

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 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

ABSENT: Councillor C. Roberts

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

846 Harwood-Isleifson
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, December 3, 2012 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

(A) MR. MARK VENEZIANO, CURATOR - BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

Councillor Harwood introduced Mark Veneziano, the new curator for the Brandon General Museum and Archives. He noted that Mr. Veneziano had come to Brandon from Markham, ON, and that he had started his new role at the museum on November 15, 2012.

(B) NEW CHIEF OF POLICE - IAN GRANT

Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst announced the selection of Inspector Ian Grant as the new Chief of Police of the Brandon Police Service. She advised Chief-elect Grant would officially begin his new role on January 23, 2013.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

847 Rice-Chaboyer
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, November 19, 2012 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) BRITTANY BLAIR AND DANNIELLE MORRISSEAU, YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE - DEVELOPMENT OF A YOUTH CENTRE

Brittany Blair and Dannielle Morrisseau, members of the Youth Advisory Committee appeared before City Council to request support for the development of a municipally-supported, full-time Youth Centre in the downtown area. Ms. Blair and Ms. Morrisseau provided information on the number of youth in the Brandon area that would benefit from a dedicated youth centre and the funding that would be required to operate a full-time centre.

848 Isleifson-Montague
That the presentation by Brittany Blair and Dannielle Morrisseau, members of the Youth Advisory Committee requesting support for the development of a municipally supported, full time Youth Centre be received. CARRIED.

(B) CASS CHISOLM, JOHN DEMPSTER AND DAYLE HUGHSON - BRANDON AGE FRIENDLY INITIATIVE

Cass Chisolm and John Dempster appeared before City Council to provide a report on the findings of the Brandon Age Friendly Initiative derived from the series of community consultations held during the months of October and November, 2012. It was noted that Dayle Hughson was in attendance accompanying the presenters. A number of recommendations with respect to communication, transportation, housing and the needs of seniors were presented City Council, including the establishment of a committee of City Council.

McCrae-Rice

849 That the presentation by Cass Chisolm and John Dempster with respect to the findings of the Brandon Age Friendly Initiative be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) BOARD OF REVISION NOVEMBER 16, 2012

City Council considered a report from the Chairman of the Board of Revision dated November 16, 2012 on the proceedings of the 2012 sittings of the Board of Revision.

Blight-McCrae

850 That the report of the Board of Revision dated November 16, 2012 on the proceedings of the assessment appeal hearings by the Board with respect to the 2013 Real Property Assessment Roll be received. CARRIED.

(B) POVERTY COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 27, 2012

Brandon, Manitoba
November 27, 2012

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Your Poverty Committee met on November 13, 2012 and wishes to report as follows and submit recommendations where deemed necessary and expedient:

Committee Members: Councillor Jan Chaboyer (Co-Chairperson); Councillor Len Isleifson (Co-Chairperson); Councillor Garth Rice; Linda Lukiw; Vanessa Hamilton; Barb Tousignant; Scott Hildebrand, City Manager (ex-officio member)

(1) Changes to the Provincial RentAid Programs

The Poverty Committee, while recognizing that there are many issues that need to be addressed in regards to poverty, has made the issues related to housing its main focus for 2012. At the November 13, 2012 Poverty Committee meeting, a discussion regarding the need for changes to the Manitoba RentAid

Programs took place. RentAid is a Provincial monthly benefit to help some low income seniors, families, and persons with disabilities pay their rent.

Up to \$210 per month is available to eligible persons who rent their living accommodation in the private market and who are required to spend a large portion of their income on rent. While the amount of the benefit depends on household income and the monthly cost of renting, the need for assistance is growing. In addition, the maximum allowable benefit has not increased at the same percentage rate as the increases experienced in rental costs or monthly expenses.

As a result of that discussion the Poverty Committee passed the following motion:

Chaboyer-Rice

That the City of Brandon, on behalf of City Council and the Poverty Committee, send a letter to The Honourable Jennifer Howard, Minister of Family Services and Labour, requesting a review of the Manitoba RentAid Program. Carried.

RECOMMENDATION:

That The Honourable Jennifer Howard, Minister of Family Services and Labour be advised that the Council of the City of Brandon and its Poverty Committee are requesting that she review and make changes to the RentAid Program to make it more easily accessible for families in need.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Len Isleifson
Co-Chairperson
Poverty Committee

Councillor Jan Chaboyer
Co-Chairperson
Poverty Committee

Chaboyer-Isleifson

851 That the report of the Poverty Committee dated November 27, 2012 be received. CARRIED.

Chaboyer-Isleifson

852 That The Honourable Jennifer Howard, Minister of Family Services and Labour be advised that the Council of the City of Brandon and its Poverty Committee are requesting that she review and make changes to the RentAid Program to make it more easily accessible for families in need. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(335) PARKING AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION - 1300 AND 1400 BLOCKS OF 13TH STREET

Councillor Rice advised that traffic congestion had become a problem due to vehicles being parked on both sides of the street in the 1300 and 1400 Blocks of 13th Street. He enquired if restricting parking to one side of the street in that area for the winter months could be considered.

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

(336) AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICIES AND INITIATIVES

Councillor Fawcett enquired if information could be provided from the City of Brandon as well as the Provincial and Federal Governments on current policies and initiatives with respect to affordable housing.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager agreed to discuss this issue with the Director of Economic Development.

(337) LUMP SUM PAYMENTS ON FIRE HALL AND POLICE STATION DEBENTURES

Councillor Berry enquired if lump sum payments were allowed with the current debentures for the Fire Hall and Police Station.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Corporate Services responded that currently the budget was structured to allow for fixed payments and fixed terms only and that contracts for same were negotiated by a call for proposals from various institutions to ensure the best rate.

Councillor Berry further enquired if there would be any benefit to renegotiating the contracts to pay off the debentures sooner.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager responded that the only benefit would be to trade long-term debt for short-term debt; however, the cost of penalties for breaking the contracts would negate any potential savings.

(338) CONFLICT OF INTEREST RULES FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Councillor Berry enquired if a report could be provided regarding the potential conflict of interest for members of City Council appointed to Boards and Committees.

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

(339) WATER USED FOR FLOODING RINKS AND WATERING BOULEVARD FLOWERS

Councillor Chaboyer enquired if treated water was used for flooding rinks and watering boulevard flowers, and if so, whether other more economical options could be considered.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the water for the flowers came from the Parks Building and fire hydrants with the annual cost of same being approximately \$15,000 split evenly between watering of flowers and trees, and other Parks operations such as the greenhouse and flooding of the skating oval. He agreed to take the matter using untreated water under advisement.

(340) FUNDING FOR THREE SPRAY PARKS TO REMAIN OPEN FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2013

Councillor Berry enquired if funding was available for the three Spray Parks in the City of Brandon to remain open during the months of July and August 2013.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that a report on same would be provided by Bryce Wilson, Manager of Recreation Development, at the December 17, 2012 City Council meeting.

(341) UPDATE ON POWER OUTAGE AT WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Councillor McCrae requested an update on the power outage that had occurred earlier in the day at the Water Treatment Plant.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Development Services responded that because water was run through the reservoir system located on 10th Street, pressure on the system had not been lost and the only impact had been that the plant had to be reset when the power was restored. He noted that currently the plant was powered by two separate lines coming in from different directions, however, due to population growth, same would not be sufficient in the long term and the purchase of a generator was planned for the near future.

Councillor McCrae then enquired how the situation would be handled during an extended power outage.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager responded that citizens would be requested to reduce their water consumption; however, a 4 million gallon supply existed in the reservoir which operated on a pump system with a back-up generator.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CANADIAN TIRE ROAD SAFE PROGRAM AND OPERATION RED NOSE KICK-OFFS

Councillor Rice announced that he had been pleased to represent Her Worship the Mayor and Councillors at the Canadian Tire Road Safe Program and the Operation Red Nose Kick-offs held recently.

SUPPORT OF CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA DISPLAY

Councillor Harwood thanked Tracy Timmer and the Parks Department staff for all their hard work in creating the beautiful poinsettia display in the City Hall Main Foyer that the public enjoyed every Christmas Season.

BRANDON NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL CORPORATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Councillor Isleifson announced that he had been pleased to bring greetings on behalf of Her Worship the Mayor and Councillors at the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation Annual General Meeting held November 28, 2012 in the Main Foyer of City Hall.

TRANSIT CHANGES DISCUSSION WITH RESIDENTS OF LIONS' MANOR

Councillor Isleifson announced that Tim Sanderson, Director of Transportation Services, would be attending the morning coffee session at Lions' Manor on Friday, December 7, 2012 to discuss their concerns with regards to the recent changes to Brandon Transit in the area. He invited residents of Lions' Manor to come out and share their concerns with Mr. Sanderson.

NEELIN SPARTANS "AAAA" PROVINCIAL HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Councillor Fawcett congratulated the Neelin Spartans Girls Volleyball Team who had recently won the "AAAA" Provincial High School Volleyball Championship.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE - DECEMBER 9, 2012

Her Worship the Mayor invited everyone to attend the Annual Christmas Open House Sunday, December 9, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. in the Main Foyer of City Hall.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) 2013 CITY OF BRANDON BUDGET

City Council considered a power point presentation from the General Manager of Corporate Services and a report from the Director of Finance dated November 26, 2012 with respect to the above.

Harwood-Rice

853 That the proposed 2013 budget be received and referred to a public consultation session to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 in the foyer at City Hall and City Council's budget deliberations on January 11 and 12, 2013. CARRIED.

(B) 2013 BORROWING

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Finance dated November 21, 2012 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Berry

854 That pursuant to Section 173(1) of The Municipal Act, the borrowing of funds from the Bank of Montreal, for general operating expenses, not exceeding \$5,350,000 and a provision for pre-approved electronic funds transfer for payroll processing of a maximum \$5,000,000 by the Bank of Montreal for each payroll cycle, both of which are less than \$73,564,248 being the total taxes and grants in lieu collected in 2012, be authorized, and further that these funds be only used for general operating expenses in the 2013 fiscal year and all sums borrowed pursuant to this resolution be supported by a charge upon the whole of the revenues of the municipality. CARRIED.

(C) SPEED IN SCHOOL ZONES

Considered was a report from the Chief of Police dated November 23, 2012 with respect to the above.

Blight-Montague

855 That the report of the Brandon Police Service dated November 23, 2012 regarding speed in school zones be received as information. CARRIED.

(D) APPLICATION TO SUBDIVIDE 1000 - 42ND STREET (WAVERLY DEVELOPMENTS LTD.)

City Council considered a report from the Planning & Building Safety Department dated November 14, 2012 with respect to the above.

Berry-McCrae

856 That the application Waverly Developments Ltd. (No. 4500-12-531) to subdivide 1000 - 42nd Street (Pt. SE 1/4 16-10-19 WPM North of RLY Plan 219 BLTO Exc Plans 25746, 26568, 28784, 30966, 32643, 35941, 37336 & 40806 BLTO) to create ten (10) lots and a public road in the RSF Residential Single Family Zone be approved subject to the owner or successor:

1. contributing \$4,930.17 to the City of Brandon Planning & Building Safety Department as a cash-in-lieu contribution for public reserve purposes;
2. entering into a development agreement with the City of Brandon as attached to the report of the Community Planner dated November 14, 2012;

3. providing written confirmation to the City of Brandon Planning & Building Safety Department that arrangements have been made for a drainage easement to the satisfaction of the City of Brandon Engineering Department;
4. providing written confirmation to the City of Brandon Planning & Building Safety Department that a drainage agreement has been registered on the subject site and properties located at Pt. SW 1/4 16-10-19 WPM adjacent to the subject site; and
5. providing written confirmation to the City of Brandon Planning & Building Safety Department that arrangements have been made for a Joint Use Easement and Plan of Easements to the satisfaction of Manitoba Hydro and MTS Allstream Inc. CARRIED.

(E) 2013 CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS TO THE WESTERN MANITOBA REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD

Submitted for consideration was a report from the City Clerk dated November 20, 2012 with respect to the above.

Montague-Harwood

857 That the following citizen appointments be and are hereby made to Western Manitoba Regional Library Board for a two year term of office to expire December 31, 2014:

Donna Kormilo
Wendy Stewart CARRIED.

(F) 2013 CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS TO THE POVERY COMMITTEE

Considered was a report from the City Clerk dated November 21, 2012 with respect to the above.

Isleifson-Chaboyer

858 That the following citizen appointments be and are hereby made to the Poverty Committee, with terms of office to commence on January 1, 2013 and expire on December 31, 2013:

Linda Lukiw
Betty Peloquin
Susan Spring CARRIED.

(G) 2013 CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS TO BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES INC.

City Council considered a report from the City Clerk dated November 20, 2012 with respect to the above.

Harwood-Berry

859 That the following citizen appointments be and are hereby made to Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc., with terms of office to commence January 1, 2013 and expire December 31, 2014:

Roberta M. Baskier
Robert Booth
Kathleen Christensen
Roger Glufka
Murray Graham
Doug Grossart CARRIED.

(H) 2013 APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF REVISION

Submitted for consideration was a report from the City Clerk dated November 20, 2012 with respect to the above.

Blight-McCrae

860 That the following citizen appointments be and are hereby made to the City of Brandon Board of Revision with terms of office to commence January 1, 2013 and expire December 31, 2013:

Donald Cornell (Chair)
Ron Powers
Wes Shewchuk
Gary Walker CARRIED.

(I) 2013 APPOINTMENTS TO THE BRANDON URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' COUNCIL

Considered was a report from the City Clerk dated November 20, 2012 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-McCrae

861 That the following appointments be and are hereby made to the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples Council, with terms of office to expire December 31, 2014:

Roberta MacKinnon - Brandon Friendship Centre
Leah LaPlante - Manitoba Metis Federation
Robert Daniels - Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council
Janet Wilcox-McKay - Prairie Mountain Health
Marty Snelling - Brandon School Division CARRIED.

(J) 2013 APPOINTMENTS TO BRANDON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

City Council considered a report from the City Clerk dated November 20, 2012 with respect to the above.

Harwood-Berry

862 That the following appointment of citizen representatives be and are hereby made to the Brandon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, with terms of office to expire December 31, 2014:

Marci Ann Bomford
Shaun Cameron
Reg Hildebrand
J. David Hughes
Garry Miller
Daniel Olsen - Brandon University
Eleanor McCallum - Realtor CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7043 ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF FEES

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Finance dated November 21, 2012 with respect to the above.

Blight-Isleifson

863 That By-law No. 7043, to adopt the Annual Schedule of Fees for services, activities or things provided by the City of Brandon for the year 2013, be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7044 TO REZONE 3000 RICHMOND AVENUE EAST (PT. NE 1/4 7-10-18 WPM) FROM DR DEVELOPMENT RESERVE ZONE TO MG INDUSTRIAL GENERAL ZONE (BURGESS LAW OFFICE)

City Council considered a report from the Planning & Building Safety Department dated November 21, 2012 with respect to the above.

Chaboyer-Isleifson

864 That By-law No. 7044 to rezone 3000 Richmond Avenue East (Pt. NE 1/4 7-10-18 WPM) from DR Development Reserve Zone to MG Industrial General Zone be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

(A) WITHDRAWAL OF PROVINCIAL BILL 7 – BUILDING OF LOW-INCOME HOUSING

In accordance with Rule 60 of City Council Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillor McCrae gave notice of his intent to introduce at the December 17, 2012 meeting of City Council the following motion:

“WHEREAS the Government of Manitoba has introduced Bill 7, to allow municipalities to require developers to build low-income housing and subsidize rents;

AND WHEREAS the government has been led to believe that the legislation has the support of this council, without there having been passed a council resolution to that effect;

AND WHEREAS the government has proceeded to introduce Bill 7 without consulting Manitoba developers and without the commitment of provincial funds;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this council request the Government of Manitoba to withdraw Bill 7 and renew consultations, including consultations with Manitoba and Brandon developers.”

ADJOURN:

Chaboyer-Berry

That the meeting do now adjourn (9:50 p.m.). CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK