

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA

PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Fawcett In The Chair, Councillor Shawn Berry, Councillor Shaun Cameron, Councillor Barry Cullen, Councillor Kris Desjarlais, Councillor Greg Hildebrand, Councillor Bruce Luebke, Councillor Glen Parker, Councillor Jason Splett, Councillor Tyson Tame

ABSENT: Councillor Heather Karrouze

It was noted that in accordance with Section 109 of Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillor Cullen participated in the meeting electronically, using Microsoft TEAMS.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Cullen-Splett
1722 That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, March 16, 2026 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

RECOGNITIONS:

(A) BRANDON REPRESENTATION AT 2026 BRIER

Councillor Luebke recognized local participants in the recent 2026 Brier held in Newfoundland, including Sheldon Wettig, who was awarded the Ross Harstone Sportsmanship Award, and President of the Brandon Curling Club, Geordie Hargreaves.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Tame-Splett
1723 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, March 2, 2026 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS & FEEDBACK:

(A) BY-LAW NO. 7441 - DOUG WHEATLAND

Brandon resident Doug Wheatland presented feedback on behalf of residents of the four-plex at 1443 7th Street to Council regarding a proposed six-unit condominium at 1445 8th Street. Doug noted concerns with sanitation, refuse collection, additional traffic in a narrow lane, snow removal within the narrow lanes, and concerns of further restricted access. Doug requested Council carefully consider the proposed development.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

Nil

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) BRANDON POLICE BOARD VERBAL MARCH 16, 2026

Councillor Splett provided a verbal report on behalf of himself, Mayor Fawcett, and Councillor Shawn Berry from the recent meeting of the Brandon Police Board held on March 6, 2026. Councillor Splett reported that the December minutes had been approved, and Chief Tyler Bates had provided a report to the Brandon Police Board. Councillor Splett further noted that the report provided an update on the Provincial Drug Task force initiative, the Downtown Safety Strategy Implementation, the Digital Evidence Management System, the Police fleet upgrades, implementation of body-worn cameras, financial summary of the Brandon Police, and service call statistics.

(B) BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES VERBAL MARCH 16, 2026

Councillor Splett provided a verbal report on behalf of himself, Councillor Karrouze, and Councillor Cameron regarding the recent meeting of the Brandon General Museum and Archives held on March 3, 2026. He noted that the main topics discussed included staff reports and a summary of tours and activities during the month of February. Councillor Splett noted that the Brandon General Museum and Archives hosted the Brandon Scouts for a tour of the museum. Councillor Splett provided an update of the upcoming events from the meeting for the Brandon General Museum and Archives, including Story Time at the Western Manitoba Regional Library on March 7, the Westman Gaming Expo on March 12, and the Pub Crawl dates for April 23, May 14, and June 25. Councillor Splett reported that the Financial Reports and 2026 budget for the Brandon General Museum and Archives were also reviewed.

Splett-Parker

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That the verbal reports from the Brandon Police Board and Brandon General Museum & Archives be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(305) POTHOLE COLD MIX

Councillor Berry requested an update on the City's supply of cold mix pothole filler, and what residents can do to report potholes.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager advised that the City began filling potholes on March 4, and will continue as needed on a daily basis. He noted that citizens can report pothole locations by going online to brandon.ca/home-property-environment/report-an-issue, or leave a message on the 24-hour report line at 204-729-2200.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, General Manager of Operations Todd Burton advised that the City is in regular communications with the Manitoba Transport and Infrastructure regarding provincial highways within the City.

(306) SIDEWALK CLEARING BY-LAW NOTICES AND TICKETS

Councillor Splett requested an update on the number of written warnings and tickets given out by By-law enforcement officers in 2025 and 2026 for sidewalk snow clearing By-law No. 7282.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager advised that during the winter 2025/26 season, By-law officers had issued 305 By-law violation notices for failing to clear snow from sidewalks.

(307) CORNER OF MARQUIS AND DURUM DRIVE

Councillor Berry enquired about the state of the crosswalk at the corner of Marquis Crescent and Durum Drive.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that this matter would be taken under advisement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ROYAL MANITOBA WINTER FAIR

His Worship the Mayor announced that the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair would take place from March 30 to April 4, 2026 at the Keystone Centre. He encouraged everyone to come out and enjoy this fun-filled family event.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) COUNCIL COMPENSATION REVIEW

Considered was a report from the Legislative Services department dated March 6, 2026, with respect to the above.

Parker-Luebke

1725 That the presentation and Council Compensation Review report conducted by administration to provide an analysis and recommendations on compensation, other remuneration and council structure be received;

And further that the report be forwarded to a Special Meeting for further review. CARRIED.

(B) SUBDIVISION - 2940 VICTORIA AVENUE

Submitted for consideration was a report from Planning & Buildings department dated March 5, 2026 with respect to the above.

Cameron-Parker

1726 That the application to subdivide (4500-25-752) 2940 Victoria Avenue (Lot 2, Plan 41029 BLTO) to create three (3) bare land condominium lots and a common element in the CAR Commercial Arterial Zone be approved, subject to owner or successor:

Entering into a development agreement with the City of Brandon, to be registered in series with this subdivision, with condition as set out in "Attachment C" of this report; and

Submitting a written confirmation to the City of Brandon Planning & Buildings Department that arrangements have been made for addressing of the proposed lots to the satisfaction of the City of Brandon Real Estate Administration. CARRIED.

(C) ACCESSIBLE CUSTOMER SERVICE POLICY

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Human Resources Department, dated March 6, 2026 with respect to the above.

Splett-Desjarlais

1727 That the report regarding compliance with the Accessible Customer Service Standard under the Accessibility for Manitobans Act (AMA) be received; and

The Accessibility Customer Service Policy and continued enhancement of accessibility practices across municipal services to ensure compliance with provincial legislation and equitable service delivery for residents be approved. CARRIED.

(D) 2026 CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF REVISION

Splett-Desjarlais

1728 That Colleen Anderson be appointed Chair of the Board of Revision until the ending of their term of office December 31, 2026. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7441 TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1445-8TH STREET
2ND & 3RD READINGS

Submitted for consideration were reports from the Planning Commission dated March 4, 2026, as well as the Planning & Buildings Department dated February 26, 2026, with respect to the above.

Luebke-Desjarlais

1729 That the Planning Commission Public Hearing Report be received. CARRIED.

Luebke-Desjarlais

1730 That By-law No. 7441 to rezone 1445 - 8th Street (Lots 27-28 and S 1/2 Lot 26, Block 2, Plan 7 BLTO) from RLD Residential Low Density to RMD Residential Moderate Density be read a second time. CARRIED.

Luebke-Desjarlais

1731 That the By-law be read a third and final time. CARRIED.

FOR: Mayor Jeff Fawcett, Councillor Shawn Berry, Councillor Shaun Cameron, Councillor Barry Cullen, Councillor Kris Desjarlais, Councillor Greg Hildebrand, Councillor Bruce Luebke, Councillor Glen Parker, Councillor Jason Splett, Councillor Tyson Tame

AGAINST: Nil

NO. 7442 AMEND BY-LAW NO. 7331 FOR SOUTHEAST DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS
2ND & 3RD READINGS

Tame-Splett

1732 That By-law No. 7442, being a By-law to amend By-law No. 7331 to provide for the borrowing and expenditure of funds for the purpose of constructing new stormwater infrastructure in the southeast area of Brandon, be read a second time. CARRIED.

Tame-Splett

1733 That By-law No. 7442 be read a third and final time. CARRIED.

FOR: Mayor Jeff Fawcett, Councillor Shawn Berry, Councillor Shaun Cameron, Councillor Barry Cullen, Councillor Kris Desjarlais, Councillor Greg Hildebrand, Councillor Bruce Luebke, Councillor Glen Parker, Councillor Jason Splett, Councillor Tyson Tame

AGAINST: Nil

NO. 7445 TO CLOSE A PORTION OF 11TH STREET E LYING SOUTH OF MCTAVISH AVENUE EAST
1ST READING

Considered was a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated March 6, 2026, with respect to the above.

Parker-Splett

1734 That By-law No. 7445 to close and convey the portion of 11th Street East lying south of McTavish Avenue East between Block 10 & 11 Plan 10 BLTO, be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7446 TO CLOSE A PORTION OF MCTAVISH AVENUE LYING SOUTH OF VICTORIA AVENUE
BETWEEN 10TH STREET AND 11TH STREET
1ST READING

City Council considered a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated March 6, 2026, with respect to the above.

Luebke-Desjarlais

1735 That By-law No. 7446 to close and convey the portion of McTavish Avenue lying south of Victoria Avenue between 10th and 11th Street Plan 1751 BLTO, be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7448 TO BORROW FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESIGNING AND CONSTRUCTING AN OUTDOOR
AQUATICS FACILITY
1ST READING

Luebke-Tame

1736 That By-law No. 7448 to provide for the borrowing and expenditure of funds for the purposes of designing and constructing an outdoor aquatics facility be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

(A) BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES BY-LAW REVIEW

Councillor Splett gave notice on behalf of himself, Councillor Karrouze, and Councillor Cameron that they would be reviewing the Brandon General Museum and Archives By-law to allow for the sale of memberships.

ADJOURN:

Berry-Luebke

That the meeting do now adjourn. (8:31 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK