

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA**

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PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Fawcett In The Chair, Councillor Shawn Berry, Councillor Shaun Cameron, Councillor Barry Cullen, Councillor Kris Desjarlais, Councillor Greg Hildebrand, Councillor Heather Karrouze, Councillor Bruce Luebke, Councillor Glen Parker, Councillor Jason Splett, Councillor Tyson Tame

ABSENT: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Parker-Splett  
428 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2023 be adopted. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Cullen-Hildebrand  
429 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Monday, July 17, 2023 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Cameron-Tame  
430 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, July 17, 2023 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Splett-Parker  
431 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Tuesday, August 8, 2023 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) ROTARY CLUB OF BRANDON - FALL BOOK SALE & COMMUNITY WORK

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Marty Snelling, on behalf of the Rotary Club of Brandon, appeared before Council with respect to the Fall Book Sale and an update on other club activities. He noted that the Rotary Club had recently celebrated 100 years of service in the Brandon area. Mr. Snelling announced that the 2023 Book Sale was to take place from September 7th to 9th at the Victoria Inn Imperial Ballroom, that admission was free, and that children could receive a free book. He provided an overview of various community and

international projects that had been funded by proceeds from previous book sales. He noted that in 2023 there was anticipated to be 75,000 books ready for sale at the event.

Mr. Snelling concluded by outlining ongoing and upcoming projects that the Rotary Club was a contributor. These projects impacted communities both locally and internationally. He noted that a grant had been approved for the Park Community Centre with the purpose of purchasing a stage once renovations were completed. Residents interested in the Rotary Club were encouraged to go to [www.rotaryclubofbrandon.org](http://www.rotaryclubofbrandon.org) for more information.

Desjarlais-Cameron

432 That the presentation by Marty Snelling on behalf of the Rotary Club of Brandon with respect to the Fall Book Sale and community work be received. CARRIED.

(B) OUTDOOR SPORTS FIELD COMPLEX

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Bryce Wilson, Manager of Parks, and Stefanie Lynch, Project Manager, appeared before Council with an update on the Outdoor Sports Field Complex construction project. They provided a summary of the construction progress and announced that the project was on schedule as well as under-budget during Phase 1 construction. Ms. Lynch noted that challenges associated with the site had resulted in positive design changes that provided a larger area for development. She advised that Phase 2 was being prepared to be tendered in two stages to allow for construction efficiencies and provided an overview of same.

Ms. Lynch provided an overview of various funding contributions and a review of anticipated costs in upcoming phases of construction. Mr. Wilson noted that feedback had been continuously sought by stakeholders and user groups with respect to the project. He outlined on-going discussions regarding the eventual management of the facility as well as potential sponsorship and naming rights opportunities that would be announced once agreements were finalized.

Karrouze-Luebke

433 That the presentation by Bryce Wilson and Stefanie Lynch with respect to the Outdoor Sports Field Complex project update be received. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

Nil

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) HATCH 2023 MUSIC FESTIVAL - COMMUNITY EVENT DESIGNATION

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City Council considered a report from the Legislative Services Department dated August 3, 2023 with respect to the above.

Cameron-Karrouze

434 That the presentation by Michael Falk with respect to Community Event Designation for Hatch 2023 be received. CARRIED.

Cameron-Karrouze

435 That Hatch 2023 to be held September 8 & 9, 2023 on the Brandon University Campus be designated a Community Event in the City of Brandon. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(A) VARIANCE APPLICATION - 345 18TH STREET NORTH

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Ryan Nickel, Director of Planning and Buildings, provided an overview of the variance application for 345 18th Street North to change a land use to a use substantially similar to a motel by using the existing motel as a long-term stay Family Reunification Centre. He noted that Planning staff had determined the proposed land-use to be appropriate for the variance application to be approved.

Chantal Klainchar and Lorraine Messing, on behalf of the applicant, provided additional information on the staffing and operations of the proposed facility. They addressed concerns raised by the Planning Commission in the rejection of the variance application at the July 5, 2023 meeting of same. They spoke to the land-use under the application as being similar in nature to the prior use as a motel. Further to this, they outlined modifications that had been made to the facility in ensuring the suitability for the proposed use. They concluded by noting that the application would be a positive impact to the surrounding area in contrast to the prior motel operations.

Cheryl Davis, facility employee, spoke in favour of the application, citing improvements to safety in the area following the Applicant taking over the property. She further spoke to the positive impact the proposed use would have on the community.

Ross Robinson, on behalf of the John Howard Society of Brandon, appeared in opposition to the application, stating that concerns had not been addressed by the applicant. He raised concerns with considering the application to be similar in use to a

motel, and the appropriateness of the location being in a commercial arterial zone. Mr. Robinson stated that the condition of the property and available space to clients was ill-suited for the proposed use. He further raised concerns with the facility beginning operations before receiving approval for the variance, and issue with the expressed intent to have clients access Brandon services, despite the unlikelihood of being Brandon residents. He expressed support for the application were it to be relocated to an alternative location.

Luebke-Tame

436 That the public hearing with respect to the variance application for 345 18th Street North be concluded. CARRIED.

Desjarlais-Cameron

437 That Variance Application V-07-23 under Clause 97(2) of The Planning Act to change a land use to a use substantially similar to a motel, be permitted in the Commercial Arterial (CAR) Zone under Table 11, Section 54 of the Zoning By-law, be approved at 345 – 18th Street North (Part Blocks 9/10, Plan 228 BLTO) in accordance with the attached letter “Attachment A-1” and the attached site plan “Attachment B”, subject to submitting written confirmation to the City of Brandon Planning & Buildings Department that required license(s) have been obtained from the Province of Manitoba or confirmation from the Province of Manitoba that licensing is not required for this use. LOST.

Luebke-Karrouze

438 That Variance Application V-07-23 under Clause 97(2) of The Planning Act to change a land use to a use substantially similar to a motel, be permitted in the Commercial Arterial (CAR) Zone under Table 11, Section 54 of the Zoning By-law, be rejected at 345 – 18th Street North (Part Blocks 9/10, Plan 228 BLTO). REFERRED.

Parker-Berry

439 That the above motion be tabled until the October 3, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council. CARRIED.

Berry-Desjarlais

440 That a second public hearing be held at the October 3, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council with respect to the Variance Application at 345 18th Street North. CARRIED.

(B) BY-LAW NO. 7364 - TO BORROW FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPGRADING AND EXPANDING THE CITY'S WATER TREATMENT FACILITY

City Council sat to hear a presentation with respect to the proposed borrowing for the upgrading and expansion of the City's Water Treatment Facility.

No representation was received either in support or in opposition to the borrowing by-law.

Luebke-Parker

441 That the public hearing with respect to the proposed borrowing for the upgrading and expansion of the City's Water Treatment Facility be concluded. CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) BRANDON POLICE BOARD                      VERBAL                      AUGUST 21, 2023

Councillor Berry provided a verbal report on behalf of the Police Board with respect to an update on the Provincial Funding increase of \$2.24 million to the Brandon Police Service. He noted that budget process was to begin starting in September and that no decisions had yet been made. He provided an overview of the funds and several potential initiatives that may receive consideration in the Police Board 2024 budget deliberations. Further, he advised how the increase had affected the 2023 budget year.

(B) BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES    VERBAL    AUGUST 21, 2023

Councillor Splett provided a verbal report from the Brandon General Museum and Archives meeting held on August 1, 2023. He noted topics of discussion focused on the summer walking tours, resumption of the Museum speaker series in September, and updates on various museum projects.

(C) AGE FRIENDLY                                      VERBAL                                      AUGUST 21, 2023

Councillor Karrouze provided a verbal report from the Age Friendly meeting held on August 17, 2023. She noted that a contract employee had been hired to work on projects including the creation of informational newsletters for the community as well as discussions with WCGtv to have a series of television shows aired, highlighting the eight

pillars of Age Friendly. Councillor Karrouze concluding by sharing that ongoing discussion had focused on how Age Friendly could participate in and support Truth and Reconciliation Week.

Splett-Karrouze

442 That the verbal reports from the Brandon Police Board, Brandon General Museum and Archives, and Age Friendly Committee be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(77) MARQUIS CRESCENT MILLING/PAVING TIMELINE

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Councillor Berry noted that the milling/paving of Marquis Crescent was originally planned for this year; however, this project had not shown up on the recently released list of projects for this construction season. He enquired when Marquis Crescent was expected to be milled and repaved this year.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that was included in this year's rehabilitation program with work currently underway and expected to be completed by August 31, 2023, weather permitting. He confirmed that while the August 31, 2023 deadline may not come to fruition, the overall contract would be completed by the end of this year's construction season and encouraged residents to monitor social media for updates.

(78) MCDONALD AVENUE, CLARK DRIVE, CHERRY CRESCENT AND ABERDEEN AVENUE - TRAFFIC SPEED ENFORCEMENT

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Councillor Cameron advised that the ongoing construction on the Daly Overpass had caused increased traffic on McDonald Avenue between 18th and 34th Streets and the speed of vehicles along this stretch was becoming a concern for area residents. Councillor Cameron also advised that concerns had been raised with respect to the speed of vehicles on both Clark Drive and Cherry Crescent. He enquired if reminders could be posted on social media as well as increased enforcement provided in these areas.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor the City Manager responded that these areas were to be monitored by the Brandon Police Service effective immediately. Mr. Bowles confirmed that the information was to be shared on social media regarding increased enforcement in these areas along with reminders of speed limits throughout the City of Brandon this week.

Further to this issue, Councillor Tame advised that the speed of vehicles on Aberdeen Avenue between 1st and 9th Streets continued to be a concern and enquired if increased enforcement in this area could be considered as well.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager agreed to have this area added to the list provided to the Brandon Police Service.

(79) UPDATE ON THE CULTURAL HUB PROJECT

Councillor Cameron requested an update on the status of the Cultural Hub Project.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the original conceptual redesign of the existing library/arts building at 710 Rosser Avenue had been put on hold due to the recent sale of the Town Centre building. He advised that staff continued to work with the new owners on the costing for the redesign option but also, with the assistance of grant funding, were working on the conceptual design for a new building at one of the city-owned properties at either Princess Avenue and 9th or 10th Streets. The City Manager advised that the conceptual design was anticipated to be completed in the Fall following which a full report, inclusive of recommendations would be provided to City Council.

(80) BACK LANE SANITATION BINS PLACEMENT - 400 BLOCK 21ST STREET

Councillor Cameron referred to the recent placement of signage in the back lane of the 400 Block of 21st Street which advised that sanitation bins could not be placed near structures or power lines. Councillor Cameron noted that this left no adequate spot for bins that was not blocking area driveways and enquired if this issue could be discussed with area residents and potential solutions provided.

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

(81) GARWOOD STREET FLOODING AND VEHICLE SPEEDS

Councillor Tame noted that flooding on Garwood Street following heavy rain events was a common occurrence due to poor drainage in the area; however, vehicles speeding through the flood waters caused the water to go up into residents' yards. He enquired if signage could be installed warning drivers to slow down during and immediately following heavy rain events.

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

(82) DOWNTOWN SAFETY AND WELLNESS TASK FORCE UPDATE

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Councillor Desjarlais noted that many of the recommendations from the Downtown Safety and Wellness Task Force had now been implemented and enquired if an update by the group could be provided at a City Council meeting in the near future.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager agreed that a report to City Council would be provided at an upcoming meeting this Fall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) BACK LANE LIGHTING PROGRAM

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Submitted for consideration was a report from the Engineering Services Department dated June 9, 2023 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Parker

443 That Council approve two back lane lighting programs within the budgeted \$25,000, and further:

1. That council adopt the proposed Motion Sensitive Lighting Rebate program offering a full rebate up to a \$100 maximum per property, and further;
  2. That council adopt the proposed Subsidized Back Lane Street Light program offering a 100% subsidy up to a maximum of \$2,500 per approved installation.
- CARRIED.

(B) STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

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Submitted for consideration was a Strategic Plan Quarter 2 update.

Desjarlais-Tame

444 That the Strategic Plan Quarter Two update be received. CARRIED.

(C) SPEED LIMIT CHANGE ON PTH1A (VICTORIA AVENUE)

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Considered was a report from the Engineering Services Department dated August 17, 2023 with respect to the above.



Cullen-Cameron

445 That the speed limit of 60 km/h in both directions of travel on PTH1A (Victoria Avenue) be extended from the current point west of E Fotheringham Drive & 42nd Street to a point 50 meters west of Governors Road;

And further, that the speed limit of 80 km/h in both directions of travel on PTH1A (Victoria Avenue) be in effect from the point 50 meters west of Governors Road to the western City limits. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7351 TO AMEND COMPLIANCE BY-LAW NO. 7198 - COMMUNITY STANDARDS  
2ND & 3RD READINGS

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Submitted for consideration was a report from the Legislative Services Department dated July 27, 2023 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Parker

446 That By-law No. 7351 to amend Compliance By-law No. 7198 regarding community standards be read a second time. CARRIED.

Luebke-Hildebrand

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

In accordance with Section 137 of The Municipal Act, a recorded vote was taken on the motion to give By-law No. 7351 third reading.

FOR

AGAINST

Mayor Jeff Fawcett  
Councillor Shawn Berry  
Councillor Shaun Cameron  
Councillor Barry Cullen  
Councillor Greg Hildebrand  
Councillor Heather Karrouze  
Councillor Bruce Luebke  
Councillor Glen Parker  
Councillor Jason Splett  
Councillor Tyson Tame

NO. 7359 TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 923 10TH STREET  
2ND & 3RD READING

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Considered was a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated July 24, 2023 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Parker

448 That By-law No. 7359 to rezone a property located at 923 10th Street (Lots 7/8, Block 45, Plan 16 BLTO) from Residential Low Density (RLD) to Commercial Neighbourhood (CN) be read a second time. CARRIED.

Luebke-Splett

449 That the by-law be read a third and final time. CARRIED.  
In accordance with Section 137 of The Municipal Act, a recorded vote was taken on the motion to give By-law No. 7359 third reading.

FOR

AGAINST

Mayor Jeff Fawcett  
Councillor Shawn Berry  
Councillor Shaun Cameron  
Councillor Barry Cullen  
Councillor Greg Hildebrand  
Councillor Heather Karrouze  
Councillor Bruce Luebke  
Councillor Glen Parker  
Councillor Jason Splett  
Councillor Tyson Tame

NO. 7361 TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1, 3, AND 5 CROCUS GARDENS ROAD  
2ND & 3RD READINGS

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Considered was a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated August 9, 2023 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Splett

450 That By-law No. 7361, subject to the owner or successor entering into a Development Agreement with the City of Brandon as set out in "Attachment D", and that Administration be authorized to prepare a Development Agreement containing all conditions and requirements to protect the City's interests in accordance with any procedures, policies, by-laws and Act. To rezone properties located at 1, 3, and 5 Crocus

Gardens Road (Lot 6/8, Plan 41919 BLTO), from Residential Moderate Density (RMD) zone to Educational and Institutional (EI) zone, be read a second time. CARRIED.

Luebke-Splett

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

In accordance with Section 137 of The Municipal Act, a recorded vote was taken on the motion to give By-law No. 7361 third reading.

FOR

AGAINST

Mayor Jeff Fawcett  
Councillor Shawn Berry  
Councillor Shaun Cameron  
Councillor Barry Cullen  
Councillor Greg Hildebrand  
Councillor Heather Karrouze  
Councillor Bruce Luebke  
Councillor Glen Parker  
Councillor Jason Splett  
Councillor Tyson Tame

NO. 7366

TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1307 - 18TH STREET NORTH  
1ST READING

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City Council considered a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated August 11, 2023 with respect to the above.

Karrouze-Parker

452 That By-law No. 7366 to rezone property located at easterly 133.654m of 1307 – 18th Street North (Part Lot 1 Plan 23049 Exc Road Plan 39509 BLTO) from Commercial Arterial (CAR) zone to Residential Moderate Density (RMD) Zone be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Luebke-Berry

That the meeting do now adjourn (10:35 p.m.) CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK