

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 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 J. Chaboyer, Councillor J. Fawcett, Councillor J. Harwood, Councillor L. Isleifson, Councillor S. Montague, Councillor G. Rice, Councillor C. Roberts

ABSENT: Councillor M. Blight, Councillor J. McCrae

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

475 Harwood-Rice
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, January 23, 2012 be adopted as presented. NOT VOTED ON.

476 Harwood-Rice
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, January 23, 2012 be amended by adding under the Order of Delegations, a presentation by Harvey Douglas, Western Manitoba Seniors Non-Profit Housing Co-operative. CARRIED.

477 Fawcett-Montague
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, January 23, 2012 be further amended by adding under the Order of Delegations, a presentation by Cam Clark, President of the Brandon Chamber of Commerce with regard to the City of Brandon 2012 Budget. CARRIED.

478 Fawcett-Montague
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, January 23, 2012 as amended, be adopted. CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

(A) WELCOME TO NO. 60 SWITSURE ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADET CORP

Her Worship the Mayor extended a welcome to the Officers and Cadets of No. 60 Switsure Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corp who were in attendance at this evening's meeting.

(B) GREETINGS FROM PAKISTANI COMMUNITY - COUNCILLOR JAN CHABOYER

Councillor Chaboyer brought greetings to City Council on behalf of the Pakistani community. She noted that the Pakistani community had participated in the Global Village as part of the Lieutenant Governor's Winter Festival last year and was pleased to present part of their beautiful culture through the traditional ensemble she was wearing this evening. Councillor Chaboyer encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming Winter Festival to be held February 2 - 4, 2012 and noted that there was still a need for volunteers if anyone was interested.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

479 Harwood-Roberts
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, January 9, 2012 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) HARVEY DOUGLAS - WESTERN MANITOBA SENIORS NON-PROFIT HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE

Harvey Douglas, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Western Manitoba Seniors Non-profit Housing Co-operative appeared before City Council to thank City Council and the community for their support of the affordable housing project located at 620 McDiarmid Drive. Mr. Douglas advised that an official announcement had taken place on Friday, January 20, 2012 confirming funding from the Federal and Provincial Governments, the shareholders who will occupy the building, and the City of Brandon through the Affordable Housing Fund. Mr. Douglas noted that the Seniors Non-profit Housing Co-operative would now be able to proceed with construction of the \$5.8-million, 34 unit housing project.

Harwood-Isleifson

480 That the presentation by Harvey Douglas of the Western Manitoba Seniors Non-profit Housing Co-operative regarding of the affordable housing project located at 620 McDiarmid Drive be received. CARRIED.

(B) CAM CLARK, BRANDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - CITY OF BRANDON 2012 BUDGET

Cam Clark, President of the Brandon Chamber of Commerce appeared to remind City Council to keep in mind the capacity to pay of all citizens, including business people when reconsidering the 2012 budget. He encouraged City Council to evaluate the nice-to-haves against the need-to-haves. Mr. Clark asked City Council to keep things encouraging and open for businesses noting that any increase in taxation on business translated to an increased cost to consumers of goods/services of businesses.

Fawcett-Isleifson

481 That the presentation by Cam Clark, President of the Brandon Chamber of Commerce with respect to the reconsideration of the 2012 budget be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) POVERTY COMMITTEE
VERBAL

JANUARY 23, 2012

Councillor Chaboyer reported that the Poverty Committee was seeking support from City Council to forward a letter to the Provincial Government regarding shelter allowance rates and off-peak bus passes for social assistance recipients for consideration in the upcoming Provincial budget. She noted that a verbal commitment had been made by the former Minister of Child and Family Services to increase shelter allowances, however, with the recent Cabinet shuffle, a new minister had been appointed to this portfolio, and the Poverty Committee wanted to formally make her aware of their concerns.

Councillor Isleifson reported that the Poverty Committee was also seeking support from the Provincial Government for the reinstatement of the off-peak bus passes that would assist people in the community on limited means to seek employment, participate as volunteers, and attend social functions.

It was suggested that a copy of the letter be sent to the Priorities and Planning Committee of Cabinet as well as the two Members of the Legislative Assembly for Brandon.

Chaboyer-Isleifson

482 That the verbal report of the Poverty Committee dated January 23, 2012 be received. CARRIED.

Chaboyer-Isleifson

483 That the Poverty Committee of City Council be authorized to forward a letter to the Premier of Manitoba outlining concerns with the current shelter allowance rates, and the Provincial Government's lack of support for the off-peak bus pass program for social assistance recipients, whereby copies of said letter shall also be forwarded to the Minister of Child and Family Services, the Priorities and Planning Committee of Cabinet, and the Members of the Legislative Assembly for Brandon East and Brandon West respectively. CARRIED.

(B) MASTER ANNEXATION PLANNING COMMITTEE
VERBAL

JANUARY 23, 2012

Councillor Harwood reported that representatives from the City of Brandon and the Rural Municipalities of Cornwallis and Elton continued to meet on the Master Annexation Plan. He noted that progress was being made on an agreement between the three municipalities that would prevent any controversy in the future when the City of Brandon was required to annex land outside of its boundaries.

(C) WESTERN MANITOBA CENTENNIAL AUDITORIUM
VERBAL

JANUARY 23, 2012

Councillor Fawcett reported that the Board of the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium had met last week and noted that the facility had experienced a very busy winter season to date. He noted that thousands of people of all ages had attended various functions at the Auditorium in the last month, and that the facility continued to be well utilized.

Roberts-Chaboyer

484 That the verbal reports of the Master Annexation Planning Committee and the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(197) UPDATE ON THE INTERSECTION OF 18TH STREET AND BRAECREST DRIVE

Councillor Fawcett enquired if an update could be provided on any planned improvements to the intersection of 18th Street and Braecrest Drive.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the Director of Engineering Services and Water Resources responded that no immediate improvements were planned, however, both Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation and the City of Brandon Engineering Department were aware that improvements were needed in the future.

(198) IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BUS STOP - KIRKCALDY DRIVE AT THE CORRAL CENTRE

Councillor Fawcett noted that the installation of curbing and a pad were planned for the bus stop located on Kirkcaldy Drive at the Corral Centre. He enquired if the stop pad could be installed on the bike path located on the south side of Kirkcaldy Drive so people exiting the bus would not be immediately crossing the street in heavy traffic.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the Director of Engineering Services and Water Resources responded that the plan was to maintain the east-west movement of traffic on Kirkcaldy Drive, allow for left-hand turns onto Cater Drive while still providing a safe place for the bus to stop and passengers to exit the bus and cross the street.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RIVERVIEW WARD MEETING - FEBRUARY 28, 2012

Councillor Isleifson announced that a Riverview Ward Meeting would be held Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the East End Community Centre. He advised that agenda items would include the 2012 Budget, the Rideau Park Hub and any other city and ward issues. He encouraged ward residents to contact him at www.riverviewward.com if they had any other items they would like to be discussed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) 2012 GRANT-IN-AID REQUEST

City Council considered a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated January 13, 2012 with respect to the above.

Roberts-Harwood

485 That the Manitoba Department of Infrastructure and Transportation be advised that the City of Brandon intends to proceed with the paving of Parker Boulevard from 6th Street North to 17th Street North in the 2012 Road Paving Works;

and further, that a grant in the amount of \$109,850 be requested from the Manitoba Department of Infrastructure and Transportation under the 2012 Grant-In-Aid Program. CARRIED.

(B) REVISION TO 2012 SCHEDULE OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Submitted for consideration was a report from the City Clerk dated January 13, 2012 with respect to the above.

Rice-Chaboyer

486 That City Council Motion No. 307 of its meeting held August 15, 2011 be amended by:

(a) deleting: "Monday, June 4, 2012" and substituting therefor: "Monday, June 11, 2012";

(b) deleting: "Monday, June 18, 2012 and substituting therefor: "Monday, June 25, 2012"; and

(c) deleting: "Tuesday, October 2, 2012" and substituting therefor: "Monday, October 1, 2012."
CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7006 TO REZONE 1660 - 34TH STREET (PT. NE 1/4 9-10-19 WPM) FROM DR DEVELOPMENT RESERVE ZONE TO RSF RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY ZONE AND PR PARKS AND RECREATION ZONE (WAVERLY DEVELOPMENTS LTD.)

It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the October 17, 2011 meeting of City Council.

Berry-Rice

487 That By-law No. 7006 to rezone 1660 - 34th Street (Pt. NE 1/4 9-10-19 WPM) from DR Development Reserve Zone to RSF Residential Single Family Zone and PR Parks and Recreation Zone be read a second time;

and further, that third reading of the by-law be held in abeyance pending the execution of the development agreement between the City of Brandon and the owner/successor attached to the report of the Community Planner dated January 10, 2012 pursuant to Section 150 of The Planning Act. CARRIED.

NO. 7013 TO CLOSE AND CONVEY A PORTION OF THE EAST/WEST ROAD IN THE N 1/2 25-10-19 WPM (LORI ROAD) TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

Considered was a report from Property Administration dated January 10, 2012 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Isleifson

489 That By-law No. 7013 to close and convey a portion of the east/west road in the N 1/2 25-10-19 WPM to Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Manitoba be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7015 TO CREATE THE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION RESERVE FUND

City Council considered a report from the Deputy City Clerk dated January 16, 2012 with respect to the above.

Roberts-Isleifson

488 That By-law No. 7015, to create the Community Revitalization Reserve Fund, be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7017 TO NAME STREETS IN MOBILE HOME COURT LOCATED SOUTH OF SYCAMORE DRIVE AT 1640 SYCAMORE DRIVE (KINGSWAY TRAILER COURT)

Submitted for consideration was a report from Property Administration dated January 23, 2012 with respect to the above.

Montague-Chaboyer

490 That By-law No. 7017 to name streets within the Kingsway Trailer Court located at 1640 Sycamore Drive be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

(A) RECONSIDERATION OF CITY OF BRANDON 2012 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

In accordance with Rule 60 of City Council Procedure By-law No. 6634, Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst gave notice of her intent to introduce at the February 7, 2012 Special Meeting of City Council the following motion:

"That City Council Motion No. 403 of its Special Meeting held December 10, 2011 adopting the City of Brandon's 2012 Operating and Capital budgets as amended be reconsidered for possible further amendments."

ADJOURN:

Chaboyer-Rice

That the meeting do now adjourn (8:09 p.m.). CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK