

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

Harwood-Roberts
599 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, March 19, 2012 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

(A) DR. DI BRANDT - WORLD POETRY DAY, MARCH 21, 2012

Dr. Di Brandt provided a poetry reading entitled “Accidentally” in recognition of World Poetry Day to be held March 21, 2012.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Blight-Rice
600 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, March 5, 2012 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) LIEUTENANT-COLONEL MICHAEL WRIGHT - FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF BRANDON TO THE SECOND BATTALION, PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY

Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Wright, Commanding Officer with the Second Battalion, Princess Patricia's Light Infantry (2PPCLI) appeared before City Council and provided a power point presentation on the granting of the Freedom of the City. Lieutenant-Colonel Wright advised that granting “Freedom of the City” was a tradition whereby a military group was allowed to walk through the City without disarming and recognized the important relationship of trust between the military and the community. He thanked City Council for its continued support of the military community and encouraged everyone to attend the 2PPCLI Freedom of the City March to be held June 9, 2012.

Harwood-Montague
601 That the presentation by Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Wright with respect to granting Freedom of the City of Brandon to the Second Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, be received. CARRIED.

(B) LINDSAY HARGREAVES - BRANDON EARTH DAY CELEBRATIONS

Lindsay Hargreaves appeared before City Council and provided an update on the Brandon Earth Day Celebrations to be held April 22, 2012 at Princess Park. Ms. Hargreaves advised that this year's event would include an awareness walk, rain barrel building demonstrations, free giveaways and local entertainment.

Isleifson-Roberts

602 That the presentation by Lindsay Hargreaves with respect to Brandon Earth Day Celebrations be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES INC.
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Councillor Harwood reported that the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. would be holding the 2nd Annual Fundraising Dinner and Auction on April 19, 2012 at the Victoria Inn. He noted that tickets were \$60 and could be purchased by contacting the museum office at (204) 717-1514.

(B) POVERTY COMMITTEE
VERBAL

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Councillor Chaboyer reported that the Poverty Committee had met on March 13, 2012 at which the Director of Transportation Services, Tim Sanderson had provided an update on the status of a replacement for the Off-Peak Bus Program for Social Assistance recipients. She advised that the sub-committee working on a food policy to assist in providing healthy food to those living in poverty had provided an update on their progress and that Dwayne Dyck of Youth for Christ had requested assistance with the cost of the property taxes on their buildings. Councillor Chaboyer advised that Mr. Dyck had been invited to take his request to City Council as a whole. She concluded by noting that members of the Poverty Committee planned to attend the "Doorways to Dignity" workshop hosted by the Community Advisory Board for Homelessness on March 22, 2012 in the Main Foyer of City Hall.

Isleifson-McCrae

603 That the verbal reports of the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. and the Poverty Committee be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(213) TRAFFIC COUNT - INTERSECTION OF BRAECREST AND KNOWLTON DRIVE

Councillor Fawcett noted that traffic along Braecrest Drive, specifically in the vicinity of the intersection with Knowlton Drive, had increased significantly and enquired if a traffic count could be conducted in the area.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Engineering Department had recently conducted both traffic and pedestrian counts at that intersection with the results of same to be provided to City Council in the near future.

(214) THOMPSON BRIDGE - CONDITION OF SOUTHBOUND LANE

Councillor Fawcett advised that the southbound lane of the Thompson Bridge located on 18th Street North was in need of some repairs and enquired if same could be brought to the attention of Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager advised that this issue could be discussed when Mr. Herb Mahood, Director of Regional Operations for Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation, appeared at the April 2, 2012 meeting of City Council.

(215) SPRING STREET CLEANING SCHEDULE

Councillor Isleifson enquired as to when the spring street cleaning was expected to start.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that given the early spring, street cleaning was expected to commence mid to late April, weather permitting.

(216) DRAINAGE ISSUES ON WAKOMMA DRIVE

Councillor Berry advised that insufficient drainage continued to be a problem on Wakomma Drive and enquired as to possible solutions for same.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Engineering Department was working on this issue with a report on potential solutions expected in the near future.

(217) DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE FOR THE WHEAT CITY GOLF COURSE

Councillor Harwood enquired if signage along the main arterial streets to direct traffic to the Wheat City Golf Course could be considered.

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

(218) CONDITION OF VICTORIA AVENUE

Councillor Blight noted that portions of Victoria Avenue continued to be in need of repairs and requested an update on the status of same.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that this issue could be addressed when Mr. Herb Mahood, Director of Regional Operations for Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation, appeared at the April 2, 2012 meeting of City Council.

(219) SPEED OF VEHICLES ON MCTAVISH AVENUE - 18TH TO 26TH STREETS

Councillor McCrae advised that the speed of vehicles along McTavish Avenue between 18th and 26th Streets continued to be a problem and enquired if this issue could be investigated by the Brandon Police Service.

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

(220) TRICHALOMETHANES (TMH) LEVELS IN WATER SUPPLY

Councillor McCrae referred to a recent newspaper article whereby it had been noted that the levels of Trihalomethanes in the City of Brandon water supply were slightly above the national guidelines and enquired as to the steps being taken to reduce the TMH levels.

Her Worship the Mayor advised that this issue was to be addressed under the Order of General Business later in the meeting.

(221) DRAINAGE ON GARWOOD DRIVE

Councillor Chaboyer advised that proper drainage continued to be a problem on Garwood Drive and enquired as to how this issue could be addressed.

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

(222) TREE TRIMMING IN BACK LANES

Councillor Chaboyer advised that she had recently received a phone call from an area resident who had suggested that property owners should be trimming their own trees in the back lanes thus allowing City of Brandon resources to be allocated elsewhere.

(223) GRAFFITI CLEAN-UP

Councillor Roberts enquired if an early start on graffiti clean-up throughout the City of Brandon could be considered.

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

(224) LIGHTING FOR THE KRISTOPHER CAMPBELL MEMORIAL SKATEBOARD PARK

Councillor Roberts noted that the sponsors of the Kristopher Campbell Memorial Skateboard Park were working on permanent lighting at the Park but enquired if the installation of temporary lighting in the interim could be considered.

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

(225) POTHoles AND ROAD REPAIRS

Councillor Rice noted that potholes were once again becoming a problem in the City of Brandon and requested an update on how the locations of same could be reported.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operational Services encouraged residents to call the Pothole Hotline at (204) 729-2200 and leave a message with the location of the pothole. He advised that this phone line was monitored throughout the day with work crews dispatched accordingly. The General Manager also encouraged citizens to report other unsafe road conditions such as surface breaks to the Public Works Department at (204) 729-2285 to ensure that appropriate signage could be installed.

Councillor Chaboyer noted that many of the potholes in the Green Acres Ward appeared in the same spot year after year and enquired if a more permanent solution for problem areas could be considered.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operational Services responded that the mix used to fill potholes provided a temporary fix for up to two years, however, a list of perpetual problem areas was maintained and some were fixed on a more permanent basis as budgetary funds allowed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8TH STREET BRIDGE REVIEW PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Councillor Roberts announced that the City of Brandon, in partnership with Dillon Consulting Limited, would be holding a public open house regarding the 8th Street Bridge review on Tuesday, March 20 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Main Foyer of City Hall and invited everyone to attend this come and go event.

CONGRATULATIONS TO COUNCILLOR FAWCETT

Councillor Blight congratulated Councillor Jeff Fawcett and his business partners on D & B Sprinklers having recently been awarded the Brandon Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Award.

FAN BUS TO THE BRANDON WHEAT KINGS GAMES IN WINNIPEG

Councillor Blight announced that bus transportation would be available at a cost of \$25 per person to attend the upcoming Brandon Wheat Kings playoff games at the MTS Centre in Winnipeg and encouraged interested fans to contact Brandon Bus Lines at (204) 571-0231 for further information.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ROB FOWLER CURLING TEAM

Councillor Berry congratulated the Provincial Men's Curling Team of Rob Fowler, Allan Lyburn, Richard Daneault, Derek Samagalski, Willy Lyburn and Coach Brian Fowler on their having brought home the bronze medal from the recent Tim Horton's Brier in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

BRANDON FIREFIGHTERS' ROOFTOP CAMPOUT FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

Councillor Isleifson announced that the Brandon Firefighters' Rooftop Campout whereby firefighters Braden Coates, Jason Funk and Josh Paziuk had camped out on the roof of the No. 2 Fire Hall for 72 hours had raised over \$13,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

ACCOLADES TO THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT

Councillor Harwood thanked the Sanitation Department Staff for their speedy response to weekend calls notifying them that the compost bins at 34th Street and Victoria Avenue were overflowing.

BRANDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS

Councillor Fawcett thanked Councillor Blight for his previous accolades and congratulated B.O.B. Headquarters as the other recipient of the Brandon Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence award. Councillor Fawcett also congratulated Bordan Hadley of Smooth Freight Ltd. on his being named the Brandon Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the year.

CONGRATULATIONS TO COUNCILLOR GARTH RICE

Her Worship the Mayor congratulated Councillor Garth Rice who had recently been awarded a silver watch for his 30 years of service as a member of the Operating Engineers' Union in the City of Brandon.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) BRANDON PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM - 2011 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

City Council considered a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated February 16, 2012 with respect to the above.

McCrae-Harwood

604 That the report of the General Manager of Development Services dated February 16, 2012, outlining the Brandon Public Water Supply System - 2011 Annual Audit Report be received. CARRIED.

(B) 2012 CITIZEN APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Deputy City Clerk dated March 6, 2012 with respect to the above.

Chaboyer-Rice

605 That Ross Robinson be hereby appointed to the Planning Commission with term of office to expire March 31, 2015. CARRIED.

(C) TENDER - SUPPLY OF ONE NEW 4 YARD LOADER

Considered was a report from the Director of Transportation dated February 28, 2012 with respect to the above.

Rice-Berry

606 That the bid of Westcon Equipment to supply one new 4 Yard Loader as per tender and specifications, including the five year complete warranty and five year total maintenance and repair at a total cost of \$263,605.20 not including GST be accepted. CARRIED.

(D) MOTION OF SUPPORT - FUNDING APPLICATION FOR DALY HOUSE MUSEUM AT 122 - 18TH STREET

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

Harwood-Rice

607 That Brandon Museum Inc. make application to Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism for a grant under the Designated Heritage Building Grants Program for an amount up to \$7,475.00 for the purpose of installing a chair lift to the second floor of Daly House Museum;

and that the Council of the City of Brandon recognize the full financial implications from development of the project and acknowledge that the Provincial Government will not be responsible for any further assistance other than the grant applied for;

and that the Council of the City of Brandon guarantee that there are adequate funds available to complete the project and the City of Brandon will continue to be responsible for the maintenance of the this facility. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7021 TO PROVIDE FOR THE CITY OF BRANDON'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ASSINIBOINE HILLS CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Submitted for consideration was a report from the City Clerk dated February 29, 2012 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Isleifson

608 That By-law No. 7021 to provide for the City of Brandon's participation in the Assiniboine Hills Conservation District be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7022 TO CLOSE AND CONVEY A PORTION OF THE NORTH/SOUTH PUBLIC LANE IN BLOCK 71, PLAN 2 BLTO TO WESTMAN KIWANIS COURT INC.

Considered was a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated March 12, 2012 with respect to the above.

Roberts-Montague

609 That By-law No. 7022 to close and convey a portion of the North/South Lane in Block 71, Plan 2 BLTO located north of Rosser Avenue and west of 3rd Street to Westman Kiwanis Court Inc. be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

(A) REVIEW OF MANITOBA LABOUR RELATIONS ACT

In accordance with Rule 60 of City Council Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillor McCrae gave notice of his intent to introduce at the April 2, 2012 Meeting of City Council the following motion:

“That the Council of the City of Brandon petition the Manitoba Legislature to review the Manitoba Labour Relations Act and its administration, to ensure Manitoba employees and employers can operate in fair and respectful workplaces.”

ADJOURN:

Berry-Isleifson

That the meeting do now adjourn (8:51 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK