

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026 AT 9:00 AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 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 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 confirmed that in accordance with the requirements of The Municipal Act, all members of City Council were given notice that a Special Meeting would be held this date to deliberate the City's 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets.

The City Clerk indicated that in view of the above compliance, and that there was quorum, it was lawful to proceed with this Special Meeting.

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.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

(A) 2026 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

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AMENDMENT

Luebke-Parker

1663 That the 2026 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.

**FOR:** Mayor Jeff Fawcett, 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

**AGAINST:** Councillor Shawn Berry

AMENDMENT

Berry-Splett

1664 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(1) the addition of \$30,464 as an operating revenue for the increase to Public Safety Basket Funding." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Luebke

1665 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(2) the projected 2025 Brandon Police Service operating surplus of \$820,000 be allocated towards future Police Operating expenditures." LOST.

AMENDMENT

Tame-Cameron

1666 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(3) That the Projected 2025 Brandon Police Service operating surplus of \$224,661 be allocated towards future Police Operating expenditures." LOST.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Desjarlais

1667 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(4) the addition of \$400,000 of the projected \$1,500,000 million 2025 Surplus designated for council priorities be allocated to the general operating fund to reduce the 2026 tax impact." LOST.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Cameron

1668 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(5) the reduction of \$48,264 as an operating expenditure for salaries for the proposed Recreation Booking Clerk position." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Parker-Karrouze

1669 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(6) the addition of \$96,354 as an operating expenditure to rent two additional street sweepers and a reduction of \$159,000 to the Fleet Reserve annual appropriation and delete the purchase four street sweepers from the 2028 Capital Plan due to the continued utilization of rental units." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Berry

1670 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(7) the addition of \$168,000 as an operating expenditure to the Recycling Cart and Organics Cart Program to fund weekly sanitation collection through the seasonal rental of two additional trucks from April to November." LOST.

Parker-Cameron

1671 Reconsideration of the above motion due to Councillor Cullen's temporary technical issue:

"(7) the addition of \$168,000 as an operating expenditure to the Recycling Cart and Organics Cart Program to fund weekly sanitation collection through the seasonal rental of two additional trucks from April to November." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Parker-Hildebrand

1672 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(8) the reduction of \$601,250 (approximately 5%) of the annual Reserve Appropriations at the discretion of administration." LOST.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Cameron-Splett

1673 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting "\$601,250 (approximately 5%)" and substituting therefore "\$240,500 (approximately 2%)."  
LOST.

Luebke-Splett

1674 That the meeting takes a short recess and reconvene at 11:00 a.m. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Desjarlais

1675 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(9) the deletion of \$618,000 for the capital purchase of a T225 Front Load Collection truck from the 2026 capital plan." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Cameron-Berry

1676 That the above amending motion be amended by adding the words "and the addition of \$84,000 to lease a collection truck for six months for the replacement of green bins at current diversion locations to be funded from the Equipment Reserve." LOST.

AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Splett

1677 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(10) the addition of \$50,000 as a 2026 capital expenditure to the Crosswalk Enhancement program to be funded from the 2025 Surplus as a council priority allocation." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Tame-Splett

1678 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(11) the addition of \$450,000 to advance Active Transportation upgrades to 9th Street from Richmond Avenue to Aberdeen Avenue from the 2031 Capital Plan to the 2027 Capital Plan." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Cameron

1679 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(12) the reduction of \$130,000 as operating revenue to provide for free 2-hour parking in the Downtown area." LOST.

AMENDMENT

Cameron-Cullen

1680 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(13) the addition of \$30,000 as a capital expenditure for upgrades to the transit bus stop location between E. Fotheringham Drive and Victoria Avenue, to be funded from the Transit Gas Tax Reserve." CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Luebke-Cameron

1681 That the above amending motion be amended by adding the words "to be funded from the Transit Gas Tax Reserve". CARRIED.

Parker-Tame

1682 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(14) the addition of \$10,000 as a capital expenditure for the addition of fencing the community gardens located at East End Community Centre, to be funded from the 2025 Surplus as a council priority allocation." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Splett-Tame

1683 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

"(15) the addition of up to \$100,000 as a capital expenditure for upgrades to Patricia Heights Playground to be funded from the 2025 Surplus as a council priority allocation." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Parker

1684 "(16) the addition of \$50,000 as a capital expenditure for Dog Park amenities, to be funded from the 2025 Surplus council priorities allocation." CARRIED.

Luebke-Cullen

1685 That the meeting be recessed and reconvene following the lunch break. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Hildebrand-Cameron

1686 "(17) the addition of \$20,000 as a operating expenditure to undertake a Tourism Strategy to be funded from the Accommodation Tax Reserve." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Hildebrand-Desjarlais

1687 "(18) the addition of \$350,000 as a capital expenditure for the BRANDON Tourism Sign Project, to be funded up to \$350,000 from the Accommodation Tax Reserve and contingent on receiving funding for the remaining \$260,000 from external sources." LOST.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Hildebrand

1688 "(19) to defer the Downtown Washroom Project capital expenditure, including demolition, site preparation, and purchase of a vandal proof public washroom up to \$529,000 from the 2026 to the 2027 Capital Plan." LOST.

AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Karrouze

1689 "(20) the addition of \$18,500 as an operating expenditure to Community Grants for the Community Wellness Collaborative to be funded from the 2025 Surplus as a council priority allocation." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Karrouze-Cameron

1690 "(21) the addition of \$40,000 as an operating expenditure to the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba annual grant funding for a period of one year, to be funded from the 2025 Surplus as a council priority allocation." CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Parker

1691 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting "three years" and substituting therefor "one year." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Cameron-Karrouze

1692 "(22) the addition of \$25,000 as a one-time operating expenditure to the Daly House Museum 2026 grant funding, to be funded from the 2025 Surplus council priorities allocation." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Cameron-Splett

1693 "(23) the addition of \$20,000 an operating expenditure to the Brandon General Museum and Archives 2026 grant funding, to be funded from the 2025 Surplus council priorities allocation." CARRIED.

Desjarlais-Luebke

1694 That City Council resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole Meeting closed to the public to discuss personnel and matters in their preliminary stages.

Following the above motion being voted on, all members of the public retired from the Council Chamber. CARRIED.

Parker-Splett

1695 That City Council resolve into open session CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Splett

1696 "(24) the addition of \$25,000 as an operating expenditure to the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation 2026 grant funding." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Tame

1697 "(25) the addition of \$20,000 as one-time operating expenditure for a grant to Helping Hands, to be funded from the 2025 Surplus council priorities allocation." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Karrouze-Desjarlais

1698 "(26) the addition of \$2,500 as an operating expenditure for one-time grant to Helping Hands to develop a strategic plan." LOST.

AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Cameron

1699 "(27) the addition of \$30,000 as an annual operating expenditure to support Indigenous Reconciliation initiatives, to be funded from the 2025 Surplus as a council priority allocation." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Luebke

- 1700 "(28) that Downtown Biz core funding of \$100,000 conditional 2-1 per dollar raised funding approved at 2025 Budget Deliberations include all fundraising raising efforts in addition to and including memberships, with the exception of grant funding provided by the City of Brandon, for 2026 and 2027." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Cameron

- 1701 "(29) the addition of \$1,474,139 for a total of \$3,674,139 for a new Central Community Centre in the 2027 capital plan, as an unfunded project." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Cameron

- 1702 "(30) the addition of \$1,319,639 for a total of \$3,519,639 for a new South End Community Centre in the 2029 capital plan, as an unfunded project." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Tame

- 1703 "(31) in the 10-Year Capital Plan, the addition of the Kinsmen Pool demolition, abatement of current infrastructure, and detail design of new facility to 2031, and the construction of the new aquatic facility to 2032." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Tame

- 1704 "(32) in the 10-Year Capital Plan, reallocate \$12,150,000 of the Library-Arts Building Renovation non-critical project components to Unfunded Capital Projects." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Cameron-Desjarlais

- 1705 "(33) the addition of \$20,000 as an operating expenditure for a volunteer program to plant an additional 100 trees on city property, to be funded from the Parks Reserve." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Cameron-Desjarlais

- 1706 "(34) the addition of \$1,500 as an operating expenditure to the Western Manitoba Regional Library as an adjustment to security services at the Brandon Public Library in 2026." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Hildebrand-Cameron

- 1707 "(35) the reduction of \$165,000 to the Brandon Police Service budget." LOST.

AMENDMENT

Parker-Berry

1708 "(36) the reduction of 1% (approximately \$460,000) as an operating expenditure to reduce labour costs." LOST.

AMENDMENT

Hildebrand-Parker

1709 "(37) the addition of \$7,500 to enhance the City of Brandon parade float, to be funded from the 2025 Surplus as a council priority allocation." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Parker

1710 "(38) the addition of the remaining \$4,000 designated for Council priorities from the 2025 Surplus be allocated to the general operating fund to reduce the 2026 tax impact." CARRIED.

Parker-Cameron

1711 That City Council resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole Meeting closed to the public to discuss personnel and matters in their preliminary stages.

Following the above motion being voted on, all members of the public retired from the Council Chamber. CARRIED.

Parker-Cameron

1712 That City Council resolve into open session. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Luebke

1713 "(39) the reduction of \$440,000 of the annual Reserve Appropriations at the discretion of administration." LOST.

ADJOURN:

Berry-Luebke

That the meeting do now adjourn. (3:31 p.m.) CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK