

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA

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

ABSENT: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Chaboyer-Parker

279 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held Tuesday, June 4, 2019 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Cameron-Cullen

280 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) SARA GRONA, FACILITY COORDINATOR - UPDATE ON THE BRANDON UNIVERSITY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

Sara Grona, Facility Coordinator of the Brandon University Healthy Living Centre, appeared before City Council with respect to an overview and update on the Brandon University Healthy Living Centre. She noted that the Centre provided a wide range of activities and services with user participation that continued to grow and that their website had been updated to be much more user friendly and accessible. Ms. Grona provided an overview of the historical usage of the facility and how this facility helped the community live healthier lives.

Cameron-Luebke

281 That the presentation by Sara Grona, Facility Coordinator of the Brandon University Healthy Living Centre with respect to an update on the partnership between the City of Brandon and the Healthy Living Centre be received. CARRIED.

(B) DREW COLLINS - INCREDIBLE EDIBLE PROGRAM

Drew Collins, Committee Member for Incredible Edible Brandon and Dannielle Morrisseau, Community Development Programmer of the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation, appeared before City Council with respect to the Incredible Edible Project. Mr. Collins noted that this was the third year of operation for the Incredible Edible Program and provided some background and an update of the program. He shared information regarding items that were new this year, a map of the garden locations, and elicited continued support from City Council.

Parker-Fawcett

282 That the presentation by Drew Collins of the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation with respect to the Incredible Edible Program be received. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

Nil

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) DAVID BARNES - WATER CONSERVATION ON ASSINIBOINE FOOD FOREST LAND

David Barnes, member of Assiniboine Food Forest Inc. (AFFI), appeared before City Council with respect to water conservation on Assiniboine Food Forest Land. Mr. Barnes indicated the focus of AFFI was on urgent issues facing the planet and how to take action locally, with a three-fold mission on habitat, food and education. Ms. Vicky McLean provided information on the organization's financial background and current financial situation. Mr. Jason Stitt commented on the small to mid-size projects that mitigated climate change and encouraged sustainable practices. The presenters thanked City Council for their continued support, as AFFI had just signed a 5-year land lease, and encourage City Council to come by or become a member of their organization.

Desjarlais-Chaboyer

283 That the presentation by David Barnes with respect to the Assiniboine Food Forest be received. CARRIED.

Desjarlais-Chaboyer

284 That the request to endorse the principle of water conservation on the Assiniboine Food Forest land in honour of World Environment Day to be held June 5, 2019 be approved. NOT VOTED ON.

Chaboyer-LoRegio

285 That the request to endorse the principle of water conservation on the Assiniboine Food Forest land be referred to Administration for report back to City Council at its meeting to be held on June 17, 2019. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) KEYSTONE CENTRE VERBAL JUNE 4, 2019

Councillor Luebke provided a verbal report from the recent meeting of the Keystone Centre held on May 23, 2019. He noted the financial analysis from the Canadian Men's Curling Championship showed a net profit of \$380,000 but this figure did not include internal Keystone Centre staff wages and some supply costs. Councillor Luebke reported that the Keystone Centre budget preparations were continuing for the 2019-2020 year, and could be reviewed at the June meeting. He indicated that there was a lot of discussion on the Keystone Centre land usage and how it will fit with the City's Recreational and Green Space Master Plan.

Councillor Luebke concluded by stating that the Keystone Centre had launched its new customer service program named "How's it Going?" at the beginning of May 2019, with the focus on encouraging Keystone staff to engage in conversations with their customers.

Berry-Luebke

286 That the report of the Keystone Centre be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(40) NOTIFICATION OF ACCESS CUT-OFF DUE TO CONSTRUCTION ON 18TH STREET

Councillor LoRegio advised that he had received a complaint from a business owner on 18th Street who stated that he had not received notification prior to access to his business being blocked off for construction. Councillor LoRegio stated that a similar situation occurred in 2018 with the businesses affected by construction on 26th Street.

He enquired if the notification process could be reviewed and improvements made to ensure issues such as these were avoided in the future.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Engineering Department was aware of this issue and was reviewing options to ensure this situation was not repeated in the future. He agreed to take this matter under advisement.

With respect to the 26th Street project, the City Manager confirmed that the Engineering Department had reviewed the concerns raised and planned face to face meetings with affected business owners to avoid such issues arising in the future.

(41) CONCERN WITH SAFETY OF WALKWAY CONNECTING WAVERLY DRIVE WITH WILLOWDALE CRESCENT

Councillor LoRegio advised that the area around the walkway connecting Waverly Drive and Willowdale Crescent had become a dumping ground and was overrun with brush. He stated that with children using the walkway to access Waverly School, the condition of the area and recent fires had raised serious safety concerns. Councillor LoRegio enquired if this issue could be addressed as soon as possible.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the location of the walkway posed certain challenges. He confirmed that the area would be re-evaluated for better lighting and changes to how the grass, trees and bushes were maintained. Mr. Sage noted that the Parks Department crews had been dispatched to trim trees, cut grass and clean up any debris found in the area. He stated that the area would be monitored more closely in the future and encouraged feedback from area residents should they notice any issues.

The City Manager also confirmed that recent fire events in the area were being investigated by the Brandon Police Service with assistance from the Brandon Fire & Emergency Services Department with every effort being made to find the person(s) responsible.

(42) CONTROLLED BURNS IN NATURAL GREENSPACES

Councillor Berry also referred to the danger of fires in the area of Willowdale Crescent and Waverly Drive. He noted that the City of Brandon had previously conducted controlled burns in larger greenspaces and enquired why same had been discontinued.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that controlled burns within the City of Brandon had been stopped at the request of residents. He advised that concerns had been raised with the smoke causing breathing problems along with other issues, and it was felt that the best solution was to stop the controlled burns. Mr. Sage agreed that a full report on this issue, inclusive of potential areas, times of the year and times of day for potential controlled burns would be provided.

(43) UPDATE ON DUST CONTROL IN BACK LANE ALONG CLARK DRIVE

Councillor Cameron referred to a previous enquiry whereby he had advised that dust was causing problems in the backlane on the west side of Clark Drive and noted that the problem now was on the east side as well. He enquired if a dust control solution could be undertaken for both backlanes and consideration given to graveling same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the dust control program was expected to begin June 17, 2019. He confirmed that the east side backlane would be reviewed and graveled if necessary. The City Manager noted that graveling for dust control was often a short-term solution, however if the dust continued after graveling, calcium would be applied.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MEADOWS SCHOOL 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Councillor LoRegio announced that he had been pleased to attend the 50th Anniversary Celebrations held June 4, 2019 at Meadows School. He advised that he had toured the school and witnessed the opening of the time capsules. Councillor LoRegio noted that one of the capsules contained a letter written by a young student who stated that he hoped to see his own children attend Meadows School with that wish granted when his two daughters were presented with the letter.

BEHLEN INDUSTRIES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Councilor Parker announced that he had been pleased to represent City Council at the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Behlen Industries. He stated that Behlen Industries was an important part of the Riverview Ward and congratulated them on their milestone.

KIWANIS KAR DERBY

Councillor Parker announced that he had attended the 33rd annual Kiwanis Kar Derby held Saturday, June 2, 2019 on behalf of City Council.

TURNOVER OF RIDEAU PARK CENTENNIAL PAVILLION BY KIWANIS CLUB OF BRANDON

Councillor Parker announced that he & Councillor Cullen had attended a short ceremony held at Rideau Park whereby the Kiwanis Club of Brandon turned over the Rideau Park Centennial Pavillion to the City of Brandon.

EAST END COMMUNITY CENTRE BARBEQUE

Councillor Parker announced that a community barbeque would be held at the East End Community Centre from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. on June 13, 2019 and invited everyone to attend.

SILENT WITNESS PROJECT CEREMONY

Councillor Cameron announced that he had been pleased to bring greetings on behalf of City Council at a ceremony held recently by the Silent Witness Project who honoured and assisted those affected by family violence.

NAVY LEAGUE CADET CORP #4 STAN HAWITT GRADUATION AND CHANGEOVER CEREMONY

Councillor Cameron announced that he had been pleased to represent City Council at the Navy League Cadet Corp #4 Stan Hawitt Graduation and Changeover Ceremony held recently at the Brandon Armouries. He thanked outgoing Commanding Officer Erin Euper and wished the best of luck to incoming Commanding Officer Amanda Sleshinsky.

COMMUNITY FORUM ON PUBLIC SAFETY

Councillor Cameron thanked the 70+ residents of the Vincent Massey area who attended the Community Forum on public safety hosted by himself and Brandon Police Chief Wayne Balcaen on May 29, 2019 at J.R. Reid School. He stated that good discussions had taken place and he intended to host the same type of evening for residents of the Brandon University and Valleyview area of the ward in the near future.

YOUTH REVOLUTION YEAR-END WINDUP

Councillor Brown announced that he had been pleased to attend the Youth Revolution Year-end Windup held recently at the UCT Pavilion in the Keystone Centre. He explained that Youth Revolution was a group of grades 5-12 students who organized programs, activities, and events to promote healthy lifestyle choices and reduce the use of drugs and alcohol among children and youth.

BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS WALK-A-THON

Councillor Brown announced that he had attended a walk-a-thon held June 1, 2019 at the Riverbank Discovery Centre where 75 participants walked to raise awareness for and in support of those affected by brain injuries.

DECORATION DAY CEREMONY AT BRANDON MUNICIPAL CEMETERY

Councillor LoRegio announced that he had been pleased to represent City Council at the Decoration Day Ceremony held June 2, 2019 at the Brandon Municipal Cemetery. He stated that it was a very moving ceremony honouring those who had served this Country.

OUR JOURNEY EVENT AND HONOURING THE GOOD ROAD GALA

Councillor Desjarlais announced that the inaugural Our Journey: Celebrating Indigenous Student Success Event held May 23, 2019 and hosted by Assiniboine Community College, Brandon University, the Brandon School Division and the Sioux Valley High School had been a huge success with close to 1,000 people of all ages attending the Grand March on the grounds of the Keystone Centre. He stated that attendees had an opportunity to sing, dance and share stories with the day ending in a Traditional Feast.

Councillor Desjarlais further announced that the inaugural Honouring the Good Road Gala was also held on May 23, 2019. He advised that the event was to acknowledge and honour Indigenous community members who led by example by following the Seven Sacred Teachings.

WHEAT CITY WHISKEY JACKS INAUGURAL WIN

Councillor Desjarlais congratulated the Wheat City Whiskey Jacks on winning their inaugural game against the Souris Valley Sabre Dogs on May 25, 2019 in Minot, ND. Councillor Desjarlais explained that the Whiskey Jack species of bird was associated with mythological figures of several First Nations cultures, including the "Wisakedjak", a Cree figure whose name was anglicized to Whiskeyjack.

ATTENDANCE AT FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Mayor Chrest announced that he along with Councillors Chaboyer, Berry & Fawcett attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in Quebec City, Quebec from May 30 to June 2, 2019. Mayor Chrest thanked Deputy Mayor Cullen, Acting Deputy Mayor Parker and all members of City Council for assisting with attending all the various events held while he was away.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) TENDER - 2019 CONTRACT B UNDERGROUND WORKS

City Council considered a report from the Manager of Infrastructure dated May 28, 2019 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Brown

287 That the bid from Allen & Bolack Excavating Ltd. to carry out 2019 Contract B - Underground Works as per tender and specifications at a cost of \$3,997,231.35 (net of GST) be accepted. CARRIED.

(B) PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD APPLICATION - RECOVERY OF DEBT CHARGES FOR THE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY CHEMICAL BUILDING PROJECT

Submitted for consideration was a report from the General Manager of Corporate Services dated May 30, 2019 with respect to the above.

Cameron-Chaboyer

288 That the City of Brandon request the Public Utilities Board review and approve its application to recover debt charges for the Water Treatment Facility Chemical Building Project by means of a utility rate-rider, to be levied on per cubic meter water consumption. CARRIED.

(C) COMMEMORATIVE NAMING OF 34TH STREET FROM VICTORIA AVENUE NORTH TO MCDONALD AVENUE AS "DAN HALLDORSON DRIVE"

Considered was a report from Councillor Glen Parker dated May 27, 2019 and in accordance with his notice of motion given at the regular meeting of City Council held May 21, 2019.

Parker-Luebke

289 That the commemorative naming of a portion of 34th Street extending from Victoria Avenue north to McDonald Avenue as "Dan Halldorson Drive" be approved. NOT VOTED ON.

Chaboyer-Berry

290 That the commemorative naming of 34th Street from Victoria Avenue north of McDonald Avenue as "Dan Halldorson Drive" be referred to Administration for review and report back to City Council no later than September 3, 2019 on commemorative naming options. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7234 TO REZONE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2605 AND 2611 ROSSER AVENUE FROM RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY TO RESIDENTIAL MODERATE DENSITY

City Council considered a report from the Manager of Corporate Services dated May 23, 2019 with respect to the above.

Cameron-Chrest

291 That By-law No. 7234 to rezone property located at 2605 & 2611 Rosser Avenue from Residential Low Density (RLD) to Residential Moderate Density (RMD) be read a second time. CARRIED.

Cameron-LoRegio

292 That third reading of this by-law be held in abeyance pending the objectors to the by-law be given notice, pursuant to Section 76(3) of The Planning Act, of their right to file a further objection, and the applicant entering into a Development Agreement subject to the following conditions:

1. The Developer agrees to construct a maximum of 8 residential units.
2. The Developer agrees to maintain a 5.0m setback from the neighbouring property to the west.
3. The Developer agrees to a maximum height of 2 storeys to remain consistent with the existing character of the neighbourhood.
4. The Developer agrees to provide a tree buffer along the west property line between the site and the neighbouring property to the west. Buffer is to be included on the Developer's submitted landscaping plan.
5. The Developer agrees to contribute \$524.18 in lieu of land dedication for public reserve. Payment is due upon execution of the development agreement.
6. The Developer agrees to contribute \$202.50/unit for 7 units totaling \$1,417.50 to the Brandon School Division in lieu of land dedication.
7. The Developer agrees to consolidate Titles No. 2955450/2 and 2955447/2, prior to the release of the Building permit.
8. The Developer agrees to include privacy screening for both western facing balconies on the building permit construction drawings;

and further, that Administration be authorized to prepare a Development Agreement containing all conditions and requirements to protect the City's interest in accordance with any procedures, policies, by-laws and Acts. CARRIED.

NO. 7241 TO REZONE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2211 PORTOLA DRIVE FROM RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY AND PARKS AND RECREATION TO RESIDENTIAL MODERATE DENSITY

Submitted for consideration was a report from Planning and Buildings dated June 3, 2019 with respect to the above.

Chaboyer-Berry

293 That By-law No. 7241 to rezone 2211 Portola Drive (Block 7, Plan 56250 BLTO) from RLD Residential Low Density and PR Parks and Recreation to RMD Residential Moderate Density be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7245 WATER CONSERVATION BY-LAW

Considered was a report from the Director of Utilities dated May 31, 2019 with respect to the above.

Chaboyer-Cameron

294 That By-law No. 7245 to establish provisions to ensure the conservation of potable water in the City of Brandon, be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

That the meeting do now adjourn (9:08 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK