

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA

PRESENT: Mayor Rick Chrest, Councillor Shawn Berry, Councillor Ron W. Brown, Councillor Jan Chaboyer, Councillor Barry Cullen, Councillor Kris Desjarlais, Councillor Jeff Fawcett, Councillor Jeff Harwood, Councillor John LoRegio, Councillor Lonnie Patterson

ABSENT: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Harwood-Chaboyer

585 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, May 2, 2016 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Cullen-Patterson

586 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, May 2, 2016 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) R. GREER – CITY OF BRANDON YOUTH CENTRE

Richard Greer, Community Development Coordinator and Justine Friesen, Youth Centre Coordinator with the City of Brandon, appeared before City Council to provide an update on the City of Brandon Youth Centre. Ms. Friesen reviewed the Youth Centre's attendance numbers for 2015 and early 2016 which ranged from 1500 to 2350 visits per month. Ms. Friesen also highlighted the different activities conducted in the Youth Centre including educational sessions, fitness activities, computer training, community clean-up, and unstructured activities that encourage social development and communication skills.

Berry-Patterson

587 That the presentation by Richard Greer, Community Development Coordinator and Justine Friesen, Youth Centre Coordinator, with respect to the City of Brandon Youth Centre be received. CARRIED.

(B) CHRIS HEIDE AND ERIN GOBEIL – ECO DAY IN MAY

Chris Heide and Erin Gobeil, members of the Brandon Environment Committee, appeared before City Council to provide information on the 2016 Eco Day. Mr. Heide informed City Council that the Brandon Environmental Committee would hold its Eco Day on May 28, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Global Village on Rosser Avenue. He noted that Eco Day would be a family friendly event and have live bands, fire breathing demonstrations, juggling, live acting performances, and cooking demonstrations. Ms. Gobeil also advised City Council that free compost, vegetable seeds, and tree seedlings would be available to the public.

Patterson-Desjarlais

588 That the presentation by Chris Heide, Brandon Environment Committee and Erin Gobeil, Global Market with respect to Eco Day in May be received. CARRIED.

(C) TOM KEEP – BRANDON CLEAN SWEEP UPDATE

Tom Keep, on behalf of the Brandon Environmental Committee, appeared before City Council to provide a report on the Clean Sweep Brandon event held on April 30, 2016 at Princess Park. Mr. Keep provided accolades to members of City Council who assisted with the Community Clean Sweep and brought out additional volunteers. Mr. Keep presented a trophy to His Worship Mayor Chrest for all of City Council in recognition for their support of the 2016 Clean Sweep Brandon Event. He also thanked the community volunteers who assisted with the cleanup and the event sponsors including the Brandon Neighborhood Renewal Corporation, Tim Hortons, and Komfort Kitchen.

Harwood-Chaboyer

589 That the presentation by Tom Keep, Environmental Initiatives with respect to the Clean Sweep Update be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nil

ENQUIRIES:

(187) CONDITION OF BACKLANE IN 800 BLOCK BETWEEN 18TH AND 19TH STREETS

Councillor LoRegio noted that the backlane between 18th and 19th Streets behind Brandon Photographics continued to be in poor condition and enquired when same was expected to be repaired.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the portion of the lane from Park Avenue to north of Brandon Photographics was scheduled for resurfacing this summer.

(188) WATER AND DRAINAGE ISSUES ON NORTH SIDE OF SOUTHVIEW DRIVE

Councillor Berry noted that water and drainage continued to be a problem on the north side of Southview Drive. He advised that he had raised this concern before and enquired when this issue was expected to be addressed.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that this area was still under warranty, and the Engineering Department was awaiting word from the Developer as to when the installation of a weeping tile header was expected to be completed. He noted that as time was a factor in this circumstance, the City may undertake the work themselves and recover the costs from the Developer at a later date. He agreed to follow up with the Developer this week and ensure residents in the area were provided with a firm completion date as soon as possible.

(189) REPAIR TO ROAD ON BROODWOOD DRIVE FROM RICHMOND AVENUE TO PLATEAU DRIVE

Councillor Berry advised that Brookwood Drive from Richmond Avenue to Plateau Drive remained in poor condition and enquired when same was expected to be repaired. He noted that this area was also an issue under warranty with the repairs being the responsibility of the Developer and requested that the residents be provided with a firm date on when same would be completed, whether by the Developer or the City of Brandon.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Developer had been requested to provide a remediation plan for the road to the Engineering Department as soon as possible. He confirmed that further delays in rectifying the situation may result in the forfeit of a portion of the Letter of Credit issued to the Developer in the amount necessary to have the work completed by the City of Brandon. He agreed to keep the residents updated on this situation.

(190) REPAIR TO TRAFFIC CIRCLE AT 34TH STREET AND WILLOWDALE CRESCENT

Councillor Berry referred to a previous enquiry with respect to the poor condition of the Traffic Circle at 34th Street and Willowdale Crescent. He noted that this issue had been raised for the past two construction seasons and was now being pushed back to 2017 and enquired why the project had been delayed.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that due to an incident at the 8th Street Bus Mall, the scope of the work planned at that location had doubled and efforts to build a concrete road had been refocused accordingly. He advised that given the volume of construction work already scheduled for 2016, the traffic circle could not be added to this year's program. He confirmed that additional information would be gathered for reconfiguration and surface repairs to the Traffic Circle in 2017. The City Manager noted that crews had been out recently and made the necessary repairs to the potholes and the area would continue to be monitored until the redevelopment project commenced.

(191) LIABILITY ISSUES AND ENCROACHMENT ON CITY PROPERTY

Councillor Berry referred to a recent newspaper article regarding encroachments on City of Brandon property and the liability issues associated with same. He enquired as to the potential risks undertaken by citizens when they performed tasks on City property such as mowing boulevards and clearing snow on sidewalks.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that building a structure on City property was much different than mowing grass or shoveling snow. He advised that once it had been determined that a resident's structure was encroaching on City property, they were notified that either the structure needed to be removed, or encroachment agreement entered into with the City of Brandon that addressed the liability issue. The City Manager confirmed that in 2004, City Council had introduced a suggested practice whereby residents were asked to mow the boulevards adjacent to their property. He stated that the expectation was that everyone would use the same equipment, care and caution on the boulevards as they would on their own property and the City would be notified of any serious safety concerns discovered while the tasks were being performed. The City Manager advised that the City of Brandon was not liable for injuries or damages incurred while tasks were being completed on City property unless it was aware of a specific hazard and ignored it.

(192) MAINTENANCE AND CLEAN UP OF DITCH RUNNING BETWEEN 26TH AND 34TH STREETS ALONG WILLOWDALE CRESCENT

Councillor Berry enquired when City crews were expected to begin regular maintenance of the ditch running along Willowdale Crescent between 26th and 34th Streets.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the grass was mowed annually in the fall and crews conducted a monthly check of the area and removed any debris that had accumulated. He advised that any issues arising between the monthly checks could be reported to the Sanitation Department.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FREE SENIORS' SEMINAR - HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Councillor Brown announced that a seminar with respect to the Health Care System for Seniors hosted by the Age Friendly Committee would be held on June 8, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon in the Cultural Resource Centre located at 638 Princess Avenue. He noted that this was a free seminar with lunch provided and encouraged residents to pre-register by calling (204) 729-2257 or via email to g.massina@brandon.ca.

BRANDON AND AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY GRANT PRESENTATION

Councillor Chaboyer announced that she had been pleased to represent City Council at the Brandon and Area Community Foundation Youth In Philanthropy Grants Presentation held recently at Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School. She advised that the program provided an opportunity for youth to get involved with and award grants to local community organizations.

RIVERVIEW WARD BY-ELECTION - MAY 18, 2016

His Worship Mayor Chrest reminded residents that the Riverward By-Election would take place Wednesday, May 18, 2016 with polling stations open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and encouraged ward residents to vote.

BRANDON WHEAT KINGS - WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE (WHL) CHAMPIONS

His Worship Mayor Chrest congratulated the Brandon Wheat Kings on winning the WHL Championship and stated that all of the Westman Area was proud of them with over 1,000 people attending the rally at the Keystone Centre to welcome the team home. He wished them the best of luck in the Memorial Cup to be held in Red Deer, Alberta from May 20-29, 2016.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT THRONE SPEECH

His Worship Mayor Chrest announced that he had attended the Throne Speech and the opening of the new Legislative Session at the Provincial Legislature today and stated that Brandon City Council would continue to work hard with the new Provincial Government.

EFFORTS FROM LOCAL COMMUNITY - FIRE AT FORT MCMURRAY

His Worship Mayor Chrest thanked the local community who had donated their time and money to assist the residents of Fort McMurray, Alberta as they dealt with the devastation from the wild fires. He noted that the City of Brandon had seconded two members of Brandon Emergency Services to assist in Fort McMurray, one resident had made two trips out with donations and many rallies and fundraisers were held in and around Brandon. He extended his deepest sympathies to the residents of Fort McMurray and surrounding area and wished them well as they move forward and begin to rebuild.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) TENDER – CISTERN INSTALLATION, BRANDON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT EXPANSION

City Council considered the report from the Manager of Development & Transportation dated May 9, 2016 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Chaboyer

590 That the low bid from Alternative Landscaping for the Cistern Installation, as per tender and specifications, at a cost of \$340,518.00 (net of GST) be accepted. CARRIED.

(B) TENDER – CONTRACT B UNDERGROUND WORKS

City Council considered a report from the Director of Engineering Services and Water Resources dated May 10, 2016 with respect to the above.

Harwood-LoRegio

591 That the bid of Allen & Bolack Excavating Ltd. to carry out the Contract B – Underground Works as per tender and specifications at a cost of \$2,070,533.17 (net of GST) be accepted, and that the additional funding requirements of \$700,000 be expended from the Water Distribution Reserve (\$425,000) and the Storm Sewer Reserve (\$275,000). CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7138 TO REZONE 1620 BRAECREST DRIVE FROM CG COMMERCIAL GENERAL ZONE TO RLD RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY ZONE

It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the March 7, 2016 meeting of City Council.

Fawcett-Berry

592 That By-law No. 7138, to rezone the southerly 75.3m by the easterly 97.4m of the property located at 1620 Braecrest Drive (Lot 1, Plan 1874) (Parcel 2) from Commercial General (CG) Zone to Residential Low Density (RLD) Zone to be read a second time. CARRIED.

Fawcett-Patterson

593 That third reading of By-law No. 7138 be held in abeyance pending the objectors to the by-law being given notice pursuant to Section 76(3)(a) of The Planning Act of their right to file a further objection. CARRIED.

NO. 7139 TO ESTABLISH WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR 2016-2018

It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the March 7, 2016 meeting of City Council and was held in abeyance pending approval from The Public Utilities Board.

Fawcett-Patterson

594 That By-law No. 7139 be amended by replacing the existing Schedule “A” with Schedule “A” attached to the report of the City Treasurer dated May 2, 2016, as ordered by the Public Utilities Board. CARRIED.

Fawcett-Patterson

595 That By-law No. 7139, as amended, to set water & sewer utility rates for the years 2016, 2017, 2018 be read a second time. CARRIED.

NO. 7147 TO AMEND OPEN AIR FIRES BY-LAW NO. 6746 – FIRE PIT REGULATIONS

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Fire Chief dated May 10, 2016 with respect to the above.

Berry-Chaboyer

596 That By-law No. 7147, to amend Open Air Fires By-law No. 6746 with respect to fire pit regulations be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

(A) STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR WHEAT CITY GOLF COURSE

In accordance with Rule 60 of City Council Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillor Cullen gave notice of his intent to introduce at the June 6, 2016 meeting of City Council the following motion:

"That, as identified as one of the ten priorities for the City of Brandon in the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan, a strategic direction for the Wheat City Golf Course be developed that would include the operation of a viable 18-hole golf course whereby Administration shall be authorized to:

- begin work on the enhancing and stabilizing of the existing dike for the protection of the green space;
- developing programming options for the sustainability of same; and
- issuing an Expression of Interest for the development of the land surrounding the golf course

to be culminated in a strategic plan for the green space and facility as a whole for Council's consideration."

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

That the meeting do now adjourn. (8:53 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK