

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026 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 Bruce Luebke, Councillor Glen Parker, Councillor Jason Splett, Councillor Tyson Tame

ABSENT: Councillor Heather Karrouze

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

1861 Splett-Cullen
That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, July 6, 2026 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

RECOGNITIONS:

(A) ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA MUNICIPALITIES - YEARS OF SERVICE

Rhonda Coupland from the Association of Manitoba Municipalities recognized the following Councillors for years of service within municipal government with commemorative pins to the following Councillors:

Councillor Luebke and Councillor Cameron earned pins for five (5) years of service,

Councillor Desjarlais, Councillor Parker, and Councillor Cullen earned pins for ten (10) years of service, and

Councillor Berry and His Worship Mayor Fawcett earned pins for fifteen (15) years of service.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

1862 Cameron-Parker
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, June 15, 2026 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS & FEEDBACK:

Nil

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) BRANDON FIRST ANNUAL PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL

Jennifer Watson, Brandon First Executive Director, spoke to Council about the group's activities in 2025 and 2026. She highlighted many sporting, agricultural, business, and community gatherings as well as the benefits felt by local businesses. Jennifer also shared that the group had been a part of major tourism conferences to further network to diversify and grow Brandon's event portfolio. Additionally, she shared plans for the 2026 to 2027 year and thanked their sponsors and collaborators.

Luebke-Splett

1863 That the presentation by Brandon First be received. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) BRANDON COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING (CSWB) PLAN UPDATE

Melanie Bania, Canadian Centre of Safer Communities, gave a presentation to Council related to the above. She provided information on an assessment done on the community safety and wellbeing in the Brandon community, and a detailed breakdown of the Steering Committee's priorities and goals.

Parker-Cameron

1864 That the presentation with respect to the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan Steering Committee be received; and

Further that City Council support the completed Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan.
CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

(A) WILDFIRE EVACUEES

A petition regarding a call to action to take immediate and coordinated action to ensure appropriate measures are in place to maintain public safety in response to the increased population during emergencies such as the 2026 Wildfire Evacuees, on behalf of the citizens of Brandon, was brought forward by Councillor Cameron.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES INC. WRITTEN JULY 6, 2026

Councillor Splett read a report for the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. meeting that happened on June 23, 2026. He noted the report highlighted funding initiatives, specifically the recommendation to Council to allow the BGMA to sell memberships.

Splett-Cameron

1865 That the verbal and written committee report from the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. be received; and

Further that, in accordance with By-law No. 1, Article 11, City Council approve the Board's recommendations passed on June 23, 2026, as set out in the Board's resolutions:

a) The Corporation register "Brandon Heritage Centre", or a similar available name, as its operating name under the Manitoba Business Names Registry;

b) By-law No. 1, Article 4.03 be amended to transfer the authority to appoint citizen-at-large and Board director positions from the City of Brandon to the general membership, once established; and

c) By-law No. 1, Article 9 be amended to add membership categories, criteria, and fees.
CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(339) 26TH STREET CONSTRUCTION FROM JUNE

Councillor Hildebrand followed up with the enquiry raised at the previous meeting of council in relation to the above.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager advised that the reconstruction project is nearing completion. Administration will be reaching out to residents to assess concerns and the contractor is required to correct deficiencies prior to the job's completion.

(340) CAA WORST ROADS CAMPAIGN

Councillor Luebke followed up about a previously raised enquiry in relation to the above.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager advised that rehabilitation plans were scheduled for 2026, with Richmond Ave being worked out in early July.

(341) PARKING ON 27 STREET

Councillor Cameron enquired about whether administration could review the parking regulations and bylaw infractions regarding the 400 block of 27 street. He referenced resident concerns over blocked driveways and business vehicles using the space.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager took the matter under advisement.

(342) MOSQUITO FOGGING

Councillor Berry enquired about the mosquito fogging schedule and supply for the summer for 2026, encouraging action soon.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager took it under advisement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SALAMANDER FESTIVAL

Councillor Desjarlais announced the Salamander Music festival on July 17 and 18, 2026.

OPEN STREETS

Councillor Desjarlais announced Brandon's first Open Streets on July 19.

RIVERBANK CONCERT MOVED

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, Heather Reimer, Manager of Recreation, announced that the planned LIVE & FREE concert on July 9, 2026 had been moved to the Keystone Centre. The event would include the band The Incredibly Hip, and all admission was free.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) DISASTER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (DFA) - HEAVY RAIN EVENT JUNE 29/2026

Council considered a report from the Emergency Management department related to the above.

Luebke-Tame

1866 WHEREAS the City of Brandon has realized response and repair costs for the 2026 June Heavy Rains;

AND WHEREAS the City of Brandon requests the Provincial Government provide Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) for this event;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of Brandon respectfully requests the Province to participate in the DFA program as it has incurred public sector expenses as a result of this event;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the City of Brandon, on behalf of their residents and property owners (private sector), also respectfully request the Province to participate in this program for residents and property owners (private sector) who have incurred financial costs related to this event. CARRIED.

(B) DISASTER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (DFA) - 2026 FLOOD EVENT

Council considered a report from the Emergency Management department related to the above.

Splett-Cullen

1867 WHEREAS the City of Brandon has been under ensuing Flood Warning as of June 10, 2026;

AND WHEREAS the City of Brandon took mitigation measures to protect residents, businesses, and city infrastructure from ensuing flood threat above what is typically spent as part of its regular operating and maintenance budget;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government has announced a Disaster Financial Assistance Program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Brandon respectfully requests the Province to participate in the program (public sector) as it has incurred expenses as a result of this event;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Brandon, on behalf of their residents, also respectfully requests the Province, to participate in this program (private sector) in the event that residents incur financial costs relating to the Flood Event. CARRIED.

(C) UPDATE ON EASTVIEW LANDFILL NEW DIVERSION DEPOT

Considered was a report from the Public Works Department with respect to the above.

Tame-Splett

1868 That the report from Administration providing an update on the New Diversion Depot planned for the Eastview Landfill site this summer be received for information. CARRIED.

(D) JOINT USE OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES AGREEMENT WITH BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION UPDATE

Considered was a report from the Parks & Recreation Department dated June 23, 2026 with respect to the above.

Berry-Luebke

- 1869 That Council defer the approval of report from Administration regarding the Joint Use of Community Facilities Agreement with the Brandon School Division to be considered at the August 17, 2026 meeting of Council. CARRIED.

(E) ELECTION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION UPDATE

Council considered a report from the Legislative Services Department related to the above.

Cameron-Desjarlais

- 1870 That the report providing an update regarding the renegotiated Elections Agreement be received. CARRIED.

(F) BUILD COMMUNITIES STRONG FUND - LOCAL IMPACT STREAM PROJECT

Council considered a report from the Finance Department relating to the above.

Desjarlais-Splett

- 1871 That the City of Brandon acknowledge the Canada Packers Sports Complex – East Amenities and Naturalization project as a local priority;

And further that the City of Brandon apply through the Government of Canada's Build Communities Strong Fund Local Impact stream in the Prairies provinces in support of the Canada Packers Sports Complex – East Amenities and Naturalization project;

And further that the City's contributions for this project be referred to the 2027 Capital Budget Deliberations. CARRIED.

(G) BUILD COMMUNITIES STRONG FUND - DIRECT DELIVERY PROJECT

Council considered a report from the Finance Department related to the above.

Berry-Splett

- 1872 That the City of Brandon apply through the Government of Canada's Build Communities Strong Fund - Direct Delivery stream for the Southwest Brandon Growth Area - Transportation and Water Improvements project;

And further that the City's contributions for Southwest Brandon Growth Area - Transportation and Water Improvements project be referred to the 2027 Capital Budget Deliberations. CARRIED.

(H) FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES GREEN MUNICIPAL FUND – CAPITAL PROJECT: RETROFIT OF EXISTING MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS - PROJECT RECOMMENDATION FOR APPLICATION

Council considered a report from the Finance Department related to the above.

Luebke-Tame

- 1873 That the City of Brandon apply through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Green Municipal Fund (GMF) funding program Sustainable Municipal Buildings - Capital Project: Retrofit of Existing Municipal Buildings in support of the City Hall Renovation project;

And further that the City's contributions for the City Hall Renovation project be referred to the 2027 Capital Budget Deliberations. CARRIED.

(I) PLEDGE OF TAXES

City Council considered a report from the Finance Department relating to the above.

Parker-Berry

- 1874 That City Council authorize the execution of a Pledge of Taxes for 2026 with Fusion Credit Union as security for interim financing associated with the Water Treatment Facility Upgrade & Expansion and Southwest Wastewater Servicing projects. CARRIED.

(J) INDIGENOUS RELATIONS COORDINATOR

Considered was a report from Councillor Luebke dated June 29, 2026 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Desjarlais

- 1875 That City of Brandon administration prepare information on adding the Indigenous Relations Officer as a full-time position for the City of Brandon for consideration by City Council for inclusion in the 2027 City of Brandon operational budget.

And, further, that the City of Brandon advocate for funding to create an Indigenous Relations Officer position within the City of Brandon through grants or other opportunities from the Federal and Provincial Governments. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7462 PLAN OF PUBLIC ROAD TO BE OPENED PUBLIC RESERVE B AND PART LOT 3 BLOCK 1 PLAN 34717 (5 HUMMINGBIRD LANE)
1ST READING

Council considered a report from the Planning & Buildings department related to the above.

Hildebrand-Berry

- 1876 That By-Law No. 7462, to open a portion of public road across part of Public Reserve "B" and part Lot 3 Block 1 Plan 34717, located at the NE corner of the intersection of 26th Street and Maryland Avenue, be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

(A) ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

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 the Environment and Climate Change Committee's recommendation to adopt a minimum tier 2 energy performance target for new city owned buildings and major civic renovations.

ADJOURN:

Berry-Luebke

That the meeting do now adjourn. (9:24 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK