

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 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. Harwood, Councillor L. Isleifson, Councillor J. McCrae, Councillor S. Montague, Councillor C. Roberts

ABSENT: Councillor J. Chaboyer, Councillor J. Fawcett, Councillor G. Rice

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Harwood-Isleifson

561 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Blight-Roberts

562 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, February 6, 2012 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Roberts-Berry

563 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Tuesday, February 7, 2012 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) **BRADEN PILLING, RENAISSANCE BRANDON - 2011 ANNUAL REPORT**

Braden Pilling, Downtown Development Specialist for Renaissance Brandon, appeared before City Council and provided a summary of the group's 2011 annual report. Mr. Pilling highlighted the numerous projects/activities undertaken by Renaissance Brandon in 2011, including its aiding in the creation of the Tax Increment Financing By-law, the Secondary Land Use Plan, the Wireless HUB, the installation of Downtown HUB street furnishings, and the expansion of the downtown Seasonal Concert Series.

Mr. Pilling also briefed City Council on Renaissance Brandon's plans for 2012, including determining the future of the Brandon Inn property and the future of the former No. 1 Fire Hall on Princess Avenue, the Strand Theatre redevelopment, and the creation of a downtown space inventory, parking strategy and a "Life after Dark" strategy.

Roberts-Isleifson

564 That the presentation by Braden Pilling on behalf of Renaissance Brandon regarding its 2011 Annual Report be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(A) **BY-LAW NO. 7013 - TO CLOSE AND CONVEY THE EAST/WEST PUBLIC ROAD IN THE N ½ 25-10-19 WPM COMMONLY KNOWN AS LORI ROAD**

It was noted that as Councillors Chaboyer, Fawcett, and Rice were absent from the public hearing for reasons other than illness or conflict of interest, a resolution was required to excuse them from the hearing.

565 McCrae-Harwood
That Councillors Jan Chaboyer, Jeff Fawcett and Garth Rice be excused from the public hearing with respect to By-law No. 7013 for the closure and conveyance of a portion of the east/west public road in the N ½ 25-10-19 WPM commonly known as Lori Road. CARRIED.

City Council sat to hear representation on the above noted matter.

No verbal or written representation was put forward either in support of or in opposition to this by-law.

566 McCrae-Roberts
That the Public Hearing to close and convey a portion of the east/west public road in the N ½ 25-10-19 WPM commonly known as Lori Road be concluded. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) ACCOMMODATION TAX TASK FORCE FEBRUARY 15, 2012

City Council considered a report from the Accommodation Tax Task Force dated February 15, 2012 with respect to the imposition of an accommodation tax in the City of Brandon.

567 Berry-Blight
That the report of the Accommodation Tax Task Force dated February 15, 2012 be received. CARRIED.

568 Berry-Blight
That the matter of imposing an accommodation tax in the City of Brandon be dealt with under the Order of By-laws for consideration of Accommodation Tax By-law No. 7014, Accommodation Tax Reserve Fund By-law No. 7016 and Large Event Acquisition Reserve Fund By-law No. 7020 respectively. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(202) SAFETY OF INTERSECTION OF 17TH STREET EAST AND RICHMOND AVENUE EAST

Councillor Isleifson noted that the intersection of 17th Street East and Richmond Avenue East continued to be a problem with two serious accidents having happened there recently. He noted that improvements to same were currently being discussed with Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation and requested an update on the planned improvements.

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

(203) TRAFFIC PATTERNS ON MCTAVISH AVENUE BETWEEN 18TH AND 26TH STREETS

Councillor McCrae noted that new developments in the west end of the City of Brandon had caused an increase in the traffic on McTavish Avenue between 18th and 26th Streets. He enquired if any recent studies of traffic patterns in that area had been conducted and if not, whether same could be considered in the near future.

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

(204) RUN-OFF ISSUES ON VICTORY PLACE

Councillor McCrae advised that the City of Brandon street maintenance crews had recently been called to Victory Place to address the pool of water caused by run-off. He noted that this issue had been ongoing and enquired if a permanent solution to the problem could be investigated.

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

(205) UPDATE ON THE 8TH STREET BRIDGE CLOSURE AND UPGRADES

Councillor Roberts requested an update on the recent closure of the 8th Street Bridge and the proposed upgrades to same.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Development Services responded that the consultant's draft report was near completion and that a meeting to discuss same with City Council was scheduled for mid-March 2012. With regards to the recent closure, the General Manager responded that concrete had to be removed to allow for the reattachment of a cover plate that had become loose. The General Manager added that although the bridge remained safe, it was in need of some permanent repairs due to its age and that same would be fully explained at the upcoming meeting with the consultant.

(206) NORTH BOUND TRAFFIC ON DALY OVERPASS

Councillor Harwood referred to the ongoing problems for north-bound traffic on the Daly Overpass and enquired if Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation could be requested to push the expansion project forward at a quicker pace.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Development Services responded that addressing this issue remained a high priority for both the City of Brandon and Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation, and attempts were being made to secure funding by both parties for the twinning of the overpass in both directions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THANK-YOU TO DEPUTY MAYOR BLIGHT AND COUNCILLORS

Her Worship Mayor Decker Hirst thanked the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Murray Blight, and all the Councillors for filling in for her while she was away on vacation.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD BRANDON OFFICE GRAND OPENING

Councillor Blight announced that he had been pleased to represent Her Worship the Mayor and members of City Council at the recent grand opening of the Brandon Workers' Compensation Board Office. He added that The Honourable Greg Selinger, Premier of Manitoba, and Drew Caldwell, Brandon East Member of the Legislative Assembly had also attended the event along with other City Councillors.

PROVINCIAL MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONS

Councillor Berry congratulated the new Provincial Men's Curling Champions, Rob Fowler, Allan Lyburn, Richard Daneault, Derek Samagalski, Willy Lyburn and Coach Brian Fowler and wished them the best of luck as they represent Manitoba at the upcoming Tim Horton's Brier in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Her Worship the Mayor also congratulated the team and added that it had been 25 years since a Brandon team had won the Provincial Championship and that team was led by Rob Fowler's Dad, Brian Fowler.

MEETING WITH ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA MUNICIPALITIES

Councillor Blight announced that the annual meeting between City Council and the Executive of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities had taken place on February 16, 2012 and that good discussions on a variety of topics had taken place.

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Councillor Harwood announced that he and Councillor Isleifson had attended the Chinese New Year Celebrations hosted by the Brandon University Chinese Students and Scholars Association on February 11, 2012 where a good time was had by all.

RIVERVIEW SCHOOL GRADES 5 & 6 STUDENTS HOMELESSNESS PROJECTS

Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst commended the Grades 5 & 6 students from Riverheights School on the excellent projects they had recently completed regarding homelessness in the City of Brandon, noting that if the projects were any indication, the citizens of Brandon would be well served by the next generation.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Nil

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7010 TO ADOPT THE HUB SECONDARY PLAN

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

Roberts-Isleifson

569 That By-law No. 7010 to adopt The HUB Secondary Plan be read a second time. CARRIED.

Roberts-Isleifson

570 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 By-law No. 7010 third reading.

FOR

Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst
Councillor Berry
Councillor Blight
Councillor Harwood
Councillor Isleifson
Councillor McCrae
Councillor Montague
Councillor Roberts

AGAINST

Nil

NO. 7012 TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 560 - 26TH STREET (LOTS 23/25, BLOCK 1, PLAN 211 BLTO) FROM RSF RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY ZONE TO RLD RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY MULTIPLE FAMILY ZONE (J & G HOMES LTD.)

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

Harwood-Roberts

571 That By-law No. 7012 to rezone 560 - 26th Street (Lots 23/24, Block 1, Plan 211 BLTO) from RSF Residential Single Family to RLD Residential Low Density Multiple Family be read a second time;

and further, that third reading of the by-law be held in abeyance pending the objectors to the by-law being given notice of their right to file a further objection, and pending the execution of the development agreement between the City of Brandon and the owner/successor of the property attached to the report of the Community Planner dated February 6, 2012. CARRIED.

NO. 7013 TO CLOSE AND CONVEY A PORTION OF THE EAST/WEST PUBLIC ROAD IN THE N ½ 25-10-19 WPM (LORI ROAD) TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the January 23, 2012 meeting of City Council, and that the required public hearing had been held earlier in tonight's meeting.

McCrae-Blight

572 That By-law No. 7013 to close and convey a portion of the east/west road in the N ½ 25-10-19 WPM (Lori Road) to Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Manitoba be read a second time. CARRIED.

McCrae-Blight

573 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. 7013 third reading.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
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Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst	Nil
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Councillor Berry

Councillor Blight

Councillor Harwood

Councillor Isleifson

Councillor McCrae

Councillor Montague

Councillor Roberts

NO. 7014 ACCOMMODATION TAX BY-LAW

Considered was a report from the Deputy City Clerk dated February 14, 2012 with respect to the above.

Berry-Montague

574 That By-law No. 7014 to impose a tax on accommodation of short duration in order to support event acquisition and retention or capital repairs/upgrades related to same within the City of Brandon, and known as the "Accommodation Tax By-law" be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7016 TO CREATE THE ACCOMMODATION TAX RESERVE FUND

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Deputy City Clerk dated February 14, 2012 with respect to the above.

Berry-Montague

575 That By-law No. 7016, to create the Accommodation Tax Reserve Fund, to support event acquisition and retention or capital repairs/upgrades related to same within the City of Brandon, be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7019 TO REZONE 1230 - 18TH STREET NORTH (LOT 29, PLAN 20556 BLTO FROM RESIDENTIAL LARGE LOT TO RESIDENTIAL MODERATE DENSITY, OPEN SPACE, AND RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY ZONES (HOOKER)

City Council considered a report from the Planning Department dated February 3, 2012 with respect to the above.

Montague-Isleifson

576 That By-law No. 7019 to rezone property located 1230 – 18th Street North (Lot 29, Plan 20556 BLTO) from RLL Residential Large Lot Zone to RMD Residential Moderate Density Multiple Family Zone, OS Open Space Zone, and RSF Residential Single Family Zone be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7020 TO CREATE THE LARGE EVENT ACQUISITION RESERVE FUND

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Deputy City Clerk dated February 14, 2012 with respect to the above.

Berry-Harwood

577 That By-law No. 7020 to create the Large Event Acquisition Reserve Fund for the purpose of supporting the acquisition of one off large city-wide events within the City of Brandon be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Roberts

That the meeting do now adjourn (8:19 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK