

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA

PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Fawcett In The Chair, 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: Councillor Shawn Berry

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Hildebrand-Cullen
1624 That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, January 19, 2026 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

RECOGNITIONS:

(A) \$1.6 M gifted to Air Training Museum

His Worship, Mayor Fawcett, recognized the late John Balushak for their donation of \$1.6 million to the Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Parker-Karrouze
1625 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Monday, December 15, 2025 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled CARRIED.

Cameron-Tame
1626 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday January 5, 2026 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS & FEEDBACK:

(A) BYLAW 7439 - TO REZONE 2202 ROSSER AVENUE

Brock and Tristan Trotter, Brandon residents, spoke to agenda item By-Law No. 7439 To Rezone 2202 Rosser Avenue opposing the Planning Commissions recommendation, instead encouraging them to follow the Planning Departments proposal.

(B) BYLAW 7439 - TO REZONE 2202 ROSSER AVENUE

James Epp, ward 5 resident, spoke to agenda item By-Law No. 7439 To Rezone 2202 Rosser Avenue encouraging council to focus on the zoning and not the building.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

Nil

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) KEYSTONE CENTRE REPORT VERBAL JANUARY 19, 2026

Councillor Luebke provided a verbal report from the recent meeting of the Keystone Centre Board held on January 8, 2026. He acknowledged new board members Carla Milne, Bud Keys, and new Director of Finance Christine Mccorrister. Councillor Luebke advised that the audited financial statements for the 2024-2025 fiscal year had been reviewed and approved by members at the AGM. He reported that the Keystone Centre ran an operating surplus and announced that the Legacy of Lights event to be held at the Keystone Centre would be scheduled for May 14th, 2026.

(B) AUDIT & FINANCE VERBAL JANUARY 19, 2026

Councilor Parker provided a verbal report from the recent meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee held on January 15, 2026. He noted that the Director of Finance advised that the 2025 surplus will not be finalized until March, once all year-end activity and adjustments are accounted for. He noted that based on current estimates, administration is comfortable with Council allocating up to \$1.5 million of the projected 2025 surplus for use in upcoming budget deliberations. Councilor Parker advised that during the meeting the committee discussed potential uses and recommended the following allocation:

- \$1.1 million to tax reduction measures; and
- \$400,000 to Council priorities that are one-time in nature such as expanded infrastructure programs, special initiatives, or targeted services.

He further advised that applying the \$1.1 million to tax reduction would lower the average property owner's tax increase from 10.6% in Administration's draft to approximately 8.6%. The \$400,000 will be dedicated to one-time Council priorities, minimizing ongoing pressure to the operating budget. The final surplus figure will be reported to Council as part of the Financial Information Return, filed annually in March.

Parker-Hildebrand

1627 That the verbal reports from the Keystone Board of Directors and Audit and Finance Committee be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(297) SOBERING CENTRE UPDATE

Councilor Luebke enquired about the progress of the proposed sobering center project.

At the request of his Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that at this time the funding of \$2 million is not sufficient for the project costs for the Sobering Centre and the City of Brandon is awaiting next steps from the province.

(298) STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Councilor Luebke enquired about the next update on the Council's 2022 - 2026 Strategic Plan.

At the request of his Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that following the 2026 budget process a discussion with Council was planned to help guide administrative priorities for 2026. A formal update to Council on the Strategic Plan would follow. Preparation of a fully revised 2026 - 2030 Strategic Plan would be undertaken with Council in late 2026 or early 2027.

(299) ANIMAL CONTROL BY-LAW NO. 5900C UPDATE

Councilor Luebke enquired about the proposed amendments to the Animal Control by-law No. 5900C.

At the request of his Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that City Council would expect a report and recommendation in February that amending by-law number 7360 receive first reading.

(300) WILLOWDALE CRESCENT WASTE REMOVAL UPDATE

Councilor Hildebrand, on behalf of Councilor Berry, enquired about the change in refuse pickup times to begin in mid-February.

On behalf of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded with an updated indicating administration had drafted a letter to all households that were affected, notifying them of the error, and that collection points would not be changing. A notification had been posted to the City's social media page. Administration would be meeting with Council in the coming months to discuss opportunities for residential collection, once a report has been finalized.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MANITOBA AG DAYS

Councillor Luebke announced that Manitoba Ag Days are being held from January 20 - 22, 2026 at the Keystone Center.

COFFEE WITH MAYOR & COUNCIL

His Worship Mayor Fawcett announced that on January 26, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. City Council will be available in the foyer of City Hall for any questions or discussions. He further noted that there would be refreshments served.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) PILOT SHARPS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Council considered a report from the Planning & Building Department dated January 9, 2026 with respect to the above.

Tame-Splett

1628 That City Council receive the report on the Pilot Sharps Enhancement program for information. CARRIED.

(B) 2026 CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS TO THE BRANDON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Council considered a report from the Legislative Services Department dated January 12, 2026 with respect to the above.

Cameron-Desjarlais

1629 That the following citizens be appointed to the Brandon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee for terms of office to begin January 20, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2027:

Andrew Lepp
Garry Miller. CARRIED.

(C) 2026 CITIZEN APPOINTMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

Council considered a report from the Legislative Services Department dated January 12, 2026 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Cameron

1630 That the following citizen be appointed to the Environment and Climate Change Committee for the term of office to begin January 20, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2026:

Aidan Punak Murphy. CARRIED.

(D) JOINT AGREEMENTS - BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Parks & Recreation Department dated January 14, 2026, with respect to the above.

Splett-Tame

1631 That Council receive the report from Administration on the Joint Use of Community Facilities Agreement, and that the current Memorandum of Understanding remain in effect while a task force is established to undertake a comprehensive review;

And further, that the working group also review the existing facility booking system, the School Resource Officers, and the shared-cost elections agreement with the Brandon School Division. CARRIED.

Parker-Hildebrand

1632 That City Council resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole Meeting closed to the public to discuss legal negotiation and personnel matters. CARRIED.

Cullen-Parker

1633 That City Council resolve back into open session. CARRIED.

(E) PRE-BUDGET DISCUSSION

Council considered presentations from the Director of Finance and the Director of Human Resources related to the above.

Parker-Karrouze

1634 That the presentation regarding labour positions from the Director of Human Resources be received. CARRIED.

Desjarlais-Tame

1635 That the discussion regarding additional 2026 funding requests be received and referred to 2026 budget deliberations. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7434 TO AMEND BY-LAW 7295 TO BORROW FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AN
OUTDOOR SPORTS FIELD COMPLEX
2ND & 3RD READINGS

City Council considered a report from the Finance Department dated December 20, 2025 with respect to the above.

1636 Karrouze-Parker
That By-law No. 7434, to amend By-law No. 7295 to provide for the borrowing and expenditure of funds for the purpose of constructing an outdoor sports field complex be read a second time.

CARRIED.

1637 Karrouze-Parker
That By-law No. 7434 be read a third and final time. Carried.

FOR

AGAINST

Mayor Jeff Fawcett
Councillor Shaun Cameron
Councillor Barry Cullen
Councillor Kris Desjarlais
Councillor Greg Hildebrand
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NO. 7439 TO REZONE 2202 ROSSER AVENUE
AMENDMENT
2ND & 3RD READINGS

1638 Cameron-Splett
That By-law No. 7439 to rezone property located at 2202 Rosser Avenue (Lots 27/28 and E½ Lot 26, Block 21, Plan 15 BLTO) from RLD (Residential Low Density) to RMD (Residential Moderate Density) subject to the owner or successor entering into a development agreement with the City of Brandon with conditions as set out in "Attachment E" be amended by adding the condition that the building can be no more than 2.5 stories in height. LOST.

1639 Cameron-Splett
That By-law No. 7439 be read a second time. CARRIED.

1640 Cameron-Splett
That the by-law be read a third and final time. CARRIED.

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Shaun Cameron
Greg Hildebrand

NO. 7440 TO REZONE 215 12TH STREET NORTH
2ND & 3RD READINGS

1641 Desjarlais-Splett
That By-law No. 7440 (Z-11-25) to rezone 215 – 12th Street North (Parcels A/D, Plan 70110 BLTO) from Industrial Restricted (IR) to Educational & Institutional (EI), subject to the owner or successor entering into a development agreement with the City of Brandon as set out in Attachment “E” of this report be read a second time.
CARRIED.

1642 Desjarlais-Splett
That the by-law be read a third and final time. CARRIED.

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GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Cullen-Luebke

That the meeting do now adjourn. (9:39 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK