

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 13, 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:

1480 Rice-Jessiman
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, September 13, 2010 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

1481 Harwood-Blight
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Monday, August 16, 2010 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) CHARLENE QUINLAN - 2012 SKATE CANADA ADULT FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Charlene Quinlan, President of Skate Brandon appeared before City Council and provided information on Skate Brandon's bid for its hosting of the 2012 Skate Canada Adult Figure Skating Championships at the Kinsmen and Optimist Arenas in the City of Brandon. In conclusion she requested City Council's support in Skate Brandon's bid for said Championships in the amount of \$5,000 and noted that, should the City of Brandon support this bid, Travel Manitoba had committed to match the City's contribution of \$5,000.

1482 Paterson-McCrae
That the presentation by Charlene Quinlan of Skate Brandon with respect to the 2012 Skate Canada Adult Figure Skating Championships be received and further, that \$5,000 be allocated in the 2011 City of Brandon Budget to support Skate Brandon in its bid for said Championships to be held April 13 to 15, 2012 at the Kinsmen and Optimists Arenas in Brandon, Manitoba. CARRIED.

(B) ESTHER BRYAN - UPDATE ON THE CITY OF BRANDON YOUTH PLAN

Esther Bryan, City of Brandon Community Development Manager, appeared before City Council and provided an extensive verbal and power point presentation on the successes of programs implemented to date with respect to the City of Brandon Youth Plan. In conclusion Ms. Bryan provided highlights of potential future programs in relation to the Youth Plan.

1483 Harwood-McCrae
That the presentation by Esther Bryan with respect to an update on the City of Brandon Youth Plan be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATION & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- (A) WESTERN MANITOBA CENTENNIAL AUDITORIUM BOARD SEPTEMBER 13, 2010
VERBAL REPORT
-

September 13, 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 Board. He advised that the podium project was expected to be completed by the previously estimated completion date of November 2010, and further, that the proposed 2011 budget for the Auditorium had also been discussed.

- (B) BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES INC. BOARD SEPTEMBER 13, 2010
VERBAL REPORT
-

September 13, 2010
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Black provided a verbal report on the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. Board. He reported that the Board had advertised for a Museum and Archives Coordinator with that person expected to be hired by the end of October 2010. He added that the position had been advertised on the City of Brandon website as well as other websites relating to museum organizations across Canada, and the Brandon Sun. He indicated that the Board was continuing to work towards a museum for the City of Brandon in 2011.

- 1484 Paterson-Blight
That the reports of the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium Board and the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. Board respectively be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

- (888) SITE LINE OBSTRUCTIONS - CORNER OF OTTAWA AVENUE AND 26TH STREET
-

Councillor Campbell reported that she had been advised of a potential site line obstruction by hedges located at the corner of Ottawa Avenue and 26th Street and enquired if same could be investigated.

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

(889) DITCH MOWING - 1700 BLOCK OF 10TH STREET

Councillor Campbell advised that she had received a call from a gentleman in the 1700 Block of 10th Street who had advised her that due to his age and health concerns he was unable to mow the ditch in front of his property located in the 1700 Block of 10th Street. She enquired if assistance could be provided to this resident by the City of Brandon Parks Department.

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

(890) UPDATE ON THE HOUSEHOLD COMPOST BINS PILOT PROGRAM

Councillor Harwood requested an update on the Household Compost Bins Pilot Program.

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

(891) CONSTRUCTION ON 1ST AND 18TH STREETS

Councillor Harwood enquired if the City of Brandon had received any information from Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation regarding the expected completion dates for the construction on 1st and 18th Streets.

His Worship the Mayor responded that the expected completion date for both projects was September 30, 2010.

Further to this issue, Councillor Fitzpatrick reminded the viewing audience that the 1st and 18th Street construction projects were being undertaken by Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation. He added that, although the construction of the bridges had taken longer than expected, there would be substantial improvements to the traffic flow upon the completion of same.

(892) CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY (CPR) DERAILMENT - UPDATE

Councillor Rice referred to a recent CPR derailment within the City of Brandon and noted rumours had been circulating as to the cause of same and enquired if an update could be provided. He also enquired if a presentation to the Transportation Safety Board of Canada with respect to the speed of trains through the City of Brandon could be considered.

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

(893) CGI COMMUNICATIONS STUDY

Councillor Rice referred to CGI Communications having been commissioned by Economic Development Brandon to conduct a survey and requested information on same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that CGI Communications was endorsed by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to work with municipalities on the production of promotional videos to showcase the community. He added that local businesses were solicited to advertise on the videos to offset the costs of same. He agreed to provide examples of such videos to members of City Council for their perusal. In conclusion he noted that same had proven to be a good community resource and economic development opportunity for other Canadian communities with similar results expected for the City of Brandon.

(894) STREET RE-PAVING

Councillor McCrae noted that many streets within the City of Brandon were under construction, with significant drops in the pavement in many locations. He enquired as to the reasons for the length of time during which certain streets were under construction and also the expected completion date for same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Development Services responded that due to the inclement weather conditions over the summer months Maple Leaf Construction had fallen behind on the resurfacing projects; however, same were expected to be completed by the end of September 2010.

(895) SMOKING IN APARTMENT BLOCKS

Councillor Jessiman advised that he had received a call recently from a resident in an apartment building in the Green Acres Ward who had complained about other tenants' smoking in the building causing health concerns. He enquired if same could be investigated and agreed to provide the address for follow-up.

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

(896) POLICY ON HERITAGE BUILDINGS WITHIN THE CITY OF BRANDON

Councillor Black referred to recent newspaper articles regarding the Canadian Pacific Railway Station and the former No. 1 Fire Hall and their status as heritage buildings. He enquired if the City of Brandon had a policy with respect to heritage buildings, and further, whether or not a copy of same could be made available on the website.

His Worship the Mayor confirmed that both buildings had been designated as heritage buildings; however, maintenance and upkeep of such buildings was the responsibility of the property owner. He concluded by stating that he was not aware of any general policy with respect to heritage buildings within the City of Brandon but agreed to take this matter under advisement.

(897) ASSISTANCE TO HOMEOWNERS - BACK FLOW VALVES

Councillor Black referred to previous enquiries with respect to the possibility of assistance to homeowners regarding the installation and maintenance of back flow valves to alleviate sewer back-up problems. He advised that the City of Winnipeg was currently considering such a program and enquired if the situation in Winnipeg could be monitored with respect to the potential for a similar program in Brandon.

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

(898) SANITATION BINS - DURUM AND PARKDALE DRIVES

Councillor Fitzpatrick noted that the sanitation bins located on the south side of Durum Drive near Parkdale Drive were not easily accessible to residents due to vehicles parking in the area and enquired as to the possibility of moving same to a more suitable location.

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

(899) INTERSECTION OF DURUM AND MARQUIS DRIVES

Councillor Fitzpatrick noted that excessive speed was becoming a problem on Durum Drive and enquired if a three-way stop could be considered for the intersection of Durum and Marquis Drives to alleviate the problem.

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

(900) SITE LINE ISSUES - 34TH STREET TRAFFIC CIRCLE

Councillor Fitzpatrick advised that the growth of the garden inside the 34th Street traffic circle had caused site line problems. He noted that same had been trimmed to alleviate the issue; however, he enquired if smaller plants could be considered for future years.

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

(901) YMCA/CITY OF BRANDON AQUATICS FACILITY

Councillor Fitzpatrick advised that he and many other members of City Council had received phone calls following the August 16, 2010 meeting. He indicated that this was the meeting at which City Council had adopted a resolution to close the pool at the Canada Games Sportsplex within two months of the opening of the new YMCA/City of Brandon Aquatics Facility. He noted that some of the information being circulated within the community was inaccurate and enquired if an update could be provided, and further, if relevant information with respect to the above could be posted on the City of Brandon website.

His Worship the Mayor advised that the YMCA Board of Directors was expected to be on the CKLQ Feedback program in the near future and the public were encouraged to call in with any questions relating to the new facility. He added that the new facility would be the second largest aquatics facility run by the Y in Canada and was expected to be as large as both current pools combined. In conclusion he noted that all current user groups had been involved in the development process for the new aquatic facility, and reiterated that users of the pool at the new facility would not be required to be members of the YMCA. He noted that City Council had been provided with extensive information by the City Manager on the financial aspects of this issue and agreed to have that document posted on the City of Brandon website.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager added that the cost of keeping both facilities open was not a viable option given that a \$750,000 per year commitment had been made to the YMCA and, at minimum, immediate upgrades to the Sportsplex pool were estimated to be in the range of \$1.8 million. In conclusion he noted that maintaining the two aquatics facilities would have a significant negative impact on the projected operating results of both facilities, and costs would easily exceed \$1.5 Million annually, before dealing with the structural issues associated with the aging Sportsplex.

Further to this issue, Councillor Paterson added that easy access for all users, including the elderly and disabled, would be provided at the new aquatic facility, and further, that research had shown that usage of community pools was more recreational than competitive.

(902) SPORTSPLEX MAINTENANCE

Councillor Campbell noted that she had received calls from residents who had enquired as to why money had not been allocated annually for the ongoing maintenance of the Sportsplex. She advised that she had researched this issue and noted that in 2007 \$250,000 had been allocated for maintenance, and further, in 2008 a report from Administration had been received whereby City Council had been advised that a minimum of \$5 Million was required for major repairs and upgrades to the Sportsplex building within the next 5 years.

His Worship the Mayor concurred with Councillor Campbell and added that City Council had been aware for many years that significant upgrades to the Sportsplex building were necessary with costs for same estimated to be in the \$5 Million range.

In conclusion, Councillor Campbell added that, contrary to public opinion, this decision had not been made hastily and that as far back as 2007 City Administration had been working with user groups to determine the necessary requirements for an aquatic facility in the City of Brandon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ACCOLADES TO CITY OF BRANDON GRASS CUTTERS

Councillor Paterson extended accolades to the City of Brandon staff responsible for grass cutting throughout the summer.

BRANDON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE INFORMATION SESSION

Councillor Paterson announced that the Monuments Subcommittee of the Brandon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee was to be hosting an information session in the Main Foyer of City Hall, September 14, 2010 commencing at 7:30 p.m. The purpose the session was to seek input from the public on the erection of a monument to honour veterans. He encouraged everyone to attend to share their ideas.

GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW FIRE HALL NO. 1

Councillor McCrae announced that he and other members of City Council had attended the grand opening of the new Fire Hall No. 1 on September 8, 2010 and he had been pleased to see the pride of the firefighters as they showcased their new facility. In conclusion he thanked the retired firefighters who were responsible for the creation and maintenance of the museum at the facility.

SATURDAY OPEN HOUSE AT THE NEW FIRE HALL

His Worship the Mayor announced that a Saturday Open House at the new Fire Hall and E911 Communications Centre located at 120 - 19th Street North would be held in the near future and encouraged everyone to watch local media for the date and time.

CITIZENS ON PATROL PROGRAM

Councillor Blight announced that the first fall meeting of the Citizens on Patrol Program was to be held Tuesday, September 14, 2010 with the new Chairperson being Sharon Cooper.

POSITIVE CITIZEN COMMENTS

Councillor Black announced that he had recently been receiving many positive comments from citizens with respect to what was happening in and around the City of Brandon and issued accolades to city staff for their efforts in all areas, inclusive of grass cutting and sanitation clean-ups.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) TASK FORCE ON ABORIGINAL ISSUES

City Council considered a report from Councillor Vince Barletta dated August 31, 2010 with respect to the above.

1485 Barletta-Black
That the revised report of the Task Force on Aboriginal Issues attached to the report of Councillor V. Barletta dated August 31, 2010 be received. CARRIED.

1486 Barletta-Black
That a City of Brandon policy be developed to address representation of Aboriginal people in the municipal workforce using the Brandon Regional Health Authority as a model. LOST.

1487 Barletta-Rice
That an Urban Aboriginal People's Council be created to give a forum for ongoing community dialogue. CARRIED.

Barletta-Black
That an Urban Aboriginal Development Office be created. NOT VOTED ON

Prior to the question being called on the above motion, the following referral motion was put forward.

1488 Barletta-Burgess
That the issue of creating an Urban Aboriginal Development Office be referred to the City Manager for study and report to City Council in January, 2011. CARRIED.

(B) PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES

Considered was a report from the Director of Transportation Services dated August 26, 2010 with respect to the above.

1489 Blight-Jessiman
That the expenditure from the Police Vehicle Replacement Reserve for the purchase of police patrol cars be increased in 2010 from \$195,770.00 to \$344,084.00. CARRIED.

(C) ACQUISITION OF PART OF 170 - 8TH STREET NORTH (PT. BLOCK 5 PLAN 1405 BLTO)

Considered was a report from the Property Administrator dated September 1, 2010 with respect to the above.

1490 Paterson-Blight
That the City of Brandon acquire a portion of 170 - 8th Street North (Pt. Block 5, Plan 1405 BLTO) from Parker Boulevard J.V. Inc. for the future development of a softball complex whereby the City of Brandon shall issue to Parker Boulevard J.V. Inc., an official receipt in the amount of \$11,270.00 for this acquisition and be responsible for all related subdivision costs. CARRIED.

(D) ASSISTANCE TO TURTLE CROSSING CAMPGROUND

City Council considered a report from the City Treasurer and the Director of Community Services dated September 3, 2010 with respect to the above.

1491 Paterson-Fitzpatrick
That the report of the City Treasurer and Director of Community Services dated September 3, 2010 related to possible community enhancements that indirectly support Turtle Crossing Campground be received. CARRIED.

(E) PURCHASE OF NEW FOUR YARD LOADER

City Council considered a report from the Director of Transportation Services dated August 27, 2010 with respect to the above.

1492 Rice-Jessiman
That the bid of Westcon Equipment for the supply one new Four Yard Loader as per tender and specifications, including the five year complete warranty and five year Total Maintenance and Repair, at a total cost of \$258,614.30 not including GST be accepted. CARRIED.

(F) 2010 BRANDON TRANSIT UPDATE

Considered was a report from the Director of Transportation Services dated August 26, 2010 with respect to the above.

1493 McCrae-Harwood
That the report of the Director of Transportation Services dated August 26, 2010 providing an update on Brandon Transit be received as information. CARRIED.

(G) VEHICLE INSPECTIONS IN THE CITY OF BRANDON

City Council considered a report from the Chief of Police dated August 18, 2010 with respect to the above.

1494 Jessiman-Paterson
That the Brandon Police Service continue to conduct commercial vehicle inspections in cooperation with the Transport Compliance and Vehicle Standards officers and not create a specialized unit to do so. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 6959 - TO AMEND THE CITY OF BRANDON ZONING BY-LAW NO. 6642 AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE STATIONS APPLICANT: CITY OF BRANDON

It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the May 10, 2010 meeting of City Council.

1495 Rice-Barletta
That By-law No. 6959 to amend the City of Brandon Zoning By-law 6642 with respect to Automotive Service Stations be read a second time, and further that third reading of the by-law be held in abeyance pending the objector to the by-law being given notice pursuant to Section 76(3)(a) of The Planning Act of their right to file a further objection. CARRIED.

NO. 6972 - TO FURTHER AMEND WATER AND WASTEWATER CONTROL BY-LAW NO. 5957 - CHARGE FOR RESEALING OF METERS

Considered was a report from the City Treasurer dated September 2, 2010 with respect to the above.

Blight-Jessiman

1496 That By-law No.6972 to further amend Water and Wastewater Control By-law No. 5957 with respect to the charging for the resealing of meters be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 6980 - BY-LAW NO. 6980 TO RENAME MAPLE AVENUE BETWEEN 18TH AND 19TH STREETS NORTH TO FRED BROWN WAY

City Council considered a report from the Property Administrator dated May 20, 2010 with respect to the above.

Paterson-McCrae

1497 That By-law No. 6980 to rename "Maple Avenue" as shown on Plan 1110, Plan 1513, Plan 2122, Plan 2190, Plan 22276, and Plan 25221 BLTO to "Fred Brown Way" be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Paterson-Blight

That the meeting do now adjourn (10:54 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK