

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2012 AT 7:30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA**

**PRESENT:** Mayor S. Decter Hirst in the Chair, Councillor M. Blight, Councillor J. Chaboyer, Councillor J. Fawcett, Councillor J. Harwood, Councillor L. Isleifson, Councillor J. McCrae, Councillor S. Montague, Councillor G. Rice

**ABSENT:** Councillor S. Berry, Councillor C. Roberts

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**Harwood-Blight**

689 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held Monday, June 25, 2012 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

**PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:**

(A) **LORRIE NORQUAY, BRANDON FRIENDSHIP CENTRE - PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO MEMORIALIZE AND HONOUR FORMER RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

Lorrie Norquay and Nellie Kopitz of the Brandon Friendship Centre presented Her Worship the Mayor with a plaque to memorialize and honour former residential school students and their families. Ms. Norquay stated that the plaque symbolized a new beginning of reconciliation, hope and change.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

**Rice-Isleifson**

690 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held on Monday, June 11, 2012 be adopted as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

**Blight-Harwood**

691 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, June 11, 2012 be adopted as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

**HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:**

(A) **NEIL THOMSON - KEYSTONE CENTRE**

Mr. Neil Thomson appeared before City Council and provided an update on the Keystone Centre. He noted that the Keystone Centre was projecting a modest year-end operating surplus of approximately \$50,000. Mr. Thomson also shared highlights of the Centre's 2012/2013 Strategic Plan with City Council.

**Rice-Harwood**

692 That the presentation by Neil Thomson, General Manager with respect to the Keystone Centre be received. CARRIED.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
VERBAL JUNE 25, 2012

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Councillor Fawcett reported that the Audit and Finance Committee had met on June 20, 2012. He noted that the Committee had discussed the April budget review and the progress on the City's submission of its 2010 and 2011 year-end financial statements to the Province of Manitoba. Councillor Fawcett noted that while the City was behind on the 2010 and 2011 submissions, the Province was aware of the situation and cited a number of factors for the delay, including: the change to PSAB (Public Sector Accounting Board) standards; the change of accounting systems in 2011; and the high water event in 2011.

(B) POVERTY COMMITTEE  
VERBAL JUNE 25, 2012

June 25, 2012  
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors  
City of Brandon

Councillor Chaboyer reported that the Poverty Committee had met on June 12, 2012 and noted that the committee continued to focus on housing and developing a healthy food policy to aid those in need. Councillor Chaboyer announced that a Poverty Forum was being planned for Saturday, October 20, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at City Hall.

(C) WESTERN MANITOBA REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD  
VERBAL JUNE 25, 2012

June 25, 2012  
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors  
City of Brandon

Councillor Stephen Montague reported that Western Manitoba Regional Library Board had met recently and had accepted the resignation of Chief Librarian Kathy Thornborough who was retiring after being with the organization since 1978.

Chaboyer-McCrae

693 That the verbal reports of the Audit and Finance Committee, the Poverty Committee, and the Western Manitoba Regional Library Board of June 25, 2012 be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(268) UPDATE ON CONDITION OF RAILWAY CROSSINGS ON 1ST STREET AND 18TH STREET

Councillor Isleifson referred to a previous enquiry whereby he had advised that the railway crossings on 1st and 18th Streets were in need of repair and requested an update on the status of same.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that discussions had taken place between the City of Brandon, Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation and Canadian National Railway and that the repairs were to be completed in August 2012. He noted that major repairs, inclusive of the removal and replacement of the rail, the rubber and the ballast were needed. He added that, given the major excavation work needed, the road would have to be closed during the reconstruction work. The City Manager advised that 18th Street would be closed on August 5 and 6, 2012 followed by the closure of 1st Street from August 12 to 15, 2012 and that the detour routes were expected to be established and the public notified of same in the near future.

(269) MEETING WITH THE TRIBAL COUNCIL INVESTMENT GROUP (TCIG) AND THE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS (AMC)

Councillor McCrae requested an update on recent meetings between the City of Brandon, the Tribal Council Investment Group and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

Her Worship the Mayor responded that she was very pleased with the discussions and that the AMC was aware that the City of Brandon was open to the idea of a casino within the city limits and understood the importance of a partnership going forward. She advised that a full day of more in-depth discussions with Grand Chief Nepinak and the AMC, inclusive of what was happening at Spirit Sands casino project, was being planned for the very near future.

(270) NEW BRANDON POLICE SERVICE BUILDING - UPDATE ON BUDGET

Councillor Harwood requested an update on the status of the budget for the new Brandon Police Service building.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager indicated that according to advice received from Chief of Police Atkinson, the budget for the construction of the new Brandon Police Service building was in good shape. He noted that there was a built-in contingency plan of \$400,000 and that at the present time, there remained \$24,860 in excess of that amount. The City Manager added that given this was a \$13 Million project, the City was in an extremely good financial position and the construction was progressing very well.

(271) CONDITION OF FORMER CENTRAL FIRE HALL NO. 1

Councillor Chaboyer noted that the former Central Fire Hall No. 1 located at 637 Princess Avenue was in need of some maintenance and enquired if some general repairs and clean-up of the property could be considered.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager agreed to take this matter under advisement.

(272) VETERANS' MEMORIAL AT NORTHWEST CORNER OF VICTORIA AVENUE AND 11TH STREET PARKING LOT

Councillor Chaboyer enquired if the northwest corner of the Victoria Avenue and 11th Street Parking lot was still the planned location for the Veterans' Memorial.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager confirmed that the Veterans' Memorial would be located at the northwest corner of the Victoria Avenue and 11th Street parking lot of the new Brandon Police Service building.

(273) UPDATE ON 1ST AND 8TH STREET BRIDGES AND 18TH STREET NORTH OVERPASS

Councillor Blight requested an update on the 1st and 8th Street Bridges and the Daly Overpass on 18th Street North.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the Deputy Director of Engineering and Water Resources responded that the Daly Overpass was on the regular maintenance program for Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation (MIT) and a complete deck replacement for the 1st Street Bridge was planned in the near future, however no firm timelines were available. Regarding the 8th Street Bridge the Deputy Director responded that the feedback from the public consultations had been analyzed, discussions had taken place with the consultants and a detailed layout of the plans would be presented to City Council in the near future.

(274) CONDITION OF THE 18TH STREET NORTH THOMPSON BRIDGE

Councillor Rice referred to a dip in the road at the base of the Thompson Bridge and enquired if information was available as to when this issue was expected to be addressed.

Councillor Chaboyer echoed Councillor Rice's enquiry and noted that the condition of that stretch of road had deteriorated since she had raised this issue in May 2012.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the Deputy Director of Engineering and Water Services agreed to contact Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation immediately and request that this problem be fixed as soon as possible.

(275) PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMMING

Councillor McCrae referred to a recent fatality on Princess Avenue and enquired if an increase in public safety programming was planned.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the issue of parking along Princess Avenue in the vicinity of Princess Park was under review with this matter to be addressed as soon as possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PURCHASE OF SOD AT ASHLEY NEUFELD SOFTBALL COMPLEX

Her Worship the Mayor announced that she had been pleased to purchase a yard of sod at the future site of the Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex. She advised that the complex to be located in the 1000 Block of Parker Boulevard would have four full-sized softball diamonds, four mini diamonds and a building with a canteen, public washrooms and change rooms and was expected to be a key component in the City's recreation plan.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Nil

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7027 TO AMEND SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL BY-LAW NO. 6965 RE: REFUSE, RECYCLING AND ORGANIC CARTS IN BACK LANES

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It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the June 11, 2012 meeting of City Council.

694 Rice-Chaboyer  
That By-law No. 7027 to amend Solid Waste Collection and Disposal By-law No. 6965 re: refuse, recycling and organic carts in back lanes be read a second time. CARRIED.

695 Rice-Chaboyer  
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. 7027 third reading.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst	Nil
Councillor Blight	
Councillor Chaboyer	
Councillor Fawcett	
Councillor Harwood	
Councillor Isleifson	
Councillor McCrae	
Councillor Montague	
Councillor Rice	

NO. 7029 TO OPEN AN EAST/WEST LANE LOCATED NORTH OF MCDONALD AVENUE BETWEEN 21ST AND 26TH STREETS NORTH

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Submitted for consideration was a report from the Acting General Manager of Development Services dated June 14, 2012 with respect to the above.

696 Harwood-Isleifson  
That By-law No. 7029 to open an East/West lane north of McDonald Avenue between 21st and 26th Streets North be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

(A) FINANCIAL SUPPORT - KEYSTONE CENTRE CAPITAL PLAN

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In accordance with Rule 60 of City Council Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillor Rice gave notice of his intent to introduce at the July 9, 2012 meeting of City Council the following motion:

“That the Province of Manitoba, the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba and the Keystone Centre be advised that the Council of the City of Brandon recognizes the urgency and importance of the improvements outlined in the Centre’s Capital Plan and would encourage the Province of Manitoba to join the City of Brandon in identifying means by which financial support can be provided to the Keystone Centre in this regard.

ADJOURN:

Chaboyer-McCrae

That the meeting do now adjourn (8:47 p.m.). CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK