

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY,  
MAY 19, 2015 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION  
BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA**

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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:

Hamilton-Harwood  
219 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Chaboyer-Cullen  
220 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, May 4, 2015 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) ERIN GOBIEL AND CHRIS HEIDE - NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT WEEK

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Erin Gobiél and Chris Heide, representatives of the Global Market and the Brandon Environmental Committee respectively, appeared before City Council with regard to the plans for National Environment Week to be held May 30, 2015. Mr. Heide indicated that the goal of the event was to create a great family atmosphere with music, performances from MECCA Productions, and environmentally friendly workshops. He noted that the event would take place at the Global Market located at 12th Street and Rosser Avenue from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Brandon Environmental Committee would be active during National Environmental Week launching the Commuter Challenge, partnering with the Brandon School Division in an Environmental Expo, and celebrating World Environment Day on June 5, 2015.

Desjarlais-Brown  
221 That the presentation by Erin Gobiél of the Global Market and Chris Heide of the Brandon Environment Committee with respect to the Kick-Off to National Environment Week to be held May 30, 2015 be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(A) CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION - 2533 VICTORIA AVENUE (ANDREW AGENCIES LTD.)

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City Council sat to hear representation on the appeal of the Planning Commission's decision to approve the conditional use application of Andrew Agencies Ltd. on behalf of Moston House Ltd. for 2533 Victoria Avenue.

Chris Kennedy, Vice-President of Andrews Agencies, the applicant, spoke in favor of the application, indicating that the suggested time period per slide of sixty seconds, recommended by the Planning Department in the appeal, would be too long for the intent of the signage.

Jason Alston, owner of Cardinal Signs, spoke in favor of the application and provided some technical background on the proposed sign, explaining slide timing, slide animation, and giving his perspective on the assumptions on which the Transportation Association of Canada's (TAC) recommendations on video signage timings were based. Mr. Alston stated that the impact of driver distraction caused by this video sign would be negligible and that the timing recommendation by the Planning Department in the appeal would be too long for the intention of the video signage.

Ryan Nickel, Principal Planner, spoke in objection to the application. He advised that the Planning Department objected to no limitations on the timing of static images on the electronic sign, and was recommending a minimum of sixty seconds between messages, based on Transportation Association of Canada's guidelines.

Coenraad Fourie, Manager of Development & Transportation, provided a more detailed background on the TAC guidelines and how they directly applied to 2533 Victoria Avenue. Mr. Fourie recommended, based on the location and the traffic hazard factors at the intersection of Victoria and 26th Street, that a video slide timing of 60 seconds be enforced.

No further written or verbal representation was put forward either in support of or in opposition to the application.

Harwood-Chaboyer

222 That the Public Hearing for Conditional Use Application C-01-15-B at 2533 Victoria Avenue be concluded. CARRIED.

Berry-LoRegio

223 That Conditional Use Application C-01-15-B to allow for an electronic identification sign in the CAR Commercial Arterial Zone be approved at 2533 Victoria Avenue (Lots 36/38, Block 49, Plan 15 BLTO) in accordance with the intent of the application "Attachment A-1", the attached letter of intent "Attachment A-2" and the attached site plan "Attachment B-2" and elevation plans "Attachments B-4 & B-5", subject to:

1. the owner or successor, prior to the issuance of a development permit, submitting information to the City of Brandon Planning & Building Safety Department demonstrating that all messages displayed on the electronic sign will be maintained to a maximum light intensity of 3.0 lux above ambient light level;
2. The electronic sign shall only display static messages for a period of at least twenty (20) seconds; and
3. The electronic sign shall have a maximum transition time between messages of three (3) seconds. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) BRANDON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
VERBAL

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Councillor Hamilton reported on the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) meeting held May 13, 2015. She noted that MHAC had hired a summer student under the Federal Young Canada Works Program, to organize the 2015 Doors Open heritage tours. Councillor Hamilton stated that the Doors Open event had also added two new partnerships for 2015 with City of Brandon Community Development Committee for garden tours and the Royal Canadian Artillery Museum at CFB Shilo. Councillor Hamilton further reported that the MHAC was in the process of reviewing the Heritage Resource Plan and the Heritage Conservation Bylaw and intended to bring recommendations to Council, after community consultation, in November, 2015. She advised that the MHAC, through the City of Brandon, had begun working with property owners on 17th Street to gain easement agreements so maintenance could begin on the historical Stone Fence. Councillor Hamilton also reported that the tender for the construction of the Veterans Memorial Wall had closed and the Committee looked forward to completing this project by the end of Summer 2015

(B) BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES INC.  
VERBAL

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Councillor Harwood gave a verbal report from Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. (BGMA). He reported that BGMA had partnered with the Kinsmen Club of Brandon to put together an exhibit on the Club's history in the City of Brandon and would be on display throughout the summer.

LoRegio-Harwood

225 That the reports of the Brandon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee and Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(71) DRAINAGE IN NORTH END OF ROSSER WARD

Councillor Desjarlais noted that there were drainage issues in the North End of the Rosser Ward whereby water from the livestock yards was running down the road to Ashley Neufeld Park on its way to the lift station following heavy rains. He enquired if potential solutions to improve drainage in this area could be provided.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the run-off to Ashley Neufeld Park was not coming from the ditches, as the grades ran east to west in that area. He advised that the area would be assessed by the Engineering Department and agreed to report back to Councillor Desjarlais with the results.

(72) IMPACT OF CHANGE IN AVAILABLE CENSUS DATA ON WORK OF THE CITY OF BRANDON

Councillor Patterson referred to the changes to the 2011 Census whereby completion of the long form was made voluntary which had resulted in poor quality data that could not be compared to other census years. Councillor Patterson, on behalf of the City of Brandon Poverty Committee, enquired how the City of Brandon had been impacted by this change, particularly in its work with the residents living in poverty.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager, Mr. Rod Sage, responded that the decrease in available data had placed Economic Development Brandon at a disadvantage when in competition with communities south of the United States border for development projects. He advised that the Planning and Building Safety Department had seen very little impact as the data they used came from the mandatory short form census.

Mr. Sage noted that the Brandon Police Service had expressed concerns with respect to the accuracy of the population data, inclusive of age and gender, as these projections were used for future planning.

The Acting City Manager further advised that the Community Services Department used the Federal data when applying for grants with the funding amounts potentially impacted by incomplete data. Mr. Sage noted that the population data from Prairie Mountain Health had proven to be a more accurate picture for those living in poverty in Brandon as many were unable to complete the census forms for various reasons.

(73) STATUS OF 3-WAY STOP ON PACIFIC AVENUE AT THE 8TH STREET BRIDGE

Councillor Harwood noted that the temporary 3-way stop sign at 8th Street and Pacific Avenue had been in place for a considerable length of time and enquired if same was expected to be made permanent.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that if the load rating assessment currently underway deemed the 8th Street Bridge safe for vehicular traffic, the signage would be made permanent. He noted that if the rating assessment indicated otherwise, appropriate alternative measures would have to be considered.

(74) REGULATIONS GOVERNING UNLICENSED VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Councillor Harwood enquired how many unlicensed vehicles were allowed to be parked in residential yards and the length of time those vehicles could be parked.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that unlicensed vehicles were regulated by the City of Brandon Derelict Vehicle By-law No. 6481. He advised that derelict vehicles were considered to be those that were not covered by Manitoba Public Insurance through lay-up insurance or a temporary permit. The Acting City Manager noted that permits for derelict vehicles could be purchased through the City of Brandon License Inspector at a cost of \$50 every 3 months for up to 9 months. He advised that if the complaint was in regards to a specific property, the issue should be reported to the Brandon Police Service for the matter to be investigated by the By-law Enforcement Officers.

(75) CONDITION OF ROAD WAY IN 1200 BLOCK OF 26TH STREET

Councillor Berry advised that a section of road way in the 1200 Block of 26th Street continued to be rutted and in poor shape and enquired when the repairs to same could be expected.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that 26th Street was a priority for street repairs however, a staff shortage had caused the Streets and Roads Department to fall behind. He confirmed that street sweeping was expected to be completed in early June with the repairs to this section of road way to follow immediately thereafter.

(76) MAINTENANCE WORK TO UNDERGROUND INFRASTRUCTURE

Councillor Berry enquired if maintenance of other underground infrastructure could be completed at the same time as water mains were being repaired.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that when it was determined that infrastructure should be replaced, that project was incorporated into the long range capital plan for the City of Brandon. He advised that if the infrastructure was not functioning as designed when maintenance work was performed, other repairs were completed at that time however, alterations or changes to functioning infrastructure was not an efficient use of resources.

(77) WIDTH OF LORNE AVENUE EAST

Councillor Hamilton advised that she had received numerous complaints from area residents with respect to the width of Lorne Avenue East. She noted that this street was designated as part of the "Share the Road" initiative to promote active transportation such as biking however, cars parked on both sides of the street left no room to share the road. She enquired if parking restrictions on one side of the street could be considered.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the area was currently being reviewed by the Engineering Department with a decision expected in the near future with any proposed parking restrictions implemented as soon as possible.

(78) FUNDING FOR PROJECTS RECOGNIZING CANADA'S 150TH BIRTHDAY

Councillor Chaboyer referred to the potential for Federal funding for municipalities planning projects in celebration of Canada's 150th Birthday in 2017 and enquired if the City of Brandon had submitted any applications.

His Worship the Mayor confirmed that the City of Brandon was working on applications for various projects and agreed to keep City Council apprised of the status of those applications.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GROWING EXISTING NEIGHBOURHOODS WORKSHOP

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Councillor Fawcett announced that the City of Brandon Planning Department was hosting a Public Open House entitled "Growing Our Existing Neighbourhoods Together" on May 21, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the North End Community Centre. He invited residents to come out and share their thoughts on issues surrounding infield developments and their effects on neighbourhoods.

JOINT WARD MEETING - ASSINIBOINE AND ROSSER WARDS

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Councillor Fawcett announced that he and Councillor Desjarlais would be holding a Joint Assiniboine and Rosser Ward Meeting on May 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the North End Community Centre, 1313 Stickney Avenue. He advised that agenda items included the work on Kirkcaldy Drive, updates on the 8th & 1st Street Bridges, infrastructure projects and any other city or ward issues.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) 2015 BRANDON EMERGENCY PLAN

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City Council considered a report from the Director of Risk and Emergency Management dated May 6, 2015 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Patterson

225 That the Brandon Emergency Plan dated March, 2015 attached to the report of the Emergency Co-ordinator dated May 6, 2015 be adopted. CARRIED.

(B) APPOINTMENTS TO THE BRANDON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Submitted for consideration was a report from the City Clerk dated May 7, 2015 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Fawcett

226 That the following appointments be and are hereby made to the Board of Directors of the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation for the following terms of office:

Councillor Kris Desjarlais (term of office to expire November 16, 2015)

Roger Guy (term of office to expire March 31, 2016)

Michael Maendel (term of office to expire March 31, 2016)

Michael Cox (term of office to expire March 31, 2017)  
Lorne Collins (term of office to expire March 31, 2017)

Tyler Rice (term of office to expire March 31, 2018)  
Steve McMillan (term of office to expire March 31, 2018).  
CARRIED.

(C) TENDER - CONTRACT C PAVING WORKS

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Councillor Berry declared a conflict of interest due to his employment with one of the bidders on this tender, and left the Council Chamber prior to any discussion.

Considered was a report from the Director of Engineering and Water Services dated May 6, 2015 with respect to the above.

Harwood-Chaboyer

227 That the bid of Zenith Paving Ltd. to carry out Contract C – Paving Works as per tender and specifications at a cost of \$1,457,653.19 (net of GST) be accepted. CARRIED.

Following the above motion being voted on, Councillor Berry re-entered the Council Chambers.

(D) TENDER - WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY FINE BUBBLE INSTALLATION

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City Council considered a report from the Director of Engineering & Water Services dated May 11, 2015 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Berry

228 That the bid from Taj Industrial (TMIF) Ltd. for the Fine Bubble Installation as per tender and specifications at a cost of \$397,074.52 (net of GST) be accepted. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

Nil

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Brown

That the meeting do now adjourn (9:23 p.m.) CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK