

2018 CITY COUNCIL ENQUIRIES

January 22, 2018 City Council Meeting

(283) **BACK LANE STRATEGY - UPDATE**

Councillor Chaboyer requested an update on the status of the City of Brandon Back Lane Strategy.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that he had received a memo from the Engineering Department with respect to this issue. He confirmed that the Operations and Engineering Departments had been working together to develop a comprehensive Back Lane Strategy for the City of Brandon. Mr. Sage advised that City Council would be updated on the progress of same at a meeting to be held February 5, 2018. He noted that the Engineering and Operations Departments continued to work on improving the current back lane maintenance program with identified problematic areas being targeted for repairs in 2018.

(284) **NO PARKING SIGNS - ROSSER AVENUE BETWEEN 13TH & 14TH STREETS**

Councillor Brown requested the removal of two no parking signs on Rosser Avenue between 13th and 14th Streets. He noted that these signs were located in front of an empty lot and the removal of same would allow for more parking spots downtown.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the City of Brandon maintains a loading zone on each block of Rosser Avenue; however, as there was a loading zone on the north side of the 1300 Block of Rosser Avenue, the signs referred to by Councillor Brown would be removed. He noted that an Ad Hoc Committee of City Council had been commissioned to address the concerns over perceived insufficient parking in the downtown area. Mr. Sage also reminded everyone that the City of Brandon maintained a free parking lot located at 1201 Pacific Avenue.

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February 20, 2018 City Council Meeting

(285) UPDATE ON DRUG AND ADDICTION STRATEGY

Councillor Patterson noted that funding had been allocated in the 2018 City of Brandon Budget to combat the drug and addictions problems facing residents in the City of Brandon and enquired as to the progress made thus far.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that additional funding had been allocated to the Brandon Police Service to be used for Officers to focus on restricting illegal drugs from entering the community as well as curtailing the exploitation of young people. The City Manager advised that the Brandon Police Service continued to support the Community Mobilization Hub, a group of local agencies whose representatives came together weekly to connect individuals or families in the community with the necessary supports and services before the situations escalated or a tragedy occurred.

Mr. Sage noted that City Council had also included \$25,000 in the 2018 Mayor's Budget for a proposed initiative related to Youth Addiction Prevention. He confirmed that His Worship Mayor Chrest was working with the Brandon School Division Board along with other community organizations to hold a Forum in the Spring directly related to this issue. He agreed to keep City Council apprised of the details as the plans for this event progressed.

The City Manager also noted that the Brandon Police Service and Brandon Fire and Emergency Services were directly involved with numerous initiatives underway in the community and were being very proactive in addressing these emerging issues in the city.

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March 5, 2018 City Council Meeting

(286) UPDATE ON SNOW CLEARING OPERATIONS

His Worship the Mayor requested an update on the status of the snow clearing operations in the City of Brandon.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that snow clearing and sanding operations began at Midnight on Sunday with crews working around the clock to clear the streets as quickly as possible. He advised that crews were currently working on Priority Routes 1, 2 and 3 with routes 4, 5 and 6 to follow immediately thereafter. Mr. Hammond confirmed that Priority 1 routes were expected to be completed by Wednesday morning however, due to the heavy, wet snow, snow clearing operations were taking longer than normal. He advised that a new piece of sidewalk clearing equipment was being given a good test by these conditions. Mr. Hammond stated that sanitation routes were also being cleared and sanitation collection services were not expected to be delayed by this storm. He encouraged residents to consult the snow map on the City of Brandon's website for updated information on which streets had been cleared and where the plows were expected to be next.

(287) SNOW CLEARING ON NORTH HILL PRIOR TO RECENT SNOW STORM

Councillor Fawcett noted that crews had been clearing snow on the North Hill prior to this storm and enquired as to the reasons for same.

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

Following the meeting the Director of Public Works, Mr. Mark Yeomans, responded that although there had been an overall lack of snow this winter, City Streets had accumulated a layer of ice and numerous complaints had been received from residential areas with respect to this issue. He also advised that ice removal from areas around catch basins and a portion of the street in either direction was also important to aid with drainage to the catch basins.

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March 19, 2018 City Council Meeting

(288) 2018 POTHOLE PROGRAM

Councillor LoRegio noted that potholes were once again becoming a problem in the City of Brandon and enquired as to the process for reporting same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Streets and Roads Section of Public Works had begun filling potholes and would continue to do so for the foreseeable future. He advised that information on the 2018 pothole program was on the City of Brandon's website and promoted on the social media feeds. He encouraged residents to call the pothole hotline at 204 729-2200 or submit the information online at www.brandon.ca/report-an-issue whereby crews would be dispatched accordingly following receipt of the complaint. The City Manager reminded residents that 1st Street, 18th Street, and portions of Victoria and Richmond Avenues were the responsibility of Manitoba Infrastructure (MI) and encouraged residents to call the provincial department directly to report issues on those streets.

The City Manager further advised that the Sewer and Water Crews were out daily steaming manholes. He encouraged residents to report issues regarding manholes to the Public Works Department at (204) 729-2285 or on the website as noted above.

April 3, 2018 City Council Meeting

(289) LONG TERM SOLUTION FOR POTHoles

Councillor Chaboyer noted that there continued to be perennial potholes in high traffic areas of the City of Brandon. She enquired if a more permanent repaving/rebuilding of the known problem potholes could be considered. At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that, as soon as conditions permit in the spring, potholes were swept to remove loose material and dirt and filled with a cold mix with the patch being at a level slightly higher than the existing asphalt on the street. He advised that as the temperatures warm, the same process was completed using a more permanent hot mix of reclaimed asphalt. Mr. Sage noted that pothole patching continued throughout the summer in the same manner with a commercial supply of hot mix asphalt.

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The City Manager confirmed that 2199 potholes had been filled in March 2018 compared to 2111 in 2017 and 1722 in 2016. He stated that the freeze/thaw cycle of the spring combined with the physical shape of the street, the drainage of water from the road surface and traffic volumes were the main contributor to pothole development. He advised that the pothole filling practices employed by the Public Works crews provided a cost effective solution to potholes until such time as the street could be resurfaced. Mr. Sage confirmed that as part of the City of Brandon Asset Management Program, the Engineering and Public Works Departments worked together to ensure that repairs to problematic potholes and street resurfacing was completed in a timely manner while taking into consideration all infrastructure within the City of Brandon.

(290)

GREEN ORGANIC WASTE BINS AT HUMMINGBIRD COMMUNITY GARDEN

Councillor Brown advised that he had been contacted by the Hummingbird Community Garden Committee who had requested more organic waste bins. Councillor Brown noted that the bins at Westridge Community Centre were not being used to their full potential and enquired if same could be moved over to Hummingbird, making it the depot for the area.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that moving the bins from Westridge Community Centre was not an option; however, other options for the Hummingbird Gardens Site were being considered. He noted that the access road into the gardens was currently a black dirt road and would need significant improvements to accommodate the weight of a sanitation truck and that a pad for the bins/dumpster would also have to be developed at the site. Mr. Sage confirmed that there would be a larger organics bin/dumpster at the Hummingbird Community Gardens Site for the 2018 growing season and Administration continued to look at all options for the placement of larger bins at this site.

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(291)

PETITION - SEWER ISSUES ON LAWRENCE AND LLOYD CRESCENTS

Councillor Parker presented a petition from the residents and homeowners of property on Lawrence and Lloyd Crescents with respect to lost sewer insurance coverage, increased insurance rates and decreased values of their homes due to damages from flooding caused by the City of Brandon.

The petitioners requested that the City of Brandon (Sanitation, Sewer and Water):

- ✓ hold a public forum to discuss the needs of a new sewer system in the area;
- ✓ change methods used for removing blockages and cleaning by the pumper trucks to ensure they are safe and adequate;
- ✓ provide employees with additional training on carefully and effectively rectifying any and all current problems;
- ✓ provide homeowners with a minimum 72 hours. notice when work is being done in the area;
- ✓ ensure that the City of Brandon assume the financial responsibility for damages caused and reimburse the residents and/or homeowners accordingly.

Councillor Parker noted that the petition contained 45 signatures and enquired if this matter could be investigated.

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

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April 16, 2018 City Council Meeting

(292) UPDATE ON THE 2018 STREET SWEEPING

His Worship Mayor Chrest requested an update on the 2018 street sweeping schedule.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that test runs were currently being conducted to ensure the equipment was ready. He advised that the full street sweeping operations were expected to start next week. The City Manager reminded everyone that funds for the rental of two additional units had been approved in the 2018 Budget and would allow for a much faster completion of street sweeping.

(293) REPORT ON CRIME STATISTICS FOR THE DOWNTOWN AREA IN COMPARISON WITH CITY-AT-LARGE

Councillor Cullen requested a report on the crime statistics in the City of Brandon, inclusive of a comparison of the downtown with the city-at-large and the trends from previous years.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that information on this issue was available on the Brandon Police Service website; however, he agreed to have the Chief of Police provide a full report on the crime statistics, inclusive of maps and comparisons to prior years at a City Council meeting in the near future.

(294) STREET WORK FOR 2018

Councillor LoRegio enquired if a comprehensive list of proposed street repairs for 2018, inclusive of sewer and water repairs and any potential road closures could be provided.

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

June 18, 2018

To: Mayor & Councillors
City of Brandon

From: Mark Yeomans
Director of Public Works

Subject: Enquiry No. 294 – 2018 Street Work - April 18, 2018 City Council Meeting

This memo is in response to Councillor LoRegio's enquiry whereby he requested a comprehensive list of street repairs for 2018, inclusive of sewer and water repairs and any potential road closures. His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

The Public Works Department and Engineering Department have compiled a comprehensive list of proposed street and infrastructure upgrades for the upcoming construction season. The scope of work will vary dependent on department. Engineering projects are major in scope, have council approval for the tendering of contracts for the works involved and will generally require street closures.

The full list of engineering projects are listed in the attached file named **2018 Engineering Construction Program**

Public Works street repair projects are minor maintenance items in nature and affected streets usually have lane closures instead of a street closure. The full list of Public Works repair sites is in the attached files named **2018 Street Repair Sites and 2018 Frost Boil Repair Sites**.

All construction sites and repair sites will be signed as per the City of Brandon Standard Construction Standards.

For contracted work, impacted residents will be notified in advance of the work commencing on any street closures or necessary detours. All Street Closures will be posted on the City of Brandon website. Public Service Announcements on upcoming road closures and street repairs may be released by Communication Director, Allison Collins.

While the list of street repairs and construction projects is comprehensive, additional projects may be added to or maybe removed from the lists of both Public Works and Engineering throughout the summer.

I trust this response satisfies councillor LoRegio's enquiry at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,

“Original Signed By”

Mark Yeomans
Director of Public Works

2018 CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM with Street Work impacts			
**Note 1: For contracted work listed below, impacted residents will be notified in advance of the work commencing.			
**Note 2: All road closures are listed on the City of Brandon website.			
<i>CONTRACT</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>STATUS</i>
A - Roadbuilding Works	26th Street	Willowdale to Park Reconstruction include sidewalks	Not yet Tendered
A - Roadbuilding Works	Pacific Avenue	26th to 23rd	Not yet Tendered
A - Roadbuilding Works	Airport Parking Lot Phase 2		Not yet Tendered
B - Underground Works	Elmdale Blvd/ Spruce Dr	WM Renewal	Contract Awarded
B - Underground Works	18th, 17th, 16th Street N.	WM Renewal	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	32nd Street N.	Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	31st Street N.	Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	30th Street N.	Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	29th Street N.	Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	28th Street N.	Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	Hilton Avenue - 18th to 22nd	Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	9th Street - Maryland to Balmoral	Overlay, curb and gutter, walkway	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	5th Street N. - Assiniboine to Stickney	Mill & Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	Memorial Crescent	Mill & Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	7th Street - 200 block	Mill & Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	Acadia Boulevard	Mill & Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	Confederation Bay	Mill & Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	Lorne Avenue E. - 1st to Douglas	Mill & Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	Lorne Avenue E. - 13th to 17th Street E.	Mill & Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	College Ave E. - 1st to Frederick	Mill & Overlay	Contract Awarded

C - Paving Works	Brandon Avenue - 8th to 6th	Mill & Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	8th Street - Southern to Hill	Mill & Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	8th Street - Lorne to Princess	Mill & Overlay and sidewalk replacement	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	Franklin Street - Rosser to Princess	Mill & Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	13th Street - Aberdeen to Richmond	Mill & Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	6th Street - Richmond to Ottawa	Mill & Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	Princess Avenue - 6th to 7th	Mill & Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	Van Horne E. - 1st to Dennis	Mill & Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	MacLeod Drive	Mill & Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	Regent Crescent	Mill & Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	Viscount Crescent	Mill & Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	25th Street - Victoria to Rosser	Mill & Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	White Swan Street - Braecrest to Glen	Mill & Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	Paterson Crescent	Mill & Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	Cater Drive - Kirkcaldy to Adams	Mill & Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	Frederick Street - McTavish to Rosser	Mill & Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	16th Street - 200 & 500 block	Mill & Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	16th Street N. Booster Station	Asphalt road repair	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	Lane south of McDonald - 34th to 27th	Lane widening (gravel)	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	Golf Course cart paths		Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	Parkdale Park	Walkway Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	Richmond Avenue E.	Walkway Overlay	Contract Awarded
C - Paving Works	Rosser Avenue repairs	various repairs from 26th to 34th	Contract Awarded
D - Concrete Works	4th St N & Dufferin Ave	Sidewalk ramps, all 4 corners	Contract Awarded
D - Concrete Works	3rd St N & Dufferin Ave	Sidewalk ramps, all 4 corners	Contract Awarded
D - Concrete Works	2nd St N & Dufferin Ave	Sidewalk ramps, all 4 corners	Contract Awarded
D - Concrete Works	4th St N & Ross Ave	Sidewalk ramps, all 4 corners	Contract Awarded
D - Concrete Works	3rd St N & Ross Ave	Sidewalk ramps, all 4 corners	Contract Awarded
D - Concrete Works	2nd St N & Ross Ave	Sidewalk ramps, all 4 corners	Contract Awarded

D - Concrete Works	Kirkham Cres & Ross Ave	Sidewalk ramps - NE, NW corners & west side swale	Contract Awarded
D - Concrete Works	6th & Pacific	Sidewalk ramps, NE corner	Contract Awarded
D - Concrete Works	5th & Pacific	Sidewalk, ramp, NE corner (Brandon Mobility)	Contract Awarded
D - Concrete Works	Westwood Drain	Drain across west leg of Westwood at Pacific	Contract Awarded
D - Concrete Works	Kirkham Crescent Drain	Drain from curb cut to catch basin at 1st S. N. and Kirkham	Contract Awarded
D - Concrete Works	Patmore Drive	Curb & gutter replacement	Contract Awarded
D - Concrete Works	Pacific Avenue	new sidewalk 1100 & 1200 block	Contract Awarded
D - Concrete Works	Dufferin Sidewalk	New sidewalk Kirkham to 2nd Street N.	Contract Awarded
D - Concrete Works	22nd Street N.	West sidewalk replacement	Contract Awarded
D - Concrete Works	21st Street N.	East sidewalk replacement, partial west sidewalk replacement	Contract Awarded
D - Concrete Works	27th Street sidewalk replacement	400 block	Contract Awarded
E - Drainage Works	20th Street	Storm Sewer/Drainage, Richmond Avnue WM from 20th to Mall entrance	Contract Awarded
N/A	Various	Repairs due to Development work throughout City	Unknown

STREET	BLOCK NUMBER	REPAIR SITES
Patricia Ave.	West of 18th St.	6
26th Street		1
Marquis		1
22nd Street		1
32nd and McDonald		1
22nd and Ottawa		1
Back lane south of Richmond Ave.	Between 20th and 26th St.	8
	potential street closure	

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May 7, 2018 City Council Meeting

(295) **SIGNAGE FOR AREAS WHERE CHILDREN PLAY**

Councillor LoRegio enquired if signage could be placed in areas around the City of Brandon where there were no playgrounds but children played street hockey etc. He cited the vicinity of J.R. Reid School, Memorial Crescent and 22nd to 26th Streets on Van Horne Avenue as examples and noted that the signs could simply read: "Caution, Children Playing".

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

(296) **PETITION FROM RESIDENTS ON LAURENCE AND LLOYD CRESCENTS**

Councillor Parker referred to a previous enquiry whereby he had presented a petition from residents on Laurence and Lloyd Crescents regarding issues with the sewer system and requested an update on the status of the response to same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that a formal enquiry response had been submitted to City Council and published on the website today. He also advised that further information on this issue would be shared with City Council as it became available.

May 22, 2018 City Council Meeting

(297) **IMPACT OF DOWNTOWN FIRE ON ACCESS TO PARKING LOTS FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES**

Councillor LoRegio noted that many of the businesses in the area of the fire on the weekend were unable to access their parking lots and enquired if adjustments to parking meters could be made for staff to park during the day.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Brandon Police Service and the Meter Shop were working together to resolve this issue as soon as possible. He advised that possible solutions included bagging the meters or removing meter heads altogether to allow staff from those businesses to park all day without being ticketed. The City Manager confirmed that a full report on how this issue was resolved would be provided in the very near future but assured Councillor LoRegio that the matter would be addressed quickly.

June 7th, 2018

TO: Mayor Rick Chrest and
Members of City Council

FROM: Samuel van Huizen
Traffic & Transportation Planner – Engineering Department

SUBJECT: Enquiry No. 295 – City Council Meeting of May 7th, 2018
SIGNAGE FOR CHILDREN AT PLAY

This memo is provided in response to Councillor LoRegio's recent enquiries whereby he had requested signage could be placed in areas around the City of Brandon where there are no playgrounds but children play street hockey, etc. Councillor LoRegio cited the vicinity of J.R. Reid School, Memorial Crescent and 22nd Street to 26th Streets on Van Horne Avenue as examples and noted that the signs could simply read caution, children playing. His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement, with administration providing an update.

The Engineering department utilizes the Transportation of Canada's Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Canada as the standard for signage requirements in the City right-of-way. The manual states that signage located in the right-of-way should be well-chosen and well-located information signs that assist in the driving task and route selection. Improper or excessive use of regulatory and warning signage may produce disrespect for signs in general.

The Engineering department places warning signage near City parks and school zones to warn drivers of a known area where children will be at risk to motorists. This strategy for placing warning signs conforms to the policy for appropriate use of signs. By installing warning signage on certain City blocks upon request for play in the streets, the impact of the sign becomes diminishes the effective safety of all other similar signs.

The Engineering department understands the sensitivity surrounding the speed of vehicles down local streets; however, posting signage warning of children at play will not necessarily cause vehicles to slow down. Warning signage should only be installed as a solution to a problem and the Engineering department believes that installing warning signs for children at play will not address the inherent problem of perceived speeding of motorists on local streets.

Further analysis is required to identify alternative methods for speed control and implement appropriate solutions for the problem at hand. This task may stretch beyond the role of the Engineering department and require collaboration between other City departments, therefore, the Engineering department will take the summer to identify the problem, create a working group to ensure collaboration between all stakeholders, and report back to Council in August



Samuel van Huizen
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I trust this response satisfies Councillor LoRegio's enquiry at this time.
Respectfully Submitted,

“Original Signed By”

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To: Mayor & Councillors

**From: Chief Wayne Balcaen
Brandon Police Service**

**Subject: Councillor's Enquiry No. 297 – Impact of Downtown Fire on Access to Parking
Lots for Local Businesses**

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

On Saturday, May 19, 2018 at approximately 2:30 p.m., the EOC was activated and Executive Members of the Brandon Police Service attended and worked specifically on the fire response. One of the areas of police responsibility is traffic management, including parking. The consideration of the impact on local business was at the forefront from the onset of this incident, during the initial planning, safety was the overriding factor and many parking spots in the impacted area were left inaccessible due to this process. Immediate safety concerns were addressed as the weekend proceeded and the traffic management plan was reassessed. On Tuesday, the traffic management plan was again reassessed at 7:30 am and barricades were moved to allow parking for businesses in the 000 block of both 7th and 6th Street. Police and by-law enforcement met with other affected businesses and arranged for further adjustments to the parking plan once building inspectors deemed the area was safe. Arrangements were also made with the business owners in the 000 of 6th to have on-street parking at the meter without By-Law Enforcement taking action. The meters were not bagged as this can cause confusion and inconsistencies. This arrangement will be monitored weekly by our By-Law section to ensure it is meeting the needs of local business.

Should there be any further concerns from business impacted by this incident I would encourage proprietors to contact the Police Service and we will work with them in an effort to find a solution.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne Balcaen

Chief of Police

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(298) **UPDATE ON DALY OVERPASS REPLACEMENT**

Councillor Harwood noted that an Open House had been held in December 2017 with respect to the concept choices for the replacement of the Daly Overpass. He enquired if any further information was available.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the preliminary design process was near completion and Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation was expected to provide an update to Stakeholders in the near future.

(299) **COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENTS AT INTERSECTION OF 34TH STREET AND VICTORIA AVENUE**

Councillor Harwood enquired what was left to be completed on the improvements to the intersection of 34th Street and Victoria Avenue and when the work on same was expected to begin.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the main items to be finished up included the installation of lighting, concrete work in the medians, restorations to sidewalks and walking paths as well as landscaping. He confirmed that the Engineering Department had been advised by Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation and the contractor that work was expected to begin May 29, 2018.

(300) **REQUEST FOR CROSSWALK AT 24TH STREET AND ROSSER AVENUE**

Councillor Harwood noted that increased pedestrian traffic around the 24th Street and Victoria Avenue Intersection was causing safety concerns. He enquired if the installation of a crosswalk at that intersection could be considered.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that, in the interest of safety, crosswalk signs had been ordered and would be installed as soon as possible.

(301) **IMPROVEMENTS TO CROSSWALK AT 34TH STREET AND LAKEVIEW DRIVE**

Councillor Berry noted that safety concerns with respect to increased pedestrian and vehicle traffic as well as the speed of traffic in the area continued to be an issue at the intersection of 34th Street and Lakeview Drive. He requested that a traffic study be conducted prior to the end of June, the speed limit be reduced from 60 km/h to 50 km/h and the installation of a pedestrian crosswalk complete with lights and signage be considered for this intersection.

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At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that a study of traffic and pedestrian counts will be conducted prior to the end of the 2017/2018 School Year. He advised that the speed data would be collected and assessed by the Engineering Department prior to their submitting an application for a speed reduction to the Highway Traffic Board of Manitoba. The City Manager confirmed that an update to Councillor Berry's enquiry would be provided at the July 16, 2018 City Council Meeting.

(302) COMPLETION OF GREEN SPACE IN BROOKWOOD MEADOW NORTH OF 21 AND 23 SOUTHVIEW DRIVE

Councillor Berry advised that there continued to be drainage issues in the low area north of 21 and 23 Southview Drive in the Brookwood Meadow Subdivision. He enquired if this area could be landscaped as soon as possible.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the landscaping completed following the installation of a French Drain in 2016 had created this low point. He confirmed that a topographic survey of the area would be completed within the next 2 weeks, the results of which would be used by staff to properly landscape the area.

(303) CITY EMPLOYEES WORKING ON STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

Councillor Berry stated that he had observed city staff dropping off green bins in his neighborhood on the Victoria Day Monday. He enquired why staff were brought in and paid overtime to perform these types of jobs that could be done during regular hours.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that, with the summer being the busy season, the Sanitation Section maintained regular hours on Statutory Holidays. He confirmed that the temporary staff scheduled to work at the Landfill were expected to perform other tasks such as delivering and emptying bins when the Landfill was not busy. The City Manager confirmed that these staff were paid their regular wage plus a stat premium for the hours they worked to ensure sanitation services were available during Holidays.

(304) INTERSECTION OF MCDONALD AVENUE AND STICKNEY AVENUE

Councillor Desjarlais advised that the property located at 1645 Stickney Avenue has been damaged numerous times due to vehicles turning north off McDonald and Stickney Avenues. He suggested that a three-way stop may be an effective measure to slow traffic. He enquired if possible solutions to the problem at this intersection could be investigated.

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

July 4th, 2018

TO: Mayor Rick Chrest and
Members of City Council

FROM: Samuel van Huizen
Traffic & Transportation Planner – Engineering Department

SUBJECT: Enquiry No. 304 – Improvements to Intersection of
Stickney Avenue and 17th Street North

This memo is provided in response to Councillor Desjarlais' recent enquiry of the intersection of Stickney Avenue and 17th Street North. Councillor Desjarlais advised Council that the property located at 1645 Stickney Avenue has been damaged numerous times due to vehicles turning north off McDonald and Stickney Avenues. He suggested that a three-way stop may be an effective measure to slow traffic. He enquired if possible solutions to the problem at this intersection could be investigated. His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement, with administration providing an update at a later date.

The Engineering department adheres to the Transportation Association of Canada's Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Canada regarding traffic control within the City of Brandon right-of-way. Section A2.2.1.2 states that stop signs are not intended as a speed control device and that their usage should therefore be limited to the control of right-of-way conflicts. Currently, the intersection of Stickney Avenue with 17th Street North has a stop sign controlling the movement of southbound traffic on 17th Street North. This aligns with the methodology for locating a stop sign along the minor street at the T-Intersection.

Upgrading this intersection to a three-way stop can be considered at this intersection only as a measure to control right-of-way conflicts. The basis of this inquiry is based on damages to private property on the northeast corner of this intersection. The trigger for increased traffic control would be if there are more than three collisions per year and when methods of reducing the collision experience have been tried unsuccessfully. These methods include improving sight lines, street lighting, parking prohibitions, enforcement, or geometric modifications.

Engineering has made an enquiry with Manitoba Public Insurance and the Brandon Police service regarding reported collision data at this intersection and is currently waiting for data to return before completing the analysis as to whether increased traffic control is warranted. They provided an expected timeline of roughly six weeks from the date of request on June 25, 2018. Engineering will follow up with Councillor Desjarlais on this matter once all data has been received and analyzed. The expected timeline for completion of this enquiry is August 31, 2018. Engineering will communicate updates to the timeline as required.

I trust this response satisfies Councillor Desjarlais' enquiry at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,

“Original Signed By”

Samuel van Huizen, BES
TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION PLANNER

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(305) IMPROVEMENTS TO CROSSWALK AT 15TH STREET AND PRINCESS AVENUE

Councillor Desjarlais enquired if improvements to the Crosswalk at 15th Street and Princess Avenue, inclusive of lights and signage could be considered. He also enquired if signage cautioning vehicles to slow down (children playing) in the vicinity of Stanley Park which was also close to this intersection.

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

June 4, 2018 City Council Meeting

(306) STREET SWEEPERS ON GRASS BOULEVARDS

Councillor LoRegio noted that the street sweepers were causing damage to the grass boulevards and enquired if the operators could be instructed to stay on the paved areas.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the grass areas are swept as part of the regular process to clear them of the sand, gravel and debris left over from the winter snow clearing process.

He noted that street sweeping operations are typically completed by the end of May and encouraged residents to delay any boulevard remediation until after that time. The City Manager advised that further information on the street sweeping schedule was available on the website or by calling Public Works at (204) 729-2290.

(307) UPDATE ON WATER TOWER MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

Councillor Parker requested an update on the status of the Water Tower maintenance and repairs.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Water Tower assessment report completed in 2017 recommended the removal of the piping components and the replacement of the bracing with a timeline for completion of 1-5 years. He confirmed that the work was budgeted for in 2018; however, it may not be completed until 2019.

July 4th, 2018

TO: Mayor Rick Chrest and
Members of City Council

FROM: Samuel van Huizen
Traffic & Transportation Planner – Engineering Department

SUBJECT: Enquiry No. 305 – Improvements to Crosswalk at 15th
Street and Princess Avenue

This memo is provided in response to Councillor Desjarlais' recent enquiry if improvements to the crosswalk at the intersection of 15th Street and Princess Avenue inclusive of lights and signage could be considered. Councillor Desjarlais also enquired if signage to caution vehicles to slow down (children playing) in the vicinity of Stanley Park; which was also close to this intersection. His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement, with administration providing an update at a later date.

Concerning the request for improvements to the crosswalk at the intersection of 15th Street and Princess Avenue, the Engineering department has added this intersection to the list for traffic/pedestrian counts. Currently, there is not a specific budget for installing additional infrastructure beyond signage and line paint. The Engineering department will look to the Transportation Association of Canada's guide on Pedestrian Crosswalk Control Guide to assess the requirement for additional infrastructure at unsignalized crosswalks based on vehicle traffic and the utilization of the crosswalk by pedestrians. Unfortunately, one of the variables halting this analysis is the publication is currently on back order. Once the traffic counts are collected and the publication received, Engineering will report to you with the analysis of this intersection as to whether or not additional infrastructure is required. The expected timeline for completion of this enquiry is August 31, 2018. Engineering will communicate updates to the timeline as required.

Concerning the request for playground signage adjacent to Stanley Park, the Engineering department has issued a plan to install signage warning motorists driving on the 1400 blocks of Princess and Lorne Avenues and the 200 block of 14th and 15th Streets. Signage was installed the week of June 25, 2018 by the Operations Division.

I trust this response satisfies Councillor Desjarlais' enquiry at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,

“Original Signed By”

Samuel van Huizen, BES
TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION PLANNER

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(308) SAFETY RISK AT CONSTRUCTION SITE IN 1000 BLOCK OF 7TH STREET

Councillor Patterson advised that at her recent ward meeting residents had raised safety concerns with respect to a construction site in the 1000 Block of 7th Street. She noted that at the ward meeting Administration had agreed to follow-up on these concerns and requested an update on the status of same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Building Inspector had attended the site on June 1, 2018 with the photos taken at that time indicating that the site was appropriately fenced. The City Manager confirmed that the Building Inspector had determined that the site overall was clean, the Building Permit was valid until February 2019 and the work is expected to be completed this construction season.

June 18, 2018 City Council Meeting

(309) WINTERKILL AT WHEAT CITY GOLF COURSE AND OTHER RECREATION AREAS IN THE CITY OF BRANDON

Councillor Parker enquired how the Wheat City Golf Course and other recreational areas in the City of Brandon had been affected by Winterkill.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that, while there had been some problems with the greens mix sand as well as a disease called Anthraconose, with replacement sand and aggressive treatment of the disease, the greens were in good condition as of today. He advised that the Golf Course Advisory Committee made up of members of administration, league organizers and community members, had met recently and confirmed that members of the committee and league members were pleased with the condition of the Course. Mr. Sage also noted that the statistics showed an increase in both rounds played and Season Passes sold in 2018. He invited City Council to contact Bryce Wilson to arrange a tour of the Course or book a Tee Time to play. The City Manager confirmed that other recreational areas in the City of Brandon were in good condition and he had received no complaints about the condition of the grass.

(310) UPDATE ON RE-OPENING OF PACIFIC AVENUE

His Worship the Mayor requested an update on the re-opening of Pacific Avenue following the May 19, 2018 fires.

City of Brandon Building Inspector Murray Fisher responded that the removal of the drywall inside Massey Manor was complete, the dumpsters had been removed and the fences were expected to be taken down this week.

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Mr. Fisher noted that the clean-up of the former Nightclub and Beer Store was complete, with the clean-up of the Christies and Collyer's properties expected to begin in the very near future.

The Building Inspector confirmed that all the poles and lines they supported along the north side of Pacific Avenue had been removed and the fencing would be realigned to allow vehicle traffic on the south lane and the parking lane of Pacific Avenue this week.

(311) REVIEW OF POSITIONS BY VACANCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Councillor LoRegio requested an update on the progress of the Vacancy Management Committee. He enquired if a full report, inclusive of the number of positions reviewed, those left vacant or dissolved, positions where funding was shifted elsewhere and a list of all the above, could be provided.

His Worship the Mayor responded that this matter would be referred to the Personnel Committee for a report back to City Council as soon as possible.

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(312) SAFETY ISSUE OF CROSSWALK AT 18TH STREET AND ROSSER AVENUE

Councillor Desjarlais advised that uneven pavement at the southeast corner of the crosswalk located at the intersection of 18th Street and Rosser Avenue was a safety concern for those with mobility issues. He advised that motorized wheelchairs accessing this intersection were at risk of tipping over and enquired if same could be levelled out as soon as possible.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the sidewalk improvements to this area were part of the Daly Overpass replacement project which was expected to take place in the near future; however, he agreed to have Public Works and Parks Staff look over the site to determine possible interim solutions.

Further to the issue of sidewalk safety, Councillor Desjarlais advised that the Brandon Downtown Development Board had met today and the group had been provided with some pictures of other areas in the Downtown where the sidewalk pavement had lifted and was causing tripping hazards. He enquired if these areas could also be looked at.

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At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager requested that the representative from the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation provide him with the locations of these problem areas and crews would be dispatched to see what could be done.

(313) UPDATE ON MCKENZIE SEEDS BUILDING

Councillor Desjarlais requested an update on the status of the repairs to the former McKenzie Seeds Building located at 30-9th Street.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that work began on the east wall cornice on July 9, 2018 and was expected to be completed within two weeks with the adjacent sidewalk and street to be reopened upon completion of the work. Mr. Sage noted that work to the remainder of the building was also underway with the materials to cover the window sills and lintels expected to arrive from the manufacturer by the end of July.

With respect to the payment for the closed parking stalls in the area, Mr. Sage confirmed that, although not able to resolve this issue on behalf of the lessees, the Planning & Building Department Staff continued to work with the lessor, the lessee and the owners of 20-9th Street on an agreement for payment. He noted that the focus of the City of Brandon Planning & Building Department continued to be that of protecting the public and facilitating the building's return to a safe condition.

(314) CONDITION OF TURN-AROUND AT OTTER BAY

Councillor Cullen advised that he had received complaints from residents on Otter Bay with respect to the turn-around at the end of the Bay being in poor condition in need of maintenance. Councillor Cullen noted that he had contacted the Public Works Department regarding this issue and enquired if an update on same could be provided.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Director of Public Works responded that the area had been looked at and it was determined that the area was a combination of public and private property. Mr. Yeomans advised that he had been working with the Planning Department on potential solutions with respect to maintenance and repairs of the end of the round-about on Otter Bay which may include the City of Brandon completing all the work and invoicing the respective property owners. He agreed to keep City Council updated on the progress of this work.

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August 13, 2018 City Council Meeting

(315) **STATUS OF ASSINIBOINE RIVER WATER**

Councillor Chaboyer requested an update on the status of the Assiniboine River water, inclusive of whether or not there were sufficient quantities, if extra treatment was required with low water levels and if there was a water conservation plan in place.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that staff continued to monitor river water levels at the Water Treatment Plant with water quality also monitored to ensure additional chemicals were added if necessary. He noted that Assiniboine River levels in the City of Brandon were primarily impacted by the flow out of the Shellmouth Dam and, as a member of the Shellmouth Dam Liaison Committee, City representatives continued to be vocal about the water needs for Brandon. The City Manager confirmed that a water conservation plan was in place and work had begun on a stand-alone drought plan for the City of Brandon.

(316) **PARKING AND TRAFFIC ISSUES ON DRIFTWOOD CRESCENT AND GARWOOD DRIVE**

Councillor Chaboyer advised that she had received complaints from residents on Driftwood Crescent and Garwood Drive with respect to employees of businesses in the Industrial Park parking on these streets all day while they were at work. She enquired if two-hour parking limits could be considered for this area.

Councillor Chaboyer also noted that the increased amount of large trucks travelling on residential streets in this area was a concern and enquired if this situation could be monitored.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Engineering Department had canvassed the area and noted that while there was a concentration of parked vehicles in the area close to Park Avenue East, there was still adequate space for additional vehicles. He stated that these streets were wide enough to accommodate parking on both sides and all vehicles observed at that time were in compliance with the Traffic By-law provisions for on-street parking.

The City Manager advised that when permitted, parking on City streets was available and shared for all types of use. He advised that the process to limit on-street parking required a petition signed by all property owners on the block and encouraged residents to contact the Engineering Department for further information on this issue.

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With respect to the increased amount of large truck traffic, the City Manager responded that Park Avenue East had recently been closed for watermain repairs and although truck traffic was instructed to detour via 1st Street and Richmond Avenue East, trucks may have used Elderwood Drive as an alternate route. The City Manager confirmed that "No Truck" signs were installed at the intersections of Elderwood Drive with Park Avenue East and Richmond Avenue East and agreed to have same installed at the Garwood Drive intersection as well.

(317) UPDATE ON RIDEAU PARK PAVILION AND POTENTIAL PERMANENT WASHROOM

Councillor Parker requested an update on the status of the Rideau Park Pavilion as well as the potential for an additional permanent washroom for the Park.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Rideau Park Pavilion Project was being undertaken by the Kiwanis Club. He agreed to reach out to that group for an update on timelines. The City Manager noted that there were three buildings with washroom facilities already in Rideau Park, but agreed to have the possibility of an additional facility investigated.

(318) UPDATE ON BRAECREST CORRIDOR

Councillor Fawcett requested an update on the status of the Request for Proposals for the functional design of the Braecrest Corridor.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the submission deadline was August 10, 2018 with the submissions to be reviewed by the Evaluation Committee and the award being made in early September 2018.

(319) DECORATIVE LIGHT FIXTURES ON 10TH STREET BETWEEN PACIFIC AND ROSSER AVENUES

Councillor Desjarlais noted that the installation of decorative light fixtures on 10th Street between Pacific and Rosser Avenues had been approved in the 2018 City of Brandon Budget Deliberations and requested an update on the status of same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that due to the requirement for the posts and mantels to exactly match those installed in 2003, the estimated costs had come in at \$30,000, well over the budgeted amount of \$16,000. He acknowledged that current lighting in the 000 Block of 10th Street was not sufficient and advised that the Engineering and Operations Departments were working together on potential solutions. The City Manager confirmed that a decision whether to postpone the project until 2019 or amend the specifications of the lights to come in on budget was expected to be made within two weeks. He agreed to keep City Council updated on this project.

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(320) UPDATE ON PUBIC WASHROOM AT PRINCESS PARK

Councillor Desjarlais noted that a public washroom for Princess Park was approved in the 2018 City of Brandon Budget Deliberations and requested an update on the status of same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that numerous City of Brandon Departments reviewed the Princess Park washroom capital project in early 2018. He confirmed that although there was value to this facility for downtown residents, the project had been put on hold for further review of the design, location and anticipated costs. He advised that City Council input would be sought as soon as a finalized design and location were established.

(321) UPDATE ON THE COST OF THE DOWNTOWN FIRE

Councillor Desjarlais requested an update on the costs incurred for the downtown fire that occurred on May 19, 2018, inclusive of emergency services, hotels, and water.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager provided the following summary of costs:

Overtime	\$60,456.36
Accommodations and Meals for Evacuees	\$66,123.09
Site Security	\$6,080.40
Other	\$1,211.58
TOTAL TO DATE	\$133,871.43

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(322) UPDATE ON COUNCIL PAY STRUCTURE

Councillor Desjarlais noted that some municipalities had made changes to the Council pay structures in preparation for the discontinuation of the tax exemption portion forecasted in the 2019 Federal Budget and enquired if the City of Brandon had examined the impact of same on upcoming budgets.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the City of Brandon was advised by the Association of Manitoba Municipalities that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities had been lobbying the Federal Government with respect to the legislative change to eliminate the 1/3 tax exemption for non-accountable expense allowances paid to Elected Officials. He advised that to date, there had been no movement by the Federal Government to change this measure which is set to become effective January 1, 2019. The City Manager noted that the City of Brandon was currently seeking clarification on what was included in the "non-accountable expense allowances" and how municipal budgets would be effected by this elimination. He confirmed that an update to City Council would be provided as soon as more information became available.

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(323) AUDIBLE ALERTS AT CROSSWALKS

Councillor Desjarlais requested an update on the potential installation of audible alerts at crosswalks in the City of Brandon.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Engineering Department was in the process of procuring audible alerts equipment for the intersections of 10th Street and Rosser Avenue as well as the intersection of 10th Street and Lorne Avenue. He advised that this equipment was expected to be installed by the end of 2018.

The City Manager noted that the installation of such equipment at additional locations in the future was budget driven and dependent on residents' requests and financial resources for same.

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(324) UPDATE ON CITY SIDEWALK INVENTORY

Councillor Desjarlais requested an update on the City of Brandon sidewalk inventory, inclusive of planned improvements to wheelchair ramps etc. to ensure an inclusive system of sidewalks for everyone.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the entire network of City of Brandon sidewalks, inclusive of ramps, was currently being reviewed. He confirmed that all issues were being logged, videotaped and summarized for each block. The City Manager noted that the sidewalk maintenance and construction programs would be guided by the results of this review for years to come.

(325) REPLACEMENT OF FENCING AT STANLEY PARK TENNIS COURTS

Councillor Desjarlais noted that the fencing around the tennis courts located in Stanley Park had been vandalized earlier this summer and enquired when same was expected to be repaired and at what cost.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that price quotes were currently being sought with same expected to be under \$5,000. He advised that the work was expected to be completed this fall.

(326) UPDATE ON ROADWORK ON BRANDON AVENUE AND 8TH STREET

Councillor Patterson enquired when the roadwork on Brandon Avenue and 8th Street was expected to be completed.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that Brandon Avenue from 6th to 8th Streets as well as 8th Street from Brandon to Southern Avenue had been milled and is scheduled for resurfacing within a week.

(327) UPDATE ON CROSSWALK AT 34TH STREET AND LAKEVIEW DRIVE

Councillor Berry referred to a previous enquiry whereby he had requested improvements to the crosswalk located at 34th Street and Lakeview Drive be considered and enquired as to the status of same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that a traffic count had been conducted at that intersection in June 2018 and additional data was required prior to recommendations for additional safety measures. He advised that a recommendation from the Engineering Department was expected in October with any improvements to be budgeted for in 2019. The City Manager confirmed that in the interim, the crosswalk at Lakeview Drive and 34th Street was to be painted within the next week to ensure it was highly visible to motorists.

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(328) INSTALLATION OF CROSSWALK AT EVERGREEN BOULEVARD AND WILLOWDALE CRESCENT

Councillor Berry noted that safety concerns had been raised by parents of children attending Linden Lanes School and enquired if the installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Evergreen Boulevard and Willowdale Crescent could be considered.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Engineering Department had determined that a crosswalk was needed at the intersection of Evergreen Boulevard and Willowdale Crescent. He confirmed that the installation of signage and painting of lines was currently underway at this intersection.

(329) MAINTENANCE WORK ON BROOKWOOD GREENSPACE

Councillor Berry requested an update on the maintenance work which began in late August in the Brookwood Greenspace. He enquired as to the full scope of the work, what had been done to notify the Ward Councillor and area residents prior to the start of the work and whether or not a public forum was planned for area to discuss this issue.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the work was being done in the Brookwood drainage channel to clear out the willow tree brush overgrowth from the basin to allow for a free water flow in the basins and the water retention pond.

The City Manager stated that in an effort to be efficient, staff planned storm water management work at this location in conjunction with the willow tree removal. He noted that there had been no follow-up with the Ward Councillor or area residents following the request for the removal of the willows. The City Manager confirmed however, that all planned work was on hold until a public information session could be held to ensure area residents were updated on the planned work and were allowed an opportunity to share their concerns.

(330) UPDATE ON DIKE WORK BEHIND KASIURAK BAY

Councillor Fawcett requested an update on the status of the dike work behind Kasiurak Bay.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting General Manager of Development Services responded that the scope of the work had changed slightly and issues raised by area residents were being addressed prior to the tender for the work being sent out in early October at the latest.

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(331) DRAINAGE WORK ON OUTBACK DRIVE

Councillor Fawcett enquired as to the timeline for completion of the drainage work on Outback Drive.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting General Manager of Development Services responded that the tender for this work was to be sent out in late September with the work expected to be completed by year-end.

(332) UPDATE ON CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECISIONS

Councillor LoRegio noted that there were no media in attendance at the meeting and enquired as to the City of Brandon's process for updating the public on City Council decisions following meetings other than through local media.

His Worship the Mayor responded that the Director of Communications issued a release with a link to the YouTube video within a few days of the meeting; however, he agreed to take this matter under advisement.

(333) UPDATE ON "NOT EVEN ONCE" INITIATIVE

Councillor Parker requested an update on the "Not Even Once" Initiative which had been created to address the growing issues related to drug addictions in our community.

His Worship the Mayor responded that the City of Brandon continued to work with the Province of Manitoba Health, Prairie Mountain Health and the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba on strategies and programs to assist individuals addicted to methamphetamine and other detrimental substances. He noted that the City of Brandon continued to support the Community Mobilization Strategy (HUB Table) which connected many individuals affected by drug use/addiction with services to help them.

His Worship stated that City Council had supported two initiatives in the 2018 Budget Deliberations aimed at addressing this issue in the community. The allocation of \$180,000 to the Brandon Police Service supported a targeted initiative focused on drug trafficking and the human exploitation resulting from same. The second allocation provided \$25,000 for an initiative spearheaded by himself working with the Brandon School Division for the creation of the Not Even Once (N.E.O.) Program which was designed to get the message out to students on the dangers of trying drugs even once. He advised that while awareness programs existed in the Brandon School Division, these funds would allow for the creation of new programs and the enhancement of those already in existence. His Worship advised that the N.E.O. Program targeted students from Grade 9 through Grade 12. He agreed to keep City Council updated on these important initiatives.

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(334) CONDITION OF BROOKWOOD BOULEVARD BETWEEN RICHMOND AVENUE AND AURORA CRESCENT

Councillor Berry advised that the condition of Brookwood Boulevard between Richmond Avenue and Aurora Crescent continued to deteriorate. He noted that this road was still under warranty and therefore the responsibility of the Developer to fix, and enquired if the Developer could be contacted regarding this issue.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Engineering Department had contacted the Developer and were waiting on a response. He agreed to take this matter under advisement with a report back to City Council as soon as possible.

(335) COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION ON RICHMOND AVENUE FROM 18TH STREET TO 22ND STREET AND 26TH STREET SOUTH OF PARK AVENUE

Councillor Berry enquired when the construction on Richmond Avenue from 18th Street to 22nd Street, and 26th Street south of Park Avenue, was expected to be completed.

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

Following the meeting Mr. Patrick Pulak, City Engineer advised City Council that the underground work on Richmond Avenue was done with the road repairs (asphalt, sidewalk and curb) expected to be completed by late October.

Mr. Pulak agreed to provide City Council with an update on the 26th Street construction as soon as possible.

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(336) UPDATE ON KEYSTONE CENTRE GOVERNANCE MODEL

Councillor LoRegio enquired if an update on the Keystone Centre governance model could be provided.

His Worship the Mayor responded that the Keystone Leadership Group had met on September 17, 2018 with the meeting being chaired by the Honourable Jeff Warton, Minister of Municipal Relations. His Worship advised that the Group had agreed to proposed improvements to the governance structure that allowed for a more streamlined governance with the Keystone Board being better able to effectively manage the facility. Mayor Chrest confirmed that the documentation was expected to be finalized in the Fall and would be presented to City Council as soon as it was completed.

(337) UPDATE ON THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL BURIAL SITES INCLUDING TURTLE CROSSING CAMPGROUND

Councillor Fawcett requested an update on the ongoing discussions with respect to Residential School Burial Sites, inclusive of Turtle Crossing Campground.

His Worship the Mayor responded that several meetings had taken place with respect to this issue. His Worship advised that this process was being jointly undertaken by Sioux Valley First Nation, the City of Brandon, the Province of Manitoba Indigenous & Northern Relations, the Turtle Crossing Campground property owner, the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council, and the site researcher Katherine Nichols.

Mayor Chrest noted that these meetings had been very positive with all parties in agreement that a dignified and appropriate solution to properly commemorate the graves of these children must be found. His Worship advised that further research to verify the parameters of the burial site was required. Mayor Chrest stated that despite this being a sensitive and unfortunate part of Canada's history, Brandon had a very cooperative team working together to create a dignified remembrance of those who passed away at the Brandon Residential School. He agreed to keep City Council updated as the process progresses.

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(338) DRAINAGE CONCERNS RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT AT 1054, 1056 AND 1058 - 7TH STREET

Councillor Patterson advised that residents had raised concerns with respect to incomplete work related to drainage at the site of the recent development at 1054, 1056 and 1058 - 7th Street. She enquired if the developer had been contacted regarding this issue to ensure that additional water from the development was not drained onto neighbouring properties.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Planning & Buildings Department staff had contacted both the Developer and the Contractor of 1054, 1056 and 1058 - 7th Street and raised concerns regarding the site drainage deficiencies. He confirmed that site inspections determined that the landscaping did not comply with the approved plans of the City of Brandon Lot Grading, Drainage and Elevations By-law.

Mr. Sage stated that both the Developer and the Contractor had assured staff that the landscaping would be completed in compliance with the approved plans by late fall. He advised that the Planning & Buildings Department staff continued to monitor the progress at this site to ensure the work was completed in a timely manner.

(339) SPEEDING ON PATRICIA AVENUE BETWEEN 1ST AND 9TH STREETS

Councillor Brown advised that speeding vehicles continued to be a problem on Patricia Avenue between 1st and 9th Streets. He enquired if a speed survey during peak traffic times could be conducted by the Brandon Police Service.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Brandon Police Service had taken this matter under advisement, a speed survey would be conducted and a report to City Council would be provided in the near future.

(340) REQUEST FOR CROSSWALK AND SIGNAGE ON PORTOLA DRIVE AND COBALT CRESCENT

Councillor Brown advised that a resident had requested a pedestrian crosswalk and signage be installed at the intersection of Portola Drive and Cobalt Crescent and enquired if this matter could be investigated.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded a review of the area would be completed by the Traffic and Transportation Planner and full report on this issue would be provided to City Council upon completion of same.

October 15th, 2018

TO: Mayor Rick Chrest and
Members of City Council

FROM: Samuel van Huizen
Traffic & Transportation Planner – Engineering Department

SUBJECT: UPDATE to Enquiry No. 340 – Establishing a Crosswalk at
the Intersection of Portola Drive and Cobalt Crescent

This memo is provided as a response to Councillor Brown’s enquiry requesting the installation of signage to establish a crosswalk at the intersection of Portola Drive and Cobalt Crescent. His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement, with administration providing an update at a later date.

Concerning the request to have an established crosswalk installed at the intersection of Portola Drive and Cobalt Crescent, Engineering completed this very request for the Brandon School Division in November 2017. The City of Brandon considers every intersection a legal crosswalk and under the City of Brandon Traffic By-law, all traffic must yield to crossing pedestrians at every intersections; whether or not it is signed, marked with paint or controlled by traffic signals.

Higher levels of traffic control are placed when higher volumes of pedestrian and/or vehicle traffic are present thereby causing a delay in safely crossing the street. Vehicle and Pedestrian Traffic counts were conducted on the afternoon of Friday November 3, 2017 and the morning of Monday November 6, 2017 in both east and westbound directions. A chart outlining the results are provided below:

PM Traffic Counts – Portola Dr. between Cobalt Cres. & Hedin Cres. 3 November 2017

Direction	15:45	15:50	15:55	16:00	16:05	16:10
West	6	12	4	6	8	1
East	1	5	2	1	3	1
Notes	Only 3 students crossed at Cobalt Crescent – no wait time to cross One student crossed at Hedin – no wait time to cross					

AM Traffic Counts – Portola Dr. between Cobalt Cres. & Hedin Cres. 6 November 2017

Direction	8:20	8:25	8:30	8:35	8:40
West	5	3	4	1	4
East	2	1	4	5	3
Notes	One vehicle stopped for 3 students crossing midblock between Hedin Cres. and Cobalt Cres. One student crossed at Hedin – no wait time to cross				

Collected data found that only 3 students crossed Portola and walked to Cobalt Drive. These

students have adequate sight lines in both directions due to no on-street parking and low traffic volumes on Portola. Students crossing the street did not have to wait for vehicles to pass and only one approaching vehicle was forced to slow down to allow the students to cross the street.

Due to the low traffic and pedestrian volumes, there is not increased difficulty to cross Portola Drive nor is there a decrease in level of service for vehicles crossing and, therefore, does not warrant any additional traffic control at this point in time. The data used was collected within one year and is still valid for data analysis. The City can re-evaluate the need for a crosswalk when there is an increase in vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic.

I trust this response satisfies Councillor Brown's enquiry at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,

“Original Signed By”

Samuel van Huizen, BES

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION PLANNER

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(341) SAFETY CONCERNS AT INTERSECTION OF E. FOTHERINGHAM DRIVE AND CENTENNIAL BOULEVARD

Councillor Cullen advised that safety concerns such as overgrown hedges and the speed of traffic in the area had been raised with respect to the intersection of E. Fotheringham Drive and Centennial Boulevard. He noted that this intersection was a hub of activity with children crossing, school buses stopping and school staff attempting to cross traffic to pull into the parking lot and enquired if a full review of the area could be conducted.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that a full review of the area would be completed by the Traffic & Transportation Planner with a full report and recommendations to be provided to City Council upon completion of the review.

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(342) REPAIRS TO WALKWAY FROM WILLOWDALE CRESCENT TRAFFIC CIRCLE NORTH TO CN TRACKS

Councillor Berry advised that a section of the paved walking path from the Traffic Circle on Willowdale Crescent north to the CN Tracks was in need of repair. He noted that there were residents with mobility issues who used this walking path daily and enquired if it could be repaired as soon as possible.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that an inspection of the area had determined that the heaving was caused by tree roots that ran adjacent to the walkway. He advised that a long-term solution would be sought however, in the interim, asphalt would be applied in an effort to reduce the transitions caused by the heaving.

(343) MAINTENANCE WORK ON WILLOWDALE DITCH AND BROOKWOOD PARK POND AND GREENSPACE

Councillor Berry requested an update on the timelines for the maintenance work on the Willowdale Ditch between 26th and 34th Streets as well as the Brookwood Park Pond and Greenspace.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the work had been delayed due to a breakdown of the mower however, same was expected to begin this week and be completed by the end of the month.

With respect to the Brookwood Park Pond and Greenspace, the City Manager responded that the construction of the drainage swale and the removal of

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vegetation encroaching on adjacent properties would be completed once the ground was frozen to ensure no damage was done to the topography in the area.

(344) ROAD AND BOULEVARD REPAIRS ON PATMORE DRIVE

Councillor Harwood requested an update on the road and boulevard repairs on Patmore Drive.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the concrete work was completed with the remaining road and boulevard repairs expected to be completed this fall. He advised that, based on the condition of Patmore Drive, it will be considered for resurfacing in the near future.

(345) VALLEYVIEW REC HUB AND OUTDOOR RINK

Councillor Harwood requested an update on the Valleyview Rec Hub, inclusive of whether or not the outdoor rink was to be ready for the winter.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the construction of the Valleyview Rec Hub is scheduled for completion by December 1, 2018. He also confirmed that the outdoor rink would be ready to be flooded this winter.

(346) RESTRICTED PARKING ON 22ND STREET BETWEEN RICHMOND AND OTTAWA AVENUES

Councillor Brown enquired if the possibility of restricting parking along 22nd Street between Richmond and Ottawa Avenues to one side of the street could be investigated.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that this issue had been referred to the Traffic and Transportation Planner for review. He confirmed that a full report would be provided to City Council upon completion of same.

(347) CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALK ON 20TH STREET BETWEEN BRANDON SHOPPERS MALL AND MARYLAND AVENUE

Councillor Brown enquired if the installation of a sidewalk along 20th Street from the Brandon Shoppers' Mall to Maryland Avenue could be investigated.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor the City Manager responded that staff were aware of the missing pedestrian connectivity between the Brandon Shoppers' Mall and the multi-use path along Maryland Avenue. He confirmed that the feasibility of installing a pedestrian connection in this area would be reviewed as part of the 2019 and subsequent years' sidewalk program.

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(348) WATER DRAINAGE AT INTERSECTION OF 20TH STREET AND FALCON CRESCENT

Councillor Brown advised that water drainage continued to be a problem at the intersection of 20th Street and Falcon Crescent and enquired if this issue could be addressed.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the drainage situation at this intersection would be examined at the same time as the feasibility for a sidewalk along 20th Street was reviewed.

(349) UPDATE ON OPENING OF 20TH STREET AT RICHMOND AVENUE

Councillor Brown requested an update on the reopening of 20th Street at Richmond Avenue following the construction.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager confirmed that 20th Street at Richmond Avenue was reopened on October 13, 2018. He noted that there may be a need for a 1-2 day closure to reinstall the traffic signal detection loops, however the date of this work was not yet known.

(350) UPDATE ON CONNECTION AT 1ST STREET AND PACIFIC AVENUE

On behalf of Councillor Desjarlais, Councillor Parker requested an update on the connection at 1st Street and Pacific Avenue.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation (MIT) had issued a Request for Proposals for detailed design services for this connection earlier in 2018, however no proposals were received. He advised that the proposal would be revamped and reissued this fall with the construction of the Pacific Avenue connection to 1st Street planned for 2019.

(351) UPDATE ON BRAECREST CORRIDOR AND INTERSECTION AT 18TH STREET

Councillor Fawcett requested an update on the Braecrest Corridor and the intersection of Braecrest Drive and 18th Street.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Engineer responded that the tender had been awarded to WSP Consultants of Winnipeg with the initial meeting between the City of Brandon and the consultants to take place on October 19, 2018.

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UPDATE ON CITY COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PLAN

Councillor Cullen requested an update on the status of the action items outlined in the Strategic Plan.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that in early 2015 City Council held a strategic retreat from which was developed Brandon City Council's "Our Plan, Our City" Strategic Plan.

The City Manager advised that this document outlined 10 key strategic priorities including the Keystone Centre, water treatment infrastructure, drainage, planned growth, downtown revitalization, economic prosperity, the Wheat City Golf Course, recreation facilities, community inclusion and financial stewardship.

Mr. Sage confirmed that each priority was assigned to a Councillor as well as a Senior Administrator, 55 sub-projects were developed from the 10 priorities and progress on each of the projects was tracked twice a year.

He advised that 25% of the projects were now complete, examples of such being the demolition of the 8th Street Bridge, Brandon's first ever First Nations Urban Development Area and the lease of the basement at the A.R. McDiarmid Building to the Brandon School Division.

Mr. Sage confirmed that 58% of the 55 projects were tracking "green" which meant that they were on track and on budget. He noted projects such as upgrading the Water Treatment Facility, the creation of an 8th Street Pedestrian Overpass and many other larger projects were long-term and, while on track, would take longer than the tenure of this Council to be completed.

The City Manager confirmed that 16 of the projects were tracking as "yellow" meaning that they were facing resource challenges or were over budget; however, none of the projects were at an absolute standstill.

Mr. Sage stated that Administration looked forward to working with the 2019-2022 City Council to "Serve and Build Community" and continued forward movement on these projects.

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(1) **REVIEW OF CROSSWALK SIGNAGE AND SCHOOL SPEED ZONE ON COLLEGE AVENUE BETWEEN 11TH AND 12TH STREETS**

Councillor Luebke enquired if upgrades to the crosswalk signage as well as the implementation of a 30 km/h school speed zone could be considered for along College Avenue between 11th and 12th Streets.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that a review of the area would be conducted by the Engineering Department with a full report provided prior to the December 3, 2018 City Council meeting. The City Manager noted that the 30 km/h school speed zone originally in place had been removed at the request of area residents but would be considered again as part of an overall review.

(2) **DRAINAGE ISSUE IN 1000 BLOCK OF 7TH STREET**

Councillor Luebke enquired if the drainage issue in the 1000 Block of 7th Street had been rectified.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager confirmed that the drainage issue of the rear yards of 1054, 1056 and 1058 - 7th Street had been corrected with the installation of berms on the south side of 1058 and the north side of 1054 - 7th Street.

(3) **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CONCERNS ALONG VICTORIA AVENUE FROM 26TH STREET TO CREIGHTON BOULEVARD**

Councillor Cameron advised that the pedestrian safety continued to be a concern along Victoria Avenue from 26th Street to Creighton Boulevard and enquired if improvements to both pedestrian and vehicular safety in this area could be considered.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement. The City Manager confirmed that, as Victoria Avenue is a Provincial Highway, the Engineering Department would work with Manitoba Infrastructure to conduct a full review of the area from 26th Street to Creighton Avenue, inclusive of pedestrian and vehicle counts with a full report to be provided to City Council upon completion.

August 12th, 2019

TO: Mayor Rick Chrest and
Members of City Council

FROM: Samuel van Huizen
Traffic & Transportation Planner – Engineering Department

SUBJECT: UPDATE to Enquiry No. 003 – Pedestrian Safety Concerns
Along Victoria Avenue From 26th Street to Creighton Boulevard

This memo is provided as a response to Councillor Cameron's enquiry advising concern that pedestrian safety continued to be a concern along Victoria Avenue from 26th Street to Creighton Boulevard and enquired if improvements to both pedestrian and vehicular safety in the area could be considered. His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement, with administration providing an update at a later date. The City Manager confirmed that, as Victoria Avenue is a Provincial Highway, the Engineering Department would work with Manitoba Infrastructure to conduct a full review of the area from 26th Street to Creighton Avenue, inclusive of pedestrian and vehicle counts with a full report to be provided to City Council upon completion.

The Engineering department conducted traffic volume and pedestrian counts at the intersection of Victoria Avenue and McDiarmid Drive on Wednesday June 12, 2019 to get a better understanding of the current level of service this intersection provides. The Average Daily Traffic (ADT) counts came to approximately 18,000 vehicles movements and 780 pedestrian and cyclist crossings on all legs of the intersection. The existing traffic signals at the intersection of 26th Street and Victoria Avenue currently provide a safe crossing point for pedestrians and cyclists who prefer the additional safety of crossing at a signal, however, McDiarmid Drive is designated a collector street and connects the surrounding neighbourhoods to Vincent Massey High school and Valleyview Centennial School. Because of these destinations in the area, the Engineering department is recommending improvements to this crossing to increase the safety of all road users.

The Engineering department uses the Transportation Association of Canada's Pedestrian Crossing Control Guide to recommend any improvements to a crosswalk based on the observed traffic volumes. The portion of traffic entering and exiting the intersection at the existing crosswalk on Victoria Avenue is 15,200 movements. The TAC guide recommends that a pedestrian corridor or rectangular rapid flashing beacons be used at points where the speed limit is 50 km/h and traffic volumes exceed 9,000 vehicles movements. For the public's reference, a pedestrian corridor is the push button style overhead amber flashing signals that are seen throughout the City. A rectangle rapid flashing beacon is a newer technology that sees the installation of signals on the signs at the sides of the roadway.

The Engineering department will be adding this improvement recommendation to the 2020 budget for consideration by Council and has approached Manitoba Infrastructure about possible cost sharing. The earliest that this upgrade can be installed is spring 2020.

I trust this response satisfies Councillor Cameron's enquiry at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,

“Original Signed By”

Samuel van Huizen, C.E.T.
TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION PLANNER

December 3, 2018

TO: Mayor Rick Chrest and
Members of City Council

FROM: Samuel van Huizen
Traffic & Transportation Planner – Engineering Department

SUBJECT: BETTY GIBSON SCHOOL CROSSING AT COLLEGE AVENUE

This memo is provided in response to Councillor Luebke's recent enquiries surrounding pedestrian crossings on College Avenue at 11th and 12th Streets adjacent to Betty Gibson School. The City of Brandon Engineering Department has the following response to His Worship and Members of Council.

On Monday November 19, 2018 between 3:00 and 3:45pm, a site visit was conducted to gather pedestrian and vehicle traffic flow data south of Betty Gibson School. It was noted that a total of 22 pedestrians used the existing crosswalks on College Avenue at either 11th Street (10) or 12th Street (12). During this same timeframe, 13 vehicles headed east and 14 vehicles heading west were recorded on College Avenue. It was observed that all pedestrians were on the lookout for oncoming traffic before entering the crosswalk. During this observation, there was only one instance where a vehicle had to slow down to wait for a crossing pedestrian. Several pedestrians heading in the east and west directions walked along the northerly sidewalk on College Avenue.

There is on street parking permitted on both sides of College Avenue, however, at the time of observation, no vehicles were parked along College Avenue. There are "No Stopping" signs posted along College Avenue before each crosswalk to ensure there are adequate sight lines for pedestrians and vehicles.

There are no access points to the school grounds through the fence along College Avenue, 11th Street and 12th Street. With the railway tracks to the south, pedestrians using these crosswalks only live on the 700 blocks of 11th and 12th Streets.

During the Planning stages of the placement of school zones, the 1100 block of College Avenue was identified as a section for a reduction in speed; however, this was done in error as Betty Gibson School fronts onto Van Horne Avenue and the 1100 block of Van Horne Avenue was omitted. Later versions of mapping included Van Horne Avenue instead of College Avenue as the location of the reduced speed zone. After searching through Engineering records, I have been unable to find any indication that the 1100 block of College Avenue was ever at one point a posted reduced speed zone nor any changes made reverting to regular speed.

After taking into account all the collected data, Engineering has determined that no additional traffic control measures are required to improve the flow and increase the safety of pedestrian traffic within this area. Engineering will continue to monitor this area and enact any additional measure should changes in traffic patterns occur.

Respectfully Submitted,

“Original Signed By”

Samuel van Huizen, BES
TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION PLANNER

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(4) UPDATE ON NORTH HILL PROJECTS

Councillor Fawcett requested an update on various North Hill Projects inclusive of drainage on Outback Drive, the Kirkcaldy Pump Station, dike work along Kirkcaldy Drive, and the public meetings with respect to the Braecrest Drive Corridor.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the design for the improvements to the drainage ditch on Outback Drive was near completion with the project expected to be tendered out immediately following approval at the 2019 City of Brandon Budget Deliberations.

The City Manager advised that construction had begun on the Kirkcaldy Pump Station and Force Main with the Pump Station expected to be completed by the end of June 2019. Mr. Sage reported that the tender for the construction of the Discharge Force Main from the Lift Station would be sent out in mid-December with this project anticipated to be completed by the end of August 2019.

With respect to the dike work on Kirkcaldy Drive, the City Manager responded that the plans were expected to be finalized by mid-December with one final public consultation to take place prior to the issuance of the tender in January 2019.

The City Manager advised that the first Public Open House regarding the Braecrest Corridor Functional Design was planned for February 2019. He noted that the public was also encouraged to complete a survey and mapping exercise which was available on the website at www.brandon.ca/current-projects/braecrest-functional. Mr. Sage invited anyone with further questions to contact the Engineering Department directly at (204) 729-2214.

(5) MAINTENANCE OF BACK LANES MASTER PLAN

Councillor LoRegio requested an update on the status of the Master Plan with respect to the maintenance of Back Lanes.

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

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(6) **DATES FOR 2019 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS AND COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN**

Councillor Chaboyer enquired if the dates for the 2019 Budget Deliberations as well as the City Council Strategic Planning Sessions had been set.

His Worship the Mayor responded that the 2019 Budget Deliberations were scheduled for January 25 & 26, 2019. His Worship advised that the dates for the Strategic Planning Session had not been set but were expected to be in early Spring 2019.

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(7) **REIMBURSEMENT OF ROTO-ROOTING COSTS**

Councillor LoRegio advised that he had been contacted by a homeowner who explained that for the past two years he had only been reimbursed 50 per cent of the cost for roto-rooting the lines whereas in the past, it had been 100 per cent reimbursement. Councillor LoRegio enquired when the reimbursement amount had changed and why homeowners had not been advised that this change was happening.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that typically residents were provided an overview each time there was a request for roto-rooting reimbursement, particularly if there was a change from previous claims. He noted that no changes had been made to the by-law with respect to reimbursement for tree roots that would require notice to be given. Mr. Sage advised that each situation was assessed individually with the amount of reimbursement dependent on the source of the problem.

He agreed to take this matter under advisement with a full report to be provided in the near future.

(8) **REPLACEMENT OF DECORATIVE STREET LIGHTING FOR 00 BLOCK OF 10TH STREET**

Councillor Desjarlais enquired when the decorative street lighting was expected to be replaced in the 00 Block of 10th Street.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that it had proven to be too expensive to have new identical light standards cast. He advised that, to ensure light standards remained uniform in the Downtown, new cost effective standards were being sought, with some expected to be installed in May-June 2019.

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(9) **PUBLIC BUDGET CONSULTATIONS**

Councillor Desjarlais enquired if a date had been set for the public budget consultations, and further, the communication plan for advising residents of same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that consultations were planned for early January 2019 with notification of same to be provided to local media, as well as published on the City of Brandon website as soon as the date and location were set.

The City Manager reminded everyone that the 2019 Budget Deliberations were scheduled for Friday, January 25 and Saturday, January 26, 2019 starting at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers. He advised that the Department presentations were to take place on Friday and the formal deliberations on Saturday with both days being broadcast live on the City's YouTube Channel.

(10) **UPDATE ON BRANDON TRANSIT OPERATIONS**

Councillor Desjarlais requested an update on the Brandon Transit operations inclusive of ridership numbers and an estimated budget shortfall or surplus for 2018.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that although ridership was initially lower following the route changes implemented in July 2018, the numbers had steadily increased and were expected to be on track with previous years by the end of 2018. He advised that detailed ridership numbers were available on the City's Scorecard Site at opengov.brandon.ca.

With respect to the budget, the City Manager responded that an unfavourable variance was expected due to route revenues and media sales not reaching the budgeted amount, as well as lower than anticipated ridership and increased fuel costs.

He noted however, that higher than budgeted revenues had come in from charters and agreements. The City Manager confirmed that a full report was being developed and would be provided to City Council by the end of the year.

(11) **UPDATE ON VALLEYVIEW RECREATION HUB**

Councillor Cameron requested an update on the construction of the Valleyview Recreation Hub inclusive of an estimated date for the completion of the building and the ice rink.

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At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Valleyview Recreation Hub Project was set for substantial completion by December 21, 2018. He confirmed that the four seasons building would be available and the flooding of the rink could be started at that time.

(12) **SNOW ANGELS PROGRAM**

Councillor Luebke enquired if an update could be provided on the Snow Angels Program launched in late 2016. He requested that information be provided on the number of residents registered for assistance, as well as the number of volunteers who had signed up for shoveling and whether or not the Program would be continued for this winter.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Snow Angels Program was launched as a pilot project in December 2016 to assist seniors or individuals living with disabilities to ensure the public sidewalks in front of their homes were kept free of snow and ice.

Mr. Sage explained that the Good Samaritan-style program matched volunteers from the community with residents in their neighbourhood in need of assistance with snow-shoveling. He advised that each month a list of addresses where residents had requested shoveling was distributed to registered volunteers, who then took it upon themselves to ensure public sidewalks were cleared of ice and snow on a regular basis. The City Manager advised that in the 2017-2018 season 11 volunteers and 14 applicants had registered for the program.

He confirmed that the program would be offered again for the 2018-2019 season and encouraged interested persons to register for assistance or to volunteer to visit the website at www.snowangelsbrandon.ca, email snowangels@brandon.ca or by calling the City of Brandon General Enquiry Line at (204) 729-2186.

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(13) **CONSULTANTS IN THE 2018 BUDGET YEAR**

Councillor LoRegio enquired as to the amount spent on consultants in 2018 as well as the number of former employees hired as consultants inclusive of the costs involved with same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the primary focus of staff at this time was finalizing the preliminary 2019 Budget to be provided to City Council prior to Christmas. He agreed to take this matter under advisement with a response to be provided before the 2019 Budget Deliberations.

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(14) **RECONSTRUCTION OF 18TH STREET BRIDGE**

Councillor Chaboyer requested an update on the status of the reconstruction of the 18th Street Bridge.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that Manitoba Infrastructure was in the process of conducting a review to ensure the most economical and practical option for the project was brought forward to the stakeholders. Mr. Sage confirmed that a third round of stakeholder meetings would be arranged once the preferred option had been selected, however the timeline for same was yet to be determined.

(15) **UNEVEN ROAD SURFACE FROM UNDERGROUND REPAIRS IN 500 BLOCK OF 13TH STREET**

Councillor Luebke noted that a recently completed underground repair in the 500 Block of 13th Street had settled and left an uneven road surface. He enquired as to the process followed when excavations happened in the winter months to ensure roadways remained leveled and safe for motorists.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that while winter excavations typically freeze solid quickly, unseasonably warm temperatures had caused more settling. He confirmed that this site was added to the list for inspections, already having been filled and leveled twice and would continue to be monitored.

Further to this issue, Councillor Chaboyer enquired if signage was installed at excavation sites to caution drivers of the dip in the road.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that signs had been installed at this location as well as other sites throughout the City of Brandon.