

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON SATURDAY,
JANUARY 16, 2016 AT 9:15 AM 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 Vanessa Hamilton, Councillor Jeff Harwood, Councillor John LoRegio, Councillor Lonnie Patterson

ABSENT: Nil

READING OF THE CALL:

At the direction of the Chair, the City Clerk read the following:

“Your Worship, notice of this meeting was provided to all members of City Council advising that a Special Meeting of City Council would be held this date to deliberate the City’s 2016 Operating and Capital Budgets”.

The City Clerk confirmed that in view of the above compliance and there being quorum, it was lawful to proceed with this Special Meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) 2016 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

415 Berry-Desjarlais
That the 2016 Operating and Capital budgets be approved;

and further, that Administration prepare the required Financial Plan in accordance with the above noted budgets. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT

416 Patterson-Chaboyer
That the main motion be amended by adding following the word: "approved". the words: "subject to:

- (1) (a) the deletion of \$60,000 as Capital budget expense from the Police Vehicle Replacement Reserve for the purchase of a patrol car for Brandon Police Service;
- (b) the deletion of \$42,000 as a Capital budget expense from the Municipal Building Maintenance Reserve representing a reduction in the allocation for the replacement of carpet in the Civic Administration Building;
- (c) the deletion of \$500,000 revenue from the Federal Government for the Sportsplex Pool and the addition of \$500,000 as revenue from the Provincial Government;
- (d) the addition of \$148,681 in revenue from the Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba Grant for recycling programs.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Chrest-Berry

417 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(2) the deletion of \$57,750 as an Operating budget expense for the appropriation to the Fire Vehicle Reserve”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Fawcett-Berry

418 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(3) the deletion of \$100,000 as an Operating budget expense in labour costs for the Fire Department”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

LoRegio-Fawcett

419 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(4) the deletion of \$140,000 as a Capital budget expense from the Parks Reserve for the development of the green space at the A.R. McDiarmid Building”. LOST.

AMENDMENT

Cullen-Desjarlais

420 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(4) the deletion of \$30,000 as a Capital budget expense from the Office Equipment Reserve for design of the commercial kitchen”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Cullen-Desjarlais

421 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(5) the deletion of \$160,000 as a 2017 Capital budget expense from the Office Equipment Reserve for the commercial kitchen.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-LoRegio

422 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(6) the deletion of \$20,000 as an Operating expense for Phase III of the Cultural Plan study from the Special Initiatives budget”. LOST.

AMENDMENT

Chaboyer-LoRegio

423 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(6) the deletion of \$50,000 as an Operating budget expense from Special Initiatives budget”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Fawcett-Cullen

424 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(7) the deletion of \$125,000 as a 2016 Capital budget expense from the Parks Reserve for the Recreation Master Plan refresh.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Patterson-Hamilton

425 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(8) the addition of \$26,000 as an Operating budget expense to the contract with the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation for the provision of an affordable housing coordinator”. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Berry-Patterson

426 That the above amending motion be amended by adding the words: “to be funded from the Affordable Housing Reserve”. CARRIED.

Councillor Desjarlais declared a potential conflict of interest in the following matter due to his employment and left the Council Chamber without any further discussion.

AMENDMENT

Patterson-Fawcett

427 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(9) the addition of \$40,000 as an Operating budget expense representing the City of Brandon's contribution to a pilot project for Housing First to supplement rent for people in crisis”. LOST.

Following the above motion being voted on, Councillor Desjarlais re-entered the Council Chamber.

AMENDMENT

Patterson-Berry

428 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(9) the addition of \$500,000 as an Operating budget expense for the funding of the Keystone Centre Capital Plan toward existing facilities, whereby \$400,000 shall be funded through the Accommodation Tax Reserve and \$100,00 from general tax revenue, conditional upon matching funds from the Province of Manitoba.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Fawcett-Chrest

429 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(10) the deletion of \$100,000 as an Operating budget expense for Brandon Police Service”.
LOST.

AMENDMENT

Chrest-Desjarlais

430 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(10) the deletion of \$43,086 as an Operating budget expense from the Brandon Police Services budget for the appropriation to the Police Vehicle Reserve”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-LoRegio

431 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(11) the deletion of \$100,000 as an Operating budget expense for the appropriation to the Equipment Replacement Reserve.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Fawcett-Desjarlais

432 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(12) the addition of \$50,000 as an Operating budget expense representing bridge funding from April 1 to December 31, 2016 for the Aboriginal Community Coordinator position”.
CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Patterson-Fawcett

433 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(13) the addition of \$85,000 as an Operating budget expense representing a grant to the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba for the Dome Building Project”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Harwood-Cullen

434 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(14) the addition of \$80,000 as an Operating budget expense representing the 2016 grant to the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc.”. CARRIED.

Councillor Hamilton declared a conflict of interest in the following matter due to her employment with Prairie Mountain Health and left the Council Chamber without any further discussion.

AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Fawcett

435 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(15) the addition of \$124,110 as an Operating budget expense for the City of Brandon's contribution to the Regional Health Centre Project”. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

LoRegio-Desjarlais

436 That the amending motion be amended by adding: "whereby the contribution shall be funded from the General Reserve". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

LoRegio-Patterson

437 That the amending motion be further amended to delete the figure: \$124,110” and substituting therefor the figure: \$372,330”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Chrest-Chaboyer

438 That the amending motion be further amended by adding: “and further, that the contribution be paid at the mid-way point of completion of the project”. CARRIED.

Following the above motions being vote on, Councillor Hamilton re-entered the Council Chamber.

AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Patterson

439 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(16) the addition of \$50,000 as an Operating budget expense to the amount of the grant to the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation (Renaissance Brandon) contingent upon matching funds from the Province of Manitoba”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Chaboyer-Cullen

440 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(17) the addition of \$500 as an Operating budget expense to the Grants Review Committee for additional funding to the Christmas Cheer Board”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Fawcett

441 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(18) the addition of \$30,000 as an Operating budget expense to the Grants Review Committee for additional funding to the Samaritan House Program”. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Patterson-Fawcett

442 That the amending motion be amended by deleting the figure: "\$30,000" and substituting therefor the figure: "\$10,000". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Hamilton

443 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(19) the addition of \$15,000 as an Operating budget expense to Heritage Administration for the heritage plaque program”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Desjarlais

444 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(20) the deletion of \$20,000 as Operating budget expense from Property Administration for survey fees”. LOST.

AMENDMENT

Chrest-Berry

445 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(20) the deletion of \$102,123 as an Operating budget expense for the debenture payment for the A.R. McDiarmid Building whereby the total amount of the debenture shall be reduced by \$1,000,000, to be funded from the Municipal Building Reserve” . CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

LoRegio-Cullen

446 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(21) the deletion of \$30,000 as a Capital budget expense from the Rec Centre Reserve for the purchase of the heavy duty Utility Vehicle”. LOST.

AMENDMENT

LoRegio-Patterson

447 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(21) the deletion of \$25,000 as a Capital budget expense from the Rec Centre Reserve for the purchase of a sprayer attachment”. LOST.

AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Fawcett

448 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(21) the deletion of \$70,000 as an Operating budget expense for the appropriation to the Disposal Site Sanitation Reserve”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

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Berry-Cullen

That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(22) the deletion of \$20,000 as an Operating budget expense for Christmas light displays”.
LOST.

AMENDMENT

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Berry-Fawcett

That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(22) the deletion of \$20,000 as an Operating expense for the appropriation to the Election Reserve”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

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Chrest-Chaboyer

That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(23) the addition of a salary vacancy allowance of \$200,000 to account for savings in salary costs due to unplanned vacancies.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

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Berry-LoRegio

That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto

“(24) the deletion of \$50,000 as an Operating budget expense for the appropriation to the Office Equipment Reserve”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

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Desjarlais-Patterson

That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(25) the addition of \$5,000 as an Operating budget expense representing financial support to the Brandon Downtown Biz.” LOST.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

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Chrest-Desjarlais

That the amending motion be amended by adding the following: “whereby funds shall be matched by the amount raised by the Brandon Downtown Biz through membership”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

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Berry-Hamilton

That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(25) the deletion of \$50,000 as an Operating budget expense for the appropriation to the Rec Centre Reserve”. LOST.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Fawcett

456 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(25) the deletion of \$63,000 as an Operating budget expense representing a reduction in the City’s overall overtime costs”. LOST.

In City Council concluding its deliberations, it was noted that the above changes in the budgets, as presented, resulted in a tax rate increase of 0.59%.

ADJOURN:

Patterson-Desjarlais

That the meeting do now adjourn (5:37 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK