

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017 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 Glen Parker, Councillor Lonnie Patterson

ABSENT: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

952 Chaboyer-LoRegio
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, March 20, 2017 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

953 Harwood-Parker
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday, March 6, 2017 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) HEATHER DOTY AND BRIGETTE DEPAPPE, BRANDON/WESTMAN CHAPTER OF COUNCIL OF CANADIANS - BLUE COMMUNITY DESIGNATION

Heather Doty and Brigitte Depappe, members of the Westman Chapter of the Council of Canadians, appeared before City Council to recognize World Water Day taking place on March 22, 2017. Mrs. Doty highlighted the importance of conserving and protecting water and requested that City Council consider becoming a Blue Dot Community. She informed City Council that municipalities could become Blue Dot Communities if they formally recognized water and sanitation as a basic human right and banned bottled water in City facilities and at City events.

954 Desjarlais-Patterson
That the presentation by Heather Doty and Brigitte DePappe on behalf of the Brandon/Westman Chapter of the Council of Canadians with respect to the designation of the City of Brandon as a Blue Community be received. CARRIED.

(B) KEVIN BERTRAM, COMMUNITY SERVICES – RECOGNITION OF VETERANS’ MEMORIAL AND WALL OF REMEMBRANCE PROJECT

Kevin Bertram, Cultural Programmer with the City of Brandon Community Services Department, appeared before City Council with respect to the Communities in Bloom National Awards. Mr. Bertram informed City Council that the Veterans’ Memorial Wall and the Wall of Remembrance, located at the north end of the Brandon Police Services Building property, received a national award under the Gardens of Remembrance category.

Mr. Bertram thanked the Veterans’ Memorial Wall and the Wall of Remembrance committees, City Council, and City of Brandon staff for their dedicated work on the development of the memorials. Mr. Bertram noted that the wall would be featured in the Communities in Bloom national magazine in 2017.

Patterson-Harwood

955 That the presentation by Kevin Bertram of the Community Services Department to acknowledge the recognition received for the Veterans’ Wall and the Wall of Remembrance Project at 10th Street and Victoria Avenue be received. CARRIED.

(C) RUSS PADDOCK, TYLER CRAYSTON AND MATT PACKWOOD, BRANDON UNIVERSITY – ACCOMMODATION TAX APPLICATION FOR 2019 U SPORTS MEN’S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Matt Packwood, Tyler Crayston, and Russ Paddock, representatives from Brandon University Athletic Department, appeared before City Council with respect to their Accommodation Tax application for the 2019 U Sports Men’s Volleyball Championship. Mr. Packwood reviewed the previous success of Brandon University hosting the 2016 Women’s CIS Volleyball Championship and thanked Mayor and City Council for their support of the event. Mr. Packwood informed City Council that due to this previous success, Brandon University would be submitting a bid to host the 2019 U Sports Men’s Volleyball Championships. He noted that in order to host this event, Brandon University had requested a \$30,000 grant from the Accommodation Tax Reserve Fund. Mr. Paddock highlighted that the previous CIS Women’s Championship had exceeded their original revenue projections and Brandon University was confident that, if they were awarded the championships, they would generate numbers that would justify the full \$30,000 requested.

Harwood-Parker

956 That the presentation by Russ Paddock, Tyler Cranston and Matt Packwood on behalf of Brandon University with respect to the accommodation tax application for the 2019 U Sports Men’s Championship be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) POVERTY COMMITTEE
VERBAL

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Councillor Lonnie Patterson provided a verbal report to City Council on the strategic direction of the Poverty Committee for 2017. Councillor Patterson advised that the Poverty Committee was investigating the establishment of a Social Planning Council, which could provide a central information hub for organizations who were focused on social determinates of health. Additionally, she noted that the Poverty Committee continued to work on affordable housing, homelessness, and food security issues.

(B) AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE
VERBAL

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Councillor Parker provided a verbal report to City Council on the Age Friendly Committee meeting held on February 21, 2017. Councillor Parker informed City Council that Elaine Alvis had been elected as the Chair of the Age Friendly Committee.

Patterson-Desjarlais

957 That the reports of the Poverty Committee and the Age Friendly Committee be received.
CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(230) PREVENTION OF WATER DRAINAGE ISSUES

Councillor LoRegio enquired as to the efforts being undertaken to address drainage problems and water pooling issues during the spring season.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that two portable boilers and two large vacor trucks were used to thaw frozen infrastructure to allow for proper drainage. He noted that every effort was being made to open and keep open all water drainage sites; however, should residents notice a problem area, same should be reported to the Public Works Department at (204) 729-2285 or via the online reporting system.

Councillor LoRegio noted that summer storms created drainage problems in certain areas of the City of Brandon and enquired how those issues were being addressed.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the Engineering Department continued to review problem areas to ensure underground infrastructure was working properly. He stressed the importance of keeping sewer drains clear of debris and invited residents to report any problem areas to the Public Works Department as noted above.

(231) UPDATE ON BRANDON AIRPORT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Councillor Harwood requested an update on the status of the redevelopment project at the Brandon Municipal Airport, inclusive of the expected completion date.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that, barring any major weather issues or construction delays, the Terminal was expected to be fully completed by May 1, 2017. He advised that a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was planned for shortly after the project's completion.

(232) WESTJET FLIGHTS EAST TO TORONTO

Councillor Harwood enquired if discussions had taken place with WestJet in regards to service from Brandon east to Toronto.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that discussions with WestJet were ongoing with respect to the airport improvements and the City of Brandon's desire for expanded air service.

(233) TRAINING PLAN FOR RESPONSE TO POTENTIAL HIGH WATER EVENT

Councillor Patterson referred to the potential for a high water event this spring and enquired if training plans were in place for employees required to respond to same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that much work had been done to manage a flood threat in the City of Brandon, inclusive of upgrades and repairs to the dike and the removal of problematic outfalls. He advised that, although the work required to manage the water at the 2011 levels had been reduced with the above mentioned improvements, maintenance of pumps at key locations with overall 24 hour/7 days a week vigilance.

The Acting City Manager added that the Emergency Response Control Group had met several times to review the 2011 and 2014 responses with more detailed planning meetings with respect to the City of Brandon's high water response efforts as well as local Utilities and Emergency Social Services planned responses. He confirmed that all employees were being provided the necessary training and support to respond effectively and efficiently as needed. Mr. Sage also noted that the next Province of Manitoba flood outlook would be released on March 27, 2017 which was expected to provide a clearer picture of the potential spring flood threat.

His Worship Mayor Chrest reminded everyone that further information on this issue would be provided by The Honourable Brian Pallister, Premier of Manitoba, and The Honourable Blaine Pederson, Minister of Infrastructure, when they met with City Council later in the week.

(234) CLEANING OF DITCHES TO AID WITH DRAINAGE

Councillor Chaboyer noted that in previous years the ditches had been cleaned out in the spring to aid with drainage and enquired if same was expected to be completed this year.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that any ditches located in known problem areas would be checked and cleaned if necessary; however, not all ditches were regularly cleaned out in the spring. He encouraged everyone to report problem areas to the Public Works Department at (204) 729-2285.

Further to this issue, His Worship Mayor Chrest noted that spring was also pothole season and encouraged residents to report any pothole problems by calling the Pothole Hotline at (204) 729-2200 or online at www.brandon.ca/report-an-issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RIVERVIEW WARD MEETING

Councillor Parker announced that a Riverview Ward meeting would take place Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the East End Community Centre. He advised that various city and ward issues would be discussed with Administration in attendance to answer any questions.

BUSINESS RECOGNITION AWARDS

Councillor Fawcett announced that the Brandon Chamber of Commerce 134th Annual Awards Gala was held on March 16, 2017 and congratulated the following award recipients: Jim Brannan of Cando Rail Services for the Community Service Award; Daughter on Call for Outstanding New Business; Brandon Source for Sports for the Business Excellence Award; Ray Redfern of Redfern Farm Services for Lifetime Business Builder; and Jared Jacobson of J&G Homes for Business Person of the Year.

Councillor Fawcett also congratulated Cando Rail Services on being the only Manitoba company named one of Canada's Best Managed Companies. He advised that the program was sponsored by Deloitte, CIBC, Canadian Business, Smith School of Business and MacKay CEO Forums with the winners to be honoured at a Gala in Toronto on April 19, 2017.

Additionally, Councillor Fawcett congratulated the Vasilarakis Family, owners of Pizza Express, on their being named Manitoba's Family Enterprise of the Year by the Family Enterprise Xchange during a ceremony held in Winnipeg recently.

ROYAL MANITOBA WINTER FAIR

His Worship Mayor Chrest announced that the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair would take place from March 27 to April 1, 2017 at the Keystone Centre and encouraged everyone to attend this exciting event.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) ACCOMMODATION TAX EVENT FUNDING REQUEST - BRANDON UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS 2019 U SPORTS MEN'S NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Councillor Chaboyer declared a conflict of interest in this matter due to her employment with Brandon University and left the Council Chambers prior to any discussion.

City Council considered a report from the Director of Economic Development dated March 9, 2017 with respect to the above.

Harwood-LoRegio

958 That a grant of \$21,750 be provided to Brandon University Athletics to host the 2019 Canadian U Sports Men's National Volleyball Championship, March 15 – 17, 2019, in Brandon with said funds to be transferred from the Accommodation Tax Reserve to the Tourism Initiatives operating funds. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-LoRegio

959 That the above motion be amended by deleting the figure: "\$21,750" and substituting therefor the figure: "\$30,000". CARRIED.

Following the vote on the above motions, Councillor Chaboyer re-entered the Council Chamber.

(B) BRANDON EMERGENCY PLAN

Considered was a report from the Director of Risk and Emergency Management dated March 7, 2017 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Desjarlais

960 That the Brandon Emergency Plan dated March, 2017 attached to the report of the Emergency Coordinator dated March 7, 2017 be adopted. CARRIED.

(C) 2016 FINANCIAL INFORMATION RETURN

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Finance dated March 6, 2017 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Chaboyer

961 That pursuant to Section 183(2) of The Municipal Act, the 2016 Financial Information Return (unaudited) be adopted. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7171

TO NAME THE STREET LOCATED SOUTH OF BRAECREST DRIVE AND EAST OF 18TH STREET (THE SUMMIT DEVELOPMENT) AS SUMMIT WAY

It was noted that this by-law received first reading at the March 6, 2017 meeting of City Council.

Fawcett-Parker

962 That By-Law No. 7171, to name the street in The Summit development located south of Braecrest Drive and east of 18th Street in the NW ¼ 26-10-19 WPM as "Summit Way", be read a second time. CARRIED.

Fawcett-Parker

963 That the by-law be read a third and final time. CARRIED.

In accordance with Section 137 of The Municipal Act, a recorded vote was taken on the motion to give By-law No. 7171 third reading.

FOR

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 Glen Parker
Councillor Lonnie Patterson

AGAINST

Nil

NO. 7173

TO AMEND FEE SCHEDULE BY-LAW NO. 7159 - SPORTSPLEX POOL RENTAL RATES FOR LOCAL MINOR SPORT ORGANIZATIONS

City Council considered a report from the Sportsplex Facility Manager dated March 14, 2017 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Chaboyer

964 That By-law No. 7153, to amend Fee Schedule By-law No. 7159 with respect to the effective date of the local minor sport organization rate for the Sportsplex Pool, be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

That the meeting do now adjourn (8:43 p.m.). CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK