

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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 C. Roberts

ABSENT: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Blight-Rice

759 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, September 17, 2012 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Harwood-Chaboyer

760 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Tuesday, September 4, 2012 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) KAREN OLIVER AND GORD PETERS - RESTORING THE GLORY CAMPAIGN

Karen Oliver, General Manager of the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba, provided a power point presentation in regards to the history of the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba and Display Building No. II (the Dome Building). She advised that the Dome Building was the only remaining one of its kind in Canada and provided an update on the status of the restoration of same. Ms. Oliver advised that the restored building would house the Provincial Exhibition Office, as well as other offices and an agricultural museum.

Gord Peters spoke on behalf of the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba's Restoring the Glory Campaign with regards to funding for the restoration of the Dome Building. He advised that both Federal and Provincial funding had been secured and requested a financial contribution from the City of Brandon. Mr. Peters suggested that City Council consider contributing a portion of the funds generated by the new Accommodation Tax to this campaign.

McCrae-Isleifson

761 That the presentation by Karen Oliver and Gord Peters regarding an update on the progress of the Dome Building restoration project and the Restoring the Glory Campaign be received. CARRIED.

(B) SANDY TRUDEL, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE

Sandy Trudel, the City of Brandon's Director of Economic Development, provided a presentation with respect to Brandon's current affordable housing situation. She reported that the need for affordable housing far exceeded supply and that the last time Brandon saw a healthy rental vacancy rate was 1990, when it was 3.1%. Ms. Trudel also updated City Council on the City's proposed "affordable housing first" land policy, which would see all municipally owned land that was not required for civic need, being considered for its suitability as a site for affordable housing before the land was disposed of. She noted, however, that this policy did not mean that all municipally owned land would be allocated for affordable housing; rather that affordable housing would be the first consideration.

762 Isleifson-Fawcett
That the presentation by Sandy Trudel, Director of Economic Development regarding an update on Affordable Housing in the City of Brandon be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) BRANDON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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Councillor Harwood reported that the Brandon Municipal Heritage Committee (MHAC) had met on September 12, 2012. He advised that the group had decided to mount a plaque on the Fraser Block on Rosser Avenue in recognition of its heritage designation. The group also decided to hang a plaque in the foyer of the new Health & Wellness Centre at Brandon University in recognition of the Mandak League that had played at the former Kinsmen Stadium. Councillor Harwood advised that, after touring the former Brandon No. 1 Fire Hall, MHAC had adopted a motion the following motion: That the MHAC encourage the City to protect and maintain the integrity of the building envelope of the No. 1 Fire Hall, in accordance with the Heritage Conservation By-law No. 6644, in specific, repairing the roof to prevent further water damage, as well as to maintaining heat in the building to prevent further damage. He reported that the committee had also discussed the possible installation of storyboard signage in some of the City's historical parks.

763 Harwood-Roberts
That the verbal report of the Brandon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee of September 17, 2012 be received. CARRIED.

(B) BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES INC.
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Councillor Harwood reported that the 2nd Annual Fundraising Dinner and Auction held September 13, 2012 was a huge success with over 100 people in attendance for the informative historical presentation by Heather Ewasiuk, Deputy City Clerk, and the Rainbow Auction and thanked the community for the support. Councillor Harwood also advised that discussions were ongoing with the Brandon School Division Board of Trustees, in an effort to have the historic B.J. Hales Museum Collection housed in the Brandon General Museum.

Harwood-Roberts

764 That the verbal report of the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. Board of September 17, 2012 be received. CARRIED.

(C) BRANDON URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' COUNCIL
VERBAL

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Councillor Fawcett reported that the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council (BUAPC) had last met on June 28, 2012 with the next scheduled meeting being September 27, 2012. He advised that BUAPC had received presentations from Manitoba Hydro and the Brandon Regional Health Authority in regards to their respective Aboriginal Workforce Initiatives and was currently working with the Human Resources Department to gain an understanding of the City's workforce, inclusive of the number of Aboriginal employees. Councillor Fawcett also noted that discussions had taken place with representatives from the Federal and Provincial Governments with the potential for support for aboriginal initiatives in the City of Brandon through the Federal Urban Aboriginal Strategy and the Provincial Brandon Regeneration Strategy. In conclusion he advised that upcoming agenda items included presentations by representatives from the Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce; Blaine Foley, Homelessness Coordinator for the City of Brandon; Sandy Trudel, Director of Economic Development; and Glen Kruck on behalf of the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Fawcett-Harwood

765 That the verbal report of the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council of September 17, 2012 be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(299) ADDITIONAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR ROAD REPAIRS

Councillor Berry enquired if any unused or additional funds were available in the budget for road repairs this year.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Development Services responded that all funds had been used, with the majority of same spent on re-building older roads within the City of Brandon to meet current urban standards.

(300) WATER QUALITY REPORTS

Councillor Montague referred to a previous enquiry whereby he had requested more frequent reports on the water quality in the City of Brandon and requested an update on the status of same.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the report was expected to be provided in early October 2012.

(301) UPDATE ON FALL CLEAN-UP

Councillor Blight requested an update on the fall clean-up program.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the scheduled street sweeping would commence once the leaves started falling from the trees, however, a maintenance sweeping program had been happening all summer in problem areas where debris was clogging catch basins.

(302) UPDATE ON THE OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND THE BUDGET PROCESS

Her Worship the Mayor requested an update on the status of the outstanding financial statements and the budget process.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the financial statements were expected to be completed by the end of September. With respect to the budget process, the City Manager advised that the budget would be presented to City Council at the November 19, 2012 meeting with public consultations scheduled for December 12, 2012 and deliberations expected to take place in January 2013.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JOINT WARD MEETING - GREEN ACRES AND RICHMOND WARDS

Councillor Chaboyer announced that she and Councillor Montague would be holding a Joint Green Acres and Richmond Ward meeting on October 2, 2012 commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Riverview Curling Club. She advised that agenda items would include the proposed organics collection program; the 2013 City of Brandon Budget; and any other city and ward issues.

BRANDON RIVERBANK FALL CLEAN-UP AND PLANTING

Councillor Fawcett announced that the annual Brandon Riverbank fall clean-up and planting would take place on September 20, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. He encouraged those interested in helping to contact Rachele at (204) 729-2129 or via email at rachele@riverbank.mb.ca to register.

GRAND OPENING OF DALY HOUSE VICTORIAN GARDEN

Her Worship the Mayor announced that she and Councillor Harwood had recently attended the grand opening of the Daly House Victorian Garden and thanked the volunteers for all their hard work in bringing this wonderful addition to the greenspace in the City of Brandon.

POTENTIAL AGE FRIENDLY POLICY FOR THE CITY OF BRANDON

Councillor McCrae announced that public input was currently being sought by Richard Greer, Community Development Coordinator, regarding an age friendly policy for the City of Brandon. He advised that the intent of the policy would be to make services within Brandon more accessible for people of all ages, with the main focus being accessibility for seniors. He added that the public consultations were expected to be held in late October 2012 and encouraged everyone to come out and share their thoughts on the issue.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SYSTEM - MULTI-FAMILY PROPERTIES CONSULTATIONS REPORT

City Council considered a report from the Director of Public Works dated September 7, 2012 with respect to the above.

Rice-Berry

766 That the report of the Director of Public Works dated September 7, 2012 on the consultations undertaken for solid waste collection at multi-family properties be received as information, and that a further report and recommendation on such collection be submitted to City Council for consideration at its October 1, 2012 meeting. CARRIED.

(B) LAND TRANSACTION POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Submitted for consideration was a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated September 7, 2012 with respect to the above.

Blight-Rice

767 That the proposed Land Transaction Policy & Procedure dated September 5, 2012 attached to the report of the Property Administrator dated September 7, 2012 be adopted and that Land Transaction Policy dated October 19, 2000 be repealed. CARRIED.

(C) ACQUISITION OF 337 - 15TH STREET NORTH FOR FUTURE FLOOD WATER POND AND PUMPING STATION

Considered was a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated August 21, 2012 with respect to the above.

Roberts-Fawcett

768 That 337-15th Street North (Lots 13/16, Block 7, Plan 228 BLTO) be acquired from William Tarnowski, or his designate, for the sum of \$10,200.00 for the redevelopment of a permanent pond and pumping station to manage future flood water whereby said funds shall be expended from the Dike and Flood Control Reserve. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7036 TO DESIGNATE 339 VICTORIA AVENUE AS A MUNICIPAL HERITAGE SITE

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Deputy City Clerk dated September 10, 2012 with respect to the above.

Roberts-Harwood

769 That By-law No. 7036, to designate the residential premises located at 339 Victoria Avenue as a municipal heritage site be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7037 TO DESIGNATE 1037 LORNE AVENUE AS A MUNICIPAL HERITAGE SITE

City Council considered a report from the Deputy City Clerk dated September 10, 2012 with respect to the above.

770 Roberts-Harwood
That By-law No. 7037, being a by-law to designate the premises commonly known as the former "First Baptist Church" and located at 1037 Lorne Avenue as a municipal heritage site be read a first time.
CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Chaboyer-Berry
That the meeting do now adjourn (9:24 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK