

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 28, 2007 AT 7:30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor D. Burgess in the Chair, Councillor V. Barletta, Councillor E. Black, Councillor M. Blight, Councillor M. Campbell, Councillor K. Fitzpatrick, Councillor J. Harwood, Councillor D. Jessiman, Councillor J. McCrae, Councillor D. Paterson, Councillor G. Rice

**ABSENT:** Youth Councillor

**PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:**

(A) PRESENTATION OF AWARDS - BRANDON HISTORICA FAIR

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His Worship the Mayor presented awards to Chantel Lim, Luke Giesbrecht and Jordan Cristall for their projects at the Brandon Historica Fair.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

238 Harwood-Paterson  
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, May 28, 2007 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

239 Blight-Paterson  
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Monday, May 14, 2007 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

**HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:**

(A) ALISON DAWSON - ECO-ODYSSEY

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Allison Dawson, a Grade 12 Eco-Odyssey student from Neelin High School appeared before City Council to provide information on the Eco-Odyssey Program being offered at Neelin. In particular, she drew attention to the need for non-motorized transportation and increased awareness of pedestrian rights and safety.

240 Paterson-Barletta  
That the presentation of Alison Dawson on behalf of the Eco-Odyssey Program with respect to non-motorized travel and pedestrian rights and safety be received;

and further, that the presentation be referred to Administration for consideration and subsequent report to Council. CARRIED.

(B) GLEN KRUCK - ROAMING COMMUNITY LAND TRUST AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING COALITION

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Glen Kruck of the Westman Region of the Canadian Mental Health Association provided a video presentation on the philosophy of roaming community land trusts and the impact they have on affordable housing.

McCrae-Harwood

241 That the presentation by Glen Kruck with respect to the Roaming Community Land Trust and Affordable Housing Coalition be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATION & PETITIONS:

(A) DEVELOPMENT OF GREEN SPACE - 27TH STREET AND PARK AVENUE

Councillor McCrae presented correspondence received with respect to the green space located at 27th Street and Park Avenue. He noted ward residents in general were opposed to the downsizing of the park area or its facilities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) WESTERN MANITOBA CENTENNIAL AUDITORIUM - VERBAL REPORT - APRIL 24, 2007

Brandon, Manitoba  
April 24, 2007

Mayor and Council  
City of Brandon

Councillor Blight provided a verbal report on the material provided to City Council with respect to the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium Board Meeting held April 24, 2007. He summarized that the report included information on the audited financial statements and the proposed operational review.

(B) JOINT TASK FORCE - BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION AND CITY OF BRANDON - VERBAL REPORT - MAY 28, 2007

Brandon, Manitoba  
May 28, 2007

Mayor and Council  
City of Brandon

Councillor Blight provided a verbal report on the recent Joint Task Force Meeting whereby he noted the intention to continue with the Transportation Program in place for shop and home economic students.

Paterson-Fitzpatrick

242 That the verbal reports by Councillor Blight with respect to the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium Board of Directors meeting and the Joint Task Force be accepted. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(159) STATUS OF 2005 FLOOD CLAIMS

Councillor Paterson enquired whether or not an update could be provided on the status of the 2005 flood claims.

His Worship the Mayor advised that he had been in contact with the local Member of Parliament, Mr. Merv. Tweed, who was working on the issue directly with the Federal Minister responsible, The Honourable Stockwell Day and further, that a formal response was expected in the very near future.

(160) AIR SERVICE FOR SECONDARY MARKETS

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Councillor Paterson noted that there were currently no Federal policies in place to encourage airlines to provide air service to smaller Canadian cities such as Brandon. He enquired whether or not the Federation of Canadian Municipalities could be asked to lobby the Federal Government to have incentives provided to airlines which encouraged them to provide air service to smaller cities.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

(161) CROSSWALK AT 18TH STREET AND LORNE AVENUE

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Councillor Barletta referred to a previous enquiry whereby he had requested improvements to the crosswalk at 18th Street and Lorne Avenue. He noted that some improvements such as better signage had been implemented and enquired whether or not a response had been received from the Province of Manitoba as to the status of more permanent improvements.

His Worship the Mayor advised that no response from the Province had been received so far.

(162) DANDELIONS ON SCHOOL GROUND PROPERTY

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Councillor Jessiman advised that he had forwarded an enquiry to the General Manager of Operational Services with respect to dandelions on school property.

(163) PROPERTY TO BE USED FOR JOINT RECREATION FACILITY WITH THE YMCA AND BRANDON UNIVERSITY

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Councillor Jessiman advised that he had forwarded an enquiry to the General Manager of Operational Services with respect to the property to be used for the joint YMCA and Brandon University recreation facility.

(164) PUBLIC LIBRARIES - GRANTS FOR SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

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Councillor Jessiman referred to previous years when library boards had accessed grants from the Federal Government to assist with the employment of students over the summer. He noted that the funding for these grants had been cut for this summer and enquired whether or not this was a permanent cut or just for this year.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

(165) PROMOTION OF GREEN BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF CALGARY

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Councillor Rice referred to various programs in the City of Calgary whereby contractors who built green buildings received special benefits such as waiving of permit fees etc. He noted that His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager and 3 Council Members were to be in Calgary for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Convention in the next week or so and enquired if they could bring back information on those promotions.

His Worship the Mayor advised that a seminar on that issue was expected as part of the convention and agreed to bring back any information distributed at the seminar for Council's perusal.

(166) UPDATE ON COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

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Councillor Blight enquired as to when an update on the Community Strategic Plan was expected.

His Worship the Mayor advised that an update was expected in the fall.

(167) AVAILABILITY OF LOW INCOME RENTAL HOUSING

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Councillor Black noted that the influx of new foreign Maple Leaf employees had added to the crisis in the availability of low income rental housing in Brandon. He also noted that the additional demand for low rental housing could compound the problem for out of town students attending Assiniboine Community College and Brandon University who had chosen to find accommodations other than those provided at the University. He enquired as to how this increasing problem was being addressed and further, whether or not the University allowed non-students to stay in the vacant rooms in the dormitories.

His Worship the Mayor advised that meetings with Maple Leaf where this issue was discussed were ongoing and Council would be kept up to date on any new developments. He agreed to contact Brandon University as to the availability of vacant dorm rooms to be rented to non-students.

(169) MAPLE LEAF WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION

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Councillor Black enquired as to the status of the funding for the expansion of the Maple Leaf Wastewater Treatment Plant and further where Maple Leaf was in its portion of the construction phase.

His Worship the Mayor advised that Maple Leaf continued to make progress in its portion of the construction and further that negotiations between the City of Brandon, and the Provincial and Federal Governments were expected to be wrapped up in the near future with a positive outcome for everyone involved.

(170) PARKING LOT - 8TH STREET AND PACIFIC AVENUE

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Councillor Black referred to a proposed parking lot between the 8th Street Bridge and Christie's Office Plus on Pacific Avenue and enquired whether or not any new information on same could be provided.

His Worship the Mayor responded that the property in question was privately owned and no information on plans for the site had been received.

(171) GREEN SPACE AT 27TH STREET AND PARK AVENUE

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Councillor Black referred to the green space in the vicinity of 27th Street and Park Avenue which was to be the topic of discussion at a Meadows Ward Meeting on May 29, 2007. He noted that he had received numerous phone calls from residents of various areas of the City enquiring about this green space and others around the City and enquired whether or not an update could be provided.

At the request of the Chair, Councillor McCrae advised that the proposed changes to this particular green space and others around the City were all part of the Recreation Master Plan however, consultation with area residents in each case was expected and a solution satisfactory to both sides anticipated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ROTARY CONVENTION

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Councillor Paterson announced that over 400 delegates were expected to attend the Rotary Convention to be held in the UCT Pavilion at the Keystone Centre from May 31 to June 3, 2007.

RELAY FOR LIFE

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Councillor Paterson announced that the Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life was to be held June 1, 2007 at the Riverbank Discovery Centre.

BRANDON'S 125TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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Councillor Harwood announced that various events were to be held throughout the day on May 30, 2007 in celebration of Brandon's 125th Birthday, culminating with the official Birthday party at the Riverbank Discovery Centre from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. He encouraged everyone to attend.

CANADA GAMES SPORTSPLEX PADDLE POOL

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Councillor Paterson reminded area residents that the paddle pool at the Canada Games Sportsplex would not be operated this summer.

MEADOWS WARD MEETING

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Councillor McCrae announced that a Meadows Ward Meeting was to be held Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at J.R. Reid School beginning at 7:00 p.m. He invited everyone to attend.

"THE BOYS WHO CAME TO PLAY" MOVIE

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Councillor Black announced that a movie entitled "The Boys Who Came to Play" had been made about former Negro baseball players from the United States who had come north to play baseball in Canada, which included some former members of the Brandon Greys Baseball Team. He further announced that same would be shown on Manitoba Moments on CTV, Sunday June 3, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday June 9, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. He suggested a copy of this movie could be purchased by the City of Brandon to be shown at the Evans Theatre, Brandon University in conjunction with Brandon's 125th Birthday Celebrations.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) COMMUNITY EVENT - GERMAN SOCIETY OF WESTMAN THIRD ANNUAL SOMMERFEST

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Considered was a report from the City Clerk's Office dated May 4, 2007 with respect to the above.

Rice-Jessiman

243 That the German Society of Westman Third Annual Sommerfest to be held Friday, June 15 and Saturday, June 16, 2007 on the grounds of the South End Community Centre, 1140 - 9th Street, be deemed a Community Event in the City of Brandon. CARRIED.

(B) LARK STREET AND CLARE AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY EXTENSIONS

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City Council considered a report from the Property and Traffic Coordinator dated May 11, 2007 with respect to the above.

Paterson-Fitzpatrick

244 That \$235,326.32 be expended in 2007 from the Land Acquisition Reserve for the acquisition of property to extend Lark Street and Clare Avenue for the future development of the Black Property. CARRIED.

(C) DOWNTOWN TASK FORCE

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Submitted for consideration was a report from the City Clerk's Office dated May 25, 2007 with respect to the above.

Barletta-McCrae

245 That the following citizen appointments be and are hereby made to the Downtown Task Force with term of office to expire June 1, 2009:

Lee Bass  
Mark Fawcett  
Marlow Kirton  
Rod Lindenberg  
Wayne McLeod  
Jeanne Millis  
John Zeke

CARRIED.

(D) PLAN FOR RELOCATION OF INDUSTRIAL AND LIGHT INDUSTRIAL BUSINESSES FROM THE ASSINIVIEW SUBDIVISION - COUNCILLOR PATERSON

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Considered was a report from Councillor D. Paterson dated May 16, 2007 with respect to the above in accordance with his notice of motion filed at the May 14, 2007 meeting of City Council.

Paterson-Blight

246 That Administration be requested to formulate a plan for Council consideration whereby all industrial or light industrial firms in the Assiniview Subdivision be encouraged or contracted to relocate to other areas in Brandon such that the Assiniview Master Plan can proceed as passed by Council. CARRIED.

(E) REQUEST TO THE FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES TO LOBBY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PETITION THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO ACCEPTANCE OF SECURE, HIGH TECH DRIVERS' LICENSES IN PLACE OF PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS

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At the request of Councillor Jessiman, this item was not included on the agenda for debate as the Federation of Canadian Municipalities was already taking action on the matter.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 6867 - TO AMEND TEMPORARY SIGN BY-LAW NO. 6864 WITH RESPECT TO VEHICLE AND TRAILER SIGNS  
2ND AND 3RD READINGS

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It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the May 14, 2007 meeting of City Council.

Rice-Blight

247 That By-law No. 6867 to amend Temporary Sign By-law No. 6854 with respect to vehicle and trailer signs be read a second time. CARRIED.

Rice-Blight

248 That this 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. 6867 third reading.

FOR

AGAINST

His Worship Mayor Burgess  
Councillor Barletta  
Councillor Black  
Councillor Blight  
Councillor Campbell  
Councillor Fitzpatrick  
Councillor Harwood  
Councillor Jessiman  
Councillor McCrae  
Councillor Paterson  
Councillor Rice

Nil

NO. 6868 - TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1 TO 47 LAUREL BAY FROM RMH RESIDENTIAL MOBILE/MODULAR HOME ZONE TO RSF RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY ZONE  
1ST READING

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City Council considered a report from the Planning Department of Development Services dated May 17, 2007 with respect to the above.

Campbell-McCrae

249 That By-law No. 6868 to rezone property located at 1 to 47 Laurel Bay (Lots 1/13, Block 3 and Lots 2/24, Block 4, Plan 42059 BLTO) from RMH Residential Mobile/Modular Home Zone to RSF Residential Single Family Zone be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Blight-Barletta

That the meeting do now adjourn. (8:55 p.m.) CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK