

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2011 AT 7:30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA**

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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:

Harwood-Isleifson  
185 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, April 11, 2011 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Blight-Rice  
186 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, March 28, 2011 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) KEYSTONE CENTRE  
VERBAL APRIL 11, 2011

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April 11, 2011  
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors  
City of Brandon

Councillor Rice reported that the search for a General Manager continued and that the City of Brandon's Human Resource Department had agreed to assist the Keystone Centre Board in this process. He noted that an interim General Manager would be in place for the next 3-4 months.

Rice-Harwood  
187 That the verbal report by Councillor Rice with respect to the Keystone Centre Board be received.

ENQUIRIES:

(62) WATER LEVEL OF ASSINIBOINE RIVER

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Councillor Fawcett enquired as to the status of the water level of the Assiniboine River.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, Monique Carriere, Emergency Manager, responded that the cooler weather had provided for a slow melting of the snow, which had been extremely beneficial for the flood situation. She advised that the daily tracking of the river level showed a rise of 3 feet since Wednesday, April 6, 2011. She added that 36,000 sandbags had been made and stored with dike building on 17th Street East expected to begin within the week, and that there were currently five floating pumps in operation.

(63) LARGE COMMERCIAL VEHICLES PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

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Councillor Chaboyer advised that she had received complaints from ward residents regarding large commercial vehicles parking in residential areas. She enquired if a report, inclusive of the size limitations and time restrictions of same, could be provided. She also enquired if the concerns raised regarding safety and general aesthetics of the neighbourhoods could be addressed with the business community.

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

(64) FREE BICYCLE REPAIR STATIONS ON BICYCLE PATHS

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Councillor Isleifson noted that some cities had free bicycle repair stations stocked with gauges, pumps, and wrenches etc. located along their bicycle paths and enquired if the installation of same could be considered within the City of Brandon.

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

(65) SMOKING BAN AT OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES

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Councillor Rice noted that the City of Winnipeg was currently considering the enforcement of a smoking ban at outdoor recreation facilities and enquired if same could be considered for the City of Brandon.

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

(66) SPRING STREET CLEANING SCHEDULE

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Councillor Roberts requested an update on the spring street cleaning schedule.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operational Services responded that street sweeping was a priority as soon as all the snow was gone from the streets. He added that the schedule would be well advertised so as to allow residents ample time to remove their vehicles from the streets prior to the commencement of the cleaning efforts.

(67) COST OF SITE ASSESSMENT FOR BRANDON SUN PROPERTY ON ROSSER AVENUE

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Councillor Roberts enquired as to who was responsible for the cost of the site assessment for the Brandon Sun property located on Rosser Avenue in the City of Brandon.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the cost would be split between the Brandon Sun and the City of Brandon, with the city being responsible for the Level II and III site evaluations. He added that the report on same was available for perusal at any time.

(68) SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF MUNICIPAL CEMETERY

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Councillor Harwood referred to the purchase of land south of the Municipal Cemetery for development and enquired if a buffer zone could be created as a transition between the cemetery and the proposed housing development.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that a 50 foot buffer zone had been established along the entire length of the property and that same would be reinforced with additional plantings to enhance same.

(69) REPORT IN BRANDON SUN RE: POTENTIAL CASINO IN BRANDON

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Councillor Fawcett referred to a recent article in the Brandon Sun with respect to a potential casino in the City of Brandon and requested an update on same.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Roberts responded that Renaissance Brandon was actively pursuing an entertainment complex for Downtown Brandon however the establishment of a casino had not been discussed. He suggested that any casino discussions should take place at the Provincial Government level rather than the municipal level.

Further to this issue, Her Worship the Mayor suggested that the former Strand Theatre building may be a potential site for an entertainment complex however, given the age of the building and the upcoming demolition of the Brown Block, a thorough assessment of the building by structural engineers would be required prior to the commencement of any development.

(70) STATUS OF DEMOLITION OF FORMER BROWN BLOCK

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Councillor Fawcett requested an update on the status of the demolition of the former Brown Block located in the 100 Block of 10th Street.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the owners of the Brown Block had a demolition plan in place however, given the fragile nature of the former Strand Theatre building, the engineers were working to reinforce the common wall between the two buildings to ensure the safety of the building and the on-site workers during and after the demolition.

Further to this issue, Her Worship the Mayor enquired as to when the owners of the former Strand Theatre building were expected to have engineers on-site to begin the necessary work on their building prior to the demolition.

The Acting City Manager responded that the engineers were expected to be on-site by April 13, 2011 with the work expected to be completed within two weeks.

Councillor Roberts enquired as to who was responsible for paying for the on-site security at this location.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the owners of the Brown Block were responsible for all costs, inclusive of on-site security and any damages to city infrastructure.

Councillor Berry enquired as to what was being done to ensure the safety of people in the area.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that closing the street to traffic and only allowing pedestrian traffic on the west side of the street was the best method of ensuring safety.

Councillor Blight enquired as to what accommodations were being made for businesses in the area.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that a section of the street had been opened to allow for parking for BDO Dunwoody which was located directly across the street from the site. He added that the intent was to open a portion of the northern section of the block for parking for businesses in that area as well however he could not confirm whether or not that had happened.

(71) DERELICT BUILDINGS/PROPERTIES

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Councillor Montague enquired as to the enforcement capabilities of the City of Brandon with respect to derelict or abandoned buildings and properties within the City.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the City of Brandon Building Safety and Property Standards By-law allowed for orders to be issued against such properties however, difficulties arose when the property owners were uncooperative and caused delays. He noted that enforcement had fallen behind due to staffing shortages in the Planning Department however, a more proactive approach and timely response was expected in the future.

(72) SPEED OF TRAFFIC ON 9TH STREET SOUTH OF MARYLAND AVENUE

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Councillor Montague advised that the speed of traffic on 9th Street south of Maryland Avenue as well as on Maryland Avenue and Sycamore Drive continued to be a problem and enquired if same could be monitored and enforced as necessary.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the Brandon Police Service had conducted a speed survey in the area in Fall 2010 whereby the results indicated that there was not an excessive amount of speeding in the area. He agreed to request additional enforcement in the area this spring.

(73) MEETING WITH BRANDON REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

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Councillor Chaboyer enquired if a joint meeting between City Council and the Brandon Regional Health Authority Board could be considered.

Her Worship the Mayor agreed to contact the Chair of the Brandon Regional Health Authority Board and the Chief Administrative Officer with respect to the arrangement of same.

(74) INTERSECTION OF 8TH STREET BRIDGE AND PACIFIC AVENUE

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Councillor Roberts noted that the intersection of the 8th Street Bridge and Pacific Avenue had become hazardous and enquired as to the possibility of the installation of a 3-way Stop at that location.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager agreed to take this matter under advisement.

(75) WATER ISSUES ON THE FOTHERINGHAM PROPERTY - SOUTH SIDE OF ROSSER AVENUE WEST AND NORTH OF RIVERHEIGHTS TERRACE

Councillor Blight advised that he had received complaints recently from an area resident with respect to the flow of water from the Fotheringham Property on the south side of Rosser Avenue West, north of Riverheights Terrace and enquired if this issue could be addressed as soon as possible.

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

(76) CROSSWALKS ON 1ST STREET NORTH - PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC TO ASSINIBOINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE (ACC)

Councillor Blight enquired as to the possibility of installing a pedestrian crosswalk on 1st Street North adjacent to the Assiniboine Community College (ACC).

Her Worship the Mayor responded that the intent was to expand bus service into the ACC Campus which would alleviate much of the problem with students having to cross 1st Street North. She added that, given the visibility issues, the only safe crossing for pedestrians was at the lights at the top of the hill.

(77) STATUS OF CONVERGYS PROPERTY

Councillor McCrae referred to the recent collapse of the deal with the Brandon Sun with respect to the Convergys Property and requested an update on the status of same.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that various options were being considered and a report was expected to be presented to City Council in the near future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEW LOCATION FOR BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

Councillor Harwood announced that the Brandon General Museum and Archives had found a home at 19 - 9th Street, with possession to take place May 1, 2011 and the museum expected to be open for business mid-June 2011.

JOINT WARD MEETING - GREEN ACRES AND RICHMOND WARDS

Councillor Montague announced that a Joint Green Acres and Richmond Ward Meeting would be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Riverview Curling Club. He noted that agenda items would include spring flooding; streets, roads and infrastructure; and any other city and ward issues. Councillor Montague added that members of City Administration were expected to be in attendance to answer questions and invited everyone to attend.

BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES INC. INAUGURAL DINNER AND AUCTION - MAY 12, 2011

Councillor Berry announced that the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. Inaugural Dinner and Auction would be held on Thursday, May 12, 2011 at the Victoria Inn commencing with cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. He added that there would be entertainment throughout the evening, including door prizes and an auction. He advised that tickets were \$60 each or a table of 8 for \$450. Councillor Berry encouraged everyone to contact Leann Petrin at 729-2254 or via email at bgmainfo@brandon.ca to order their tickets.

#### MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS SEMINAR - APRIL 12 TO 14, 2011

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Councillor Rice announced that the Association of Manitoba Municipalities Municipal Officials Seminar would be held April 12 to 14, 2011 at the Keystone Centre with approximately 700 people from all across Manitoba expected to attend.

#### SOUTH CENTRE WARD MEETING

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Councillor Rice announced that a South Centre Ward Meeting would be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 commencing at 7:00 p.m. at Central Community Centre with members of City Administration expected to be in attendance to answer any questions.

#### CHANGE TO EARTH DAY CELEBRATIONS - MAY 1, 2011

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Councillor Isleifson announced that the date for the Earth Day Celebrations at Princess Park had been changed from April 17, 2011 to May 1, 2011 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and encouraged everyone to attend this family-oriented event.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO 7 AGES PRODUCTIONS

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Councillor Chaboyer congratulated 7 Ages Production on a job well done for their recent performance of the Buddy Holly Story.

#### RIDE ALONG ON SANITATION TRUCK

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Councillor Chaboyer thanked Her Worship the Mayor for taking the time to ride along in a sanitation truck to experience first-hand how refuse collection is handled in the City of Brandon. She noted that she also planned a ride along in the near future and encouraged all other members of City Council to do the same.

#### ART GALLERY OF SOUTHWEST MANITOBA BALLROOM BLITZ

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Councillor Fawcett announced that the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba would hold a Ballroom Blitz Fundraiser on Thursday, April 14, 2011 with tickets available at the Art Gallery.

#### HIRING OF NEW CITY MANAGER SCOTT HILDEBRAND

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Councillor Fawcett announced that Scott Hildebrand, former General Manager and Vice President of Sales at McKenzie Seeds, had been hired as the new City Manager and was expected to begin his duties in early June 2011.

Councillor Fawcett also issued accolades to Ted Snure for stepping in and doing a great job as Acting City Manager in the interim.

#### ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY CHILI COOK-OFF

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Councillor McCrae extended accolades to the Red Hot Chili Councillors, Team Shawn and Team Shari, for their participation in the Alzheimer's Society Chili Cook-off held April 8, 2011 at Houston's Country Roadhouse. He noted that while no trophies were received by either team, a good time was had by all and a substantial amount of money was raised for the Alzheimer's Society.

TRAVELLERS' DAY PARADE - JUNE 11, 2011

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Councillor Blight announced that the annual Travellers' Day Parade would be held June 11, 2011 in the City of Brandon and further, that a City of Brandon float was currently being worked on.

REPORT ON CANADA GAMES FINDINGS

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Councillor Blight announced that he and Brandon First representative Erin Brown had completed separate reports on their trip to the Canada Games in Halifax and were to meet in the near future following which a full report would be submitted to City Council.

MEMBERSHIP IN ASSINIBOINE HILLS CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Her Worship the Mayor announced that a negotiation committee consisting of Councillors Isleifson and Fawcett, as well as Acting City Manager Ted Snure and City Clerk Con Arvisais had been established with respect to the City of Brandon's potential membership in the Assiniboine Hills Conservation District and that City Council was to be kept apprised of the ongoing negotiations.

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR - MUM'S FAMILY RESTAURANT

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Her Worship the Mayor announced that the next "Coffee with the Mayor" would be held on Monday, April 18, 2011 at Mum's Family Restaurant on Victoria Avenue commencing at 10:00 a.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) GRANT-IN-AID

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City Council considered a report from the Acting General Manager of Development Services dated March 29, 2011 with respect to the above.

Montague-Isleifson

188 That the Manitoba Department of Infrastructure and Transportation be advised that the City of Brandon intends to proceed with the milling and paving of 34th Street from Van Horne Avenue to Park Avenue and the milling and paving of McTavish Avenue East from 1st Street to Dennis Street in the 2011 Road Paving Works;

and further, that a grant in the amount of \$88,246 be requested from the Manitoba Department of Infrastructure and Transportation under the 2011 Grant-In-Aid Program. CARRIED.

(B) APPLICATION TO SUBDIVIDE 1641 SYCAMORE DRIVE (VBJ DEVELOPMENTS LTD./CITY OF BRANDON)

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Submitted for consideration was a report from the Acting General Manager of Development Services dated April 4, 2011 with respect to the above.

Montague-Fawcett

189 That the application of VBJ Developments Ltd., to subdivide 1641 Sycamore Drive (Lot 1, Plan 41942 BLTO) be approved subject to:

- 1) written confirmation from Manitoba Hydro that arrangements have been made for easements with Manitoba Hydro, Centra Gas Manitoba Inc., MTS Allstream Inc. and Westman Communications Group;

- 2) written confirmation from the Brandon School Division that it has received \$23,247 as cash-in-lieu of land dedication for school purposes;
  - 3) the developer submitting a phasing plan showing how access both permanent and temporary will be provided during implementation of each phase of development whereby authority to approve the phasing plan shall be the responsibility of the Senior Building Inspector and the General Manager of Development Services. CARRIED.
- (C) ANNEXATION - CITY OF BRANDON LANDS AND RESIDUAL PARCELS LOCATED SOUTH OF PATRICIA AVENUE AND EAST OF 1ST STREET (PART OF NW 1/4 1-10-19 WPM)

Considered was a report from the Acting City Manager dated April 8, 2011 with respect to the above.

Harwood-Isleifson

190 That The Municipal Board and the applicant be advised of the City of Brandon's desire to withdraw the present application for annexation identified in the City Council resolution of December 19, 2009; and further, that City Council appoint City Council representatives to the committee of the Brandon and Area Planning District which will draft the master agreement based on the Agreement in Principle (Article 3) amongst the City of Brandon, the RM of Cornwallis, the RM of Elton, and the Brandon and Area Planning District Board. CARRIED.

Harwood-McCrae

191 That Mayor Decter Hirst, Councillor Montague and Councillor Harwood be appointed as City Council representatives to the committee of the Brandon and Area Planning District which will draft the master agreement based on the Agreement in Principle (Article 3) amongst the City of Brandon, the RM of Cornwallis, the RM of Elton, and the Brandon and Area Planning District Board. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 6984 TO REZONE 331 - 10TH STREET, 805 PARKER BOULEVARD AND 1000 PARKER BOULEVARD

It was noted that this by-law received first reading at the January 24, 2011 meeting of City Council.

Roberts-McCrae

192 That By-law No. 6984 to rezone 331 - 10th Street North, 1000 Parker Boulevard and 805 Parker Boulevard (Lots 1/2, Block 3 and Pt. Block 5, Plan 1405 BLTO) from MR Industrial Zone to PR Parks and Recreation be read a second time. CARRIED.

Roberts-McCrae

193 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. 6984 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. 6997      TO IMPOSE AND LEVY PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011

It was noted that this by-law received first reading at the March 28, 2011 meeting of City Council.

194      McCrae-Harwood  
That By-law No. 6997, being the 2011 Tax Levy By-law, be read a second time. CARRIED.

195      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. 6997 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	

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer  
That the meeting do now adjourn (8:44 p.m.). CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK