

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON SATURDAY,
JANUARY 12, 2013 AT 9:20 AM 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

At the direction of the Chair, the City Clerk read the following:

“Your Worship, notice of this meeting was provided to all members of City Council advising that a Special Meeting of City Council would be held this date to deliberate the City's 2013 Operating and Capital Budgets.”

The City Clerk confirmed that in view of the above compliance and there being quorum, it was lawful to proceed with this Special Meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) 2013 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

906 Rice-Isleifson
That the 2013 Operating and Capital budgets be approved,

and further, that Administration prepare the required Financial Plan in accordance with the above noted budgets. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

It was noted further in the meeting that motions were being made to amend the budget to either delete or reduce expenditures and in some cases, defer the expenditures to the 2014 budget year. The City Clerk explained that such motions could only state a change to the 2013 budgets. He indicated that the suggestion to defer the expenditure to the following budget year would be duly noted by Administration for consideration when preparing the 2014 budgets.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Blight

That the main motion be amended by adding following the words: “be approved”, the words: “subject to:

- (1) the addition of \$205,926 representing the first annual payment of a 15 year debenture to fund a \$2 Million contribution to roof repairs at the Keystone Centre subject to a matching contribution by the Province of Manitoba.” WITHDRAWN.

AMENDMENT

Isleifson-McCrae

907 That the main motion be amended by adding following the words: “be approved”, the words: “subject to:

- (1) the deletion of \$79,449 as an Operating budget expense representing savings in Workers Compensation and other employer paid benefits.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

McCrae-Isleifson

908 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(2) the addition of \$48,170 to the projected General Support Grant revenue.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Rice

909 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(3) the additional of \$112,742 as an Operating budget expense representing the first annual payment of a 15 year debenture to fund a \$1.09 Million payment to the Keystone Centre.”
CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Montague-McCrae

910 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure: “\$112,742” and substituting therefor the figure: “\$147,015”, and deleting the words: “15 year debenture” and substituting therefor the words: “10 year debenture”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Isleifson

911 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(4) the deletion of \$5,000 as an Operating budget expense representing Human Resources' sponsorship of the Western Cities Conference.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Montague

912 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(5) the deletion of \$60,500 as an Operating budget expense representing the cost of hiring additional staff in Human Resources.” LOST.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Montague

913 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(5) the deletion of \$15,000 as an Operating budget expense representing a reduction of the allocation for Planning and Development Services special project contracts”. LOST.

AMENDMENT

Roberts-Harwood

914 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(5) the addition of \$50,000 as an Operating budget expense to fund building code equivalencies”.
CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

McCrae-Chaboyer

915 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure: “\$50,000” and substituting therefor the figure: “\$25,000”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Montague-Fawcett

916 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(6) the addition of \$25,000 as an Operating budget expense to fund Planning and Building Safety Department priorities.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-McCrae

917 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(7) the deletion of \$25,000 as an Operating budget expense representing a reduction of the allocation for Information Technology consulting fees.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Isleifson

918 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(8) the deletion of an additional \$25,000 as an Operating budget expense from the Information Technology Department budget.” LOST.

AMENDMENT

McCrae-Fawcett

919 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(8) the deletion of \$600,000 as an Operating budget expense representing a reduction in the City’s overall labour costs.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Montague-Rice

920 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure: “\$600,000” and substituting therefor the figure: “\$450,000”. LOST.

AMENDMENT

Rice-Chaboyer

921 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(9) the addition of \$280,000 as an Operating budget expense for Sunday transit service.” CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Montague-McCrae

922 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure: “\$280,000” and substituting therefor the figure: “\$100,000”, and by adding after the words: “Sunday transit service, the words: “for the period September to December, 2013.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Rice-Chaboyer

923 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(10) the addition of \$50,000 to the provincial funding revenue for Transit services.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-McCrae

924 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(11) the reduction of \$1.2 Million to Reserve Fund appropriations.” CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Chaboyer-Rice

925 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure: “\$1.2 Million” and substituting therefor the figure: “\$250,000”, and adding after the word: “reserves”, the words: “whereby such reduction shall not impact the appropriation to the Affordable Housing Reserve”. LOST.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Montague-McCrae

926 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure: “\$1.2 Million” and substituting therefor the figure: “\$600,000”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Fawcett-Blight

927 That the above amending motion be further amended by deleting the figure: “\$600,000” and substituting therefor the figure: “\$400,000”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Harwood-Roberts

928 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph:

“(12) the addition of \$90,000 as an Operating budget expense representing a grant to the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. for the year 2013.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Harwood-Roberts

929 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph:

“(13) the addition of \$1,200 as an Operating budget expense for Heritage Contracts.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Isleifson-McCrae

930 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph:

“(14) the addition of \$25,000 as an Operating budget expense for the purchase of Automated External Defibrillators and associated training costs for Community Centres”. LOST.

Councillor McCrae declared a conflict of interest in the following matter due to his part-time employment with Renaissance Brandon and left the Council Chamber without any further discussion.

AMENDMENT

Montague-Berry

931 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph:

“(14) the deletion of \$50,000 as an Operating budget expense in the amount of the grant to the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation (Renaissance Brandon)”. CARRIED.

Following the above motion being voted on, Councillor McCrae re-entered the Council Chamber.

AMENDMENT

Decter Hirst-Harwood

932 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(15) the addition of \$25,000 as an Operating Expense for the implementation of an economic development strategy.” CARRIED.

Councillor Roberts declared a conflict of interest in the following matter due to his position on the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation Board and left the Council Chamber without any further discussion.

AMENDMENT

Chaboyer-Rice

933 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(16) the addition of \$125,000 to the appropriation to the Affordable Housing Reserve”. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Montague-Fawcett

934 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure: “\$125,000 and substituting therefor the figure: “\$75,000”. CARRIED.

Following the above motions being voted on, Councillor Roberts re-entered to the Council Chamber

AMENDMENT

Roberts-Harwood

935 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(17) the addition of \$50,000 as an Operating budget expense for the development of a pedestrian mall.” LOST.

AMENDMENT

Fawcett-Montague

936 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(17) the addition of \$1.2 Million to the proposed borrowing amount to be included in the 2013 Financial Plan for the renovation of 638 Princess Avenue to include a Youth Centre.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Isleifson

That the above main motion be further amended to adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(18) the deletion of \$22,000 as an Operating budget expense representing a reduction of the allocation for Engineering consulting fees.” WITHDRAWN.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Montague

937 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(18) the addition of \$500,000 as an Operating budget expense for the reconstruction of Durum Drive.” LOST.

AMENDMENT

Montague-Chaboyer

938 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(18) the addition of \$30,525 as an Operating budget expense representing an increase to the Western Manitoba Regional Library rent subsidy.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

McCrae-Berry

939 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(19) the deletion of \$75,000 as an Operating budget expense representing a reduction of the allocation for snow removal and sanding.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Montague-McCrae

940 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(20) the deletion of \$20,000 as an Operating budget expense representing a reduction of the allocation for Council Expenses.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Isleifson-McCrae

941 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(21) the deletion of \$25,000 as an Operating budget expense representing a reduction to the allocation for Conference Costs.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Rice-Fawcett

942 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(22) the addition of \$500,000 as an Operating budget expense for drainage, sidewalk and street resurfacing infrastructure projects.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

McCrae-Isleifson

943 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure: “\$500,000” and substituting therefor the figure: “\$350,000”. LOST.

In City Council concluding its deliberations, it was noted that the above changes in the budgets, as presented, resulted in a mill rate increase of 0.97%.

ADJOURN:

Isleifson-Chaboyer

That the meeting do now adjourn (9:38 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK