

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 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

337 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, October 5, 2015 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS:

(A) FAIRTRADE CANADA 2015 FAIR TRADE TOWN OF THE YEAR AWARD

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Mireille Saurette, a member of Brandon's Fair Trade Steering Committee, presented the 2015 Fair Trade Town of the Year Award to His Worship the Mayor. Ms. Saurette noted that the award recognized exceptional communities in supporting the principles of Fair Trade, and that Brandon had tied with the community of Hudson, Quebec for the award this year. She further stated that there were now 21 designated Fair Trade towns in Canada with hundreds of Fair Trade products available for sale in Brandon.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Harwood-Chaboyer

338 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, September 21, 2015 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Patterson-LoRegio

339 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Thursday, September 24, 2015 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) JORDAN ZENK - HELPING HANDS CENTRE

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Mr. Jordan Zenk and Mrs. Vandana Jamadagni of the Helping Hands Centre, appeared before City Council to provide a presentation on their operations, challenges, and future plans. Mr. Zenk thanked the volunteers, donors, and partners that had supported the Helping Hands Centre over the years and indicated that demand for their daily lunch service continued to increase. He also updated City Council on the upgrades that had been done to the building located at 111 - 7th Street, and indicated they would be seeking community support to install a wheelchair lift to allow for users with mobility challenges to access their services.

Mr. Zenk advised that anyone interested in supporting Helping Hands could contact the centre at 204-727-4635, or thru email at: [helpinghands@wcgwave.ca](mailto:helpinghands@wcgwave.ca).

Hamilton-Chaboyer

340 That the presentation by Jordan Zenk and Nandana Jamadagni of the Helping Hands Centre with respect to the accomplishments and services of the centre be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
VERBAL

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Councillor Fawcett provided a verbal report to City Council on the meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee held on October 1, 2015. Councillor Fawcett reported that the committee had reviewed the City of Brandon's investment statement, investment policy, and the August organizational budget review and noted that an \$800,000 surplus was projected for the Operating Budget and a break even position for the Utility Budget.

LoRegio-Desjarlais

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

ENQUIRIES:

(126) UPDATE ON INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT 13TH STREET AND PARK AVENUE

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Councillor Patterson requested an update on the installation of traffic lights at 13th Street and Park Avenue.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the design had been completed and the final project meeting would be held on Thursday, with a tender package to follow in two to three weeks. He advised that installation was expected to be completed this fall.

(127) DRAINAGE CONCERNS ON PARK AVENUE BETWEEN 13TH AND 18TH STREETS

Councillor Patterson raised drainage concerns along Park Avenue between 13th and 18th Street, especially during heavy rainfall and enquired if something could be done.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the drainage issues had been identified but could not be resolved prior to the completion of the Drainage Master Plan in early 2016. He advised that The Master Plan would then allow the City to prioritize and move forward with projects to alleviate those concerns.

(128) REPAIR OF FIRST STREET, SOUTH OF CROCUS PLAINS SCHOOL

Councillor Brown enquired if Administration had plans in place to repair the two dips in the road on 1st Street, south of Crocus Plains School and if so, when work would be completed.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that Operations would provide a temporary repair by the end of the month, which would be in effect until such time as the storm sewer infrastructure work was completed in late 2015 or Spring of 2016 and the road could be permanently repaired.

(129) ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE FOR SCHOOL SPEED ZONES

Councillor Brown noted he had received several requests from residents regarding additional signage in school safety zones. He enquired as to the possibility of installing flashing lights or the use of pylons on the center line of the streets to further remind motorists entering the reduced speed zones.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that current traffic standards outlined by the Province were being followed, and the cost to install flashing lights would be in the range of \$30,000 to \$50,000 per zone, and radar signs were approximately \$6,000 each. He stated that Administration was moving forward with implementing center line signage across the City and continued to work in conjunction with Brandon School Division and Brandon University, who were also studying the efficiency of different speed zone control techniques. The City Manager advised that implementation of the new signage was anticipated prior to winter.

(130) DEBRIS BLOCKING DRAINAGE DITCHES AND MANHOLE

Councillor LoRegio noted having received several calls from the Aster Crescent area regarding leaves obstructing sewer drains. He enquired how often street cleaning was done this time of year, and if staff could be instructed to stop and clear any noticeable problem areas when travelling throughout the city.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the standard annual fall cleanup had begun on collector and arterial streets, with specific attention to potential problem areas where overland flooding had occurred during previous storms. He stated that staff would continue to address the issue throughout the fall season.

(131) DENSITY OF SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL UNITS

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Councillor LoRegio asked for clarification on density regulations regarding the total number of occupants permitted to reside in a Single Family Dwelling, and in cases where multiple families may reside in one home, if there was a maximum number of parking stalls required per residence.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that in accordance with the Building Safety & Property Standards By-Law, the maximum number of occupants in a dwelling unit could not exceed one person per 7.4 square meters of habitable room floor area, with exceptions for boarding houses. He also noted that the Zoning By-law did not limit the number of occupants within a dwelling, however did require a minimum of at least one parking space on a property with a single-family dwelling.

(132) UPDATE ON RECONSTRUCTION OF 1ST STREET BRIDGE

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Councillor Fawcett requested an update on the status of reconstruction of the 1st Street Bridge.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Director of Engineering Services and Water Resources responded that the tender for demolition had been awarded and work would begin in the next three to four weeks. He advised that the tender for construction would be issued in October and awarded in December and that Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation had indicated that two lanes of traffic would remain open during construction with minimal rerouting if necessary.

(133) "NO PARKING" ZONE IN 800 BLOCK OF 10TH STREET

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Councillor Patterson noted the recent implementation of a "No Parking" zone in the 800 Block of 10th Street and enquired as to the reasons for the change.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that parking had only been restricted on the southern portion of the 800 Block in order to comply with new rail crossing standards published by Transport Canada. He noted that the standards required restricted parking in the vicinity of at-grade rail crossings, and that minimum parking restrictions were necessary to ensure safe sight distances for vehicular and rail traffic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES FUNDRAISING DINNER

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Councillor Harwood announced the Brandon General Museum & Archives' Annual Fundraising Dinner would be held Thursday, October 15, 2015 at the Sokol Hall, saluting the latest exhibit "Life in the Flats", the history of the North End of Brandon. He noted that Mr. John Lorenowicz, a Brandon businessman, who was born and raised in the North End, had agreed to share personal thoughts and recollections based on his experiences at the dinner. Councillor Harwood advised that tickets were \$40 and were available through the museum by calling 204-717-1514.

ABORIGINAL MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CONFERENCE

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Councillor Desjarlais announced that the second Aboriginal Mental Health and Wellness Conference "Creating a New Legacy" would be held in Brandon October 6 – 7, 2015. He stated that Jason Gobeil, Aboriginal Community Coordinator for Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council, would be the Master of Ceremonies and that all 320 available spots had sold out.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) METHANE GAS SITE POLICY & PROCEDURE

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

LoRegio-Fawcett

342 That the revised Methane Gas Site Policy & Procedure dated July 20, 2015 and attached to the report of the City Engineer dated September 23, 2015 be adopted and that Methane Gas Site Policy No. 1081 be repealed. CARRIED.

(B) FUNDING OF KEYSTONE CENTRE 5 YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

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Submitted for consideration was a report from Councillor Shawn Berry dated September 29, 2015 with respect to the above and in accordance with the notice of motion given at the regular meeting of City Council held August 17, 2015.

Berry-Patterson

343 That funding for the Keystone Centre's 5 year Capital Plan in an amount not to exceed \$1,080,600 annually beginning in 2016 through to 2020 be approved;

and further, that the City of Brandon request the Province of Manitoba to provide matching funds for the capital plan as one of the funding partners for the Keystone Centre. CARRIED.

Councillor LoRegio abstained from voting as he felt there were unanswered questions that did not allow him to make an informed decision.

(C) FUNDING FOR STABLING BARNS - KEYSTONE CENTRE

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Considered was a report from Councillor Shawn Berry dated September 29, 2015 with respect to the above and in accordance with the notice of motion given at the regular meeting of City Council held August 17, 2015.

Berry-Patterson

344 That a contribution in the amount of \$1.45 Million by the City of Brandon for the construction of a permanent facility to handle the stabling of animals at the Keystone Centre be approved subject to a matching contribution by the Province of Manitoba, and subject to a long term agreement of no less than 7 years being confirmed with the Canadian Arabian Horse Show. LOST.

BY-LAWS:

Nil

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

That the meeting do now adjourn (9:12 p.m.). CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK