

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 8, 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:

Harwood-Cullen

301 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Chaboyer-Hamilton

302 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Monday, August 17, 2015 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) GREG CRISANTI - ROCK THE VOTE EVENT

Greg Crisanti, a representative from the Rock the Vote event organizing committee, appeared before City Council with respect to the Rock the Vote event held on August 29, 2015 at Princess Park. Mr. Crisanti reported that the event was a success and over 250 people attended during the day taking the opportunity to speak with the candidates in Brandon-Souris riding. The organizing committee extended their thanks to the Citizen Engagement Committee of the City of Brandon, and their event sponsors for providing the resources needed to organize the Rock the Vote event.

Patterson-Cullen

303 That the presentation by Greg Crisanti with respect to the recent Rock the Vote event held August 29, 2015 be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) POVERTY COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

September 1, 2015
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Committee Members: Councillor Jan Chaboyer (Co-Chairperson); Councillor Lonnie Patterson (Co-Chairperson); Councillor Vanessa Hamilton; Mark Kovatch; Susan Spring; Erin May; Nathan Peto, on behalf of the City Manager, Alexis Sukaroff as Recording Secretary.

Your Poverty Committee, at its meeting held this 1st day of September, 2015 begs leave to report as follows and submits recommendations where deemed necessary and expedient:

REINSTATEMENT OF FEDERAL LONG FORM CENSUS

The Poverty Committee has discussed how the poor quality of data from the 2011 National Household Survey is impacting how governments and organizations can target and evaluate services, as well as apply for funding. It is now more difficult to understand those living in poverty in our city and the challenges they are facing. Further, data from the 2006 long-form census cannot be compared to data from the 2011 National Household Survey meaning that changes over that five year period cannot be determined.

RECOMMENDATION:

WHEREAS the mandatory long-form census was an important tool to inform business, policy and research decisions across Canada, but was abolished and replaced in 2010 by the National Household Survey;

AND WHEREAS the National Household Survey, being a voluntary survey, does not generate the same high-quality information provided by a mandatory long-form census randomly distributed across all sectors of the population;

AND WHEREAS census data is used by multiple City of Brandon departments to understand our community's demographics and economy in order to deliver services today and plan for growth tomorrow, as well as applying for grants and reporting back to funders;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Brandon support the reinstatement of the mandatory long-form census;

and further, that City Council submit a resolution of support for consideration at the next Association of Manitoba Municipalities and Federation of Canadian Municipalities annual meetings;

and further, that this resolution be communicated to all candidates in Brandon-Souris for the 2015 Federal Election.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Lonnie Patterson
Co-Chairperson, Poverty Committee

Desjarlais-Berry

304 That the report of the Poverty Committee dated September 1, 2015 be received. CARRIED.

Patterson-Chaboyer

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AMENDMENT

Chaboyer-LoRegio

306 That the above motion be amended by deleting the following paragraph: "and further, that this resolution be communicated to all candidates in Brandon-Souris for the 2015 Federal Election." CARRIED.

Cullen-Harwood

307 That the above motion, as amended, be referred to the November 2, 2015 meeting of City Council. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(104) FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS

Councillor LoRegio noted that, during budget deliberations, City Council allocated funds for certain special projects. He enquired as to the process followed when the project did not proceed or came in over budget, and specifically whether or not City Council was notified of the changes.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that if a reserve-funded project was delayed the funds remained in the reserve until such time as they were needed. With respect to projects coming in over budget, he responded that extra funds required were accessed from the pool of funds for special projects. The City Manager confirmed that as long as the all projects were completed within the funds allocated for same in the Financial Plan, City Council was not consulted. He added that, as per the City of Brandon's Tendering and Procurement Policy, City Council was required to be notified if the purchase was over \$250,000, when the low bid that met specifications was not being recommended or when the expenditure was not identified in the City's Financial Plan.

(105) UPDATE ON ROAD REPAIRS - MEMORIAL CRESCENT

Councillor LoRegio advised that surface breaks continued to be a problem on Memorial Crescent, and noted that he had raised this issue in the spring and enquired when same was expected to be repaired.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that, weather permitting, the repairs were expected to be completed within two weeks.

(106) SIDEWALK REPAIRS - 500 BLOCK OF FREDERICK STREET

Councillor Hamilton noted that the poor condition of the sidewalk in the 500 Block of Frederick Street between the Murray House Cancer Care Residence and the Cancer Care Manitoba Treatment Centre was causing problems for patients staying at the residence and accessing the treatment facility. She enquired when this sidewalk was expected to be repaired.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that clearance from the utility companies was expected to be received this week following which the existing sidewalk was to be removed and construction of the new sidewalk to begin immediately afterwards. The City Manager also noted that a "ride comfort" category had been added to sidewalk inspections whereby areas known to be accessed more by those with mobility restrictions could be prioritized higher and repaired quicker.

(107) REPAIRS TO THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK AT 18TH STREET AND LORNE AVENUE

Councillor Chaboyer noted that the pedestrian crosswalk at the intersection of 18th Street and Lorne Avenue continued to be in poor condition and requested an update on the status of the repairs to same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that reconstruction of a portion of the asphalt pavement and base as well as the curb and gutter was expected to be completed this fall.

(108) SAFETY CONCERNS - INTERSECTION OF 18TH STREET NORTH AND THE TRANS CANADA HIGHWAY

Councillor Chaboyer advised that she had received complaints with respect to safety at the intersection of 18th Street North and the TransCanada Highway. She noted that there was confusion due to two lanes of traffic proceeding through the intersection at the same time with no clear signage. She enquired if this matter could be investigated.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that this intersection was difficult for many reasons, including the high traffic volume, the size of the vehicles accessing it and insufficient delineation. He advised that the City of Brandon Engineering Department was working with Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation to address these issues and agreed to keep City Council apprised of the planned improvements.

(109) INSTALLATION OF YARD WASTE RECYCLING BINS

Councillor Berry referred a recent newspaper article advising that the yard waste recycling bins were to be reinstalled in the very near future and enquired if the bins were to be placed in the same location as they had previously been at Westridge Community Centre.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the bins were to be placed in the same location; however, location changes may be necessary due to the new style of the bins. He agreed to keep City Council updated on any changes to the locations of the yard waste bins.

Following further enquiries with respect to bin locations, His Worship the Mayor requested, and the City Manager agreed to have information on the bin locations provided on the City of Brandon website.

(110) RESURFACING ON PARKDALE DRIVE

Councillor Berry requested an update on the status of the resurfacing of Parkdale Drive.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that work was expected to begin September 14, 2015, weather permitting.

(111) ROAD REPAIRS ON DURUM DRIVE AT THE ENTRANCES TO GARNET PLACE

Councillor Berry noted that there continued to be surface problems on Durum Drive at the entrances to Garnet Place and enquired when same were expected to be repaired.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that temporary repairs were to be completed in the very near future with a permanent fix planned for 2016.

(112) IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WALKWAY ON PRELUDE BAY

Councillor Berry enquired when the improvements to the walkway along Prelude Bay leading into the Parkdale Park were expected to be completed.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that there were no planned improvements for 2015 and agreed to have this walkway added to the list for consideration in 2016.

(113) SEWER BACK-UP TO A RESIDENCE ON PRAIRIE CRESCENT

Councillor Berry referred to a claim from a resident on Prairie Crescent regarding sewer back-up and requested an update on the status of same. He enquired what steps were being taken to ensure this was not a problem again in the near future.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the matter was being investigated by the Risk Management Team and a full report was expected in the near future. He confirmed that the area was part of the City of Brandon's regular maintenance plan and was last jetted in November 2014. He advised that one manhole in the area was inspected and cleared on a weekly basis and reminded residents to be mindful of the products they introduce into the sewer system, and further, that sticks and twigs being dropped into the manholes also caused problems in this particular area.

(114) UPDATE ON THE OVERTIME HOURS FOR THE BRANDON FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Councillor Berry enquired when an update on the overtime hours accumulated by the Brandon Fire and Emergency Services Department Personnel.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that this information could be provided to City Council at any time as it was tracked on a weekly basis. He advised that a year-to-date report on the overtime hours accumulated by the Brandon Fire and Emergency Services Personnel would be provided at the October 5, 2015 City Council meeting.

(115) DRAINAGE ON ASTER CRESCENT

Councillor LoRegio advised that he had received a call from a resident on Aster Crescent who advised that there had been problems with drainage in the area following the recent heavy rainfall. He enquired if there was a policy in place whereby crews followed up and checked all drains for clogging in the days following a heavy rainfall.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that known trouble spots throughout the City of Brandon were inspected on a regular basis and encouraged residents to assist with keeping the drains clear and report any problem areas to the Sewer and Water Department.

(116) APPROPRIATE ITEMS FOR COMPOST BINS

Councillor Chaboyer advised that compost bins in the Green Acres Ward were being contaminated by items such as plastic bottles etc. and enquired if a list of appropriate items for compost bins could be distributed on the website.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager agreed to have this information provided on the City of Brandon website and social media sites.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RECOGNITION OF LONGEVITY OF REIGN OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

His Worship Mayor Chrest announced that September 9, 2015 would be a historic day in that Queen Elizabeth II would become the longest reigning British monarch, and read the following proclamation in recognition of same:

WHEREAS the British North America Act created the Dominion of Canada in 1867 and Canada became a part of the Commonwealth;

AND WHEREAS Canada is a parliamentary democracy and constitutional monarch with the Queen as Sovereign;

AND WHEREAS, as a constitutional monarch, the Queen abides by the decisions of the Canadian Government but continues to play important ceremonial and symbolic roles;

AND WHEREAS on September 9, 2015, Queen Elizabeth II will have served in that role for 63 years and 217 days, becoming the longest reigning British monarch and Sovereign of Canada, surpassing her great-great-grandmother Queen Victoria;

NOW THEREFORE, on behalf of the citizens of Brandon, the Council of the City of Brandon hereby extends its congratulations to Her Royal Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on this momentous occasion, and wish her continued health and happiness for many years to come. God Save the Queen.

BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES EXHIBIT AND FUNDRAISING DINNER

Councillor Harwood announced that a new exhibit entitled "The Flats" highlighting the north end of the City of Brandon was on display at the General Museum and invited everyone to go down to the Museum located at 19 - 9th Street and visit the display.

Councillor Harwood also announced that the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. would be hosting a fundraising dinner entitled Saluting the History of North End Brandon on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at the Sokol Hall. He advised that the ticket cost was \$40 and same could be ordered by calling the General Museum at (204) 717-1514.

WELCOME BACK TO BRANDON UNIVERSITY AND ASSINIBOINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS

Councillor Fawcett welcomed back all students, in particular, students of Brandon University and Assiniboine Community College.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) FUNDING OF KEYSTONE CENTRE 5 YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

Berry-Desjarlais

308 That consideration of funding for the Keystone Centre's 5 Year Capital Plan be referred to the October 5, 2015 meeting of City Council. CARRIED.

(B) FUNDING OF BARN - KEYSTONE CENTRE

Berry-Desjarlais

309 That consideration of funding a permanent facility in the Keystone Centre to handle the stabling of animals in order assist in retaining the Arabian Horse Show be referred to the October 5, 2015 meeting of City Council. CARRIED.

(C) INTERIM CITIZEN APPOINTMENT TO BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM & ARCHIVES INC.

City Council considered a report from the City Clerk dated August 23, 2015 with respect to the above.

Harwood-LoRegio

310 That the following interim citizen appointment be and is hereby made to the Brandon General Museum & Archives Board, for the remaining term of office to commence September 9, 2015 and expire on December 31, 2016:

G. W. Craig Manson
CARRIED.

(D) REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – PREPARATION OF DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES STUDY AND BY-LAW

Considered was a report from the City Engineer dated August 27, 2015 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Patterson

311 That the proposal submitted by Watson & Associates Economist Ltd. to provide consulting services for the Development Cost Charges Study and By-law for the City of Brandon, as per proposal and specifications, at a cost of \$59,845.00 (net of GST) be accepted. CARRIED.

It was noted that the study and proposed by-law was expected to be presented to City Council in the Spring of 2016.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7120 TO AMEND ACCOMMODATION TAX BY-LAW NO. 7014 - FUNDING OF NON-EVENT SPECIFIC CAPITAL ENHANCEMENTS AND ALLOCATIONS TO RESERVES

Submitted for consideration was a report from the City Clerk dated September 1, 2015 with respect to the above.

Patterson-Harwood

312 That By-law No. 7120 to amend Accommodation Tax By-law No. 7014 with respect to funding of non-event specific capital enhancements and allocations to reserves, be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7126 TO NAME THE STREETS IN PHASE 1 - STAGE 1 OF THE BELLAFIELD DEVELOPMENT LOCATED SOUTH OF MARYLAND AVENUE AND EAST OF 34TH STREET

It was noted that this by-law was read a first time at the August 17, 2015 meeting of City Council.

Berry-LoRegio

313 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 ¼ 10-10-19 WPM, be read a second time. CARRIED.

Berry-Harwood

314 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. 7126 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. 7127 TO AMEND ANIMAL CONTROL BY-LAW NO. 5900 - KEEPING OF PIGEONS

Considered was a report from the Planning and Building Safety dated August 19, 2015 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Berry

315 That By-law No. 7127 to amend the Animal Control By-law No. 5900, with respect to the keeping of pigeons, be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7128 TO AMEND LICENSING BY-LAW NO. 6009 - HOME-BASED BUSINESSES

Submitted for consideration was a report from Planning and Building Safety dated August 19, 2015 with respect to the above.

Harwood-Hamilton

316 That By-law No. 7128 to amend Licensing By-law No. 6009 with respect to home-based businesses, be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7130 TO AMEND ACCOMMODATION TAX RESERVE BY-LAW NO. 7016 AND LARGE
EVENT ACQUISITION RESERVE BY-LAW NO. 7020

City Council considered a report from the City Clerk dated September 1, 2015 with respect to the above.

Patterson-Cullen

317 That By-law No. 7130, to amend Accommodation Tax Reserve By-law No. 7016 and Large Event Acquisition Reserve By-law No. 7020, be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

That the meeting do now adjourn. (8:20 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK