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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,  
AUGUST 19, 2024 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION  
BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA**

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

**ABSENT:** Councillor Kris Desjarlais

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Parker-Cameron  
966 That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, August 19, 2024, be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

Berry-Luebke  
967 That pursuant to Section 59 of Procedure By-law No. 6634, the Orders of the Day be altered whereby City Council shall resolve itself to the Order of Announcements. CARRIED.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

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Deb Arpin, Brandon Police Board Chair announced that Tyler Bates had been appointed as the new Chief of Police for the City of Brandon with start date of October 15, 2024.

Berry-Luebke  
968 That the Orders of the Day be altered and City Council resolve itself back to the Order of Recognitions. CARRIED.

**RECOGNITIONS:**

(A) RANDY LEWIS - ACTING POLICE CHIEF RETIREMENT

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His Worship Mayor Fawcett on behalf of City Council and the residents of Brandon, thanked Acting Police Chief Randy Lewis for his years of service and wished him all the best in his upcoming retirement.

(B) RON BOWLES - CITY MANAGER RESIGNATION

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His Worship Mayor Fawcett, on behalf of City Council and the residents of Brandon, recognized City Manager Ron Bowles for his service to the community and wished him all the best in his new venture.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

969 Cameron-Karrouze  
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, July 29, 2024 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

970 Cullen-Splett  
That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Tuesday, August 12, 2024 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

Nil

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

(A) DOWNTOWN WASHROOMS

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Betty Kelly, Chair of Knox United Church outreach committee, member of Sustainable Brandon Executive and resident of Brandon spoke in support of the Downtown Brandon washroom on Pacific Avenue. She noted the need for more washrooms in the downtown area, providing washrooms for the most vulnerable population, especially those that are unhoused. She concluded by asking Council to proceed with the downtown washroom on Pacific Avenue.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT CONDITIONS 21 WILLOWCREST SUBDIVISION

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Councillor Tame declared a conflict of interest in this matter due to his employment and left the Council Chamber without further discussion.

Russ Dueck, Manager H.W.H. Holdings Ltd., appeared before City Council with respect to development agreement conditions for the subdivision of 21 Willowcrest. He read the letter he had submitted indicating concerns regarding fencing along the South property line and snow removal for Willowcrest Avenue. He concluded by suggesting the installation of a tree line instead of fencing, and that snow removal be performed by the City.

Splett-Luebke

971 That the presentation from Russ Dueck with respect to development agreement conditions for the subdivision of 21 Willowcrest be received. CARRIED.

Following the vote on the above motion, Councillor Tame re-entered the Council Chamber.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(A) BRANDON CITY PLAN

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City Council sat to hear representations with respect to the Brandon City Plan.

The City Clerk provided a summary of the one written submission received from Denis Mulaire of 400 block of 3rd Street in Brandon, Manitoba in objection to the Plan.

Ryan Nickel, Director of Planning & Buildings, appeared before City Council and provided an overview with respect to the Brandon City Plan, noting the plan focuses on three major ideas: “growing city” which focuses on land use and infrastructure; “moving city” which focuses on transportation; and “healthy city” which focuses on health, housing and well-being.

Leila Praznik, 800 block of 14th Street Brandon resident spoke in favor of the more active transportation options provided in the City Plan, as she is a resident who walks and cycles year round within the City. She spoke to the “freedom movement” or 15-minute city conspiracy theory that non-motorists have already been restricted through car-centric decisions and designs. Ms. Praznik noted the City Plan will not just address the network of pedestrian, bike and transit routes to connect people with a short walk to grocery stores, medical offices, pharmacies and more, but will accommodate affordable housing options for every economic demographic.

Jayvis Eisener, 700 block of 11th Street Brandon resident invited council to speak to the challenges with the "disinformation or 15-minute conspiracy theory" and the ongoing communication to address this misinformation with relevant stakeholders. They indicated their support for the City Plan.

Lorraine Hackenschmidt, McDairmid Drive Brandon resident spoke against the implementation of the City Plan, she noted Edmonton's implementation of its own city plan and their increase in taxes. She spoke against an increase in municipal taxes, and called climate change a hoax, and that monitoring traffic counts is an authoritarian breach of privacy.

Debbie Dandy, Spruce Drive, Brandon resident spoke in full support of the goals set in the City Plan, and congratulated the City for recognizing the need to adjust future planning in light of the extreme climate changes already occurring. She also expressed a desire for more transportation options, the replacement of aging infrastructure, and more resources for the unhoused.

Kara Morrice, Clement Drive, Brandon resident proposed the City Plan does not adequately address how Brandon will pay for the renewal of aging infrastructure, and maintenance plan for current infrastructure.

Kathy Smitzniuk, Kelsey Bay, Brandon resident spoke against the City Plan indicating that Council does not have a mandate to implement a 30-year plan because council members are voted into only a four-year term, and asked for a continuance to the public hearing to be located at a bigger venue.

Violet Joss, 6th Street, Brandon resident spoke against the City Plan stating it is a 15-minute city plan, noting the length of the document, inconsistent statements, and voice her concern over the concepts of intensification and densification.

Quentin Robinson, Linden Lanes, Brandon resident spoke in favor of the City Plan, and spoke to the in-depth planning process for the City Plan with ample opportunity for residents to speak at various sessions held at large venues within the last two years. He spoke to a person's "freedom" and this Plan as it is written now provides freedom as it creates choice for all.

Phil Dorn, 100 block of 10th Street, Brandon resident spoke to the number of public hearings held for the City Plan, agreed that the City needs to plan ahead, and compared the City Plan to the 15-minute city plan implemented around the world. He spoke to a Brandon made City Plan looking at our pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, local weather, infrastructure and the environment and create our own plan to address those needs.

Paul Spiropoulos, 400 block of 13th Street, Brandon resident spoke to holding this public hearing again in a larger venue allowing everyone the chance to participate and then spoke to the cost on the tax payers for the downtown washrooms.

Wando-Leigh Raines, 400 block of 13th Street, Brandon resident spoke in opposition to the City Plan and asked Council to not make Brandon a 15-minute city.

Martin Cliplef, Richmond Avenue, Brandon resident spoke again spoke to holding another hearing having activists from other municipalities speak at this hearing. He spoke to zero net carbon emissions and the 15-minute city.

Brian Kilpatrick, 900 block of 6th Street, Brandon resident agreed with the statements made prior and spoke to fixing the problems faced currently in the City to make it a healthy city.

Jetta Fletcher, Durum Drive, Brandon resident agreed with statements made prior.

Tom Curtis, Dogwood Boulevard, Brandon resident opposed the City Plan indicating it is a 15-minute city and it would cost us our freedoms.

Rhonda Forbes, 1000 block of 13th Street, Brandon resident spoke against the City Plan, indicating the changes made to recreation areas do not promote healthy living, and this plan poses a risk to our Chartered Rights and Freedoms.

Curtis Chamberlain, 1000 block of 22nd Street, Brandon resident spoke to the City holding another hearing in a larger venue to give everyone a chance to speak to the City Plan.

David Zacharias, from Stradford Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba representative of Grassroots Manitoba to truck routes for agriculture production and distribution and to incorporate and maintain sufficient truck routes within the City Plan.

Pierre Attallah, from Whytewold Road, Winnipeg, Manitoba representative of Action 4 Canada, spoke to the deception within the City Plan in regards to climate change, and that this plan is not unique but a national deception on a global agenda.

Rick MacI, from Shilo, Manitoba spoke against the City of Brandon becoming a big city and the lack of transparency within the plan.

Christine Ronceray, from Sommerset, Manitoba spoke against the City Plan stating it must not diminish or restrict the freedom for future generations. She questioned if the increased densification to predominantly single unit residential neighborhoods by different land uses and services would make a more livable community. She also noting the plan takes away the dream of home ownership and replaces it with socialism.

Kevin Friesen, from Manitou, Manitoba leader of the Keystone Party of Manitoba spoke to Bill C37 regarding city planning and suggested Council test this City Plan against the two principles first, "Does this plan empower the peoples' voice?" and second, "Does the plan give the people of Brandon a marketplace of choice?".

The City Clerk read out a list of names of people in the hallway who signed a document indicating they were opposed to the City Plan.

Berry-No Secunder

That the public hearing for By-law No. 7392 be deferred to September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to be held at the Keystone Centre at 7:00 p.m.

As there was no seconder for the motion, it was ruled out of order by the Chair.

Parker-Tame

972 That the public hearing for By-law No. 7392 to establish the Brandon City Plan be concluded. CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES    VERBAL    AUGUST 19, 2024

Councillor Splett provided a verbal report from the recent meeting of the Brandon General Museum & Archives Ltd. held on August 6, 2024. He noted the main topics discussed were reports from staff, 2024/2025 budget and the strategic plan. He indicated the activities provided in the summer being the Pub Crawl on August 8th & 22nd, Historic Riverbank Tour August 15th and 30th, and Doors Open Brandon on August 17th and 18th. Councillor Splett concluded by stating the Show & Tell series will be back in September.

(B) AGE FRIENDLY VERBAL AUGUST 19, 2024

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Councillor Hildebrand provided a verbal report from the Age Friendly Committee. He noted an update was received on the Transit Planning process from WOB Consulting, with discussion on results being incorporated into the Transit Review. He concluded by noting the Age Friendly newsletter is published regularly and available at [www.brandon.ca/agefriendly](http://www.brandon.ca/agefriendly) as a resource to learn what is available in our community.

Splett-Cameron

973 That the report from the Brandon General Museum & Archives Ltd. and Age Friendly be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) TRANSIT REQUEST

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City Council considered a report from the Department of Transportation Services dated August 14, 2024, with respect to the above.

Parker-Splett

974 That the 2024 capital plan for Transit Equipment to purchase new buses be amended to include refurbishment and/or used bus purchases, at a maximum capital cost of \$3,526,800. CARRIED.

(B) MOSQUITO ABATEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

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Submitted for consideration was a report from the Parks & Recreation Department dated July 29, 2024, with respect to the above.

Luebke-Cullen

975 That the update dated August 19, 2024 on the Mosquito Abatement Program be received as information. CARRIED.

(C) DOWNTOWN WASHROOM

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City Council considered a report from the Parks & Recreation Department dated August 5, 2024, with respect to the above.

Splett-Karrouze

976 That the City invest in a vandal proof washroom to be located on Pacific Avenue. CARRIED.

(D) LIBRARY/ARTS BUILDING - FUNDING REQUEST

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Considered was a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated August 9, 2024 with respect to the above.

Cameron-Karrouze

977 That up to \$30,000 be authorized to be expended from the Library Arts Building Reserve to complete required assessments and studies to support the application for the library/arts building retrofit to the Green and Inclusive Buildings Fund. CARRIED.

(E) SUBDIVISION 21 WILLOWCREST AVENUE 4500-24-737

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Councillor Tame declared a conflict of interest in this matter due to his employment and left the Council Chamber without further discussion.

Considered by Council was a report from the Legislative Services Department dated August 12, 2024 with respect to the above.

Splett-Berry

978 That subdivision application 4500-24-737 to create one (1) lot, sixteen (16) bareland condominium units, an extension of Willowcrest Avenue, and a private road at 21 Willowcrest (Parcels A /B, Plan 1269 BLTO, Parcels 1/2, Plan 1287 BLTO, Parcel B, Plan 1547 BLTO, Parcel 1, Plan 1592 BLTO) be approved subject to the owner or successor:

1. Entering into a development agreement with the City of Brandon, to be registered with the subdivision with conditions as set out in Attachment C of this report;
2. Submitting written confirmation to the City of Brandon Planning & Buildings Department that arrangements have been made for postal service to the satisfaction of Canada Post;
3. Submitting confirmation that Manitoba Infrastructure approves a traffic impact study for this development with respect to potential impacts on PTH 10 (18th Street); and
4. Submitting written confirmation that arrangements have been made for a joint use easement agreement and Plan of Easement to the satisfaction of Manitoba Hydro and BellMTS, and registering the easement agreement along with the easement plan, if required, in series with the plan of subdivision. CARRIED.



Following the vote on the above motion, Councillor Tame re-entered the Council Chamber.

(F) CREDIT AGREEMENT AUTHORIZATION - CANADA INFRASTRUCTURE BANK  
FUNDING

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City Council considered a report from the General Manager of Corporate Services dated August 15, 2024 with respect to the above.

Parker-Tame

979 WHEREAS the City of Brandon has Manitoba Municipal Board borrowing approval for improvements to its water utility infrastructure and for the installation of a waste water lift station (the "projects");

WHEREAS the City of Brandon has entered into a joint Credit Agreement with the Canada Infrastructure Bank and Fusion Credit Union (the "Agreement") to fund these projects; and

WHEREAS the Agreement must be executed by officers of the City of Brandon.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Brandon, in Council duly assembled, that Mayor and City Manager, as Chief Administrative Officer of the City, are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement and any other documents associated with the formalization of the Agreement. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7363 TO AMEND COMPLIANCE BY-LAW NO. 7198  
2ND & 3RD READINGS

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Considered was a report from the Public Works Department dated August 1, 2024 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Cullen

780 That the pending motion with respect to By-law No. 7363 to amend Compliance By-law No. 7198 be taken from the table. CARRIED.

Cameron-Parker

781 That By-law No. 7363 to amend Compliance By-law No. 7198 regarding the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal updated ticket codes and fine amounts be read for a second time. CARRIED.

Cameron-Parker

782 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. 7363 third reading.

FOR

AGAINST

Mayor Jeff Fawcett  
Councillor Shawn Berry  
Councillor Shaun Cameron  
Councillor Barry Cullen  
Councillor Greg Hildebrand  
Councillor Heather Karrouze  
Councillor Glen Parker  
Councillor Jason Splett  
Councillor Tyson Tame

Councillor Bruce Luebke

NO. 7368

TO REZONE 639 VAN HORNE AVENUE  
2ND & 3RD READINGS

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Submitted for consideration was a report from the Legislative Services Department dated August 2, 2024, with respect to the above.

Luebke-Parker

783 That By-law No. 7368 to rezone 639 Van Horne Avenue (Wly 40 feet of Lots 28/30, Block 70, Plan 8 BLTO) from IR Industrial Restricted to RMD Residential Moderate Density zone be read a second time. CARRIED.

Luebke-Parker

784 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. 7368 third reading.

FOR

AGAINST

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

NO. 7379

AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCENTIVE  
2ND & 3RD READINGS

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City Council considered a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated August 9, 2024 with respect to the above.

Tame-Splett

785 That By-law No. 7379 be further amended by deleting Section 3(d) and 3(e) in its entirety and re-lettering the existing Section 3 respectively. CARRIED.

Tame-Splett

786 That By-law No. 7379 as amended be read for a second time. CARRIED.

Tame-Splett

787 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. 7379 third reading.

FOR

AGAINST

Mayor Jeff Fawcett  
Councillor Shawn Berry  
Councillor Shaun Cameron

Councillor Barry Cullen  
Councillor Greg Hildebrand  
Councillor Heather Karrouze  
Councillor Bruce Luebke  
Councillor Glen Parker  
Councillor Jason Splett  
Councillor Tyson Tame

NO. 7394 TO AMEND ORGANIZATIONAL BY-LAW NO. 6650 - DISSOLUTION OF POVERTY  
COMMITTEE  
2ND & 3RD READINGS

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Considered was a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated August 9, 2024 with respect to the above.

788 Karrouze-Tame  
That By-Law No. 7394 to amend Organizational By-Law No. 6650 to delete Section 22(f) in its entirety and dissolve the Poverty Committee, be read a second time. CARRIED.

789 Karrouze-Tame  
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. 7394 third reading.

FOR

AGAINST

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

Karrouze-Tame

790 That the unexpended funds up to \$9,723 budgeted for the Poverty Committee in 2024 be transferred to the Community Wellness Collaborative. CARRIED.

NO. 7396

PLAN OF PUBLIC LANE TO BE CLOSED IN PLAN 925 BLTO  
1ST READING

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City Council considered a report from the Department of Planning & Buildings dated July 23, 2024 with respect to the above.

Karrouze-Cameron

791 That By-law No. 7396 to close and convey the remaining portion of a public lane lying east of Charles Street and north of Glen Avenue (Block 1, Plan 925 BLTO), be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Luebke

That the meeting do now adjourn. (10:49 p.m.) CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK