

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 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

ABSENT: Councillor C. Roberts

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Harwood-Blight

329 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, September 26, 2011 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Rice-Isleifson

330 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, September 12, 2011 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) RICHARD GREER, COMMUNITY SERVICES - YOUTH ACTIVITIES CENTRES AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES HUBS

Richard Greer, Community Development Coordinator, appeared before City Council and presented a video montage on the successful activities of the Youth Activities Centres and Youth Activity Hubs. Mr. Greer noted that this summer saw over 1900 youth take part in the variety of activities organized by activity leaders in five locations.

Mr. Greer noted that the Youth Activity Hubs, consisting of Kin Spray Park, Westridge Spray Park and Stanley Spray Park organized activities for the under 10 year old age group. The Youth Activities centres located at East End Community Centre and Park Community Centre provided daily activities to youth between the ages of 9-15 years.

Isleifson-Berry

331 That the presentation by Richard Greer of the Community Services Department with respect to the successful activities of the Youth Activities Centres and Youth Activities Hubs be received. CARRIED.

(B) KAREN OLIVER, PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION OF MANITOBA - RESTORING THE GLORY CAMPAIGN

Karen Oliver, General Manager of the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba appeared before City Council to update City Council on the Restoring the Glory Campaign and request their support. Ms. Oliver provided a historical power point presentation on Display Building No. II, inclusive of pictures and newspaper reports.

Harwood-Rice

332 That the presentation by Karen Oliver of the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba regarding an update on the Restoring the Glory Campaign be received. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT

McCrae-Isleifson

333 That the above motion be amended by adding after the words: "be received", the words: "and the matter be referred to the Order of General Business". CARRIED.

(C) RAE SMITH - WATER CONSERVATION PLAN

Rae Smith of the City of Brandon Water Conservation Committee, appeared before City Council to share information about the creation of a water conservation plan for the City of Brandon. Ms. Smith noted that a survey was available on the City's website and at the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal office to obtain public input on why water and water conservation are important to the community and encouraged the public to participate.

Isleifson-Blight

334 That the presentation by Rae Smith of the Water Conservation Committee with respect to the City of Brandon's Water Conservation Plan be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
VERBAL

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Dean Hammond, City Treasurer presented the proposed timelines, goals and expectations for the 2012 Budget Process. He noted that the goal was to encourage transparency and openness, and timeliness in the budgeting process. The budget information will be available electronically to members of City Council, with the focus on the big picture and the relevant details on what has changed, what is driving that change, and what opportunities are available. The budget information will also provide a list of all projects that were identified during Council's strategic planning and the needs list, with all information provided to Council and the public as soon as possible.

Mr. Hammond noted that departments are currently working on the budget process with the intent to have the budget into Council's hands by mid-November. A budget road show to get the information to the public through a series of ward meetings will be undertaken. It is intended that budget deliberations will be a 3 day process during the second week of December, with the interim budget scheduled for approval at the December 12, 2011 meeting of City Council.

(B) KEYSTONE CENTRE
VERBAL

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Councillor Berry reported that the Keystone Centre Board had met last week and welcomed Debbie Granger as the new comptroller and Neil Thompson as the new General Manager. The Board considered a preliminary report from MCM Architects regarding the roof of the Keystone Centre, and a Site Facility meeting would be held later this week.

(C) BRANDON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
VERBAL

SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

September 26, 2011
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Harwood reported that the Brandon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee met earlier in the month and were in the process of preparing their budget requirements for the upcoming year.

(D) POVERTY COMMITTEE
VERBAL

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Councillor Chaboyer reported that the Poverty Committee met on September 13, 2011. The committee is looking at being an advocate for Helping Hands and Samaritan House, and working on initiatives to provide healthy food for the community. Councillor Chaboyer advised that the committee is considering holding a poverty forum in the near future with a focus on affordable housing. She concluded by noting that the Poverty Committee would like to meet with the Brandon Urban Aboriginal People's Council to discuss relevant issues and work with them on creating solutions.

(E) BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION/CITY OF BRANDON ANNUAL JOINT MEETING
VERBAL

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Councillor Montague reported that annual joint meeting between City Council and the Brandon School Division Board of Trustees was held September 21, 2011. He noted that some of the items discussed included affordable housing, English as a second language, use of schools after hours, playgrounds throughout the community, and aboriginal issues. Councillor Montague extended a thank-you to members of the School Board and City Council that participated in the discussions.

Harwood-Berry

335 That the verbal reports of the Audit and Finance Committee, the Keystone Board, the Brandon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, the Poverty Committee and the Brandon School Division/City of Brandon Annual Joint Meeting be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

ACCOLADES TO CITY STAFF RE: ENQUIRY RESPONSES

Councillor Berry noted that many enquiries were responded to between City Council meetings, hence they were never raised at the meetings. He thanked City of Brandon staff for their quick responses and hard work on a day to day basis. Councillor Chaboyer reiterated Councillor Berry's accolades.

(161) DIKE AND WALKWAYS - NORTH SIDE OF THE ASSINIBOINE RIVER

Councillor Fawcett requested an update on what was planned for the dike and the walkways along the north side of the Assiniboine River, specifically in the vicinity of Kasiurak Bay.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Development Services responded that profiles of the dikes along both sides of the river had been finalized, the issues raised by residents on Kasiurak Bay had been forwarded to the consultant completing the financial analysis and a meeting with Provincial Government representatives was to take place on September 27, 2011, following which an action plan would be finalized. The General Manager advised that walkways in the vicinity of the Riverbank Discovery Centre and the Waterfall of Lights were the top priority for repairs with the rest to follow as soon as possible.

(162) UPDATE ON DRAINAGE ISSUES - WEST SIDE OF 18TH STREET NORTH

Councillor Fawcett requested an update on his previous enquiry regarding solutions to the ongoing drainage problem on the west side of 18th Street North.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Development Services responded by indicating that documentation was being finalized which would allow for the work to repair the drainage problem to start soon.

(163) BRANDON POLICE SERVICE REPORT

Councillor Rice referred to the Brandon Police Service Report recently published in the Brandon Sun and requested a presentation to City Council on same.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager agreed to request a presentation by the Chief of Police at an upcoming meeting.

(164) CURB REPLACEMENT - 13TH STREET AND VAN HORNE AVENUE

Councillor Rice requested that he be notified when the curb replacement had been completed at the northeast corner of the intersection of 13th Street and Van Horne Avenue.

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

(165) SPORTSPLEX AND YMCA POOLS - ACCESS FOR DISABLED PERSONS

Councillor Chaboyer enquired if the Sportsplex and the YMCA Pools were accessible to disabled persons.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Sportsplex Pool was equipped with a lift for disabled persons to access the pool and agreed to confirm with the YMCA that the same system existed in their facility.

(166) TRIMMING OF TREES ON WALKWAYS - RICHMOND AVENUE

Councillor Chaboyer enquired if the trees along the walkway on Richmond Avenue between 1st Street and Garwood Drive could be trimmed as soon as possible.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that same would be taken care of by the end of the week.

(168) INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF DOG WASTE RECEPTACLES

Councillor Chaboyer noted that currently dog waste receptacles were only available along the walking paths and enquired if the installation of same in other areas of the City of Brandon could be considered.

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

(169) RESURFACING - ROSSER AND PRINCESS AVENUES WEST OF 18TH STREET

Councillor Harwood enquired when the resurfacing of Rosser and Princess Avenues west of 18th Street was expected to be completed.

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

(170) DETOUR SIGNAGE - JUNCTION OF HIGHWAY NO. 10 AND TRANS CANADA HIGHWAY

Councillor Harwood referred to resurfacing taking place at the junction of Highway No. 10 and the Trans Canada Highway and noted that there were no detour signs for northbound traffic. He enquired if Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation could be requested to post the appropriate signage.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager agreed to contact Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation.

(171) FALL STREET CLEANING PROGRAM

Councillor Blight requested an update on the fall street cleaning program.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the focus had been on street repairs from the High Water Event, however, the fall street cleaning program would commence shortly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR - SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

Her Worship the Mayor announced that the issues raised at "Coffee with the Mayor" today had been noted and would be distributed to the appropriate City Departments for their follow-up.

LIVE STREAMING OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Councillor Montague announced that the live streaming of City Council meetings on the City of Brandon and Westman Communications Group websites was expected to begin in October 2011.

RIVERVIEW WARD MEETING - SEPTEMBER 27, 2011

Councillor Isleifson announced that a Riverview Ward Meeting would take place September 27, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the East End Community Centre where the plans for the Rideau Park Recreation Hub would be unveiled. He invited everyone to attend.

RIVERBANK DISCOVERY CENTRE FALL CLEAN-UP

Councillor Fawcett announced that the Brandon Riverbank Discovery Centre Annual Fall Clean-up would be held on September 28, 2011 commencing at 5:00 p.m. and that volunteers were needed for the event. He encouraged interested parties to contact rachelle@riverbank.mb.ca or (204) 729-2129.

CULTURE DAYS CELEBRATIONS - OCTOBER 1, 2011

Councillor Fawcett announced that Culture Days Celebrations would be held October 1, 2011 at various venues throughout the City of Brandon. He advised that further information was available on the City's website and encouraged everyone to participate.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUMMIT - SEPTEMBER 10 - 12, 2012

Councillor Rice announced that the Infrastructure Summit would take place in Regina, Saskatchewan from September 10 - 12, 2012 and encouraged fellow Councillors to attend.

WHEAT CITY GOLF COURSE

Councillor Harwood announced that he had received an email from Bryce Wilson of the Community Services Department who had advised him that work was progressing nicely at the Wheat City Golf Course and that same was expected to be fully operational for Spring 2012.

MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS AT BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM

Councillor Harwood announced that the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. had hosted a meet and greet reception for the delegates from the Manitoba Association of Museums Conference at the Brandon General Museum on September 22, 2011.

RIGHT TO KNOW WEEK - SEPTEMBER 26 - 30, 2011

Her Worship the Mayor announced that she was pleased to proclaim September 26 - 30, 2011 as "Right to Know" Week acknowledging the importance of providing citizens with transparent, accessible, open and accountable government.

PROVINCIAL ELECTION - OCTOBER 4, 2011

Councillor Fawcett reminded everyone to get out and vote in the Provincial Election to be held October 4, 2011.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) SUPPORT OF FEDERAL LEGACY PROGRAM - DISPLAY BUILDING NO. II

It was noted that this item had been referred from the Order of Delegations earlier in the meeting.

336 McCrae-Rice
That the Council of the City of Brandon support the Federal Legacy Program funding for the restoration of Display Building No. II (Dome Building) on the Keystone Centre grounds;

and further, that the City of Brandon make contributions and/or in-kind support to be determined at City Council's 2012 budget deliberations later this year. CARRIED.

(B) 2011 SUMP PUMP AND BACKWATER VALVE PROGRAM

City Council considered a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated September 1, 2011 with respect to the above.

337 Montague-Chaboyer
That an additional \$30,000 be expended from the Wastewater Reserve Fund for use in the 2011 Sump Pump and Backwater Valve Program subject to receipt of matching funds from the Province of Manitoba;

and further, that the Sump Pump and Backwater Valve Program be retroactive to January 1, 2011. CARRIED.

(C) COMMENCEMENT TIME OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

Submitted was a report from Councillor S. Berry dated September 16, 2011 with respect to the above.

338 Berry-Blight
That in accordance with Section 20 of City Council Procedure By-law No. 6634 and effective October 17, 2011, regular meetings of City Council commence at 7:00 p.m. whereby such change shall be included in the amendment to said by-law in 2012 resulting from City Council's review of the by-law at that time. LOST.

BY-LAWS:

Nil

GIVING OF NOTICE:

(A) FUTURE OF EAST END WATER TOWER

In accordance with Rule 60 of City Council Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillor Isleifson gave notice of his intent to introduce at the October 17, 2011 meeting of City Council the following motion:

"That the water tower in Rideau Park, scheduled for demolition in 2012 be removed from the City of Brandon's demolition plans."

ADJOURN:

Rice-Chaboyer
That the meeting do now adjourn (10:14 p.m.). CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK