

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 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 Barry Cullen, Councillor Kris Desjarlais, Councillor Jeff Fawcett, Councillor Vanessa Hamilton, Councillor Jeff Harwood, Councillor John LoRegio, Councillor Lonnie Patterson

**ABSENT:** Nil

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Harwood-Desjarlais

474 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, February 1, 2016 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Berry-Fawcett

475 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Saturday, January 16, 2016 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Hamilton-Chaboyer

476 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, January 18, 2016 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

**HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:**

(A) NICKOLAS AVLONITIS, CITIZEN MEMBER - WATER & PUBLIC SERVICES

Nickolas Avlonitis appeared before City Council with respect to a number of concerns regarding pot holes, damage to boulevards and curbs from snow clearing, back lane maintenance, water utility billing, and Brandon Transit benches around the 1200 block of Lorne Avenue. Mr. Avlonitis' concerns were taken under advisement and referred to Administration by City Council for further investigation and response.

Harwood-Chrest

477 That the presentation by Nickolas Avlonitis with respect to the watery utility billing, snow clearing, as well as road and transit maintenance be received. CARRIED.

(B) WESTERN MANITOBA SENIORS NON PROFIT HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE LTD. - DEVELOPMENT OF 2105 BRANDON AVE

Marie Hamilton and Harvey Douglas, representatives of the Seniors Non-Profit Housing Co-operative Ltd., appeared before City Council with respect to the success of 620 McDiarmid Place and their future plans for 2105 Brandon Avenue. Mrs. Hamilton, President of the Seniors Non-Profit Housing Co-operative Ltd., provided a review of 620 McDiarmid Senior Housing Co-op project that provided affordable housing for 44 occupants in 34 residential suites and highlighted the many partners involved in making the project a reality. Mr. Douglas, Treasurer of the Seniors Non-Profit Housing Co-operative Ltd., provided details on the proposed housing development at 2105 Brandon Avenue which would include 48 suites with affordable rents, and 12 suites at market rates. Mr. Douglas thanked City Council for its past support and look forward to working in partnership on the 2105 Brandon Avenue housing development.

Patterson-LoRegio

478 That the presentation by Marie Hamilton and Harvey Douglas with respect to the development of a seniors co-op housing at the property located at 2105 Brandon Avenue be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nil

ENQUIRIES:

(152) UPDATE ON OVERHEAD SIGNAGE AT INTERSECTION OF 10TH STREET AND PARK AVENUE

Councillor Patterson referred to her previous enquiry regarding overhead signage at the intersection of 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Park Avenue and advised that same would be included in the tender package for signage at 13th Street and Park Avenue. She noted however that temporary signage had been installed in the meantime and thanked Administration for the prompt action taken to improve the safety of the intersection.

(153) CITY INITIATIVES FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Councillor Patterson noted the importance of ensuring citizen input was included in decision making and enquired as to some initiatives the City had undertaken to increase opportunities for citizens to engage in public meetings.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the City of Brandon traditionally held Ward meetings and special information sessions to allow for public engagement on items such as the budget and the 8th Street Bridge. Additionally, he noted that postings on social media via Twitter and Facebook had increased and the capacity to live stream events to a YouTube Channel had been added. The City Manager stated that City Council Meetings were broadcasted on WCG TV and streamed online, and that members of the public who wished to speak at a City Council meeting could do so through a registered delegation, or appearing under Community Question Period.

(154) LEVEL OF DIKE PROTECTION ON ASSINIBOINE RIVER

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Councillor Chaboyer referred to a recent media report released through the Provincial Government that stated the Assiniboine River dikes needed to be raised another 2.6 feet to protect against a "one-in-300-year flood". Councillor Chaboyer enquired if based on extensive work already done in Brandon, whether it was necessary to comply with the report as well as any timelines and proposed resources to do so.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager clarified that although recommendations were for flood levels of 1:300 years, the current height of the dikes provided a level of protection for a 1:140 year flood and were at an elevation 2 feet higher than water levels experienced in 2011 and 2014. He noted that the analysis for typical flood protection was being revised to account for severe weather patterns experienced and further, the report also suggested many other flood mitigating measures that could positively impact Brandon such as changes to the Shellmouth Reservoir. The City Manager stated that Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation agreed that Brandon continued to be well protected by the existing dike system.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LOUIS RIEL DAY CELEBRATIONS

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Councillor Desjarlais announced that Louis Riel Day celebrations to be hosted by the Grand Valley Metis Local would be held on Monday, February 15, 2016 at the East End Community Centre. He noted that the festivities would include food, games and entertainment beginning around 12:30 p.m.

"ONLY YES MEANS YES" WEEK

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Councillor Patterson announced that February 8-14, 2016 had been proclaimed "Only Yes Means Yes" Week as part of the work of a Brandon University committee regarding the importance of consent in terms of sexual & reproductive health and awareness. She invited the public to attend any number of events to be held, which were listed on the Brandon University website.

WINTER FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS

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Councillor LoRegio thanked all the volunteers and organizers involved with the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Festival which took place over the weekend.

DAKOTA NATION WINTER FESTIVAL

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His Worship Mayor Chrest recognized the Dakota Nation Winter Festival, hosted by Sioux Valley Dakota Nation held at the Keystone Centre over the past weekend as well.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) AFFORDABLE HOUSING GRANT – 2105 BRANDON AVENUE

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Considered was a report from the Director of Economic Development dated January 19, 2016 with respect to the above.

LoRegio-Desjarlais

479 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. NOT VOTED ON.

LoRegio-Hamilton

480 That consideration of an affordable housing grant to Western Manitoba Seniors Non-profit Housing Cooperative Ltd. for the construction of 48 units of affordable seniors housing at 2105 Brandon Avenue be deferred to the March 7, 2016 meeting of City Council. CARRIED.

(B) 2015 ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES UPDATE

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City Council considered a report and power point presentation from the Environmental Initiatives Coordinator dated January 14, 2016 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Chaboyer

481 That the report of the Environmental Initiatives Section dated January 14, 2016, providing an update on environmental initiatives being addressed in Brandon be received. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7127 TO AMEND ANIMAL CONTROL BY-LAW NO. 5900 – KEEPING OF PIGEONS

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It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the September 8, 2015 meeting of City Council.

Patterson-Hamilton

482 That By-law No. 7127 to amend the Animal Control By-law No. 5900, with respect to the keeping of pigeons, be read a second time. CARRIED.

483 Patterson-Hamilton  
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. 7127 third reading.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mayor Rick Chrest	Nil
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	

NO. 7128 TO AMEND LICENSING BY-LAW NO. 6009 – HOME BASED BUSINESSES

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It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the September 8, 2015 meeting of City Council.

484 LoRegio-Desjarlais  
That By-law No. 7128 to amend the Licensing By-law No. 6009 with respect to home-based businesses, be read a second time. CARRIED.

485 LoRegio-Chaboyer  
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. 7128 third reading.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Mayor Rick Chrest	Nil
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	

NO. 7131

TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 6979 – TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE AND BORROWING OF FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINALIZING THE CONVERSION OF THE INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY TO A COMBINED WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

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It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the October 19, 2015 meeting of City Council and was held in abeyance pending approval from The Municipal Board.

Berry-Chaboyer

486 That By-law No. 7131, to amend By-law No. 6979 to provide for the to provide for the expenditure and borrowing of \$10,000,000.00 for the purpose of finalizing the conversion of the Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility to a Combined Wastewater Treatment Facility be amended by:

(a) deleting in the preamble, the words: “the Central” and substituting therefor the words: “a combined”, and deleting the words: “hereinafter called the “central WWTF Project” in their entirety;

(b) adding as the fourth WHEREAS clause the words:

“AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary and expedient to amend said By-law No., 6979 to provide for a decrease in the term of the approved borrowing from 20 years to 16 years”;

(c) deleting in the fifth WHEREAS clause the words: “issue a debenture to” and substituting therefor the words: “borrow from”, and deleting the word: “debenture” and substituting therefor the word: “borrowing”;

(d) adding the following as Clause 1:

“(1) THAT By-law No. 6979 of the City of Brandon BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY AMENDED to provide for a decrease in the term of the approved borrowing from 20 to 16 years”;

and renumbering the existing Clauses 1, 2 and 3 and Clauses 2, 3, and 4 respectively;

(e) adding in Clause 2, the word: “FURTHER” immediately following the word: “HEREBY”;  
and

(f) deleting in Clause 3 the words: “all financial assistance provided” and substituting therefor the words: “works completed”. CARRIED.

Berry-Harwood

487 That the by-law, as amended, be read a second time. CARRIED.

Berry-Harwood

488 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. 7131 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 Vanessa Hamilton  
Councillor Jeff Harwood  
Councillor John LoRegio  
Councillor Lonnie Patterson

AGAINST

Nil

NO. 7134

TO REZONE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6701 & 8055 RICHMOND AVENUE EAST FROM DR DEVELOPMENT RESERVE ZONE TO IH INDUSTRIAL HEAVY ZONE

Submitted for consideration was a report from Planning and Building Safety dated January 19, 2016.

Harwood-Chaboyer

489 That By-law No. 7134 to rezone property located at 6701 and 8055 Richmond Avenue East (Pt. SW¼ 15-10-18 WPM and Pt. SE¼ 15-10-18 WPM) from DR Development Reserve Zone to IH Industrial Heavy Zone be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7135

TO REZONE 231 ROSSER AVENUE EAST FROM MR INDUSTRIAL RESTRICTED ZONE TO RLD RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY MULTIPLE FAMILY ZONE

Considered was a report from Planning and Building Safety dated February 1, 2016 with respect to the above.

Hamilton-Berry

490 That By-law No. 7135 to rezone property located at 231 Rosser Avenue (Wly 19.5 ft of Lot 2 and Ely 12.5 ft of Lot 3, Block 37, Plan 4) from MR Industrial Restricted Zone to RLD Residential Low Density Multiple Family Zone be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7137

TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 6814 – EXTENSION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES IN THE RENAISSANCE DISTRICT

City Council considered a report from Councillor Desjarlais dated January 28, 2016 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Patterson

491 That By-law No. 7137, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 6814, for the purpose of extending the time period for eligibility of the financial assistance program in the Renaissance District, be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

That the meeting do now adjourn. (8:40 p.m.) CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK