

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2011 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-Harwood
251 That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held Monday, June 13, 2011 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Rice-Berry
252 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Monday, May 30, 2011 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Chaboyer-Roberts
253 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held on Thursday, June 2, 2011 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) BILL MARTIN, PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENT BRANCH - TAX IMPACT OF 2012 REASSESSMENT ON CITY OF BRANDON

Bill Martin, District Supervisor, Brandon Assessment Office, appeared before City Council to provide information with respect to the 2012 property reassessment. He reviewed a written report provided by Manitoba Local Government entitled: "Impact of Reassessment 2012 - City of Brandon", a copy of which was retained on file.

Harwood-McCrae
254 That the presentation of Bill Martin of the Provincial Assessment Branch with respect to the tax impact of the 2012 property reassessment on the City of Brandon be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) BRANDON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
VERBAL

JUNE 13, 2011

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Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Roberts reported that the Downtown Brandon Business Development Corporation met on June 6, 2011. He advised that a presentation on the Tax Increment Financing program had been given by representatives of the Provincial Government. Councillor Roberts added that the Corporation had also addressed some housekeeping issues regarding 10th Street that would allow the development of the Strand Building to continue.

At the request of the Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Development Services provided a summary of the status of the Brown Block/Strand Building. He advised that the two buildings shared a common wall that required stabilization prior to demolition of the Brown Block and remediation of Strand Building. He further noted that a permit had been issued on June 10, 2011 to begin the stabilization this week and was expected to take 2 weeks to complete.

In a response to an enquiry by Councillor Roberts on the condition of 10th Street, the General Manager of Development Services advised that the existing sink hole had been created by a water service line repair. He noted that once work on the Brown Block was completed, the fence would be brought to the curb line on east side of the street and repair work could start on sink hole. He also advised that the old bowling lanes were inaccessible for inspection at this time, and would be addressed in approximately 3 weeks as the demolition/stabilization work was completed.

Councillor Chaboyer enquired as to the status of the Brown Block site following demolition, whereby it was noted that the lot would be backfilled with gravel to the street elevation but would not be utilized as a parking lot.

(B) BRANDON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
VERBAL

JUNE 13, 2011

June 13, 2011
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Harwood reported that the Brandon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee met on June 8, 2011. He advised that plans were underway for the Annual Doors Open event to be held July 16 and 17, 2011. Councillor Harwood noted that to date, there were 11 properties on the tour, and work continued on adding to the list. Councillor Harwood further reported that a subcommittee was working on the development of a military monument at the site of the new Police Services building at 10th Street and Victoria Avenue.

(C) BRANDON GENERAL MUSUEM AND ARCHIVES INC.
VERBAL

JUNE 13, 2011

June 13, 2011
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Berry reported that the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. Inaugural Dinner and Auction would be held on Thursday, June 16, 2011 at the Victoria Inn commencing with cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. He noted that tickets for the event were still available at a cost of \$60 each or a table of 8 for \$450. Councillor Berry encouraged everyone to come out and support the museum.

Isleifson-Roberts

255 That the verbal reports of the Downtown Brandon Business Improvement Corporation, the Brandon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, and Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. be received.
CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(90) TENDER OF CONTRACT "A" SUMMER WORK PROJECTS

Councillor Rice enquired as to when the tender for Contract "A" with respect to the summer work projects was expected to be put out.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that both Contracts "A" and "B" would be tendered within two weeks.

(91) CONDITION OF WILLOWDALE CRESCENT BETWEEN ELMDALE AND FOREST BOULEVARDS

Councillor Berry noted Willowdale Crescent between Elmdale and Forest Boulevards was in need of repairs and enquired as to when repairs to same were expected.

At request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operational Services responded that the north half of Willowdale Crescent had been repaired and the south half would be inspected and repaired as soon as possible.

(92) UPDATE ON RESTRICTION OF SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES

Councillor Isleifson referred to a previous enquiry whereby it had been noted that the City of Winnipeg was considering a by-law restricting smoking in public places. He advised that the City of Winnipeg had now passed that by-law and requested an update on the status of same for the City of Brandon.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Clerk responded that the matter was currently being investigated with consideration being given to whether the proposed by-law should be applied to both public and private property, and that a report to City Council was expected in the near future.

Further to this issue, Her Worship the Mayor responded that due to the fact that Provincial Legislation existed regarding this issue, she had contacted the Honourable Jim Rondeau, Minister of Healthy Living, Youth and Seniors, with respect to municipal legislative authority. Her Worship added that she had also contacted the City of Winnipeg regarding its recent by-law with the results of both discussions to be included in the report from Administration.

(93) ADVERTISEMENT OF ASSESSMENT APPEAL PROCESS AND DEADLINES

Councillor McCrae noted that many residents were unaware that the time to appeal their property assessments was in the fall rather than when they received their tax bills in the spring and enquired if additional advertising of same could be considered.

Her Worship the Mayor agreed that additional advertising, inclusive of the deadline for appeals, would be beneficial and should take place in early fall prior to the mid-October deadline.

(94) TRAFFIC CONGESTION - MCDIARMID DRIVE BETWEEN VICTORIA AND MCTAVISH AVENUES

Councillor Harwood advised that traffic congestion on McDiarmid Drive between Victoria and McTavish Avenues from vehicles entering Tim Horton's continued to be a problem and enquired if stricter enforcement could be considered.

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

(95) MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTIES OWNED BY ABSENTEE LANDLORDS

Councillor Harwood advised that he had received a complaint from a ward resident with respect to the lack of maintenance on properties owned by absentee landlords. He enquired if information could be provided on solutions to this problem.

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

(96) STATUS OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FOR 2011

Councillor Fawcett requested an update on the status of infrastructure projects for 2011.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that Development Services was working with the Treasury Department to identify projects that could be delayed or altered with an update to be provided at the June 27, 2011 City Council meeting.

(97) CIVIC PRIDE CAMPAIGN TO RECOGNIZE WELL-MAINTAINED PROPERTIES

Councillor Roberts noted that while some properties throughout the City of Brandon were unsightly, there were also many well-maintained properties and enquired if a civic pride campaign to recognize such properties could be considered.

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

(98) DRAINAGE PROBLEMS IN GREEN ACRES WARD

Councillor Chaboyer advised that she had raised many enquiries in recent weeks with respect to drainage problems in the Green Acres Ward and thanked city staff for their quick responses in alleviating same.

(99) SPEEDING TRAFFIC ON 1ST STREET

Councillor Chaboyer noted that she had received complaints recently with respect to vehicles speeding on 1st Street. She advised that she had spoken with the appropriate city department and that a 3-way stop sign was being considered at the intersection of 1st Street and Aberdeen Avenue to alleviate this problem.

(100) SHORTCUT BETWEEN PROPERTIES - 6TH STREET AND ABERDEEN AVENUE

Councillor Chaboyer referred to a shortcut between properties located at 6th Street and Aberdeen Avenue and noted that while the shortcut was city-owned property, pedestrians accessing same were trespassing on private property. She advised that same had since been blocked off by city staff.

(101) GROWTH OF CITY - ECONOMIC SUMMIT

Councillor Chaboyer referred to the strategic planning session held in March 2011 and requested an update on the proposed economic summit discussed at that time.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that Administration had begun discussions on the issue of their vision for Brandon and further updates would be provided as the process moved along.

Further to this issue, Her Worship the Mayor added that this topic had been discussed at the recent Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia with particular references made as to how economic summits could be used to kick-start economies by providing a focus and direction. Her Worship the Mayor also advised that she would be speaking with the City of Brandon Economic Development Officer with respect to this issue in the near future and agreed to keep City Council apprised of the outcome of that discussion.

(102) FUTURE AND CLEAN-UP OF THE DIKE

Councillor Blight requested an update on the future and clean-up of the dike.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Development Services responded that the City was currently working with the contractor to build a road to allow city crews to access the leaking manhole in need of repair, following which an assessment of the dike was expected to take place. He added that necessary improvements to the dike were to be considered as part of the report to City Council at the June 27, 2011 meeting with respect to 2012 infrastructure projects.

(101) VARIOUS VICTORIA WARD ISSUES

Councillor Blight advised that he had raised the following Victoria Ward issues with Administration, all of which had been responded to: the Wheat City Golf Course; the City of Brandon Compost Program; tree removal; garbage receptacles; the proposed restrictions on smoking in public places in the City of Brandon; and street cleaning.

(102) FUNDING FROM PROVINCE OF MANITOBA FOR FLOOD REMEDIATION

Councillor Montague requested an update on the expected funding from the Province of Manitoba with respect to flood remediation.

Her Worship the Mayor responded that the specifics of the proposed grant money have not yet been finalized. She agreed to provide the information to City Council as soon as it was received.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BOSTON PIZZA FUNDRAISER FOR RED CROSS

Councillor Montague announced that Boston Pizza was holding a fundraiser on Thursday, June 16, 2011 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with all funds raised to go to the Red Cross. He added that he would be in the dunk tank from 5:00 p.m. on and encouraged everyone to attend.

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBER TRAINING DAY

Councillor Montague announced that he had attended the Winnipeg Blue Bomber training day and autograph session held Saturday, June 11, 2011 in the City of Brandon where a good time was had by all.

FUNDRAISING BARBEQUE - EAST END COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor Isleifson announced that the East End Community Centre had recently held a barbeque at which over \$800 had been raised for the Red Cross Flood Relief Fund.

NEW PRESIDENT OF BRANDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Councillor Fawcett congratulated Mr. Cam Clark, General Manager of CKLQ and Star FM Radio, on his recent appointment as the President of the Brandon Chamber of Commerce. Councillor Fawcett also thanked the outgoing president, Mr. P.J. Crane, for his work over the past year.

GRAND OPENING OF KRISTOPHER CAMPBELL MEMORIAL SKATE PLAZA

Councillor Roberts announced that the grand opening of the Kristopher Campbell Memorial Skate Plaza would be held Saturday, June 18, 2011 from Noon until 4:00 p.m. with the rain date being Sunday, June 19, 2011. He encouraged everyone to come out.

WEDNESDAYS BY THE FOUNTAIN

Councillor Roberts announced that Wednesdays by the Fountain were once again underway in Princess Park and encouraged everyone to attend.

57TH ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY CADET CORPS
71ST BATTERY 2520

Councillor Harwood announced that he had been pleased to represent Her Worship the Mayor and City Council at the 57th Annual Ceremonial Review of the Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps 71st Battery 2520 held June 1, 2011.

2017 CANADA GAMES BIDDING PROCESS INFORMATION SESSION

Councillor Blight announced that he, along with Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager, and community members, were to attend an information session in Winnipeg on June 27, 2011 with respect to the bidding process for the 2017 Canada Games.

CONVOCATION CEREMONIES - BRANDON UNIVERSITY

Councillor Chaboyer announced that she had been pleased to represent Her Worship the Mayor and City Council at the Brandon University Convocation Ceremonies held June 10, 2011.

CITY FLOAT IN TRAVELERS DAY PARADE

Councillor Chaboyer extended thanks to Councillors Blight and Rice and all city staff for their work on the city float for the Travellers Day Parade held June 11, 2011 and advised that she had received some very positive feedback from residents with respect to same.

ACCOLADES TO THE PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Councillor Isleifson issued accolades to Mr. Ian Broome, Director of Public Works, and all staff for a job well done on a day to day basis as well as during the recent high water event.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) APPLICATION TO SUBDIVIDE - 620 MCDIARMID DRIVE (CITY OF BRANDON)

City Council considered a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated May 30, 2011 with respect to the above.

Harwood-Rice

256 That the application of the City of Brandon to subdivide 620 McDiarmid Drive (Block 7, Plan 1058 BLTO) be approved subject to the following condition:

- 1) As per Section 135(5) of The Planning Act, proposed Lots 2 and 4 as shown on the provisional plan of subdivision at 620 McDiarmid Drive (Blocks 7, Plan 1058 BLTO) be consolidated with 715 McDiarmid Drive (Blocks 5/6, Pt. 7, Plan 1058 BLTO) to form one new title. CARRIED.

(B) REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO VBJ DEVELOPMENTS LTD.

Submitted for consideration was a report from Development Services dated June 1, 2011 with respect to the above.

Berry-Rice

257 That the City of Brandon refund VBJ Developments Ltd. in the amount of \$7,180.21, as over payment of contributions for cash-in-lieu of parks/recreation and the planting of boulevard trees and that these funds be paid out of the City of Brandon's Park Capital Reserve Account. CARRIED.

(C) 2011 MOSQUITO ABATEMENT PROGRAM - CITY OF BRANDON

Considered was a report from the General Manager of Operations dated June 8, 2011 and a power point presentation by the Acting Director of Community Services with respect to the above.

McCrae-Isleifson

258 That the controlled spraying of adult mosquitoes may take place once the high range score of 15 - 18 set out in the Adulticiding Factors Analysis Guidelines is reached. CARRIED.

At the request of Councillor Rice, a recorded vote was taken on the above motion.

<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	

259 McCrae-Harwood
That Councillor Montague be appointed to the Mosquito Abatement Program Advisory Committee with term of office to expire November 14, 2011. CARRIED.

Councillor Montague abstained from voting on the above motion as the outcome of same directly affected him.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7000 TO OPEN THE EAST/WEST AND NORTH/SOUTH LANES IN THE SW 1/4 36-10-19 WPM LOCATED EAST OF FIRST STREET NORTH AND NORTH OF THE ASSINIBOINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FIRST STREET NORTH CAMPUS

It was noted that this by-law received first reading at the May 30, 2011 meeting of City Council.

260 Fawcett-Montague
That By-law No. 7000 to open the east/west and north/south lanes in the SW 1/4 36-10-19 WPM located east of 1st Street North and north of the Assiniboine Community College 1st Street Campus be read a second time. CARRIED.

261 Fawcett-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. 7000 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	

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Chaboyer-Isleifson

That the meeting do now adjourn (9:39 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK