

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,
APRIL 20, 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:

189 Harwood-Chaboyer
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, April 20, 2015 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS:

(A) BURGESS SHIELD FOR BEST HOME GROUNDS - LARRY AND SYLVIA MILLS

On behalf of City Council, His Worship the Mayor presented a congratulatory plaque to Larry and Sylvia Mills, winners of the Burgess Shield for Best Home Grounds in the Manitoba Good Roads Association 2014 Competition. The Mills' were honored with this prestigious award at the Association's annual banquet held March 15, 2015.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

190 Chaboyer-LoRegio
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Prior to voting on the above, it was noted that Motion No. 185, to give By-law No. 7115 first reading, was moved by Councillor Hamilton and seconded by Councillor Chaboyer, whereby the City Clerk confirmed that same would be corrected.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) GEORGE FITTON STUDENT GROUP - PROJECT OF HEART PROGRAM

The George Fitton Student Group appeared before City Council with respect to their Project of the Heart Program. Several students spoke on the history and legacy of aboriginal residential schools in Canada and the impacts still felt across the country today. It was noted that plans were being developed to have the over 1000 wooden tiles created by students from Kindergarten through Grade 8 as part of the project, displayed to share with the community.

191 Desjarlais-Fawcett
That the presentation by the George Fitton Student Group with respect to the Project of Heart Program be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
 VERBAL

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Councillor Fawcett reported on the recent meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee held April 16, 2015. He noted that the Committee had met with the City's Auditor to discuss the audit process and preparation of the annual financial statements. Other items discussed included the budget review process and timelines for preparation of the 2016 Budget.

Fawcett-Cullen

192 That the report of the Audit and Finance Committee be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(58) DUST CONTROL – BACK LANE SOUTH OF ELVISS CRESCENT FROM 26TH TO 34TH
STREETS

Councillor LoRegio referred to a previous enquiry regarding a dust problem in the back lane south of Elviss Crescent from 26th to 34th Streets and requested an update on the status of same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that traffic counts and speed surveys conducted in November 2014 indicated that neither traffic volume or speed were factors. He advised that soil samples would be taken to determine if the dust could be controlled by additional gravel and grading or an application of calcium was required. The City Manager confirmed that another speed survey would be conducted in the spring.

(59) STATUS OF ASSINIBOINE RIVER LEVELS

Councillor Fawcett requested an update on the status of the Assiniboine River levels and projections.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Director of Risk and Emergency Management responded that two feet of freeboard had been added to the dike to raise it to 1175 feet above sea level, well above the current river level of 1171 feet. He confirmed that a desirable spring melt was predicted, however the pumps were ready and the Emergency Response Team was prepared to act if necessary.

(60) WATER DAMAGE ON FALCON CRESCENT

Councillor Brown advised that residents on Falcon Crescent had experienced property damage, inclusive of cracks in walls and shifting of houses and driveways. He advised that the homeowners believed the damage was from excess ground water due to the melting of snow piles in the area and enquired if this matter could be investigated.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Director of Engineering Services and Water Resources responded that ground water was at its highest level ever in all areas of the City of Brandon, and therefore it was unlikely that the excess ground water was caused by the snow piles. He advised that the snow piles would be moved out of the area next year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

INFORMATION ON GREEN CART PROGRAM

Councillor Harwood announced that the Green Cart Program would commence again this week and thanked the City of Brandon staff for keeping residents informed on the Program and the pick-up schedules for bins.

JOINT WARD MEETING - GREEN ACRES, RIVERVIEW, RICHMOND AND SOUTH CENTRE WARDS

Councillor Chaboyer announced that the Green Acres, Riverview, Richmond and South Centre Wards would be holding a Joint Ward Meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 in the Cafeteria at Crocus Plains School starting at 7:00 p.m. Councillor Chaboyer further announced that a Public Open House entitled "Growing Our Existing Neighbourhoods Together" would take place at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Joint Ward Meeting and invited citizens to come out and share their thoughts on issues surrounding infield developments and their effects on the neighbourhoods.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) ACCOMMODATION TAX FUNDING REQUEST - MANITOBA CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

City Council considered a report from the Director of Economic Development dated April 10, 2015 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Patterson

193 That a grant of \$4,000 be provided to the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce to host the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce Annual General Meeting in Brandon, April 30 – May 3, 2015, with said funds to be transferred from the Accommodation Tax Reserve to the Tourism Initiatives operating account. CARRIED.

(B) COMMEMORATIVE NAMING REQUEST - SENIOR BASEBALL FIELD
LOCATED AT 220 - 21ST STREET NORTH

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Manager of Parks Operations dated March 24, 2015 with respect to the above.

Harwood-Berry

194 That the commemorative naming of the senior baseball field located at 220 - 21st Street North (Block 7, Plan 229 BLTO) as "Don Sumner Field" be approved. CARRIED.

(C) COMMEMORATIVE NAMING REQUEST - RECREATION CENTRE TENNIS
COURTS

Considered was a report from the Manager of Parks Operations dated March 20, 2015 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Harwood

195 That the commemorative naming of the tennis courts located at the City of Brandon Recreation Centre as "The Weekes Tennis Courts" be approved. CARRIED.

(D) REIMBURSEMENT TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - CASH IN LIEU
CONTRIBUTIONS (FRANKLIN AND PERCY STREETS SUBDIVISION)

City Council considered a report from the Director of Economic Development dated April 7, 2015 with respect to the above.

Hamilton-Chaboyer

196 That the City of Brandon pay to Habitat for Humanity a maximum of \$17,050.61, subject to receipt of confirmation of payment from Habitat for Humanity, as reimbursement for the cash in lieu contributions for public reserve, school purposes and boulevard tree plantings as set forth in the development agreement attached to the subdivision of 718, 721, 725, 726, 729, 730, 734, 738 Franklin Street and 735 and 753 Percy Street, with said funds to be transferred from the Affordable Housing Reserve to the Housing Initiatives operating account. CARRIED.

(E) PROPOSED CHANGES TO BRANDON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION ORGANIZATIONAL BY-LAW

Submitted for consideration was a report from the City Clerk dated August 8, 2015 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Fawcett

197 That By-Law No. 4 of Brandon Downtown Development Corporation attached to the report of the City Clerk dated April 8, 2015 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

(F) PUBLIC RAIL SAFETY WEEK

Considered was a report from the City Clerk dated April 14, 2015 with respect to the above.

Patterson-Harwood

198 WHEREAS Public-Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from April 27 to May 3, 2015;

AND WHEREAS it is in the public's interest to raise citizens' awareness on reducing avoidable accidents, injuries and damage caused by collisions at level crossings or incidents involving trains and citizens;

AND WHEREAS Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the rail industry, governments, police services, the media and other agencies and the public to raise rail safety awareness;

AND WHEREAS Operation Lifesaver has requested the Council of the City of Brandon to adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing effort to save lives and prevent injuries in communities including our municipality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Brandon supports national Public-Rail Safety Week to be held from April 27 to May 3, 2015. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7115 2015 TAX LEVY BY-LAW

It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the April 7, 2015 meeting of City Council.

Harwood-Chaboyer

198 That By-law No. 7115 to impose and levy property taxes for the fiscal year 2015 be read a second time. CARRIED.

Harwood-Chaboyer

199 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. 7115 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

NO. 7116 TO PROVIDE FOR THE BORROWING OF FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENOVATING
AND EXPANDING THE BRANDON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING

Considered was a report from the City Treasurer dated March 12, 2015 with respect to the above.

200 Fawcett-Desjarlais
That By-law No. 7116 to provide for the borrowing of funds to be used for the purpose of renovating and expanding the Brandon Municipal Airport Terminal Building be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7117 TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 7008 – TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PROGRAM TO
ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY IN THE
DOWNTOWN HUB OF BRANDON

City Council considered a report from the Director of Economic Development dated March 30, 2015 with respect to the above.

201 Desjarlais-Chrest
That By-law No, 7117, to amend By-law No. 7008, which creates a municipal tax increment financing program for Downtown Brandon, be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Hamilton
That the meeting do now adjourn (8:23 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK