

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,
MAY 1, 2017 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA**

PRESENT: 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

ABSENT: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Harwood-Parker
994 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, May 1, 2017 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Chaboyer-Cullen
995 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Tuesday, April 18, 2017 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) KYLA MASLANIEC & PAUL ZIESMANN, BRANDON ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE – EMERALD ASH BORER

Kyla Maslaniec, Urban Forestry Technician with Manitoba Sustainable Development and Paul Ziesmann, Charge-hand for the Parks Department appeared before City Council on behalf of the Brandon Environment Committee with respect to the Emerald Ash Borer. Ms. Maslaniec provided information on the invasive beetle that killed ash trees by disrupting the flow of nutrients in the tree while feeding under the bark.

Mr. Ziesmann noted that Brandon had over 10,200 Ash trees on boulevard and green spaces and the costs for treatment, removal and replacement of affected trees would cause economic strain on the City of Brandon. He noted that a plan was being developed to deal with the Emerald Ash Borer that included public education, monitoring of existing inventory and the creation of management plans for treatment and removal of infested trees.

Harwood-LoRegio
996 That the presentation by Kyla Maslaniec & Paul Ziesmann, on behalf of the Brandon Environmental Committee, with respect to the Emerald Ash Borer, be received. CARRIED.

(B) JOE ROBERTS - PUSH FOR CHANGE

Joe Roberts, a former homeless addict, who transformed his difficult life to become a successful businessman, and Executive Director of the Push for Change appeared before City Council.

Mr. Roberts was currently walking across Canada, pushing a shopping cart, to raise awareness and funds to prevent youth homelessness. Mr. Roberts noted that he had started the 9100 kilometer journey on May 1, 2016 in St. John's, Newfoundland. He identified three triggers: early childhood trauma, experimentation with alcohol and drugs, and family conflict as root causes for youth living on the streets. He encouraged all levels of government and businesses to invest in homelessness prevention tactics, as well as emergency services and sustainable housing for those already on the streets.

Parker-Patterson

997 That the presentation by Joe Roberts, with respect to the Push for Change, be received. CARRIED.

(C) LOIS MACDONALD, BRANDON RIVERBANK INC. – FESTIVAL PARK UPDATE

Lois MacDonald, General Manager of Brandon Riverbank Inc. appeared before City Council with respect to the first phase of the "Back to the River" master plan for the Assiniboine River Corridor. Ms. MacDonald referred specifically to the construction of Festival Park, which would include a permanent, covered stage, as well as an amphitheater with terraced seating for up to 3,000 people. She noted that Brandon Riverbank Inc. had raised approximately half of the funds necessary to complete the \$1.8Million project and was requesting a loan from the City of Brandon to accelerate the completion of the project. Ms. MacDonald advised that the plans for the project had been designed above the flood elevations in an effort to keep it safe from high water in the future.

Fawcett-Chaboyer

998 That the presentation by Lois MacDonald, on behalf of the Brandon Riverbank Inc., with respect to Festival Park, be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) PERSONNEL COMMITTEE APRIL 24, 2017

April 24, 2017
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Your PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, at its meeting held this 24th day of April, 2017, begs leave to report as follows and submits recommendations where deemed necessary and expedient:

Present: Committee Members: His Worship Mayor Rick Chrest, Chairman
Councillor Jeff Harwood
Councillor Shawn Berry
Councillor Barry Cullen

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

Regrets: None

Contract Settlement – Brandon Police Association

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the recent negotiations with the Brandon Police Association.

Ms. Poole presented a summary of the negotiations and advised that this was being presented to the Association membership on April 24th, 2017 for ratification as per the Memorandum of Settlement.

Highlights of the negotiated settlement include:

- Salary increases for sworn members:
 - o January 1, 2017 - First Class Constable salary increase by 2.5%
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 - o January 1, 2019 - First Class Constable salary increase by 2%
- Salary increases for non-sworn members:
 - o January 1, 2017 – increase of 2.0% for each rate
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 - o January 1, 2019 – increase of 2.0% for each rate
- Reduction in per diem entitlements when travelling
- Changes to shift differential language resulting in a decrease to the number of staff receiving the benefit
- New clause limiting overtime to pay only during states of local emergencies
- Adjustment of time off in lieu of overtime for 12-hour shift workers
- General clean-up of clauses and renew letters of understanding
- Three year contract set to expire December 31, 2019

It was agreed that the proposed settlement be presented to City Council for consideration and decision, inclusive of Administration’s recommendation as follows:

“That the City of Brandon enter into a three (3) year agreement with Brandon Police Association for the period January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019 as per the Memorandum of Settlement whereby wages shall be increased as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,

R. Chrest
CHAIR

Harwood-Berry

999 That the report of the Personnel Committee dated April 24, 2017 be received. CARRIED.

Harwood-Cullen

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CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(239) AVAILABLE ELECTRICAL POWER AT PRINCESS PARK

Councillor LoRegio advised that in previous years, vendors at events in Princess Park had found it necessary to bring generators to operate their equipment. He noted that these generators were loud and disturbed the spectators at events and enquired if the availability of electrical power for vendors at Princess Park had been investigated.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that an investigation had determined that there was sufficient power to run City of Brandon events held in Princess Park and there were no plans at this time to increase the amount of electrical outlets. The Acting City Manager confirmed that all vendors operating on City of Brandon property were advised that they needed to be self-sufficient when they received their annual business license.

Mr. Sage advised that the noise issue had been addressed by encouraging food vendors to move further from the stage area and the situation would be monitored over the summer months to ensure a comfortable environment for both patrons and vendors.

(240) FAILURE OF CROSSWALK LIGHTS ON RICHMOND AVENUE BETWEEN THE SHOPPERS MALL AND MACDONALDS RESTAURANT

Councillor LoRegio advised that the crosswalk lights on Richmond Avenue between the Brandon Shoppers' Mall and McDonalds Restaurant were not working and enquired if same could be repaired as soon as possible.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that these lights may have been temporarily disabled by the construction crew at the Brandon Shoppers' Mall. He confirmed that he had contacted City of Brandon electricians who would work with the contractor to have the lights operational as soon as possible.

(241) UPDATE ON PROPOSED OUTDOOR SPORTS FIELD COMPLEX AT ASSINIBOINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE (ACC) NORTH HILL CAMPUS

Councillor Berry requested an update on the status of the proposed Outdoor Sports Field Complex to be located at the ACC North Hill Campus.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that City of Brandon Administration continued to work with the Province of Manitoba and the Outdoor Sports Complex Committee on the transfer of land and funding for this project. He agreed to keep City Council apprised of the progress on this project.

(242) UPDATE ON PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT REC CENTRE

Councillor Chaboyer requested an update on the status of the proposed development at the Rec Centre.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the City of Brandon Development Services staff continued to work with the applicant (Horizon Builders) to prepare a Master Plan and hoped to have a rezoning/subdivision submission for a portion of the golf course property prepared within two months.

(243) CONDITION OF WHEAT CITY GOLF COURSE

Councillor Desjarlais requested an update on the condition of the Wheat City Golf Course.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the upper portion was open with the lower portion expected to be open by mid-May and overall, the Course was in good condition.

(244) SIGHT OBSTRUCTION BY SIGN AT TRACY STREET AND SYCAMORE AVENUE

Councillor Brown advised that a large wooden sign located at the intersection of Tracy Street and Sycamore Avenue was causing a sight obstruction and enquired if this matter could be investigated and the sign moved.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the Planning Department had been made aware of this situation and the owner of the sign would be requested to move it as soon as possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SOUTH CENTRE WARD MEETING

Councillor Patterson announced that a South Centre Ward meeting would take place on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Community Centre. She noted that agenda items included neighbourhood priorities and any other city or ward issues and encouraged residents to come out and share their concerns.

COMMUNITY TEAM-UP TO CLEAN-UP

Councillor Chaboyer invited residents to come out and join City Council in the annual Team-Up to Clean-Up event to be held Saturday, May 13, 2017 starting at 10:00 a.m. in Princess Park.

SECOND ANNIVERSARY - COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION TEAM

His Worship Mayor Chrest announced that he had been pleased to attend a "HUB" Table meeting of the Community Mobilization Team who recently celebrated their 2nd Anniversary in the City of Brandon. Mayor Chrest advised that the Team, Chaired by Mark Sefton with representatives from many community organizations along with the Brandon School Division, Child & Family Services and the Brandon Police Service, met twice weekly where they confidentially discussed ways to assist specific individuals and families in the community.

BOOK SIGNING BY FORMER WINNIPEG MAYOR SUSAN THOMPSON

His Worship Mayor Chrest announced that he had met with former City of Winnipeg Mayor Susan Thompson at the Coles Book Store in the Brandon Shoppers' Mall earlier in the day. Mayor Chrest stated that he was pleased to have Ms. Thompson sign his copy of her autobiography entitled "Her Worship: Moments in History, Moments in Time" and was looking forward to reading the book.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) FESTIVAL PARK PROJECT

City Council considered a report from the General Manager of Corporate Services dated April 12, 2017 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Parker

1001 That Administration proceed with the creation of a by-law and loan agreement, to loan Brandon Riverbank Inc. up to \$1,000,000.00 (One Million Dollars) to accelerate the completion of the Brandon Riverbank Inc. Festival Park project. CARRIED.

(B) TENDER - POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLES

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Manager of Fleet Services, dated April 20, 2017 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Berry

1002 That the bid from Kelleher Ford Sales to supply two (2) 2017 Ford Police Interceptor utility vehicles as per tender and specifications at a total cost of \$106,574.40 (net of GST) be accepted;

and further, that additional funding in the amount of \$23,000 from the Police Vehicles Reserve, be approved. CARRIED.

(C) APPOINTMENTS TO THE BRANDON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Considered was a report from the City Clerk's Office dated April 26, 2017 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Parker

1003 That the following citizens be appointed to the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation for terms of office to begin April 1, 2017 and end March 31, 2020:

Carly Gasparini
Ryan Shields CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

Nil

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

That the meeting do now adjourn (9:10 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK