

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 6TH, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA

PRESENT: Mayor D. Burgess in the Chair, Councillor V. Barletta, Councillor E. Black, Councillor M. Blight, Councillor L. Brown, Councillor M. Campbell, Councillor D. Jessiman, Councillor D. Paterson, Councillor G. Rice, Councillor B. Smale

ABSENT: Councillor R. Chrest

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

1575 **Rice-Blight**
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, March 6th, 2006 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

1576 **Brown-Blight**
That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held on Monday, February 20th, 2006 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

1577 **Blight-Barletta**
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Monday, February 20th, 2006 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

1578 **Rice-Brown**
That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held on Monday, February 27th, 2006 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) **DEBBY COOMBS – ENDORSEMENT OF WATER RIGHTS**

Debbly Coombs from KAIROS, Brandon, a local group in a national network of ecumenical justice organizations appeared before City Council to provide information on water rights and to invite City Council to proclaim March 22nd, 2006 as World Water Day.

1579 **Black-Paterson**
That the presentation by Debbie Coombs with respect to endorsing a declaration affirming that water is a basic human right be received. CARRIED.

(B) **ALF KENNEDY – FRIENDS OF WESTMAN RECYCLING COUNCIL INC.**

Alf Kennedy of Friends of Westman Recycling Council Inc. appeared before City Council seeking clarification on the recently awarded proposal with respect to recycling in Brandon. In particular, he requested that Motion No. 1537 (City Council Meeting February 20th, 2006) be rescinded, and the proposal be awarded to Westman Recycling Council Inc., thereby reinstating the 25 positions lost by awarding the proposal to an outside agency.

Smale-Barletta

1580 That the presentation by Alf Kennedy with respect to the Westman Recycling Council Inc. be received and further, that Administration forward, within two weeks, answers in response to the questions raised by Mr. Kennedy to Mr. Kennedy and all members of City Council. CARRIED.

(C) TERRY PARLOW – PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL NO. 803 – PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Terry Parlow, President of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local No. 803 appeared before City Council to present information on the proposed Public Safety Building, inclusive of an 800 name petition in favour of locating the building at 23rd Street and Victoria Avenue. He introduced Firefighter Marc Watt, formerly with the Manitoba Emergency Services College as the Hazardous Material Program Coordinator, who spoke on the dangers of locating the proposed building in the vicinity of railway tracks.

Paterson-Barletta

1581 That the presentation by Terry Parlow, President of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local No. 803 with respect to the site location for the Public Safety Building be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(A) CONDITIONAL USE – 148 – 11TH STREET (PETERS O/B/O THE YOUNG WOMEN’S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF BRANDON)

City Council sat to receive representation on the above noted matter.

Lawrence Peters appeared before City Council in support of the application and to answer any questions. He stated that the purpose of this application was to expand on the current Special Needs Housing offered on the site.

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

Barletta-Black

1582 That the Public Hearing for the conditional use application by Lawrence Peters on behalf of the Young Women’s Christian Association of Brandon for 148 – 11th Street be concluded. CARRIED.

Barletta-Black

1583 That the conditional use application by Lawrence Peters on behalf of the Young Women’s Christian Association of Brandon to allow for Special Needs Housing at 148 – 11th Street (Lots 4/7, Block 58, Plan 2 BLTO) be approved. CARRIED.

(B) VARIATION – 1330 PRINCESS AVENUE (REIMER O/B/O GRATHE LTD.)

City Council sat to receive representation on the above noted matter.

Robb Reimer appeared before City Council in support of the application and to answer any questions. He stated that the purpose of the application was to allow for the construction of two additional units to the existing building. He noted that the deficit in parking spaces for the existing building was considered as legally non-conforming, however the change in the number of units at the building now required a variation for the parking deficiency. He further noted that due to the purchase of extra property, the number of parking spaces was being increased from what currently existed, however, some still did not meet the requirements of the current by-law.

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

Barletta-Paterson

1584 That the Public Hearing for the variation application by Gordon and Robb Reimer on behalf of Grathe Ltd. for 1330 Princess Avenue be concluded. CARRIED.

Barletta-Brown

1585 That the variation application by Gordon and Robb Reimer on behalf of Grathe Ltd. to vary the minimum required parking spots from 42 spots to 28 spots at 1330 Princess Avenue (Lots 21/25, Block 47, Plan 2 BLTO), to accommodate the addition of two dwelling units to the existing 26-unit apartment building, be approved whereby such approval is hereby granted in accordance with the intent of the application dated January 23rd, 2006, the letter of intent and the attached drawing, subject to the owner or successor complying with the development agreement as attached to the report of the Brandon and Area Planning District dated February 24th, 2006. CARRIED.

(C) VARIATION – 1540 & 1550 21ST STREET (BOLES O/B/O 4120329 MANITOBA LIMITED)

It was noted that the Public Hearing for this application had been adjourned at the February 20th, 2006 meeting to be reconvened at this meeting.

City Council sat to receive representation on the above noted matter.

No one appeared either in support of or in opposition to this application.

City Council considered a letter of opposition from Ken and Susan Hutton, 24 Heron Cove, and Michael and Arceli Tagay, 26 Heron Cove.

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

Campbell-Black

1586 That the Public Hearing for the variation application by Harley Boles on behalf of 4120329 Manitoba Limited for 1540 and 1550 – 21st Street be concluded. CARRIED.

Campbell-Paterson

1587 That the variation application by Harley Boles on behalf of 4120329 Manitoba Ltd. to reduce the yard requirements for buildings or structures adjacent to the boundary of the site containing a bare land condominium plan from 7.6m (24.9') to 3.35m (11') at 1540 and 1550 – 21st Street (Lots 5/6, Plan 36689 BLTO) to allow for future development be rejected. CARRIED.

(D) 2006 FINANCIAL PLAN

Barletta-Black

1588 That Councillor R. Chrest be excused from the Public Hearing with respect to the City of Brandon's 2006 Financial Plan. CARRIED.

City Council sat to receive representation on the above noted matter.

The City Treasurer provided a power point presentation on the City of Brandon's 2006 Financial Plan.

Randy Brown, President of the Brandon Chamber of Commerce, appeared before City Council to provide the Chamber's view on the 2006 Financial Plan. He suggested targeting special interest groups to increase public involvement in the budget process. He also referred to questions laid out in correspondence to the City from the Chamber of Commerce dated December 14th, 2005 with respect to various aspects of the budget, inclusive of providing quality service to the growing community. In conclusion, he voiced concern with any proposed tax increase.

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

1589 Paterson-Smale
That the Public Hearing with respect to the City of Brandon's 2006 Financial Plan be concluded.
CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nil

ENQUIRIES:

(620) CROSSING LIGHTS WITH DIGITAL READ OUT

Councillor Paterson noted that some cities have crossing lights that display the walk signal and then a digital read out showing how much longer the light will remain green. He enquired if same could be looked into for Brandon.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

(621) BUS STOP AT CORRAL CENTRE

Councillor Paterson referred to the difficulty accessing the bus stop south of the Home Depot store at Kirkcaldy Drive due to the amounts of snow. He also noted that there is no bus shelter located in the area and enquired if a bus turn off and shelter could be situated at the southeast corner of Kirkcaldy Drive and Conservation Drive given the amount of space at the intersection.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

(622) PRIVATE WINE STORES IN WINNIPEG

Councillor Paterson reported that there were currently seven private wine stores operating in Winnipeg and he enquired if the Economic Development Officer or His Worship could enquire of the Province what its policy was for private wine stores, if it was applicable in Brandon and if not, the reason why.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

(623) LED LIGHTING AND BY-LAW TO REGULATE INDIRECT LIGHTING

Councillor Rice noted that the Province of Manitoba was assisting municipalities with the cost of changing existing lights to LED lights and he enquired if the City was involved in a change over of lights.

In conjunction with the above, he enquired if an update could be provided on the establishment of a by-law to regulate indirect lighting.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

(624) INDUCTION OF BRANDON GREYS INTO MANITOBA BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

Councillor Black enquired if an update could be provided by the Municipal Heritage Committee with respect to providing monetary assistance to Armando Vazquez and Dirk Gibbons to attend the ceremonies being held in Manitoba for induction of those two players and the Brandon Grey's Team of 1948/1951 into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

(625) CITY PARTICIPATION IN UNESCO

Councillor Black advised that information had been received from UNESCO with respect to Brandon's participation in that committee and noted that the City had to forward the name of a contact person and then follow up with a formal application. Councillor Black enquired if a request could be put out to members of Council for a volunteer to act as the contact person and to ensure the necessary application was completed.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

(626) UPDATE ON INITIATIVE REPLACING MANITOBA PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP

Councillor Black enquired if information could be provided on the Provincial initiative being designed to replace the existing Manitoba Product Stewardship Program and asked if an invitation could be extended to have someone appear as a delegation before City Council on the matter.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

(627) ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTIONS IN BRANDON

Councillor Jessiman reported that at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board of Directors Meeting held recently in Montreal, Quebec, it was noted that the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) was prepared to bring a resolution to its convention this fall to discontinue holding the AMM convention in Brandon every second year, due to the difficulties in obtaining hotel rooms. He enquired if the City could involve Brandon First to prepare a presentation in support of continuing to hold the conventions in Brandon.

His Worship the Mayor advised that a similar resolution had been introduced five or six years ago, which had been soundly defeated. He reported that part of the difficulty in obtaining hotel rooms was that some municipalities double or even triple booked rooms, however the hotel industry in Brandon was continuing to work on the situation.

In conjunction with the above, Councillor Campbell noted that she and Councillor Smale had spoken with AMM members at the AMM Convention and the consensus was that they liked coming to Brandon however the overbooking problem had to be resolved.

(628) LENGTH OF CONTRACT FOR RECYCLING SERVICES WITH INTERNATIONAL PAPER INDUSTRIES

Councillor Smale referred to the recent information session held to discuss recycling services in Brandon and enquired if an update could be provided on the length of the contract being prepared between the City of Brandon and International Paper Industries, as it had been indicated that several duration periods were being investigated.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

(629) FILL AVAILABLE FROM RED RIVER FLOODWAY

Councillor Smale referred to an announcement that free fill was available from the Red River floodway expansion and enquired if it was feasible for Brandon to acquire same.

At the request of the Chair, the General Manager of Development Services advised that obtaining the free fill would not be feasible given the transportation costs.

(630) ACCESS TO BUS STOP PADS

Councillor Campbell advised that she had received complaints with respect to poor or dangerous access to bus stop pads due to street cleaning efforts having deposited mounds of snow in front of the bus stop pads, thereby forcing riders to climb over same. She enquired if attention could be paid in this regard when snow clearing was taking place including sanding in those areas.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

(631) DERELICT HOUSE ON 224 – 21ST STREET

Councillor Blight referred to a previous enquiry with respect to a derelict house located at 224 – 21st Street and enquired if an update could be provided.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

(632) PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR CITY AND BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION BUDGETS

Councillor Blight noted that the public hearing for the City's financial plan was being held on the same night as the hearing for the Brandon School Division budget and he enquired if efforts could be made in the future to ensure these meeting were held on different evenings.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) MOTION OF SUPPORT – FUNDING APPLICATION FOR DALY HOUSE MUSEUM AT 122 – 18TH STREET

Considered was a report from the City Clerk's Office dated February 24th, 2006 with respect to the above.

Barletta-Smale

1590 That the City of Brandon make application to Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism for a grant under the Designated Heritage Building Grants Program for an amount up to \$22,073.00 for the purpose of re-shingling the roof of Daly House Museum;

and that the Council of the City of Brandon recognize the full financial implications of the subject development and acknowledge that the provincial government will not be responsible for any further assistance other than the grant applied for;

and that the Council of the City of Brandon guarantee that there are adequate funds available to complete the project and to continue to operate the facility. CARRIED.

(B) IMPROVED NOTIFICATION PROCESS FOR LAND USE APPLICATIONS

City Council considered a report from the Brandon and Area Planning District dated February 22nd, 2006 with respect to the above.

Paterson-Black

1591 That the current notification process required for applications under The Planning Act administered in accordance with the policies and application fees charged by the Brandon and Area Planning District be continued. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 6815 - TO LEND FUNDS TO THE MANITOBA SENIOR BASEBALL LEAGUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOSTING THE 2006 CANADIAN NATIONAL SENIOR "AAA" BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the February 20th, 2006 meeting of City Council.

Paterson-Jessiman

1592 That By-law No. 6815 to authorize the lending of funds to the Manitoba Senior Baseball League to host the 2006 Canadian Senior "AAA" Baseball Championships, be read a second time. CARRIED.

Paterson-Jessiman

1593 That this 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. 6815 third reading.

- FOR
- His Worship Mayor Burgess
- Councillor Barletta
- Councillor Black
- Councillor Blight
- Councillor Brown
- Councillor Campbell
- Councillor Jessiman
- Councillor Paterson
- Councillor Rice
- Councillor Smale

- AGAINST
- Nil

NO. 6818 - TO OPEN THE WESTERLY EXTENSION OF CLARE AVENUE TO 18TH STREET NORTH

Considered was a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated February 28th, 2006 with respect to the above.

Paterson-Smale

1594 That By-law No. 6818 to open the westerly extension of Claire Avenue to 18th Street North be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 6819 - BIA SPECIAL SERVICES PROPOSAL

City Council considered a report from the City Clerk dated February 13th, 2006 with respect to the above.

Barletta-Paterson

1595 That By-law No. 6819 to designate a special services area and approve Special Services Proposal No. 1-05 be read a first time. CARRIED.

Barletta-Paterson

1596 That the by-law be given no further readings. CARRIED.

NO. 6820 - TO REPEAL BIA BY-LAW NO. 5474

Submitted for consideration was a report from the City Clerk dated February 14th, 2006 with respect to the above.

Blight-Smale

1597 That that By-law No. 6820 to repeal Downtown Brandon Business Improvement Area By-law No. 5474 be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 6821 - TO NAME THE FRONTAGE ROADS ON 18TH STREET NORTH BETWEEN BRAECREST DRIVE AND THE TRANS CANADA HIGHWAY

Considered was a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated January 27th, 2006 with respect to the above.

Paterson-Brown

1598 That By-law No. 6821 to name the service roads on 18th Street North between Braecrest Drive and the Trans Canada Highway be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 6825 - TO REGULATE THE USE OF PESTICIDES IN THE CITY OF BRANDON

Considered was a report from the Director of Public Works dated March 6th, 2006 with respect to the above.

Rice-Brown

1599 That By-law No. 6825 to regulate the use of pesticides in the City of Brandon be read a first time.

NO. 6827 - TO AMEND ZONING BY-LAW NO. 6642 WITH RESPECT TO REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE CR COMMERCIAL RESTRICTED ZONE, AND TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1701 AND 1704 LORNE AVENUE FROM CR COMMERCIAL RESTRICTED ZONE TO RSF RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY ZONE

City Council considered a report from the Brandon and Area Planning District dated February 27th, 2006 with respect to the above.

Barletta-Brown

1600 That By-law No. 6827 to amend By-law No. 6642 with respect to regulations pertaining to the CR Commercial Restricted Zone and to rezone property located at 1701 Lorne Avenue (Lots 1/4, Block 51, Plan 2 BLTO) and 1704 Lorne Avenue (Lots 12/15, Block 18, Plan 2 BLTO) from CR Commercial Restricted Zone to RSF Residential Single Family Zone be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 6828 - TO AMEND ZONING BY-LAW NO. 6642 ALLOWING SECONDARY SUITES AS A PERMITTED USE IN ALL RESIDENTIAL ZONES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE RMH RESIDENTIAL MOBILE/MODULAR HOME ZONE AND AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "FAMILY"

Considered was a report from the Brandon and Area Planning District dated February 27th, 2006 with respect to the above.

Brown-Rice

1601 That By-law No. 6828 to amend By-law No. 6642 with respect to making secondary suites a permitted use in all residential zones with the exception of the RMH Residential Modular/Mobile Home Zone, and amending the definition of "family" be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

(A) WATER DECLARATION

In accordance with Rule 60 of Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillor Smale gave notice of her intent to introduce the following motion at the March 20th, 2006 meeting of City Council:

"That the Council of the City of Brandon hereby recognizes and affirms that:

- water is a sacred gift that connects all life;
- access to clean water is a basic human right;
- the value of earth's fresh water to the common good takes priority over any possible commercial value; and
- fresh water is a sacred legacy, a public trust and a collective responsibility

and further, that the following resolution be submitted under cover of a letter to be dated March 22nd, 2006 being World Water Day to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in support of its having made a similar declaration and requesting that this resolution be dealt with at its 2006 Annual Conference:

WHEREAS one in six people in the world do not have access to clean drinking water;

AND WHEREAS the United Nations Conference on Water in 1977 in Mar del Plata affirmed the rights of all persons to access clean drinking water in order to satisfy their fundamental needs;

AND WHEREAS current World Bank loans for water services in developing countries frequently require the privatization of those services or an increase in water prices, thereby jeopardizing citizens' access to safe drinking water;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace and KAIROS; Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives have asked Canadian municipalities to assist in its effort to have the Government of Canada recognize water as a common good and access to drinking water as a basic human right;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Government of Canada urge the World Bank to ensure access to clean, affordable water for the world's poor and strengthen the role of the public sector and individual communities in setting water policies and delivering and regulating water services."

(B) HOLD ON DEVELOPMENT ALONG LITTLE SASKATCHEWAN RIVER

In accordance with Rule 60 of Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillor Black gave notice of his intent to introduce the following motion at the March 20th, 2006 meeting of City Council:

"That the Minister responsible for clean water in Manitoba be requested to put a hold on developments along the Little Saskatchewan River until such time as there is a proper evaluation of the impact that feedlots, irrigation and other activities on that river have on the quality of water flowing into the Assiniboine River."

(C) COMMITTEE TO PLAN FOR COMMUNITY ARCHIVES

In accordance with Rule 60 of Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillor Black gave notice of his intent to introduce the following motion at the March 20th, 2006 meeting of City Council:

"That a committee of Council that includes the Councillors from the Municipal Heritage Committee and one other Councillor, Heather Ewasiuk, Tom Mitchell, Brandon University Archivist and such other individuals as may be identified by this group as their work progresses, be established to prepare for consideration by Council, an operational and business plan for the creation of a community archives in the City of Brandon."

(D) DISCLOSURE OF ELECTION EXPENSES

In accordance with Rule 60 of Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillor Black gave notice of his intent to introduce the following motion at the March 20th, 2006 meeting of City Council:

"That the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs be requested to establish legislation in this session of the legislature to require, effective October 2006, candidates for office in municipal elections to disclose the sources of all contributions received and expenditures made during election campaigns for municipal office;

and further, that if said legislation is not introduced, the City of Brandon request candidates to voluntarily commit at the time they register as candidates to provide said information if they are elected to Council."

(E) CONTRACT WITH INTERNATIONAL PAPER INDUSTRIES

In accordance with Rule 60 of Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillor Black gave notice of his intent to introduce the following motion at the March 20th, 2006 meeting of City Council:

“That the contract with International Paper Industries for recycling services be brought back to Council for evaluation and ratification with respect to what this change of arrangements does to the City’s C4 status, the status of outstanding mortgages and loans related to the building and activities of Westman Recycling and the re-employment prospects for those people affected by layoffs from Westman Recycling Council Inc.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PEE WEE “AA” PROVINCIAL HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Councillor Blight announced that he had been pleased to attend the Pee Wee “AA” Provincial hockey championships held last weekend in Brandon and extended his congratulations to the team from Portage la Prairie, Manitoba for winning the tournament.

WINNIPEG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Councillor Paterson announced that he had been pleased to attend the recent performance by the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. He reported that the pianist from Quebec had been tremendous and he extended his thanks to TransCanada Pipeline for sponsoring the snacks and tickets.

PROCLAMATION ON WATER RIGHTS

His Worship the Mayor referred to a delegation at this evening’s meeting and noted the requested proclamation on water rights would be read at the March 20th meeting of City Council.

MANITOBA GOOD ROADS BANQUET AND AWARDS

Councillor Jessiman announced that he had attended the Manitoba Good Roads Banquet and Awards Ceremony on Sunday, March 5th, 2006. He reported that he had been extremely pleased to present The Burgess Shield to Ms. Helene Harder of Brandon.

REPORTS FROM FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Councillor Jessiman announced that he recently attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board of Directors meeting and some of the topics of discussion at the meeting included funding for the Infraguide program and telecom antennas. He reported that he attended a land management presentation with the aboriginal community and advised that there had been no land transfers to date despite a program being implemented 10 years ago. He further noted that a report from the FCM Board of Directors meeting was available at the City Clerk’s Office and that future reports from such meetings would be transmitted via email.

PARTNER FOR YOUTH AT RISK ACTIVITIES

Councillor Jessiman referred to the \$1,000 allocation made in the City’s 2005 budget for youth at risk activities. He extended his thanks to staff in Community Services for their efforts with respect to the program offered at the East End Community Centre and announced that the United Commercial Travellers (UCT) had come on board as a partner providing an additional \$2,000 in funds. He thanked the members of the UCT for their contribution and support.

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION'S PRESIDENT'S DINNER

Councillor Smale announced that she had been pleased to attend the Provincial Exhibition's President's Dinner and was happy to support them.

WOMEN OF DISTINCTION DINNER

Councillor Smale announced that it had been her pleasure to attend the annual Women of Distinction Awards and expressed appreciation to the Brandon and Area Planning Board for changing their meeting date to accommodate her attendance at the Awards. She noted that this was a very worthwhile group to help support.

BOUNDARY EXPANSION AND PLANNING FUNCTIONS

His Worship the Mayor announced that the process involving representatives from the Rural Municipalities of Cornwallis and Elton, the City of Brandon and the Province of Manitoba for boundary expansion and the provision of planning services was going extremely well.

RIVERVIEW WARD MEETING

Councillor Black announced that he would hold a ward meeting on Tuesday, March 14th, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the East End Community Centre. Topics of discussion would include the Pesticide By-law, Public Safety Building and Budget issues. He invited all interested persons to attend.

ADJOURN:

Blight-Barletta

That the meeting do now adjourn. (11:22 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK