

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 1, 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 Heather Karrouze, Councillor Bruce Luebke, Councillor Glen Parker, Councillor Jason Splett

ABSENT: Councillor Tyson Tame

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Splett-Cullen
1816 That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, June 1, 2026 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

RECOGNITIONS:

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Cameron-Karrouze
1817 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, May 18, 2026 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS & FEEDBACK:

Nil

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) **CITY OF BRANDON SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTRES (YAC)**

Callum Morrison, Mikayla Lacquette, and Alexandra Hebert, program assistants for the City of Brandon Summer Youth Activity Centre (YAC), appeared before City Council with respect to an update on the Program. They thanked their supporters and provided background information for the program, including attendance, types of activities, and potential benefits it will have on youth. The group then presented a video with positive testimonials from children who attended YAC in 2025.

Parker-Splett
1818 That the presentation with respect to the Youth Activity Centres be received. CARRIED.

(B) PROPERTY ASSESSMENT SERVICES

Farrah Anderson, from Provincial Assessment Services, appeared before City Council to provide information on the impact of the 2027 property reassessment. She informed Council of how changes were made since the last reassessment in 2025, and that notices were put in the mail on the day of the meeting.

Luebke-Cullen

1819 That the presentation with respect to Property Assessment Services be received. CARRIED.

(C) 2025 WILDFIRE SEASON OVERVIEW

Tobin Praznik, Emergency Manager, provided City Council a presentation with respect to the above. He provided information on the fires that affected various locations throughout Manitoba, a timeline of evacuation efforts and highlights, and comparisons with the 2026 dry season. He also acknowledged various local groups and businesses who offered support and relief efforts.

Cameron-Desjarlais

1820 That the presentation with respect to the 2025 wildfire season be received. CARRIED.

(D) OPEN STREETS BRANDON WORKING COMMITTEE

Madelyn Robinson, sustainable Brandon, and Grant Hamilton, Brandon University, submitted a presentation to City Council related to the above. They informed Council of the importance of their pilot project highlighting the benefits of active transportation and large local gathering spaces and informed Council that Lorne Avenue from Stanley Park to Rideau Park is closed for vehicular transport on July 19, August 16, and September 13, 2026.

Splett-Karrouze

1821 That the presentation with respect to the Open Streets Brandon Working Committee be received. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) COMMUNITY SAFETY & WELLBEING PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

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.

Desjarlais-Splett

1822 That the presentation with respect to the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan Steering Committee be received; and

Further that City Council table Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan until the final plan is received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(A) BY-LAW NO. 7445 TO CLOSE AND CONVEY THE PORTION OF 11TH STREET EAST

City Council sat to hear representation with respect to By-law No. 7445 to close and convey a portion of 11th Street East lying south of McTavish Avenue East between Block 10 & 11 Plan 10 BLTO.

Parker-Cameron

1823 That the Public Hearing for By-law No. 7445 to close and convey the portion of 11th Street East lying south of McTavish Avenue East between Block 10 & 11 Plan 10 BLTO, be concluded. CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nil

ENQUIRIES:

(329) TRANSIT FUNDING

Councillor Luebke enquired about the cities budget towards the transit after a recent Brandon Sun story quoting a City Transit Official stating the funding was around \$2,000,000.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager provided clarity for the Municipal Operating Grant amount, at \$8.9 million, and that allocations for transit are based on historical provincial funding amounts and are notional only. Council has full discretion over how the grant is allocated, which in the case of Transit is the amount mentioned by the Councillor.

(330) WORST ROADS

Councillor Luebke enquired about the status of first street and the province's maintenance plans considering the CAA Worst Roads awards.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager advised that the City has requested the schedule from the province and more information would be provided in the future.

(331) MOSQUITO FOGGING SUPPLY

Councillor Luebke enquired about the City's stock of mosquito fogging chemicals and a possible replacement for discontinued products.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager advised that there is no current replacement for the current fogging product but administration is searching for a solution.

(332) LICENSING FOR SHORT TERM RENTALS

Councillor Luebke enquired about the licensing policy for short term rentals and whether business licenses are issued for such businesses.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager advised that the City does not issue business licenses for short term rental businesses.

(333) PROVINCIAL BOULEVARD MAINTENANCE

His worship Mayor Fawcett enquired about the plan for the maintenance of the boulevards on provincial roads.

The City Manager advised that discussions had taken place with the province and the City would be maintaining those boulevards on behalf of the province with plans to commence the first week of June, 2026.

(334) DINSDALE PARK STUDY

Councillor Hildebrand enquired about the Dinsdale Park Rail display and the details on a study conducted in February, 2026.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager advised that the matter would be taken under advisement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRAIRIE BLEND

Councillor Desjarlais announced a music event happening June 5, 2026 at the First Presbyterian Church featuring the low voice singing group, Prairie Blend.

WESTERN MANITOBA REGIONAL LIBRARY BOTTLE DRIVE

Councillor Cameron announced the Western Manitoba Regional Library (WMRL) bottle drive where, in the last week of May 2026, they gathered over 400 re-usable water bottles for people in need in Brandon.

POLICE BOARD MEETING

Councillor Berry announced the next meeting of the Brandon Police Board to be held on June 12, 2026.

ANNUAL SUMMER FAIR

Councillor Luebke announced the Annual Summer Fair at the Keystone Centre on Wednesday, June 4 to Sunday, June 7, 2026.

BRANDON WORLD CUP - LOCAL SOCCER COMPETITION

Mayor Fawcett announced a local soccer competition happening June 19, 2026 at the Canada Packers Field.

FREEDOM OF THE CITY PARADE

Mayor Fawcett announced a Freedom of the City parade on June 11, 2026 held by the First Regiment Royal House Artillery at 9:30 a.m. at Brandon University.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) 2026 UNDERGROUND UTILITIES DIG RESTORATION UPDATE - START OF SEASON

Todd Burton, General Manager of Operations, appeared before council to report on the above. He informed council on the amounts of planned jobs and completed tasks, addressing backlog from 2025, and plans to be caught up in the fall of 2026.

Cullen-Splett

1824

That the spring 2026 update on Underground Utilities dig restorations be received.
CARRIED.

(B) COMMEMORATIVE NAMING OF TWO CITY OF BRANDON'S PROTECTED AREAS
ALONG THE ASSINIBOINE RIVER CORRIDOR

Ingrid Gatin, Programs and Community Coordinator for the Riverbank Discovery Center, provided a report on the renaming of protective areas along the Assiniboine River Corridor. She informed Council of the indigenous groups that were consulted, and that the grand opening for the Protected Areas on June 22, 2026 and 10 a.m.

Desjarlais-Luebke

1825 That city council approve the proposed indigenous names for protected area #1 Oeti, and protected area #4 Shunkawakan Onazin of the city owned protected areas along the Assiniboine River Corridor; and

Further that the City engage with the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council to establish an indigenous naming policy in the City of Brandon. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7444 TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 856 & 862 – 1ST STREET
2ND & 3RD READINGS

City Council considered a report from the Planning and Building Department dated May 22, 2026 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Splett

1826 That By-law No. 7444 to rezone properties located at 856 & 862 - 1st Street (Lots 1/4 and the Sly 9 Feet of Lot 5, Block 49, Plan 8 BLTO) from RMD Residential Moderate Density to RHD Residential High Density be read a second time. CARRIED.

Luebke-Splett

1827 That the by-law be read a third and final time. CARRIED.

FOR: 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

AGAINST: Nil

NO. 7445 PLAN OF 11TH STREET EAST TO BE CLOSED LYING BETWEEN BLOCK 10 & 11 PLAN 10
BLTO
2ND & 3RD READINGS

City Council considered a report from the Planning and Building Department dated May 7, 2026 with respect to the above.

Parker-Karrouze

1828 That By-law No. 7445 to close and convey the portion of 11th Street East lying south of McTavish Avenue East between Block 10 & 11 Plan 10 BLTO, be read a second time. CARRIED.

Parker-Karrouze

1829 That the by-law be read a third and final time. CARRIED.

FOR: 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

AGAINST: Nil

NO. 7452 TO AMEND TRAFFIC BY-LAW NO. 5463 TO IMPLEMENT DIGITAL PARKING PAYMENT
2ND & 3RD READINGS

City Council considered a report from the Planning and Building Department dated May 13, 2026 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Splett

1830 That By-law No. 7452 to amend Traffic By-law No. 5463 to allow for digital parking payment in the City be read a second time. CARRIED.

Desjarlais-Splett

1831 That the by-law be read a third and final time. CARRIED.

FOR: 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

AGAINST: Nil

NO. 7455 TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT PART OF 1900 – 34TH STREET
1ST READING

City Council considered a report from the Planning and Building Department dated May 22, 2026 with respect to the above.

Berry-Parker
1832 That By-law No. 7455 to rezone properties located at part of 1900 – 34th Street (Part SE 1/4 Of Section 9-10-19 WPM) from under the RM of Cornwallis Zoning By-law No. 1558/09/99, AG80 Agricultural General 80 to RLD Residential Low Density be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7457 TO REPEAL BY-LAW NO. 7409 AND TO REZONE PART OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1910 BELL AVENUE
1ST READING

City Council considered a report from the Planning and Building Department dated May 22, 2026 with respect to the above.

Karrouze-Cameron
1833 That By-law No. 7457 to repeal By-law No. 7409 and to rezone part of property located at 1910 Bell Avenue (Lot 2, Plan 75157 BLTO) from DR Development Reserve to RMD Residential Moderate Density be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

(A) INDIGENOUS RELATIONS COORDINATOR

In accordance with Rule 60 of Procedure By-law No. 6334, Councillor Luebke gave notice of his intent to introduce a motion with respect to advocating to the Federal and Provincial Governments for funding for the Coordinator Position for BUAPC.

And, further, have the City of Brandon put together a proposal to add an Indigenous Relations Coordinator / Advisor as a full-time position with the City of Brandon.

ADJOURN:

Berry-Luebke
That the meeting do now adjourn. (9:37 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK