

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2019
AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON,
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PRESENT: Mayor Rick Chrest In The Chair, Councillor Shawn Berry, Councillor Ron W. Brown, Councillor Shaun Cameron, Councillor Jan Chaboyer, Councillor Kris Desjarlais, Councillor Jeff Fawcett, Councillor John LoRegio, Councillor Bruce Luebke, Councillor Glen Parker

ABSENT: Councillor Barry Cullen

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Parker-Cameron
084 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held Monday, January 21, 2019 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Chaboyer-Brown
085 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, January 7, 2019 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) HEATHER REIMER AND CARLY GASPARINI – DOWNTOWN AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Heather Reimer, Community Development Coordinator with the City of Brandon and Carly Gasparini, Executive Director of Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation (BNRC) appeared before City Council with respect to the Downtown Ambassador Program. Ms. Reimer stated the program was designed with input from various stakeholders the BNRC, Brandon Downtown Development Corporation, Brandon Bear Clan, Brandon Housing First, and the Brandon Police Services and the BNRC was contracted to deliver the program.

Ms. Gasparini advised that five ambassadors had been hired and the program had been delivered within the \$30,000 budget. She noted that the ambassadors dealt with a variety of calls and requests including emergency service calls, graffiti, maintenance issues, hospitality assists, vulnerable persons, and interactions with businesses and organizations.

Ms. Gasparini added the program brought to light the need for a public washroom and drinking water in the downtown area. Ms. Reimer requested that City Council consider adding the program to the 2019 Budget Deliberations.

Desjarlais-LoRegio

086 That the presentation by Heather Reimer and Carly Gasparini with respect to the Downtown Ambassador Program be received. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

Nil

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) POVERTY COMMITTEE VERBAL JANUARY 21, 2019

Councillor Luebke provided a report on meeting of the Poverty Committee held January 8, 2019. He noted that two new members, Donald Benham and Brian Clark, were welcomed to the committee and provided with an overview of the Poverty Committee and the ongoing initiative to form the Brandon Collaborative. He stated that a request for \$10,000 to initiate the Community Indicator System would be presented during the 2019 budget deliberations. It was expected that the funding would be conditional, as the Poverty Committee would be looking for support within the community to kickstart the project as well.

Councillor Luebke noted that the Committee continued to explore using the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation as the gate keepers for lost identification and mailing addresses for those who did not have a permanent address. The Committee will be requesting an update on the status of Princess Towers from Brandon-East MLA Len Isleifson. Plans are underway to bring Evelyn Forget, author of Basic Income for Canadians to an event in Brandon.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager confirmed that a review, inclusive of building assessments, had been completed a number of years ago in an attempt to obtain funding from other levels of government for community programming. He advised that as a result of the building assessments, it was determined that the facilities were not at a condition that local government should expect and resulted in the closure of the Southend Community Centre due to the extent of disrepair. He further noted that foundation structural issues identified at Valleyview Community Centre had been remedied in 2017. The City Manager advised that a plan was in place to ensure all community centres were being maintained and safe.

Mr. Sage reminded everyone that a refresh of the Recreation Master Plan for the City of Brandon was currently underway with the results of same anticipated to identify the role of community centres and how same were used by the citizens. He advised that, until the Master Plan was completed, it was difficult to determine the budgetary requirements.

(20) SIDEWALK CLOSURE IN 00 BLOCK OF 9TH STREET (MCKENZIE SEEDS)

Councillor Desjarlais noted that the sidewalk in front of the former McKenzie Seeds Building in the 00 Block of 9th Street remained closed and enquired as to the reasons for same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that building inspectors had been concerned with shifting in the sidewalk and requested that the sidewalk remain closed for safety reasons. He confirmed that the area would be reassessed in the Spring to determine the necessary repairs needed to ensure public safety.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2019 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

His Worship Mayor Chrest announced that the 2019 City of Brandon Budget Deliberations would take place on Friday, January 25 and Saturday, January 26, 2019 in the Council Chambers. His Worship advised that the deliberations were open to the public and would be livestreamed on the City of Brandon's YouTube Channel as well as broadcast on WCGtv as programming time allowed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) PROPOSED COMMUNICATION TOWER AT 638 PRINCESS AVENUE

City Council considered a report from the Chief Planner dated January 7, 2019 with respect to the above.

Parker-Berry

088 That a Letter of Concurrence with conditions be granted for the proposed communication tower at 638 Princess Avenue (Lots 14/20, Block 40, Plan 2 BLTO) in accordance with the site plan and artist rendering, subject to the owner or successor submitting "as-built" drawings to the City of Brandon Development Services Division no later than 30 days after the completion of construction. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7226 TO REZONE 700 – 33RD STREET EAST FROM INDUSTRIAL GENERAL AND DEVELOPMENT RESERVE ZONES TO INDUSTRIAL HEAVY ZONES

Submitted for consideration was a report from Planning and Building Safety dated December 31, 2018 with respect to the above.

Chaboyer-Brown

089 That By-law No. 7226 to rezone at property located at 700-33rd Street East (Parcel B Plan 1278 BLTO and Parts of NE ¼ 18-10-18 WPM) from Industrial General (IG) zone and Development Reserve (DR) zone to Industrial Heavy (IH) zone, be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7230 TO CLOSE AND CONVEY THE NORTH/SOUTH LANE LOCATED EAST OF 17TH STREET EAST

Considered was a report from Property Administration dated January 8, 2019 with respect to the above.

Chaboyer-Brown

090 That By-Law No. 7230 to close and convey the north/south lane located east of 17th Street East in Block 17 Plan 285 BLTO, with the south portion being approximately 16' x 200' of same to be consolidated with the property located at 733 - 17th Street East and the residual parcel to the north to be retained by the City, be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7231 TO CLOSE AND CONVEY A PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN 3400, 3336 AND 2611 MCDONALD AVENUE AND TO RE-OPEN A PORTION OF 34TH STREET LOCATED EAST OF 3500 MCDONALD AVENUE

City Council considered a report from Engineering Services dated January 8, 2019 with respect to the above.

Cameron-LoRegio

091 That By-Law No. 7231 to close and convey the portion of right-of-way located between 3400, 3335 & 2611 McDonald Avenue to the adjacent property owner of 3400 McDonald Avenue (Lot 1), and to re-open the portion of 34th Street (Parcel A Plan 39699) located east of 3500 McDonald Avenue, be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

That the meeting do now adjourn. (7:57 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK