

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,
MARCH 16, 2015 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA**

PRESENT: Mayor Rick Chrest, Councillor Shawn Berry, 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 Ron W. Brown

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

163 Harwood-LoRegio
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, March 16, 2015 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS:

(A) DI BRANDT - WORLD POETRY DAY

Dr. Di Brandt, award winning local poet and professor at Brandon University, presented a poetry reading entitled "Jubilate Brandon" in recognition of World Poetry Day, to be held March 21, 2015.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

164 Harwood-Patterson
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, March 2, 2015 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(A) 2015 FINANCIAL PLAN

City Council sat to hear representation on the City of Brandon's 2015 Financial Plan.

Val Rochelle, Director of Finance appeared before City Council and presented a power point overview of the 2015 Financial Plan. Items highlighted included a review of the budget process, the proposed operating and capital expenditures, how these expenses would be funded, the services to be delivered, and the impact of the proposed 2015 budget on residential taxes. Ms. Rochelle noted that the presentation and a copy of the 2015 Financial Plan were available for viewing on the City of Brandon's website.

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

Chaboyer-Harwood

165 That the Public Hearing on the City of Brandon's 2015 Financial Plan be concluded. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) POVERTY COMMITTEE
VERBAL

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Councillor Patterson presented a verbal report on the Poverty Committees meeting held on March 10, 2015. She reported that the Brandon Affordable Housing Council had made a presentation to the committee on their work since their inception, and their goals for the future. The Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation also provided an overview of ongoing projects including a Community Food Assessment, and an upcoming forum on community food issues to be held April 8, 2015.

Councillor Patterson noted that statistics from the Safe and Warm Community Shelter had been provided to City Council at the request of Councillor Loregio.

(B) BRANDON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
VERBAL

MARCH 16, 2015

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Councillor Hamilton reported on the meeting of the Brandon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) held on March 11, 2015. She advised that the MHAC was now working with the newly hired Heritage Planner, Andrew Mok and noted that Mr. Mok would be assisting the Committee with recommendations to amend the Heritage Conservation By-law and the development of the Heritage Resource Master Plan.

(C) DOWNTOWN BRANDON BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
VERBAL MARCH 16, 2015

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Councillor Desjarlais presented a verbal report to City Council on the meeting of the Downtown Brandon Business Development Corporation held March 16, 2015. Councillor Desjarlais reported that City Council held a special meeting to discuss recommendations from the Downtown Brandon Business Development Corporation on changes to their governance structure and noted that Council would be addressing these changes at upcoming meetings in April. Councillor Desjarlais also announced that Downtown Brandon Business Development Corporation had hired a new Executive Director, Elisabeth Saftuik, who would be starting April 1, 2015.

(D) CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION
VERBAL MARCH 16, 2015

March 16, 2015
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

His Worship Mayor Chrest gave a verbal report on the Strategic Planning Session for City Council held at Canadian Forces Base Shilo on March 13 - 14, 2015. He advised that during the Strategic Planning Session, City Council had discussed items including Keystone Centre funding, the Recreation Master Plan, water quality management, and also focused on social issues such as homelessness, housing, and Urban Aboriginal issues. Mayor Chrest stated that Council would be finalizing the report in the next three weeks.

Desjarlais-Cullen

166 That the reports of the Poverty Committee, Brandon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, the Downtown Brandon Business Development Corporation and the Strategic Planning Session of City Council be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(42) WATER POOLING AT 20TH STREET AND RICHMOND AVENUE

Councillor LoRegio advised that although 20th Street had been resurfaced last year, water pooling continued to be a problem at the intersection of 20th Street and Richmond Avenue. He enquired when the necessary repairs to this intersection were expected to be completed.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the work completed last year had not included underground adjustments however, the Engineering Department was aware of the problem and the work on this area had been added to the list for 2015.

(43) EXTENSION OF ROAD WORK ON MARYLAND AVENUE TO 18TH STREET

Councillor Berry referred to the scheduled repairs on Maryland Avenue from 20th to 26th Streets and enquired if same could be extended to 18th Street.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Director of Engineering Services and Water Resources confirmed that the scheduled repairs would be completed from Currie Boulevard to 26th Street.

(44) DRAINAGE PIPE ON EVERGREEN BOULEVARD

Councillor Berry enquired if the drainage pipes in the vicinity of Evergreen Boulevard and Willowdale Crescent had been scoped to ensure they were functional.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Director of Engineering and Water Resources responded that all drainage pipes in the area had been scoped and no issues had shown up on the cameras. He agreed to provide Councillor Berry with the map of the areas where the cameras had been run through.

(45) HEAVING OF ROAD ON PARKDALE DRIVE

Councillor Berry noted that there was a large dip in the road between 21 and 25 Parkdale Drive and enquired if same could be looked at and repairs planned as soon as possible.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Director of Engineering and Water Resources responded that the area would be looked at immediately and Councillor Berry advised of the planned repairs.

(46) STATUS OF VACANT GAS BAR AT 4TH STREET AND ROSSER AVENUE

Councillor Harwood noted that the former Esso Gas Bar and Carwash building at 402 Rosser Avenue had been vacant for quite some time and enquired if the owners had provided any information on their plans for the property.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that Esso had sold the property to a private owner who had been issued a Boarded Building Permit on June 26, 2014 at a cost of \$2,000. He noted that as per the requirements of the Vacant and Derelict Building By-law No. 7007, permits were issued on an annual basis with the cost of same increasing by \$1,500 per year so as to ensure vacant buildings were dealt with in a timely manner. He advised that at the time the permit had been issued, the property owner had not indicated their plans for the property.

(47) SAFETY CONCERNS WITH DEBRIS ON ROOF OF BUILDING ON NORTH SIDE OF PACIFIC AVENUE NEAR 15TH STREET

Councillor Desjarlais advised that debris on the roof of a building on the north side of Pacific Avenue in the vicinity of 15th Street was causing safety concerns and enquired if this issue could be investigated.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that this issue would be addressed immediately by the Building Safety Department.

(48) POLICY REGARDING GROCERIES BROUGHT ONTO THE HANDI-TRANSIT BUSES

Councillor Desjarlais enquired if a policy was in place with regards to the amount of groceries allowed on the Handi-Transit buses.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that thus far there had not been the need for a policy as the few times that issues had arisen, they were dealt with on an individual basis with the respective passenger.

(49) STATUS OF DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY AT 2105 BRANDON AVENUE

Councillor Chaboyer requested an update on the status of the development of the property at 2105 Brandon Avenue.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that, subject to the necessary approvals by the Province of Manitoba, the Request for Proposals for the property would be issued in Spring 2015. He advised that the public reserve closure process and the environmental assessment of the property were now complete and a purchase agreement had been entered into with both adjacent property owners for them to acquire the 60 foot strip of land approved for sale by City Council. The City Manager confirmed that By-law No. 7113 to rezone the property had been given first reading with the Public Hearing to take place on March 18, 2015 following which the by-law was expected to be passed at the April 7, 2015 City Council meeting.

(50) ONGOING ISSUE WITH POTHOLE AT 18TH STREET AND LORNE AVENUE

Councillor Chaboyer advised that a pothole at the crosswalk located on 18th Street and Lorne Avenue continued to be a problem. She noted that this was the third year in a row that this site had been repaired and enquired if a more permanent solution could be found.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that crews were now using a new and better mixture to fill potholes and agreed to forward the information to the Operations Department to have this issue addressed as soon as possible.

With respect to potholes in general, the City Manager reminded residents that potholes could be reported by calling the Pothole Hotline at (204) 729-2200 or on the City of Brandon website at www.brandon.ca.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CLOSURE OF KIRKCALDY DRIVE FROM PATTERSON DRIVE TO 4TH STREET NORTH

Councillor Fawcett announced that Kirkcaldy Drive from Patterson Drive to 4th Street North would be closed for approximately one month for underground repairs, inclusive of moving a gas line.

SENIORS SUMMIT - MARCH 11 AND 12, 2015

Councillor Desjarlais announced that the Age Friendly Committee had held the inaugural Seniors' Summit at the Keystone Centre on March 11 and 12, 2015. He advised that the over 200 participants had been given a wealth of information from various presentations and trade show participants. Councillor Desjarlais commented that the Summit had opened strong with guest speaker Mr. Lloyd Robertson and closed on a high note with a presentation by well-known Motivational Humourist Meg Soper.

SUPPORT FOR BRANDON WHEAT KINGS PLAYOFF DRIVE

Councillor Berry noted that every Brandon Wheat Kings' Playoff Game was additional revenue for the Keystone Centre and with this year's team on target to go deep into the play-offs, he encouraged residents to fill the stands, benefitting both the Wheat Kings and the Keystone Centre.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) 2014 ANNUAL REPORT FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT

City Council considered a report from the Manager of the Water Treatment Facility dated February 13, 2015 with respect to the above.

Harwood-LoRegio

167 That the report from the Province of Manitoba, Office of Drinking Water entitled "City of Brandon - Public Water System Annual Compliance Audit – 2014" dated January 29, 2014 be received, and further that the 2014 City of Brandon Water Supply Annual Report be received.
CARRIED.

(B) TENDER – KIRKCALDY LAND DRAINAGE SEWER

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Engineering Services and Water Resources dated March 5, 2015 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Desjarlais

168 That the low bid from Allen & Bolack Excavating Ltd. for the Kirkcaldy Land Drainage Sewer as per tender and specifications at a cost of \$4,189,479.66 (exclusive of GST) be accepted.
CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7118

TO AMEND TAXI FARE BY-LAW NO. 6924 TO INCLUDE A CONVENIENCE FEE FOR USE OF DEBIT AND CREDIT CARDS FOR PAYMENT OF FARES

Considered was a report from the General Manager of Corporate Services dated March 11, 2015 with respect to the above.

Harwood-Patterson

169 That By-law No. 7118 to amend Tax Fare By-law No. 6924 to include a maximum convenience fee for the use of debit and credit cards for payment of fares be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

(A) ELIMINATION OF BAN ON SALE OF BOTTLED WATER AT CITY FACILITIES

In accordance with Rule 60 of City Council Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillor Hamilton gave notice of her intent to introduce a motion at the April 2, 2015 meeting of City Council to lift the ban on the sale and distribution of bottled water from any city owned/operated facilities.

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

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

MAYOR

CITY CLERK