MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2015 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA

PRESENT: Mayor Rick Chrest, 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: Councillor Shawn Berry

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Desjarlais-Harwood

283 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, August 17, 2015 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Chaboyer-Cullen

284 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, July 20, 2015 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) AARON THOMPSON, SUZ MCFADDEN, NICK BROWN, AND RHONI MOHANRAJ – BRANDON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS’ UNION 2015 CRASH THE COURTYARD EVENT

Aaron Thompson, Suz McFadden, Nick Brown and Rhoni Mohanraj of the Brandon University Students’ Union (BUSU) appeared before City Council to provide an update on the newly created event, Crash the Courtyard 2015. Mr. Thompson reported that Crash the Courtyard, formally known as Rock the Block, would be held in the Brandon University Courtyard and would host several bands playing for attendees. In order to host this event, BUSU requested that the City’s Noise By-law be waived, and that City Council designate the concert as an event of local significance in order to seek the appropriate liquor licences.

Harwood-LoRegio

285 That the presentation by Aaron Thompson, Suz McFadden, Nick Brown and Rhoni Mohanraj of the Brandon University Students’ Union with respect to the 2015 Crash the Courtyard event be received. CARRIED.

Harwood-LoRegio

286 That the annual “Crash the Courtyard” Concert to be held September 18, 2015 be designated as a Community Event in the City of Brandon;

and further, that City Policy No. 004 designating Events of Local Significance in the City of Brandon be amended by deleting: “Rock the Block”. CARRIED.
(B) MYLES HUBBARD - INVESTORS GROUP FEMALE HOCKEY CHALLENGE

Myles Hubbard, on behalf of the organizing committee for the Investors Group Female Hockey Challenge, appeared before City Council to provide some background on the event. He noted that the event was expected to generate 590 hotel room stays and bring over 32 teams to the City of Brandon.

Fawcett-Brown

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That the presentation by Myles Hubbard with respect to the accommodation tax funding request for the Investors Group Female Hockey Challenge be received. CARRIED.

(C) NEIL THOMSON, KEYSTONE CENTRE - KEYSTONE CENTRE CAPITAL FUNDING

Neil Thomson, General Manager of the Keystone Centre, appeared before City Council to provide a presentation on the Keystone Centre facility. Mr. Thomson noted that the Keystone Centre was a true community meeting place and that a strategic plan had been developed with a focus on a five-year capital plan, further development of the property, a review of human resources, a review of the Centre’s leadership group and funding model, and augmented sales and marketing efforts. Mr. Thomson requested on behalf of the Keystone Centre’s Board of Directors that the City of Brandon, along with the Province of Manitoba, commit to helping fund a five-year capital plan, with the first contribution in 2016 to be just over $1 Million.

Patterson-Fawcett

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That the presentation by Neil Thomson with respect to the Keystone Centre Capital Funding be received. CARRIED.

(D) ARCHIE LONDRY - UPDATE ON THE COMMONWEALTH AIR TRAINING PLAN MUSEUM

Archie Londry, representative of the Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum (CATPM), appeared before City Council to provide an update on the Museum and the newly constructed Memorial Wall. Mr. Londry discussed the construction of the new 300 foot long Memorial Wall which was inscribed with the 19,286 names of RCAF service men killed in action during World War II. The CATPM committee requested the City of Brandon’s assistance with landscaping and flower pots, general parking lot upgrades, and the repaving of Commonwealth Way. Mr. Londry also requested that a representative of City Council be appointed to the planning committee to assist with the anticipated visit of the Governor General of Canada in 2017.

Harwood-Cullen

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That the presentation by Archie Londry with respect to an update on the Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum be received. CARRIED.
Dean Hammond, General Manager of Corporate Services appeared before City Council to provide an overview of a proposed water rate increase.

Mr. Hammond noted that Brandon last raised its utility rates in 2010 and since then, had completed considerable upgrades to its facilities, with more substantial improvements on the horizon. He noted that the City could no longer sustain the water utility without rate increases. Mr. Hammond stated that the proposed rate increase would be spread over five years (17%, 8%, 8%, 7%, 4%), beginning in 2016. He noted that under the proposal, the per-customer quarterly service charge would decrease substantially and that when fully implemented, the City of Brandon’s water rates would still be very low compared to other municipalities of similar size.

Hamilton-Desjarlais

That the presentation by Dean Hammond, General Manager of Corporate Services with respect to the City of Brandon Utility Rates be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) CIVIC ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE
VERBAL AUGUST 17, 2015

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Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Patterson presented a verbal report to City Council on the most recent Civic Engagement Committee meeting held on June 29, 2015. Councillor Patterson noted that the committee was actively seeking public input and would have a table to garner feedback at the upcoming Rock the Vote event being held on August 29, 2015.
Councillor Fawcett presented a verbal report to City Council on the Audit and Finance Committee meeting held August 8, 2015. Councillor Fawcett noted that the Audit and Finance Committee reviewed the June actuals for the City of Brandon and they projected a $167,000 surplus for the organization and a $137,000 deficit for the Utility. The Audit and Finance Committee also reviewed the projections for the 2016 budget and gave Administration a budget mandate for the upcoming budget year.

Cullen-Desjarlais

That the reports of the Citizen Engagement Committee and the Audit and Finance Committee be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(99) CONDITION OF BACKLANE IN 1600 BLOCK BETWEEN 8TH AND 9TH STREETS

Councillor Chaboyer noted that the back lane in the 1600 block between 8th Street and 9th Street was overgrown and had not been graded in a number of years. She enquired if criteria could be established for improvements to unimproved lane right-of-ways and if the above mentioned lane could be included in the 2016 reconstruction plans.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager agreed to take the request under advisement in order for Administration to review the scope of the work required, the cost of same and to determine if it could be included as a future reconstruction project.

(100) REDUCTION OF SPEED LIMIT ON PATRICIA AVENUE WEST OF 18TH STREET SOUTH OF BRENTWOOD TRAILER PARK

Councillor Brown enquired if a reduced speed limit could be enforced and new signage implemented along Patricia Avenue south of Brentwood Trailer Court from 18th Street running west to the end of the trailer park boundary, noting that the existing signs did not clearly distinguish the boundary for 50km per hour travel.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Traffic Engineer has investigated the concern and confirmed that the 50km/h restricted zone on Patricia Avenue west of 18th Street South would be extended to approximately 100m west of the western access into the Brentwood Trailer Court.
STATUS OF HOMES DAMAGED BY FIRE IN 3500 BLOCK OF ROSSER AVENUE

Councillor Cullen enquired as to the status of two homes on Rosser Avenue that suffered extensive damage from a fire earlier in July of this year. He noted that both homes had been temporarily fenced but remained in relative disrepair since then.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that an update had been provided through the Senior Building Inspector from Western Financial, broker to both parties, on August 14, 2015. He advised that 3524 Rosser Avenue was a total loss and the foundation would be removed with debris, while the foundation and part of the first floor would be salvaged at 3520 Rosser Avenue.

The City Manager reported that Western Financial was hoping to have all quotes gathered and to begin the permit process for demolition and construction in the next two weeks. He further noted that Cancade Restoration was responsible for maintaining the security fences around the properties until permits were issued whereby security of the site would then become the responsibility of the contractor providing the demolition.

UPDATE ON REVIEW OF GOVERNANCE MODEL FOR KEYSTONE CENTRE

Councillor LoRegio enquired as to the status of the governance model review for the Keystone Centre.

His Worship the Mayor responded that a Request For Proposals would be issued by the Province of Manitoba in the next few weeks with work expected to be completed by the end of 2015 or early 2016. He advised that meetings with the Keystone Board would be scheduled in the fall in order to conduct more detailed discussions on an appropriate model.

OPTIONS FOR 8TH STREET BRIDGE

His Worship Mayor Chrest requested an update on the status of the 8th Street Bridge and options that would be considered with regard to the future of the bridge.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Director of Engineering Services and Water Resources provided information on the recent report from Dillon Engineering. The Director noted that upon an intrinsic investigation of the bridge, structural erosion was discovered and it was concluded that the load capacity was further reduced below any vehicular traffic. He advised that Dillon Consulting Ltd. had been retained to proceed with the development of some general options and cost estimates for same and that a public consultation would be held shortly. The Director advised that all of the information collected would be shared with City Council and the public within the next 5 weeks.

Councillor Fawcett enquired as to the timeline for construction of the 1st Street Bridge.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Director of Engineering and Water Services advised that demolition was to begin on September 1, 2015 with construction to follow in November whereby the intent was to keep one lane per direction open at all times.
Councillor Desjarlais requested clarification on the shift in the decision to close the 8th Street Bridge shortly following the original message of it being re-opened, and if any preventative measures could have been taken.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Director of Engineering and Water Services noted that additional erosion damage below the visible surface level was only discovered upon further investigation, and that damage to each bridge differed based on usage and environmental factors, adding that the corrosion in this case was inevitable based on its lifespan of 80 years.

Councillor LoRegio enquired if the bridge is capable of being repaired and if there would be value in investing the cost of same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Director of Engineering and Water Services referenced the report from Dillon Engineering stating that if vehicular traffic was to resume, at a minimum, several components of the north section of the bridge would need to be replaced and that the financial analysis of same was dependent on further information.

Councillor Patterson recognized the traffic control measures taken by the Engineering Department to enforce speed limits and pedestrian flow in the area south of the bridge on Pacific Avenue and in connection with the transit loop.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ROCK THE VOTE EVENT

Councillor Patterson announced the Rock the Vote event would be held Saturday, August 29, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at both Princess Park and the Kristopher Campbell Memorial Skateboard Plaza. She noted that the event would include 5 live bands, a skateboard demo and other family friendly activities and encouraged citizens to celebrate the opportunity to engage in the federal election campaign and their ability to vote. Councillor Patterson advised that the Civic Engagement Committee would have a presence at the event as well as candidates from all political parties.

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY - CIBC RUN FOR THE CURE

Councillor Chaboyer announced that she had been pleased to represent His Worship the Mayor at City Hall earlier today for the flag raising ceremony to kick off the 2015 Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation’s CIBC Run for the Cure. She noted that the "Paint Canada Pink" campaign also kicked-off this week, and encouraged other Councillors to wear pink in support of the event.

BRANDON RIVERBANK CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN - PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Councillor Fawcett announced the public workshop entitled: “Back to the River” would be held Wednesday, August 19 2015 at the Victoria Inn. He invited residents to reimagine the Brandon Riverbank corridor and share ideas on access and use as part of the 20 year Master Plan.
CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY - CFB SHILO

Councillor Harwood announced his attendance at the Change of Command Ceremony held July 31, 2015 at CFB Shilo which saw Lieutenant Colonel Steven Joudry leaving command and welcoming Lieutenant Colonel John Cochrane as incoming base commander.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) ACCOMMODATION TAX EVENT FUNDING REQUEST - INVESTORS GROUP FEMALE HOCKEY CHALLENGE

City Council considered a report from the Director of Economic Development dated August 5, 2015 with respect to the above.

Hamilton-Fawcett

That a grant of $15,000 be provided to Hockey Brandon Female Hockey for the November 19 – 22, 2015 Investors Group Female Hockey Challenge to be held in Brandon, with said funds to be transferred from the Accommodation Tax Reserve to the Tourism Initiatives operating account. CARRIED.

(B) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - URBAN EXPANSION REQUEST

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Planning and Building Safety Department dated July 31, 2015 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Cullen

That the Council of the City of Brandon support the drafting of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Brandon, Rural Municipality of Cornwallis and VBJ Developments Ltd. to conduct the required studies, formalize roles, responsibilities, commitments, and expectations in order to proceed with the Request for Urban Expansion application. CARRIED.

(C) PROPOSAL - LAND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS MASTER PLAN

Considered was a report from the Director of Engineering and Water Resources dated August 4, 2015 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-LoRegio

That the proposal from AECOM Canada to provide engineering consulting services for the Land Drainage System Master Plan as per proposal and specifications, at a total cost of $137,605 (plus GST), be accepted;

and further, that the project costs be funded from the Storm Sewer Reserve. CARRIED.

(D) PROPOSAL - SIDE LOAD RESIDENTIAL SANITATION TRUCKS

City Council considered a report from the Director of Transportation Services dated August 5, 2015 with respect to the above.
LoRegio-Desjarlais
295 That the bid from Joe Johnson Equipment Inc. to supply Seven (7) Side Load Residential Sanitation Trucks, (2016 Labrie/Mack) including extended warranty, as per proposal and specifications at a cost of $2,547,451.22 (net of GST) be accepted. CARRIED.

(E) CITY MANAGER REPORT - INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

The City Manager provided a power point presentation to City Council on numerous infrastructure projects currently underway in the City of Brandon inclusive of cost and time lines associated with each.

Desjarlais-Harwood
296 That the presentation by the City Manager with respect to the Infrastructure Update be received. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7123 TO ESTABLISH SEWER AND WATER UTILITY RATES

Submitted for consideration was a report from the General Manager of Corporate Services dated July 20, 2015 with respect to the above.

Chaboyer-Harwood
296 That By-law No. 7123, to set water and sewer utility rates for the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, & 2020 be read a first time;

and further, that a request be made to the Public Utilities Board to hold a public hearing on the proposed utility rates. CARRIED.

NO. 7124 NEW ZONING BY-LAW

Considered was a report from the Planning and Building Safety Department dated July 29, 2015 with respect to the above.

Harwood-Desjarlais
297 That By-law No. 7124 to repeal City of Brandon Zoning By-law No. 6642, as amended, and adopt a new Zoning By-law, be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7125 TO DESIGNATE 451 - 16TH STREET AS A MUNICIPAL HERITAGE SITE

City Council considered a report from the City Clerk dated July 21, 2015 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Hamilton
299 That By-law No. 7125 to designate 451 – 16th Street as a municipal heritage site be read a first time. CARRIED.
TO NAME THE STREETS LOCATED AT PART OF 1901 & 1955 - 34TH STREET PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF 50 LOTS LOCATED SOUTH OF MARYLAND AVENUE & EAST OF 34TH STREET

Submitted was a report from Property Administration dated July 27, 2015 with respect to the above.

Harwood-Patterson

That By-law No. 7126 to name the streets in the Bellafield Development namely Phase 1 - Stage 1, being 50 lots, located south of Maryland Avenue and east of 34th Street in the SW 1/4 10-10-19 WPM, be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

(A) REINSTATMENT OF FEDERAL LONG FORM CENSUS

In accordance with Rule 60 of City Council Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillor Patterson, on behalf of Poverty Committee, gave notice of her intent to introduce at the September 8, 2015 meeting of City Council a motion to support the efforts of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to have the federal long form census reinstated.

(B) FUNDING OF 5 YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

In accordance with Rule 60 of City Council Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillor Patterson, on behalf of Councillor Berry, gave notice of his intent to introduce at the September 8, 2015 meeting of City Council a motion to support funding for the Keystone Centre's 5 year Capital Plan beginning in 2016, and to pursue the Province of Manitoba providing matching funds for the capital plan as the two funding partners for the Keystone Centre.

(C) FUNDING FOR BARN - KEYSTONE CENTRE

In accordance with Rule 60 of City Council Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillor Patterson, on behalf of Councillor Berry, gave notice of his intent to introduce at the September 8, 2015 meeting of City Council, a motion that City Council consider funding of a permanent facility to handle the stabling of animals in order assist in retaining the Arabian Horse Show after 2016, and that the cost for this project be shared equally with the Province of Manitoba.

ADJOURN:

Chaboyer-Desjarlais

That the meeting do now adjourn (10:18 p.m.). CARRIED.