

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA

PRESENT: Mayor D. Burgess in the Chair, Councillor V. Barletta, Councillor E. Black, Councillor M. Blight, Councillor L. Brown, Councillor M. Campbell, Councillor R. Chrest, Councillor D. Jessiman, Councillor D. Paterson, Councillor G. Rice, Councillor B. Smale

ABSENT: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

1470 Chrest-Barletta
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, January 9th, 2006 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

1471 Rice-Blight
That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held on Friday, December 16th, 2005 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

1472 Brown-Jessiman
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Monday, December 19th, 2005 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

1473 Brown-Rice
That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held on Thursday, January 5th, 2006 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(A) VARIATION – 737 STICKNEY AVENUE (4895461 MANITOBA LTD. O/B/O SAMSON ENGINEERING INC.)

It was noted that Tyler Ursel of 4895461 Manitoba Ltd. had submitted a letter dated January 9th, 2006 withdrawing the above noted application.

1474 Paterson-Barletta
That the letter of Tyler Ursel of 4895461 Manitoba Ltd. dated January 9th, 2006 withdrawing the variation application for 737 Stickney Avenue be accepted. CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) VERBAL REPORT – POVERTY COMMITTEE

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Councillor Smale provided a verbal report from the Poverty Committee regarding its correspondence to the Province of Manitoba with respect to the creation of a health benefits package. A copy of said correspondence was provided to City Council.

Black-Rice

1475 That the verbal report by Councillor Smale with respect to the Poverty Committee be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(588) ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT COMMITTEE

Councillor Paterson referred to a recent meeting with the Trustees of the Brandon School Division in which discussion on the establishment of a joint committee to review the rationalization of transportation systems took place and enquired if clarification on who would establish the committee and the make-up of the committee could be sought from the Brandon School Division.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take the matter under advisement but advised that City Administration was currently working on the issue and that he had recently met with Cathy Snelgrove, General Manager of Operations on the matter.

In conjunction with the above Councillor Black noted that the discussion at the meeting involved setting up a joint committee, which included councillors and trustees, to address issues of common concern and not just the transportation issue and enquired if such could be verified with Dr. Michaels.

Councillor Smale further noted that Dr. Michaels had commented that a meeting would be held with providers of services to immigrant families groups which would include council and enquired if there was any information available on when such a meeting would be held.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take the matter under advisement.

(589) YOUTH FOR CHRIST PROJECT

Councillor Campbell enquired if an update on the Youth for Christ building could be provided including information with respect to whether or not the City would reclaim the land if the project did not proceed.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take the matter under advisement.

(590) TASER GUN INFORMATION

Councillor Blight referred to a previous request made during budget deliberations regarding information on taser guns and enquired whether or not there would be a presentation to Council on the issue.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take the matter under advisement.

(591) MOBILE SIGN BY-LAW

Councillor Smale referred to a recent article in the Brandon Sun about mobile signs and how the by-law was not meeting the expectations of the newspaper and enquired as to the feasibility of enforcement of the by-law being dealt with under Licensing and By-law Enforcement.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take the matter under advisement.

(592) BRANDON GREYS

Councillor Black noted that the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame would be inducting Dirk Gibbons and Armando Vazquez. He further noted that the Brandon Municipal Heritage Committee was working on a plaque to commemorate the Greys and players on the team and enquired if a report from Heather Ewasiuk on the status of such, including whether or not the Heritage Committee might have some resources to assist in bringing Dirk Gibbons and Emanuel Vazquez to Manitoba to attend the ceremony in Morden, and perhaps the unveiling of the commemoration plaques in Brandon.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take the matter under advisement.

(593) DISCLOSURE OF ELECTION CONTRIBUTIONS

Councillor Black referred to a previous motion forwarded to the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) requiring the disclosure of election contributions and expenses at the municipal level. He noted that the resolution had not been pushed vigorously by AMM since it did not affect most rural councils and enquired if information on the appropriateness and possibility of passing such a resolution for the next election requiring candidates for the City of Brandon to report contributions and expenditures could be investigated.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take the matter under advisement.

(594) MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Councillor Black noted that letters had been sent to the local Members of the Legislative Assembly, Minister Scott Smith and Drew Caldwell inviting them to meet with City Council on issues of mutual concern and enquired whether or not a response had been received.

His Worship the Mayor advised that Minister Scott Smith had responded in the negative to the invitation but Drew Caldwell was willing to meeting with Council. His Worship the Mayor further advised that Drew Caldwell could appear as a delegation to allow for a question and answer period.

(595) EMERGENCY PLANNING

Councillor Jessiman enquired if a report from the Emergency Coordinator could be requested on the City's emergency plans with respect to a pandemic, including such information as any meetings held with the Brandon Regional Health Authority.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take under advisement.

In conjunction with the above Councillor Black noted that a recent article in the Globe and Mail reported Canada toward the bottom of the list on the readiness table for pandemic planning.

(596) MUSIC IN THE PARKS

Councillor Paterson enquired whether or not the Music in the Parks program would continue this summer and if so, if Dinsdale Park could be considered.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take the matter under advisement.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) 2006 BORROWING

Considered was a report from the City Treasurer dated December 19th, 2005 with respect to the above.

1476 Chrest-Jessiman
That the borrowing of funds not exceeding \$3,000,000 for general operating expenses in the 2006 fiscal year be authorized. CARRIED.

(B) 2006 INTERIM BUDGET

City Council considered a report from the City Treasurer dated December 19th, 2005 with respect to the above.

1477 Black-Paterson
That pursuant to Section 163 of The Municipal Act, the following interim budget to provide for City of Brandon expenditures, revenues and transfers for the year 2006 be hereby adopted:

General Fund Expenditures	\$46,831,765
General Fund Revenues and Transfers	\$46,831,765
General Fund Reserve Expenditures	\$4,300,267
Utility Fund Expenditures	\$15,531,013
Utility Fund Revenues, Transfer & Surplus Utilization	\$15,156,904
Utility Fund Reserve Expenditures	\$450,000
CARRIED.	

(C) APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR ELECTION OFFICIAL – 2006 BRANDON MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Submitted for consideration was a report from the City Clerk dated December 21st, 2005 with respect to the above.

1478 Chrest-Smale
That Joni Swidnicki be appointed as the Senior Election Official for the City of Brandon to fulfil all obligations outlined in The Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Act. CARRIED.

(D) TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR RENAISSANCE DISTRICT

Considered was a report from His Worship the Mayor dated January 4th, 2006 with respect to the above.

1479 Brown-Jessiman
That a by-law be prepared to create a “Renaissance District” in the City of Brandon whereby properties meeting criteria would be eligible for a tax abatement program under the terms and conditions set out in said by-law. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

1480 Black-Paterson
That the above motion be amended by adding the words: “tax abatement program, inclusive of a” directly following the words: “create a”. LOST.

Prior to voting on the above, it was requested that the financial implications on the effect of such a tax abatement program on remaining property owners be included when the by-law was brought forward.

It was also suggested that a public hearing could be conducted to allow input from citizens.

BY-LAWS:

Nil

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEW PRESIDENT OF KINSMEN CLUB OF CANADA

Councillor Paterson announced that former Assiniboine Community College Instructor, Mr. Dave Perkins, was the new president of the Kinsmen Club of Canada.

SKATING OVAL

Councillor Chrest announced that he had recently attended the new skating oval and was very impressed with how amazing and wonderful it had turned out and the tremendous utilization and pleasure it was providing to so many people, highlighting that such projects did not have to be expensive.

CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED TO HIS WORSHIP

Councillor Chrest announced that he had attended the wedding of His Worship the Mayor on Saturday and offered his congratulations and best wishes to Dave and his new wife for a long, healthy and happy marriage.

CITIZENS ON PATROL FORUM

His Worship the Mayor announced that the Citizens on Patrol Program would hold a meeting on Wednesday, January 11th, 2006 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the foyer of City Hall. He noted that Shauna Neiser, Manitoba Citizens on Patrol Co-ordinator, would be in attendance and invited any interested citizen to attend.

ADJOURN:

Black-Jessiman

That the meeting do now adjourn. (8:24 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK