

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,  
JANUARY 9, 2012 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, Councillor C. Roberts

**ABSENT:** Nil

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Rice-Harwood  
458 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, January 9, 2012 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Blight-Chaboyer  
459 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, December 19, 2011 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

**HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:**

(A) CHAD STILES, MANITOBA RODEO COWBOYS ASSOCIATION - WHEAT CITY STAMPEDE

Chad Stiles of the Manitoba Rodeo Cowboys Association (MRCA) appeared before City Council to provide a power point presentation on the MRCA and the Wheat City Stampede held annually at the Keystone Centre. Mr. Stiles noted that this event had been held in Brandon for past 30 years and advised that the dates for the 4-day Wheat City Stampede were currently being negotiated for some time in late-October at Brandon's Keystone Centre.

Harwood-Isleifson  
460 That the presentation by Chad Stiles of the Manitoba Rodeo Cowboys Association with respect to the Wheat City Stampede held annually at the Keystone Centre be received. CARRIED.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

(A) VARIATION APPLICATION - 19 GRASSLAND CRESCENT (R & M HOMES)

City Council sat to hear representation on the appeal of the Planning Commission's decision to reject the variation application of R & M Homes for 19 Grassland Crescent.

Mark Bailey appeared on behalf of R & M Homes. Mr. Bailey stated that there had been a misunderstanding on his part as to how the process worked. He noted that because he was constructing a different style of home with a walk-out, there was confusion as to what the restrictions were on the depth and height of a deck. Mr. Bailey stated that he was willing to construct a 6' opaque privacy railing to the satisfaction of neighbors at 21 Grassland.

Ryan Nickel, Community Planner appeared before City Council to discuss the proposed conditions to the approval of the variation whereby he confirmed that any conditions imposed would run with the property.

Berry-McCrae

461 That the Public Hearing on the variation application by R & M Homes for 19 Grassland Crescent be concluded. CARRIED.

Berry-No Secorder

462 That the variation application of Mark Bailey of R & M Homes, on behalf of the owners, Kevin Holder and Angela McGuire-Holder to increase the allowable projection for a balcony into the required 7.6m (25') rear yard from 1.5m (5') to 4.3m (14') at 19 Grassland Crescent (Lot 27, Block 1, Plan 49319) in the RSF Residential Single Family Zone be approved whereby such approval is hereby granted:

- (a) in accordance with the intent of the application dated September 15, 2011, the letter of intent dated September 12, 2011 and the attached site plan (S1); and
- (b) subject to the applicant submitting revised construction plans for the balcony to the Planning and Building Department for review and approval with such plans to include a 1.8m (6') privacy railing on the south side of the balcony and having to be signed by both property owners of 17 Grassland Crescent and 21 Grassland Crescent. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nil

ENQUIRIES:

(193) PREVIOUS ENQUIRIES - INCREASE IN NUMBER OF IMPAIRED DRIVERS AND VIOLENT CRIMES (ASSAULTS)

Councillor Isleifson referred to his previous enquiry on the recent increase in the number of impaired drivers in the City of Brandon. Councillor McCrae had enquired on the number of violent crimes (assaults) within the City of Brandon in recent months. Her Worship the Mayor had agreed to take both of these matters under advisement.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, Brandon Police Service Acting Inspector Doug Thompson provided a verbal and written report on the above enquiries, a copy of which is attached as the response to Councillor's Enquiry No. 187. He noted that the statistics for impaired drivers were current, however, the exact numbers regarding violent crimes (assaults) would not be available until mid-February 2012.

Councillor Isleifson then enquired as to the relationship between the increase in the number of impaired driving charges and the new Reduce Impaired Driving (RID) Program where the public was encouraged to call 911 to report suspected impaired drivers.

Acting Inspector Thompson responded that there had been a significant increase in the amount of calls coming in reporting suspected impaired drivers and that same had resulted in a substantial increase in the amount of charges being laid. Acting Inspector Thompson stated that if an intoxicated person was seen exiting a vehicle and entering a residence or business, they should be reported to the Brandon Police Service at 729-2345. He added that if however the person was spotted driving the vehicle, the call should go directly to 911 for an immediate response.

(194) REVIEW OF PROCESSES - BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

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Councillor Chaboyer enquired if a review of the processes followed in budget deliberations could be undertaken prior to the commencement of the 2013 deliberations.

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

(195) ROADMAP FOR GROWTH - ADDITION TO RURAL OUTREACH INITIATIVES

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Councillor Chaboyer referred to the City of Brandon's Roadmap for Growth and enquired if social programs currently being worked on by committees of City Council such as the Poverty Committee could be added to the Rural Outreach Initiatives Pillar.

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

(196) UPDATE ON ENQUIRY - SALARY IMPACT ON BUDGET

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Councillor Berry requested an update on his previous enquiry for a survey of Western Canadian cities, comparable in size to the City of Brandon, to determine the percentage of their budgets allocated to salaries, wages and benefits.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, Nathan Peto, the City's Policy Analyst, provided a presentation on the matter, a copy of which is attached as the response to Councillor's Enquiry No. 190.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WESTMAN AND AREA TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

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Councillor Rice announced that he had been pleased to represent Her Worship and City Council at the Westman and Area Traditional Christmas Dinner held December 25, 2011 at the Keystone Centre where 3300 free meals had been provided.

RIVERVIEW WARD MEETING - MID-FEBRUARY 2012

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Councillor Isleifson announced that he planned to hold a Riverview Ward meeting in mid-February 2012 with details on same to be provided at the January 23, 2012 City Council meeting.

PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS ON THE 2012 BUDGET

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Her Worship the Mayor announced that public consultations on the 2012 Budget were being planned and that the dates of same were to be made available in the near future.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) 2012 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S WINTER FESTIVAL

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City Council considered a report from the General Manager of Operational Services dated December 12, 2011 with respect to the above.

Harwood-McCrae

463 That the Lieutenant Governor's Winter Festival to be held February 2, 3, and 4, 2012 be hereby designated a Community Event in the City of Brandon whereby said festival shall include the following pavilions at the listed locations:

- Brazil- Shriners Hall: 1110 McTavish Avenue East
- Colombia- Central United Church: 327 8th Street
- El Salvador- Knox United Church: 451- 18th Street
- English- ANAF Hall: 31-14th Street
- First Nations- Little Teaching Lodge: 205 College Avenue
- French Canadian- Keystone Center Exhibition Hall: 1175- 18th Street
- German- Victoria Inn Salon A & B: 3550 Victoria Avenue
- Irish- Royal Oak Inn: 3130 Victoria Avenue
- Mauritius- UFCW Training Hall: 530 Richmond Avenue East
- Metis- Westman Centennial Auditorium: 205-20th Street
- Scottish- Victoria Inn Imperial Ball Room: 3550 Victoria Avenue
- Ukrainian- Ukrainian Reading Hall: 1005 Assiniboine Avenue
- USA- St Matthews Church: 403 13th Street

CARRIED.

(B) 2011 ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

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Submitted for consideration was a report from the Manager of Environmental Initiatives dated December 28, 2011 with respect to the above.

Isleifson-McCrae

464 That the report of the Manager of Environmental Initiatives dated December 28, 2011 providing an update on environmental initiatives being addressed in Brandon be received. CARRIED.

(C) APPLICATION TO SUBDIVIDE - 1660 - 34TH STREET (WAVERLY DEVELOPMENTS LTD.)

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Considered was a report from the Planning Department dated December 15, 2011 with respect to the above.

Berry-Blight

465 That the application of Waverly Developments Ltd. to subdivide 1660 - 34th Street (Pt. NE 1/4 9-10-19 WPM) be approved subject to:

- 1) the re-zoning of the property from DR Development Reserve to RSF Residential Single Family and PR Parks and Recreation;
- 2) written confirmation that the City of Brandon Building Department is satisfied that the subdivision is in compliance with the Manitoba Building Code, including emergency access and fire hydrant location; and
- 3) written confirmation that arrangements have been made for a Joint Use Easement and Plan of Easements to the satisfaction of Manitoba Hydro, MTS Communications Inc. and Westman Communications Group. CARRIED.

(D) NAMING OF PARK AT 1ST STREET AND ROSSER AVENUE EAST

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City Council considered a report from Councillor L. Isleifson dated January 4, 2012 with respect to the above.

Isleifson-McCrae

466 That the correspondence of Pat Fraser and attached petition requesting the park located at 1st Street and Rosser Avenue East be named: "The David S. Weiss Memorial Park" be received. CARRIED.

467 Isleifson-McCrae  
WHEREAS Errol Black has contributed consistently and significantly over the years to the betterment of the Brandon community;

AND WHEREAS this endless dedication has improved the quality of life for young and old in Brandon;

AND WHEREAS such outstanding service to his city needs to be recognized and appreciated;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the open land located at the north east corner of 1st Street and Rosser Avenue be hereby named: "The Errol Black Park". CARRIED.

(E) CITY OF BRANDON APPOINTMENTS TO ASSINIBOINE HILLS CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Submitted for consideration was a report from the City Clerk dated December 23, 2011 with respect to the above.

468 Fawcett-McCrae  
That Councillor Jeff Fawcett and T.E. Snure, P.Eng. General Manager of Development Services for the City of Brandon be appointed to the Little Souris Sub-District of the Assiniboine Hills Conservation District with term of office to commence April 1, 2012 and end November 30, 2013 for Councillor Fawcett and November 30, 2014 for T.E. Snure. CARRIED.

469 Fawcett-Isleifson  
That Councillor Len Isleifson be appointed to the Epinette/Willow Creek Sub-District of the Assiniboine Hills Conservation District with term of office to commence April 1, 2012 and end October 22, 2014. CARRIED.

470 Fawcett-McCrae  
That T.E. Snure, P.Eng. General Manager of Development Services for the City of Brandon be recommended for Provincial appointment to the Board of the Assiniboine Hills Conservation District with term of office to commence April 1, 2012 and end December 31, 2014. CARRIED.

(F) PROPOSAL - SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APARATUS AND ACCESSORIES (SCBA)

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Considered was a report from the Fire Chief dated January 4, 2012 with respect to the above.

471 Blight-Harwood  
That the bid of ABC Fire & Safety for the supply 25 self-contained breathing apparatus harnesses, 75 high pressure cylinders, 70 face pieces, 15 voice amplifiers, 7 radio interfaces and 1 Quantifit adapter as per the proposal and specifications at a total cost of \$160,885.70 (excluding GST) be accepted. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

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

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It was noted that this by-law received first reading at the December 19, 2011 meeting of City Council.

472 Roberts-Isleifson  
That By-law No. 7008, to create a municipal tax increment financing program for Downtown Brandon, be amended by:

- (1) adding the following as the third “Whereas” clause in the preamble:  
“AND WHEREAS the tax increment financing program shall be utilized to overcome existing barriers that hinder development in the Downtown HUB”;
- (2) deleting the definition in Section 1. (a) for BASE YEAR in its entirety;
- (3) adding in Section 3 the following as clause (c):  
“(c) barriers that hinder development must be overcome in order for the development to occur”;
- (4) deleting Section 6 in its entirety and substituting the following therefor:  
“6. Applications may be made to access money in the reserve fund to provide financial assist to persons who invest in developing property in the area including:
  - (a) the person in whose name the community revitalization property is assessed;
  - (b) an occupier of the community revitalization property;
  - (c) the municipality in which the community revitalization property is situated.”;
- (5) deleting in Section 9 the words: “attached as “Schedule C” - Tax Increment Financing Program Application Form to this by-law”, and substituting therefor the words: “provided by the Economic Development Department of the City of Brandon or designate.”;
- (6) deleting Section 10 in its entirety and substituting the following therefor:  
“10. Funding for each community revitalization property through the tax increment financing program will be available for a maximum of eight (8) years, and will be determined on a project by project basis. Funds will only be paid after the collection of the community revitalization levy.”; and
- (7) adding to Schedule “B” under Section C. Administrative Procedure, the following:  
“4. If the applicant is not the property owner, written authorization from the property owner(s) is required to apply for financial assistance.”. CARRIED.

473 Roberts-Isleifson  
That By-law No. 7008, to create a municipal tax increment financing program for Downtown Brandon, as amended, be read a second time. CARRIED.

474 Roberts-Isleifson  
That the by-law be read a third and final time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Chaboyer-Roberts

That the meeting do now adjourn (9:44 p.m.) CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK