

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 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 G. Rice, Councillor C. Roberts

ABSENT: Councillor S. Montague

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

294 Isleifson-Roberts
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, August 15, 2011 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

295 Harwood-Rice
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, July 18, 2011 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

296 Berry-Blight
That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Friday, August 5, 2011 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) KELSEY MCDONALD AND SUZANNAH DUFF - ROCK THE BLOCK STREET PARTY

Kelsey McDonald and Suzannah Duff of the Brandon University Students' Union (BUSU) appeared before City Council to outline the details of the upcoming "Rock the Block" street party to be held September 16, 2011 on Rosser Avenue and request that this event be designated as a Community Event in the City of Brandon.

297 Roberts-Isleifson
That the presentation by Kelsey McDonald and Suzannah Duff of the Brandon University Students' Union with respect to the designation of the "Rock the Block" street party as a Community Event in the City of Brandon be received. CARRIED.

298 Roberts-Berry
That the annual "Rock the Block" street party to be held September 16, 2011 be designated as a Community Event in the City of Brandon. CARRIED.

(B) IAN ROBSON, NATIONAL FARMERS UNION - CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

Ian Robson, Region 5 Coordinator of the National Farmers Union, appeared before City Council to request that the City of Brandon take action upon a resolution he presented regarding the Canadian Wheat Board which would assist with the Canadian democratic process on a matter of concern to area farmers who use the services of Brandon in the conduct of their business. Mr. Robson explained that he was not asking for support of the Canadian Wheat Board, but rather requesting support in urging the Federal Government to impose a democratic process in deciding the future of the Canadian Wheat Board.

Her Worship the Mayor advised Mr. Robson that consideration of the resolution presented was ultra vires and would be ruled out of order. She explained that the Canadian Wheat Board fell under the Federal Government's jurisdiction and was beyond the authority of this council.

Mr. Robson advised that anyone interested in more information on this matter could visit websites of the National Farmers Union, the Canadian Wheat Board or the Canadian Wheat Board Alliance.

Chaboyer-McCrae

299 That the presentation by Ian Robson of the National Farmers Union with respect to the future of the Canadian Wheat Board be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

BILL NICHOLSON - CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD (CWB)

Mr. Bill Nicholson, of Shoal Lake, Manitoba appeared before City Council with respect to the request for support for the Canadian Wheat Board as presented by Mr. Ian Robson under the Order of Delegations. Mr. Nicholson advised that he was a member of the National Farmers Union, and a former director of the Canadian Wheat Board. He stated that he strongly supported the single desk marketing of wheat which was conducted through the CWB and more specifically, the farmers' democratic right to vote through plebiscite on changes to the CWB.

STEVE BAKER - PARKING ON 10TH STREET

Mr. Steve Baker appeared before City Council to speak on the changes to parking on 10th Street. Mr. Baker disputed the purported support of the downtown merchants to the changes. He noted that this was not the first time such changes had been proposed and that same had been voted down previously by the downtown merchants. He stated that traffic flow and access to parking were the lifeblood of retail sales and questioned how a reduction to same was expected to increase business. He suggested that businesses further down Rosser Avenue were expected to suffer from the reduced traffic flow, and that merchants located east of 9th Street on Rosser Avenue had not received any notice of the proposed changes. Mr. Baker suggested that the closure of a side street one night a week for the purpose of street celebrations or concerts may be a more feasible option for the City of Brandon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) BRANDON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
VERBAL

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Councillor Harwood reported that a final report on the Doors Open event held July 16 and 17, 2011 had been prepared by the Heritage Coordinator, inclusive of visitor numbers, the strengths and weaknesses of the event, and recommendations for next year. He noted that copies of the report were available in the City Clerk's Office and the Heritage Coordinator's Office. Councillor Harwood extended accolades to the organizers and participants for a very successful event.

- 300 Isleifson-Rice
That the verbal report of Councillor Harwood with respect to the Brandon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

- (132) REPAIRS TO WATER AND SEWER MAINS

Councillor Rice noted that the number of water and sewer main repairs appeared to have increased in 2011 and enquired if comparison figures from recent years were available.

Her Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.
- (133) UNSIGHTLY PREMISES - 1000 BLOCK OF 13TH STREET

Councillor Rice advised that he had received complaints from area residents with respect to unsightly premises located in the rear of a business in the 1000 Block of 13th Street and enquired if same could be investigated.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that this issue had been referred to By-law Enforcement for follow-up.
- (134) DRAINAGE ON ELMDALE BOULEVARD AND WILLOWDALE CRESCENT OFF OF 34TH STREET

Councillor Berry advised that he had received complaints regarding drainage problems on Elmdale Boulevard and Willowdale Crescent off of 34th Street which had caused water to pool at the bottom of the traffic circle on Willowdale Crescent. He enquired if the cause of this problem could be investigated and possible solutions provided, inclusive of the timelines for same.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Development Services responded that this issue was to be addressed through improvements to the detention pond within the Brookwood Subdivision as well as the drainage swale between Richmond Avenue and Willowdale Crescent. Mr. Snure advised that the improvements to the detention pond were expected to be completed by the end 2011 with the remaining issues to be addressed in the 2012-2013 budget years.
- (135) UPDATE ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE POLICE SERVICES BUILDING

Councillor Isleifson requested an update on the construction of the Police Services Building.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the project, although delayed, still remained within the budget and that full report on same was expected by the end of the week.
- (136) FUTURE FLOOD PREPARATIONS - 17TH STREET EAST AREA

Councillor Isleifson requested an update on the future flood preparations for the 17th Street East area, inclusive of when a meeting with area residents was expected to take place.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Development Services responded that the dike assessment from AECOM was expected to be received within two weeks, following which a meeting with area residents and business owners would be scheduled.

(137) SIZE OF PROPOSED ANGLE PARKING FOR DOWNTOWN

Councillor Isleifson enquired as to the size of the proposed angle parking stalls for the downtown area.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Corey Roberts responded that the stalls were to be the standard size of 9 ft. wide with new stalls also to be made available for motorcycles.

(138) INSPECTION FOR DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Councillor Chaboyer requested an update on the inspection of trees for Dutch Elm Disease, inclusive of the marking of same, in the City of Brandon.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that trees and woodpiles within the City of Brandon were inspected and marked on a regular basis by both City and Provincial inspectors. He added that a rapid tree removal process was also in place whereby an infected tree was removed almost immediately upon being discovered, with only one tree having been removed in 2011. In conclusion, Mr. Hildebrandt agreed to provide a more in-depth report on this issue to City Council in the near future.

(139) CONDITIONS OF CURBS AND MERIDIANS AROUND BRANDON

Councillor Chaboyer noted that many curbs and meridians throughout the City of Brandon were being damaged by snow removal equipment. She enquired if rounded curbs and meridians had ever been considered as a method of reducing the potential for such damages.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Development Services responded that two types of curbing were used within the City of Brandon, one being the rounded roll curb, the other being the barrier curb which was full height and squared off. He noted that the roll curb was more prevalent in newer developments with the barrier curb being more common in older areas. He added that the barrier curb was typically used in locations where access was restricted such as medians, with the roll curb being more commonly installed in residential areas.

(140) CONSIDERATION OF CAMPING SITES AT KEYSTONE CENTRE GROUNDS

Councillor Chaboyer enquired if permanent camping sites located on the Keystone Centre Grounds had ever been considered.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Garth Rice responded that the issue had been discussed and the financial resources were not available at this time, however the issue would be looked at again should funds become available.

(141) PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN MALL AND TRAFFIC CHANGES TO DOWNTOWN

Her Worship the Mayor requested information on the proposed pedestrian mall and traffic changes in the downtown area.

Councillor Roberts advised that the engineering components had been completed, with a goal of Wednesday morning for completion of all projects, including signage and covering of the meters. Councillor Roberts also advised that an overnight parking ban was in place and that offending vehicles would be ticketed or towed. He noted that a press release and announcement to the public was planned for the final Wednesday by the Fountain of the season to be held August 17, 2011.

(142) ROAD AND CURB REPAIRS - 600 BLOCK OF 38TH STREET

Councillor Blight noted that he had received a complaint regarding the 600 Block of 38th Street and advised that the necessary repairs to the road and curb were to be completed in the near future.

(143) 4-WAY STOP SIGN - INTERSECTION OF 38TH STREET AND VAN HORNE AVENUE

Councillor Blight advised that he had received calls from area residents who had requested that consideration be given to the installation of a 4-Way Stop Sign at the intersection of 38th Street and Van Horne Avenue and that the request had been forwarded to the Engineering Department.

(144) 4-WAY STOP SIGN - INTERSECTION OF 8TH STREET AND MCTAVISH AVENUE

Councillor Blight advised that he had received a request from an area resident for a 4-Way Stop Sign to be installed at the intersection of 8th Street and McTavish Avenue and that he had forwarded same to Councillor Rice as the Ward Councillor and also to the City Engineer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ACCOLADES - CLEAN-UP AT GARWOOD PARK

Councillor Chaboyer issued accolades to area residents for a job well done on the clean-up of Garwood Park held July 24, 2011.

DERELICT VEHICLES AND YARDS

Councillor Chaboyer announced that she had filed several complaints recently with regards to derelict vehicles and yards in the Green Acres Ward and thanked the By-law Enforcement Officers for their quick responses to those complaints.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Councillor Chaboyer announced that she had recently received training on social media and encouraged ward residents to watch for her on Facebook in the near future.

BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM OPEN DURING CRUISE NIGHT IN SEPTEMBER

Councillor Harwood reminded everyone that the Brandon General Museum would be open from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. during the Cruisin' the Dub Night on September 1, 2011.

ENFORCEMENT OF BUILDING SAFETY AND PROPERTY STANDARDS BY-LAW

Councillor McCrae referred to Councillor Chaboyer's announcement with respect to derelict vehicles and yards and reminded everyone that even though the Building Safety and Property Standard By-law was under review, the existing rules still needed to be followed and same would be enforced if necessary.

NEW HOCKEY COACH FOR BRANDON WHEAT KINGS

Councillor Fawcett welcomed the new Brandon Wheat Kings Coach, Mr. Cory Clouston, to the City of Brandon.

CANADIAN NATIONAL ARABIAN AND HALF ARABIAN CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW

Mayor Decter Hirst announced that the Canadian National Arabian and Half Arabian Championship Horse Show was currently taking place at the Keystone Centre and encouraged everyone to attend this free event.

Further to this issue, Councillor Berry announced that he had attended the event along with Her Worship the Mayor and Councillor Roberts and was very impressed with the whole set-up. He noted that this was the first time for the event which brought visitors from all over North America to be held in the City of Brandon and encouraged everyone to attend so as to encourage event organizers to come back to Brandon in the future.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) TURTLE CROSSING WATER MAIN

Considered was a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated August 8, 2011 with respect to the above.

301 Fawcett-McCrae
That the report of the General Manager of Development Services dated August 8, 2011 outlining the options for water supply to Turtle Crossing be received as information;

and further, that Mr. Mark Kovatch be advised the cost to extend water service to Turtle Crossing is prohibitive and therefore will not be undertaken. CARRIED.

(B) WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY

Submitted was a report from the General Manager of Corporate Services dated August 8, 2011 with respect to the above.

302 Harwood-McCrae
That the Whistleblower Policy attached to the report of the General Manager of Corporate Services dated August 8, 2011 be hereby adopted. CARRIED.

(C) COMMUNITY CULTURAL RESOURCE CENTRE

City Council considered a report from the General Manager of Operations dated August 5, 2011 with respect to the above.

303 Berry-Isleifson
That an application be made to the Building Manitoba Development Fund for Community Centres and Recreation Facilities for the purpose of developing the conceptual plans for a Cultural Resource Centre in the City of Brandon. CARRIED.

(D) YMCA TAX EXEMPTION OPTION

Councillor Berry declared a conflict of interest in this matter due to his wife being employed by the YMCA and left the Council Chamber without any further discussion.

Considered was a report from the General Manager of Operational Services dated August 5, 2011 with respect to the above.

Blight-Fawcett

304 That the report of the General Manager of Operational Services dated August 5, 2011 providing details on The Municipal Assessment Act be received;

and further, that a by-law be prepared to exempt the YMCA Facility from municipal taxes. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT

McCrae-Chaboyer

305 That the above motion be amended by adding after the words: "YMCA Facility", the words: "located on the east side of the 200 Block of 8th Street". CARRIED.

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

(E) IDENTIFICATION SIGNS FOR "THE LANDING" SUBDIVISION - 1405 SYCAMORE DRIVE

Submitted for consideration was a report from Planning Services dated August 10, 2011 with respect to the above.

McCrae-Fawcett

306 That the necessary permits be issued for a freestanding identification sign for The Landing at 1405 Sycamore Drive (Lot 2, Plan 45570 BLTO) in accordance with the site plan and drawings with the "Received" stamp date of August 3, 2011, attached to the report from the General Manager of Development Services dated August 10, 2011. CARRIED.

(F) 2012 SCHEDULE OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council considered a report from the City Clerk dated July 27, 2011 with respect to the above.

Harwood-Isleifson

307 That pursuant to Organizational By-law No. 6650, regular meetings of City Council be held on the following dates in 2012:

Monday, January 9, 2012	Monday, July 9, 2012
Monday, January 23, 2012	Monday, July 23, 2012
Monday, February 6, 2012	Monday, August 13, 2012
Tuesday, February 21, 2012	Tuesday, September 4, 2012
Monday, March 5, 2012	Monday, September 17, 2012
Monday, March 19, 2012	Tuesday, October 2, 2012
Monday, April 2, 2012	Monday, October 15, 2012
Monday, April 16, 2012	Monday, November 5, 2012
Monday, May 7, 2012	Monday, November 19, 2012
Tuesday, May 22, 2012	Monday, December 3, 2012
Monday, June 4, 2012	Monday, December 17, 2012
Monday June 18, 2012	

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 6999 TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 620 MCDIARMID DRIVE (PT. OF BLOCK 7, PLAN 1058) FROM PR PARKS AND RECREATION TO RMD RESIDENTIAL MODERATE DENSITY MULTIPLE FAMILY ZONE (WESTERN MANITOBA SENIORS NON-PROFIT HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE LTD.)

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

Harwood-McCrae

308 That By-law No. 6999, to rezone 620 McDiarmid Drive (Pt. of Block 7, Plan 1058 BLTO) from PR Parks and Recreation Zone to RMD Residential Moderate Density Multiple Family Zone be read a second time. CARRIED.

Harwood-McCrae

309 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. 6999 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 Rice	
Councillor Roberts	

NO. 7003 TO CLOSE AND CONVEY THE EAST/WEST PUBLIC LANE IN PLAN 49798 BLTO TO THE YMCA AND OPEN THE EAST/WEST LANE THROUGH PARCEL C, PLAN 49798 BLTO

Councillor Berry declared a conflict of interest in this matter due to his wife being employed by the YMCA and left the Council Chamber without any further discussion.

Submitted for consideration was a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated August 5, 2011 with respect to the above.

Roberts-Isleifson

310 That By-law No. 7003 to close and convey the East/West Public Lane in Plan 49798 BLTO to the Young Men's Christian Association of Brandon Inc. and open the East/West lane through Parcel C, Plan 49798 BLTO be read a first time. CARRIED.

Following the vote on the above motion, Councillor Berry re-entered the Council Chamber.

NO. 7004 TO PROVIDE REMUNERATION TO MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF REVISION

Considered was a report from the City Clerk dated July 25, 2011 with respect to the above.

311 Rice-Blight
That By-law No. 7004 to provide for the remuneration of the members appointed to the Board of Revision and to repeal By-law No. 6604, be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Chaboyer-Roberts
That the meeting do adjourn. (9:32 p.m.)

MAYOR

CITY CLERK