

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,
JULY 7, 2025 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 Heather Karrouze, Councillor Bruce Luebke, Councillor Glen Parker, Councillor Jason Splett, Councillor Tyson Tame

ABSENT: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Parker-Cullen
1419 That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, July 7, 2025 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

RECOGNITIONS:

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Splett-Karrouze
1420 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Monday, June 23, 2025 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Cameron-Splett
1421 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, June 23, 2025 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS & FEEDBACK:

Nil

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) AMANDA DUPUIS, EMMY SANDERSON & LUCIE LEDERHENDLER - UPDATE
DOWNTOWN OUTDOOR ART INSTALLATION PROJECT

Amanda Dupuis, Housing and Wellness Programmer, Emmy Sanderson, Executive Director of the Downtown Biz and Lucie Lederhendler, Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba, appeared before City Council with respect to an update on the downtown outdoor art installation project. Mrs. Dupuis introduced a new grant for art installations in the Brandon Downtown area, with the intention of having four to six new art projects created per year. They announced that the program will be starting in August and notified citizens there will be a call for volunteers in the coming weeks.

Desjarlais-Tame
1422 That the presentation by Amanda Dupuis, Housing and Wellness Programmer, Emmy Sanderson, Executive Director of the Downtown Biz and Lucie Lederhendler, Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba with respect to an update on the downtown outdoor art installation project be received. CARRIED.

(B) LANNY STEWART - BRANDON TOURISM

Lanny Stewart appeared before City Council to create awareness and provide an update on Brandon Tourism accomplishments and goals. He highlighted the federal government’s Ag Corridor project, designed to promote understanding of food processing, and noted

Brandon’s efforts to become a gateway city for the initiative. A financial report with further details will be released in the fall.

Luebke-Hildebrand

1423 That the presentation by Lanny Stewart with respect to Brandon Tourism be received.
CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) MANITOBA HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE WRITTEN JUNE 17, 2025

Councillor Cameron provided a verbal report for the Brandon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held on June 11, 2025. He advised that a presentation had been received from Brandon University student Dennis Hurley regarding the proposed designation of the Chinese Head Tax Monument as a National Historic Site, and invited Mr. Hurley to speak at the podium. He noted that the monument, located in the Brandon Cemetery and unveiled in 2011, is the only known site of its kind outside Canada’s major urban centers. He emphasized that the designation would reflect Brandon’s commitment to inclusive history, enhance the city’s cultural profile, and carry minimal financial impact. Councillor Cameron concluded by noting that the committee unanimously recommended Council support the nomination.

Cameron-Desjarlais

1424 That the report from the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee be received.

And Further, that City Council support the nomination of the Chinese Head Tax Monument located in Brandon Cemetery as a National Historic Site. CARRIED.

(B) KEYSTONE CENTRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS VERBAL JULY 7, 2025

Councillor Luebke provided a verbal report from the recent meeting of the Keystone Centre Board of Directors held on June 12, 2025. He noted the approval of the 2025–2026 operating budget, which includes a projected net income of \$215,750 and over \$3.3 million in capital spending. He highlighted increased revenue and expenses compared to the previous year, supported by higher operating grants from the City and Province. He also outlined planned capital investments in HVAC, roofing, lighting, sound systems, and arena improvements. An update on the 2024–2025 financials was also received, with a third-quarter projection showing a reduced net loss of \$(359,257), which is approximately \$250,000 better than budgeted.

(C) BRANDON URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' COUNCIL VERBAL JULY 7, 2025

Councillor Luebke provided a verbal report from the recent meeting of the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council held on June 18, 2025. He noted that the Truth and Reconciliation Week 2025 has had positive outcomes in terms of generating funds through sponsorships. He also announced that Truth and Reconciliation Week 2024 was recognized

as Event of the Year at the Tribute Tourism Westman Awards. Councillor Luebke concluded by noting changes to the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair within the council.

(D) AGE FRIENDLY VERBAL JULY 7, 2025

Councillor Hildebrand provided a verbal report from the Age Friendly Committee held on June 24, 2025. He noted recent changes to the board, provided an update on the trishaw bicycle project for the Riverbank Discovery Centre, and highlighted the ongoing success of the committee's newsletter. He announced Brandon's first Seniors' Days event, a free two-day gathering focused on education, celebration, and recreation, to be held at the Riverbank Discovery Centre on August 8-9, 2025. Councillor Hildebrand concluded by encouraging the public to visit [Brandon.ca/agefriendly](https://brandon.ca/agefriendly) for more information.

Luebke-Cameron

1425 That the verbal reports from the Keystone Board of Directors, Brandon Urban Aboriginal
Peoples' Council, and Age Friendly Committee be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(238) UPDATE ON GOPHER CONTROL

Councillor Berry requested a progress update from the June 23, 2025 City Council meeting regarding efforts to mitigate the infestation of gophers within greenspaces in the City of Brandon.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that recent school events have limited the effectiveness of extermination efforts. With schools now out for the summer and additional staff in place, the contractor expects to implement a more consistent approach. City Manager Wardrop concluded by advising that gopher control concerns can be reported through Brandon.ca.

(239) UPDATE ON MOSQUITO MONITORING

Councillor Hildebrand requested a progress update from the June 23, 2025 City Council meeting regarding the process for monitoring the mosquito population and supplies for spraying the city.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that trap counts have been low this season. He noted that while sufficient product is available to complete two full foggings of the city, no replacement product has been identified by Health Canada or the Province of Manitoba.

(240) KINSMEN PARK OUTDOOR POOL UPDATE

Councillor Luebke enquired if an update on the status of the outdoor Kinsmen Park pool could be provided.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the mid-June opening of the Kinsmen Outdoor Pool has been postponed due to recently discovered equipment damage. He advised that a timeline for reopening is not yet available.

(241) PACIFIC AVENUE MULTI-USE PATHWAY - UPDATE

Councillor Luebke enquired if an update on the design and construction timeline for the Pacifica Avenue Multi-use pathway planned for this year could be provided.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that construction of the pathway must align with future street work. He advised that administration is

recommending the project be deferred until completion of the preliminary design for the street, underground services, and active transportation network.

(242) DOG PARK VICTORIA AVENUE EAST

Councillor Parker enquired if an update on the maintenance and upkeep of the Victoria Avenue East Dog Park could be provided.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that this matter would be taken under advisement, and a response will be issued in the near term.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) CITIZEN APPOINTMENT TO THE AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE

Council considered a report from the Legislative Services Department dated June 26, 2025 with respect to the above.

1426 Karrouze-Hildebrand

That the following citizen appointment be hereby made to the Age Friendly Committee for the interim term of office to begin effective immediately and expire on December 31, 2026:

Nancy McPherson. CARRIED.

It was noted Councillor Tame left the meeting after this item was discussed.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7364 TO BORROW FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPGRADING AND EXPANDING THE CITY'S WATER TREATMENT FACILITY
2ND & 3RD READINGS

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Finance dated July 2, 2025 with respect to the above.

1427 Luebke-Cullen

That By-law No. 7364 to provide for the borrowing and expenditure of funds for the purposes of upgrading and expanding the City's Water Treatment Facility be read a second time. CARRIED.

1428 Luebke-Cullen

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. 7364 third reading.

FOR

AGAINST

Councillor Shawn Berry
Councillor Shaun Cameron
Councillor Barry Cullen
Councillor Kris Desjarlais
Mayor Jeff Fawcett
Councillor Greg Hildebrand

Councillor Heather Karrouze
Councillor Bruce Luebke
Councillor Glen Parker
Councillor Jason Splett

NO. 7411

TO BORROW FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING AND RETROFITTING A POLICE
OPERATIONS CENTRE
2ND & 3RD READINGS

City Council considered a report from the Director of Finance dated July 2, 2025 with respect to the above.

1429 Berry-Cullen
That By-law No. 7411 to provide for the borrowing and expenditure of funds for the purposes of purchasing and retrofitting a building for the purpose of a police operations centre be read a second time. CARRIED.

1430 Berry-Cullen
That the by-law be read for 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. 7411 third reading.

FOR

AGAINST

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

GIVING OF NOTICE:

(A) DESJARLAIS - ADVOCATE MANITOBA HYDRO ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES

In accordance with Rule 60 of Procedure By-law No. 6334, Councillor Desjarlais gave notice of his intent to introduce a motion with respect to Manitoba Hydro alternative energy sources.

(B) HILDEBRAND - ACCESS FISCAL CONTINGENCY FUNDS FOR PLAYGROUNDS

In accordance with Rule 60 of Procedure By-law No. 6334, Councillor Hildebrand gave notice of his intent to introduce a motion with respect to accessing the Fiscal Contingency Fund for outdoor park playgrounds.

ADJOURN:

Berry-Luebke
That the meeting do now adjourn. (7:55 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK