

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA**

PRESENT: 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, Councillor Tyson Tame

ABSENT: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

1480 Cullen-Splett
That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

RECOGNITIONS:

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

1481 Splett-Karrouze
That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Monday, August 18, 2025 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

1482 Cameron-Karrouze
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, August 18, 2025 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS & FEEDBACK:

Nil

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) ROSS ROBINSON - COMMUNITY WELLNESS COLLABORATIVE WATER IS LIFE
CAMPAIGN

Ross Robinson appeared before City Council with respect to the Community Wellness Collaborative first Annual General Meeting and announced their Water is Life Fundraising.

1483 Desjarlais-Tame
That the presentation by Ross Robinson with respect to the Community Wellness Collaborative update and the Water is Life campaign be received.

And further, that the funding request for \$18,500 for the Community Wellness Collaborative be referred to the 2026 Budget Deliberations. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) LUCIE LEDERHENDLER - ART GALLERY OF SOUTHWEST MANITOBA FUNDING

Lucie Lederhendler appeared before City Council to speak on behalf of the Art Gallery of Southwest Manitoba. She provided a review of the organization's significance and impact for the people of Brandon, and requested a three year funding commitment from the City to mitigate the current urgency of succession planning.

1484 Cameron-Karrouze
That the presentation by Lucie Lederhendler with respect to funding for the Art Gallery of Southwest Manitoba be received.

And further, that the request for a three-year funding commitment be referred to the 2026 budget deliberations. CARRIED.

(B) FRAISER & MELISSA MCARTHUR - GAGA BALL COURTS

Frasier and Melissa McArthur appeared before City Council to speak on the idea of constructing Gaga Ball courts in various parks in the City of Brandon.

1485 Desjarlais-Parker
That the presentation by Frasier and Melissa McArthur with respect to developing community Gaga Ball courts be received.

And further, that the request for construction of gaga ball courts be referred to Administration to review and provide a report back to Council with respect to same. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE VERBAL SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

Councillor Karrouze provided a verbal report from the recent meeting of the Age Friendly Committee held on August 21, 2025. She noted the Trishaw was expected to arrive soon, WCGTV programming was nearly complete and would be available shortly, and reminded the public of the Health Checks event on September 16 at the Keystone Center.

ENQUIRIES:

(255) VEHICULAR TRAFFIC PARK AVENUE GREENSPACE #90107

Councillor Cameron, on behalf of a resident on Balsam Crescent, enquired about the City's plans to address vehicle traffic using the green space off Park Avenue as a roadway since the closure of 26th Street. The resident noted the area has become an unsightly makeshift road and fears traffic may continue even after 26th Street reopens. Councillor Cameron asked if the City could consider a temporary barricade to prevent vehicles from driving through the green space.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager advised that lane access onto 26th Street would be reopened the following day, which should help address the issue. He noted the City would continue to monitor the area and consider options such as barricades if the problem persists.

(256) GRANT BOULEVARD ROAD REMEDIATION #90208

Councillor Cameron enquired about the condition of Grant Boulevard and asked where it falls within the road remediation schedule. He noted residents had contacted him with concerns and further asked whether its deteriorating state could affect its priority status, pointing out that nearby streets such as Christie and Mitchell have already been redone.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, City Manager Wardrop advised that an assessment of Grant Boulevard had been completed and, aside from potholes at either end, the road was considered to be in fair condition. He noted that a condition assessment is scheduled for 2026, after which streets will be prioritized accordingly, and that Grant Boulevard would likely be considered for remediation in 2027 due to its current condition.

(257) STREET LIGHT REPAIR DELAY

Councillor Desjarlais enquired about the City's efforts to ensure Manitoba Hydro provides timely street light repairs, noting residents' concerns regarding long wait times and poor communication.

His Worship the Mayor advised that the matter would be taken under advisement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2025 BRANDON EMERGENCY SERVICES CONFERENCE

The City Clerk, on behalf of His Worship the Mayor and Fire Chief Parlow, announced that the inaugural 2025 Brandon Emergency Services Conference would be held at the Keystone Centre from September 3 to 6, and welcomed hundreds of fire chiefs, firefighters, and paramedics to the city. She also thanked the staff of Brandon Fire and Emergency Services for hosting the conference.

WARD 8 AND WARD 10 JOINT MEETING

Councillor Tame, on behalf of himself and Councillor Splett, announced a joint ward meeting for Wards 8 and 10 on September 24 at the Riverview Curling Club from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The meeting will discuss Ward 8 concerns, including the cemetery retention pond, paving, Patricia Heights parking, and active transportation, and Ward 10 topics such as Maryland Park School parking, enforcement, transit concerns, the Southeast Drainage Project, crosswalk improvements, First Street road improvements, and traffic circle enhancements. Residents are invited to attend to discuss these issues, and refreshments will be provided.

SCHOOL SPEEDS IN SESSION

Councillor Cameron announced that school zones will return to a reduced speed limit of 30 km/h in September and urged drivers to endeavor to protect the safety of students travelling to and from school.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) CANTEEN RENOVATION SPORTSPLEX

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Parks & Recreation dated August 20, 2025 with respect to the above.

Karrouze-Splett

1486 That the proposal from Jacobson Commercial Ltd for the design and construction of canteen renovations for Brandon's Community Sportsplex, at a cost of \$ 239,900 net of GST be awarded;

And further, that the total expected project costs of \$374,900 be expended from Sportsplex Arena and Associated Upgrades debenture fund. CARRIED.

(B) HYDRONIC PRE-HEATING COIL SPORTSPLEX

City Council considered a report from the Director of Parks & Recreation dated August 21, 2025 with respect to the above.

Karrouze-Tame

1487 That the proposal from Brandon Heating & Plumbing for the supply and install of a Hydronic Pre-Heating Coil for Brandon's Community Sportsplex, at a cost of \$96,110.48 net of GST be awarded. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Tame

1488 That the above motion be amended by adding the words: "And further, that the additional unbudgeted \$31,110.48 be expended from the Sportsplex Reserve." CARRIED.

(C) UNDERGROUND UTILITY DIG RESTORATION UPDATE

Considered was a report from the Operations Department dated August 25, 2025 with respect to the above.

Splett-Berry

1489 That the update on underground utility dig restorations be received, and further that Administration continue with current restoration plans. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7433

TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 729 - 17TH STREET
AMENDMENT
2ND & 3RD READINGS

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Legislative Services Department dated August 21, 2025 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Cameron

1490 That By-law No. 7433 to rezone a property located at 729 - 17th Street (Lot 1, Plan 211, 21365 BLTO) from Commercial Arterial (CAR) zone to Commercial General (CG) zone, be amended by deleting Section 3 in its entirety and substituting therefor as follows:

"3. This By-law will come into force when the development agreement required under this By-law is executed with the City and registered in the Brandon Land Titles Office.

4. This By-law will be repealed without coming into force one year after the date of this By-law's adoption unless the development agreement required under this By-law is executed with the City and is registered in the Brandon Land Titles Office." CARRIED.

Luebke-Cameron

1491 That By-law No. 7433 as amended be read a second time. CARRIED.

Luebke-Cameron

1492 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. 7433 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
Councillor Tyson Tame

NO. 7438

TO AMEND BORROWING BY-LAW NO. 7338 SW WASTEWATER SERVICING PROJECT
FURTHER AMENDMENT

City Council considered a report from the Legislative Services Department dated August 22, 2025 with respect to the above.

1493 Splett-Berry

That By-law No. 7438 to amend Borrowing By-law No. 7338 for the Southwest Brandon Wastewater Servicing Project, be amended by deleting Section 2 in its entirety and substituting therefor as follows:

- "2. That the preamble be amended by deleting in the second and third AND WHEREAS the amount of "\$30,000,000.00" and substituting therefor the amount of "\$40,000,000.00";
3. That Section 1 and Section 7 be amended by deleting the amount of "\$30,000,000.00" and substituting therefor the amount of "\$40,000,000.00";
4. That Section 3 be amended by deleting the words "31st day of October 2022" and substituting therefor the words "31st day of July 2025";
5. That Section 4 be amended by deleting the words "31st day of October in each of the years 2023 to 2042" and substituting therefor the words "31st day of July in each of the years 2026 to 2045";
6. That Section 6 be amended by deleting the words "years 2023 to 2042" and substituting therefor the words "2026 to 2045"; and
7. That Schedule "A" to By-law No. 7338 be deleted in its entirety and substituted therefor with Schedule "A" as attached to this by-law." CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Luebke

That the meeting do now adjourn. (8:20) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK