

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 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:

Blight-Jessiman  
1517 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, October 18, 2010 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

(A) OFFICERS/CADETS - 60 ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADETS SWIFTSURE

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His Worship the Mayor welcomed Officers and Cadets from the 60 Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Swiftsure as guests at this evening's City Council meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Rice-Harwood  
1518 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Monday, September 27, 2010 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Rice-Blight  
1519 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) ELAINE ARVISAIS - CITY BEAUTIFICATION AND VOLUNTEERS

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Elaine Arvisais, City of Brandon Community Development Coordinator, appeared before City Council and provided a verbal and power-point presentation on the role corporate and citizen volunteers played in the beautification of the city. She noted that volunteers came from all walks of life and included members of community groups, students and corporate citizens. Mrs. Arvisais also provided an update on the community gardens throughout the city and noted that they were well used. She thanked all the corporate sponsors of the community gardens. In conclusion she thanked all the volunteers who had dedicated their time to ensure that Brandon was kept beautiful throughout the summer.

Mrs. Arvisais also advised that the Lieutenant Governor's Winter Festival continued to be a huge success and issued accolades to all those volunteers and community groups as well.

Harwood-Paterson  
1520 That the presentation by Elaine Arvisais, City of Brandon Community Development Coordinator, with respect to city beautification and volunteers be received. CARRIED.

(B) COREY ROBERTS AND BRADEN PILLING - RENAISSANCE BRANDON 2010 UPDATE

Corey Roberts and Braden Pilling appeared before City Council and provided a verbal and power-point presentation on the progress of Renaissance Brandon in 2010 and its proposed plans for 2011. Highlights of the plan included the roll out of the "Downtown HUB" brand, complete with new street signs and benches. In conclusion they noted that plans for 2011 included implementing a free downtown wireless network, a complete brand roll out and improved street furniture and fixtures such as bike racks and benches.

Barletta-Black

1521 That the presentation by Corey Roberts and Braden Pilling with respect to the Renaissance Brandon 2010 update be received. CARRIED.

(C) DREW CALDWELL, MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (MLA) - UPDATE ON THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA'S PROJECTS IN THE CITY OF BRANDON

Mr. Drew Caldwell, Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for Brandon East appeared before City Council and provided an update on Provincial projects in the City of Brandon; highlights of which included investments in health care, education, child care, housing, and roads, bridges and infrastructure projects.

Barletta-Jessiman

1522 That the presentation by Drew Caldwell, MLA for Brandon East, with respect to an update on the Province of Manitoba projects in the City of Brandon be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATION & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nil

ENQUIRIES:

(918) VARIOUS ENQUIRIES - UPDATE

Councillor Rice advised that he had brought forward to Administration enquiries with respect to the condition of the Downtown Brandon Sign, City of Brandon flood preparation, broken curbs at two locations on Lorne Avenue between 1st and 6th Street, and the traffic lights at 18th Street North and Parker Boulevard; all of which had been addressed by City Administration prior to the meeting.

(919) NAMING OF THE PARK AT 1ST STREET AND ROSSER AVENUE EAST

Councillor Blight requested an update on the process for the naming of the park located at 1st Street and Rosser Avenue East.

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

(920) FALL STREET CLEANING PROGRAM

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Councillor Blight requested an update on the fall street cleaning program.

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

(921) WELCOME TO BRANDON HIGHWAY SIGNS

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Councillor Black enquired as to the wording to be used on the welcome to Brandon signs to be located along the Trans-Canada Highway.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that a location for the signs had not yet been secured and the wording on same was dependent on their distance from the highway. He added, however, that Ms. Sandy Trudel, City of Brandon Economic Development Officer, had been working with a community committee on the project and the recommendation of the committee was to limit the wording to Brandon or Welcome to Brandon.

Further to this issue, Councillor Black enquired as to whom citizens could contact should they wish to submit their own suggestions.

The City Manager responded that suggestions could be made via email to Ms. Trudel at s.trudel@brandon.ca.

(922) KRISTOPHER CAMPBELL MEMORIAL SKATEBOARD PLAZA

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Councillor Black referred to the recent opening of the Kristopher Campbell Memorial Skateboard Plaza and noted that some safety concerns, specifically regarding the dangers of users flying over the fence and inefficient lighting had been brought to his attention. He enquired as to the establishment of the safety protocols for the Plaza, inclusive of more efficient lighting.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the lighting was part of the design and would be installed prior to the project being considered complete. He added that signage recommending appropriate safety equipment and appropriate behaviour within the Plaza was expected to be installed in the very near future with the final completion date expected to be in Spring 2011.

(923) ACCESS FOR MOBILITY DEVICES - SIDEWALK BEHIND THE BRANDON SHOPPERS' MALL

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Councillor Campbell enquired if access for mobility devices could be considered for the three entrances to the back of the Brandon Shoppers' Mall from the sidewalk on 20th Street.

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

(924) SIDEWALK EXTENSION 20TH STREET TO MARYLAND AVENUE

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Councillor Campbell enquired if an extension of the sidewalk on 20th Street to Maryland Avenue, behind the Brandon Shoppers' Mall could be considered.

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

(925) SIDEWALK - CURRIE BOULEVARD

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Councillor Campbell enquired if the installation of a sidewalk along Currie Boulevard could be considered.

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

(926) NEW TRANSIT BUSES

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Councillor McCrae referred to the recent roll-out of the new, state-of-the art City of Brandon transit buses and enquired as to when all 11 buses were expected to be on the streets.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Director of Transportation Services advised that 7 of the 11 had arrived with 3 expected to be on the streets October 19 with the remainder to be phased in by the end of October, 2010.

(927) TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR POST SECONDARY STUDENTS

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Councillor Campbell referred to a previous pilot program whereby Assiniboine Community College and Brandon University students had been provided with free bus passes for a brief period of time at the start of the school year and requested an update on same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Director of Transportation Services responded that all students were eligible for a reduced rate for bus passes; however, the 2008 pilot program had not proven successful and there were no plans for such a program in the future.

(928) MANUFACTURING OF THE NEW TRANSIT BUSES

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Councillor McCrae enquired if the new transit buses had been built in Canada.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Director of Transportation Services advised that the buses had been built in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HOUSEPLANS BRANDON INC. - NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

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Councillor Paterson referred to a recent article in the Brandon Sun whereby his report on the Houseplans Brandon Inc. proposal had been scrutinized. Councillor Paterson stated that he would like to clarify that the numbers referred to in his report were just examples, they were not hypothetical nor based in reality, and were meant for illustration purposes only.

BRANDON SUN ARTICLE RE: COMMENTS MADE AT THE PUBLIC DEBATE

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Councillor Campbell referred to an article in the Brandon Sun relating to comments made at the recent public debate. She noted that, in that article, herself and Councillor Black had been quoted as hinting that it was the citizens' own fault that they did not get more involved in the decision making process. She advised that she wanted to clarify that she had never hinted or even thought of such a statement and would never do so. Councillor Black seconded what Councillor Campbell had stated.

FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY PERSONNEL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Councillor Jessiman announced that he had been pleased to represent His Worship the Mayor and Councillors at the Firefighters and Emergency Personnel Annual Conference held September 30, 2010 with approximately 130 people in attendance from across the Province of Manitoba.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) 2010 CITY OF BRANDON BORROWING

City Council considered a report from the Finance Manager dated October 1, 2010 with respect to the above.

McCrae-Blight

1523 That pursuant to Section 173(1) of The Municipal Act, the borrowing of funds from the Bank of Montreal not exceeding \$5,350,000 and a provision for pre-approved electronic funds transfer for payroll processing of a maximum \$3,000,000 by the Bank of Montreal for each payroll cycle, both of which are less than \$61,693,252, being the total taxes and grants in lieu collected in 2009, be authorized, and further that these funds be only used for general operating expenses in the 2010 fiscal year and all sums borrowed pursuant to this resolution be supported by a charge upon the whole of the revenues of the municipality. CARRIED.

(B) SALE OF 2500 ROSSER AVENUE (PT. LOT 28, BLOCK 18, PLAN 15 BLTO) LOCATED EAST OF 2508 ROSSER AVENUE

City Council considered a report from the Property Administrator dated October 1, 2010 with respect to the above.

Harwood-Jessiman

1524 That 2500 Rosser Avenue (Pt. Lot 28, Block 18, Plan 15 BLTO) be disposed of to the adjacent property owners of 2508 Rosser Avenue for the sum of \$1.00 plus G.S.T., subject to the adjacent property owners being responsible for: the transfer fee of approximately \$70.00; consolidating this parcel with their existing property; entering into a new easement agreement; and registering the Transfer of Land for this property within two (2) months of receiving said transfer from the City of Brandon. CARRIED.

(C) 2010 - 2011 CITIZEN APPOINTMENT TO THE POVERTY COMMITTEE

Considered was a report from the City Clerk dated October 8, 2010 with respect to the above.

Rice-Black

1525 That Lyndon Bournon be hereby appointed to the Poverty Committee as a citizen member with term of office to expire December 31, 2011. CARRIED.

(D) PROPOSALS - NEW COMBINATION SEWER AND CATCH BASIN CLEANER

City Council considered a report from the Director of Transportation Services dated October 8, 2010 with respect to the above.

Paterson-Rice

1526 That the proposal of Joe Johnson Equipment to supply one new Combination Sewer and Catch Basin Cleaner as per proposal and specifications at a total cost of \$331,188.71, not including GST, be accepted. CARRIED.

(E) SALE OF PT. 638 PRINCESS AVENUE (PT. PARCEL J, AND ALL OF PARCELS K, L AND M, PLAN 49798 BLTO), LOCATED SOUTH OF PRINCESS AVENUE

Councillor Paterson declared a conflict of interest due to professional reasons and retired from the Council Chamber without further discussion.

City Council considered a report from the Property Administrator dated October 6, 2010 with respect to the above.

Barletta-McCrae

1527 That a portion of the property commonly known as 638 Princess Avenue and legally described as Pt. Parcel J, and all of Parcels K, L and M, Plan 49798 BLTO; be disposed of to FP Canadian Newspapers Limited Partnership, or their designate, for the sum of \$1,900,000.00 plus G.S.T.; and in addition FP Canadian Newspapers Limited Partnership transferring to the City their properties commonly known as 501 Rosser Avenue, 502 Pacific Avenue, and 536 Pacific Avenue at and for the consideration of \$1.00 and subject to all conditions of the Offer to Purchase Agreement,

and further, that the City of Brandon enter into a 20-year Lease Agreement for its leasing of approximately twenty-six (26) parking spaces on the east side of 7th Street (closed) adjacent to 638 Princess Avenue to FP Canadian Newspapers Limited Partnership at no cost with the option for one (1) 20-year renewal term of the Lease Agreement. CARRIED.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, a recorded vote was taken on the above motion.

FOR

His Worship Mayor Burgess  
Councillor Barletta  
Councillor Blight  
Councillor Campbell  
Councillor Fitzpatrick  
Councillor Harwood  
Councillor Jessiman  
Councillor McCrae  
Councillor Rice

AGAINST

Councillor Black

AMENDMENT

Black-No Seconder

That this matter be referred to the November 29, 2010 meeting of City Council. NOT VOTED ON

Following the above, Councillor Paterson re-entered the Council Chamber.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 6979 TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE AND BORROWING OF FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINALIZING THE CONVERSION OF THE INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY TO A COMBINED WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

It was noted that By-law No. 6979 had received first reading at the May 25, 2010 meeting of City Council.

1528 Rice-Paterson  
That By-Law No. 6979 to provide for the expenditure and borrowing of funds for the purpose of finalizing the conversion of the Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility to a Combined Wastewater Treatment Facility be read a second time. CARRIED.

1529 Rice-Fitzpatrick  
That the by-law be read a third and final time. CARRIED.

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

NO. 6983 TO REZONE 13 AND 17 QUEENS CRESCENT (LOTS 1/3 AND WLY 21.5FT LOT 4, BLOCK 5, PLAN 1092 BLTO) FROM RLD RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY MULTIPLE FAMILY ZONE TO RMD RESIDENTIAL MODERATE DENSITY MULTIPLE FAMILY ZONE

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Considered was a report from the Senior Planner dated October 4, 2010 with respect to the above.

1530 McCrae-Harwood  
That By-law No. 6983 to rezone 13 & 17 Queens Crescent (Lots 1/3 & Wly 21.5ft Lot 4, Block 5, Plan 1092 BLTO) from Residential Low Density Multiple Family (RLD) Zone to Residential Moderate Density Multiple Family (RMD) Zone be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 6985 TO NAME THE PRIVATE STREETS LOCATED NORTH AND SOUTH OF SYCAMORE DRIVE AND EAST OF LYNDAL DRIVE IN SW 1/4 11-10-19 WPM (WOODLANDS SUBDIVISION)

Considered was a report from the Property Administrator dated October 4, 2010 with respect to the above.

1531 Campbell-McCrae  
That By-law No. 6985 to name the private streets located north and south of Sycamore Drive and east of Lyndale Drive in the SW 1/4 11-10-19 WPM be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Prior to the meeting being adjourned, Councillors Barletta, Fitzpatrick and Paterson respectively expressed their appreciation to fellow members of City Council and members of Administration for their support during their terms of office and extended their best wishes to the new City Council.

Jessiman-Blight

That the meeting do now adjourn (10:00 p.m.) CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK