN PLAN 1701 BLTO LOCATED
ADJACENT TO KASIURAK BAY
AMENDMENT, 2ND AND 3RD READINGS

Due to the Public Hearing in relation to this by-law being adjourned to reconvene May 10, 2010 further readings of this by-law was held in abeyance until that time.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Jessiman-Rice

That the meeting do now adjourn (9:19 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK