

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA

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 Jason Splett, Councillor Tyson Tame

ABSENT: Councillor Glen Parker

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Cullen-Splett

292 That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, April 17, 2023 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Luebke-Cameron

293 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Wednesday, March 29, 2023 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Tame-Splett

294 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Monday, April 3, 2023 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Cameron-Karrouze

295 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, April 3, 2023 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) SHERRY PUNAK MURPHY - BEE CITY BRANDON

Sherry Punak Murphy, Chairperson of Bee City Brandon, appeared before City Council to provide an update on Bee City Brandon and planned projects for 2023.

Ms. Punak Murphy highlighted the meaning of being a Bee City and the importance of creating and maintaining habitats for native pollinators. She noted that Bee City

Brandon's efforts were focused on revitalizing the Eleanor Kidd Park, previously damaged by flood-waters, into a Pollinator Garden. She outlined the first phase of the project that was expected to occur in 2023, and noted that the park was one part of a longer 5 - 10 year plan. Ms. Punak Murphy concluded by reminding Council that the Orange-Belted Bumblebee was the official bee of the City of Brandon. Anyone interested in volunteering was encouraged to contact Bee City Brandon by emailing beecitybrandon@gmail.com or visiting BeeCityBrandon.com.

Desjarlais-Hildebrand

296 That the presentation by Sherry Punak Murphy with respect to an update on Bee City Brandon be received. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

Nil

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A)	<u>POVERTY COMMITTEE</u>	<u>VERBAL</u>	<u>APRIL 17, 2023</u>
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Councillor Desjarlais provided a verbal report from the meeting of the Poverty Committee that was held on April 12, 2023. He noted that the meeting focused on two presentations provided by the John Howard Society and the Food Rescue Council in regards to on-going community efforts by each respective organization.

(B) BRANDON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
VERBAL

APRIL 17, 2023

Councillor Desjarlais provided a verbal report for the Brandon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee that had taken place on April 12, 2023. He advised that a presentation had been received from Canada Trust with respect to national actions being taken to protect heritage. Further to this, challenges associated with heritage properties were discussed to align Brandon's programs with practices being pursued elsewhere.

Tame-Splett

297 That the verbal reports from the Poverty Committee and Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(48) TRANSIT SERVICE ON BRAECREST DRIVE BETWEEN 18TH STREET AND KNOWLTON DRIVE

Councillor Karrouze stated that it had been brought to her attention by residents of the Sprucewoods Housing Co-op that there was no transit service from 18th Street to Knowlton Drive along Braecrest Drive. She advised that, with no bus stop within walking distance, residents of the Co-op were forced to take a cab and enquired if consideration could be given to adding transit service along Braecrest Drive.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that a 2017 review had indicated lower ridership in this area compared to other areas of the City, hence the new network did not include as much coverage along Braecrest. He explained that the TransCab Service was made available for free of charge for anyone who requested it with same designed to pick up a rider anywhere in the area and take them to one of the two TransCab stops. Mr. Bowles confirmed that this area, along with many others, would be reviewed as part of the upcoming route planning consultations taking place later this year.

(49) ROAD REPAIRS

Councillor Luebke referred to a tender that had been awarded in September 2022 to carry out road repairs at 15 sites throughout the City of Brandon that had been excavated for water main break repairs. He noted that several of those sites, inclusive of 5 on 1st Street and 2 on 13th Street, remained in poor condition and enquired as to the timeline for the scheduled repairs.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the tender awarded for these repairs had a final completion deadline of June 30, 2023. He noted that the repairs were expected to begin as soon as the asphalt plant opens in late May.

Further to this issue, Councillor Hildebrand enquired if a full list of the various repair locations could be provided.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager agreed to provide the list to Council as soon as possible.

(50) 2023 BACK-LANE REMEDIATION

Councillor Luebke noted that many back lanes had drainage issues and remained in poor condition. He enquired if an update on the 2023 Back Lane Strategy could be provided.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that Spring maintenance, inclusive of grading, reshaping and adding of base material, would be completed once the ground had thawed and dried up. The City Manager noted that due to higher than anticipated traffic volumes and the development of houses and garages at different elevations, drainage continued to be a concern in back lanes. He stated that drainage issues would be addressed as part of the overall Back Lane Strategy, however, a timeline for the completion of same was not available as of yet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JOINT WARD MEETING - Wards 6, 8 & 10

Councillor Splett reminded everyone that a Joint Ward meeting was to take place between Councillor Luebke's Ward 6, his own Ward 8, and Councillor Tame's Ward 10. He noted that the meeting was to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18th at the Riverview Curling Club and invited all to attend.

WESTERN MANITOBA SCIENCE FAIR PROJECTS

Mayor Fawcett announced that award winning projects from the 2023 Western Manitoba Science Fair would be on display throughout the week of April 17 - 21 in the foyer of City Hall. Mayor Fawcett noted the various presentations that would be available for viewing and encouraged everyone to visit the displays.

DOWNTOWN CLEAN-UP

Councillor Desjarlais announced that the Annual Downtown Clean-up was to take place at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 20th. He noted that the event was to start at 153 8th Street and that all necessary cleaning supplies would be provided. Councillor Desjarlais invited everyone to attend and noted the friendly competition that had led previous years to be successful.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) ACCOMMODATION TAX BY-LAW UPDATE

City Council considered a report from the Director of Economic Development dated March 30, 2023 with respect to the above.

Cameron-Luebke

298 That the update on the Accommodation Tax By-law be received as information.
CARRIED.

(B) ART, CULTURE AND SPORT IN COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING SUPPORT APPLICATIONS

City Council considered a report from the General Manager of Operations dated April 13, 2023 with respect to the above.

Karrouze-Cameron

299 That City Council formally support the following applications to the Arts, Culture and Sport in Community Fund – Large Capital Grants Program:

Outdoor Sports Field Complex - Phase 3 construction and artificial turf for the FIFA field in phase 2;

Park Community Centre - Construction of a new Community Centre to replace the existing facility;

Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum – Structural remediation and upgrades to Hangar No. 1;

Brandon Riverbank Inc. – Peter Sawatzky Sculptures Garden. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7353 TO IMPOSE AND LEVY PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023
2ND & 3RD READINGS

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Finance dated April 6, 2023 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Splett

300 That By-law No. 7353 to impose and levy property taxes for the fiscal year 2023 be read a second time. CARRIED.

Luebke-Splett

301 That the by-law be read for 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. 7353 third reading.

FOR

AGAINST

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

NO. 7355 AMEND ACCOMMODATION TAX BY-LAW
1ST READING

City Council considered a report from the Director of Legislative Services dated April 12, 2023 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Hildebrand

302 That By-law No. 7355 to amend Accommodation Tax By-law No. 7014 to increase and change to a percentage-based Accommodation Tax rate, and general housekeeping amendments be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7356 TO CLOSE AND CONVEY A PORTION OF 39TH STREET BETWEEN BLOCK 1 AND 2 PLAN 269 BLTO
1ST READING

City Council considered a report from the Planning and Buildings Department dated April 6, 2023 with respect to the above.

Cullen-Splett

303 That By-law No. 7356 to close and convey a portion of 39th Street lying between Block 1 and 2 Plan 269 BLTO located south of Victoria Avenue be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7357 TO CLOSE AND CONVEY A PORTION OF 20TH STREET NORTH BETWEEN BLOCK 2 AND 3 IN PLAN 229 BLTO, SOUTH OF MCGREGOR AVENUE
1ST READING

Considered was a report from the Planning and Buildings Department dated April 6, 2023 with respect to the above.

Cameron-Luebke

304 That By-law No. 7357 to close and convey a portion of 20th Street North between Block 2 and 3, Plan 229 BLTO and located south of McGregor Avenue be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Luebke

That the meeting do now adjourn. (8:05 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK