

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,  
MARCH 7, 2016 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 Kris Desjarlais, Councillor Jeff Fawcett, Councillor Vanessa Hamilton, Councillor Jeff Harwood, Councillor John LoRegio, Councillor Lonnie Patterson

**ABSENT:** Councillor Barry Cullen

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Harwood-LoRegio

500 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, March 7, 2016 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Patterson-Brown

501 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Tuesday, February 16, 2016 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

**HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:**

(A) D. LENEVEU & D. TINGEY, MANITOBA ENERGY JUSTICE COALITION –  
ENERGY EAST PIPELINE

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Dennis Leneveu and Doug Tingey, representatives of the Manitoba Energy Justice Coalition, appeared before City Council with respect to the proposed Energy East Pipeline Project. Mr. Leneveu reviewed the planned route of the Energy East Pipeline project and highlighted environmental concerns regarding the potential of harmful contamination of drinking water due to a crack or break in the pipeline. Mr. Tingey encouraged the City of Brandon to file for intervener status, whereby participants could voice their concerns and ask specific questions regarding the environmental impact of the Energy East Pipeline. Mr. Leneveu thanked City Council for their time and consideration on this important environmental issue.

LoRegio-Chaboyer

502 That the presentation by Dennis Leneveu and Doug Tingey of the Manitoba Energy Justice Coalition with respect to the risks associated with the Energy East Pipeline to both the water and climate from TransCanada's project be received. CARRIED.

(B) M. GRAHAM, BRANDON MUSEUM INC. – LONG TERM FUNDING  
AGREEMENT FOR DALY HOUSE MUSEUM

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Murray Graham, President of Brandon Museum Inc., appeared before City Council with respect to a long term funding agreement for Daly House Museum. He provided a verbal history of Daly House Museum and its funding relationship with the City of Brandon.

Mr. Graham highlighted the need for a stable funding arrangement between the City of Brandon and Brandon Museum Inc. due to the organization's tight budget and limited funding opportunities from other levels of government. He thanked City Administration for their assistance in developing of proposed four-year funding agreement of \$25,000 annually and thanked City Council for their consideration.

Harwood-Chaboyer

503 That the presentation by Murray Graham, President of Brandon Museum Inc., with respect to the Museum's request to enter into a long term funding agreement with the City of Brandon be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(A) 2016 FINANCIAL PLAN

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City Council sat to hear representation on the City of Brandon's 2016 Financial Plan.

Dean Hammond, City Treasurer appeared before City Council and provided a power point overview of the 2016 Financial Plan. Items highlighted included a review of the property operating and capital expenditures, how these expenses would be funded, the services to be delivered and the impact of the proposed 2016 budget on property taxes. Mr. Hammond noted that the presentation and a copy of the 2016 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 Plan.

Berry-Patterson

504 That the Public Hearing on the City of Brandon's 2016 Financial Plan be concluded. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) KEYSTONE CENTRE  
VERBAL

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Councillor Berry provided a verbal report on the Keystone Centre. He informed City Council that the Keystone Centre would be hosting several exciting events in March including several concerts, the Career Symposium, Western Hockey League Playoffs, and the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair. Councillor Berry reported that the Keystone continued to investigate alternative revenue sources for the facility and changes to its governance model.

(B) BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM & ARCHIVES INC.  
VERBAL

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Councillor Harwood provided a verbal report on Brandon General Museum & Archives Inc. (BGMA). He advised that BGMA would feature a new exhibit highlighting Brandon's agricultural history from the early settlers to modern times while maintaining its ongoing exhibit on the technological evolution of Manitoba Telephone System in City of Brandon.

Harwood-Berry

505 That the reports from the Keystone Board and Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(159) STRUCTURAL EVALUATION OF THE BRANDON WATER TOWER

Councillor Hamilton requested an update on the structural evaluation of the Brandon Water Tower.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Request for Proposals for this project was expected to be awarded within two weeks with the study itself expected to be completed within two months.

(160) 34TH STREET AND WILLOWDALE CRESCENT TRAFFIC CIRCLE

Councillor Berry advised that the Traffic Circle at 34th Street and Willowdale Crescent was in poor condition and enquired when repairs to same were expected to be completed.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that this intersection would be reviewed in 2016 with any potential reconstruction to be budgeted for in 2017 or later. He confirmed that regular maintenance of the traffic circle would be completed in the Summer 2016.

(161) UPDATE ON THE OUTDOOR SPORTS FIELD COMPLEX FEASIBILITY STUDY

Councillor Fawcett requested an update on the Outdoor Sports Field Complex Feasibility Study.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the final draft of the Outdoor Sports Filed Complex Feasibility Study was complete with a report on same to be provided at the April 18, 2016 City Council meeting with further information from the Brandon Youth Soccer Association to be shared at that meeting as well.

(162) STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

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Councillor Desjarlais advised that many of the new LED Streetlights installed by Manitoba Hydro were not working properly. He noted that this was an ongoing issue and enquired as to potential, permanent solutions to these problems.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that he had contacted Manitoba Hydro and been advised that they were aware of the manufacturer's defects with the LED lights and were working diligently to address these issues as they arise.

(163) UPDATE ON THE ASSINIBOINE RIVER BASIN INITIATIVE

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Councillor Harwood requested an update on the Assiniboine River Basin Initiative (ARBI).

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the ARBI, made up of representatives from Saskatchewan, Manitoba and North Dakota, had held two annual meetings with much progress having been made in a short period of time. The City Manager confirmed that the City of Brandon was a member of the organization and was pursuing an opportunity to occupy a seat on the Board. He agreed to keep City Council informed on the progress of the ARBI.

(164) UPDATE ON POTHOLE REPAIRS

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His Worship Mayor Chrest noted that potholes were beginning to become a problem on city streets and enquired how this situation was being addressed.

At the request of the City Manager, the General Manager of Operational Services, responded that crews were out patching potholes daily using winter mix and refurbished asphalt. He stated that although they were making every effort to keep potholes under control, motorists were advised to slow down in areas known to be problematic or where they observed water on the road. He advised that potholes could be reported by leaving a message at (204) 729-2200, online at [www.brandon.ca/reporanissue](http://www.brandon.ca/reporanissue) or by calling the Public Works Office at (204) 729-2285.

Councillor LoRegio then enquired if potholes in backlanes could be reported in the same way as those on streets.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operational Services confirmed that potholes in backlanes could be reported in the same way as streets; however, gravel lanes were more of a challenge to repair until fully thawed.

(165) POOLING OF WATER AT INTERSECTIONS

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Councillor LoRegio noted that pooling of water was becoming a problem at many intersections throughout the City of Brandon and enquired how this issue could be addressed.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operational Services responded that this time of year many of the catch basins were frozen making drainage next to impossible. He encouraged residents spotting these types of issues to report same with the address to either Public Works at (204) 729-2285 or online at [www.brandon.ca/reportanissue](http://www.brandon.ca/reportanissue) and crews with steamers would be dispatched to take care of the problem.

(166) CRACKS IN THE ROADWAYS

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Councillor Chaboyer advised that the spring thaw had caused cracks in the roadways in the south end of the City of Brandon and enquired if cracks in the roadways could be reported in the same way as potholes.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operational Services responded that cracks in the roadways were much the same as potholes and could be reported in the same way by calling (204) 729-2200, (204) 729-2285 or online at [www.brandon.ca/reportanissue](http://www.brandon.ca/reportanissue).

(167) FROST BOILS ON DURUM DRIVE

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Councillor Berry advised that frost boils were a problem along Durum Drive and enquired if this situation could be investigated and repairs made if possible.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operational Services responded that frost boils were more challenging as they typically required excavation to determine the root of the problem. He agreed to have this issue investigated and at the very least, signage installed until the road could be repaired.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2016 CIS WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Councillor Fawcett announced that the Brandon University Bobcats were hosting the 2016 CIS Women's Volleyball National Championships from March 11-13, 2016 and encouraged everyone to get out and cheer on the Bobcats.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR V. HAMILTON

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Councillor Hamilton announced that this was her last City Council meeting as she was stepping down as the Riverview Ward Councillor on March 18, 2016. She thanked all the City of Brandon Staff and her fellow City Council members for making this such a great experience.

His Worship Mayor Chrest thanked Councillor Hamilton for her service to the City of Brandon and in particular the residents of the Riverview Ward and wished her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) AFFORDABLE HOUSING GRANT – 2105 BRANDON AVENUE

City Council considered a report from the Director of Economic Development dated January 19, 2016 with respect to the above.

LoRegio-Chaboyer

506 That a grant in the amount of \$152,000 be provided to Western Manitoba Seniors Non-profit Housing Cooperative Ltd. (Cooperative) for the construction of 48 units of affordable seniors housing at 2105 Brandon Avenue and a maximum of six membership shares in the Cooperative be purchased by the City of Brandon at a maximum cost of \$147,000, with said funds to be transferred from the Affordable Housing Reserve to the Affordable Housing Grants operating account;

and further, that a 20-year tax offsetting grant equal to 50% of the municipal taxes payable be approved, whereby year one of the tax offsetting grant will be the year in which the new structure at 2105 Brandon Avenue is added to the City of Brandon tax roll. CARRIED.

(B) DALY HOUSE MUSEUM FUNDING AGREEMENT

Considered was a report from Councillor Chaboyer dated February 2, 2016 with respect to the above.

Chaboyer-LoRegio

507 That the City of Brandon provide an annual operating grant to Brandon Museum Inc. in the amount of \$25,000.00 (Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars) for each of 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020; and that provisions for this funding arrangement be included in an amended lease agreement. CARRIED.

(C) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR TO THE BRANDON POLICE BOARD

Submitted for consideration was a report from the City Clerk's Office dated February 24, 2016 with respect to the above.

Berry-Fawcett

508 That in accordance with City of Brandon By-law No. 7041, the following appointments as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Brandon Police Board be and are hereby made with terms of office to expire December 31, 2016:

Mark Frison – Chair  
John Schneiderbanger – Vice Chair  
CARRIED.

(D) SALE OF 2500 ROSSER AVENUE

City Council considered a report from the Property Section of Development Services dated February 9, 2016 with respect to the above.

Harwood-LoRegio

509 That the property located at 2500 Rosser Avenue (Pt. Lot 28, Block 18, Plan 15 BLTO) be disposed of to the adjacent property owners of 2508 Rosser Avenue for the sum of \$1.00 plus G.S.T., whereby the adjacent property owners shall:

- (a) be responsible for the transfer fee of approximately \$87.00
- (b) consolidate the parcel with their existing property;
- (c) enter into a new Easement Agreement with the City of Brandon; and
- (d) register said Transfer of Land within two (2) months of receiving said Transfer of Land from the City of Brandon.

CARRIED.

(E) LAND ACQUISITION OF 6 – 1ST STREET & 140 PACIFIC AVENUE

Considered was a report from the Property Section of Development Services dated February 17, 2016 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Fawcett

510 That the acquisition of 6-1st Street and 140 Pacific Avenue (Lots 9/18, Block 69, Plan 2 BLTO) from 7019468 Manitoba Ltd., or their designate, for the sum of \$440,000.00 for the purpose of the realignment of Pacific Avenue be approved, and the additional sum of \$6,450.00 for land transfer tax, for a total of \$446,450.00 be expended from the Land Acquisition Reserve. CARRIED.

(F) 2015 ANNUAL REPORT – PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Manager of the Water Treatment Facility dated February 25, 2016 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Chaboyer

510 That the report from the Province of Manitoba, Office of Drinking Water entitled “2015 Annual Compliance Audit for Brandon’s Public Water System” dated January 27, 2016 be received, and further that the 2015 City of Brandon Water Supply Annual Report be received. CARRIED.

(G) APPOINTMENTS TO PLANNING COMMISSION

City Council considered a report from the City Clerk's Office dated March 1, 2016 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Patterson

511 That the following citizen members be hereby appointed to the Planning Commission with terms of office to begin April 1, 2016 and expire March 31, 2019:

John Jack Lindsay

Corinne Robinson

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7123 TO ESTABLISH WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR 2016-2020, AND REPEAL BY-LAW NO. 6877

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Considered was a report from the City Treasurer dated February 23, 2016 with respect to the above.

Berry-Fawcett

512 That By-law No. 7123, to set water & sewer utility rates for the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, & 2020, be given no further readings. CARRIED.

NO. 7139 TO ESTABLISH WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR 2016-2018, AND REPEAL BY-LAW NO. 6877

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Fawcett-Patterson

513 That By-law No. 7139, to set water & sewer utility rates for the years 2016, 2017, & 2018 be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7138 TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1620 BRAECREST DRIVE FROM CG COMMERCIAL GENERAL ZONE TO RLD RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY MULTIPLE FAMILY ZONE

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Submitted for consideration was a report from the Planning & Building Safety Department dated February 22, 2016 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Berry

514 That By-law No. 7138, to rezone the southerly 75.3m by the easterly 97.4m of the property located at 1620 Braecrest Drive (Lot 1, Plan 1874) from Commercial General (CG) Zone to Residential Low Density Multiple Family (RLD) Zone be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Hamilton-Chaboyer

That the meeting do now adjourn (9:17 p.m.). CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK