

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 19, 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:**

434 Harwood-Chaboyer  
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held December 19, 2011 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

435 Blight-Rice  
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held November 28, 2011 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

436 Chaboyer-Rice  
That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held on Saturday, December 10, 2011 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

**HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:**

(A) BERNIE CHRISP, BRANDON RIVERBANK INC. - ANNUAL UPDATE

Bernie Chrisp, President of Brandon Riverbank Inc. appeared before City Council to provide an update on the operations and services of Brandon Riverbank Inc., the Riverbank Discovery Centre and Brandon Tourism. Mr. Chrisp outlined the impact of the 2011 high water event noting that all outdoor events had been cancelled and Eleanor Kidd Garden closed resulting in a 55% decrease in visitors and a significant financial impact for Riverbank Inc. Mr. Chrisp outlined the short term and long term restoration plans noting that the entire re-development of all Riverbank projects will involve significant funding commitments and the re-engagement of government, sponsors and members of the community.

437 Isleifson-Harwood  
That the presentation by Bernie Chrisp of Brandon Riverbank Inc. with respect to the annual update on the operations and activities of Brandon Riverbank, the Riverbank Discovery Centre and Brandon Tourism including plans for the future be received. CARRIED.

(B) DEAN HAMMOND, GENERAL MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES - AFFECT OF  
PROPOSED MILL RATE INCREASE ON PROPERTY TAXES

Dean Hammond, General Manager of Corporate Services appeared before City Council to provide an informational presentation regarding the proposed 5.28% municipal mill rate increase, the 2012 property reassessment and how both will affect the overall property tax landscape in Brandon.

- 438 McCrae-Blight  
That the presentation by Dean Hammond, General Manager of Corporate Services, with respect to how the proposed mill rate increase will affect the overall property tax landscape in Brandon in 2012 be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

RICK BOROTSIK - PROPOSED 2012 BUDGET

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Mr. Rick Borotsik appeared before City Council to request further information with respect to the proposed City of Brandon 2012 Budget. Mr. Borotsik enquired as to the amount of the 2011 Operating Budget as compared to the proposed 2012 Operating Budget. The General Manager of Corporate Services responded that the 2011 Operating Budget was \$67,000,000 as compared to \$75,000,000 proposed for 2012. Mr. Borotsik then noted that the \$8,000,000 shortfall would need to be raised, with the majority of that money coming from an increase in taxes. Mr. Borotsik further expressed his concern on the impact of these increases to the citizens of Brandon and noted that the increase in assessment was not the issue. In conclusion, he encouraged residents to attend the upcoming public forums and raise their concerns.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nil

ENQUIRIES:

- (187) INCREASE IN NUMBER OF DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (DUI'S) AND CRIME OCCURENCES IN THE CITY OF BRANDON
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Councillor Isleifson referred to recent media reports which indicated a significant increase in the number of DUI's and crimes in the City of Brandon. He noted that a pilot program encouraging people to call 911 to report suspected impaired drivers had recently been introduced and enquired if same may have had an effect on the increase. He enquired if a report, inclusive of the statistics from the 911 Program and the increase in both DUI's and crimes could be provided.

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

- (188) PROVIDING AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) DEVICES TO COMMUNITY CENTRES
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Councillor Isleifson noted that, with the support of the City of Brandon, there had been an increase in the number of people making use of the facilities at the Community Centres and enquired if providing AED devices to the Centres could be considered.

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

- (189) SPEED BUMP ON MARYLAND AVENUE WEST OF 26TH STREET
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Councillor Berry noted that speeding vehicles on Maryland Avenue west of 26th Street continued to be a problem and enquired if the installation of a speed bump could be considered.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Development Services responded that the Brandon Police Service had conducted a monitoring program in this area in early September. He noted that during that 3-day period, 252 vehicles had been logged with only 3 speed violations and an average speed of 45 km/h. In conclusion he advised that, given the low traffic volume and the low number of speed violations, a speed bump in the area was not warranted.

Councillor Berry then advised that the concern was that not the speed of vehicles in general, but rather that drag racing in the area was becoming a problem.

The General Manager responded that, from an engineering perspective, speed bumps were used to slow traffic on thoroughfares where a significant amount of the traffic was not local traffic, such as Aberdeen Avenue.

(190) COMPARISON OF SALARIES, WAGES AND BENEFITS

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Councillor Berry enquired if a survey of Western Canadian cities, comparable in size to the City of Brandon, could be conducted to determine the percentage of their budgets allocated to salaries, wages and benefits. He requested that a report on same be received prior to the January 23, 2012 City Council meeting.

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

(191) PARKING ON 22ND STREET SOUTH OF RICHMOND AVENUE

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Councillor Montague referred to a previous enquiry and noted that parking on 22nd Street south of Richmond Avenue continued to be a problem. He enquired if parking on 22nd Street in that area could be restricted to one side, particularly in the winter months.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Development Services responded that the street was standard width for residential streets, and given the amount of apartment blocks in the area where residents parked on the street, such a restriction was not feasible. He also cautioned that increased speed was historically a problem on wider streets. In conclusion, the General Manager advised that in residential areas, parking restrictions were only considered when a petition from area residents was received or the Brandon Police Service reported a high number of accidents in the area.

(192) ELIMINATION OF OFF-PEAK PASSES FOR PERSONS ON INCOME ASSISTANCE

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Councillor Isleifson enquired if the proposed changes to the transit fares in the City of Brandon included the elimination of the Off-Peak Bus Passes issued free of charge to social assistance recipients and if same were expected to be replaced with another program.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the Director of Transportation Services responded that approximately 1,000 passes per month were sold to the Province of Manitoba at a rate of \$3.50 per pass, a discount of 90%. He also advised that the passes were confusing for both drivers and riders in that they were not clear on the time restrictions, same were being sold by recipients needing extra cash and Provincial Officials had indicated that the program was becoming hard to manage. In conclusion, the Director advised that, due to ongoing issues with the program and no agreement between the City of Brandon and the Province of Manitoba being in place, the intent was to discontinue the off-peak bus passes as of December 31, 2011. He noted however, that talks continued with the Province of Manitoba for a replacement program and that a substitute would be in place for the month of January 2012 to allow sufficient notice of the changes to be given to the social assistance clients.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY CHRISTMAS GATHERING

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Councillor Rice announced that he had been pleased to represent Her Worship and City Council at the John Howard Society Christmas Gathering held recently.

THANK YOU TO FIREFIGHTERS

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Councillor Rice thanked Mike Tiel and the other members of the Brandon Fire Department who had assisted with the flooding of the outdoor rinks at the Community Centres.

BRANDON VETERANS' MEMORIAL DONATION

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Councillor Chaboyer presented the General Manager of Corporate Services with a cheque in the amount of \$200 as a donation to the Brandon Veterans' Memorial noting that the donation was in memory of her Dad and her husband's Dad who were both WWII Veterans.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) BOARD OF REVISION

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Subsequent to the meeting, it was determined that this item should be considered under this item of business instead of Committee Reports.

City Council considered a report from D. Cornell, Chair of the Board of Revision dated December 1, 2011.

McCrae-Rice

439 That the report of the Board of Revision dated December 1, 2011 on the proceedings of the assessment appeal hearings by the board with respect to the 2012 real and personal property assessment roll, and the 2011 supplementary tax statements be received. CARRIED.

(B) 2012 CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS TO BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES INC.

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City Council considered a report from the City Clerk dated December 5, 2011 with respect to the above.

Harwood-Berry

440 That the following citizen appointments be and are hereby made to Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc., with terms of office to commence January 1, 2012 and expire December 31, 2013:

Barbara Andrew  
Wayne Gurr  
Kenneth Jackson  
CARRIED.

(C) 2012 CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS TO THE POVERTY COMMITTEE

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Submitted for consideration was a report from the City Clerk dated December 5, 2011 with respect to the above.

Chaboyer-Isleifson

441 That the following citizen appointments be and are hereby made to the Poverty Committee, with terms of office to commence on January 1, 2012 and expire on December 31, 2012:

Vanessa Hamilton  
Linda Lukiw  
Barb Tousignant  
CARRIED.

(D) 2012 APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF REVISION

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Considered was a report from the City clerk dated December 5, 2011 with respect to the above.

McCrae-Rice

442 That the following citizen appointments be and are hereby made to the City of Brandon Board of Revision with terms of office to commence January 1, 2012 and expire December 31, 2012:

Donald Cornell (Chair)  
Ron Powers  
Wes Shewchuk  
Gary Walker  
CARRIED.

(E) APPOINTMENT TO BRANDON URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' COUNCIL

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City Council considered a report from the City Clerk dated December 14, 2011 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Montague

443 That Laura Moar be hereby appointed to the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council with term of office to expire December 31, 2012. CARRIED.

(F) 2012 CITIZEN APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

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Submitted for consideration was a report from the City Clerk dated December 14, 2011 with respect to the above.

Blight-Rice

444 That Ross Robinson be hereby appointed to the Planning Commission with term of office to expire March 31, 2012. CARRIED.

(G) BACKWATER VALVE AND SUMP PUMP AND PIT PROGRAM

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

Chaboyer-Montague

445 That \$90,000 be expended from the Special Programs account under Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations for use in the 2012 Sump Pump and Backwater Valve Program subject to receipt of matching funds from the Province of Manitoba;

and further, that \$90,000 be expended from the Special Programs account under Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations Wastewater Reserve Fund for use in the 2013 Sump Pump and Backwater Valve Program subject to receipt of matching funds from the Province of Manitoba. CARRIED.

(H) BRANDON RECREATION CENTRE PROPERTY PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS

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City Council considered a report and power point presentation from the Manager of Recreation Development dated November 30, 2011 with respect to the above.

Harwood-Fawcett

446 That the report of the Manager of Recreation Development dated November 30, 2011 regarding proposed development options for the Brandon Recreation Centre property be received as information and that Administration investigate potential revenue generating development options for said property for subsequent report to City Council by early summer 2012. CARRIED.

(I) SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SYSTEM - UPDATE REPORT AND PROPOSED CHANGES

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Submitted for consideration was a report and power point presentation from the General Manager of Operational Services and the Director of Public Works dated December 7, 2011 with respect to the above.

McCrae-Fawcett

447 That the report from the Director of Public Works dated December 7, 2011 be received as information and that Administration commence the following changes as they relate to the Solid Waste Collection System for the City of Brandon:

- 1) Prepare and submit to City Council for consideration a by-law to amend the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Bylaw No. 6965 to require that all carts are removed from the back lanes on the same day as collection similar to those with front street collection.
- 2) Switch from a 5-day collection schedule to a 4-day collection schedule which would allow residents to better understand when carts are to be placed out for collection.
- 3) Implement a city wide residential organics collection program for the collection of food and yard waste from residential properties using Option #3 of this report.
- 4) Undertake a public consultation process for multi-family properties based on the following two options:
  - a. Discontinue service to large multifamily complexes and provide a rebate or refund to these properties for commercial pick-up;
  - b. The City would continue service to multifamily complexes using a front load truck and larger commercial style bins that would require a Capital investment for both items.
- 5) Provide a report back to City Council with a recommendation based on outcomes from the multi-family consultation process.
- 6) Enforce by-laws to ensure contamination levels are at an acceptable level and strive for a 50% waste diversion rate.
- 7) Require that owners of new developments provide the City of Brandon with a recycling and organics management plan 90 days prior to any change in method of service.

8) Ensure a Capital Reserve exists for the closure/post-closure costs of the Eastview Landfill Site for the year 2048. CARRIED.

(J) PROPOSAL - ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR INTERIOR REFIT OF CONVERGYS BUILDING (638 PRINCESS AVENUE)

Considered was a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated December 6, 2011 with respect to the above.

Rice-Blight

448 That the proposal from 1 X 1 Architecture Inc. for the Architectural Services for the Interior Refit of the Convergys Building (638 Princess Avenue) in the amount of \$27,117.72 (inclusive of PST and GST) be accepted. CARRIED.

(K) DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT - SUBDIVISION OF 1001 PACIFIC AVENUE (CADDY LAKE INVESTMENTS LTD.)

Considered was a report from the Planning Department dated December 7, 2011 with respect to the above.

Blight-Isleifson

449 That Motion No. 393 of the meeting of City Council held November 28, 2011 with respect to the application of Pitblado LLP, on behalf of the owner, Caddy Lake Investments Ltd., to subdivide 1001 Pacific Avenue (Lot 2, Plan 50506 BLTO) be amended by deleting the date: "November 15, 2011" and substituting therefor the date: "December 7, 2011". CARRIED.

(L) 2012 INTERIM BUDGET

City Council considered a report from the Director of Finance dated December 16, 2011 with respect to the above.

Blight-Chaboyer

450 That pursuant to Section 163 of The Municipal Act, the following interim budget to provide for City of Brandon expenditures, revenues and transfers for the year 2012 be hereby adopted:

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| General Fund Expenditures           | \$76,693,723 |
| General Fund Revenues and Transfers | \$76,693,723 |
| General Fund Reserve Expenditures   | \$10,909,366 |
| Utility Fund Expenditures           | \$16,750,045 |
| Utility Fund Revenues and Transfers | \$16,750,045 |
| Utility Fund Reserve Expenditures   | \$ 8,553,000 |
| CARRIED.                            |              |

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7008 TO CREATE A MUNICIPAL TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PROGRAM FOR DOWNTOWN BRANDON

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Economic Development dated December 19, 2011 with respect to the above.

451 Harwood-Isleifson  
That By-law No. 7008 to create a municipal tax increment financing program for eligible properties to encourage and assist in the renovation, redevelopment and development of properties in Downtown Brandon be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7009 ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF FEES

It was noted that this by-law received first reading at the November 28, 2011 meeting of City Council.

452 McCrae-Fawcett  
That By-law No. 7009, to adopt the Annual Schedule of Fees for services, activities or things provided by the City of Brandon for the year 2012, be read a second time. CARRIED.

453 McCrae-Fawcett  
That the by-law be read a third time. CARRIED.

In accordance with Section 137 of The Municipal Act, a recorded vote was taken on the motion to give By-law No. 7009 third reading.

| <u>FOR</u>                     | <u>AGAINST</u>       |
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| Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst | Councillor Isleifson |
| Councillor Berry               | Councillor Rice      |
| Councillor Blight              |                      |
| Councillor Chaboyer            |                      |
| Councillor Fawcett             |                      |
| Councillor Harwood             |                      |
| Councillor McCrae              |                      |
| Councillor Montague            |                      |

NO. 7011 TO AMEND BORROWING BY-LAW NO. 6904 - TO AUTHORIZE THE BORROWING OF FUNDS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE YMCA TO DEVELOP AN AQUATICS FACILITY

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Councillor Berry declared a conflict of interest due to his wife's employment with the YMCA and left the Chamber without further discussion.

It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the November 28, 2011 meeting of City Council, and that approval had been granted by The Municipal Board through Board Order No. E-11-183 dated December 12, 2011.

454 McCrae-Chaboyer  
That By-law No. 7011 to amend By-law No. 6904 to authorize the borrowing of funds to provide financial assistance to the YMCA to develop an aquatics facility be amended by:

- (1) deleting in the fourth "Whereas" clause the figure: "\$2,768,345.00" and substituting therefor the figure: "\$3,768,345.00"; and
- (2) deleting in Section 2 the figure: "\$2,231,655.00" and substituting therefor the figure: "\$1,000,000.00". CARRIED.

455 McCrae-Chaboyer  
That By-law No. 7011, to amend By-law No. 6904 to decrease the principal amount of borrowing and the term of the debt for the YMCA Aquatic Centre, as amended, be read a second time. CARRIED.



McCrae-Chaboyer

456 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 third reading to By-law No. 7011.

FOR

Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst  
Councillor Blight  
Councillor Chaboyer  
Councillor Fawcett  
Councillor Harwood  
Councillor Isleifson  
Councillor McCrae  
Councillor Montague  
Councillor Rice

AGAINST

Nil

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

NO. 7012

TO REZONE TO REZONE 560 26TH STREET (LOTS 23/25, BLOCK 1, PLAN 211 BLTO) FROM RSF RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY TO RLD RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY MULTIPLE FAMILY (J AND G HOMES LTD.)

Considered was a report from the Planning Department dated December 6, 2011 with respect to the above.

Harwood-Isleifson

457 That By-law No. 7012 to rezone property located at 560 26th Street (Lots 23/25, Block 1, Plan 211 BLTO) from RSF Residential Single Family to RLD Residential Low Density Multiple Family be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

That the meeting do now adjourn (11:17 p.m.) CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK