



Council Updates

**Week Ending
January 27, 2012**

Mayor's Office

Mayor Shari Decter Hirst - 729-2202

Phyllis Miller, Executive Assistant - 729-2202

The proposed 2012 City Budget continued to be the focus for much of the week. Monday morning I was on Bill Turner's Feedback show on CKLQ. Monday evening was Council.

Tuesday, we held a media conference to provide them with details about payroll issues that are part of the proposed 2012 Budget. Tuesday afternoon, I travelled to Winnipeg to meet with Winnipeg Mayor Sam Katz to talk about infrastructure. AMM, Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, and the Manitoba Business Council were also part of the meeting. I also sat in on a meeting between the Brandon School Division, representatives from the provincial Ministry of Immigration, and the Education Minister. The meeting resulted in some good information sharing and innovative approaches to address special initiatives in the school system and the community for non-English speakers.

Thursday, I attended the annual Crime Stoppers Luncheon. Crime Stoppers works closely with Brandon City Police to make our city safe. Strong community partnerships contribute to their success. Well done Rick Thomson and his group for providing this valuable service. Thursday evening, the Directors of Samaritan House and Helping Hands, the Housing specialist with Neighbourhood Renewal Corp, Councillors Chaboyer and Isleifson who sit on the Poverty Committee, and I attended the End Hunger fundraiser dinner organized by the Victoria Inn. The funds raised from this event are urgently needed by those organizations on the front lines of poverty in our city.

Friday morning, I popped by the Brandon Chamber of Commerce's Coffee Break event to chat with local members about the budget. Friday afternoon, I will bring greetings at the Dakota Ojibway Winter Fest. Sunday, I'll be flipping pancakes at the Annual Shilo Winter Festival and then participating in the Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Tour events that are part of the Tour's stopover in Brandon.

City Clerk's Department

CONTACTS:

Con Arvisais, City Clerk - 729-2206

Heather Ewasiuk, Deputy City Clerk - 729-2280

Freedom of the City - 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

A meeting was held December 19, 2011 and a further meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2012 to plan the City of Brandon's granting of the Freedom of the City to the 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry at a ceremony to be held at City Hall on June 9, 2012.

Involved in the planning arrangements are representatives from the City of Brandon, 2 PPCLI; Canadian Forces Base Shilo Public Affairs, Brandon Salutes and the Travellers' Day Parade.

Economic Development Brandon

CONTACTS:

Sandy Trudel, Economic Development Officer - 729-2131

The Economic Development office is looking forward to the release of the 2011 Census information. Release dates appear below.

- February 8, 2012: Population dwellings
- May 29, 2012: age and sex
- September 19, 2012: Families, households, marital status, structure type of dwelling, collectives
- October 24, 2012: Language.

Fire & Emergency Services

CONTACTS:

Fire Chief Brent Dane - 729-2404

Deputy Fire Chief Garry Bell - 729-2401

Deputy Fire Chief Steve Romanik - 729-2452

The department is happy to announce the successful applicants for the Lieutenants' positions are Kevin Holder and Terry Parlow. The successful applicant for the Captain's position is Bob Smit. We congratulate them on their advancement.

Cleanup of the Sturgeon Tire location is set to begin. It is expected that this process will take about seven days barring any complications involving other government agencies. There is a possibility that street accessibility may be affected during this time.

Operational Services

CONTACTS:

Rod Sage, General Manager – 729-2247

Ian Broome, Director of Public Works – 729-2292

Perry Roque, Director Community Services – 729-2170

Tim Sanderson, Director of Transportation – 729-2130

SPORTSPLEX

Jeff Elliott and Kathleen Beaton attended the Strategic Leadership Training this week.

Work is progressing on the installation of a new dehumidifier unit in the arena.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Diamond Jubilee Tea

Come celebrate a Crowning Achievement with a nice cup of tea! His Honour the Honourable Phillip S. Lee, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba and Her Honour Mrs. Anita K. Lee invite you to attend a Come and Go Tea in honour of the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. This event will be held at the

Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba (Unit 2, 710 Rosser Ave) on Thursday, February 2nd between 2:00 and 3:30 pm. Diamond Jubilee pins will be given away. A photo display featuring rare shots of past Royal visits to Manitoba will be on display. This event is open to the public and light refreshments will be served.

Youth

We continue to provide supervised structured programming through the Lighthouse Program at 11 locations to 190 kids, ages 9-12. Statistics Canada observes that children who participate in organized activities outside of school tend to have higher self-esteem, interact better with friends and perform better in school. The more young people participate, the more they benefit and the more society benefits.

Youth Advisory Committee has implemented two subcommittees - a communication and a policy committee, who are meeting regularly. This group will be electing an executive that will take the direction of the youth on a course that is decided by them, which we will continue to be members of and provide assistance while giving control of this committee to the youth. Many members of this committee have volunteered their time to a variety of community events from the Christmas Cheer hamper delivery, to promoting the upcoming Winter Festival, and volunteering at the Diamond Jubilee. Future goals will be to host a fundraising event for the Kid Sport organization and working with local media groups to develop a video on topics of interest to youth in Brandon.

In partnership with the Brandon Healthy Families Team we have initiated a public education campaign, opening with a bookmark that will be distributed to families and service providers in Brandon. The printed material was designed with a dual purpose in mind, first to educate the public on the existence of the Healthy Families Team and its purpose and secondly, to promote the importance of pre-school development and how simple changes can have lifelong benefits. 5000 bookmarks have been printed and will be distributed at a variety of family events and locations.

We continue to capitalize on the new mediums of communication to get the word out. We now have 45 followers on twitter and many people following us on Facebook. Search Brandon Youth to find us.

Lieutenant Governor's Winter Festival, February 2-4

The countdown is on to the opening of the 9th Annual Lieutenant Governor's Winter Festival! The Festival will kick off with the Opening Ceremonies at City Hall on Thursday, February 2nd at 6:00pm.

The 13 participating pavilions in this year's festival are:

- **Brazil:** Shriners Hall – 1110 McTavish Avenue East
- **Colombia:** Central United Church – 327 – 8th Street
- **El Salvador:** Knox United Church – 451 – 18th Street
- **English:** ANAF Hall – 31 – 14th Street
- **First Nations:** Little Teaching Lodge - 205 College Avenue
- **French Canadian:** Keystone Centre - Exhibition Hall 1175 – 18th Street
- **German:** Victoria Inn, Salon A&B – 3550 Victoria Avenue

- **Irish:** Royal Oak Inn - 3130 Victoria Avenue
- **Mauritius:** UFCW Training Hall – 530 Richmond Avenue East
- **Métis:** Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium - 205 - 20th Street
- **Scottish:** Victoria Inn, Imperial Ball Room - 3550 Victoria Avenue
- **Ukrainian:** Ukrainian Reading Association Hall - 1005 Assiniboine Avenue
- **USA:** St. Matthew’s Church – 403 – 13th Street
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The festival website, www.brandonwinterfestival.ca is being regularly updated; as well information can be found on Facebook or through the new mobile app m.brandonwinterfestival.ca.

Asset Management Update

Training for the Cityworks system was conducted the week of January 16th – 20th with Operations Departments. The system officially went live on Tuesday, January 24th, 2012. Over the next two weeks any issues or modifications will be handled by the development team that implemented the Cityworks system for the City of Brandon. After this time period any issues will be transitioned to the technical support team.

Police Service

CONTACTS:

Chief of Police Keith Atkinson - 729-2305

Inspector Shane Corley – 729-2302

A/Inspector Doug Thompson - 729-2304

Chief Atkinson and Staff attended the Crime Stoppers Luncheon held at the viewing lounge at the Keystone Centre.

The City of Brandon is fortunate to have the successful community program Brandon Crime Stoppers that contributes to the safety of our city. Over the past 27 years, Brandon Crime Stoppers has lived up to their motto of; “Working together to make the Brandon area a safer place to live and work”.

Weekly publicized unsolved crimes are circulated which encourages community minded individuals to provide tips to the program, often resulting in cases being cleared and suspects being arrested.

January is Crime Stoppers Month. Congratulations to the volunteers and community supporters of the Brandon Crime Stoppers Program.