

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 22, 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:

Isleifson-Berry
662 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, May 22, 2012 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Blight-Chaboyer
663 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, May 7, 2012 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES INC.
VERBAL REPORT MAY 22, 2012

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Councillor Harwood reported that Mr. Ken Jackson, Vice-Chair of the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. (BGMA) had recently met with the Brandon School Division Board of Trustees where Mr. Jackson had requested that the B.J. Hales Museum Collection be turned over to the BGMA to ensure that the Collection stayed within the City of Brandon and that the Board had taken this matter under advisement. He also reported that approximately 20 people had attended the Mayor's reception held May 10, 2012 at the Museum, and approximately 12 visitors came to the Museum on the May 17, 2012 Cruise Night. In conclusion, he reported that the pamphlets for the tourist season were near completion and that a virtual tour of the Museum was available on the website of the Golfing Greys at www.golfinggreys.com.

(B) POVERTY COMMITTEE
VERBAL REPORT

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Councillor Chaboyer reported that the City of Brandon Poverty Committee had held a Special Meeting on May 8, 2012 where representatives from the Province of Manitoba as well as Tim Sanderson, Director of Transportation Services for the City of Brandon, had presented information to the group regarding a transportation program for Social Assistance recipients. She advised that the goal was to find a transportation program that would meet the needs of all involved, the clients, the Province of Manitoba and the City of Brandon. She stated that a program similar to the Brandon University U-Pass Program was being given consideration, and that the issue had been left with Mr. Sanderson and the Provincial Representatives to work out the details whereby she anticipated a report back to the Committee at the June meeting.

(C) UPDATE ON LEGISLATIVE DEBATE ON THE REVIEW OF THE MANITOBA LABOUR
RELATIONS ACT
VERBAL REPORT

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Councillor McCrae reported that the Provincial Legislature had recently debated the issue of Labour Relations within the Province of Manitoba, an issue discussed by City Council in April 2012 and brought forward in the Manitoba Legislature by the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Brandon West, Reg Helwer, as a private member's resolution. Councillor McCrae advised that the Honourable Jennifer Howard, Minister of Family Services and Labour, had requested the Labour Management Review Committee examine all lockouts of long duration that have happened within the Province of Manitoba to determine if same could be avoided in the future by changes to the Manitoba Labour Relations Act.

Roberts-Isleifson

664 That the verbal reports of the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc., the Poverty Committee and the Legislative debate on the review of the Manitoba Labour Relations Act be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(251) RIVERVIEW WARD STREET CLEANING

Councillor Isleifson enquired when street cleaning was expected to be completed in the Riverview Ward.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that street cleaning in the Riverview Ward was expected to be completed by the end of the week.

(252) ROAD REPAIRS - 200 BLOCK OF 2ND STREET

Councillor Roberts enquired when the road repairs in the 200 Block of 2nd Street were expected to be completed.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the repairs would be completed as soon as possible.

(253) REPLACEMENT OF TREES IN THE DOWNTOWN CORE

Councillor Roberts referred to the removal of several diseased trees in the downtown area and enquired when same were expected to be replaced.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the replacement trees were expected to be planted in the fall.

(254) UPDATE ON THE FORMER CONVERGYS BUILDING

Councillor Chaboyer requested an update on the status of the former Convergys Building.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the architectural plans were being worked on with the intent to have the building occupied in the near future.

(255) ROAD REPAIRS - 18TH STREET NORTH

Councillor Chaboyer noted that 18th Street North at the base of the Thompson Bridge was in need of repair due to a significant dip in the road and enquired when repairs to same were expected.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that warning signs had been installed and the repairs were expected to be completed by Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation as soon as possible.

(256) INFRASTRUCTURE SOUTH OF RICHMOND AVENUE BETWEEN 1ST STREET AND 17TH STREET EAST

Councillor Chaboyer enquired as to the history of the annexation of the land south of Richmond Avenue between 1st Street and 17th Street East and whether or not the installation of infrastructure in the area was planned.

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

(257) MCKENZIE SEEDS LAYOFFS

Councillor Chaboyer referred to the recent layoff of long-term employees at McKenzie Seeds and enquired if information could be requested from the Brandon Chamber of Commerce regarding the requirement for companies to notify workers of potential layoffs when the business is sold.

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

(258) EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT - ADDITIONAL POSITIONS AND THE IMPACT OF THE REDUCTION IN REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES

Councillor McCrae requested an update on the status of the four positions to be added to the City of Brandon Emergency Services Department, and how the recent reduction in the number of Regional Health Authorities in the Province of Manitoba would affect the allocation of same within the Department.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that confirmation of the additional positions from the Provincial Government was expected in the near future. He added that management and the union continued to work together to find the best fit within the Department for the additional positions while keeping in mind the need to reduce the amount of overtime as well as the impact of the changes to the Regional Health Authorities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BRANDON ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OPEN HOUSE - JUNE 7, 2012

Councillor Isleifson announced that the Brandon Environment Committee would be hosting an Open House on June 7, 2012 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Main Foyer of City Hall. He advised that presentations were to be provided on plastic bags, hazardous waste, water and invasive species and encouraged everyone to attend.

RE-OPENING OF THE CANADA GAMES SPORTSPLEX POOL

Councillor Fawcett announced that the Canada Games Sportsplex Pool was expected to be re-opened on Friday, May 25, 2012 and encouraged residents to check the website (www.brandon.ca) for updates.

SOUTH CENTRE WARD MEETING

Councillor Rice announced that the South Centre Ward Meeting normally held in the month of May had been postponed and was to be held in the new Brandon Police Service Building expected to open in June 2012.

SAFE ROAD AWARENESS CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF

Councillor Blight announced that he had been pleased to represent Her Worship the Mayor and City Council at the Safe Road Awareness Campaign Kick-Off held May 17, 2012. He noted that the focus of the campaign was to encourage drivers to be aware of construction workers along the roadways and avoid being distracted by electronic devices such as cell phones while driving.

CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE - JUNE 1, 2012

Councillor Blight announced that he would be representing Her Worship the Mayor and City Council at the Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life to be held June 1, 2012 at the Keystone Centre Grounds.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) APPOINTMENT TO BRANDON URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' COUNCIL

City Council considered a report from the Acting City Clerk dated May 14, 2012 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Rice

665 That in accordance with Subsection 15(d) of Organizational By-law No. 6650, Councillor James McCrae be and is hereby appointed to the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council with term of office to expire November 30, 2012. CARRIED.

(B) TENDER - WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY PHASE 3 UPGRADE -CONTRACT #4

Councillor Rice declared a conflict of interest in this matter due to his employment in the construction industry and left the Council Chamber without further discussion.

Submitted was a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated May 11, 2012 with respect to the above.

Blight-McCrae

666 That the bid of NAC Constructors Ltd. to carry out Contract #4 of the Phase III component of the Water Reclamation Facility Upgrade at a cost of \$9,857,308.00 (excluding GST) be accepted. CARRIED.

Following the vote on the above motion, Councillor Rice re-entered the Council Chamber.

BY-LAWS:

Nil

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Isleifson

667 That the meeting do now adjourn (7:59 p.m.). CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK