

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 14, 2011 AT 7:30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA**

PRESENT: Councillor M. Blight in the Chair, Councillor J. Chaboyer, Councillor J. Fawcett, Councillor J. Harwood, Councillor L. Isleifson, Councillor S. Montague, Councillor G. Rice, Councillor C. Roberts

ABSENT: Mayor S. Decter Hirst, Councillor S. Berry, Councillor J. McCrae

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Rice-Harwood
371 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, November 14, 2011 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Isleifson-Chaboyer
372 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, October 31, 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) GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE
VERBAL

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Councillor Chaboyer reported that the Grants Review Committee had met on November 10, 2011 to begin the process of reviewing applications. She noted that 42 applications had been received - 28 from service organizations and 14 from cultural groups. Councillor Chaboyer stated that a report would be presented in the near future with recommendations from the committee on the disbursement of grants for 2012.

Isleifson-Chaboyer
373 That the verbal report of the Grants Review Committee be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(182) UPDATE ON DEMOLITION OF BROWN BLOCK

Councillor Montague requested an update on the status of the demolition of the Brown Block, inclusive of the expected timeline for completion.

At the request of the Deputy Mayor, the General Manager of Development Services responded that hand-work on the east side of the building was near completion with work on the west side expected to commence immediately after that. He noted that for safety reasons, machine demolition could not commence until the brickwork had been stabilized. The General Manager noted that the excavation work to retire the sewer and water services to the property was progressing very well. In conclusion he advised that the hand-work was expected to be completed by November 24, 2011 with the building completely down and the removal of the debris expected to be underway by November 30, 2011.

The General Manager of Development Services also advised that City Building Inspectors would verify that the demolition was being conducted in accordance with the building plan filed by the engineer, however, the actual inspections for safety were to be conducted by the engineering firm which had been hired by the owners. With respect to costs incurred by the City of Brandon, he advised that the City had hired a consultant when progress had stalled, however, those costs were to be passed on to the property owner. When asked about a recent newspaper article whereby it had been reported that the demolition had been delayed due to air quality issues, the General Manager responded that the only information he had regarding this issue was that Manitoba Workplace Safety had stepped in due to concerns raised regarding asbestos having been found in the building. With respect to the final version of the south wall of the Strand Theatre Building, he advised that the intent was to have a facade similar to that of the BDO Dunwoody Building across the street.

(183) CROSSWALK SAFETY - VICINITY OF BETTY GIBSON SCHOOL

Councillor Rice noted that the speed of vehicles in the 500 to 800 Block of 13th Street continued to be a problem, and that vehicles were speeding through the pedestrian crosswalk accessed by students attending Betty Gibson School. He enquired if further traffic counts and crosswalk upgrades could be considered.

At the request of His Worship the Deputy Mayor, the City Manager agreed to follow up on this matter with the Engineering Department and the Brandon Police Service.

(184) UPDATE ON THE DIKE ALONG THE ASSINIBOINE RIVER

Councillor Chaboyer noted that Assiniboine River levels continued to be high and requested an update on the status of the dike.

At the request of His Worship the Deputy Mayor, the General Manager of Development Services responded that the City of Brandon was in the process of hiring a contractor for earth work on the dike, predominantly in the vicinity of 17th Street East. He added that reinforcements were also planned for problem areas along the north and south side of the Assiniboine River, with Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation working on the dike alignments along 1st and 18th Streets.

(185) BUSINESSES OPEN ON REMEMBRANCE DAY

Councillor Montague advised that he had received complaints from residents regarding businesses being permitted to be open on Remembrance Day. He enquired if the City of Brandon could impose further restrictions on businesses beyond those imposed through the Provincial Remembrance Day Act.

His Worship the Deputy Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

KEYSTONE CENTRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Councillor Rice announced that the Annual General Meeting of the Keystone Centre was to be held November 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Keystone Centre. Councillor Rice provided a copy of the 2012 Keystone Centre Budget to the City Treasurer and encouraged all members of Council to attend the meeting.

SOUTH CENTRE WARD MEETING

Councillor Rice announced that a South Centre Ward Meeting would take place November 30, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Community Centre with agenda items to include the 2012 City of Brandon Budget, Brandon Police Service Building, and any other city and ward issues.

JOINT WARD MEETING - RIVERVIEW AND ROSSER WARDS

Councillor Isleifson announced the he and Councillor Roberts would be holding a joint Riverview and Rosser Ward Meeting on December 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at École New Era School where the 2012 City of Brandon Budget and any other city or ward issues would be discussed.

TIP A WHEAT KING DAY AT CANAD INNS

Councillor Harwood announced that November 15, 2011 was Tip a Wheat King Day at the Canad Inns with all proceeds raised to go to the Kidney Foundation of Canada. He advised that reservations could be made by calling 727-1422 and encouraged everyone to attend.

JOINT WARD MEETING - MEADOWS AND UNIVERSITY WARDS

Councillor Harwood announced that he and Councillor McCrae would be holding a joint Meadows and University Ward Meeting on November 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at J.R. Reid School where the 2012 City of Brandon Budget, the City of Brandon Strategic Plan and any other city and ward issues were to be discussed.

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE INFORMATION NIGHT

Councillor Montague announced that an information night regarding the proposed Youth Advisory Committee was to be held November 24, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Riverbank Discovery Centre. He encouraged Brandon youths aged 15 to 25 to attend.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) TAXES/MILL RATE APPLICATION ON VARIOUS TYPES OF HOUSING

The General Manager of Corporate Services provided a power point presentation on taxes and the application of the mill rate to various types of properties.

Montague-Roberts

That the verbal presentation by the General Manager of Corporate Services with respect to taxes and the application of the mill rate on various types of housing be received. CARRIED.

(B) AFFORDABLE HOUSING GRANT TO WESTERN MANITOBA SENIORS NON-PROFIT HOUSING COOPERATIVE LTD. - 620 MCDIARMID DRIVE

City Council considered a report from the Director of Economic Development dated October 27, 2011 with respect to the above.

Harwood-Rice

375 That the City of Brandon (City) make an additional capital grant of \$185,000 in 2012 for Western Manitoba Seniors Non-profit Housing Cooperative Ltd. (Cooperative) to construct a 34 unit seniors affordable housing project at 620 McDiarmid Drive and authorize the purchase of three equity shares in the Cooperative at a cost of \$53,700 whereby:

- (a) should the Cooperative discontinue providing affordable housing at this property, then the Cooperative shall pay to the City fair market value for the property as determined at the time of discontinuance of the provision of affordable housing;
- (b) the City would contribute as a maximum affordable housing subsidy, a one-time land and capital grant of approximately \$448,000 and an annual grant equal to 50% of the municipal portion of the annual taxes on the property for a period of 20 years;
- (c) the maximum rent charged for the dwelling units shall not exceed the Brandon median rents established annually by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation currently established for a one (1) bedroom unit at \$590; for a two (2) bedroom unit at \$740;
- (d) the individuals occupying these dwelling units shall not have annual family incomes in excess of the upper limit 2nd quintile family income established by Statistics Canada currently established at \$57,000; and
- (e) the construction of the units on the property must commence within 18 months of the signing of the offer to purchase. CARRIED.

(C) APPLICATION TO SUBDIVIDE 420 - 11TH STREET EAST (TAYLOR)

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Planning Department dated November 4, 2011 with respect to the above.

Isleifson-Rice

376 That the application of Alan and Jeanne Taylor to subdivide 420 - 11th Street East (Lots 29/30, Block 2, Plan 934 BLTO) be approved subject to:

- 1) the applicant successfully obtaining a variance for a reduced lot width for the proposed south lot from 12.1m (39.70') to 11.43m (37.50');
- 2) the applicant successfully obtaining a permit to demolish the existing deck on the south side of the house and completing the demolition;
- 3) written confirmation from the City of Brandon Building Department that the existing house is in compliance with the Manitoba Building Code as a result of this subdivision; and
- 4) written confirmation from the City of Brandon Finance Department that taxes on the land to be subdivided, for the current year plus any arrears, have been paid. CARRIED.

(D) AUTOMATED MOTOR CARRIED PERMIT ISSUANCE AND ROUTING SYSTEM

Considered was a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated November 7, 2011 with respect to the above.

Montague-Isleifson

377 That the City of Brandon enter into an agreement with the Government of Manitoba for the provision of service to process permit applications and to issue permits with and without restrictions, collect permit fees and cancel permits on behalf of the City of Brandon by means of an automated permit issuance and routing systems. CARRIED.

(E) BRANDON REGENERATION STRATEGY - REVISED MEMORANDUM OF COLLABORATION

City Council considered a report from Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst dated November 8, 2011 with respect to the above.

Blight-Roberts

378 That pursuant to Motion No. 350 of City Council's meeting held October 17, 2011, the City of Brandon enter into a revised Memorandum of Collaboration with the Province of Manitoba attached to the report of Mayor Decter Hirst dated November 8, 2011 with respect to the commitment by Manitoba and Brandon to jointly participate in a Brandon Regeneration Strategy. CARRIED.

(F) CHANGE IN DATE - DECEMBER 12, 2011 REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Submitted was a report from the City Clerk dated November 4, 2011 with respect to the above.

Montague-Roberts

379 That pursuant to Section 20 of Procedure By-law No. 6634, the regular meeting of City Council scheduled to be held on Monday, December 12, 2011 be held on Monday, December 19, 2011 to accommodate City Council's budget deliberations and subsequent adoption of the City's 2012 interim budget. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7007 - VACANT AND DERELICT BUILDING BY-LAW

Considered was a report from the City Clerk dated November 2, 2011 with respect to the above.

Roberts-Harwood

380 That By-law No. 7007 to establish a system to regulate the condition and maintenance of vacant dwellings and non-residential buildings, and to establish a process to take title to vacant and derelict buildings, to be known as the "Vacant and Derelict Building By-law", be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

(A) BAN ON SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF BOTTLED WATER

In accordance with Rule 60 of City Council Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillor Montague gave notice of his intent to introduce at the November 28, 2011 meeting of City Council the following motion:

"That effective January 1, 2012, the City of Brandon will no longer sell or distribute single-use bottled water from any city owned/operated facilities, unless under extraordinary situations, as deemed necessary by the City Manager."

ADJOURN:

Harwood-Isleifson

That the meeting do now adjourn (8:39 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK