

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,
DECEMBER 13, 2010 AT 7:30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA**

PRESENT: Mayor S. Decter Hirst in the Chair, Councillor S. Berry, Councillor M. Blight, Councillor J. Chaboyer, Councillor J. Fawcett, Councillor J. Harwood, Councillor L. Isleifson, Councillor J. McCrae, Councillor S. Montague, Councillor G. Rice, Councillor C. Roberts

ABSENT: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Blight-Chaboyer

025 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held Monday, December 13, 2010 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Harwood-Rice

026 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Monday, November 29, 2010 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) BERNIE CHRISP, BRANDON RIVERBANK INC. AND BRANDON TOURISM - ANNUAL UPDATE

Bernie Chrisp, President of Brandon Riverbank Inc. appeared before City Council to provide an update on the activities and financial statements, as well as plans for 2011. He noted that since its establishment in 1995, Brandon Riverbank Inc. had invested over \$5 ½ Million in capital projects such as the Red Willow Pedestrian Bridge, the Riverbank Discovery Centre, Eleanor Kidd Gardens, the Power Smart Waterfall of Lights and the paved and natural pathways.

Mr. Chrisp stated that Brandon Riverbank Inc. continued to provide tourism services, interpretive programs, Canada Day Celebrations, and river tours. He advised that fundraising initiatives included private donors, corporate donations, the annual duck race, sale of memberships, and the city-wide bench program.

Mr. Chrisp concluded by stated that Brandon Riverbank Inc. continued to establish its identity as a not-for-profit, charitable organization, who has an invaluable partnership with the City of Brandon, but remained an arms-length organization.

Harwood-Berry

027 That the presentation by Bernie Chrisp on behalf of Brandon Riverbank Inc. and Brandon Tourism with respect to the annual update of activities and financial statements be received. CARRIED.

(B) BLAINE FOLEY - COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD FOR HOMELESSNESS

Mr. Blaine Foley appeared before City Council and provided information on the work of the Community Advisory Board for Homelessness in Brandon. He advised that the Community Advisory Board (CAB) for Homelessness was an 11-member body of representatives from community organizations, which made recommendations on how resources from the Federal Government's Homelessness Partnering Strategy should be invested in Brandon.

Mr. Foley noted that some of the projects that had received funding included the soup kitchen, the Seeds of Hope project, the food bank, the furniture bank, the housing project at 1202 Rosser Avenue, YMCA Meredith Place Brandon Literacy Centre, Youth for Christ U-Turn Projects I, II and III and the Massey Building.

028 Montague-Isleifson
That the presentation by Blaine Foley with respect to the work of the Community Advisory Board for Homelessness in Brandon be received. CARRIED.

(C) BRIAN KAYES - FLOODING

Brian Kayes, Emergency Coordinator, appeared before City Council to provide some information regarding the flooding of the Assiniboine River.

Mr. Rod Sage, the General Manager of Operations also provided information on overland flooding.

029 Blight-Berry
That the presentation by Brian Kayes with respect to the flooding in the City of Brandon be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATION & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) KEYSTONE CENTRE
VERBAL REPORT DECEMBER 13, 2010

December 13, 2010
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
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Councillor Rice reported that the Annual Report of the Keystone Centre had been made available to members of Council. He advised that any questions with regard to the report could be directed to either himself or Councillor Berry who were the council representatives on the board.

(B) BRANDONA GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES
VERBAL REPORT DECEMBER 13, 2010

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Councillor Harwood reported that the Brandon General Museum and Archives Board had met on December 7, 2010. He advised that they were still looking for a facility to house a general museum and had several fundraising activities that would be initiated shortly.

- 030 Rice-Chaboyer
That the verbal reports with respect to the Keystone Centre and the Brandon General Museum and Archives Board be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(24) SNOW CLEARING BUDGET

Councillor Rice requested an update on the status of the 2010 snow clearing budget.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operational Services responded that approximately \$100,000 remained in the budget which would allow for the clearing of the snow from the streets after the storm expected to reach the area later in the week. He noted, however, that funds may not be left over to clear that snow from the medians whereby same would be removed in January 2011 when the new funds were available. He advised that the Province of Manitoba was expected to follow the same philosophy.

(25) SNOW ACCUMULATION ON SIDEWALKS - VICINITY OF MEADOWS SCHOOL

Councillor McCrae advised that an issue had arisen whereby snow being piled onto the sidewalks in the vicinity of Meadows School had caused problems for children who walked to the school and enquired as to how this issue could be addressed to avoid similar situations in the future.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operational Services advised that this was a one-time incident which had been rectified and was not expected to happen again. He noted that the normal procedure for such areas was to push the snow to one side, in this case the east, so as to keep the sidewalks clear.

(26) SNOW REMOVAL ISSUE - 37TH STREET

Councillor Blight advised that he had raised a concern with the Operational Services Division regarding snow removal on 37th Street and that the situation had been rectified in a timely manner. He thanked the General Manager of Operational Services and his staff for the quick response.

(27) WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE CAPACITIES FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Blight enquired as to the water and wastewater infrastructure capacities available for future developments within the City of Brandon.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that capacity upgrades had already taken place at the Water Treatment Plant and upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Facility were expected to be completed over the next several years. He advised that potential developers, as part of their initial application for a proposed development, were required to provide a development report inclusive of an assessment of the collection and distribution systems' ability to handle the proposed development already in place. He advised that the data collected was then entered into the model for wastewater collection, water distribution and storm sewers which detected any inequities in the system whereby the developer would be responsible to pay for any necessary improvements as a result of the analysis.

Further to this issue, Councillor Blight noted that problems had arisen in a new development in the Richmond Ward and enquired as to how that situation had been addressed, and further, whether or not any future problems were expected.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that this situation had been a localized issue affecting only two houses in which debris had become lodged in the sewer main, the situation had been rectified and no future problems were expected. He added that the new lift station located in that area was expected to fulfill the needs of any future developments in the nearby vicinity.

(28) PIGEONS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA

Councillor Roberts noted that pigeons continued to be a problem in the downtown area and enquired if the situation could be investigated by the Animal Control Officer.

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

(29) FUTURE OF SIMPLOT MILLENNIUM PARK

Councillor Blight referred to the recent disbandment of the committee responsible for the operations of Simplot Millennium Park and advised that he had received enquiries from the public as to how the issue of future events at the park and Brandon Minor Baseball could be addressed by the City of Brandon. Councillor Blight noted that the General Manager of Development Services, Mr. Rod Sage, planned to meet with representatives of Brandon Minor Baseball in the near future to discuss the issue and had agreed to report back to City Council following those discussions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ACCOLADES TO FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH FLOODING OF EAST END COMMUNITY CENTRE ICE

Councillor Isleifson issued accolades to the Brandon Fire Department, particularly Firefighter Mike Tiel, for their assistance in flooding the ice at the East End Community Centre.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) HOUSEPLANS BRANDON INC.

City Council considered a report from the Acting City Manager dated December 7, 2010 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Montague

031 That the proposal for the creation of Houseplans Brandon Inc. receive no further consideration. CARRIED.

(B) 2010 BOARD OF REVISION REPORT

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Chairman of the Board of Revision dated December 1, 2010.

McCrae-Blight

032 That the report of the Board of Revision dated December 1, 2010 on the proceedings of the assessment appeal hearings by the Board with respect to the 2011 real and personal property assessment roll, business assessment roll and 2010 supplementary tax statements be received. CARRIED.

(C) 2011 CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS TO BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES INC.

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

033 Harwood-Berry
That the following citizen appointments be and are hereby made to Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc., with terms of office to expire December 31, 2012:

Robert Booth
Kathleen Christensen
Roger Glufka
Murray Graham
Douglas Grossart
Bill McGuire
CARRIED.

(D) 2011 APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF REVISION

City Council considered a report from the City Clerk dated December 2, 2010 with respect to the above.

034 McCrae-Isleifson
That the following citizen appointments be and are hereby made to the City of Brandon Board of Revision with terms of office to expire December 31, 2011:

Donald Cornell (Chair)
Ron Powers
Wes Shewchuk
Gary Walker
CARRIED.

(E) 2011 APPOINTMENTS TO BRANDON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Submitted for consideration was a report from the City Clerk dated December 2, 2010 with respect to the above.

035 Harwood-Rice
That the following citizen appointments be and are hereby made to the Brandon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, with terms of office to expire December 31, 2012:

Reg Hildebrand
Garry Miller
CARRIED.

(F) 2011 CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS TO THE POVERTY COMMITTEE

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

036 Rice-Isleifson
That the following citizen appointments be and are hereby made to the Poverty Committee, with terms of office to expire December 31, 2011:

Keri Lynn Garinger
Glen Kruck
CARRIED.

(G) 2011 CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS TO THE WESTERN MANITOBA REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD

City Council considered was a report from the City Clerk dated December 2, 2010 with respect to the above.

037 Montague-Roberts
That the following citizen appointments be and are hereby made to Western Manitoba Regional Library Board with terms of office to expire December 31, 2012:

Donna Kormilo
Wendy Stewart
CARRIED.

(H) APPOINTMENTS TO BRANDON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Submitted for consideration was a report from the City Clerk dated December 6, 2010 with respect to the above.

038 Roberts-Rice
That Shaun Cameron be hereby appointed to the Board of Directors of the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation for a term of office to expire May 31, 2011. CARRIED.

039 Roberts-Harwood
That Randy Brown be hereby appointed to the Board of Directors of the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation for a term of office to expire May 31, 2012. CARRIED.

(I) SPORTSPLEX AND YMCA POOL INFORMATION

Councillor Berry declared a conflict of interest in this item of business due to his wife's employment with the YMCA and left the Council Chamber without any further discussion.

Considered was a report from the Acting Director of Community Services dated December 5, 2010 with respect to the above.

The Acting Director of Community Services appeared before City Council to provide clarification on the information in the report and answered questions from members of Council.

040 Fawcett-Roberts
That the report of the Acting Director of Community Services dated December 5, 2010 with respect to the Sportsplex and YMCA Pools be received as information. CARRIED.

Fawcett-Montague

041 That Administration conduct discussions with the YMCA regarding the operation of the Sportsplex and YMCA pools for report to City Council for its meeting to be held January 10, 2011. CARRIED.

Following the above motions being voted on, Councillor Berry re-entered the Council Chamber.

(J) 2011 BORROWING

City Council considered a report from the Acting City Treasurer dated November 22, 2010 with respect to the above.

Blight-McCrae

042 That pursuant to Section 173(1) of The Municipal Act, the borrowing of funds from the Bank of Montreal, for general operating expenses, 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 \$64,230,220, being the total taxes and grants in lieu collected in 2010, be authorized, and further that these funds be only used for general operating expenses in the 2011 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.

(K) 2011 CITY OF BRANDON INTERIM BUDGET

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Acting City Treasurer dated December 6, 2010 with respect to the above.

McCrae-Blight

043 That pursuant to Section 163 of The Municipal Act, the following interim budget to provide for City of Brandon expenditures, revenues and transfers for the year 2011 be hereby adopted:

General Fund Expenditures	\$66,320,727
General Fund Revenues and Transfers	\$66,320,727
General Fund Reserve Expenditures	\$12,423,236
Utility Fund Expenditures	\$16,128,303
Utility Fund Revenues and Transfers	\$16,128,303
Utility Fund Reserve Expenditures	\$ 8,158,000
CARRIED.	

(L) TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM OFFICE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FOR MICROSOFT OFFICE UPGRADE

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

Montague-Isleifson

044 That \$110,000 be transferred from the Office Equipment Reserve to the Information Technology operating account to cover the costs of the Microsoft Office upgrade. CARRIED.

(M) TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM OFFICE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FOR NEW ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING (ERP) SYSTEM

City Council considered a report from the Director of Information Technology dated December 1, 2010 with respect to the above.

045 Chaboyer-Rice
That \$350,000 be transferred from the Office Equipment Reserve to the Information Technology operating account to cover the costs of the new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System. CARRIED.

(N) SALE OF PART OF 800 - 1ST STREET NORTH

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Acting General Manager of Development Services dated November 23, 2010 with respect to the above.

046 Fawcett-Montague
That an approximate 2,757 square foot portion of 800 - 1st Street North (Lot 20, Block 12, Plan 1701 BLTO) be disposed of to the property owners of 21 Kasiurak Bay (Lot 21, Block 12, Plan 1701 BLTO) for a total purchase price of \$6,065.00 plus G.S.T. and all applicable application costs subject to the property being rezoned from "OS" Open Space Zone to "RSF" Single Family Residential Zone and receiving subdivision approval. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 6986 - ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF FEES
2ND AND 3RD READINGS

It was noted that this by-law received first reading at the November 29, 2010 meeting of City Council.

047 McCrae-Blight
That By-law No. 6986, to adopt the Annual Schedule of Fees for services, activities or things provided by the City of Brandon, and to repeal By-law No. 6852, as amended, be read a second time. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

048 Montague-Chaboyer
That By-law No. 6986 be amended by removing from page 6 of Schedule "A", the age restriction of "under 25" for full time student golf course fees. LOST.

049 McCrae-Harwood
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. 6986 third reading.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst	Councillor Rice
Councillor Berry	
Councillor Blight	
Councillor Chaboyer	
Councillor Fawcett	
Councillor Harwood	
Councillor Isleifson	
Councillor McCrae	
Councillor Montague	
Councillor Roberts	

NO. 6988 - TO ESTABLISH THE URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' COUNCIL
2ND AND 3RD READINGS

It was noted that this by-law was given first reading at the November 29, 2010 meeting of City Council.

050 Berry-Montague
That By-law No. 6988 to establish a Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council be read a second time. CARRIED.

051 Berry-Montague
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. 6988 third reading.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst	Nil
Councillor Berry	
Councillor Blight	
Councillor Chaboyer	
Councillor Fawcett	
Councillor Harwood	
Councillor Isleifson	
Councillor McCrae	
Councillor Montague	
Councillor Rice	
Councillor Roberts	

NO. 6989 - TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 6980 TO RENAME A PORTION OF MAPLE AVENUE
LOCATED BETWEEN 18TH AND 19TH STREETS NORTH
1ST READING

Considered was a report from the Acting General Manager of Development Services dated November 29, 2010 with respect to the above.

052 Harwood-Blight
That By-law No. 6989 to amend By-law No. 6980 to rename "Maple Avenue" as shown on Plan 1110 BLTO to "Fred Brown Way" be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Montague-Roberts
That the meeting do no adjourn (10:23 p.m.)

MAYOR

CITY CLERK