

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA

PRESENT: Mayor Rick Chrest In The Chair, Councillor Shawn Berry, Councillor Ron W. Brown, Councillor Shaun Cameron, Councillor Jan Chaboyer, Councillor Barry Cullen, Councillor Kris Desjarlais, Councillor Jeff Fawcett, Councillor John LoRegio, Councillor Bruce Luebke, Councillor Glen Parker

ABSENT: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Parker-Cameron
075 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held Monday, January 7, 2019 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

LoRegio-Luebke
076 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Monday, December 17, 2018 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Chaboyer-Cullen
077 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, December 17, 2018 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) BRETT TURNER - BRANDON SPORT ALLIANCE

Brett Turner, Brandon Sport Alliance appeared before City Council with respect to the rebuilding of the Brandon Sport Alliance. He noted that the original Alliance was disbanded in 2013 due to loss of funding, however in 2017, members of the sport community came together to rebuild the Alliance. Mr. Turner provided an overview of the goals and deliverables for the Alliance including a website accessible for individuals to register athletes for all sporting groups for any age. Mr. Turner stated the group was seeking the support of City Council, through city administration representation on the Board, and consultation in development of a City of Brandon Sport Policy.

LoRegio-Parker

078 That the presentation by Brett Turner with respect to the Brandon Sport Alliance be received and referred to Administration for report back to City Council. CARRIED.

(B) BERNIE CHRISP AND JAMES MONTGOMERY, BRANDON RIVERBANK INC. - ANNUAL REPORT

Bernie Chrisp, Chair and James Montgomery, General Manager, of Brandon Riverbank Inc. appeared before City Council to provide an update on the Riverbank Discovery Centre's 2018 Annual Report. Mr. Chrisp stated that 2018 had been another successful year with strong visitation numbers. He noted several staff changes during the 2018 year and the new tourism website coming soon. In addition, the continued implementation of "Back to the River" Master Plan and the development of Festival Park, along with various other projects.

Mr. Montgomery provided an updated regarding "Back to the River" Master Plan, reporting that the construction of Festival Park was near completion, and fundraising efforts remained ongoing. He stated that the venue's first event, Children's Country Fair put on by Westman Dreams for Kids, would be held on June 2, 2019. Mr. Montgomery also noted a number of projects on the horizon including the Discovery Gardens, the Peter Sawatzky Sculpture Garden, Assiniboine Cove, and the completed Assiniboine Riverbank trail system. Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Chrisp both thanked City Council for the continued support of Brandon Riverbank.

Fawcett-Parker

079 That the presentation by Bernie Chrisp and James Montgomery with respect to the Brandon Riverbank Inc. Annual Report be received. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

Nil

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) ELISABETH SAFTIUK, BRANDON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION - 2019 FUNDING

Elisabeth Saftiuk, Executive Director of Brandon Development Corporation (BDDC) appeared before City Council with respect to Brandon Downtown Development Corporation's annual update and the funding for 2019. Ms. Saftiuk provided an overview of the redevelopment projects the BDDC had supported in the past and noted the redevelopment grants provided by BDDC to a number of businesses.

In addition to facilitating property redevelopment, BDDC under took new initiatives in 2018 such as Yoga in the Park, Food Truck Warz, Downtown Mural Program, Downtown Crosswalks, and the Encroachment Incentive Program. Ms. Saftiuk shared the re-introduction of the Façade and Storefront Improvement Program and the redevelopment projects for 2019. On behalf of the Board of Directors of BDDC, Ms. Saftiuk requested \$350,000 funding from the City of Brandon for 2019.

Desjarlais-Chaboyer

080 That the presentation by Elisabeth Saftiuk with respect to the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation 2019 Funding be received and referred to the 2019 Budget Deliberations. CARRIED.

(B) RICHARD BRUCE AND TYLER FOSTER, WESTMAN MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL - COMMUNITY EVENT DESIGNATION

Richard Bruce and Tyler Foster appeared before City Council on behalf of the Westman Multicultural Festival with respect to the upcoming festival and to request designation as a Community Event. Mr. Bruce advised that the 16th Annual Festival would take place January 31 - February 2, 2019. Mr. Foster stated the number of pavilions had increased over the recent years. In addition, Mr. Foster requested additional funding of \$6,500. City Council also considered a report from the Legislative Services Department dated December 19, 2018 with respect to the above.

Parker-Brown

081 That the presentation by Richard Bruce and Tyler Foster with respect to obtaining Community Event Designation for the 2019 Westman Multicultural Festival to be held January 31 - February 2, 2019 be received, and the additional funding request be referred to the 2019 budget deliberations.. CARRIED.

Cameron-Luebke

082 That the Westman Multicultural Festival to be held January 31 - February 2, 2019 be hereby designated as a Community Event in the City of Brandon whereby said Festival shall include the following pavilions at the listed locations:

- English Pavilion – Grand Salon Victoria Inn, 3550 Victoria Avenue
- Ukrainian Pavilion – Ukrainian National Hall, 1133 Stickney Avenue
- Honduras Pavilion – Ukrainian Reading Hall, 1005 Assiniboine Avenue
- India Pavilion – Dome Building, Keystone Grounds
- Jamaican Pavilion – Prairie Oasis, 241-8th Street
- Mauritius Pavilion – Knox United Church, 451-18th Street
- Métis Pavilion – Westman Centennial Auditorium, 205-20th Street
- Mexico Pavilion – Shiners Club, 1110 McTavish Avenue East

(17) UPDATE ON PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

Councillor Chaboyer requested information on the payment of property taxes, inclusive of the discounts for early payment and an update on the Education Property Tax Credit provided by the Province of Manitoba.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that discounts for prepayments on the 2019 Property Taxes would be given from January to May 2019 with the discounts ranging from 2.00% in January downward to 0.5% in May. He noted that the maximum prepayment amount accepted was a value equal to the 2018 taxes.

Mr. Sage confirmed that the Education Property Tax Credit Advance (maximum \$700) provided by the Province of Manitoba to assist with the school tax portion of the tax bill still existed, hence, taxes were reduced by that amount for qualified properties.

Further to this issue, His Worship the Mayor advised residents that the Tax Installment Plan (TIP) was available for those who wanted to pay their taxes on a monthly installment through their bank rather than lump sum once a year. He encouraged anyone interested in signing up for the program to contact the Finance Department at (204) 729-2228.

(18) REVIEW OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE SIREN

Councillor Fawcett enquired if an overview of the Emergency Response Siren System could be provided.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the 11 emergency alerting sirens located throughout the City of Brandon were tested on the first Wednesday of each month at 4:40 p.m. He advised that each alert test ran for a maximum of three (3) minutes and included a scripted voice message explaining the test. Mr. Sage noted that the test is followed by an all-clear tone and a second scripted message.

The City Manager advised that the test originated from the Brandon Police Service and that during an actual emergency the cycle of three (3) minute alert tones followed by the voice message would be continued for up to 30 minutes, dependent on the situation. He noted that the alert messaging would also be provided to local media with information posted on the Brandon Police Service and City of Brandon Twitter Accounts. Mr. Sage stated that a door to door notification may also be implemented in certain emergency situations. He explained that samples of the tones could be heard at www.emerg.brandon.ca.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SNOW CLEARING OPERATIONS

His Worship Mayor Chrest announced that snow clearing operations were well underway and encouraged residents to check the snow clearing map on the website for further information on when snow was expected to be cleared in their area.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOCKEY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Councillor Luebke announced that the 50th Anniversary of the Hockey Brandon Tournament of Champions was set to begin February 8, 2019. He advised that the Honorary Chairperson for the 50th Anniversary Tournament was Councillor Glen Parker who had played in the initial two tournaments in 1970 & 1971.

RIVERVIEW WARD PATROL

Councillor Parker announced that Riverview Ward Patrol whose slogan was "Shining a Light, Building a Community" had kicked off on January 2, 2019 and was running smoothly. Councillor Parker noted that volunteers were still needed and encouraged anyone interested to contact him or email rwpatrol@gmail.com for further information.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Nil

BY-LAWS:

Nil

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

That the meeting do now adjourn. (9:19 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK