

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025
AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON,
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PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Fawcett In The Chair, Councillor Shawn Berry, Councillor Barry Cullen, Councillor Kris Desjarlais, Councillor Greg Hildebrand, Councillor Heather Karrouze, Councillor Bruce Luebke, Councillor Glen Parker, Councillor Jason Splett, Councillor Tyson Tame

ABSENT: Councillor Shaun Cameron

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Cullen-Splett
1354 That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, May 05, 2025 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Tame-Splett
1355 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Monday, April 22, 2025 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Splett-Tame
1356 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, April 22, 2025 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

Nil

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) OUR JOURNEY STEERING COMMITTEE

Raven Willoughby, Diedre Gregory, Eileen Moody, and Kris Desjarlais appeared before City Council with respect to the Our Journey celebration of Indigenous student success. They provided a presentation on the Our Journey celebration, noting this is their 5th year hosting this event which is taking place at the Riverbank Discovery Centre on May 23, 2025. Ms. Raven noted this collaborative event between Brandon School Division, Assiniboine College, and Brandon University in celebrating Indigenous student success at all levels of education. They concluded by encouraging the public to attend and thanked the City and community partners for their support.

Tame-Karrouze
1357 That the presentation by the Our Journey steering committee with respect to creating awareness of community-wide celebration of Indigenous student success be received. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) SALAMANDER SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL - COMMUNITY EVENT DESIGNATION

Jenn Watson appeared before City Council with respect to the Salamander Summer Music Festival. She provided an overview on the history of the Salamander Music Festival and stated the importance of hosting an accessible and local music festival which benefits performers, vendors, and spectators. Ms. Watson noted the Salamander Festival will be held from July 18-20, 2025 at Rideau Park, and inquired about attaining a full-site liquor license for this year's event.

Parker-Karrouze

1358 That the presentation by Jenn Watson with respect to the Salamander Music Festival be received;

And further, that the 2025 Salamander Music Festival to be held July 18-20, 2025 at Rideau Park be designated a Community Event in the City of Brandon. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nil

ENQUIRIES:

(217) WORKERS COMPENSATION PREMIUMS REBATE

Councillor Parker enquired if the City of Brandon was in line to receive a rebate on their Workers Compensation Board Premiums.

At the request of his Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that based on the Workers Compensation Board (WCB) announcement of a surplus distribution in May, the City of Brandon has met its reporting requirements and is in a position to receive a credit for a portion of the premiums paid in 2024. This year's credit will mark the 4th time the City has received a WCB premium return in the last 5 years. Administration will report to the Audit & Finance Committee once the City receives official notification of its credit from WCB and provide potential options for utilizing the surplus funds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MOOSEHIDE CAMPAIGN

Councillor Desjarlais announced the Moosehide Campaign to be held May 15, 2025 from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM at Princess Park. He stated the event is to focus on men's role in

stopping violence against women and children, and will include a community walk and barbecue.

SEAL RIVER CROSSING

Mayor Fawcett announced that Seal River Crossing will be doing their official grand opening in the fall of 2025. He also took a moment to thank a few early sponsors of the project.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) CITY MANAGER APPOINTMENT

Desjarlais-Parker

1359 That in accordance with Section 125 of The Municipal Act, Dave Wardrop be hereby appointed as the City Manager for the City of Brandon effective March 17, 2025. CARRIED.

(B) APPOINTMENT - SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF REVISION

Considered was a report from the Legislative Services Department dated April 4, 2025, with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Splett

1360 That Amber Chapil be appointed as Secretary to the Board of Revision of the City of Brandon pursuant to S.35(5) of the Municipal Assessment Act. CARRIED.

(C) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BRANDON UPDATE

City Council considered a report from the Economic Development Department dated April 22, 2025 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Hildebrand

1361 That the report from Economic Development Brandon be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7426 TO AMEND WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES BY-LAW NO. 7342
2ND & 3RD READINGS

City Council considered a report from the Finance Department dated April 30, 2025 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Luebke

1362 That By-law No. 7426 to amend the Water and Wastewater Rates By-law No. 7342 be read a second time. CARRIED.

Desjarlais-Luebke

1363 That the by-law be read a third time. CARRIED.

In accordance with Section 137 of The Municipal Act, a recorded vote was taken on the motion to give By-law No. 7426 third reading.

FOR

AGAINST

Mayor Jeff Fawcett
Councillor Shawn Berry
Councillor Barry Cullen
Councillor Kris Desjarlais
Councillor Greg Hildebrand
Councillor Heather Karrouze
Councillor Bruce Luebke
Councillor Glen Parker
Councillor Jason Splett
Councillor Tyson Tame

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Luebke

That the meeting do now adjourn. (8:13 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK