

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,  
JULY 17, 2017 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION  
BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA**

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PRESENT: Mayor Rick Chrest In The Chair, Councillor Shawn Berry, Councillor Ron W. Brown, Councillor Jan Chaboyer, Councillor Barry Cullen, Councillor Kris Desjarlais, Councillor Jeff Fawcett, Councillor Jeff Harwood, Councillor John LoRegio, Councillor Glen Parker, Councillor Lonnie Patterson

ABSENT: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Chaboyer-Parker  
1059 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, July 17, 2017 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Harwood-LoRegio  
1060 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, June 19, 2017 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Chaboyer-Cullen  
1061 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Tuesday, June 27, 2017 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) PERRY ROQUE - COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM

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Perry Roque appeared before City Council on behalf of Communities in Bloom to provide information about the program. Mr. Roque introduced the national judges Marylaine de Chantal from Quebec and Larry Hall from Saskatchewan. He noted that the City of Brandon was participating in the Class of Champions large category this year. The judges would be touring Brandon for two days and judging it based on six categories - tidiness, environmental action, heritage conservation, urban forestry, landscape, and floral design. Larry Hall then addressed City Council and stated there are 1000 points that the judges looked for when evaluating a community in residential, municipal and business/organizations subdivisions.

Harwood-Patterson  
1062 That the presentation from Perry Roque regarding Communities in Bloom be received. CARRIED.

(B) KIM LONGSTREET - RESOURCES NEEDED TO COMBAT ADDICTIONS

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Kim Longstreet appeared before City Council to provide information about resources needed to help those battling addictions. Ms. Longstreet shared her own struggles dealing with her son using narcotics and concerns with the lack of available treatment programs for substance users.

She encouraged each councillor to think about their ward and how to deal with the narcotic use and trafficking in Brandon. Councillor LoRegio suggested to Ms. Longstreet that she hold a town hall meeting and invite all organizations that may be effected by this issue.

Patterson-LoRegio

1063 That the presentation by Kim Longstreet with respect to resources needed to combat addictions be received. CARRIED.

(C) MEGAN AND DONNA WOLOSHEN - WATER BILLING CONCERNS

Les, Megan and Donna Woloshen appeared before City Council with respect to concerns about the water bill at 932 - 10th Street. Mr. Woloshen advised that the typical water bill for the property was approximately \$30, however due to a hot water tank pipe that broke while the residence was vacant, they had received a bill over \$4,200. Megan, the current owner, stated that she was on a limited income and unable to pay the bill and penalties whereby the bill has been added to the cost of the taxes totaling approximately \$17,000 and the house was up for tax sale. The family has visited several banks and are unable to get financing to help cover the costs and asked that the charges be reduced.

It was suggested that the family get in contact with the Finance Department to arrange for an affordable payment schedule.

Harwood-LoRegio

1064 That the presentation by Megan and Donna Woloshen with respect to water billing concerns be received. CARRIED.

(D) MARGARET GRETCHYN - ACCOUNTABILITY OF CITY PERSONNEL

Margaret Gretchyn appeared before City Council with respect to her concerns with a sewer line back up that occurred at her home and the response from city personnel. It was her understanding that her address would not be considered for any future reimbursement by the City if any root infiltration issues were to occur. She was unclear why she is being dealt differently when referring to Section 61. (a) of the Water and Wastewater Control By-law. She asked Council if she could expect city staff to be truthful and forthcoming when addressing this issue.

His Worship Mayor Chrest confirmed with Mrs. Gretchyn that the city had repaired the problem and replaced the pipe from her property line to the sewer. He reviewed the tree root policy and the liability for costs based on the location of the trees causing the problem. Mrs. Gretchyn advised that she had three issues with her sewer line backing up and whereby two were reimbursed 50% by the city and the third was denied. Mayor Chrest confirmed it was denied due to the issue being a collapsed pipe and that repairs had been done by the city.

Patterson-Chaboyer

1065 That the presentation by Margaret Gretchyn regarding the accountability of City Personnel be received. CARRIED.

(E) LEANNE STANICK - CONVERSION OF POSTAL WORKERS TO COMMUNITY MAILBOXES

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Leanne Stanick appeared before City Council with respect to expanding postal services and protecting public post offices. She noted that in October of 2015, the federal government had placed an immediate moratorium on the conversion of door to door delivery to community mailboxes that would have eliminated fifteen full time letter carrier jobs in Brandon. Ms. Stanick advised that the Standing Committee on Government Operations had received feedback from across Canada that the end of door to door delivery would adversely affect Canadians living with disabilities and had released a report called, "The Way Forward" that included 45 recommendations. Ms. Stanic emphasized Recommendation 23 which called for the continuation of the moratorium on community mailbox conversion, as well as the plan for those communities whom have already converted and requested that a letter of support for same be sent to the Federal Minister.

Desjarlais-Brown

1066 That the presentation by Leanne Stanick with respect to the conversion of postal workers to community mailboxes be received. CARRIED.

(F) KRISTA KOWALUK - KEYSTONE CENTRE CAPITAL FUNDING

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Krista Kowaluk, Marketing & Communications Director for the Keystone Centre, and Shawn Berry, Chair of the Keystone Centers Board of Directors, appeared before City Council to provide a presentation on the operational and capital plans of the Keystone Centre facility. Ms. Kowaluk stressed the importance of the Keystone Center to the City of Brandon, noting the 540,000 square foot facility hosted more than 1500 event bookings a year, bringing 1.2 million visitors to Brandon, with an estimated annual economic spin off of \$62 Million. Ms. Kowaluk provided an outline of the Keystone Centre's business and operational plans, which strived to reach a break-even fiscal position annually, while offering the facility to the community at an affordable cost for recreation and entertainment. She noted the challenges the Keystone Center faced to break even fiscally, while staying on top of the growing list of capital needs of the forty-year old facility. Mr. Berry thanked the City of Brandon for their \$500,000 contribution in 2016, which helped address a significant capital need, but noted the over \$792,000 in postponed capital budget priorities and several major anticipated mandatory upgrades in the main arena in excess of \$450,000 were pending.

Patterson-Harwood

1067 That the presentation by Krista Kowaluk regarding the Keystone Centre capital funding be received. CARRIED.

(G) DR. GERVAN FEARON AND DR. STEVEN ROBINSON - BRANDON UNIVERSITY

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Dr. Gervan Fearon, President of Brandon University (BU), and Dr. Steven Robinson, Incoming Interim President of BU, provided a presentation to City Council on the strategic and operational plans for BU. Dr. Fearon thanked City Council and Staff for their continued support and partnerships with BU. Dr. Fearon noted Brandon University's recent efforts of community engagement and the economic impact the institution has on the City of Brandon, which was estimated at \$417.1 Million annually.



Resource Personnel: Mr. Rod Sage, A/City Manager  
Ms. Linda Poole, Director of Human Resources

Contract Settlement – Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 69

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the recent negotiations with the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 69.

Ms. Poole presented a summary of the negotiations and advised that the Union would be presenting the proposed settlement to the membership for its ratification vote on June 20th, 2017. The settlement was accepted by the members.

Highlights of the negotiated settlement include:

- Salary increases:
  - o 1.95% on January 1, 2017
  - o 1.95% on January 1, 2018
  - o Wage adjustments for positions requiring additional certifications and for those positions affected by provincial requirements
- New clause limiting overtime to pay only during states of local emergencies
- Change to seniority provisions for grant-funded positions
- Adjustment to vacation accrual for long-term employees
- General clean-up of clauses and renew pertinent letters of understanding
- Two year contract set to expire December 31, 2018

The committee agreed that the proposed settlement as presented be recommended to City Council as follows:

“That the City of Brandon enter into a two (2) year agreement with the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local No. 69 for the period January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018 whereby wages shall be increased by 1.95% on January 1, 2017, and 1.95% on January 1, 2018.”

Respectfully submitted,

R. Chrest  
Chair

Berry-Harwood

1070 That the report of the Personnel Committee dated July 11, 2017 be received. CARRIED.

Berry-Harwood

1071 That the City of Brandon enter into a two (2) year agreement with the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local No. 69 for the period January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018 whereby wages shall be increased by 1.95% on January 1, 2017, and 1.95% on January 1, 2018. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(256) REMOVAL OF SPEED BUMP ON ABERDEEN AVENUE

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Councillor Brown requested an update on the potential removal of the speed bump on Aberdeen Avenue.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that research to document traffic counts and any speed-related concerns, inclusive of feedback from affected residents, would take place in the near future. He advised that the Manager of Infrastructure and Construction had confirmed that once all data had been collected and analyzed, a decision would be made regarding the best traffic calming option for this roadway. Mr. Sage noted that dependent upon the time taken to review the data, this project may be completed this year.

(257) RECONSTRUCTION OF INTERSECTION AT 34TH STREET AND VICTORIA AVENUE

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Councillor Cullen requested an update on the reconstruction of the intersection of 34th Street and Victoria Avenue, inclusive of the redirection of traffic and the estimated timeline for completion.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the reconstruction of Victoria Avenue from 32nd to 38th Street began today with the intersection of 34th Street and Victoria Avenue expected to be fully closed for 5 days for the replacement of the water and sewer infrastructure. He confirmed that for the majority of the construction period, every effort would be made to have one lane of traffic in each direction maintained on both 34th Street and Victoria Avenue. He advised that the Contractor had provided the Engineering Department with a Traffic Management Plan, with any deviations from that Plan requiring the approval of the Engineering Department. Mr. Sage stated that many of the side streets in the vicinity of the construction were expected to see increased traffic however, should the increased traffic become problematic, the City of Brandon Engineering Department would address the issue. The Acting City Manager thanked area residents for their patience during the reconstruction period and advised that the entire project was expected to be completed by October 15, 2017.

(258) INCREASED HEAVY TRUCK TRAFFIC ON CLARK DRIVE AND PARK AVENUE WITH DETOUR FROM 34TH STREET AND VICTORIA AVENUE

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Councillor Harwood advised that he had received complaints from residents of Clark Drive with respect to the heavy truck traffic now being rerouted to their street due to the construction along Victoria Avenue and enquired if this issue could be addressed by the Engineering Department. Councillor Harwood also advised that he had received calls from residents along Park Avenue who raised concerns with both the volume and speed of traffic on that street due to the construction on 34th Street and Victoria Avenue. He enquired if the Brandon Police Service could be requested to monitor this situation.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take both these matters under advisement.

(259) COLLECTION OF OUTSTANDING TAXES IN ARREARS

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Councillor Berry referred to a recent newspaper article whereby it was noted that the City of Brandon hired an outside firm to collect property tax arrears and enquired why this was not being done by the City of Brandon itself.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Dean Hammond, General Manager of Corporate Services, responded that the tax sale process was regulated by the Municipal Act of Manitoba and was very regimented. As a result, a company called Tax Service had been utilized for a number of years by the City of Brandon for their expertise in this area. Mr. Hammond confirmed that all costs incurred by the usage of Tax Service were recovered from the property owners whose taxes were in arrears whether or not they went to tax sale.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ASSINIBOINE WARD MEETING

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Councillor Fawcett announced that an Assiniboine Ward meeting would take place on July 26, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Grand Valley Community Church, 1620 Braecrest Drive. He noted that agenda items included the intersection at 18th Street and Braecrest Drive, drainage on Outback Drive, the ongoing redevelopment of the riverbank and any other city or ward issues. He noted that representatives from Manitoba Infrastructure as well as the City of Brandon Engineering Department would be in attendance and encouraged residents to come out and provide their feedback.

CANADIAN NATIONAL ARABIAN AND HALF ARABIAN HORSE SHOW

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Councillor Berry announced that the Canadian National Arabian and Half Arabian Horse Show was taking place at the Keystone Centre August 13 - 19, 2017. He noted that admission was free to this event and encouraged everyone to come out to watch the shows, meet the participants and tour the barns.

2017 ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION NATIONAL YOUTH TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Councillor Patterson reminded everyone that the 2017 Royal Canadian Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships would be held August 11-13, 2017 at the Canada Games Sportsplex. She noted that this was the premier event in Canada for 14 to 17 year old youth and encouraged everyone to come out and watch the action. She also noted that volunteers were still needed for this year's event and further, that the event would be back in Brandon again in 2018.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR J. HARWOOD AS CHAIR OF ASSINIBOINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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Mayor Chrest congratulated Councillor Jeff Harwood on being appointed Chair of the Assiniboine Community College Board of Governors and wished him the best of luck in his new role.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) BROWNFIELD STRATEGY

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Submitted for consideration was a report from the Environmental Initiatives Coordinator dated July 12, 2017.

Chaboyer-Patterson

1072 That the City of Brandon Brownfield Strategy attached to the report of the Environmental Initiatives Coordinator dated July 12, 2017, be endorsed. CARRIED.

(B) COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANT - INDUSTRIAL SECONDARY PLAN

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City Council considered a report from the Planning, Property and Buildings Department dated July 4, 2017 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Parker

1073 That an application be submitted to the Community Planning Assistance Grant Program by the City of Brandon to request cost-share funds from Manitoba Indigenous and Municipal Relations for the East Brandon Industrial Secondary Plan study to a maximum amount of \$20,000.00. CARRIED.

(C) INTERIM APPOINTMENTS - BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES INC.

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Considered was a report from the City Clerk's Office dated July 5, 2017 with respect to the above.

LoRegio-Brown

1074 That the following interim citizen appointments be and are hereby made to the Brandon General Museum & Archives Board, for the remaining term of office to commence July 18, 2017 and expire on December 31, 2017:

Gregory Steele  
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(D) WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE - FUNDING EXTENSION REQUEST

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Submitted for consideration was a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated July 6, 2017 with respect to the above.

Harwood-Cullen

1075 That the Completion Deadline Extension Request for the funding of the Water Treatment Plant New Chemical Building project under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund be approved for submission to the Manitoba Strategic Infrastructure Secretariat. CARRIED.

(E) AMENDMENT TO MOTION - KEYSTONE CENTRE CAPITAL FUNDING

City Council considered a report from Councillor Shawn Berry dated July 5, 2017 with respect to the above and in accordance with his notice of motion given at the regular meeting of City Council held June 19, 2017.

Berry-Patterson

1076 That Motion No. 847, adopted at the Special Meeting of City Council held January 21, 2017 with respect to the funding of the Keystone Centre Capital Plan be amended by deleting the words: “conditional upon matching funds from the Province of Manitoba”. CARRIED.

(F) PROPOSAL - SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF FOUR (4) PARATRANSIT BUSES

Considered was a report from the Manager of Fleet Services dated July 7, 2017 with respect to the above.

LoRegio-Parker

1077 That the proposal from Crestline Coach Limited to supply four (4) 2017 Goshen Impulse/ Chevrolet G4500 Paratransit Buses as per the proposal and specifications for a total price of \$609,892.40 (net of GST) be accepted. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7177 TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1890 – 65TH STREET EAST FROM DR DEVELOPMENT RESERVE ZONE TO IH INDUSTRIAL HEAVY ZONE

It was noted this by-law was read a first time on June 5, 2017.

Chaboyer-Brown

1078 That By-law No. 7177 to rezone property located at 1890 – 65th Street East (Lot 2, Plan 22346 BLTO) from DR Development Reserve to IH Industrial Heavy be read a second time. CARRIED.

Chaboyer-Brown

1079 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. 7177 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 Jeff Harwood  
Councillor John LoRegio  
Councillor Glen Parker  
Councillor Lonnie Patterson

AGAINST

Nil

NO. 7187      BROWNFIELD FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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Submitted for consideration was a report from the Environmental Initiatives Coordinator dated July 12, 2017 with respect to the above.

Chaboyer-Brown

1080      That By-law No.7187 to establish a Brownfield Financial Assistance Program be read a first time.  
CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

(A)      MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

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In accordance with Rule 60 of Procedure By-law No.6634 Councillor DesjarlaisI gave notice of his intent to introduce at the August 14, 2017 meeting of City Council, a motion with respect to expanding the requirement to maintain sidewalks (including the removal of ice, snow or dirt) by property owners or persons having charge or care of a premises in residential areas.

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

That the meeting do now adjourn (10:40 p.m.) CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK