

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,
MARCH 3, 2014 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 J. Chaboyer, Councillor J. Fawcett, Councillor J. Harwood, Councillor L. Isleifson, Councillor J. LoRegio, Councillor S. Montague, Councillor C. Roberts

ABSENT: Councillor M. Blight, Councillor G. Rice

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Roberts-Isleifson
1473 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, March 3, 2014 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Harwood-Berry
1474 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Tuesday, February 18, 2014 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) J. VAN HOEK, CANADIAN UNION OF POSTAL WORKERS - FUTURE OF CANADA POST

Jon Van Hoek and Leanne Stanick, representing the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW), appeared before City Council with respect to the 5-point action plan announced by Canada Post in December, 2013 to realign the delivery and price of postal services. Mr. Van Hoek advised that it was Canada Post's intention to phase out door-to-door mail delivery in favour of community mailboxes, which would impact 8,000 jobs across the country and approximately 40% of Brandon's CUPW workforce. He also noted that citizens would be affected by the move to community mailboxes, particularly those with mobility challenges.

Ms. Stanick then noted that Canada Post's plan to increase postage rates could have an impact on municipalities such as the City of Brandon that still send significant amounts of letter mail.

Fawcett-LoRegio
1475 That the presentation by Jon Van Hoek and Leanne Stanick, on behalf of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers with respect to the future of Canada Post and the proposed elimination of door-to-door delivery of mail be received. CARRIED.

ALTERATION - ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Fawcett-Isleifson
1476 That pursuant to Section 59 of Procedure By-law No. 6634, the Orders of the Day be altered whereby City Council shall resolve itself in the Order of Giving of Notice. CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

(A) ELIMINATION OF DOOR-TO-DOOR MAIL DELIVERY SERVICE BY CANADA POST

In accordance with Rule 60 of City Council Procedure By-law No. 6634, Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst gave notice of her intent to introduce the following motion with respect to the elimination of door-to-door mail delivery by Canada Post at the meeting of City Council to be held on March 17, 2014:

“WHEREAS Canada Post announced on December 11th, 2013 that it plans to convert door-to-door delivery to community mailbox (CMB) delivery; and

WHEREAS going to CMB delivery would be especially hard on seniors and people with disabilities and could undermine their ability to live independently;

AND WHEREAS this proposed change would entail the downloading of responsibilities, costs, and liabilities to local governments, including requirements for municipal land and rights-of-way, infrastructure such as paving and lighting, snow removal, and policing related to vandalism, graffiti, and mail theft;

AND WHEREAS this fundamental change to Canada's postal system is unprecedented in other G7 countries, and has been announced in the absence of any meaningful consultation with local governments, Canada Post customers, or employees;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Brandon send a letter to the Minister responsible for Canada Post, The Honourable Lisa Raitt that informs the Minister that the City of Brandon wants to maintain the current system of residential door-to-door delivery, and requests that the government consult with Canadians about what kind of postal service they need.”

ALTERATION - ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Fawcett-Isleifson

1477 That the Orders of the Day be altered and City Council resolve itself back to the Order of Public Hearings. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) KEYSTONE CENTRE BOARD
VERBAL

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Councillor LoRegio reported on the recent meeting of the Keystone Centre Board of Directors, noting that the Board was still awaiting confirmation on whether it had been able to successfully resign the Canadian National Arabian and Half-Arabian Horse Championships event. Councillor Loregio also noted the Board was exploring addition funding options for facility upgrades.

(B) AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE
VERBAL

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Councillor Berry reported that the Age Friendly Committee had met recently with the Western Manitoba Seniors Affordable Housing Co-op to discuss a number of issues of mutual interest.

LoRegio-Berry

1478 That the verbal reports of the Keystone Centre Board and the Age Friendly Committee be received.
CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(531) UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT OF VETERANS' WAY

Councillor Fawcett requested an update on the development plans for Veterans' Way.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that, with the decision having been made to leave 1st Street unprotected in the event of a flood as part of the Dike Project plan, a new secondary plan for this area would be developed. He noted that new plan was not expected to be completed until 2015, however, it was intended to designate the land for recreational purposes.

(532) RECREATION PLAN AND GREEN SPACE MASTER PLAN

Councillor Fawcett requested an update on the Recreation Master Plan as well as the Green Space Master Plan.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that, Community Services staff were in the process of reviewing the current Recreation Master Plan and identifying gaps/and or shortcomings in the plan. He noted that due to a cut in funding, the updated Plan would be prepared by city staff rather than a consultant and advised that the Veterans' Way Project, should it go forward, would be included as part of the revised Recreation Master Plan.

With respect to the Green Space Master Plan, the City Manager responded that the Request for Proposals was expected to be released this month. He advised that the funds were in place and the plan was expected to be completed in the fall of 2014 with the Veterans' Way land to be discussed in this plan as well.

(533) SNOW CLEARING ON ROADS AND SIDEWALKS IN NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Councillor Montague enquired if information could be provided regarding who was responsible for snow clearing on roads and sidewalks in new developments, inclusive of the time periods and conditions. He further enquired if city crews cleared snow on any roads or sidewalks outside of those that were the responsibility of the city.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that snow clearing was the responsibility of the developer for the first two years in any new development. He advised that the city took over the responsibility for road maintenance when 25 per cent of the houses in the subdivision have been built and it has been determined the required specifications of the city had been met.

The City Manager clarified that the city did not clear any streets or roads that were considered private property, and further, that sidewalks were only cleared in the core area between 1st and 18th Streets and Victoria and Pacific Avenues and in areas surrounding bus routes, churches and schools. He encouraged residents requiring more information on sidewalk clearing to check the website at www.brandon.ca.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) ACCOMMODATION TAX EVENT FUND REQUEST - DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA ANNUAL VOLUNTEERS CONFERENCE AND FUNDRAISING EVENT

City Council considered a report from the Director of Economic Development dated February 18, 2014 with respect to the above.

1479 Fawcett-LoRegio

That a grant of \$1,500 be provided to Ducks Unlimited Canada for the March 8, 2014 Ducks Unlimited Provincial Annual Volunteers Conference and Fundraising Concert to be held in Brandon with said funds to be transferred from the Accommodation Tax Reserve to the Tourism initiatives operating account. CARRIED.

(B) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR TO THE BRANDON POLICE BOARD

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Deputy City Clerk dated February 20, 2014 with respect to the above.

1480 Harwood-Fawcett

That in accordance with City of Brandon By-law No. 7041, the following appointments as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Brandon Police Board be and are hereby made with terms of office to expire as indicated:

Mark Frison - Chair (term to expire December 31, 2014)

Councillor Len Isleifson - Vice-Chair (term to expire October 23, 2014)

CARRIED.

(C) ALLOCATION OF SURPLUS FUNDS TO RESERVE FUNDS

Considered was a report from Councillor Stephen Montague dated January 23, 2014 with respect to the above and in accordance with his notice of motion given at the regular meeting of City Council held January 20, 2014.

Montague-Fawcett

- 1481 That Administration review and provide a report to City Council by no later than April 30, 2014 on City Council rather than Administration appropriating surplus funds to reserve funds. CARRIED.

(D) 2013 ACCOMMODATION TAX ANNUAL REPORT

City Council considered a report from the City Treasurer dated February 26, 2014 with respect to the above.

Berry-Isleifson

- 1482 That the 2013 Accommodation Tax Report dated February 26, 2014 be received. CARRIED.

(E) PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ACCOMMODATION TAX PROGRAM

Submitted for consideration was a report from the City Treasurer dated February 26, 2014 with respect to the above.

Montague-Fawcett

- 1483 That the report of the City Treasurer dated February 26, 2014 be received;

and further, that a committee of City Council be established to undertake a review of capital funding from the accommodation tax for report and recommendation to City Council by no later than June 30, 2014 whereby such review shall:

- (a) include, but not be limited to, capital funding for the Keystone Centre, arts/culture and heritage; and
- (b) be undertaken in cooperation with Administration. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7070 TO AMEND ZONING BY-LAW NO. 6642 RE: PUBLIC OUTREACH REGULATIONS

It was noted that this by-law received first reading at the November 18, 2013 meeting of City Council.

Fawcett-LoRegio

- 1484 That By-law No. 7070 to amend City of Brandon Zoning By-law No. 6642 to include a provision regarding public outreach regulations be read a second time. NOT VOTED ON.

Chaboyer-Berry

- 1485 That By-law No. 7070 be referred back to Administration for further review of Schedule D and possible inclusion of provisions to enhance methods of posting public notices to ensure same are reaching all affected community members, for report back at the March 17, 2014 meeting of City Council. CARRIED.

NO. 7083 TO OPEN AS A PUBLIC ROAD A PORTION OF LYNDAL DRIVE BETWEEN 18TH STREET
AND THE EASTERLY PUBLIC RESERVE

It was noted that this by-law received first reading at the February 18, 2014 meeting of City Council.

1486 Montague-Berry
That By-law No. 7083 to open the portion of Lyndale Drive between 18th Street and the Public Reserve as a public road be read a second time. CARRIED.

1487 Montague-Berry
That the by-law be read a third and final time. CARRIED.

In accordance with Section 137 of The Municipal Act, a recorded vote was taken on the motion to give By-law No. 7083 third reading.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst	Nil
Councillor Berry	
Councillor Chaboyer	
Councillor Fawcett	
Councillor Harwood	
Councillor Isleifson	
Councillor LoRegio	
Councillor Montague	
Councillor Roberts	

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer
That the meeting do now adjourn. (8:45 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK