

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,
OCTOBER 6, 2025 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 Heather Karrouze, Councillor Bruce Luebke, Councillor Glen Parker, Councillor Jason Splett, Councillor Tyson Tame

ABSENT: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

1508 Splett-Karrouze
That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, October 6, 2025 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

RECOGNITIONS:

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

1509 Parker-Splett
That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Monday, September 15th, 2025 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

1510 Karrouze-Cameron
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, September 15th, 2025 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS & FEEDBACK:

(A) SUPPORT FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS AT A.R. MCDIARMID CIVIC
COMPLEX

Quentin Robinson of Sustainable Brandon spoke in support of electric vehicle chargers and spoke on climate change.

(B) SUPPORT FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

Madeline Robinson, Member of Sustainable Brandon and representing the Environment and Climate Change Committee of Council, spoke in favour of the electric vehicle plan for the A.R McDiarmid Civic Complex.

(C) OPPOSITION AGAINST ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

James Epp, Ward 5 resident, spoke in opposition to the electric vehicle charging stations, raising concerns of timing, costs, and value. He suggested Council refer the decision to budget deliberations.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

Nil

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) WESTERN MANITOBA REGIONAL LIBRARY VERBAL OCTOBER 6, 2025

Councillor Cameron provided a verbal report from the recent meeting of the Western Manitoba Regional Library held on September 17th, 2025. He noted they reviewed reports for monthly statistics and branch highlights, and they are preparing their 2026 budget to present to Council.

(B) WESTERN MANITOBA CENTENNIAL AUDITORIUM VERBAL OCTOBER 6, 2025

Councillor Cameron provided a verbal report on the recent meeting of the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium Board held on September 17, 2025. He advised that discussions focused on the facility’s finances, noting their current operating deficit as well as the recent approval of funding top-up by the province.

(C) BRANDON POLICE BOARD VERBAL OCTOBER 6, 2025

Councillor Berry provided a verbal report from the recent meeting of the Brandon Police Board held on October 3rd, 2025. He provided an update on the Brandon Police Service budget, staffing, traffic enforcement, trends in crime, and call for service. Councillor Berry also noted upcoming board member appointments and congratulated Jason Cullen on his appointment as Chief of the Manitoba First Nations Police Service.

(D) AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE VERBAL OCTOBER 6, 2025

Councillor Karrouze provided a verbal report from the recent Age Friendly Committee meeting held on September 18th, 2025. She provided updates of the cycling program, Health Checks, and their television programming on WCG TV. The committee also discussed updates to the Seniors Resource Guide and the development of a Relocation Guide for Seniors.

(E) AUDIT AND FINANCE VERBAL OCTOBER 6, 2025

Councillor Parker provided a verbal report from the recent meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee held on October 1st, 2025. He advised the Committee to discuss the August budget review and investment portfolio. Councillor Parker noted Mr. Ken Martin, the City’s investment advisor, gave an overview of current investment strategies, market conditions and the global economic environment. Councillor Parker noted a discussion then focused on the sale of Richardson Wealth, and Mr. Martin informed the committee that his Martin Wealth Management team has joined Raymond James Ltd. and provided all the rational for this move. The Committee voted in favor of transferring the City’s investment portfolio from Richardson Wealth to Raymond James Ltd. for one year timeframe.

(F) PERSONNEL COMMITTEE VERBAL OCTOBER 6, 2025

Councillor Desjarlais provided a verbal report from the recent meeting of the Personnel Committee held on September 16, 2025. He noted that a new contract has been finalized with the Fire Department that includes increases in wages and shift premiums.

Cameron-Hildebrand

1511 That the verbal reports from the Western Manitoba Regional Library, Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium, Brandon Police Board, Age Friendly, Audit and Finance and Personnel Committees be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(263) UPDATE ON 26TH STREET PARKING

Councillor Hildebrand enquired about the parking in the school zones on 26th street, noting the newly added No-Stopping zone had further reduced the already limited amount of spaces.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager advised that Transit did not wish to remove the stop from the industrial route. Transit plans to maintain this stop with the option of additional signage restricting parking from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

(264) UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF 26TH STREET NEAR JR REID

Councillor Hildebrand enquired about the construction on 26th Street, asking for a progress update and if driveway access would be restored before winter and if approaches would be completed.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, City Manager Dave Wardrop advised that with seasonal temperatures expected, work would continue with northbound lanes set to finished by month-end. Travel lanes were required to reopen before winter, and driveway approaches were expected to be completed.

(265) UPDATE ON LINE PAINTING ON 18TH STREET

Councillor Hildebrand enquired if Administration could contact Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the unmarked diamond or right-turn lane on 18th Street. He noted the signage remained unchanged, but lane painting had not been completed since repaving.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, City Manager Dave Wardrop advised the diamond lane paint markings on 18th Street would be painted by the end of next week, Friday October 17th, 2025, by the City of Brandon.

(266) UPDATE ON TREE REMOVAL PROGRAM

Councillor Desjarlais enquired about expanding the current tree-removal schedule during the September 15th regular council meeting.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager advised that Parks staff had inspected the area in question, at Rosser Avenue and 6th Street, and serviced three trees, trimming two and fully removing the third.

(267) UPDATE ON GREEN CART PICKUP

Councillor Berry enquired whether, once green cart pickup ends in early November, the City would revert to weekly collection of both black bins and blue bins.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, City Manager Dave Wardrop advised that the bi-weekly collection of Blue Bins had been working successfully with good adoption by residents. The plan was to continue with bi-weekly collection of recycling for the winter.

(268) UPDATE ON BUSH TRIMMING AND REMOVAL

Councillor Cameron enquired if Administration could consider the removal or trimming of a bush located along a back lane in the 100 block of Clark Drive stating several residents had expressed concerns about the increased presence of unhoused people.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, City Manager Dave Wardrop advised that the area in question was inspected, and three mature shrubs were identified for removal. Removal was scheduled for the week of October 6th to 10th.

(269) UPDATE ON VALCOURT WAY CLEAN UP

Councillor Karrouze enquired into the restoration plans for 1 Valcourt Way noting residents had expressed concerns about unsightly construction and weeds.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, City Manager Dave Wardrop advised that Brandon Police Service had received the complaint and were in the process of issuing a Bylaw Violation Notice to the owners of the property.

(270) UPDATE ON SPEEDING VEHICLES ALONG CLARK DRIVE

Councillor Cameron enquired about speeds on Clark Drive, between Whillier Drive and the Darrach Bay turnoff. He noted residents reported vehicles exceeding the 50 km/h limit near a 30 km/h zone, posing risks to pedestrians and children.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, City Manager Dave Wardrop advised that the Brandon Police Services Traffic Unit had been reduced to due to staffing shortages, and this concern had been forwarded to Brandon Police Services for follow-up as time permitted.

(271) MCTAVISH AVENUE - COUNCILLOR LUEBKE

Councillor Luebke enquired about an update on the road closure behind the BPS building on McTavish Avenue.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Berry responded noting the BPS board is waiting for a report back from Engineering prior to making a decision.

(272) MOCKINGBIRD DRIVE - NO PARKING SIGNS

Councillor Berry enquired about parking on Mockingbird Drive.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, City Manager Wardrop advised they are working with the developer, who has closed the road to allow for construction. There is also access from the north and once the parking lot is completed, the road will reopen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Councillor Desjarlais announced the First Presbyterian Church's 100 year anniversary event on November 16, 2025.

SPRUCE WOODS 40th ANNIVERSARY

Councillor Karrouze announced that Spruce Woods Housing Co-op would be celebrating their 40th anniversary on Saturday, October 25th, 2025 at the North End Community Center from 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM. She advised the public to contact 204-728-8998 for further information.

BRANDON RIVERBANK PETER SAWATZKY SCULPTURE PARK GRAND OPENING

His Worship Mayor Fawcett announced that on Thursday October 9th, 2025, the Brandon River Bank Discovery Centre would be celebrating their grand opening and ribbon cutting of the Peter Sawatzky Sculpture Park at the Caribou Gateway Plaza from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM.

BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION BY- ELECTION

His Worship Mayor Fawcett announced that Advanced Voting for the Brandon School Division by-election would be held Wednesday October 8, 2025, at 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM in the main foyer of City Hall, and Saturday October 11, 2025 at 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the Pioneer Lounge of the Keystone Centre. Additionally, there would be Mobile Polls that will attend healthcare facilities and senior housing throughout the city. Election Day is Thursday, October 16, 2025, and multiple locations will be open for voting throughout the city.

KEYSTONE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Councillor Luebke announced that applications were being accepted for Members-at-large (three) positions on the Keystone Centre Board of Directors. He noted that three Directors would be appointed, and nominations are accepted until noon on Friday October 10, 2025, by to CEO/GM Connie Lawrence. Councillor Luebke encouraged interested residents to contact himself or visit the Keystone website.

SPORTSPLEX GRAND OPENING

His Worship Mayor Fawcett announced that Brandon's Community Sportsplex arena would be celebrating the grand opening of its rink on Saturday October 11, 2025.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) SOLID WASTE SERVICES UPDATE

City Council considered a report from the Department of Public Works dated September 26th, 2025 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Cameron

1512 That the report from administration for the permanent closure of the depot located at the Keystone Centre by October 14, 2025, and the permanent closure and relocation of the remaining depots into a single location at the Eastview Landfill Site by Nov 14, 2025, be approved by Council as recommended. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

- 1513 Desjarlais-Berry
Remove "remaining depots" and replace with "recycling bins" and remove "as recommended" and replacing with "referred to budget deliberations". CARRIED AS AMENDED.

(B) CHARGE ON ENCUMBRANCES PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD APPROVAL

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Finance dated September 29th, 2025 with respect to the above.

- 1514 Splett-Tame
That the City of Brandon make an application to the Public Utilities Board of Manitoba to obtain the necessary approvals for:
- the charge on the collateral pursuant to the security agreement, and
 - the charge on the reserve account pursuant to the account control agreement,
- as required by s. 6.2(g) of the Credit Agreement entered into between the City of Brandon, Fusion Credit Union Limited, and Canada Infrastructure Bank. CARRIED.

(C) POLICE OPERATIONS CENTRE FUNDS FOR FIBRE PROJECT

City Council considered the report from the Deputy Chief of Police dated September 29th, 2025 with respect to the above.

- 1515 Berry-Splett
That an additional expenditure of up to \$80,000 be approved from the Police Equipment Reserve for the purpose of completing the fibre network connectivity of the Police Operations Centre. CARRIED.

(D) PROVINCIAL NOMINEE PROGRAM RESOLUTION AMENDMENT

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Department of Economic Development dated September 26, 2025 with respect to the above.

- 1516 Tame-Splett
That Council Resolution No. 926 relating to the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program adopted at the July 8, 2024 meeting of City Council be amended by:

1. deleting the words "AND WHEREAS Economic Development Brandon (EDB) has developed workforce immigration expertise through four years of participation in the Rural and Northern Immigration Program (RNIP);
2. deleting the word "faster" immediately before the word "entry"; and
3. deleting the paragraph "NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT" in its entirety and replacing with:

"AND WHEREAS Economic Development Brandon shall be granted the authority to expand the Brandon Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program Immigration Initiative to include collaborate with municipalities within the Southwest Economic Region, enabling the sharing of allocations provided by the Province of Manitoba under the Provincial Nominee Program, to which Brandon is a signatory, in order to address labour-related needs of neighboring communities;

AND WHEREAS City Council shall delegate authority to the City Manager to make future amendments, enhancements, or expansions to the Brandon / Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program Immigration Initiative at their discretion;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Brandon commits to maintaining the partnership with the Province of Manitoba, through the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program (MPNP), to develop and implement a strategy to attract skilled immigrants to Brandon and qualifying regional municipalities." CARRIED.

(E) EV CHARGING STATION PROGRAM

Considered was a report from the Acting General Manager of Development Services dated September 25th, 2025 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Karrouze

1517 That the bid from Jamieson-Judd Ltd. for the supply and install of two Level 2 Electric Vehicle Chargers at the A.R. McDiarmid Civic Complex at a cost of \$103,288.00 (net of GST) be accepted;

And that the total expected project costs of \$100,000.00 (net of funding) be authorized to be expended from the General Operating Fund. CARRIED.

(F) 2025-2026 UTILITY RATE ADEQUACY REPORT

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Finance dated October 1st, 2025 with respect to the above.

Splett-Parker

1518 That the 2025-2026 Utility Rate Adequacy Report be received;

And further that the report, deeming the rates as adequate for 2025 and 2026, be submitted to the Public Utilities Board of Manitoba. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7434 TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 7295 TO BORROW FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSTRUCTING AN OUTDOOR SPORTS FIELD COMPLEX
1ST READING

City Council considered a report from the Director of Finance dated September 29th, 2025 with respect to the above.

Karrouze-Desjarlais

1519 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 first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7435 FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW NO. 7435 TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 7393 TO BORROW FUNDS
FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPLACING THE BRANDON COMMUNITY SPORTSPLEX ICE PLANT
AND ARENA UPGRADES
AMENDMENT
2ND & 3RD READINGS

Council considered a report from the Director of Finance dated September 26, 2025 with respect to the above.

Karrouze-Luebke

1520 That By-law No. 7435 – to amend By-law No. 7393 to provide for the borrowing and expenditure of funds for the purpose of replacing the Brandon Community Sportsplex ice plant and arena upgrades be amended by deleting in the second AND WHEREAS clause, the word “September” and substituting with the word “July”; and in Section 1, deleting the

word “September” and substituting with the word “July”; and in Schedule “A” deleting the word “September” and substituting with the word “July”. CARRIED.

Karrouze-Luebke

1521 That By-law No. 7435 as amended be read a second time. CARRIED.

Karrouze-Luebke

1522 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. 7435 third reading.

FOR

AGAINST

Mayor Jeff Fawcett
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

NO. 7437

FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW NO. 7411 TO BORROW FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF
PURCHASING AND RETROFITTING A POLICE OPERATIONS CENTRE
AMENDMENT
2ND & 3RD READINGS

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Finance dated September 26, 2025 with respect to the above.

Berry-Splett

1523 That By-law No. 7437 – to amend By-law No. 7411 to provide for the borrowing and expenditure of funds for the purpose of purchasing and retrofitting a Police Operations Centre be amended by deleting in the second AND WHEREAS clause, the word “August” and substituting with the word “July”; and in Section 1, deleting the word “August” and substituting with the word “July”; and in Schedule “A” deleting the word “August” and substituting with the word “July”. CARRIED.

Berry-Splett

1524 That By-law No. 7437 as amended be read a second time. CARRIED.

Berry-Splett

1525 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. 7437 third reading.

FOR

AGAINST

Mayor Jeff Fawcett
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

GIVING OF NOTICE:

(A) SOLID WASTE SERVICE LEVELS

In accordance with Rule 60 of Procedure By-law No. 6334, Councillor Berry gave notice of his intent to introduce a motion with respect to solid waste service levels.

(B) TAXI BY-LAW NO. 6884

In accordance with Rule 60 of Procedure By-law No. 6334, Councillor Cullen gave notice of his intent to introduce a motion with respect to changing wording in Taxi By-Law No. 6884 regarding permit suspensions and pending charges.

ADJOURN:

Berry-Luebke

That the meeting do now adjourn. (9:00 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK