

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,
MARCH 18, 2024 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA**

PRESENT: Councillor Glen Parker In The Chair, Councillor Shawn Berry, Councillor Kris Desjarlais, Councillor Greg Hildebrand, Councillor Bruce Luebke, Councillor Jason Splett, Councillor Tyson Tame

ABSENT: Mayor Jeff Fawcett, Councillor Shaun Cameron, Councillor Barry Cullen, Councillor Heather Karrouze

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Splett-Hildebrand

790 That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, March 18, 2024 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Splett-Hildebrand

791 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Monday, March 4, 2024 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Desjarlais-Hildebrand

792 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, March 4, 2024 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) **UPDATE ON THE SOBERING CENTRE**

Shannon Saltarelli, Community Housing and Wellness Coordinator, appeared before City Council to provide an update on the Sobering Centre. She noted funds to build the Sobering Centre funds are provided by the Provincial Government, as well as the Province providing an annual operating budget of \$1.5M. The location of the Sobering Centre will be at 353 16th Street North which is also the location of the Transitional Housing Project. She indicated they are currently working with Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), the Province and the City's procurement division to create an Expression of Interest for the operator of the sobering center.

Ms. Saltarelli advised they continue to have regular meetings with the Province, CMHA, John Howard Society and other stakeholders, as we work on agreements and next steps to continue to move forward with the Sobering Centre. CMHA and the John Howard

Society are working with a local architect and engineering firm on an agreement to complete the design and work for the Sobering Centre. She concluded by indicating they are doing this work intentionally and thoughtfully for a place that will serve our community.

Desjarlais-Tame

793 That the presentation by Shannon Saltarelli with respect to an update on the Sobering Centre be received. CARRIED.

(B) RECONSTRUCTION OF 26TH STREET - PARK AVENUE TO VICTORIA AVENUE

Lindsay Hargreaves, Environmental Coordinator, and Kyle Winters, Engineering Chargehand, appeared before City Council with respect to the 26th Street reconstruction project between Park and Victoria Avenues. Ms. Hargreaves provided an overview of the project, the project focus on “Movement for All” and how the project aligns with Council’s Strategic Plan, the Climate Change Action Plan, and the City’s Greenspace Master Plan. Mr. Winters provided additional information regarding the 26th Street reconstruction between Park and Victoria Avenues highlighting excavation and replacement of underground utilities, pavement, sidewalks, as well as traffic and pedestrian signals. He noted various options for this reconstruction as well as conceptual designs for these options which include active transportation.

Hildebrand-Tame

794 That the presentation by Lindsay Hargreaves and Kyle Winters with respect to the reconstruction of 26th Street between Park and Victoria Avenues be received. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) CONTINUOUS SEWER BACK-UPS INTO HOMES ON RICHMOND AVENUE

Dennis Malowski, Richmond Avenue resident between 20th and 22nd Street, appeared before City Council with respect to continuous sewer back-up. Mr. Malowski provided a history of the frequent sewer back-ups into his residence beginning in 2015, the installation at his own cost of a back-flow valve, sump pit, and a floor drain back-flow preventer. This most recent sewer back-up on December 9th, 2023 had sewage pouring out of our basement toilet for over an hour and a half (1 ½), the damage that this caused exceeded the additional insurance coverage for his home. He noted his contact and the response provided by the Mayor and City Staff regarding the December sewer back-up. He emphasized the stress of the situation, the increased financial strain, the risk of decreased property values, and wanting to move from this location.

Mr. Malowski in closing noted that the affected residents in that area deserve to know how many times they will be inundated with sewer back-up before some action will be taken by the City to prevent the situation from reoccurring in the future, and if this information can be provided.

Hildebrand-Berry

795 That the presentation by Dennis Malowski with respect to the continuous sewer back-ups into homes on Richmond Avenue be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM & ARCHIVES INC. VERBAL MARCH 18, 2024

Councillor Splett provided a verbal report from the recent meeting of the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. (BGMA) held on March 5, 2024. He noted the main topics discussed were the financial report, the Cultural Hub BGMA grants, and saving the Brandon Sun Archives from the landfill. Councillor Splett concluded by noting the BGMA Show & Tell series with Carmen Kazakoff-Lane about "How to dig up the past without a trowel" will be held on March 23, 2024 at 2pm.

(B) BRANDON URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' COUNCIL VERBAL MARCH 18, 2024

Councillor Desjarlais provided a verbal report regarding the strategic planning process for the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council. He noted the strategic planning sessions had finished and by the end of the month the facilitator's report would provide the strategic direction for BUAPC.

Splett-Hildebrand

796 That the verbal reports of the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. and Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(135) UPDATE ON POTHOLE REPAIRS

Councillor Splett referred to the poor condition of roadways within the City of Brandon and requested an update on the progress being made on pothole repairs.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operations responded that weather fluctuations from freeze to thaw so quickly had wreaked havoc on the roadways, many of which were now riddled with potholes. Mr. Pulak confirmed that crews were working 7 days a week with both day and night shifts to address these issues as soon as possible. He advised that potholes could be reported on the website under Report an Issue as well as leaving a message on the Pothole Hotline (204) 729-2200. The General Manager also confirmed that Manitoba Infrastructure had crews in the city for pothole repairs on the Provincial Roads, inclusive of 18th Street, Richmond Avenue, 1st Street and Victoria Avenue.

Councillor Desjarlais noted that one of the worst roads was 18th Street, which fell under Provincial jurisdiction for repairs/maintenance and enquired if an agreement could be reached whereby city crews assisted with maintenance of Provincial roads within city limits and were compensated for same. Councillor Desjarlais also noted that city crews may be able to get to snow clearing on major routes such as Victoria Avenue faster than Provincial crews and enquired if this issue could be discussed with Manitoba Infrastructure as well.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operations agreed to look into potential partnerships with the Province.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LINDEN LANES COMMUNITY MEETING - MARCH 25, 2024

Councillor Berry announced that a community meeting to discuss the play structure at Olivia the Brave Park was planned for March 25, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Music Room at Linden Lanes School. Councillor Berry noted that this meeting was strictly to discuss the Park and invited interested area residents to attend.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) SIDEWALKS AND WALKING PATHS WINTER MAINTENANCE POLICY

Considered was a report from the Director of Public Works dated February 22, 2024 with respect to the above.

Splett-Tame

797 That Council approve the Winter Maintenance of Sidewalk and Walking Paths Policy as presented. CARRIED.

(B) ADOPTION OF NEW RESIDENTIAL POOLS REGULATION

City Council considered a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated March 4, 2024 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Hildebrand

798 That Council approve the Residential Pools Regulation to the Building By-law No. 7258 as presented. CARRIED.

(C) 2024 CITIZEN APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Legislative Services Department dated March 12, 2024 with respect to the above.

Splett-Desjarlais

799 That the following appointment be and is hereby made to the Planning Commission for a three-year term of office to commence April 1, 2024 and expire March 31, 2027:

Dane Kingdon CARRIED.

(D) PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD APPLICATION - APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE FOR WATER TREATMENT FACILITY EXPANSION BORROWING

Considered was a report from the Director of Finance dated March 6, 2024 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Berry

800 That the City of Brandon request approval in principle from the Public Utilities Board for the borrowing of \$15,000,000 for the purpose of upgrading and expanding the Water Treatment Facility, to be recovered through a utility rate-rider levied upon per cubic meter water consumption. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7381 TO AMEND BUILDING BY-LAW NO. 7258
2ND & 3RD READING

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated March 7, 2024 with respect to the above.

Tame-Splett

801 That By-law No. 7381 to amend the Building By-law No. 7258 for the purpose of updating content and improving enforcement of the by-law be read a second time. CARRIED.

802 Tame-Splett
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. 7381 third reading.

FOR

AGAINST

Councillor Shawn Berry
Councillor Kris Desjarlais
Councillor Greg Hildebrand
Councillor Bruce Luebke
Councillor Glen Parker
Councillor Jason Splett
Councillor Tyson Tame

NO. 7383 TO AMEND ZONING BY-LAW NO. 7124 TO ACCELERATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
1ST READING

City Council considered a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated March 7, 2024 with respect to the above.

803 Luebke-Splett
That By-law No. 7383 to amend Zoning By-Law No. 7124 to accelerate residential development across the City be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7384 TO DESIGNATE 318 - 11TH STREET AS A MUNICIPAL HERITAGE SITE
1ST READING

City Council considered a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated February 28, 2024 with respect to the above.

804 Desjarlais-Tame
That By-law No. 7384 to designate 318 - 11th Street (Lots 9, 10 and 11, Block 24, Plan 2 BLTO) as a municipal heritage site be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

ADJOURN:

Berry-Luebke

That the meeting do now adjourn. (8:14 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK