

CITY INSIGHTS

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Hey, what's going on Downtown?

Construction on Main underway and 500 more housing units in 5 years

The City of Moorhead recently set a goal for downtown housing: 500 new units in the next 5 years. Around the country, interest in urban housing has grown exponentially. The millennial generation, empty nesters, people with vacation homes, and households of all kinds are excited about downtown city living. With housing underway in downtown and near-downtown Moorhead, the momentum has started. Everyone in Moorhead is eagerly watching the construction progress along Main Ave where two multi-story buildings will be open for occupancy later in 2018.

Block E (801 Main Ave)

- Main floor: Usher's Restaurant and additional commercial space
- 2nd Floor: Eventide Corporate Headquarters
- 3rd & 4th Floors: 12 apartments



The building will have a public plaza for all to enjoy—right across from the iconic Moorhead Dairy Queen.

913 Lofts (913 Main Ave)

- 45 rental unit building
- Features balconies and enclosed parking next to Hornbacher's



Center Avenue Retail (814 Center Ave)

- 10,400 square feet new and remodeled commercial/office/retail space
- Four bedroom residential rental unit with rooftop patio



Just the beginning—coming soon on Center Ave

A street construction project is planned on Center Avenue from the Red River to 8 St during the 2019 construction season. While the road width will not be changing, design features will improve safety and traffic flow and encourage more pedestrian traffic.

A bit further to the east, the former Simon Warehouse at Center Ave and 10 St will be converted by Mutchler Bartram Architects (MBA) into 65 rental apartments while maintaining the historical significance of the 1923 brick building. Just to the west of the Simon building is the former Moorhead Armory. MBA intends to transform this building into an event center. Remodeling plans include removal of the metal siding and uncovering the original brick façade.

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Retail staple Herberger's closes —what's next?

Moorhead was so fortunate to have the Herberger's store as part of the Moorhead Center Mall since 1980 when it was still Eckstein's Department Store. Herberger's bought Eckstein's in 1983 and the Mall expanded its footprint in 1992—building a larger store. The City added the parking ramp at the same time. Locals and those beyond our city borders count Herberger's as their favorite department store, and it's unfortunate that the national chain has gone out of business.

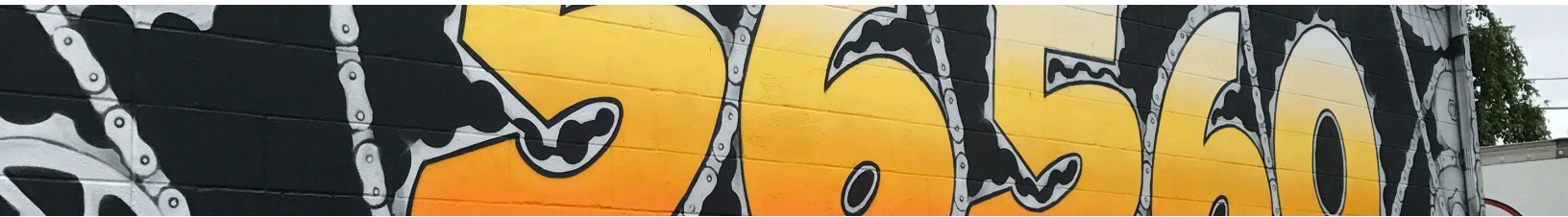
There are many community conversations underway about the future of this space. Future plans for this privately-owned property are not known at this time.

Downtown Moorhead Inc.

Downtown Moorhead Inc. (DMI) is a newly formed partnership representative of the private business community and all higher education institutions in Moorhead. DMI is all about promoting and developing downtown Moorhead into a vibrant, active shopping, dining, working, and living environment!



DMI's President/CEO, Derrick LaPoint, hit the ground running in February, and is taking every opportunity to ensure developers and businesses know about the great opportunities to be part of expanding and improving Downtown Moorhead. Learn more at facebook.com/downtownmoorhead.



GreenStep City Sustainability Efforts

Earlier this year, the Mayor and City Council passed a resolution of GreenStep Cities* participation and directed the City's staff to work toward the best practices in conservation and sustainability—GreenStep 1. Since that time, the City of Moorhead has documented existing sustainability measures and completed actions toward even more best practices in recycling, energy conservation, and other "green" activities.

The MN GreenSteps Cities program has assessed and recognized Moorhead's work in 2017 to improve sustainability and quality of life, including best practices in the following areas:

- Energy efficient lighting
- Comprehensive planning
- Solid waste management & recycling
- Renewable energy
- Communication
- Wastewater efforts
- Urban forestry
- Mixed-use development & infill planning
- Transit & mobility options

Moorhead is now a GreenStep 2 community! The City of Moorhead recognizes our partners at River Keepers, the Audubon Society/Audubon Dakota, and Moorhead Public Service for their innovation and hard work moving our community forward as a GreenStep City!

Watch for updates as our City works toward GreenStep 3. Moorhead's GreenStep City coordinator is Assistant City Manager Dan Mahli. For more information call **218.299.5314** or visit cityofmoorhead.com/about-the-city/sustainability.

**The GreenStep Cities program is a voluntary challenge, assistance, and recognition program developed by the MN Pollution Control Agency and other partners to help MN cities achieve their sustainability and quality-of-life goals. This free continuous improvement program, managed by a public-private partnership, is based upon 29 best practices. Each best practice can be implemented by completing one or more actions at a 1, 2, or 3-star level, from a list of four to eight actions. These actions are tailored to all MN cities, and focus on cost savings, energy use reduction, and civic innovation.*



Around Your Yard

Reminders and tips for neighborhoods

Pet Friendly/Pet Responsible

Moorhead strives to be a community for all—feathered, fuzzy, and furry, too. Help keep our parks, walkways, and yards hospitable to all.

Leash and License Pets

All pets should be leashed when off the owner's property. If your furry friend needs a leash break, visit the Dog Park, 2600 15 Ave N, and meet other four-legged friends.

Ensure all dogs and cats over the age of six months are licensed annually (expires October 14 each year). Easily license your pet online at cityofmoorhead.com [search dog & cat license].

Please, Pick Up the Pet Poop

Pet waste might not seem like a stormwater challenge, but it is a source of pollution that can affect water quality and even human health. Pet waste adds harmful nutrients and bacteria to the waterways. The nutrients cause excessive growth of algae and weeds. The bacteria can make the waterways unhealthy for swimming or fishing and may cause illness in humans.

The simple way to avoid these problems is to clean up after your pet each and every time, and dispose of the waste properly in the garbage. Never throw pet waste in a storm drain, stormwater pond, ditch, or the river. The City of Moorhead is committed to improving water quality and reducing the amount of pollutants entering waterways. Many walking paths and parks around the City have courtesy bags and disposal containers for pet waste.

Report illicit stormwater discharge at [218.299.5386](tel:218.299.5386) or stormwater@cityofmoorhead.com.



Sumps and Sewers



Sump Pumps

Sump Pump and foundation drain discharge must be directed outside. Discharge to the sanitary sewer during the summer can contribute to widespread sewer back-up and property damage. You may request a Seasonal Sump Pump Waiver to allow discharge to the sanitary sewer from November 1 to April 1; visit cityofmoorhead.com/departments/engineering/wastewater for more information. A yearly fee applies to granted waivers.

Slow Sewer

When you experience slow drains or sewer back-up, contact our City wastewater services prior to calling a plumber. Staff will inspect the sewer main and determine if the blockage is in the main line or private service. If the plumber makes the repair before the City inspection, the City cannot pay the plumbing costs. For sewer questions, call the Wastewater on-call service, 24-hours, at [218.299.5386](tel:218.299.5386) for emergency and non-emergency calls.



Neighborhood Impact Program

It's back for 2018! Gate City Bank home improvement loans available through October 31 or until \$2 million pool is exhausted.

The Neighborhood Impact Program through Gate City Bank was used by nearly 60 Moorhead homeowners to make major home improvements in 2017. Gate City has made another \$2 million available to improve Moorhead homes and neighborhoods in 2018!

Check out these great terms:

- Low interest rate: 3.25% (3.26% APR)
- Repayable over 10 year term
- Loan amounts of \$10,000 – \$75,000
- Maximum loan-to-value 90% (GCB valuation guidelines)

Gate City's credit standards apply, and loans are available on properties built before 1990 with assessed value under \$250,000. Additional program details and requirements available on the City's website. Visit cityofmoorhead.com and search [Neighborhood Impact Program] to access an application and updates on funding availability.

Construction Zone

Construction season can be challenging, but there is a helpful tool to keep up-to-date on local transportation and public improvement projects. Find project details including dates and project type. Explore the interactive map at cityofmoorhead.com/departments/engineering/current-projects.

20/21 St and Main Ave Underpass

After years of planning, engineering, property acquisition, and funding development, the 20/21 St/Main Ave Grade Separation Project will break ground this July. Since 2000, transportation planners have been working toward separating train traffic from autos, pedestrians, and bikes to address the safety hazards and traffic delays at this intersection. The \$65.9M project is primarily funded by grants from the MN Legislature (73%). Portions will also be paid by BNSF Railroad and with local funding.



Community Information Meeting

July 11, 5:30 to 8:00 pm | Moorhead High School Commons

How will this affect me? As the project begins, residents, businesses, and commuters undoubtedly have questions on the impacts of the project. Join the project contractor and City of Moorhead representatives at an informational meeting to learn how we can best navigate through this major transportation project. Two separate presentations will be given, from 5:30 – 6:00 pm and again from 7:00 – 7:30 pm, with time in between and afterward for informal discussions.

For ongoing updates on the project construction, traffic impacts, and an animated visualization of what the completed project will look like, visit cityofmoorhead.com [search "SE Main Ave"].

Municipal Golf Course Specials

Register for a tee time at The Meadows or Village Green Golf Courses.

- **Summer Swing:** Tee off before 11 am (Monday – Friday) and get 18 holes of golf and a cart for \$30. Sorry, no exceptions to the days/time.
- **Fall Fun (beginning September 17):** Pay for 9 holes and play 18 holes. (Fees based on regular green fee pricing, Monday – Friday only, carts not included, and not valid on holidays.)

218.299.7888 | moorheadgolf.com | The Meadows, 401 34 St S | Village Green, 3421 Village Green Blvd

Exhibits

25th Annual National Watermedia Exhibition
Through August 4 | Hjemkomst Center

In partnership with the Red River Watercolor Society, enjoy a collection of watercolors.

Skål! Scandinavian Spirits

Through October 8 | Hjemkomst Center

Shares the history and traditions of drinking culture in the Scandinavian countries, and begins to explain how those



traditions were carried into the U.S., focusing on two drinks in particular: beer and aquavit, a traditional drink that means “the water of life.”

War, Flu, & Fear: World War I and Clay County

Through January 2021 | Hjemkomst Center

Explores life in Clay County and the Red River Valley only 100 years ago, on the local front at the dawn of cultural modernism, war, and the American century.

Beyond Bollywood: Indian Americans Shape the Nation
October 26, 2018 – February 12, 2019 | Hjemkomst Center

Showcases the Indian American experience and the community's vital political, professional, and cultural contributions to American life and history.



Suitably Attired: Selections from the Emily P. Reynolds Historic Costume Collections

November 26, 2018 – March 6, 2019 | Hjemkomst Center

Experience the history of the suit. As clothing is an expression of who we are and how we choose to present that vision of ourselves to the world, the suit's long evolution offers an interesting perspective on a variety of cultural forces.

Things to Do

Canoe/Kayak Rentals

Through August 28 | Tuesdays, 6 – 8 pm | Saturdays & Sundays, 1 – 6 pm

Canoes and kayaks rented on a first-come, first-served basis for use at the Hjemkomst Landing—\$10/hour/vessel. Call [218.299.5296](tel:218.299.5296) for group rentals (5 or more vessels); available outside of regularly scheduled rental times.

NEW 90-Day MATBUS Youth Pass

Summer Youth Pass now available all year round! With the new 90-Day Youth Pass, grades K-12 can ride MATBUS fixed routes for only \$26. Passes sold at the GTC.

Free Rides to the Library on MATBUS

Through August 31

Youth (grades K-12) going to and from the Fargo, Moorhead, or West Fargo public libraries can ride for free—just show the driver your library card.

Explore! Summer Library Experience for All

Through August | Library

Join the Summer Library Experience! This program allows kids and adults to explore their imaginations and communities with activities and reading challenges. Visit larl.org/explore or stop by to begin exploring!

Yoga on the Lawn

Through August 27 (Mondays), 6 pm | Comstock House

Free and open to the public—join us for a stretch on the lawn! Hosted by the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County.

A Park on Wheels: Play Outside Daily (POD) Truck

June – mid-August

The Boys & Girls Club of the Red River Valley will be in Moorhead this summer with their POD truck. Packed with recreational equipment and staff ready to play—check out this fun-filled truck! Program partially funded through Moorhead's Community Development Block Grant; participants must complete a short application on site. Questions? Boys & Girls Club of the Red River Valley, [701.235.2147](tel:701.235.2147).



- **Queens Park:** M-F, 10:30 am – 12:00 noon
- **Belsly Park:** M/W/F, 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
- **Stonemill Park:** M/W/F, 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County (HCSCC) | Hjemkomst Center

202 1 Ave N | Moorhead, MN | 218.299.5511 | hcsconline.org

Monday – Saturday, 9 am – 5 pm | Sunday, noon – 5 pm | Tuesday evenings, 5 – 8 pm (April – December)



E V E N T S

Parks and Recreation presents RiverArts July 10 & 24 | August 14 | 5:30 – 8:00 pm Memorial Park | 210 8 St N

Free horse-drawn carriage rides, inflatable games, food, and hands-on kids activities. Concerts begin at 6 pm.

- **July 10:** Blind Joe & barrel car rides
- **July 24:** Lars and Joe Pony Show & River Keepers Fishing Clinic
- **August 14:** Front Fenders & pony rides

River Paddling Excursions

July 18 | August 15 | 6 – 8 pm

All skill levels welcome! Each session begins with basics of canoeing/kayaking.

- **July 18:** History of the Red River, Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County
- **August 15:** Animals & Habitats, led by Nicole Lee

\$15/person or \$10/person if providing your own vessel.

Moorhead Farmers Market

Through September 25 (Tuesdays), 3:30 – 6:30 pm | Moorhead Center Mall parking lot

Fresh produce, handcrafted items, food trucks, and music. Get fresh. Go local!

Historical & Cultural Society of Clay County Lawn Games
July 12 & 26 | August 9 & 23 | 6:30 pm | Comstock House

Free games and tour of the historic home.

Explore! Nature Scavenger Hunt

July 2, 3, 5, 6, & 7, all day | Library | closed July 4

Explore and discover outdoor items that have found their way into the library with a Nature Scavenger Hunt.

Explore! InspireLab

July 11, 2 pm | Library

Connecting educators, students, and the community to STEAM education through creativity, innovation, and fun.

M.B. Johnson Park Ribbon Cutting

July 12, 11 am | M.B. Johnson Park | 3601 11 St N

Check out the new additions to the park and visit with City leaders and staff.



Gooseberry Park Players present Big Fish

July 17 – 21, 7:30 pm | July 22, 1 pm

MSUM's Roland Dille Center for the Arts

Classic musical presented by local youth. Tickets available at gooseberryparkplayers.org or at the MSUM Box Office, 218.477.2271.

Explore! We Speak For The Trees

July 18, 2 pm | Library

The Lake Agassiz Learning Center will help us discover what it means to speak for the trees. During this interactive story time our little learners will become a part of the timeless book, "The Lorax" and plant seeds of their own.



Summer Splash at the Moorhead Municipal Pool

July 19, 2 – 4 pm | 800 19 St S

Free pool day with games and diving contest.

Take MATBUS to the Downtown Fargo Street Fair

July 19 – 21 | park-and-ride

LinkFM will provide free transportation between downtown Moorhead and Fargo with extended hours and service. Park at the Moorhead Center Mall; buses will arrive every 5 minutes. Additional park-and-ride lots at matbus.com.

**WE'RE
MOVING!**

Police Department Open House, Tour, and Ribbon Cutting

July 24, 10 am | 911 11 St N

The Police Department (PD) will be relocating at the end of July into the new Joint Law Enforcement Center. PD will share 40 percent of the new facility with the Clay County Sheriff's Office, adding to the fiscal efficiency of this public safety building. Join us for this momentous occasion!

Explore! Chemistry Fun

July 25, 2 pm | Library

Are you ready for science fun? The Concordia Science Academy will demonstrate amazing experiments!

Movie in the Park: Honey I Shrank the Kids

July 26, 8:30 pm | Woodlawn Park at Heritage Garden | 400 Woodlawn Dr

Bring your own chairs and blankets. Free pop and popcorn available while supplies last.

Explore! Coming to America

August 1, 2 pm | Library

Explore our immigration history with this interactive group game, hosted by Markus Krueger from the Historical & Cultural Society of Clay County.

Comstock House | 506 8 St S | Moorhead, MN | facebook.com/hcsc | instagram.com/hcsc | hjemkomst.org

MATBUS Ground Transportation Center (GTC) | 502 NP Ave | Fargo, ND | 701.232.7500 | matbus.com

Parks and Recreation | Sports Center | 324 24 St S | Moorhead, MN | 218.299.5340 | moorheadparks.com
Monday – Friday, 8 am – 4:30 pm | Saturday & Sunday, closed

Night to Unite

August 7 | facebook.com/MoorheadPD

Plan a family-friendly, neighborhood gathering to connect with your neighbors. Register events at cityofmoorhead.com [search Night to Unite] to receive a party planning kit. Contact the Community Policing Coordinator at **218.299.5143** for more information. Close-knit communities are safe communities!



Explore! Garden Art

August 8, 2 pm | Library

Break out the paint and craft with food from the garden! Wear clothes that you can get messy in.

Doggy Dip

August 13, 3:30 – 7:30 pm | South Park | 2102 14 St S

Swim day for dogs! Admission \$3.50/dog—proceeds benefit the Dog Park.

Explore! Pet Show

August 15, 2 pm | Library (north side parking lot)

Show off your pet (real or stuffed animal) at the Pet Show! All participants will receive a prize. Participants are required to keep their pet on a leash or in a carrier.

Movie in the Park: Labyrinth

August 16, 8:30 pm

Woodlawn Park at Heritage Garden | 400 Woodlawn Dr

Bring your own chairs and blankets. Free pop and popcorn available while supplies last.

Greater Moorhead Days

September 6 – 13

greatermoorheaddays.com

Celebrate 56560 with great events!



- **Thu 6:** MBA Bridge Bash
- **Fri 7:** Parade
- **Sat 8:** Wings & Wheels Air Fly In & Car Show
- **Sat 8:** FM Flatlander Rotary Ride
- **Mon 10 – Wed 12:** Medallion Hunt
- **Tue 11:** 9/11 Commemoration
- **Tue 11:** Midco Kids Fest

StreetsAlive!

August 26 | 12 – 5 pm | Downtown Moorhead–Fargo

greatridesfargo.org/streetsalive



This summer, bike out and welcome StreetsAlive! into Downtown Moorhead! Celebrate a healthy community and join in the fun. This free, open-street festival is great for the whole family. Come bike, rollerblade, walk, or play!

Red River On-the-Water Cleanup

September 10, 5:30 pm | Hjemkomst Landing

Participants must be comfortable in a canoe and willing to get wet and dirty. If interested, sign up with Christine at christine@riverkeepers.org or by calling **701.235.2895**.

German Kulturfest

September 15, 10 am – 4 pm | Hjemkomst Center

Celebrate the influence of German and German-American cultures on our community. The event will highlight a variety of performers, crafts, food, traditional arts, craft beer, music, and kids' activities.

Citizens Police Academy

September 20 – November 15 (Thursdays), 6 – 9 pm

The Academy will lead citizens to an understanding of what it is like to be a police officer—K9 demonstration, S.W.A.T., narcotics investigation, and evidence collection. Applications at cityofmoorhead.com [search Citizens Police Academy] or call **218.299.5143**. Class size is limited; apply for this free, hands-on class today!

City Auction

September 29, 10 am | Impound Lot, 22016 15 Ave N

Moorhead, Barnesville, and Clay County will hold a public sale of impounded vehicles—including court-ordered forfeitures and unclaimed property.



Fire Department Open House

October 7, 1 – 4 pm

Station 1 | 1120 1 Ave N

The community is invited to join firefighters for food, demonstrations, and fire safety tips. Call **218.299.5298** or visit moorheadfire.com.

Try MATBUS Week

October 15 – 20 | matbus.com

MATBUS invites you to try MATBUS! Ride MATBUS fixed routes for a half fare of 75 cents Monday–Friday and enjoy free rides all day Saturday.

Haunted Mall

October 31, 5 – 7 pm | Moorhead Center Mall

Trick-or-treating and activities out of the elements.

Holiday Kickoff

November 20, 5 pm | Moorhead Center Mall

Kick-off the holiday season with caroling and watch Mayor Williams light the official Moorhead tree!

Pangea: Cultivate Our Cultures

November 17, 10 am – 4 pm | Hjemkomst Center

Celebrate the various cultures that make up our community with a day filled with family-friendly activities.

See page 8 for service dates.

Coffee with the Mayor

Mayor Del Rae Williams invites citizens to join her for coffee on the third Wednesday of each month



10 am – noon and 7 – 9 pm
Moorhead Center Mall Atrium
500 Center Ave

Free and open to the public. Coffee provided.

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City Calendar

cityofmoorhead.com/calendar

July

- 2 Yoga on the Lawn
- 2-7 Library Program (except July 4)
- 3 Farmers Market
- 4 Independence Day | City offices closed | Library closed | no bus service | no garbage collection (collected July 5)
- 5 Garbage collection begins, 4 am | Flag Football registration due, moorheadparks.com
- 9 Yoga on the Lawn
- 10 Farmers Market | RiverArts
- 11 Library Program
- 12 M.B. Johnson Park Ribbon Cutting | Lawn Games
- 16 Yoga on the Lawn
- 17 Farmers Market
- 17-22 Gooseberry Park Players present Big Fish
- 18 Library Program | River Paddling Excursion
- 19 Summer Splash
- 19-21 Downtown Fargo Street Fair (discounted rate on MATBUS)
- 22 & 23 Scandinavian Hjemkomst & Midwest Viking Festivals
- 23 Yoga on the Lawn
- 24 Police Department Open House | Farmers Market | RiverArts
- 25 Library Program
- 26 Lawn Games | Movie in the Park
- 30 Yoga on the Lawn
- 31 Farmers Market

August

- 1 Library Program
- 6 Yoga on the Lawn
- 7 Farmers Market | Night to Unite
- 8 Library Program
- 9 Lawn Games
- 13 Doggy Dip | Yoga on the Lawn
- 14 Primary Election Day | Farmers Market | RiverArts
- 15 Library Program | River Paddling Excursion
- 16 Movie in the Park
- 20 Yoga on the Lawn

August cont.

- 21 Farmers Market
- 23 Lawn Games
- 26 StreetsAlive!
- 27 Yoga on the Lawn
- 28 Farmers Market

September

- 3 Labor Day | City offices closed | Library closed | no bus service | no garbage collection (collected September 4)
- 4 Garbage collection begins, 4 am | Farmers Market
- 6-13 Greater Moorhead Days
- 8 Cultural Diversity Day | City offices open
- 10 Red River On-the-Water Cleanup
- 11 Farmers Market
- 15 German Kulturfest
- 18 Farmers Market
- 25 Farmers Market
- 28 Curbside branch pick-up ends
- 29 City Auction

October

- 7 Fire Department Open House
- 8 Library closed (staff training)
- 15-20 Try MATBUS Week
- 31 Halloween | Haunted Mall

November

- 6 General Election Day | cityofmoorhead.com/voting
- 11 Veterans Day (Sunday)
- 12 Veterans Day (observed) | City offices closed | Library closed | no garbage collection (collected November 13)
- 13 Garbage collection begins, 4 am
- 16 Curbside yard waste pick-up ends
- 17 Pangea: Cultivate our Cultures
- 20 Holiday Kickoff
- 22 Thanksgiving Day | City offices closed | Library closed | no bus service | no garbage collection (collected November 23)

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City Council Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers.