

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,  
JUNE 1, 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:

229 LoRegio-Harwood  
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, June 1, 2015 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

230 Chaboyer-Cullen  
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Tuesday, May 19, 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) PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MAY 25, 2015

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May 25, 2015  
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors  
City of Brandon

Your PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, at its meeting held the 25th day of May, 2015, begs leave to report as follows and submits recommendations where deemed necessary and expedient:

Present: Committee Members:  
His Worship Mayor Rick Chrest, Chairman  
Councillor Jeff Harwood  
Councillor Shawn Berry  
Councillor Barry Cullen  
  
Resource Personnel:  
Mr. Scott Hildebrand, City Manager  
Ms. Linda Poole, Deputy Director of Human Resources  
  
Regrets: None

Contract Settlement – Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1505

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a mandate for negotiations with the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1505. A mandate was provided, and negotiations commenced in March, with a settlement being reached on May 19th, 2015, and ratified by the Union membership on May 21st, 2015.

The negotiated settlement is within mandate, and highlights include:

- General wage increases:
  - o April 1, 2015 - 2%
  - o January 1, 2016 - 2%
  - o January 1, 2017 - 2.5%
  - o January 1, 2018 – 2.5%
- Increased shift differential to \$0.90/hour for regular hours worked between 1800 and 0600.
- Efficiencies gained in other areas of the contract which reduces the overall cost of operations
- Deletion of Letter of Understanding mandating guaranteed hours of work for Handi-Transit drivers
- Forty-five month contract set to expire December 31, 2018

The proposed settlement is now being presented to City Council for consideration and decision, inclusive of Administration's recommendation as follows:

“That the City of Brandon enter into a forty-five (45) month agreement with the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1505 for the period April 1, 2015 to December 31, 2018 as per the Memorandum of Settlement whereby general wages shall be increased as follows:

- o April 1, 2015 - 2%
- o January 1, 2016 - 2%
- o January 1, 2017 - 2.5%
- o January 1, 2018 – 2.5%”

Respectfully submitted,

R. Chrest  
CHAIR

Harwood-Brown

231 That the report of the Personnel Committee dated May 25, 2015 be received. CARRIED.

Harwood-Brown

232 That the City of Brandon enter into a forty-five (45) month agreement with the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1505 for the period April 1, 2015 to December 31, 2018 as per the Memorandum of Settlement whereby general wages shall be increased as follows:

- o April 1, 2015 - 2%
- o January 1, 2016 - 2%
- o January 1, 2017 - 2.5%
- o January 1, 2018 - 2.5%

CARRIED.

(B) BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES INC.  
VERBAL

JUNE 1, 2015

June 1, 2015  
Brandon, Manitoba

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Councillor Harwood provided a verbal report from Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. (BGMA). He noted that BGMA had recently added a new exhibit in partnership with the Brandon Kinsmen Club featuring special pictures and mementoes celebrating the organization's 90 years in Brandon. Councillor Harwood thanked the Kinsmen for their assistance in setting up the new exhibit and encouraged citizens of Brandon to visit the Brandon General Museum to view it.

(C) KEYSTONE CENTRE  
VERBAL

JUNE 1, 2015

June 1, 2015  
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Councillor Berry reported on the recent meeting of the Keystone Board of Directors held May 21, 2015. Councillor Berry stated that the Keystone Leadership Group had recently met in Brandon and had a rewarding discussion on the future of the Keystone Centre in Brandon. Councillor Berry highlighted the importance of the Keystone Centre by reviewing the many community fundraisers, sporting events, agricultural activities, sales, formal dinners, and educational activities held at the facility in April, 2015, hosting over 20,000 visitors.

(D) BRANDON URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' COUNCIL  
VERBAL

JUNE 1, 2015

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Councillor Fawcett presented a verbal report to City Council on the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council. Councillor Fawcett advised that BUAPC had been successful in receiving additional funding from the Urban Aboriginal Strategy and the National Association of Friendship Centers of Canada, for two new positions. He noted that the two new positions would start in mid-June and would primarily focus on research initiatives and creating an Aboriginal Youth Mentorship Program within the City of Brandon. Councillor Fawcett also announced that BUAPC had launched their website and encouraged everyone to go view same at [www.buapc.ca](http://www.buapc.ca).

Harwood-Desjarlais

233 That the reports of Brandon General Museum & Archives Inc., the Keystone Centre, and the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(79) ABANDONED SHOPPING CARTS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Councillor LoRegio advised that several shopping carts had been left in the back alley behind Memorial Crescent as well as in other areas of the City of Brandon. He enquired whose responsibility it was to have these abandoned carts picked up.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the businesses who owned the carts should be called to have them picked up. He advised that if the owner could not be determined or failed to have them picked up, same should be reported to the Sanitation Department who would ensure they were taken away.

(80) WEED CONTROL ON CITY BOULEVARDS AND GREEN SPACES

Councillor Fawcett enquired how the issue of weeds on boulevards and greenspaces in the City of Brandon was addressed.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager, Mr. Rod Sage, responded that Manitoba's Non-essential Pesticide Use Regulation which banned the use of pesticides for non-essential uses had come into effect January 1, 2015 however, the City of Brandon had not sprayed for dandelions or weeds since the adoption of the City's Integrated Pest Management Plan in 2006. He advised that these areas were mowed on a regular basis and not irrigated, which had proven effective in controlling weeds.

(81) POSSIBLE INSTALLATION OF 4-WAY STOP SIGN ON SYCAMORE DRIVE AT TRACEY STREET AND ASPEN DRIVE

Councillor Brown advised that the speed of traffic was an ongoing problem on Sycamore Drive. He enquired if a 4-way stop sign could be considered at the intersection of Tracey Street and Aspen Drive on Sycamore Drive.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that a speed survey would be conducted by the Engineering Department, following which the appropriate traffic calming measures, inclusive of increased enforcement, would be recommended. The Acting City Manager noted that stop signs were installed based on traffic volumes for the sole purpose of assisting motorists to traverse busy intersections safely, not as a mechanism to slow traffic.

(82) PERMANENT REPAIR OF DURUM DRIVE

Councillor Berry requested an update on the status of the immediate and long-term planned repairs to Durum Drive.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the work to fix the road temporarily was expected to be completed by the end of June with the full reconstruction of the road planned for the 2016 Infrastructure Program.

(83) HOURS OF OPERATION FOR SPRAY PARKS

Councillor Berry enquired as to the hours of operation for the Spray Parks.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that, as in previous years, the Spray Parks would be operated from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

(84) REQUIREMENTS FOR BUFFER ZONES - PROVINCIAL PESTICIDE PERMIT

Councillor Berry enquired if, under Provincial Legislation, a medical certificate could be required when residents applied for a buffer zone around their property if the City of Brandon sprayed for mosquitos.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager, Mr. Rod Sage, responded that residents who registered for a buffer zone were not required to provide a medical certificate. Mr. Sage confirmed that if the Pesticide Use Permit issued by the Province of Manitoba was not followed, the City of Brandon's permit could be revoked and mosquito spraying would not be allowed.

His Worship the Mayor reminded Councillors that mosquito fogging was governed by both the Federal and Provincial Governments which left the City of Brandon with little control over the issue. He enquired if an update on the larviciding efforts in the City of Brandon could be provided.

The Acting City Manager responded that research showed that under normal weather conditions, mosquito populations could be successfully controlled by larviciding and same was currently being undertaken by four University Students. Mr. Sage also reported that the traps were showing much lower counts than in previous years.

Councillor LoRegio further enquired if residents were permitted to spray their own yards for mosquitos, regardless of buffer zones, with products purchased at local stores.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that he was only able to speak to the regulations of the City of Brandon with respect to the Pesticide Permit and was not able to comment on the issue of private property owners.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

##### FLAG RAISING - BRANDON PRIDE

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Councillor Harwood announced that he had been pleased to represent City Council at the Brandon Pride Flag Raising Ceremony held Friday, May 29, 2015 at City Hall.

##### OPENING OF MEADOWLARK CAMPGROUND

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Councillor Harwood announced that he had brought greetings on behalf of City Council at the Meadowlark Campground Grand Opening held May 31, 2015. He noted that the Meadowlark Campground Co-op Board, made up of permanent residents of the Campground, had purchased the property from the previous owners so as to ensure it remained a campground and mobile home park.

##### NAVY CADETS PARADE AND CHANGEOVER OF COMMAND

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Councillor Berry announced that he had been pleased to represent City Council at the Navy Cadets parade and changeover of command held May 28, 2015 at the Brandon Armories where a number of cadets had received awards.

##### MANITOBA FEDERATION OF LABOUR CONVENTION

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Councillor Chaboyer announced that she had represented His Worship the Mayor and Councillors at the Manitoba Federation of Labour Convention held recently at the Keystone Centre. She advised that she had also enjoyed participating in the deliberations and events of the Convention.

##### MONEY SENSE - BEST PLACE TO LIVE SURVEY

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His Worship Mayor Chrest announced that the City of Brandon had moved up to the No. 23 spot in the annual Money Sense Magazine Best Place to Live Survey. He noted that there were 209 cities in the survey and Brandon had moved up from the No. 40 last year with only a few Prairie cities making it to the top of the list.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) ACCOMMODATION TAX EVENT FUNDING REQUEST - BRANDON MINOR  
BASEBALL ASSOCIATION BLUE JAYS HONDA SUPER CAMP

City Council considered a report from the Director of Economic Development dated May 12, 2015 with respect to the above.

LoRegio-Hamilton

234 That a grant of \$3,000 be provided to the Brandon Minor Baseball Association to host the Honda Blue Jays Super Camp in Brandon, August 12 – 13, 2015, with said funds to be transferred from the Accommodation Tax Reserve to the Tourism Initiatives operating account. CARRIED.

(B) ACCOMMODATION TAX EVENT FUNDING REQUEST - BRANDON MINOR  
BASEBALL ASSOCIATION MOSQUITO A PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Considered was a report from the Director of Economic Development dated May 12, 2015 with respect to the above.

Berry-Desjarlais

235 That a grant of \$5,000 be provided to the Brandon Minor Baseball Association to host the Mosquito A Provincial Championships in Brandon, July 10 – 12, 2015, with said funds to be transferred from the Accommodation Tax Reserve to the Tourism Initiatives operating account. CARRIED.

(C) ACCOMMODATION TAX FUNDING REQUEST - CANADIAN ASSOCIATION  
OF INSURANCE WOMEN ANNUAL CONVENTION (INSURANCE WOMEN  
ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN MANITOBA)

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Economic Development dated May 12, 2015 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Patterson

236 That a grant of \$6,000 be provided to the Insurance Women Association of Western Manitoba to host the Canadian Association of Insurance Women Convention in Brandon, June 10 – 14, 2015, with said funds to be transferred from the Accommodation Tax Reserve to the Tourism Initiatives operating account. CARRIED.

(D) 2014 ACCOMMODATION TAX ANNUAL REPORT

City Council considered a report from the City Treasurer dated May 15, 2015 with respect to the above.

Patterson-Fawcett

237 That the 2014 Accommodation Tax Annual Report be received. CARRIED.

(E) AFFORDABLE HOUSING GRANT - TO DEVELOP TRANSITIONAL  
RESIDENTIAL UNITS AT 22 - 11TH STREET

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Considered was a report from the Director of Economic Development dated May 13, 2015 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Chaboyer

238 That the City of Brandon expend \$23,000 from the Affordable Housing Reserve in the form of a capital grant for Western Canadian Mental Health Association Westman Region Incorporated (CMHA) to construct a 5 unit transitional housing project at 22 - 11th Street;

and further, that the City of Brandon commit to an annual tax off-setting grant equal to 50% of the general municipal portion of the annual taxes on the property, once constructed, for a period of 20 years. CARRIED.

(F) NATIONAL HEALTH AND FITNESS DAY

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Submitted for consideration was a report from the City Clerk dated May 14, 2015 with respect to the above.

Hamilton-LoRegio

239 WHEREAS

- the Parliament of Canada wishes to increase awareness among Canadians of the significant benefits of physical activity and to encourage Canadians to increase their level of physical activity and their participation in recreational sports and fitness activities;
- it is in Canada's interest to improve the health of all Canadians and to reduce the burden of illness on Canadian families and on the Canadian health care system;
- many local governments in Canada have public facilities to promote the health and fitness of their citizens;
- the Government of Canada wishes to encourage local governments to facilitate Canadian's participation in healthy physical activities;
- the Government of Canada wishes to encourage the country's local governments, non-government organizations, the private sector and all Canadians to recognize the first Saturday in June as National Health and Fitness Day and to mark the day with local events and initiatives celebrating and promoting the importance and use of local health, recreational, sports and fitness facilities;
- Canada's mountains, oceans, lakes, forest, parks and wilderness also offer recreational and fitness opportunities;
- Canadian Environment Week is observed throughout the country in early June, and walking and cycling are great ways to reduce vehicle pollution and improve physical fitness;
- declaring the first Saturday in June to be National Health and Fitness Day will further encourage Canadians to participate in physical activities and contribute to their own health and well-being;



NOW THEREFORE the City of Brandon proclaims the first Saturday in June (June 6, 2015), as National Health and Fitness Day in our municipality;

AND FURTHER, as a step to increase participation and enhance the health of all Canadians, the City of Brandon commits to mark the day with local events and initiatives celebrating and promoting the importance and use of local health, recreation, sports and fitness facilities on National Health and Fitness Day. CARRIED.

(G) APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE PROVINCIAL-TERRITORIAL  
INFRASTRUCTURE COMPONENT OF THE NEW BUILDING CANADA FUND -  
WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE

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City Council considered a report from the Director of Engineering and Water Services dated May 28, 2015 with respect to the above.

Harwood-Berry

240 That the City of Brandon support the application for funding under the Provincial – Territorial Infrastructure Component (PTIC) of the New Building Canada Fund for the Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project as outlined in the report of the Director of Engineering Services and Water Resources dated May 28, 2015. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7116 TO AUTHORIZE THE BORROWING OF FUNDS TO RENOVATE AND EXPAND THE  
BRANDON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING

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It was noted that this by-law received first reading at the April 20, 2015 meeting of City Council

Fawcett-Desjarlais

241 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 amended by:

(1) adding in the first WHEREAS” clause the following:

“174.1 (1) The council must give public notice before giving first reading to a borrowing by-law that authorizes the municipality to

(a) issue debentures; and

(b) use the money borrowed to fund a capital project that has been included in the financial plan adopted under Section 162”; and

(2) deleting Section 8 in its entirety. CARRIED.

Fawcett-Patterson

242 That the by-law, as amended, be read a second time. CARRIED.

Fawcett-Desjarlais

243 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. 7116 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:

Berry-Hamilton

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

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK