

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA

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

ABSENT: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

1341 Cullen-LoRegio
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS:

(A) MIREILLE SAURETTE – CANADIAN FAIR TRADE AWARDS

Mireille Saurette, member of Brandon’s Fair Trade Steering Committee, advised that the City of Brandon was the winner of two Canadian Fair Trade Awards presented at the 2018 Canadian Fair Trade Network Conference held in Vancouver, BC in March of 2018.

Ms. Saurette presented His Worship Mayor Chrest with the Event of the Year Award for the Fair Trade Feast, a 3-course meal with Fair Trade ingredients organized by the Marquis Project and held at The Dock on Princess. She also noted that Brandon had been given special recognition as a Fair Trade Town All-Star for its continued efforts in promoting fair trade.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

1342 Parker-Chaboyer
That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Monday, March 19, 2018 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

1343 Harwood-Brown
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, March 19, 2018 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) M. DUBOIS AND S. PUNAK-MURPHY - BEE CITY CANADA DESIGNATION PROGRAM

Melanie Dubois and Sherry Punak-Murphy appeared before City Council with respect to the BEE City Canada Designation program. They provided information on becoming Manitoba's first Bee City community and the benefits involved in joining a movement to support pollinator protection.

Ms. Dubois and Ms. Punak-Murphy stated that designation required that the City host at least one public education and habitat establishment or restoration activity each year and requested that that City Council to consider adopting the resolution to designate Brandon a Bee City.

Harwood-Chaboyer

1344 That the presentation by Melanie Dubois and Sherry Punak-Murphy on the BEE City Canada designation program be received;

and further, that the request for designation as a BEE City be referred to Administration for review and report to City Council no later than June 30, 2018. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(A) CONDITIONAL USE AND VARIANCE APPLICATIONS FOR 1054, 1056 & 1058 - 7TH STREET (7301791 MANITOBA LTD.)

City Council sat to hear representation on the conditional use and variance applications for the properties located at 1054, 1056 and 1058 - 7th Street.

Ryan Nickel, Chief Planner and Patrick Pulak, City Engineer, provided an overview of the applications. Mr. Nickel explained that there were two applications pending for the properties at 1054, 1056 and 1058 – 7th Street. He noted that the property in question had been previously subdivided into 3 – 25' lots to accommodate the construction of single detached dwellings. The conditional use and variance applications were required to allow the construction of detached suites on each of the lots and to reduce the minimum site area for the suites.

Mr. Pulak advised that the drainage from the properties met the policy and by-law requirements of the City of Brandon. He noted that the increase in residential units would have a negligible impact on the capacity of the wastewater system.

Steve McMillan appeared on behalf of the applicant, J & G Group, in support of the applications. He stated that the project was in response to changes made to the Zoning By-law in 2016 to provide flexibility and options for residential development. Mr. McMillan advised that minimum site requirements of the Zoning By-law for such development were based on a 33' lot, and as such, a variance was required to accommodate same on the existing 25' lots. He noted that the 1-bedroom detached units would provide an affordable housing option in the community.

Peter Kabaluk, 555 – 3rd Street spoke in opposition to the applications. He noted that he did not object to the concept of the detached suites, but was not appropriate for the 25' lots and would have a detrimental impact on the neighborhood.

Lisa Halter, owner of 1062 – 7th Street, appeared in opposition to the applications. She stated her concern that the development would lower her property value. Ms. Halter noted that all of the trees had been removed and there was no longer any privacy for her property. She stated that this development was not appropriate for the size of the lots and noted concerns with enforcing the owner-occupied requirement.

Steven Higgins, 1040 – 7th Street spoke in opposition to the applications. He stated his concern with the 1-bedroom suites being detached and the potential of high turn-over of renters.

Cheryl Brigden, 1048 – 7th Street, appeared in opposition to the applications and referred to her written opposition dated March 24, 2018 which she had previously submitted to the City Clerk's Office. Ms. Brigden noted in particular the lack of green space with the proposed development.

No further written or verbal representation was put forward either in support of or in opposition to the applications.

Patterson-Parker

1345 That the Public Hearing for Conditional Use Application C-02-18-B and Variance Application V-02-18-B be concluded. CARRIED.

Patterson-Desjarlais

1346 That Conditional Use Application C-02-18-B to allow for the development of detached suites in the Residential Low Density (RLD) Zone be approved at 1054, 1056 & 1058 7th Street (Lots 3/5, Block 34, Plan 7 BLTO) in accordance with the intent of the application, the letter of intent, and the site plan dated January 18, 2018 and, subject to the owner or successor, prior to the issuance of a building permit for the detached suites, submitting written confirmation to the City of Brandon Planning, Property & Buildings Department that the Brandon School Division has received \$607.50 as a cash in lieu contribution for school purposes. LOST.

Patterson-LoRegio

1347 That Conditional Use Application C-02-18-B to allow for the development of detached suites in the Residential Low Density (RLD) Zone at 1054, 1056 & 1058 – 7th Street (Lots 3/5, Block 34, Plan 7 BLTO) be rejected. CARRIED.

Patterson-Cullen

1348 That Variance Application V-02-18-B to vary Section 35(f)(8) of the Zoning By-law by reducing the minimum site area containing a detached suite from 367.0m² to 278m² to allow for the development of detached suites in the Residential Low Density (RLD) Zone at 1054, 1056 and 1058 – 7th Street be rejected. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nil

ENQUIRIES:

(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.

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.

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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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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LINDEN LANES WARD MEETING - APRIL 26, 2018

Councillor Berry announced that a Linden Lanes Ward Meeting would be held Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Westridge Community Centre. He advised that agenda items included 2018 Ward Capital Projects, crime in the area, 2018 Budget overview, and any other city or ward issues.

RIVERVIEW WARD MEETING - APRIL 20, 2018

Councillor Parker announced that a Riverward Meeting would take place Friday, April 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the East End Community Centre. He advised that the agenda was open at this point but invited everyone to come out and share their thoughts and concerns.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE DEBUT - ZACH WHITECLOUD

Councillor Parker announced that Brandonite Zack Whitecloud would be making his National Hockey League debut with the Las Vegas Golden Knights on April 5, 2018 in Edmonton, Alberta.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) 2018 FINANCIAL PLAN

City Council considered the report of the Director of Finance dated February 9, 2018 with respect to the above.

Patterson-Parker

1349 That the 2018 Financial Plan of The City of Brandon dated March 5, 2018, as set out in the form approved by the Minister of Municipal Relations be amended by replacing pages 1, 8 and 9 contained in the copy of said plan attached to the report of the Director of Finance dated March 23, 2018 and said plan be so adopted;

and further, that the operating and capital estimates outlined in said plan be incorporated in and form part of the 2018 Tax Levy By-law. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7202 2018 TAX LEVY BY-LAW

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Finance dated February 9, 2018 with respect to the above.

1350 Chaboyer-Brown
That By-law No, 7202 to impose and levy property taxes for the fiscal year 2018 be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7206 AMEND CAMPAIGN EXPENSES AND CONTRIBUTIONS BY-LAW NO. 6974 - SPENDING LIMITS FOR CANDIDATES

Considered was a report from the Director of Legislative Services dated March 22, 2018 with respect to the above.

1351 LoRegio-Chaboyer
That By-law No. 7206, to amend Campaign Expenses and Contributions By-law No. 6974 to increase the limit to campaign expenses that may be incurred by candidates, be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-LoRegio
That the meeting do now adjourn (9:58 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK