

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 5, 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:

578 Harwood-Isleifson
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, March 5, 2012 be adopted as presented. NOT VOTED ON.

579 Blight-Berry
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, March 5, 2012 be amended by adding the City of Brandon's interest in hosting the 2017 Canada Summer Games and expenditure of \$12,000 from the Major Events Hosting Reserve Fund to the Order of Delegations and secondly, under the Order of General Business. CARRIED.

580 Harwood-Isleifson
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, March 5, 2012 be adopted as amended. CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

581 Rice-Isleifson
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Tuesday, February 21, 2012 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) ERIN BROWN - BRANDON FIRST - 2017 CANADA SUMMER GAMES

Ms. Erin Brown appeared before City Council on behalf of Brandon First and provided a power point presentation with respect to the City of Brandon's potentially hosting the 2017 Canada Summer Games. Ms. Brown advised that the first step was to submit a letter of intent to bid to the Canada Games Council by March 16, 2012, with the final bid package to be submitted by January 15, 2013.

In conclusion, she advised that the City of Brandon had a strong volunteer base with some top-notch venues and would benefit in many ways from hosting this event. She encouraged City Council to go forward with a bid for the 2017 Canada Summer Games.

582 Harwood-Rice
That the presentation by Erin Brown on behalf of Brandon First with respect to the 2017 Canada Summer Games be received. CARRIED.

(B) DAVID CARRIERE, WESTMAN ACCOMMODATIONS GROUP - PROPOSED ACCOMMODATION TAX BY-LAW

Mr. David Carriere appeared before City Council on behalf of the Westman Accommodations Group with respect to the proposed Accommodation Tax By-law for the City of Brandon. He noted that there had been an overall decrease in occupancy of 3 per cent in Brandon hotels in recent years with that number expected to increase in 2012 with the additional rooms available.

Mr. Carriere advised that the Westman Accommodations Group reluctantly endorsed the City of Brandon Accommodation Tax By-law as written but would not support any changes to the by-law that allowed for collected revenue to support anything other than event acquisition and event growth.

Berry-Isleifson

583 That the presentation by David Carriere on behalf of the Westman Accommodation Group, with respect to the proposed Accommodation Tax By-law be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(A) 2012 FINANCIAL PLAN

City Council sat to hear representation on the City of Brandon's 2012 Financial Plan.

Dean Hammond, General Manager of Corporate Services appeared before City Council and provided a power point presentation which contained highlights of the 2012 Financial Plan. Items highlighted included the overall impact on residential taxes, the City of Brandon's 2012 debt position, and the 2012/2013 expense management plan. Mr. Hammond also noted that this evening's presentation and a copy of the financial plan were available for viewing on the City of Brandon's website.

Scott Pedlow appeared before City Council with respect to the City of Brandon's 2012 Financial Plan. Mr. Pedlow advised that his main concern was that the final budget appeared to be more of a wages budget than the original infrastructure budget. Mr. Pedlow also commented that the \$200,000 reduction in the Brandon Police Service portion of the 2012 budget should have been allocated towards a payment on the new building, rather than deferring that payment for one year. Mr. Pedlow also expressed his concern that the public hearing on the budget for the City of Brandon was the same evening as the public budget consultations for the Brandon School Division.

Cam Clarke, President of the Brandon Chamber of Commerce appeared before City Council. He echoed Mr. Pedlow's comments from the perspective of the business community.

No further representation was put forward either in support of or in opposition to the Financial Plan.

Harwood-McCrae

584 That the Public Hearing on the City of Brandon's 2012 Financial Plan be concluded. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

CAM CLARKE, BRANDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - ACCOMMODATION TAX BY-LAW NO. 7014

Cam Clarke, President of the Brandon Chamber of Commerce, appeared before City Council with respect to the City of Brandon Accommodation Tax By-law No. 7014 to be discussed later in the meeting. Mr. Clarke advised that the Chamber of Commerce had been represented on the Accommodation Tax Task Force where many good discussions surrounding the concept of an accommodation tax had taken place.

He thanked all members of the Task Force for their hard work and dedication. Mr. Clarke advised that the Chamber supported the by-law for the acquisition and retention of events, however, the Chamber would not support the use of any of the funds generated for capital improvements to existing facilities in the City of Brandon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION AND CITY OF BRANDON JOINT TASK FORCE
VERBAL MARCH 5, 2012

March 5, 2012
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Montague reported that the recent meeting between the Brandon School Division Board of Trustees and City Council had been very productive. He advised that items discussed had included the various recreation options in the community, inclusive of joint funding for playgrounds and the joint-use agreements for after-hours use of the gymnasiums. He reported that the group also discussed the Kindergarten to Grade 3 classrooms being limited to 20 students and the need for a new educational institution in the City of Brandon to meet the needs of the growing community.

McCrae-Isleifson

585 That the verbal report of the Brandon School Division and City of Brandon Joint Task Force be received. CARRIED.

Montague-Fawcett

586 That the City of Brandon support the Brandon School Division's request for a new K-8 school to be built in the City of Brandon;

and further, that a letter expressing such support be sent to the Premier of Manitoba, the Minister of Education and the Chair of the Public Schools Finance Board. CARRIED.

(B) BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES INC.
VERBAL MARCH 5, 2012

March 5, 2012
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Harwood reported that the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. was in the process of planning its 2nd Annual Fundraising Dinner and Auction to be held April 19, 2012 at the Victoria Inn with tickets to be available in the near future. He added that the group was to meet the following evening and that a full report on that meeting would be provided at the March 19, 2012 City Council meeting.

(C) BRANDON URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' COUNCIL
VERBAL MARCH 5, 2012

March 5, 2012
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Fawcett reported that the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council had held two meetings in the month of February where presentations had been provided by Manitoba Hydro and the Brandon Regional Health Authority on their respective Aboriginal Workforce Initiatives. He added that a full report on the Aboriginal Council would be provided to City Council in April 2012.

McCrae-Isleifson

587 That the verbal reports of the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. and the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(207) MANITOBA INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION UPDATE ON THE TRANS CANADA HIGHWAY

Councillor Fawcett enquired if a representative from Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation could be invited to an upcoming meeting to provide City Council with an update on the planned improvements to the Trans-Canada Highway.

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

(208) POTENTIAL FOR GASOLINE TAX REVENUE PROGRAM

Councillor Montague referred to recent newspaper reports whereby the potential for extra revenues from a gasoline tax revenue program had been discussed and enquired if more information on same could be provided.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor the City Manager responded that this issue had been discussed at a recent Association of Manitoba Municipalities meeting. He agreed to investigate the issue further and report back to City Council in the near future.

(209) SCHEDULE OF ROAD REPAIRS FOR 2012

Councillor Montague noted that segments of Patricia Avenue were in need of repair and enquired if a schedule of roads for repair in 2012 was available.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the finalized list was expected in the near future and agreed to provide a copy of same to City Council as soon as it became available.

(210) LIGHTING ON CORNWALLIS BAY

Councillor Chaboyer referred to a previous enquiry whereby she had requested lighting to be installed on Cornwallis Bay. She advised that she had recently been informed by the General Manager of Development Services that solar lighting was being considered to alleviate this problem.

(211) COMPOST BIN PICK-UP

Councillor Chaboyer advised that she had received a call from a resident who had raised a concern regarding their compost bin not having been picked up since December 2011. She informed residents that the next pick-up for the compost bins was scheduled for March 8, 2012, and further, that the compost bins were not picked up on a regular basis during the winter months.

(212) REPAIRS TO SWINGS IN GREEN ACRES PARK

Councillor Chaboyer advised that she had informed the City Manager of a problem with the swings in Green Acres Park and that same had been repaired by the Parks Department Staff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ANNUAL CEREBRAL PALSY BIKE RACE

Councillor Berry announced that he was participating in the annual Cerebral Palsy Bike Race to be held on March 17, 2012 at the Town Centre and encouraged everyone to support this major fundraiser for the local Cerebral Palsy Chapter.

UPDATE ON POTHOLE REPAIRS

Councillor McCrae announced that he would be requesting an update on pothole repairs in the City of Brandon at the next meeting of City Council.

ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Councillor Chaboyer invited her fellow Councillors to participate with her in the Annual Chili Cook-off for the Alzheimer's Society to be held April 20, 2012 at Houston's Country Roadhouse.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT PROGRAM

Councillor Isleifson announced that he had recently participated in the Food for Thought Program at King George School and found it to be very rewarding. He encouraged his fellow Councillors and the general public to get involved with this very worthwhile program.

MEET AND GREET AT RIVERHEIGHTS TERRACE

Councillor Blight announced that a meet and greet was to take place at Riverheights Terrace at Noon on March 9, 2012 with Her Worship the Mayor and himself in attendance. He encouraged residents to come out and say hello.

LANA KRIESER - MEDAL OF BRAVERY

Her Worship the Mayor congratulated Brandon resident Lana Krieser on being presented with the Medal of Bravery at a ceremony held recently at Rideau Hall in Ottawa. She added that Ms. Krieser had been awarded the medal for her heroic efforts in rescuing an 11-year-old boy from a live hydro wire during a school field trip. Her Worship the Mayor concluded by stating that Ms. Krieser is a fine example of the many wonderful citizens of this city.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SPECIAL OLYMPIANS

Her Worship the Mayor issued congratulations to the Westman athletes who had recently competed in the Special Olympics Canada Winter Games in St. Albert, Alberta and brought home a gold medal in curling and a silver medal in floor hockey.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) EXPENDITURE FROM MAJOR EVENTS HOSTING RESERVE FUND - 2017 CANADA SUMMER GAMES

588 Blight-Berry

That authority be granted to expend up to \$12,000 from the Major Events Hosting Reserve Fund in conjunction with the City of Brandon showing its interest in hosting the 2017 Canada Summer Games;

and further, that the City of Brandon submit a letter of intent with respect to its interest in hosting said Games. CARRIED.

(B) TENDER - TWO NEW 2-YARD LOADERS

City Council considered a report from the Director of Transportation Services dated February 16, 2012 with respect to the above.

589 McCrae-Rice

That the bid of Westcon Equipment to supply two new 2 Yard Loaders as per tender and specifications, including the five year complete warranty and five year total maintenance and repair at a total cost of \$303,820.20 not including GST be accepted. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7002 TO NAME THE ROAD EAST OF CENTRE AVENUE AND 1ST STREET NORTH AS LORI ROAD

It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the June 27, 2011 meeting of City Council.

590 Fawcett-Harwood

That By-law No. 7002 to name the road east of Centre Avenue and 1st Street North as "Lori Road" be read a second time. CARRIED.

591 Fawcett-Harwood

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. 7002 third reading.

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

AGAINST
Nil

NO. 7014 ACCOMMODATION TAX BY-LAW

It was noted that this by-law received first reading at the February 21, 2012 meeting of City Council.

Berry-Blight

592 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, to be known as the "Accommodation Tax By-law" be read a second time. CARRIED.

Montague-McCrae

593 That By-law No. 7014 be amended by:

(a) deleting Subsection 7.1 in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

"7.1 That the total net proceeds from this tax shall be deposited to the Accommodation Tax Reserve Fund and shall only be used for the purpose of funding event acquisition/retention within the City of Brandon, or capital repairs/upgrades related to same.";

(b) deleting in Subsection 7.3 the words: "or Large Event Acquisition Reserve Fund." LOST.

Berry-Blight

594 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. 7014 third reading.

<u>FOR</u> Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst Councillor Berry Councillor Blight Councillor Chaboyer Councillor Fawcett Councillor Harwood Councillor Isleifson Councillor Montague Councillor Roberts	<u>AGAINST</u> Councillor McCrae Councillor Rice
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NO. 7016 TO CREATE THE ACCOMMODATION TAX RESERVE FUND

It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the February 21, 2012 meeting of City Council.

Berry-Blight

595 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 second time. CARRIED.

Berry-Blight

596 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. 7016 third reading.

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

AGAINST
Nil

NO. 7020 TO CREATE THE LARGE EVENT ACQUISITION RESERVE FUND

It was noted that this by-law received first reading at the February 21, 2012 meeting of City Council.

597 Berry-Blight
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 second time. CARRIED.

598 Berry-Blight
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. 7020 third reading.

FOR
Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst
Councillor Berry
Councillor Blight
Councillor Chaboyer
Councillor Fawcett
Councillor Harwood
Councillor McCrae
Councillor Rice
Councillor Roberts

AGAINST
Councillor Isleifson
Councillor Montague

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Roberts-Chaboyer
That the meeting do now adjourn (10:23 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK