

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON SATURDAY,
JANUARY 10, 2015 AT 9:35 AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA**

PRESENT: Mayor Rick Chrest, Councillor Shawn Berry, Councillor Ron W. Brown, Councillor Jan Chaboyer, Councillor Barry Cullen, Councillor Kris Desjarlais, Councillor Jeff Fawcett, Councillor Vanessa Hamilton, Councillor Jeff Harwood, Councillor John LoRegio, Councillor Lonnie Patterson

ABSENT: Nil

READING OF THE CALL:

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 2015 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) 2015 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

Harwood-Chaboyer

71 That the 2015 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.

At the request of Councillor Fawcett, a recorded vote was taken on the above motion.

FOR

Mayor Rick Chrest
Councillor Shawn Berry
Councillor Ron W. Brown
Councillor Jan Chaboyer
Councillor Barry Cullen
Councillor Kris Desjarlais
Councillor Jeff Fawcett
Councillor Vanessa Hamilton
Councillor Jeff Harwood
Councillor John LoRegio
Councillor Lonnie Patterson

AGAINST

Nil

AMENDMENT

Fawcett-Cullen

72 That the main motion be amended by adding following the word: "approved", the words: "subject to:

- (1) the deletion of \$126,850 as an Operating expense representing an adjustment to diesel and gasoline fuel costs." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Fawcett-Patterson

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

- "(2) the deletion of \$30,000 as an Operating budget expense representing an adjustment to hydro and natural gas costs." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Chaboyer-LoRegio

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

- "(3) the deletion of \$2,272 as an Operating budget expense representing a reduction to Council indemnities." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Hamilton-Desjarlais

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

- "(4) the deletion of \$34,944 as an Operating budget expense in contract fees for Heritage Administration." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Patterson-Desjarlais

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

- "(5) the addition of \$5,000 as an Operating budget expense to Election Expenses to undertake civic engagement to review voter turnout." LOST.

AMENDMENT

Fawcett-Berry

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

- "(5) the deletion of \$100,000 as an Operating budget expense for Brandon Police Services." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Brown-Berry

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

- "(6) the addition of \$18,000 as an Operating budget expense for Special Initiatives- Community Services, representing an increase in community centre support ." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Cullen-LoRegio

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

“(7) the deletion of \$8,000 as a Capital budget expense from the Office Equipment Reserve for the purchase of tables for the Councillors’ Meeting Room.” LOST.

AMENDMENT

Chaboyer-Cullen

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

“(7) the deletion of \$10,000 as an Operating budget expense for the appropriation to the Highway Signage Reserve.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

LoRegio-Brown

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

“(8) the deletion of \$227,500 as an Operating budget expense for the appropriation to the Recreation Centre Reserve.” CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Harwood-Desjarlais

82 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure: “\$227,500” and substituting therefor the figure: “\$113,750”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Hamilton-Chaboyer

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

“(9) the addition of \$37,000 as an Operating budget expense representing the cost of hiring a part-time Affordable Housing Specialist.” LOST.

AMENDMENT

Patterson-Hamilton

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

“(9) the addition of \$37,000 as an Operating budget expense for affordable housing initiatives.” LOST.

AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Fawcett

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

“(9) the addition of \$26,000 as an Operating budget expense to the contract with the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation for the provision of an affordable housing coordinator.” LOST.

AMENDMENT

Berry-LoRegio

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

“(9) the deletion of \$300,000 as an Operating budget expense for the appropriation to the Equipment Replacement Reserve for vehicle replacements of 1 ton and less.” CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

LoRegio-Fawcett

87 That the amending motion be amended by deleting the figure: "\$300,000" and substituting therefor the figure: "85,000." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Chrest-LoRegio

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

“(10) the deletion of \$77,500 as an Operating budget expense for the appropriation to the E-911 Equipment Reserve.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Patterson-Fawcett

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

“(11) the addition of \$85,000 as an Operating budget expense representing a grant to the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba for the Dome Building Project.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Fawcett-Hamilton

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

“(12) the deletion of \$90,000 as an Operating budget expense representing the 2015 grant to Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc.” LOST.

AMENDMENT

Cullen-LoRegio

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

“(12) the deletion of \$95,000 as a Capital budget expense from the Office Equipment Reserve for Youth Centre/Culture Centre Equipment.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Hamilton-Patterson

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

“(13) the deletion \$150,000 as a Capital budget expense from the Gas Tax Transit Reserve for cameras on Transit buses.” LOST.

AMENDMENT

Berry-LoRegio

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

“(13) the deletion of \$4,500 as an Operating budget expense for consulting fees in the Human Resources Department.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Patterson

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

“(14) the addition of \$100,000 as an Operating budget expense for the appropriation to the Parks Reserve”. LOST.

AMENDMENT

Chrest-Hamilton

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

“(14) the deletion of \$53,224 as an Operating budget expense for the appropriation to the Fire Vehicle Reserve.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Patterson-Berry

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

“(15) the addition of \$1,000,000 as an Operating budget expense for each of the years 2015 through to 2019 inclusive representing a grant to the Keystone Centre, whereby such funding shall be subject to a matching contribution from the Province of Manitoba.” LOST.

AMENDMENT

Chaboyer-Patterson

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

“(15) the addition of \$10,000 as an Operating budget expense to the Grants Review Committee for additional funding to Brandon Museum Inc. (Daly House Museum).” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

LoRegio-Harwood

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

“(16) the deletion of \$75,000 as a Capital budget expense from the Parks Reserve for the green space entrance project at the A.R. McDiarmid Building.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Berry

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

“(17) the deletion of \$20,000 as an Operating budget expense for the appropriation to the Building Maintenance Reserve.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Chrest-Cullen

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

“(18) the deletion of \$50,000 as an Operating budget expense for the appropriation to the Office Equipment Reserve.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Fawcett-LoRegio

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

“(19) the deletion of \$300,000 as a Capital budget expense from the Office Equipment Reserve for the Human Resources Software Upgrade.” LOST.

AMENDMENT

Chaboyer-LoRegio

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

“(19) the deletion of \$140,000 as a Capital budget expense from the Parks Reserve for the Skating Oval building.” LOST.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Fawcett

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

“(19) the deletion of \$200,000 as an Operating budget expense representing a reduction in the City’s overall labour costs.” LOST.

AMENDMENT

Berry-LoRegio

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

“(19) the deletion of \$600,000 as an Operating budget expense for the appropriation to Reserve Funds.” LOST.

AMENDMENT

Chrest-Chrest

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

“(19) the addition of \$100,000 as an Operating budget revenue representing an increase in Supplementary Taxes.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Cullen

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

“(20) the addition of \$250,000 as an Operating budget expense for an appropriation to the Keystone Center Reserve for capital improvements.” LOST.

In City Council concluding its deliberations, it was noted that the above changes in the budgets, as presented, resulted in a tax rate increase of 0.53%.

Berry-Harwood

107 That Administration prepare a report on the Fleet Services replacement policy and corresponding appropriations to the Vehicle Replacement Reserves for review by City Council. CARRIED.

ADJOURN:

LoRegio-Hamilton

That the meeting do now adjourn (6:26 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK