

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,
MARCH 2, 2015 AT 7:00 PM 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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

158 Harwood-Chaboyer
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, March 2, 2015 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

159 Cullen-Berry
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) ACCOMMODATION TAX REVIEW COMMITTEE
VERBAL

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Councillor Patterson reported on the first meeting of the Accommodation Tax Review Committee held February 24, 2015. She advised that she had been elected Chair and a general review of priorities was conducted which included meeting with stakeholders, reviewing funding categories, and the administration of the Accommodation Tax Fund.

(B) KEYSTONE CENTRE
VERBAL

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Councillor Patterson gave a verbal report to City Council on the Keystone Centre Board of Directors meeting. She noted that the Keystone Centre Board of Directors had adopted their 2015/2016 Strategic Plan and continued to move forward on the Keystone Centre's long term capital plan, including the potential construction of a field house.

(C) BRANDON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
VERBAL

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Councillor Desjarlais provided a report on the meeting of the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation held February 23, 2015 at which the ongoing progress of Resland Development Group's plans to develop the McKenzie Seeds building was discussed. Councillor Desjarlais also reported that an Executive Director for Renaissance Brandon had been hired and would be starting April 1, 2015.

(D) BRANDON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
VERBAL

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Councillor Desjarlais reported on the special meeting of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee held February 23, 2015 to review the heritage permit application for the property at 637 Princess Avenue. He advised that the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee had approved the permit requesting the building of a restaurant on the main floor of the former Central Fire Hall #1.

Councillor Hamilton also gave a verbal report on the progress of the Veterans Memorial Wall whereby she noted that the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee has approved the issuance of a tender for the construction of the wall, as well as the process for seeking another tender for the plaques that will adorn the monument.

(E) BRANDON URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' COUNCIL
VERBAL

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Councillor Fawcett reported on the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council (BUAPC) Strategic Planning Session held February 28, 2015. He noted that the day-long session had focused on economic development opportunities, healthy child development, community development, education and training, health, and justice issues. Councillor Fawcett also announced that BUAPC had hired an Aboriginal Community Coordinator who would be starting in the position on March 13, 2015.

(F) WESTERN MANITOBA CENTENNIAL AUDITORIUM
VERBAL

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Councillor Harwood gave a verbal report to City Council on the recent meeting of the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium (WMCA) Board Directors. He advised that the Board had approved several repairs to heating equipment in the building, including a new hot water tank and pumps. Councillor Harwood also reported that the WMCA was currently undergoing their annual audit and the results would be available to City Council at the end of March. He concluded by noting that the WMCA building was very active over the month of January with nearly 5000 visitors thanks largely in part to the Metis Pavilion during the Lieutenant Governor's Winter Festival.

Harwood-LoRegio

160 That the reports of the Accommodation Tax Review Committee, the Keystone Centre, the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation, the Brandon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council, and the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(37) REMOVAL OF TREES ADJACENT TO THE ASSINIBOINE RIVER ON THE WEST SIDE
OF 18TH STREET

Councillor Harwood referred to the trees being removed adjacent to the Assiniboine River on the west side of 18th Street and requested an update on same, inclusive of the planned rehabilitation for the area.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the trees had been destroyed by the floods in recent years and had to be removed for the safety of those accessing the walking paths in the area. He advised that the tree removal was complete and the tree piles would be burned off in the next couple of days. The City Manager confirmed that the City of Brandon and Brandon Riverbank Inc. planned to work together to determine how the area could be best used in the future.

(38) UPDATE ON SPRING FLOOD FORECAST

Councillor Fawcett requested an update on the Spring flood forecast.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, Brian Kayes, Director of Risk and Emergency Management, responded that early indicators predicted that the Assiniboine River levels were expected to be comparable to Spring 2014 and below the 1172 foot flood stage however, river levels could be affected by the weather. He advised that the next Provincial Flood Forecast was expected at the end of March and agreed to keep City Council updated on this issue.

(39) TREE CUTTING IN 300 BLOCK OF 16TH STREET

Councillor Desjarlais advised that he had received calls from residents concerned about the cutting of trees in the 300 Block of 16th Street and enquired as to the reasons for same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that many of the trees in the area were older and had reached the end of their lifespan, in which case pruning or removal of the trees was necessary. He confirmed that the City of Brandon Arborists were well-trained and committed to maintaining all trees on city-owned property, and further, that any trees removed would be replaced.

(40) AGENDA FOR CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

Councillor Hamilton enquired if items could be added to the agenda for the upcoming City Council Strategic Planning Session.

His Worship the Mayor responded that the facilitator had sent out a letter today outlining the process for the sessions. He encouraged Councillors to bring forward any issues they wished to discuss on March 13 and 14, 2015.

(41) POTHoles ON 18TH STREET BRIDGE

Councillor Chaboyer reported a number of potholes on the 18th Street Bridge and enquired if Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation (MIT) could be requested have these potholes repaired as soon as possible. She noted that potholes on city streets could be reported to the Pothole Hotline at (204) 729-2200 and enquired if potholes on Provincial roadways within the City of Brandon could be reported on that line as well.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager agreed to contact MIT with respect to the 18th Street Bridge. He encouraged residents to report potholes on Provincial roadways to MIT directly, however, he confirmed that messages left on the Pothole Hotline with respect to Provincial roadways were passed on to MIT.

Councillor Cullen reported a pothole in the vicinity of the 18th Street and Rosser Avenue intersection and the City Manager agreed to follow-up on this issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BRANDON UNIVERSITY CHINESE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

His Worship Mayor Chrest announced that the Brandon University Chinese Students' Association was hosting a celebration of the Chinese New Year on Sunday, March 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium and encouraged everyone to attend.

FARM CREDIT CANADA MOTIVATIONAL SEMINAR

Councillor Brown announced that he had attended seminar hosted by Farm Credit Canada on February 26, 2015 where three motivational speakers shared their stories and inspired the audience.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Nil

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7114 TO NAME THE STREETS LOCATED AT 2200 - 1ST STREET WITHIN THE PROPOSED CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT LOCATED SOUTH OF PORTOLA DRIVE AND WEST OF 1ST STREET

It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the February 17, 2015 meeting of City Council.

161 Brown-LoRegio
That By-law No. 7114 to name the streets located at 2200 - 1st Street within the proposed condominium development located south of Portola Drive and west of 1st Street be read a second time. CARRIED.

162 Brown-LoRegio
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 to give By-law No. 7114 third reading.

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

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Chaboyer-Cullen

That the meeting do now adjourn. (8:00 p.m.). CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK