

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 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, Councillor Tyson Tame

ABSENT: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Cullen-Splett
1941 That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, October 5, 2026 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

RECOGNITIONS:

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Cameron-Karrouze
1942 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, September 21, 2026 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS & FEEDBACK:

Nil

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) **BRANDON VOTES**

Heather Ewasiuk, Senior Election Official (SEO) provided details to City Council on the voting opportunities available for the municipal and school board elections. She announced voting places, advanced polling options, and the procedures on voting. The SEO encouraged residents to visit the brandon.ca/votes website.

Tame-Splett
1943 That the presentation by Ms. Ewasiuk on Brandon Votes be accepted. CARRIED.

(B) BRANDON FOOD COUNCIL

Olivia Boyce presented an update to Council on the work of the Brandon Food Council (Westman), a vision for regional food security and upcoming initiatives. She announced the new location of the Food Rescue Grocery store at 241 8th St. Boyce also shared details on the 2026-2028 strategic plan with events including the Prairie Table from November 5-15, 2026.

Cameron-Karrouze

1944 That the presentations by Brandon Votes and Brandon Food Council be received. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) AUDIT AND FINANCE VERBAL OCTOBER 5, 2026

Councillor Parker gave a verbal report from the September 22, 2026 meeting. He shared they reviewed the investment portfolio and reported with approximately \$16 million difference in market value. The committee also reviewed the August 2026 budget projecting a balanced budget and overall improvements from the previous meeting.

Parker-Hildebrand

1945 That the recommendation of the Audit and Finance Committee, namely that the City of Brandon continue to retain Martin Wealth Management for investment advisory services, and that investment advisory services be reviewed once during each term of Council be accepted. CARRIED.

Parker-Splett

1946 That the Audit and Finance Committee report be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(370) LIGHTING ALONG WILLOWDALE WALKING PATH

Councillor Berry enquired about the lighting along the Willowdale Walking path, requesting temporary lighting to be installed before the end of the year.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, City Manager Wardrop advised that the current timeline is to develop pathway lighting standards in 2027 for future transportation and movement planning initiatives. The request for temporary lighting in the area would be taken under advisement.

(371) FIELDSTONE CRESCENT CONSTRUCTION

Councillor Berry enquired about construction bins left on Fieldstone Crescent, and whether By-Law compliance would service the area for road blockages and property overgrowth.

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

(372) LAKEVIEW DRIVE SPEEDING

Councillor Berry enquired about speeding enforcement measures along Lakeview Drive, highlighting a lack of signage at the intersection of Lakeview and Brookewood.

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

(373) LOWERING SPEED ZONES

Councillor Desjarlais enquired about whether the City could reduce speeds around parks to a 30 kilometers per hour zone, specifically at Stanley Park between 14th and 15th Street.

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

(374) DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Councillor Luebke enquired about reviewing the vacant position of Director of Parks & Recreation.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, City Manager Wardrop advised that the position of Director of Parks & Recreation was reviewed and it has been determined that it plays a key role in the planning, oversight, and execution of significant capital and operational projects. He highlighted many important projects in the City requiring dedicated leadership attention and noted a permanent Director will restore the leadership capacity necessary to

support staff, improve service delivery, and address operational challenges before larger long-term issues arise.

(375) CLEMENT DRIVE - SIDEWALK COMPLETION

Councillor Cameron enquired about the timeline on sidewalk completion along Clement Drive.

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

(376) SANITATION BIN LID REPLACEMENT

Councillor Tame enquired about how residents can request their sanitation bins and lids be fixed or replaced.

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

(377) PROCEDURAL ORIENTATION

Councillor Tame enquired about updating the orientation for new councillors.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, City Manager Wardrop advised that administration is actively working on orientation for new councillors and will be scheduled for early November.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRANDON AND MANITOBA
TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE HIGHWAY MOWING

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Parks & Recreation Department dated September 24, 2026 with respect to the above.

1947 Splett-Luebke

That the update regarding the establishment of a multi-year agreement with Manitoba Transportation & Infrastructure (MTI) for mowing and grass maintenance of provincial highway routes within the City of Brandon be received. CARRIED.

(B) QUOTATION - TANDEM TRUCK FOR BRANDON AIRPORT

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Transportation Services Department dated September 23, 2026 with respect to the above.

Karrouze-Parker

- 1948 That the bid from Connexion Truck Centre (Ontario) Inc. be accepted for the purchase of one (1) 2028 Freightliner 114SD tandem truck in the amount of \$448,034 (net of GST). And further, that the additional funding requirement of \$68,034 be funded from the Airport Improvement Reserve. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7360 TO AMEND ANIMAL CONTROL BY-LAW 5900
2ND & 3RD READINGS

Submitted for consideration was a report from Police Services dated September 25, 2026 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Desjarlais

- 1949 That By-law No. 7360, to amend Animal Control By-law No. 5900 to update clauses related to the number of pets per household, pet licensing, and general housekeeping, be read a second time. NOT VOTED ON.

AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Cullen

- 1950 That section 14 be amended by adding the words "either" immediately after the word "maintain" and adding the words "or lifetime" immediately after the word "year" to allow for the option of lifetime pet licenses. NOT VOTED ON.

" 14. That the words in Section 3. (a) be deleted in their entirety and replaced with the following: "The owner of a dog and/or cat over six (6) months of age shall obtain and maintain *either a valid two (2) year or lifetime* license from Municipal Licensing. To be issued a license, the owner must meet the following criteria: i. Be at least 18 years of age; ii. Pay the applicable license fee; and iii. Provide, in a form acceptable to Municipal Licensing, any information reasonably required to administer and enforce this by-law." *(Emphasis added)*

Desjarlais-Tame

- 1951 That the second reading of the Animal Control By-law be deferred to the October 19, 2026 meeting of council. CARRIED.

NO. 7465 TO AMEND ORGANIZATIONAL BY-LAW NO. 6650
1ST READING

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Legislative Services Department dated September 24, 2026 with respect to the above.

1952 Luebke-Berry
That By-law No. 7465 to amend Organizational By-law No. 6650 by removing the Brandon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee and establishing a Governance and priorities Committee and an Appeal Committee be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7466 TO AMEND PROCEDURE BY-LAW NO. 6634
1ST READING

Submitted for consideration was a report from Legislative Services Department dated September 24, 2026 with respect to the above.

1953 Luebke-Desjarlais
That By-law No. 7466 to amend Procedure By-law No. 6634 by establishing provisions for Education Sessions of Council be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

(A) BRANDON WATER TOWER & RIDEAU PARK

Councillor Parker gave notice that he will be bringing forward a motion in regard to lighting and Rideau Park and the Brandon Water Tower.

ADJOURN:

Berry-Luebke
That the meeting do now adjourn. (8:35 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK