

2022 CITY COUNCIL ENQUIRIES

January 4, 2022 City Council Meeting

(264) TRAFFIC SAFETY CONCERNS ON PARK AVENUE BETWEEN 26TH AND 34TH STREETS

Councillor Cameron reported having received concerns from citizens regarding speed and the safety of pedestrians between 26th and 34th Streets and asked if same could be reviewed by Brandon Police Service and the City Traffic Analyst.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, The City Manager responded that the City would take these concerns under advisement. He noted that data collection that included traffic counts and speeds would be analyzed with a recommendation to be returned by end of February 2022.

(265) CONSIDERATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING METHODS OR CROSSWALK ON PARK AVENUE TO ACCESS DOG PARK AREA NEAR 26TH STREET

Councillor Cameron enquired if a crosswalk had ever been considered to access the dog park area near 26th Street to slow the flow of traffic, as it was an active transit corridor close to schools.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that while midblock crosswalks were not recommended, they could be considered under certain circumstances. He advised that this matter would be considered by Administration with an assessment in May 2022, once warmer weather allowed for better data to be collected concerning pedestrians.

(266) AMBULANCE RESPONSE – SHARED HEALTH AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Councillor Cullen asked to receive an update on our partnership with Shared Health and Ambulance Services. As there is a rise in demand for ambulance services and there is a shortage of personnel to meet this increase in demand.

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

January 17, 2022 City Council Meeting

(266)

AMBULANCE RESPONSE - SHARED HEALTH AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Councillor Cullen reported that there has been a rise in reports regarding issues with ambulance services provided by the City of Brandon and their partnership with Shared Health. Councillor Cullen requested an update regarding the status of these essential services.

His Worship the Mayor responded that the City would take these concerns under advisement. He noted that there has been a spike in demand for services but a shortage in personnel and resources throughout the province. He noted that he had met with MLA Len Isleifson who had been advocating to the Minister of Health and they were working on finding additional resources and solutions.



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To: Mayor & Councillors

**From: Chief Scott McDonald
Brandon Fire & Emergency Service**

**Subject: Councillor's Enquiry No. 266 – AMBULANCE RESPONSE – SHARED HEALTH AND
EMERGENCY SERVICES**

In response to the request from Councillor Cullen I can provide the following information:

Brandon Fire & Emergency Services (BFES) continues to see a year over year increase in call volumes related to the delivery of Emergency Medical Services (EMS). In 2021, BFES statistics shows a 10% increase in EMS responses, which resulted in a total EMS call volume of 6134 responses. The increased demand for service related to EMS is being experienced in all areas of service delivery, including primary responses as well as long distance and local inter-facility transfers. Statistical information identifies the EMS system utilization in Brandon is highest between the hours of 08:00 -20:00 hrs. Monday – Friday. The upward trends in EMS call volumes are not unique to Brandon, and are being experienced in all areas including both urban and rural settings.

Shared Health continues working towards solutions to address the ongoing pressures on the EMS system in its entirety. One area of support is through the System Status Management system, which deploys regional resources to areas in need. In our most recent discussions, Shared Health also indicated they are actively working on short term solutions to support EMS in Brandon.

Brandon Fire & Emergency Services will continue to work with Shared Health on all levels in addressing EMS delivery concerns, as well as considering operationally how BFES can address current stressors on the system.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott McDonald

Fire Chief

February 7, 2022 City Council Meeting

(267) LIGHT POLLUTION FROM RESIDENTIAL SECURITY LIGHTING

Councillor Luebke noted that many residents were adding security lighting to protect them from theft; however, motion lights going on at all hours of the night was causing issues in some neighborhoods. He noted that the Nuisance By-law was currently under review and enquired if a section on lighting could be considered if same was not already included in the By-law.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Director of Legislative Services responded that this issue had been raised in the past and it had been determined at that time that monitoring and enforcement of "light pollution" on residential properties was not feasible. She noted that the City of Brandon Zoning By-law addressed lighting requirements for commercial zones, however, residential lighting was not addressed in same. Ms. Ewasiuk agreed that potential restrictions with respect to residential lighting would be included as part of the current review of the Nuisance By-law.

(268) SNOW CLEARING CHALLENGES ON HIGH TRAFFIC ROUTES

Councillor Luebke noted that, with the recent abundance and frequency of snowfall, many streets in Brandon, inclusive of the high-traffic secondary streets such as Rosser and Princess Avenue, were in poor condition due to packed snow and rutting. He also noted that high snow piles were causing sightline and parking problems. He enquired if these issues could be addressed in the near future, and further, whether a city-wide snow clearing operation was underway or planned soon.

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

(269) REVIEW OF 48 HOUR RESIDENTIAL ON-STREET PARKING LIMIT

Councillor Parker noted that the heavy, frequent snowfall this year combined with the COVID-19 isolation protocols and frigid temperatures had caused many residents in his ward to leave their vehicles parked in front of their house for more than the 48-hour limit and they had been ticketed for this violation. He enquired if it was possible for By-law Enforcement to issue warnings rather than tickets for first time offenders in these situations.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that this was a city-wide and the Brandon Police Service By-law Enforcement Officers tried their best to use discretion while ensuring the by-law was enforced as written. He advised that the Traffic By-law was currently being reviewed and agreed that potential changes to this section may be considered as part of the overall review.

February 10, 2022

To: Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

From: Patrick Pulak, General Manager of Operations

Subject: Councillor's Enquiry No. 268 – Snow Clearing Challenges on High Traffic Routes
– February 7, 2022 City Council Meeting

Councillor Luebke noted that, with the recent abundance and frequency of snowfall, many streets in Brandon, inclusive of the high-traffic secondary streets such as Rosser and Princess Avenue, were in poor condition due to packed snow and rutting. He also noted that high snow piles were causing sightline and parking problems. He enquired if these issues could be addressed in the near future, and further, whether a city-wide snow clearing operation was underway or planned soon. His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

The following is provided in response to the above Council Enquiry.

Walking paths

All pathways were cleared on the weekend and are complete at this time.

Sidewalks

This week, staff have been clearing the P1 sidewalk route and will be done that route. Starting this week the secondary routes will begin being cleared. We anticipate this will take one week to complete the remaining sidewalks.

Street Clearing

PIA and P1 routes are completed at this time.

Residential clearing

Crews have moved into residential snow clearing, with a breakdown as follows:

Zone A – all areas that do not require to be signed in this zone are cleared

Zone B – Expect this zone to be completed by the end of week – except areas requiring signage

Zone C – the portion north of River is anticipated to be completed tonight, south of the river will be remaining to be cleared

Zone E – 100% complete

Zones D, F and G, and the remaining portions requiring signage are on the agenda for next week. Please follow the [snow map](#) for progress.

An additional grader operator has been contracted to work with and assist City staff in the completion of the residential snow clearing.

At this time, we are expecting to complete all residential snow clearing by the end of next week.

Snow Hauling

One crew has been dedicated to snow blowing and clearing throughout the City. Prior to Feb 1st City staff hauled away Rosser and Princess 1st to 18th, Richmond 1st to 18th, and the entire stretch of 26th street.

With the additional funds through deliberations, 6 semi's with operators were rented. Since Feb 1st, we have removed approximately 12,600 tonnes (450 semi loads) of snow from boulevards and snow accumulated piles.

With the assistance of the rental semi's we have cleared:

10th, Queens to Pacific
6th, Richmond to Pacific
Magnolia, Maryland to Patricia
9th, Maryland to Patricia
9th, 300 and 400 blocks
20th, Richmond to the theatre entrance
Lakeview Drive boulevard
Aberdeen, 13th – 18th
13th, Pacific to Van Horne (Van Horne to Richmond will be cleared tonight)

As of today, the hauling of 22nd from Richmond to Brandon Avenue should be complete. The plan for this evening is to begin working on 9th street.

The rental of this equipment is expected to continue until the end of next week, when we expect to have completed all major snow clearing.

Regards,



Patrick Pulak, P. Eng.
General Manager of Operations

February 22, 2022 City Council Meeting

(270) GROOMING OF SKI TRAILS AT WHEAT CITY GOLF COURSE

Councillor Cameron noted that the ski trails at the Wheat City Golf Course were in poor condition and enquired as to the planned improvements to same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the machine used to groom the trails had broken down following the last grooming on February 11, 2022. He advised that the repairs were expected to be completed this week and the trails would be groomed as soon as the machine was available. Further to this issue, the City Manager reminded residents walking the golf course trails to stay off the track set rails as there was ample room beside the track for walkers and recently installed signage also encouraged same.

(271) SNOW CLEARING OF MERIDIANS, SIDEWALKS AND CORNER PILES

Councillor Cameron requested an update on the clearing of snow from meridians, sidewalks and corner piles. He further enquired as to who could be contacted should residential streets be missed during the snow clearing efforts.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that staff were currently working on residential plowing and removing of ruts on streets with same expected to be completed the week of February 28, 2022. He advised that upon completion of the plowing, snow would be removed from intersections and crosswalks followed by residential driveways and front yards. Mr. Bowles noted that additional crews and hired contractors had recently removed a large portion of snow on major traffic routes throughout the City. The City Manager confirmed that walking paths and sidewalks were continually monitored and cleared with sand applied to locations on designated routes. Mr. Bowles asked residents to use caution when walking as ice buildup was difficult to control given the weather fluctuations throughout this winter.

The City Manager encouraged residents to refer to the snow map on the website at www.snowmap.brandon.ca for updates following a snow event. He stated that enquiries with respect to snow removal should be directed to the Public Works Department at (204) 729-2290 during working hours with after-hours emergencies to be reported at (204) 729-2285.

(272) SHORT AND LONG TERM PLANS FOR DOWNTOWN LIBRARY AND ART GALLERY

Councillor Fawcett requested an update on the short and long term plans for the Library and Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba (AGSM) building.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that, in the short term, Brandon Police Service had established a liaison to work directly with the library

representatives and the Public Works Department had been working with the AGSM staff to repair vandalism and ensure building security.

The City Manager advised that long-term proposed solutions included, development of an upgrade and renewal plan for both facilities, working with the Community Wellness Collaborative, the Province of Manitoba and local non-profit organizations for increased services to address mental health, addiction and homelessness, funding a downtown police unit and a dedicated downtown security team, establishment of a Downtown Wellness & Safety Task Force and designated funds for overall downtown improvements. Mr. Bowles acknowledged that improvements will be incremental with some having an immediate impact and others taking longer to come to fruition, however, most were expected to have long-term sustainability.

(273) STORAGE OF EXCESS SNOW IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBOURHOODS

Councillor Cameron advised that he had received complaints with respect to residents blowing snow from their yards onto the neighbour's yards and enquired if this issue was regulated under any City of Brandon By-laws.

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

(274) CLEARING OF SIDEWALKS - E. FOTHERINGHAM DRIVE BETWEEN REGENT CRESCENT AND VICTORIA AVENUE

Councillor Cullen advised that the clearing of sidewalks along E. Fotheringham Drive between Regent Crescent and Victoria Avenue was an ongoing issue. He advised that there were sidewalks on both sides of the street, however, snow clearing appeared to rotate with the west side being cleared one time and the east side the next. He enquired if the snow clearing map could be updated to ensure the sidewalks on both the east and west side of E. Fotheringham were cleared regularly and at the same time.

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

(275) BIKE PATH/WALKING LANE - 1500/1600 BLOCKS OF 9TH STREET

Councillor Chaboyer advised that the bike path/walking lane in the 1500/1600 Blocks of 9th Street between Aberdeen Avenue and Richmond Avenue had become hazardous for pedestrians due to it being very narrow and not clearly marked. She added that the situation became worse in the winter time when the snow from the roadway was piled onto one side of the path. She enquired if efforts could be made to push the snow off the pathway onto neighboring yards in the short term and consideration be given to the installation of a sidewalk and bollards separating it from the road in this location in the near future.

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

March 23, 2022

To: Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

From: Heather Ewasiuk, Director of Legislative Services

Subject: Councillor's Enquiry No. 273 – Storage of Excess Snow in Residential Neighbourhoods
February 22, 2022 City Council Meeting

Enquiry: Councillor Cameron advised that he had received complaints with respect to residents blowing snow from their yards onto the neighbour's yards and enquired if this issue was regulated under any City of Brandon By-laws.

Response: Section 10.8 of the City's Traffic By-law No. 5463 prohibits any persons from removing from any private property any snow or ice and depositing same on any street, boulevard or sidewalk in such a manner that could create a hazardous condition for either vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

However, the City does not control matters pertaining to storage of excess snow between private property owners. The Nuisance By-law No. 5806 does regulate the time that motorized snow clearing devices can be used, but does not speak to the storage of snow in residential neighbourhoods.

Yours truly,



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Director of Legislative Services



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March 7, 2022

To: Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

From: Pam Richardson, Director of Public Works

Subject: Councillor Enquiry No. 274 - Clearing of Sidewalks - E. Fotheringham Drive
between Regent Crescent and Victoria Avenue

Councillor Cullen advised that the clearing of sidewalks along E. Fotheringham Drive between Regent Crescent and Victoria Avenue was an ongoing issue. He advised that there were sidewalks on both sides of the street, however, snow clearing appeared to rotate with the west side being cleared one time and the east side the next. He enquired if the snow clearing map could be updated to ensure the sidewalks on both the east and west side of E. Fotheringham were cleared regularly and at the same time.

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

The enquiry brought forward from Councillor Cullen was reviewed by administration. Operational changes have been made to include the clearing of sidewalks on both the east and the west side of E. Fotheringham Drive moving forward as requested. Updates have also been made to the online snow map showing both areas of sidewalk are now included.

Regards,

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March 7, 2022

To: Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

From: Pam Richardson, Director of Public Works

Subject: Councillor's Enquiry No. 275 - Bike Path/Walking Lane - 1500/1600 Blocks of 9th Street

Councillor Chaboyer advised that the bike path/walking lane in the 1500/1600 Blocks of 9th Street between Aberdeen Avenue and Richmond Avenue had become hazardous for pedestrians due to it being very narrow and not clearly marked. She added that the situation became worse in the winter time when the snow from the roadway was piled onto one side of the path. She enquired if efforts could be made to push the snow off the pathway onto neighboring yards in the short term and consideration be given to the installation of a sidewalk and bollards separating it from the road in this location in the near future.

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

The enquiry brought forward from Councillor Chaboyer was reviewed by administration. Public Works had staff remove snow and widen the walking lane for pedestrians, in the 1500/1600 blocks of 9th street as requested. This walking path will now allow pedestrians a larger walking path to travel on and an increased level of safety when doing so. Public Works will continue to monitor this section of roadway and ensure that snow removal crews continue to ensure an adequate area is cleared for both 2 way traffic and the additional bike path/walking path.

Regards,

Pam Richardson

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Director of Public Works

March 7, 2022 City Council Meeting

(276) PLAN FOR POTENTIAL OVERLAND SPRING FLOODING

Councillor Chaboyer enquired as to the plans in place for potential overland flooding this Spring, inclusive of clearing ditches and culverts to ensure water runs away from residential properties.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the main concern during spring snow melt season was ice blockages in catch basins and culverts rather than overland flooding. He confirmed that steam truck crews were to be out in full force during this time and every effort would be made to keep drainage areas free from ice. Mr. Bowles encouraged residents to call the Public Works Department at (204) 729-2285 to report any drainage issues they observed.

April 4, 2022 City Council Meeting

(277) LANE REMEDIATION AND REPORTING PROCESS

Councillor Cameron enquired as to when the 2022 back lane remediation was expected to occur, and further, how problem areas could be reported.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that, weather dependent, work was expected to begin mid-April. He noted that all lanes were to be inspected to determine required repairs and problem areas could be reported by calling 204-729-2285.

April 19, 2022 City Council Meeting

(278) TENDER FOR WILLOWDALE DITCH

Councillor Berry enquired if the tender for drainage of the Willowdale Ditch had been issued, and if not, when it was expected to be sent out.

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

(279) REVIEW OF YIELD SIGN AT 27TH STREET AND LORNE AVENUE

Councillor Cameron enquired if the intersection of 27th Street and Lorne Avenue could be reviewed and consideration given to replacing the Yield Sign currently located on 27th Street with a Stop Sign.

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

(280) TRAFFIC CONCERNS AT MARYLAND PARK SCHOOL

Councillor Parker advised that he had received a letter from an area resident who raised concerns with respect to traffic at and around Maryland Park School. He agreed to forward same to the City Manager for his follow-up.

His Worship the Mayor confirmed that this issue had been discussed in a recent meeting between City Council and the Brandon School Division Board whereby same had been referred to Administration for both the School Division and the City of Brandon for follow-up. His Worship noted that this was an ongoing issue and thanked Councillor Parker for sharing the resident's concerns.

(281) REVIEW OF DIP ON GARWOOD DRIVE

Councillor Chaboyer advised that the dip on Garwood Drive that had been previously discussed continued to be an issue and she enquired when same was expected to be reviewed and repaired accordingly.

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



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May 10, 2022

To: Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

From: Mark Allard, Director of Engineering Services, Development Services

Subject: Councillor's Enquiry No. 279 - Review of Yield Sign at 27th Street and Lorne Avenue - April 19, 2022 City Council Meeting

Councillor Cameron enquired if the intersection of 27th Street and Lorne Avenue could be reviewed, and consideration given to replacing the Yield Sign currently located on 27th Street with a Stop Sign.

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

Stop signs are typically considered through the analysis of traffic speed and volume, sight lines and collision data. The City should remain cautious in using stop signs at unwarranted locations as it may lead to other undesirable driver behaviours.

An assessment of this intersection did identify a sightline restriction for north bound traffic looking west down Lorne Ave. Improving these sight lines will be considered regardless of stop controls. As no other factors support the need for a stop sign, Engineering Services recommends the existing intersection controls remain status quo.

Regards,

Mark Allard, P. Eng.

Director of Engineering Services

May 10, 2022

To: Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

From: Mark Allard, Director of Engineering Services, Development Services

Subject: Councillor's Enquiry No. 281 - Review of Dip on Garwood Drive - April 19, 2022
City Council Meeting

Councillor Chaboyer advised that the dip on Garwood Drive that had been previously discussed continued to be an issue and she enquired when same was expected to be reviewed and repaired accordingly.

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

City Administration is aware of the dip that exists along Garwood Drive. It is believed the repair of a utility excavation has settled, causing water to pond on the street.

Settlement is not the only issue when considering a solution to this problem. This area has very little surface grade allowing water to flow in an efficient manner. The optimal solution would be installation of a catch basin and drainage pipe that would flow to a future land drainage system along Park Ave.

In the interim, Engineering Services will assess the area to determine if an asphalt patch will correct the cross section and gutter profile and prevent water from ponding.

Regards,

Mark Allard, P. Eng.

Director of Engineering Services

May 16, 2022 City Council Meeting

(282) UPDATE ON TREE REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT

Councillor Desjarlais referred to the recent removal of nine mature trees along 15th and 17th Streets between Lorne and Louise Avenues. He enquired when those trees were expected to be replaced, and further, the number of trees expected to be planted versus the number of trees removed from the canopy this year.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the trees in the area of 15th and 17th Streets and Lorne and Louise Avenues were scheduled to be replaced next year. He explained that the trees were removed for safety reasons as they had severely declined and posed a risk of falling during high winds. Mr. Bowles advised that, inclusive of 175 root ball trees to be planted in the new developments, a total of 435 trees were to be planted this year with 189 removed in 2021 and 45 removed to date in 2022.

Further to this issue, Councillor Desjarlais enquired if residents were allowed to plant trees on city property providing they received approval from the Parks Department. He also noted that a number of trees planted in previous years had died due to a lack of moisture and enquired whose responsibility it was to water new trees.

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

(283) PARKING CONCERNS AROUND VALLEYVIEW SCHOOL

Councillor Cameron advised that he had received complaints from area residents with respect to staff from Valleyview School taking up all the street parking on Whitehead Crescent and Noonan Drive. He noted that the parking lot on the north side appeared half empty much of the time and enquired if Brandon School Division could be contacted to discuss potential solutions for staff parking other than on the streets.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that, although street parking was not reserved for any one resident or neighborhood specifically, this issue would be discussed with the Brandon School Division and every effort made to find a solution that satisfied both school staff and area residents.

(284) UPDATE ON AMENDMENTS TO NUISANCE BY-LAW

Councillor Cameron requested an update on the timeline for the proposed changes to the Nuisance By-law.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that an external legal opinion had been sought with respect to the options and course of action in order for the City of Brandon to carry out enforcement under the Nuisance By-law. He

confirmed that two conflicting opinions had been received with respect to enforcement options with the report on same expected to be submitted to City Council by early June.

The City Manager confirmed that the regulation of suppression of nuisances and maintenance of property was provided for in the Community Standards By-law which was currently under review. He advised that a change in leadership at Brandon Police Service had delayed completion of the new by-law, however, same was now complete and same was expected to be presented to City Council prior to the end of June.

(285) CONDITION OF BACKLANE SOUTH OF MCDONALD AVENUE

Councillor Cameron advised that, due to construction in the area of 34th Street, the back lane south of McDonald Avenue was in poor condition. He enquired when work to fix up that lane was expected to take place.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that drainage work in the area was expected to be completed in June, following which a plan for resurfacing the lane would be developed. Mr. Bowles confirmed that the condo board would be consulted on this plan to ensure positive drainage away from the building could be maintained.

(286) MILLING AND PAVING WORK TO BE DONE IN 2022

Councillor Berry enquired if a list of the streets scheduled for milling and paving this construction season could be provided. He referred to the recent announcement by the Province of Manitoba with respect to extra funds allocated to cities for road repairs and enquired if extra milling and paving work on certain streets could be considered with these expected extra funds.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that a comprehensive pavement preservation for 2022 was currently being planned with a full list of all projects, inclusive of milling and paving, to be provided to City Council later this week.

With respect to the Provincial funding announcement, the City Manager responded that additional funding of approximately \$500,000 was expected, however, the criteria set by the Province for spending these funds was not available at this time. He confirmed that the Engineering Services and Operations Department planned to meet in the coming weeks to discuss the various options for improving the overall road network in 2022 and agreed to keep City Council apprised of the planned improvements.

(287)

PLAN FOR PARKDALE PARK

Councillor Berry requested an update on the plans for Parkdale Park, inclusive of a potential replacement structure, following the demolition of the wooden play structure.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the structure had been removed due to safety concerns with no replacement other than the border around the sandbox and fresh sand planned at this time.

(288)

FOLLOW UP TO ENQUIRY ON DREDGING OF WILLOWDALE DITCH

Councillor Berry referred to a previous enquiry whereby he had requested an update on the status of the tender for drainage of the Willowdale Ditch and noted he had not yet received a response. He noted that funds had been added in the 2022 Budget for dredging work to be completed at the Willowdale Ditch and requested an update on the status of this planned work.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Underground Utilities Department had reviewed the concern and a complete update and report on the Willowdale Ditch maintenance and long-term strategy was to be provided in a report to City Council by May 19, 2022. He noted that the plan was to focus additional funds on improved grass cutting maintenance, grade improvements, and a long-term water modeling/study to better understand the capacity and impacts of rain events.

Further to this issue, Councillor Berry noted that his initial enquiry had been with respect to the issuance of the tender for the project to be completed in 2022 as approved by City Council. He requested clarification on the status of the project and the planned usage of the funds allocated in the 2022 City of Brandon Budget.

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



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June 1, 2022

To: Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

From: Bryce Wilson, Manager of Parks

Subject: Councillor's Enquiry No. 282 - Update on Tree Removal/Replacement - May 16, 2022 City Council Meeting

Councillor Desjarlais referred to the recent removal of nine mature trees along 15th and 17th Streets between Lorne and Louise Avenues. He enquired when those trees were expected to be replaced, and further, the number of trees expected to be planted versus the number of trees removed from the canopy this year.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the trees in the area of 15th and 17th Streets and Lorne and Louise Avenues were scheduled to be replaced next year. He explained that the trees were removed for safety reasons as they had severely declined and posed a risk of falling during high winds. Mr. Bowles advised that, inclusive of 175 root ball trees to be planted in the new developments, a total of 435 trees were to be planted this year with 189 removed in 2021 and 45 removed to date in 2022.

Further to this issue, Councillor Desjarlais enquired if residents were allowed to plant trees on city property providing they received approval from the Parks Department. He also noted that a number of trees planted in previous years had died due to a lack of moisture and enquired whose responsibility it was to water new trees.

In response to Councillor Desjarlais' follow up questions:

- At the current time we do not allow residents to plant trees on city property. However Parks is investigating a possible program where residents could purchase a tree and have that tree installed by an arborist company. Location of tree would need to be approved by the Parks section.



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- It is the Parks Section practice to water newly planted trees once a week for the 1st year (depending on weather). If the 2nd year has drought conditions, the tree would be watered from time to time by Parks staff
- Trees planted through an Engineering contract for new subdivision, newly planted trees once a week for the 1st year (depending on weather)

Regards,

Original Signed By:

Bryce Wilson
Manager of Parks Operations

June 6, 2022 City Council Meeting

(289) INTERSECTION CONTROLS - YIELD AND STOP SIGNS

Councillor Luebke referred to his previous enquiries with respect to the possibility of changing certain intersections within the City of Brandon from being controlled by yield signs to being controlled by stop signs. He noted that Administration had agreed to provide a report on same and enquired when that report was expected to be provided.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Engineering Department had investigated this issue and concluded that, the current practice of installing yield signs on streets with low traffic volume and stop signs for the busier intersections was appropriate. A video from Crystal, Minnesota demonstrated that the behavior of motorists was the same at intersections signed with yield signs as it was at those with stop signs. He agreed that this issue would continue to be monitored to ensure the appropriate method of traffic control was being utilized.

(290) POOR ROAD CONDITIONS - SPRING ROAD MAINTENANCE

Councillor Parker advised that he had received numerous complaints with respect to the condition of roads in the City of Brandon this year. He enquired if an update, inclusive of the cause of delays in spring maintenance, could be provided.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that road maintenance had been a challenge this spring due to weather conditions. He explained that spring maintenance could not be adequately performed until the frost had left the ground and the subsurface had sufficient time to dry, hence, work had been delayed this spring, however, the street maintenance program was now well underway.

Further to this issue, Councillor Parker suggested that complaint calls could be reduced by better communication with the public regarding delays in spring maintenance. He also enquired if extra staff could be brought in to ensure work was completed in a timely manner as was the case following a snow storm.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that better communication with residents would be provided in the future. The General Manager of Operations responded that, while they were currently limited in numbers, any available staff had been called in to ensure patching started as soon as the asphalt plant opened. Mr. Pulak confirmed that a debrief was planned in the near future whereby the overall spring maintenance program would be discussed and necessary improvements for the future laid out.

(291) DRAINAGE CONCERNS IN THE BACK LANE BETWEEN 25TH AND 26TH STREETS, NORTH OF VICTORIA AVENUE

Councillor Cameron advised that he had received calls recently from area residents who expressed concerns with drainage along the back lane between 25th and 26th Streets north of Victoria Avenue. He explained that residents in the 400 Block of 25th Street were experiencing flooded basements even with moderate rainfall and enquired if this situation could be investigated.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that LIDAR (laser imaging, detection and ranging) data indicated extremely flat elevations on this section of the lane with the catch basin behind 404-25th draining into the storm sewer on Louise Avenue. He advised that this issue would be further investigated by the Engineering Department with solutions sought to ensure the risk of flooding of area residences.

(292) MALFUNCTIONING OF NEW CROSSWALK LIGHTS AT VICTORIA AVENUE AND MCDIARMID DRIVE

Councillor Cameron advised that the new crosswalk lights at the corner of Victoria Avenue and McDiarmid Drive were not functioning and enquired if this safety concern could be addressed as soon as possible.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Engineering Department had inspected the site and confirmed that the lights were working. He informed everyone that there were two push buttons in the center median and pedestrians were instructed to push the button with arrow pointing in the direction they were going to activate the lights appropriately. Mr. Bowles also reminded everyone of the importance of making eye contact with motorists when accessing crosswalks to ensure both were aware of each other's presence.

(293) BACK LANE AND STREET MAINTENANCE DELAYS

Further to Councillor Parker's enquiry, Councillor Frangi advised that he had received numerous complaints from ward residents with respect to the delays in gravelling and grading back lanes as well as overall maintenance of streets. He also requested that information on such delays be provided in a more timely manner.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager thanked Councillor Frangi for raising his concern and confirmed that notification of delays would be communicated in a more timely manner in the future.

(294)

ONGOING MAINTENANCE OF WILLOWDALE DITCH

Councillor Berry referred to his previous enquiries with respect to the maintenance of Willowdale Ditch. He noted that there had been an issue with a blockage and the problem solved within a short time of being reported to Public Works, however, ongoing weekly maintenance was necessary to ensure problems did not arise. He enquired when the full report on this matter was expected to be provided.

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

June 10, 2022

To: Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

From: Paul Ziesmann, Manager of Underground Utilities

Subject: Councillor's Enquiry No. 278 - Tender for Willowdale Ditch - April 19, 2022 City Council Meeting; and Councillor's Enquiry No. 294 – Ongoing Maintenance of Willowdale Ditch – June 6, 2022 City Council Meeting

Councillor Berry enquired if the tender for drainage of the Willowdale Ditch had been issued, and if not, when it was expected to be sent out.

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

The following is provided in response to the above enquiry:

The tender for the drainage of the Willowdale Ditch has not been issued to date. The funds provided by Council during the 2022 budget deliberations, were designated for the purpose of “dredging” and improving the drainage ditch function from the 22nd street storm sewer intake, heading westward to the 34th street storm water corridor.

However, in preparation for the tender, a thorough investigation and survey of the drainage ditch was completed to focus the allotted funds on the scope of work. Once ice and snow had receded from the Willowdale ditch in early April, the survey of the drainage corridor was completed in collaboration with Development Services. The results of this work can be found in appendix 1 (see second attachment).

As indicated in the results, six (6) areas of concern were identified. These areas of concern are found to have a slightly higher elevation that could impede the flow of water when at a low capacity.

The survey of the drainage corridor indicated that, while removing the six high spots will improve flow dynamics, a complete dredging of the ditch will have no impact on increasing the maximum volume of water that can be handled at one time. That said, there may be an opportunity to increase the capacity by means of widening the ditch.

It is proposed by administration that the removal of the six high spots identified in the ditch can be completed by confirmation of contractors through the City of Brandon annual construction rental firm price list this July and, further, that Development Services examine the possibility of widening the drainage corridor with the intent of increasing the capacity.

Councillor Berry referred to his previous enquiries with respect to the maintenance of Willowdale Ditch. He noted that there had been an issue with a blockage and the problem solved within a short time of being reported to Public Works, however, ongoing weekly maintenance was necessary to ensure problems did not arise. He enquired when the full report on this matter was expected to be provided.

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

The following is provided in response to the above enquiry:

During the 2022 deliberations, Council increased the \$10,000 allocated to drainage corridor maintenance to \$25,000. A Request for Quotes on a “price per cut” for the area in question has been compiled and will be posted soon. The allocated funds will be used to increase the number of grass cuts in the drainage corridor commencing early July or sooner if the need arises.

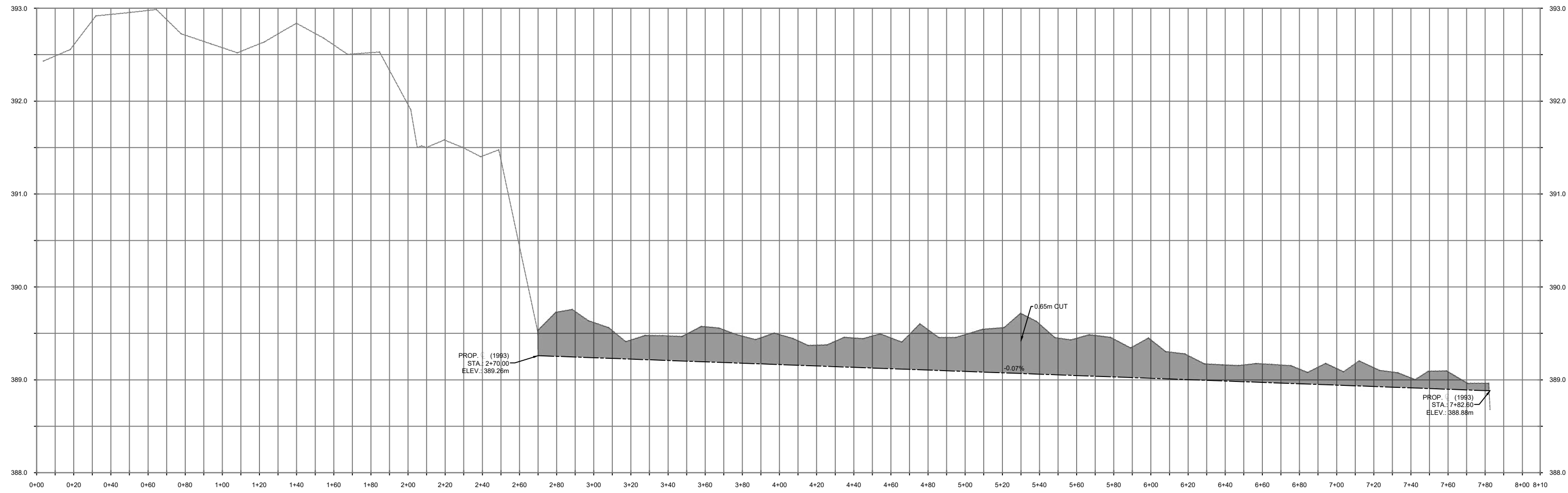
Operations administration has also increased the number of weekly inspections of the drainage corridor to twice weekly in an effort to limit the amount of debris being found restricting the flow of water throughout the corridor.

Regards,

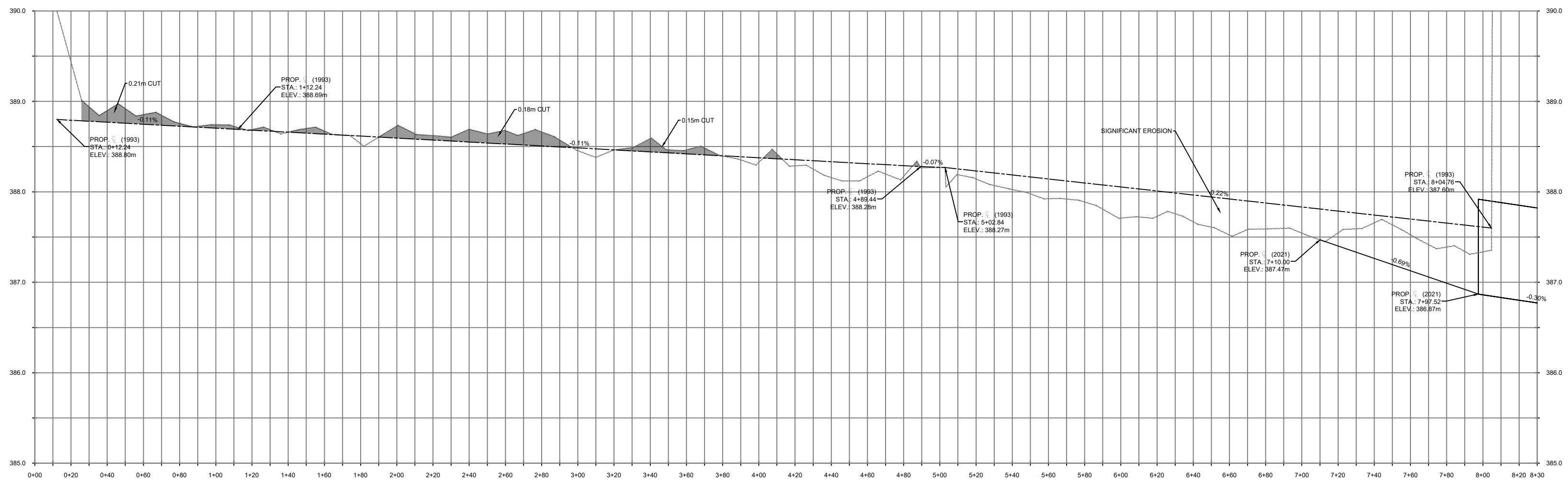
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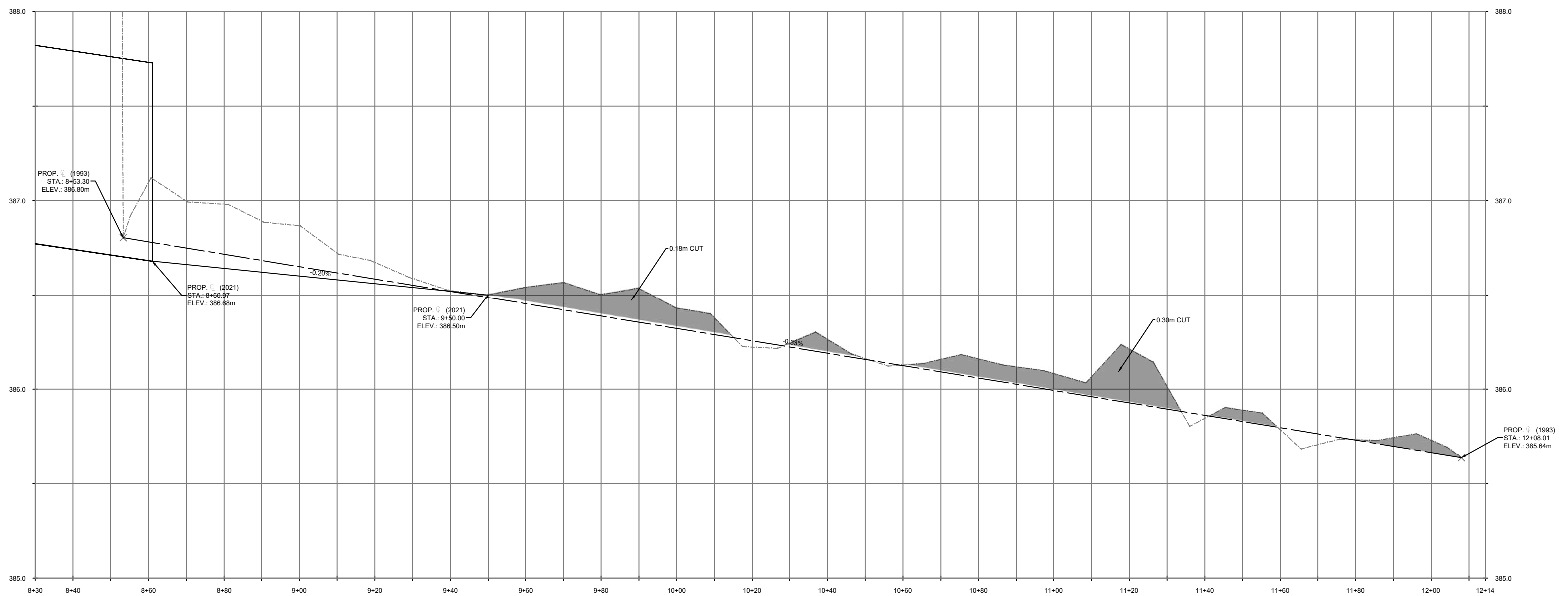




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(294)

ONGOING MAINTENANCE OF WILLOWDALE DITCH

Councillor Berry referred to his previous enquiries with respect to the maintenance of Willowdale Ditch. He noted that there had been an issue with a blockage and the problem solved within a short time of being reported to Public Works, however, ongoing weekly maintenance was necessary to ensure problems did not arise. He enquired when the full report on this matter was expected to be provided.

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

June 20, 2022 City Council Meeting

(295)

RESTRICTIVE LOAD SIGNAGE FOR RECONSTRUCTED MARQUIS DRIVE

Councillor Berry advised that residents had raised concerns with respect to heavy truck traffic potentially causing damage to the newly reconstructed Marquis Drive. He enquired if load limit restrictions could be implemented and signage installed to deter heavy trucks from using Marquis Drive.

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



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July 11, 2022

To: Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

From: Mark Allard, Director of Engineering Services, Development Services

Subject: Councillor's Enquiry No. 295 - Restrictive Load Signage for Reconstructed Marquis Drive - June 20, 2022 City Council Meeting

Councillor Berry advised that residents had raised concerns with respect to heavy truck traffic potentially causing damage to the newly reconstructed Marquis Drive. He enquired if load limit restrictions could be implemented and signage installed to deter heavy trucks from using Marquis Drive.

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

Under Traffic By-law 5463, all local streets within the City of Brandon, including Marquis Drive, are designated as Class A with a loading limit of 36,500 kg. Marquis Drive is not identified as a designated truck route.

In 2021, City Administration installed "No Truck" signs on Marquis and Durum Drive, referencing the applicable sections of the City Traffic By-Law. Enforcement efforts were also increased in this area as a further deterrent to non-conformance.

Signage and enforcement will continue upon construction completion and re-opening of Marquis Drive.

While the City Engineer has authority to implement further restrictions on an as needed basis, enforcement of current restrictions should protect the integrity of the new pavement structure.

Further restrictions on city wide weight restrictions will be considered during the review of Traffic By-Law 5463.

Regards,

Mark Allard, P. Eng.

Director of Engineering Services

July 18, 2022 City Council Meeting

(296) CONCERNS WITH PANHANDLING WITHIN THE CITY OF BRANDON

Councillor Cameron advised that residents were being subjected to more aggressive panhandling at various locations throughout the City of Brandon. He requested an update on what the laws were with respect to panhandling, and further, what options were available for residents who felt threatened by panhandlers.

At the request of His Worship the Deputy Mayor, the City Manager responded that while there were no laws or by-laws against panhandling, aggressive actions by panhandlers could be considered a criminal offense and should be reported to Brandon Police Service. He advised that residents or business owners may ask the unwanted persons to leave their property and if they do not comply then Brandon Police Service should be contacted.

(297) SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS - INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY NO. 10 AND GAS BAR

Councillor Cameron raised concerns with traffic flow, lineups and vehicles passing on the shoulder at the intersection of Highway No. 10 and the gas bar just north of the City of Brandon. He noted that this had been an ongoing concern and enquired if this issue could be discussed with and solutions sought from the Province of Manitoba.

At the request of His Worship the Deputy Mayor, the City Manager responded that Administration had visited the site on July 15, 2022 and witnessed cars backed up on the current access road as well as along Highway No. 10. Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure had confirmed that an access road mirroring the one on the east side of PTH 10 was planned for this location, however, no date for construction of same was provided.

(298) UPDATE ON BACK LANE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Deputy Mayor Luebke requested an update on the back lane maintenance schedule.

The City Manager responded that, the excess precipitation received had caused a delay in the maintenance schedule. He confirmed that maintenance of all back lanes was to be completed by July 29, 2022.

(299) SAFETY CONCERNS - 25TH STREET AND VAN HORNE AVENUE

Councillor Frangi advised that speeding and overall dangerous driving had become a problem in the area of 25th Street and Van Horne Avenue and enquired if this issue could be investigated and solutions sought. He suggested that a 4-way Stop at this intersection may calm traffic down and enquired if same could be considered along with other potential solutions for this area.

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

(300) EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOR MAJOR STORM EVENTS

Councillor Berry advised that a major storm was predicted for the City of Brandon tonight and enquired if the Public Works Department was prepared and had staff available to clear drains etc. should this event happen.

At the request of His Worship the Deputy Mayor, Patrick Pulak, General Manager of Operations responded that two staff were working this evening and more would be called in if necessary. He strongly encouraged any storm related drainage issues to be reported to (204) 729-2285. Mr. Pulak noted that this line was forwarded to a Communications Centre outside of regular business hours and crews were dispatched accordingly from there.

(301) TRAFFIC CONCERNS - PARK STREET BETWEEN LORNE AND VICTORIA AVENUES

Councillor Parker advised that between the Splash Park, the Pool and the Yac Program there was a large number of children in the off Park Street between Lorne and Victoria Avenues. He reported that there were a number of aggressive drivers in that area and with vehicles parked on both sides of the street, the area had become very dangerous. He enquired if a 3-way Stop at Louise Avenue or a speed reduction in that area could be considered to improve safety for the patrons of the park.

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

August 16, 2022

To: Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

From: Samuel van Huizen, Traffic & Transportation Planner, Development Services

Subject: **Councillor's Enquiry No. 299 – Safety Concerns – 25th Street and Van Horne Avenue**

Councillor Frangi advised that speeding and overall dangerous driving has become a problem in the area of 25th Street and Van Horne Avenue and enquired if this issue could be investigated and solutions sought. He suggested consideration of a 4-way stop at this specific intersection may calm traffic and inquired if the same could be considered along with other potential solutions for the area. The Deputy Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

Engineering staff has previously received concerns about dangerous driving and compliance with traffic control devices in the past at this intersection. Previous study of the area indicates that there is not an elevated level of concern regarding speeding or traffic control device compliance. No external factors appear to have changed in this area since the last request was received in 2018.

Police have not received a change in the number of calls they have received in this area and ticketing is at a threshold that does not indicate this to be a problematic area that requires additional enforcement or infrastructure modifications.

Engineering Services issued a response to a similar inquiry made at the intersection of Van Horne Avenue and 11th Street with the response being that no infrastructure or sign changes are necessary. The difference here is that the intersection of 25th and Van Horne has good sightlines for traffic approaching the intersection in all directions.

The conversion of an intersection to a 4-way stop control is only done when traffic volumes make turning movements difficult and cause conflicts for these vehicle movements and other non-vehicle movements to safely navigate the intersection. Where traffic volumes are not present, a four-way stop controlled intersection would cause further non-compliance with the traffic control device and cause unnecessary conflict at the intersection.

An alternative traffic control device being considered is a mini-traffic circle. This intersection treatment would install signage in the centre of the intersection and yield signs on all four legs requiring traffic to use the intersection like a mini roundabout; traveling anti-clockwise around the device until the desired exit. A testing location along Van Horne Avenue between 22nd Street and 26th Street is being considered by Engineering and the department hopes to have something installed prior to the end of August along with education sessions with internal City departments and the public.

Concerning pedestrian traffic using Van Horne Avenue, Engineering Services is constructing a sidewalk along the south side of Van Horne Avenue between 19th Street and 22nd Street this year. It is expected that in the coming years that the sidewalk will be extended to 26th Street as a part of our sidewalk construction program. This should alleviate some concerns of non-vehicle traffic conflicts along this corridor.

I trust this information satisfies the requests of the Councillor. If you have any follow-up questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Regards,

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August 15, 2022 City Council Meeting

(302) TRANS CANADA HIGHWAY BETWEEN 1ST AND 18TH STREETS

Mayor Chrest noted that, while the Trans-Canada Highway both east and west of Brandon was being repaved, the one-mile section between 1st and 18th Streets remained in poor condition. His Worship enquired if an update from Manitoba Infrastructure outlining the proposed time for repairs to this section of the road could be provided.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that Manitoba Infrastructure had contracted a local asphalt paving company to mill and overlay this section of PTH 1 within Brandon City Limits with the work expected to be completed this year.

(303) BUS SERVICE TO ARENA ON PATRICIA AVENUE

Councillor Cameron enquired if bus service to the arena and other businesses on Patricia Avenue in the far south end of the City of Brandon.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that Brandon Transit continually evaluated transit routes to ensure sufficient service existed as the city continued to expand. He confirmed that there were no plans for a transit route to the J & G Arena as that property is located outside of the city limits.

(304) DRAINAGE DITCH BEHIND MARYLAND PARK SCHOOL

Councillor Cameron raised concerns with respect to drainage along the ditch behind Maryland Park School and enquired if an update on same could be provided.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that concerns had been raised with various departments regarding the drainage along this ditch. Mr. Bowles confirmed that, while there was a base flow in the ditch, regular maintenance would take place to ensure flow was not hampered by the growth of cattails in the area. He noted that the placement of rip rap around land drainage outlets at the time of construction required increased attention when mowing, with staff having been advised of same.

(305) UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM DOWNTOWN WELLNESS AND SAFETY TASK FORCE

Councillor Desjarlais requested an update on the implementation of the first set of recommendations from the Downtown Wellness and Safety Task Force.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that, along with working with social services organizations, the establishment of a downtown policing

unit and the initiation of a security program, the Task Force was working on a number of long-term recommendations. Mr. Bowles advised that these long-term recommendations, to be presented to City Council later this year, were expected to have a lasting impact on peoples' lives, businesses and overall public safety. He confirmed that the 12 recommended initiatives approved by City Council in May were all being implemented with the Brandon Police Service, Boss Security, Sanitation and City Planning all doing their part to ensure a safe and prosperous downtown.

Further to this issue, Councillor Desjarlais requested a quarterly update from the Task Force be provided to City Council.

The City Manager agreed that a regular report to City Council would be provided by the Task Force Chair, with the next report to be proved late September or early October.

(306) UPDATE ON ROAD CONDITIONS IN THE CEMETERY

Councillor Chaboyer noted that some of the roadways within the Brandon Cemetery were in poor condition and enquired if repairs to same could be made as soon as possible.

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

(307) BOIL WATER ADVISORY

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operations provided an update on where the break was, the size of same and confirmed that the Advisory had been issued by Manitoba Health. Mr. Pulak stated that the samples had been sent to Winnipeg for testing with the results expected to be received late Tuesday. The General Manager confirmed that if the results were good the advisory would be lifted.

(308) PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS FOR EMERGENCIES, ADVISORIES AND STORM WATCHES

Councillor Berry raised concerns with respect to the notifications of the Boil Water Advisory having been issued mostly through social media. He noted that many residents do not have access to computers and were unaware of the advisory until neighbors shared the information. He enquired if different methods of getting the word out could be considered for future emergencies such as this. His Worship Mayor Chrest reiterated Councillor Berry's concerns and spoke about the need for better communication with the public for notification of events such as this as well as flood alerts and storm watches. His Worship explained that not all residents had cell phones or were active on social media and there needed to be ways to get the message out quickly to all residents.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager agreed to discuss this issue with the Communications Department and look at other means of communication, inclusive of the emergency alerting system and television and radio news programs.

(309)

GARBAGE BINS BEING TOSSED INTO THE KINSMEN POOL

Councillor Parker advised that there had been two recent incidents whereby vandals had tossed garbage bins over the fence and into the Kinsmen Pool. He noted that this was the only pool in the city and many families would be negatively impacted should it have to be closed for maintenance and cleaning. Councillor Parker enquired if the Brandon Police Service could be requested to conduct increased patrols in this area during the late evening and overnight.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager agreed to contact the Chief of Police with this request.

Following the meeting the Police Chief confirmed that extra patrols would be conducted in this area, and further, the Citizens on Patrol Program will be made aware of the situation to ensure they monitored the area as well.



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August 22, 2022

To: Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

From: Bryce Wilson, Manager of Parks

Subject: Enquiry No. 306 - Update on Road Conditions in the Cemetery - August 15, 2022
City Council Meeting

Councillor Chaboyer noted that some of the roadways within the Brandon Cemetery were in poor condition and enquired if repairs to same could be made as soon as possible.

In response to Councillor Chaboyer's enquiry:

- Cemetery staff will mark out all problem areas and coordinate with the Streets & Roads Section to repair and patch potholes throughout the road system in the cemetery

Regards,

Original Signed By:

Bryce Wilson
Manager of Parks

September 6, 2022 City Council Meeting

(310) SUNKEN INTERSECTION - 23RD STREET AND ROSSER AVENUE

Councillor Cameron advised that a loud bang was being heard as vehicles headed west through the intersection of 23rd Street and Rosser Avenue due to same being sunken from recent underground work. He enquired if possible solutions to this issue could be sought to ensure traffic passing through the neighbourhood was less obtrusive for area residents.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the intersection had been inspected and it was determined that repairs were not warranted at this time; however, same would be monitored regularly and repairs completed if necessary.

(311) REPAIRS TO THE CORONATION PARK WALKING PATH

Councillor Cameron referred to the 2022 Budget Deliberations whereby funds had been allocated for repairs to the walking path in Coronation Park. He noted that the path remained in poor condition and enquired when the repairs were expected to be completed.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that, due to unforeseen circumstances, this work had been delayed; however, same was expected to be completed in 2023.

(312) DRAINAGE CONCERNS - VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Councillor Cameron properties north of the back lane behind the 2500 Block of Rosser Avenue were being flooded during times of heavier rain due to grading concerns with the lane and enquired if potential solutions to this issue could be sought.

Councillor Cameron spoke about the concrete lane between 25th and 26th Streets between Victoria and Louise Avenues and noted that due to the higher elevation of the lane in certain spots, yards along the lane were being flooded before the water got to the drain at Louise Avenue. He enquired if possible solutions to this issue could be sought.

His Worship the Mayor took these matters under advisement.

(313)

BRANDON POLICE SERVICE BY-LAW DIVISION STAFFING

Councillor Desjarlais enquired as to current staff complement for Brandon Police Service By-law Enforcement Officers, inclusive of whether or not there were times when they were down to just one officer on duty. He also enquired as to how many additional officers would be required to move from complaint driven to active enforcement of by-laws.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that, on the weekends there was only one officer on shift, with the majority of weekend duties being animal control. He advised that there were currently four By-law Officers; however, with two new hires starting September 12, 2022, they would be up to their full complement of six. He stated that, although it was unusual, with being short staffed, there had been times when only one officer was on duty to cover the tasks of animal control, parking, by-laws and process serving. With respect to the number of officers required to move from complaint driven to active enforcement, the Acting City Manager confirmed that this issue was being discussed as part of the 2023 Brandon Police Service budget and more information would be shared with City Council in the near future.

(314)

REQUEST TO CLEAN FORMER ESSO STATION PROPERTY ON ROSSER AVENUE

Councillor Desjarlais noted that the former Esso Station property on Rosser Avenue continued to be an eye sore. He enquired if options, inclusive of the removal of the old station infrastructure, could be provided for City Council's decision.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that, as this property was privately owned, any options/solutions would be provided to City Council at an In-Camera Meeting. He suggested a resolution directing Administration to prepare a report outlining options/solutions to be presented to City Council at and In-Camera Meeting would be in order.

The following motion was carried unanimously.

Desjarlais-Luebke

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That Administration prepare a report on the options and solutions for the former Esso station on Rosser Avenue to be presented to City Council at a Special In-Camera Meeting September 19, 2022. CARRIED.

(315) STREET LIGHT OUTAGES IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA

Councillor Desjarlais reported that there were a number of lights out in the downtown area, inclusive of both Manitoba Hydro street lights and City of Brandon decorative lights. He noted that, given the number of outages involved, the onus should be on the City of Brandon rather than the residents to contact Manitoba Hydro. He enquired if this issue could be addressed as soon as possible.

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

(316) WATER UTILITY BILLS - BREAKDOWN OF UNIT CHARGE

Councillor Berry enquired as to the breakdown of charges on the water utility bills, noting that it appeared residents were being charged the same number of units for both water consumption and wastewater.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that water consumption was billed on the actual cubic meters of water that flowed through the water meters. He explained that, because wastewater was not metered, it was assumed that to be the same as water consumption, noting that this was the practice in most Canadian cities as well as used by the Manitoba Public Utilities Board (PUB).

Mr. Hammond noted that exceptions to this rule existed for residential customers whose wastewater went to on-property septic tanks, or for large commercial customers who had legitimate significant differences between water consumed and wastewater to be treated. He confirmed that commercial customers who wished to have separate wastewater meters required permission from the City of Brandon to do so and were responsible for all costs of same. He referred residents with questions to the City of Brandon's website for further information and noted that concerns could also be addressed by calling 204 729-2262 or emailing water@brandon.ca.

(317) MUNICIPAL ELECTION - PLEBISCITE QUESTION

Councillor Berry enquired as to the timelines for inclusion of a plebiscite question on the ballot for the 2023 Municipal Election on October 26, 2022.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that any question to be considered must be given as soon as reasonably possible following the close of nominations on September 20, 2022. He noted that the composition of the ballot was required to be provided to the printer by September 22, 2022 to ensure same were printed and ready by September 27, 2022.

(318) TRAINS BLOCKING ROADWAYS

Councillor Parker noted that trains blocking roadways for a long period of time were becoming problematic. He enquired as to the length of time trains were permitted to block roadways within the City of Brandon.

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

(319) SAFETY OF CROSSWALK AT VICTORIA AVENUE AND E. FOTHERINGHAM DRIVE

Councillor Cullen referred to a previous enquiry whereby he had raised concerns with the speed of traffic leading up to the crosswalk at the intersection of Victoria Avenue and E. Fotheringham Drive. He reiterated his concerns with traffic speed of vehicles entering and exiting the City of Brandon. He noted that his requests for a speed reduction as well as relocation of the solar traffic speed device from 38th Street to Governor's Road had been deemed unwarranted at that time. He enquired if moving the solar traffic speed device from 38th Street to E. Fotheringham Drive as well as extending the 50 km/hr speed limit to Governor's Road could be reconsidered as the area remained unsafe and there had been a number of near misses with pedestrians at the crosswalk.

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

(320) UPDATE ON DRAINAGE DITCH - 1900 BLOCK OF 9TH STREET

Councillor Chaboyer referred to a recent presentation by an area resident with respect to the clearing of the drainage ditch in the 1900 Block of 9th Street and requested an update on the status of same.

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

(321) TRAFFIC BACK-UP AT MARYLAND PARK SCHOOL

Councillor Chaboyer enquired what was being done to address the concerns raised recently with respect to traffic back up in the vicinity of Maryland Park School.

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

September 16, 2022

To: Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

From: Samuel van Huizen, Traffic & Transportation Planner, Development Services

Subject: **Councillor's Enquiry No. 315 – Streetlight Outages in the Downtown Area**

Councillor Desjarlais reported that there were a number of lights out in the downtown area, inclusive of both Manitoba Hydro streetlights and City of Brandon decorative lights. He noted that, given the number of outages involved, the onus should be on the City of Brandon rather than the residents to contact Manitoba Hydro. He enquired if this issue could be addressed as soon as possible. His worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

On Tuesday September 13 during nighttime hours, Engineering Services staff conducted exploratory confirmation of the streetlights outages in the area that the councillor had provided Administration. In total, 33 globe light bulbs were observed to not be functioning at various locations in the downtown area. Additionally, all of the globe lights on the west side of the 100 block of 10th Street were observed not functioning. Finally, a total of 16 street lights in the downtown between 5th Street, Pacific Avenue, 13th Street and Princess Avenue were observed as not functioning.

Based on these observations, the following action items have begun:

- A work order has been created for the globe lights. Photos were taken of the outages and a location map was provided to Operations to correct the non-functioning bulbs. Work on replacing the non-functioning bulbs have commenced;
- The globe light outage on the west side of the 100 block of 10th Street was a result of a motor vehicle collision that took out one of the poles near the intersection of 10th Street and Princess Avenue. Operations crews have identified the issue with the lights and have rectified the issue causing the lights to be returned to functioning order; and
- The list of 16 streetlights that were observed out have been provided to Manitoba Hydro. A contact number for the City of Brandon was provided with the submission to confirm completion, however, if the work has not been completed within 3 weeks of the submission date, Engineering staff will follow up.

I trust this information satisfies the requests of the Councilor. If you have any follow-up questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Regards,

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September 12, 2022

To: Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

From: Tobin Praznik, Emergency Manager

Subject: Councillor's Enquiry No. 318 – Trains Blocking Roadways – September 6, 2022 City Council Meeting

The following enquiry was received from Councillor Glen Parker on September 9, 2022:

“Councillor Parker noted that trains blocking roadways for a long period of time were becoming problematic. He enquired as to the length of time trains were permitted to block roadways within the City of Brandon.”

In order to respond to the enquiry, I contacted Mike LoVecchio, Director Indigenous Relations and Government Affairs for Canadian Pacific. The following information was provided:

According to M. LoVecchio, Rule 103 (g) of the Canadian Railway Operating Rules mandates that a train “stand” (meaning stationary) on the crossing for no more than five minutes and that it clear the crossing in an expeditious manner when emergency services are present.

If further details with the exact crossing location, date or time were provided, M. LoVecchio, would be willing to consult with the local CP operations team and provide further details on why an extended blockage may have occurred.

M. LoVecchio adds that crews are tested for compliance with the five minute rule, and the crossing is typically occupied for no more than four minutes. CP apologizes for the inconvenience to residents and is committed to ongoing diligence at all crossings.

Residents with concerns should contact CP Community Connect at 1-800-766-7912 or community_connect@cpr.ca. It is helpful if they can provide: description of the concern, date, time, location, identifying number on a locomotive or rail car; direction of travel, speed of train.

Brandon Police Service and Brandon Fire & Emergency Services have procedures in place to mitigate access issues caused by rail crossing blockages.

Tobin Praznik
Emergency Manager

September 20, 2022 City Council Meeting

(322) NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR PARKING BANS FOR EVENTS

Councillor Desjarlais enquired if an update could be provided on the procedures for notification of downtown businesses when parking bans were put in place for events.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that a review of notifications on parking restrictions had been incorporated into the ongoing updates to the Traffic By-law. He advised that minimizing the impact on businesses while still allowing adequate notice to the public for parking bans was included in the by-law review.

(323) SOUTHWEST LIFT STATION BORROWING - MUNICIPAL ACT PUBLIC HEARINGS

Councillor Desjarlais referred to a public hearing held for a borrowing by-law that had then received first reading from City Council. He enquired if the Municipal Act allowed for a second public hearing to be held before second and third readings if it were the request of Council.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Municipal Act sets out the parameters of when a public hearing on a by-law is to be held and that holding a public hearing for a borrowing by-law before receiving first reading was the minimum requirement. He advised that Council may decide, by majority vote, to hold an additional public hearing for a by-law, so long as public notice is provided and the public hearing is held before the by-law is given third reading.

(324) LIGHT OUTAGES IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA

Councillor Desjarlais referred to his previous enquiry with respect to light outages in the Downtown area and thanked Administration for their quick response. He confirmed that repairs had been completed to many of the lights that were under the City's responsibility with work orders created for the remainder. He also advised that Manitoba Hydro had been contacted with a list of the street lights needing replaced and the Engineering Department were to follow up if repairs were not completed in a timely manner.

(325) SIDEWALKS IN THE 100 BLOCK OF 20TH STREET

Councillor Cameron advised that he had received a complaint from an area resident with respect to the deterioration of the sidewalk in the 100 Block of 20th Street and enquired if repairs to same could be considered as soon possible.

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

October 3, 2022 City Council Meeting

(326) DRIVEWAY AND LAWN REPAIRS

Councillor Cullen advised that dozens of driveways and lawns had not yet been repaired by City staff, some of which had been in need of repairs for over 12 months. He enquired what work was being done to have driveways and lawns repaired before winter.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that due to staffing shortages in the Streets and Roads sections, repairs to excavation sites had taken longer to complete. He noted that in an effort to ensure the repairs were completed in the coming year, additional funds were to be allocated in the 2023 budget to contract out some of the repair work required. He confirmed that for the remainder of the 2022 season, staff would continue to repair sites for as long as weather permits. Further, that letters would be provided to the affected properties notifying them if work would not be completed this year as anticipated.

(327) LAST DAY FOR 2022 GREEN BIN COLLECTION

Councillor Berry enquired when would the City of Brandon green cart collection end for the 2022 year.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the last day for the 2022 green cart program pick up would be Saturday, November 12, 2022. He noted that this collection date was in lieu of the Friday collection being rescheduled from Remembrance Day, November 11th.

(328) REQUEST FOR CROSSWALK TRAFFIC CONTROLS

Councillor Berry enquired if Administration could look into installing push button traffic control lights at the crosswalks located at the intersections of Linden Boulevard & Richmond Avenue and 22nd Street & Richmond Avenue, similar to those at Park Street & Victoria Avenue and 20th Street & Victoria Avenue. He noted that these were two busy crosswalks used by children attending Linden Lanes and Meadows schools that, due to increased traffic traveling east on Richmond Avenue, needed more than just pedestrian crossing signage and lines.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the City of Brandon utilizes the Transportation Association of Canada's Pedestrian Crossing Control Guide to assess all pedestrian crosswalks throughout the City of Brandon and recommend any enhancements to their pedestrian treatment. He advised that this decision making tool factored in the average daily vehicle traffic counts, posted speed limit, and geometric design of the roadway. Once the City collected vehicle traffic counts, the recommended pedestrian crossing enhancements were noted and upgrades would then be prioritized with all intersections in the City of Brandon.

With respect to ongoing enhancements, the City Manager advised that Administration was currently focused on installing crosswalk enhancements at unprotected crosswalks to provide enhancements to as many crosswalks within the budgetary means provided each year. These treatments were proving to be the most cost effective infrastructure that gives the City the ability to retrofit the most crosswalks for the highest benefits for its residents.

Mr. Bowles confirmed that the locations along Richmond Avenue at 22nd Street and Linden Lanes Boulevard were a part of continued monitoring. However, at this time, the current enhancements were appropriate based on the posted speed limit, geometric design of the roadway, and average daily traffic counts.

(329) UPDATE ON DRAINAGE BEHIND MARYLAND PARK SCHOOL

Councillor Chaboyer requested an update on maintenance work being done to the drainage ditch behind Maryland Park School.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that City crews were on-site and work was underway.

(330) TAXI FARE STRUCTURE

Councillor Cameron advised that he had received an enquiry from representatives of the taxi industry in the City of Brandon regarding the fare structure. He enquired if the fare structure could be reviewed for taxi companies operating in Brandon and whether any communication had occurred between Administration and same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that representatives of the Brandon taxi community had submitted a letter to the Legislative Services and that staff had been in contact. Mr. Bowles confirmed that taxi company representatives were scheduled to appear before City Council at the second regular meeting of January 2023.

(331) NEW SIDEWALK ON VAN HORNE AVENUE

Councillor Frangi enquired when work on the sidewalk on Van Horne Avenue from 18th to 22nd Street would be completed. He advised that the curbing was unfinished and clean-up was required, noting that he had received complaints from area residents.

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

(332)

25th STREET AND VAN HORNE AVENUE ROUNDABOUT

Councillor Frangi referred to his previous enquiry with respect to safety concerns at the intersection of 25th Street and Van Horne Avenue. He noted that a response had been provided that indicated the installation of a mini roundabout would occur at the intersection by late August. Councillor Frangi reported that the intersection remained unchanged and enquired when to expect crews to carry out the installation.

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



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October 20th, 2022

To: Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

From: Pam Richardson, Director of Public Works

Subject: Councillor's Enquiry No. 325 - Sidewalks in the 100 Block of 20th Street

Councillor Cameron advised that he had received a complaint from an area resident with respect to the deterioration of the sidewalk in the 100 Block of 20th Street and enquired if repairs to same could be considered as soon possible.

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

The enquiry brought forward from Councillor Cameron was reviewed by administration. The sidewalk in the 100 Block of 20th Street is scheduled for repair as part of the 2023 maintenance program by Streets & Roads.

Regards,

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October 20, 2022

To: Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

From: Mark Allard, Director of Engineering Services, Development Services

Subject: Councillor's Enquiry No. 331 - New Sidewalk on Van Horne Avenue - October 3, 2022 City Council Meeting

Councillor Frangi enquired when work on the sidewalk on Van Horne Avenue from 18th to 22nd Street would be completed. He advised that the curbing was unfinished, and clean-up was required, noting that he had received complaints from area residents.

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

The installation of the sidewalk on Van Horne is nearing completion. The contractor is currently waiting on Manitoba Hydro to relocate a hydro pole to allow for the final two-meter long section of sidewalk to be installed. A minimal amount of curb work was completed as part of this project.

Development Services is considering rehabilitating the section of road between 18th Street and 22nd Street in future capital programs. Additional curb will be considered at that time.

Extension of the sidewalk from 22nd Street to 26th Street is proposed for 2023 budget.

Regards,

Mark Allard

Director of Engineering Services

October 17, 2022 City Council Meeting

(333) LANDFILL ENTRANCE FEE FOR YARD WASTE

Councillor Parker enquired if landfill entrance fees could be eliminated for yard waste or if the number of pick-up and drop-off sites could be increased during the month of October to alleviate the build-up of waste and debris.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Sanitation section was utilizing all available staff and resources to manage the depot locations around the City. He noted that the department only had access to one front-load truck capable of emptying the bins at the locations and adding additional pick-up locations was not currently possible. Further to this, additional shifts had been added during the past week to try and alleviate the build-up of excessive material at the locations.

Mr. Bowles advised that the current fee schedule does not allow for fees to be waived for residents and must be done through a resolution of Council. He noted that should Council wish for Administration to adjust the fee schedule to assist with this concern, a motion would be required to have the change added to the fee schedule for 2023.

Further to this issue, Councillor Cullen reiterated concerns related to the overflow of waste at various pick-up and drop-off locations around Brandon. He recommended that considerations be included in the 2023 budget deliberations to increase the capacity of same.

(334) DOWNTOWN WELLNESS AND SAFETY TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS UPDATE

Councillor Desjarlais requested an update on the implementation of recommendations made by the Downtown Safety and Wellness Taskforce, specifically the graffiti removal pilot program and the \$50,000 allocated for repair of downtown sidewalks.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the repair of any downtown sidewalks had been deferred to early 2023 and budgeted accordingly. He noted that the graffiti reporting webpage was launched in late August and downtown business owners had been contacted directly with information on same. He confirmed that 29 applications had been received since launch, of which 21 had been completed with the remaining 8 jobs expected to be completed within the week. Further to this, Mr. Bowles noted that funding was still available and encouraged businesses to submit reports to the graffiti.brandon.ca webpage.

(335)

UPDATE ON DOWNTOWN LIGHTING ISSUES

Councillor Desjarlais referred to a previous enquiry with respect to a number of street and decorative light outages in the downtown area. He advised that he had received a further complaint on this issue from an area resident and requested an update on the timeline for repairs.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that, to date, Manitoba Hydro had repaired the streetlights on Rosser Avenue between 11th and 12th Street; however, no further repairs had taken place to date. He confirmed that Engineering department staff had resubmitted a work order request to Manitoba Hydro for the repairs and would continue to do so regularly until all were completed.

Further to this, Mr. Bowles confirmed that the row of decorative globe lights had been repaired on the west side of the 100 block of 10th Street. He noted that several repairs had also been made to the control panels of various nostalgia lights in the downtown area as same were frequently vandalized.

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

(336)

MARYLAND AVENUE TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

Councillor Berry advised that he had received a complaint from an area resident with respect to signage on a dirt road portion of Maryland Avenue heading west past Marquis Drive. He explained that the sign indicated that the road was for emergency vehicles only; however, same was being used by residents of the new development as well as contractors working on the site. He enquired as to the need for the road at all and if it was necessary then suggested a barricade be installed that could be removed by emergency personnel if necessary or removal of the sign and leave it accessible to all vehicles.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that it is desirable to have a secondary point of access for emergency vehicles should one point of access become physically impassable. He noted that the road in question was a public right of way that acted as the secondary emergency access. Mr. Bowles advised that this was designed as an interim measure until the development was potentially expanded and that the signage was an attempt to limit traffic. He noted that the installation of a barricade to prevent regular through traffic could potentially create a delay during an emergency response. Following further discussion, at Councillor Berry's suggestion, it was agreed that the sign be removed and the road left as is.

(337) WESTRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE PARKING LOT

Councillor Berry noted that the Westridge Community Centre parking lot had fallen into disrepair due to increased traffic accessing the yard waste drop-off bins. He enquired if repairs to same could be completed as soon as possible.

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

(338) PARKS AND TRAILS LIGHTING & SNOW CLEARING

Councillor Chaboyer enquired if staff could perform maintenance on lighting along the parks and trails in advance of the longer winter nights. Further to this, she requested that administration begin preparations for the winter clearing of sidewalks so that a prompt response was in place in the event of snow.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this under advisement.

(339) PROTECTION OF TREES DURING SNOW REMOVAL

Councillor Desjarlais enquired as to what plans were in place to ensure that trees remain undamaged during snow removal in the coming winter. He noted that an estimated 25 trees, most of which had to be removed, received damage during snow removal in the previous winter.

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