

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON SATURDAY,
JANUARY 25, 2025 AT 8:30 AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 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

READING OF THE CALL:

At the direction of the Chair, the City Clerk advised that notice of this meeting had been 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 2025 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) 2025 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

1198 Hildebrand-Cullen
That the 2025 Operating and Capital budget be approved;

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

AMENDMENT

1199 Berry-Parker
That the main motion be further amended by adding after the word "approved" the words: "subject to:

(1) (a) the addition of \$15,565 as an operating expenditure to Sportsplex Consulting for Sponsorship Identification/Valuation;

(b) the reduction of \$20,000 as an operating expenditure to City Manager Contracts;

(c) the addition of \$10,000 as an operating expenditure to Ambulance Special Overtime Payments;

(d) the reduction of \$26,525 as an operating expenditure to Fire Special Overtime Payments;

(e) the reduction of \$250,000 as an operating expenditure to Outdoor Sports Field Complex Contracts;

(f) the addition of \$27,263 as an operating expenditure for 2024 Server Purchase to be funded from the 2024 Surplus;

(g) the addition of \$41,352 as an operating expenditure for Foreign Direct Investing Contract and \$37,668 as an operating revenue for the associated grant;

- (h) the addition of \$13,000 as an operating expenditure to Human Resources Contracts and reduction of \$13,000 as an operating expenditure from Health and Safety Contracts;
- (i) the addition of \$30,000 as a capital expenditure for the rebudget of Fire Hall #1 Fire Alarm Panel Replacement, to be funded from the Municipal Building Maintenance Reserve;
- (j) the addition of \$44,800 as a capital expenditure for the rebudget of Sportsplex Chlorine Room Ventilation Upgrade, to be funded from the Sportsplex Reserve;
- (k) the addition of \$59,600 as a capital expenditure for the rebudget of Upfitting of Police Cruisers P103, P111 & P112, to be funded from the Police Vehicles Reserve;
- (l) the addition of \$90,000 as a capital expenditure for the rebudget of Airside Pavement Rehabilitation, to be funded by federal grant;
- (m) the addition of \$52,603 as a capital expenditure for the rebudget of Police Recruitment Vehicle, to be funded from the 2024 Surplus through the Police Equipment Reserve;
- (n) the addition of \$96,020 as a capital expenditure for the rebudget of Police Tactical Equipment, to be funded from the 2024 Surplus through the Police Equipment Reserve;
- (o) the addition of \$90,000 as a capital expenditure for Landfill Gas Collection System Remediation, to be funded from Disposal Site Reserve;
- (p) the addition of \$150,000 as a capital expenditure for the purchase of a Woodchipper, to be funded from the Gas Tax Reserve;
- (r) the addition of \$300,000 as a capital expenditure for Civic Services Complex Remediation Phase 2, to be funded from the 2024 Surplus through the Municipal Building Maintenance Reserve;
- (s) increase the 2025 Opening Balance estimate of the Transit Equipment Reserve by \$1,707,400 and decreasing the 2025 Opening Balance estimate of the Transit Gas Tax Reserve by the same amount;
- (t) the funding source for \$1,837,500 of 2025 capital expenditures for the refurbishments of transit buses 51, 53, 57, 58, 60 be updated from the Transit Gas Tax Reserve to the Transit Equipment Reserve;
- (u) the addition of \$105,000 as a capital expenditure for the Sportsplex Canteen Renovation, to be funded from the Sportsplex Reserve;
- (v) in the 10-Year Capital Plan, capital expenditures for Sportsplex Phase 2A be deferred from 2026 to 2028, and Sportsplex Phase 2B be deferred from 2028 to 2030;
- (w) the addition of \$200,000 as an operating expenditure for the Southwest Road Network Preliminary Design, to be funded from the Transportation DC Reserve and the Gas Tax Reserve in the amount of \$100,000 each and the reduction of the same in 2026 of the 4-Year Operating Budget; and
- (x) the deletion of \$500,000 for the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium capital grant as an operating expenditure and the deletion of \$89,922 to be transferred from the Centennial Auditorium Reserve as a funding source. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Cameron

1200 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(2) the addition of \$50,000 as an operating expenditure for Brandon Downtown Biz core funding, and up to an additional \$100,000 of conditional 2-1 per dollar raised through memberships funding for 2025, 2026 and 2027, with required annual reporting on expenses and proposed budget." CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Tame

1201 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the year "2025," and inserting immediately after the words "the addition of" the following words: "\$100,000 as an operating expenditure for Brandon Downtown Biz core funding, and up to an additional \$50,000 of conditional 1-1 per dollar raised through memberships funding for 2025 and". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Cullen

1202 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(3) the addition of \$50,000 as an operating expenditure for unconditional Brandon First funding to be funded from the Accommodation Tax Reserve." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Karrouze-Hildebrand

1203 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(4) the addition of \$5,000 as an operating expenditure for the Age-Friendly Committee." CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Luebke-Hildebrand

1204 That the above amending motion be amended by adding the words "for 2025, 2026, and 2027." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Karrouze

1205 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(5) the addition of \$30,000 as an operating expenditure to support the Community Mobilization Coordinator position to be funded from the 2024 Surplus." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Desjarlais

1206 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(6) the addition of \$75,000 as an operating expenditure for Brandon Downtown Development Corporation annual grant funding for 2025, 2026, 2027." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Parker-Berry

1207 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(7) addition of \$10,000 as an ongoing operating expenditure for the Central Council of Community Centres annual grant." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Desjarlais

1208 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(8) the reduction of \$15,000 as an operating expenditure from Special Programs under City Wide Initiatives Contracts for the Canada Day Fireworks." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Tame

1209 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

(9) "the addition of \$7,000 as a one-time operating expenditure for a grant to the Brandon Humane Society." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Desjarlais

1210 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

(10) "the addition of \$150,000 as an operating expenditure to Community Grants to approve the recommendations brought forward by Grants Review Committee." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Cameron-Karrouze

1211 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(11) the addition of \$66,000 as an operating expenditure to the Western Manitoba Regional Library for security services at the Brandon Public Library for 2025, 2026, and 2027." CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Berry-Luebke

1212 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the words ", 2026 and 2027" and substituting therefor the words "and to be reviewed at budget deliberations in 2026 and 2027 for adjustments." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Splett-Parker

1213 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(12) the reduction of \$100,000 as an operating expenditure for the Medical Doctor Recruitment Program." CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Splett-Parker

1214 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure "\$100,000" and substituting therefor the figure "\$50,000" and adding the following words, " and that the remaining \$50,000 be funded from 2024 Surplus." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Hildebrand

1215 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(13) the reduction of \$450,000 to the Brandon Police Service budget." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Hildebrand-Desjarlais

1216 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure "\$450,000" and substituting therefor the figure "\$600,000" and adding the following words "to further reduce for the equivalent of both proposed new positions." LOST.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Berry

1217 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(15) the reduction of \$4,500,000 as a 2025 capital expenditure for the replacement of fleet equipment, with administration to reallocate A1 Priority equipment purchases over 2026, 2027, and 2028." CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Luebke-Cameron

1218 That the above amending motion be amended by adding the following words "and increase by \$2,000,000 for two new transit bus purchases to be ordered in 2025." LOST.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Tame-Cameron

1219 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure "\$4,500,000" and substituting therefor the figure "\$2,000,000" and adding the following words "and reallocate the remaining capital purchases over 2026, 2027 and 2028, with one new transit bus to be ordered in 2026, 2027, and 2028." LOST.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Berry-Cullen

1220 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure "\$4,500,000" and substituting therefor the figure "\$3,000,000", deleting the words "with administration to reallocate A1 Priority equipment purchases over 2026, 2027, and 2028." and adding the following words "and reallocate the remaining capital purchases over 2026, 2027 and 2028, and the addition of \$1,600,000 as a capital expenditure for two new transit buses to be ordered in 2025." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Parker

1221 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(16) the reduction of \$450,000 as an operating expenditure for Fleet Maintenance." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Parker

1222 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(17) the reduction of \$1,040,000 as an operating expenditure for Reserve Appropriations, to be funded from the 2024 Surplus." CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Parker-Luebke

1223 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure "\$1,040,000" and substituting therefor the figure "\$900,000". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Hildebrand

1224 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(18) the transfer of \$1,000,000 from the Gas Tax Reserve to Machinery & Equipment Reserve and reduce the Machinery & Equipment Reserve appropriations by the same amount." LOST.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Parker-Tame

1225 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figures "\$1,000,000" and substituting therefor the figure "\$500,000". LOST.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Luebke

1226 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(19) the reduction of \$130,000 as an operating expenditure for salaries for new positions." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Splett

1227 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(20) the reduction of \$400,000 to the Transportation Network Reserve Annual Appropriation with capital projects to be funded from the Gas Tax Reserve." LOST.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Cameron

1228 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(21) the addition of \$250,000 as a 2025 capital expenditure for the Street Preservation Program to be funded from the Transportation Network Reserve, and for administration to review increasing the program by \$500,000 for 2026, 2027 and 2028." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Cameron-Splett

1229 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(22) the addition of \$50,000 as a 2025 capital expenditure for Sidewalk and Curb Preservation to be funded from the Gas Tax Reserve." CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Cameron-Splett

1230 That the above amending motion be amended by adding the words "for accessibility improvements" immediately following the word "Preservation". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Tame-Desjarlais

1231 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(23) in the 10-Year Capital Plan, reallocate the sidewalk addition between Cornwallis Crescent and Maryland Avenue for \$75,000 as a capital expense from 2030 to 2026." LOST.

AMENDMENT

Parker-Karrouze

1232 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(24) the addition of up to \$100,000 as a capital expenditure for a pedestrian corridor across Victoria Avenue East at Russell Street, to be funded from Transportation Network Reserve." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Cullen-Splett

1233 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(25) the addition of \$500,000 as an operating expenditure for Pothole Remediation, to be funded from the Gas Tax Reserve." CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Luebke-Parker

1234 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure "\$500,000" and substituting therefor the figure "\$200,000". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Hildebrand-Luebke

1235 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(26) the addition of \$610,000 to 2026 of the 10-Year Capital Plan for the BRANDON Tourism Sign Project, to be funded 50% from the Gas Tax Reserve and 50% from grant funding." CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Luebke-Parker

1236 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the words " to be funded 50% from the Gas Tax Reserve and 50% from grant funding " and substituting therefor the words "as an unfunded project". CARRIED.

Parker-Splett

1237 That City Council resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole Meeting closed to the public to discuss a matter in its preliminary stages. CARRIED.

Parker-Splett

1238 That City Council resolve into open session. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Tame-Splett

1239 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(27) the addition of \$125,000 as an operating expenditure for an Employee Retention Fund, to be funded from the Fiscal Contingency Reserve." LOST.

AMENDMENT

Cameron-Karrouze

1240 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(28) the transfer of \$91,047 from the Covid Restart Reserve to the Parks Reserve". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Cameron-Desjarlais

1241 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(29) the addition of \$100,000 as an operating expenditure for a Residential Tree Enhancement Program, to be funded from the Parks Reserve." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Parker

1242 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(30) the reduction of \$80,000 as an operating expenditure for a low-income water audit/fixture subsidy program in the General Revenue Fund and the addition of \$80,000 as an operating expenditure for a low-income water audit/fixture subsidy program in the Utility Fund, to be funded from the 2024 Utility Surplus." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Hildebrand

1243 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(31) that a portion of 2025 Traffic Signals Program budget be designated for accessible signal upgrades in the downtown area." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Desjarlais

1244 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(32) the addition of \$2,200,000 each for a new South End Community Centre to the 2027 capital plan and a new Central Community Centre to the 2029 capital plan, as unfunded projects." CARRIED.

ADJOURN:

Berry-Luebke

That the meeting do now adjourn. (4:28 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK