

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013 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 S. Montague, Councillor C. Roberts

ABSENT: Councillor G. Rice

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Berry-Chaboyer
1132 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, June 17, 2013 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Isleifson-Harwood
1133 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Tuesday, June 4, 2013 be taken as read, all statutory requirements as having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) BILL MARTIN, PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENT SERVICES - TAX IMPACT OF 2014 REASSESSMENT

Bill Martin, District Supervisor, Brandon Assessment Office, appeared before City Council to provide information with respect to the 2014 property reassessment and how it will impact property taxes. He reviewed a written report provided by Manitoba Local Government entitled: "Impact of Reassessment 2014 - City of Brandon", a copy of which was retained on file.

Roberts-Harwood
1134 That the presentation by Bill Martin of Provincial Assessment Services with respect to the tax impact of the 2014 property reassessment on the City of Brandon be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) POVERTY COMMITTEE
VERBAL

JUNE 17, 2013

June 17, 2013
Brandon, Manitoba

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Councillor Chaboyer reported that the Poverty Committee had met on June 11, 2013 and was planning a Poverty Forum this fall to address the basic sustenance for survival – shelter and food. She also noted that the Committee had received information on the proposed creation of a local Food Charter Policy.

City Council then received a presentation from Susan Spring and Betty Peloquin, members of the Poverty Committee, regarding the proposed Food Charter Policy, which focused on the importance of food in the face of global food shortages. The presentation included the need for food security and how Brandon's Food Charter would work to accomplish that by building partnerships, promoting farmers markets and "buy local food" campaigns, and encouraging community gardens. It was also noted that the Cities of Kingston, Prince Albert, Thunder Bay, Saskatoon, Vancouver, Ottawa and Toronto, and the Province of Manitoba had successful Food Charters. The Poverty Committee will be seeking public input on a Food Charter before bringing it back to City Council for endorsement later this year.

(B) AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
VERBAL

JUNE 17, 2013

June 17, 2013
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Fawcett reported that the Audit and Finance Committee had met on June 6, 2013 to discuss the 2013 budget review and the 2014 budget planning schedule. He noted that a public consultation process similar to what was undertaken for the 2013 budget would be included for 2014. Councillor Fawcett reported that the 2011 and 2012 financial year-ends would be discussed at a future meeting.

(C) BRANDON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
VERBAL

JUNE 17, 2013

June 17, 2013
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Roberts reported that Renaissance Brandon had kicked off its "Wednesdays By the Fountain" concert series in Princess Park and that the Global Market on Rosser Avenue had opened. He also read out a letter from the Renaissance Brandon Board of Directors which focused on the Board's desire to see the heritage of the former Central Fire Hall #1 on Princess Avenue preserved as the City explored redevelopment options for the building.

(D) MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
VERBAL

JUNE 17, 2013

June 17, 2013
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Roberts reported that the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee would be hosting the 12th Annual Doors Open event on July 20th and 21st, 2013. He noted that the two-day event allowed citizens to tour some of Brandon's beautiful historic buildings and learn more about our city's heritage at no charge.

Isleifson-Chaboyer

1135 That the verbal report and presentation of the Poverty Committee, and the verbal reports of the Audit and Finance Committee, the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation, and the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(418) SCHEDULE OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION/REPAIR - SUMMER 2013

Councillor Isleifson noted that significant amount of money had been budgeted for road construction and repairs for 2013 and requested an update on the schedule for same.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager provided the following list of projects for 2013:

Kirkcaldy Drive roadworks and Kirkham Crescent watermain renewal were currently underway and would be completed by the end of June; reconstruction of 11th Street would commence mid-August and be completed by mid-October; reconstruction of 5th Street was to start in early July and be completed by early August; the milling and asphalt overlay program would start and finish in July; and the seal coat program was to start mid-July and be completed by mid-August. He added that Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation were expected to complete the necessary work on Victoria Avenue by mid-August 2013.

(419) POTHOLE REPAIRS

Councillor Chaboyer noted that recurring potholes continued to be a problem and enquired if a long-term solution to this problem could be sought.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operational Services responded that close to 400 kilometers of roads within the City of Brandon were maintained, inclusive of pothole repairs, street sweeping and sewer excavation, by 13 full-time and 7 part-time Streets and Roads staff. The General Manager advised that a pliable asphalt mix was used in the winter months to patch potholes followed by the longer-lasting hot mix in the summer months. He advised that when problem areas were identified, the Engineering Department was notified to ensure that a more permanent fix could be considered. He assured City Council and the viewing audience that every effort was being made to ensure that City streets were safe and kept in the best condition possible with the financial resources available.

The General Manager advised that the Engineering Department had recently completed a pavement condition assessment of the entire City which had assisted with an analysis of where potholes were occurring in relation to the condition of the pavement and was helpful in long-term capital planning and asset management.

(420) DRAINAGE ISSUES ON GARWOOD DRIVE

Councillor Chaboyer referred to a response from a previous enquiry whereby she had been advised that a consultant was expected to provide a report on potential solutions for the drainage issues on Garwood Drive in early 2013. She requested an update on the status of this report.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the City continued to move forward on a long term drainage solution for this area. He apologized for the delay in the consultant's report and advised that same was expected in the near future.

(421) RODENT CONTROL ON VACANT PROPERTY ADJACENT TO GOVERNORS ROAD AND CENTENNIAL BOULEVARD

Councillor Blight requested an update on the status of his previous enquiry with respect to rodent control on the vacant property adjacent to Governors Road and Centennial Boulevard.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that following Councillor Blight's original enquiry the By-law Enforcement staff had been working with the renter of this property to address the issue of rodents in the area. He also advised that the Animal Control Officers and the property renter were committed to continued rodent eradication efforts in the area.

(422) STREET CLEANING SCHEDULE FOR VICTORIA WARD

Councillor Blight enquired when street cleaning was expected to take place in the Victoria Ward.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that south of Richmond Avenue from 1st to 26th Streets would be completed by June 19; 18th to 26th Streets between Richmond and Brandon Avenues by June 21; and west of 26th Street completed by June 24. He advised that, weather and equipment permitting, the entire City of Brandon was expected to be completed by the end of June with a final touch up of the arterial and collector streets finished the first week of July.

(423) MAINTENANCE OF BROWNFIELD PROPERTIES

Councillor Roberts advised that certain brownfield properties within the City of Brandon were regularly being reported as unsightly and having to be maintained by the City who then billed the property owner. He noted that the City of Brandon Building Safety and Property Standards By-law No. 6060/09/93 was complaint-driven, therefore these properties were becoming quite unsightly before the maintenance was taken care of by the City. He enquired if an amendment to the by-law could be considered whereby the City provided regular maintenance of known problem properties and billed the property owners accordingly.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager confirmed that the current by-law was complaint-driven. He advised that upon receipt of a complaint, the property is assessed by the By-law Enforcement Officer and the owner given 3 weeks to clean it up before an order to maintain is issued and the City takes over with the maintenance costs added to the property taxes. He noted that this was a long process and agreed to take the matter of an amendment to the by-law under advisement.

(424) PUBLIC WASHROOMS IN DOWNTOWN AREA

Councillor Roberts noted that activities in the downtown area had increased significantly and enquired if the installation of public washrooms in the downtown area could be considered.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that there were significant costs involved in such a project, however he agreed to take the matter under advisement for consideration in the 2014 budget process.

(425) PUBLIC ACCESS TO LANEWAY BETWEEN PACIFIC AND ROSSER AVENUES AND 1ST AND 18TH STREETS

Councillor Roberts suggested that the east-west lane between Pacific and Rosser Avenues and 1st and 18th Streets would make a great addition to the walking paths within the City of Brandon and enquired if public access to same could be considered.

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

(426) POTHoles ON CLARE AVENUE AND LARK STREET

Councillor Fawcett noted that potholes continued to be a problem on Clare Avenue and Lark Street and enquired if asphalt paving for these roads could be considered.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Development Services responded that maintenance of all roads within this area was ongoing as the north hill area continued to grow. He assured Councillor Fawcett that both Lark Street and Clare Avenue were included in improvements planned for the area with the same to take place as new developments happened and the remainder of Village Drive was developed.

(427) SPEED OF TRAFFIC ON MAGNOLIA DRIVE

Councillor Montague advised that traffic speeds on Magnolia Drive continued to be a problem and enquired if monitoring of same could be considered.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JOINT TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEETING - JUNE 20, 2013

Councillor Blight announced that the City of Brandon/Brandon School Division Joint Task Force would be meeting on June 20, 2013. Items to be discussed at the meeting would include safety in schools, traffic enforcement, gangs, buses and any other relevant issues.

B.J.HALES COLLECTION AT THE BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM

Councillor Berry announced that the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. Board had signed a 5-year loan agreement with the Brandon School Division which allowed for the B.J. Hales Collection to be displayed at the Brandon General Museum.

BRANDON AND FRINGE AREA GROWTH STRATEGY LAND EVALUATION WORKSHOP - JUNE 27, 2013

Her Worship the Mayor announced that the Brandon and Fringe Area Growth Strategy Land Evaluation Workshop hosted by the Brandon and Area Planning District Board would take place on June 27, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Riverbank Discovery Centre. She invited everyone to come out and share their thoughts on the development potential of lands within the City of Brandon and the fringe area.

WESTMAN IMMIGRATION SERVICES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Councillor Isleifson announced that he had been pleased to represent Her Worship the Mayor and fellow Councillors at the recent Westman Immigration Services Annual General Meeting. He noted that over the course of 1 year Westman Immigration Services had served 3 times the population of Brandon in some capacity and advised that he had a copy of the annual report he was willing to share if anyone was interested.

MANUFACTURING CONTRACT FOR RUSSIA AWARDED TO BEHLEN INDUSTRIES

Councillor Isleifson congratulated Behlen Industries on being awarded a contract to fabricate the largest convex-style steel building in the world. He noted that the building, which will be fabricated in Brandon, was destined for Krasnoyarsk, Russia, where it was to become an indoor soccer facility.

RIVERVIEW WARD MEETING - JUNE 19, 2013

Councillor Isleifson announced that a Riverview Ward Meeting would take place on June 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wheat City Lawn Bowling Club, 345 Park Street. He indicated that items to be discussed would include the Rideau Park Recreation Hub, affordable housing, proposed ward projects and any other city and ward issues.

"OUT OF THIS WORLD" BRANDON PRIDE EVENT

Councillor Chaboyer announced that she had been pleased to represent City Council at the "Out of This World" Event hosted by the Brandon Pride Committee on Saturday, June 15, 2013 at Princess Park where the community had been reminded of how important it was to be tolerant and inclusive of all citizens regardless of gender, sexual orientation or ethnic background.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS POSTERS

Her Worship the Mayor announced that that the Grade 1 and 2 students from École New Era School had created beautiful environmental awareness posters and that the posters would be displayed in all City of Brandon buildings.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) ACCOMMODATION TAX EVENT FUNDING REQUEST - BRANDON SENIOR AA BASEBALL LEAGUE

City Council considered a report from the Director of Economic Development dated June 10, 2013 with respect to the above.

Berry-Blight

1136 That a grant of \$2,700 be provided to the Brandon Senior Baseball League for the July 19th - 21st, 2013 Manitoba Baseball Senior AA All-Star Provincials to be held in Brandon with said funds to be transferred from the Accommodation Tax Reserve to operating funds. CARRIED.

(B) ACCOMMODATION TAX EVENT FUNDING REQUEST - BRANDON MINOR BASEBALL

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Economic Development dated June 10, 2013 with respect to the above.

Blight-Berry

1137 That a grant of \$10,000 be provided to Brandon Minor Baseball for the June 28th - July 1st, 2013 Canada Day Classic Baseball Tourney to be held in Brandon with said funds to be transferred from the Accommodation Tax Reserve to operating funds. CARRIED.

(C) CREATION OF PROTECTED SPACES NETWORK

Considered was a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated June 7, 2013 with respect to the above.

1138 Isleifson-Chaboyer
That City Administration through its Property Section establish an In-City Protected Spaces Network of City owned lands, working through the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation and their conservation agreements system with the first parcel to be so designate being City lands described as 201 - 17th Street East;

and further, that City Administration make use of an advisory panel consisting of adjoining property owners to the lands under consideration, and those stakeholders it feels necessary to assist with developing a land features analysis and categorization tool and a designated uses listing for said land. CARRIED.

(D) PROPOSAL - PURCHASE AND DEVELOPMENT OF 637 PRINCESS AVENUE

City Council considered a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated June 6, 2013 with respect to the above.

1139 Roberts-Montague
That the proposal of Brewtinerie for the purchase and development of 637 Princess Ave be rejected and that Administration proceed with a new request for proposal for such purchase and development. CARRIED.

Councillor Chaboyer abstained from voting on the motion as she felt the proposal had merit but had concerns with the transfer of ownership to the property.

(E) NAMING OF PARK FOR 45 MULBERRY CRESCENT

Submitted for consideration was a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated June 11, 2013 with respect to the above.

1140 Montague-Berry
That the park located at 45 Mulberry Crescent be named "The Jacobson Family Park" and that The Jacobson & Greiner Group of Companies work in partnership with the City of Brandon Community Services Department for any installed signage, being compatible with the City of Brandon's standard policies; and to allow for the installation of a dedicated monument in memory of Vionell (Jake) Jacobson at the entrance of the park. CARRIED.

(F) TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM ELECTION RESERVE FOR MEADOWS WARD BY-ELECTION

Considered was a report from the Senior Election Official dated June 10, 2013 with respect to the above.

1141 Harwood-Isleifson
That \$11,750.00 be transferred from the Election Reserve to the Election Costs Operating Account for the expenses incurred to conduct the 2013 Meadows Ward By-Election. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

Nil

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

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

MAYOR

CITY CLERK