

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 27, 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 C. Roberts

ABSENT: Councillor G. Rice

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Harwood-Montague

262 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, June 27, 2011 be amended by adding thereto under the Order of General Business as Item 11(H), the request for Disaster Financial Assistance, and that the Agenda, as amended, be adopted. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Chaboyer-Roberts

263 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Monday, June 13, 2011 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) **DEBBIE ARSENAULT, BRANDON UNITED WAY - 2011 COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM**

Debbie Arsenault, Chief Executive Officer of the Brandon United Way appeared before City Council to provide a final report on the activity of United Way's 2011 Community Emergency Relief Program.

Ms. Arsenault stated that the relief program had two mandates: to provide financial assistance to families living in the evacuation zone; and help employees who had lost jobs or had been temporarily displaced from their workplace due to the flood. She noted that the program was established to assist these families and individuals with rent, mortgages, utilities, taxes, food and other needs that arose related to the flooding.

Ms. Arsenault advised that a total of over \$70,470 had been collected for the flood relief program and 100% of all those gifts received had been distributed to applicants.

Harwood-Isleifson

264 That the presentation by Debbie Arsenault of the Brandon United Way with respect to the 2011 Community Emergency Relief Program be received. CARRIED.

Her Worship the Mayor extended a thank-you to the Brandon United Way and all the donors who contributed to the relief program.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- (A) BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES INC.
VERBAL

JUNE 27, 2011

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Councillor Harwood reported that the new home of the Brandon General Museum and Archives located at 19 - 9th Street would be open to general public on Friday, July 15, 2011. He noted that this was a slight delay from original projected opening of July 1, 2011, but encouraged everyone to come and check out the new space.

- (B) 2017 CANADA GAMES BID COMMITTEE
VERBAL

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Councillor Blight reported that he, along with Erin Brown, Dick Scott, Bernie Chrisp, Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst, and the City Manager Scott Hildebrand had attended a meeting in Winnipeg earlier in the day regarding the 2017 Canada Summer Games bid process. He noted that the meeting had provided an explanation of what the Games were about and what was expected from the bid committee. Councillor Blight advised that a debriefing meeting was scheduled for next week.

- (C) KEYSTONE CENTRE
VERBAL

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Councillor Berry reported that the Keystone Centre Board of Directors had met on June 23, 2011. He advised that the parking lot on the east side of the property would be repaved and that preparations were underway for the Canadian National Arabian Horse Show to be held at the Keystone Centre in August. Councillor Berry also advised that the search for a new General Manager continued and it was the Board's intention to have someone in place by early September. He concluded by noting that new ice rates had been approved by the Board, offering a non-prime time discounted rate for user groups in an attempt to increase use of the ice surfaces.

- (D) GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE
VERBAL

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Councillor Chaboyer reported that the Grants Review Committee had met on June 22, 2011 to review the application process. She noted that the on-line application process would be eliminated whereby a physical submission of an application to the City Clerk's Office would now be required. Councillor Chaboyer noted that all applications must be from non-profit organizations and if a grant was provided in the previous year, an update on how those funds were utilized would be required. She noted that the deadline for applications was September 30, and that all groups would be informed of the changes.

(E) BRANDON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
VERBAL JUNE 27, 2011

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Councillor Roberts reported that the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation (BDDC) was reviewing secondary land use planning and had taken information to the business owners in the downtown. He noted that the BDDC would be meeting with the Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation later this week and would also be sending out information to citizens in the area.

(F) ASSINIBOINE HILLS CONSERVATION DISTRICT
VERBAL JUNE 27, 2011

June 27, 2011
Brandon, Manitoba

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City of Brandon

Councillor Isleifson reported that he, along with Councillor Fawcett, the General Manager of Development Services and the Deputy City Clerk had met with members of the Assiniboine Hills Conservation District and staff of Manitoba Water Stewardship on June 24, 2011 to discuss the City of Brandon's proposed application to join the Assiniboine Hills Conservation District. He noted that there had been a great discussion on the past history and purpose of District and how the City of Brandon could fit in. Councillor Isleifson advised that a draft of proposal outlining the terms and conditions of participation would be provided to the City of Brandon for review in the near future.

(G) POVERTY COMMITTEE
VERBAL JUNE 27, 2011

June 27, 2011
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Isleifson reported that the Poverty Committee has met on June 14, 2011 and had received a presentation on summer youth activity programs in the community. He encouraged everyone to check out the City of Brandon's website for information on the programs.

Harwood-Berry

265 That the verbal reports of Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc., the 2017 Canada Summer Games Bid Committee, the Keystone Centre, the Grants Review Committee, the Brandon Downtown Business Development Corporation, the Assiniboine Hills Conservation District, and the Poverty Committee be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(103) REPAIR OF DURUM DRIVE

Councillor Berry stated that Durum Drive continued to be in a state of disrepair and enquired as to the timeframe for the completion of the repairs.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operational Services responded that the potholes would be repaired by the end of summer, however overall street reconstruction was not expected to take place in the near future. He encouraged Councillor Berry to contact the Engineering Department directly if more thorough repairs were necessary for certain sections of the street.

(104) SPRAY PARK AT LINDEN LANES SCHOOL

Councillor Berry enquired as to when the spray park located at Linden Lanes school was expected to be open.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operational Services responded that all spray parks and pools in the City of Brandon were expected to be open July 1, 2011.

Further to this issue, Councillor Berry noted that the spray park located in Shilo operated on a timer system which allowed it to be open for longer hours than those located in the City of Brandon and enquired if the same could be considered for the City of Brandon.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operational Services responded that, for safety reasons, staff was required to be on site when the parks and pools were open, hence the limited hours. He agreed to discuss same with the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) who had partnered with the City of Brandon for the operation of the spray parks and pools.

Her Worship the Mayor requested that a report on those discussions be presented to City Council at a future meeting.

(105) BICYCLE REPAIR STATIONS ON PATHWAYS

Councillor Isleifson referred to a previous enquiry whereby he had requested that free bicycle repair stations be considered for pathways in the City of Brandon. He noted that the response to same indicated that there were no plans for the installation of same in the near future and enquired if a more detailed response could be provided.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operational Services responded that as this item had not been included in the 2011 Financial Plan, no funds were available this year however same would be investigated and considered for 2012 or 2013 dependent on the costs involved.

Further to this issue, Her Worship the Mayor enquired if sponsorship from local merchants could be considered for same.

The General Manager of Operational Services responded that, given the tendering requirements of the City of Brandon, sponsorship was not an option however any donations would be accepted and appreciated.

(106) DISREPAIR OF BACK LANES IN EAST END

Councillor Isleifson referred to a previous enquiry whereby he had advised that the back lanes located in the east end of the City of Brandon were in need of repairs and requested an update on the schedule for those repairs.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operational Services responded that the grading of back lanes within the City of Brandon was expected to be completed by mid-July. He also advised that if there was a specific location in need of immediate repair, same would be taken care of upon his receiving the address from Councillor Isleifson.

(107) POSSIBLE PEDESTRIAN MALL NEXT TO THE KRISTOPHER CAMPBELL MEMORIAL SKATE PLAZA

Councillor Harwood enquired as to the possibility of a mini pedestrian mall to be located adjacent to the Kristopher Campbell Memorial Skate Plaza at the intersection of 9th Street and Princess Avenue.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that same would be taken under consideration.

Further to this issue Councillor Roberts advised that Renaissance Brandon was actively working on this project and agreed to provide an update on same to City Council in the near future.

(108) UPDATE ON BACKFLOW VALVE AND SUMP PUMP PROGRAM

Councillor Montague requested an update on the Backflow Valve and Sump Pump Program and whether same was expected to be made retroactive to City Council's decision on the matter.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that he was currently reviewing the agreement received from the Province of Manitoba, inclusive of the possibility of the program being retroactive, with a report on same to be presented in August 2011.

(109) SUPPORT TO BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

Councillor Roberts noted that unsightly premises, inclusive of derelict vehicles, unkempt lawns and boulevards, vacant properties and properties owned by absentee landlords continued to be a problem throughout the City of Brandon. He enquired as to how the respective by-law could be strengthened to support by-law enforcement officers in this regard.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Building Safety and Property Standards By-law provided for the City of Brandon to order the maintenance of yards and unsightly premises with enforcement of same being complaint driven. He agreed to investigate the possibility of amendments to the by-law whereby more authority would be given to by-law enforcement officers for the issuance of tickets. He noted that staff shortages had also been an issue and agreed to follow-up on these issues and report back to City Council.

(110) STATUS OF ABANDONED GAS STATIONS

Councillor Chaboyer referred to a previous enquiry whereby she had requested an update on the status of abandoned gas stations within the City of Brandon and same had been provided. She noted that the abandoned gas station located at the intersection of 20th Street and Victoria Avenue continued to be a problem and requested an update on what was being done to rectify same, inclusive of the environmental clean-up of the property.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Environmental Initiatives Officer, Tom Keep, was gathering information with respect to the above, with a report on same expected in the near future.

(111) UPDATE ON RE-OPENING OF KIRKCALDY DRIVE

Councillor Fawcett requested an update on the re-opening of Kirkcaldy Drive.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the high water levels continued to be a concern and that Kirkcaldy Drive would be re-opened as soon as it was safe to do so.

(112) UPDATE ON REPAIRS TO KNOWLTON DRIVE

Councillor Fawcett requested an update on the status of the necessary repairs to Knowlton Drive.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the repairs to Knowlton Drive were expected to be completed in the near future.

(113) FLOOD UPDATE

Councillor Fawcett requested an update on the flood situation.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the Emergency Coordinator, Brian Kayes, responded that the river levels continued to decline however a further drop of 4 feet was required to bring it within its banks. He added that the aqua dams after were being emptied, would be cleaned and returned to the Province of Manitoba. Mr. Kayes also advised that the causeway to the Hilton Lift Station had been completed thus allowing for the further assessment of the damage to the manhole. He also advised that an assessment of the dike by representatives from the engineering firm AECOM was expected to be completed in the near future, following which recommendations were to be made with respect to preparations for 2012. He noted that workers continued to make sandbags for the Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization with over 100,000 sandbags having been shipped to other communities such as Souris and Camperville. Mr. Kayes also announced that the speed limit on 18th Street North had been increased from 30 km per hour to 50 km per hour effective immediately.

Councillor Roberts enquired if a plan had been formulated to address the abundance of standing water in the flat areas throughout the City of Brandon.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the Emergency Coordinator responded that the intent was to let nature take its course however anyone with concerns was encouraged to contact the Operations Division.

Councillor Chaboyer enquired if projected costs would be included in the upcoming report from AECOM, and further, whether or not any discussions had taken place with the Province of Manitoba with respect to funding assistance.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, The Emergency Coordinator responded that the associated costs were dependent on the scope of the work required. He added that he was not aware of any discussions having taken place with the other levels of government with respect to funding.

Her Worship the Mayor advised that both the Federal and Provincial Governments were considering flood protection costs as an element of the Disaster Financial Assistance Program. She assured City Council that every available funding assistance resource would be investigated.

Councillor Harwood enquired if any information was available on the status of the re-opening of 1st Street North.

The Emergency Coordinator responded that he had not received any information to date from Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation with respect to this issue, noting that water levels in that area remained quite high.

Councillor Roberts referred to recent media reports which had indicated that the water levels could potentially remain high right up until fall freeze-up and enquired if any information in that regard was available.

Mr. Kayes responded that while some standing water may still be around at freeze-up time, overall water levels were expected to have receded enough that Grand Valley Road would be re-opened well before freeze-up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTRES

Esther Bryan, Community Development Coordinator, announced that the Youth Activity Centres at Park Community Centre and the East End Community Centre would open July 4, 2011. She advised that both locations offered programming for youth ages 9-15 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday in the months of July and August, at no cost.

FLOOD VICTIMS IN MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA, AND ALL OTHER COMMUNITIES ALONG THE SOURIS RIVER

Councillor Fawcett issued condolences to the flood victims in Minot, North Dakota and all the other communities still battling the flood both in North Dakota and in Manitoba. He also extended an offer of assistance to all the neighbouring communities, including Souris, Wawanesa and Melita and encouraged them to stay strong throughout this ordeal.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOEL EDMUNDSON - NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE DRAFT

Councillor Fawcett congratulated Assiniboine Ward resident Joel Edmundson on his being drafted 46th overall in the second round of the National Hockey League draft by the St. Louis Blues. He added that he was confident that Mr. Edmundson would represent his family and home town very well.

BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES INC. FUNDRAISER

Councillor Berry announced that the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. inaugural fundraising dinner and auction held June 16, 2011 had been a huge success. He thanked all the sponsors of the event, those that bought tickets and supported the auction. He also thanked Kevin Swark and the staff of the Victoria Inn for all their assistance with this event.

RENAISSANCE BRANDON - NEW INFRASTRUCTURE

Councillor Roberts announced that Renaissance Brandon continued to install the new infrastructure items such as bike racks, refuse containers and street signs throughout the downtown area with completion of the installations expected by mid-July 2011.

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR - JUNE 28, 2011

Her Worship the Mayor announced that "Coffee with the Mayor" would be held June 28, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Grand Central Station on Rosser Avenue and invited everyone to attend.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) 2011 CANADA DAY AND FLOOD TRIBUTE

City Council considered a report from the General Manager of Operations dated June 19, 2011 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-McCrae

266 That a maximum of \$12,000 be made available to Brandon Riverbank Inc. for the increased cost of hosting the Canada Day Celebrations, in conjunction with the 2011 Flood Tribute to take place at the Keystone Centre on July 1, 2011 whereby:

- (a) such increased cost shall be expended from the Major Events Hosting Reserve Fund; and
- (b) gift-in-kind contributions in the form of no parking signs, barricades, garbage containers/pickup and bleachers shall be provided for the event by the City of Brandon Operational Services. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Montague-Fawcett

267 That the motion be amended by deleting the figure: "\$12,000" and substituting therefor the figure: "\$9,300" and deleting the words: "in conjunction with the 2011 Flood Tribute". LOST.

(B) STATUS OF 2011 INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

Submitted was a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated June 20, 2011 with respect to the above.

Berry-Isleifson

268 That the report of the General Manager of Development Services dated June 20, 2011 outlining the status of the City of Brandon's 2011 Infrastructure Program be received as information. CARRIED.

(C) INCENTIVE GRANT FOR RE-DEVELOPMENT OF MCKENZIE SEEDS BUILDING

Considered was a report from the Economic Development Officer dated June 20, 2011 with respect to the above.

Roberts-Montague

269 That City Administration agree to designate the McKenzie Seeds buildings as Community Revitalization properties, thus enabling the Tax Incremental Financing tool to be utilized in addition to the existing Renaissance Brandon tax abatement program, as an incentive for the redevelopment of the buildings into mixed use space that will include 94 new dwelling units. CARRIED.

(D) PROPOSAL - RECORDS MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

City Council considered a report from the City Clerk dated June 15, 2011 with respect to the above.

Blight-McCrae

270 That the proposal of Prima Information Solutions to supply and install the records management software as per proposal and specifications at a cost of \$284,680.20 be accepted. CARRIED.

(E) PROPOSAL - VOIP PHONE SOLUTION

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Information Technology dated June 13, 2011 with respect to the above.

Montague-Roberts

271 That the proposal of MTS Allstream Inc. for the supply and installation of a Cisco Voice over internet protocol (Voip) communications solution as per proposal and specifications at a cost of \$279,386.25 be accepted. CARRIED.

(F) SALE OF 44 - 6TH STREET NORTH

Considered was a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated June 15, 2011 with respect to the above.

Roberts-Berry

272 That 44 - 6th Street North (Lot 31, Block 94, Plan 2 BLTO) be disposed of to Jerry and Iryna Belinsky as is, for the purchase price of \$17,000.00 plus tax subject to all terms of the Offer to Purchase dated May 24, 2011 and attached to the report of the General Manager of Development Services dated June 15, 2011. CARRIED.

(G) REMOVAL OF 200 AGNEW DRIVE AND 205 MCGILL DRIVE FROM APPROVED LAND SALE LIST AND SALE OF 200 MCGILL DRIVE TO GORDON PETERS

City Council considered a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated June 16, 2011 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Isleifson

273 That the properties commonly known as 200 Agnew Drive and 205 McGill Drive be removed off the City of Brandon Approved Land Sale List to be held by the City for future development of the Brandon Airport and that 200 McGill Drive (Lot 10, Block 3, Plan 38795 BLTO) be sold to Gordon Peters as is, for the purchase price of \$12,717.00 plus applicable taxes subject to the terms of the draft Offer to Purchase attached to the report of the General Manager of Development Services dated June 16, 2011. CARRIED.

(H) DISASTER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Considered was a report from the Emergency Coordinator dated June 24, 2011 with respect to the above.

McCrae-Blight

274 WHEREAS the extended high water levels of the Assiniboine River and excessive rains have caused damage to private and public property in Brandon;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Brandon requests that the Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization provide disaster financial assistance to the City of Brandon and its citizens. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7001 TO AMEND ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF FEES BY-LAW NO. 6986 – 2011 REDUCED WHEAT CITY GOLF COURSE RATES

Submitted was a report from the General Manager of Operations dated June 15, 2011 with respect to the above.

275 Harwood-Berry
That By-law No. 7001 to amend Annual Schedule of Fees By-law No. 6986 to include changes to the fees for the Wheat City Golf Course be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7002 TO NAME ROAD EAST OF CENTRE AVENUE AND 1ST STREET NORTH AS LORI ROAD

Considered was a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated June 16, 2011 with respect to the above.

276 Fawcett-Isleifson
That By-law No. 7002 to name the road east of Centre Avenue and 1st Street North as “Lori Road” be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Roberts
That the meeting do now adjourn (9:43 p.m.). CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK