

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY,
MAY 22, 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 Barry Cullen, Councillor Kris Desjarlais, Councillor Jeff Fawcett, Councillor Jeff Harwood, Councillor John LoRegio, Councillor Glen Parker, Councillor Lonnie Patterson

ABSENT: Councillor Jan Chaboyer

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Harwood-Cullen

1384 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, May 22, 2018 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS:

(A) UPDATE ON DOWNTOWN FIRE

City Council received updates from various city departments, including the Fire Chief, the Chief of Police, the Director of Utility Services, the Director of Public Works, the Chief Building Inspector and the Director of Risk and Emergency Management on the response provided to the devastating fire that ravaged the downtown over the past weekend.

It was noted that the fire began around Noon on Saturday, May 19, 2018 in the Christies Office Plus building located at 7th Street and Pacific Avenue. Strong winds carried embers across the street to the roof of Massey Manor building and the neighbouring structure to the east which housed Collyer's Sales and Service, the Brandon Boxing Club and Kazic Contracting. Residents of Massey Manor were evacuated to Westman Immigration Services. The fire also jumped over to the beer vendor and former nightclub located on Rosser Avenue. The Christies' Building and the beer vendor and night club were destroyed in the fire and the structure in the 600 Block of Pacific Avenue suffered significant damage.

Brandon Fire and Emergency Services personnel were assisted by the Souris-Glenwood, Oakland-Wawanesa and CFB Shilo fire departments along with crews from Manitoba Hydro and Office of the Fire Commissioner. A total of 65 firefighters were involved in the firefighting efforts.

The fire response required an increase in water pressure in the distribution system and water production was ramped up to accommodate the needs. Water production was doubled allowing maintenance of water pressure throughout the entire distribution system. Approximately 38 million litres of water were used to fight the fires.

Massey Manor was inspected by the Office of the Fire Commissioner and the City's Building Inspection Services. Any hazardous situations with damaged bricks, facades and ceilings were being addressed in order that residents could return briefly to the building on Friday, May 25 to retrieve personal documents.

The City of Brandon Emergency Services Team was activated on Saturday afternoon. One Hundred and Seventy-seven initial evacuees from Massey Manor were registered at the Victoria Inn. Lodging, meals and other necessary municipal services have been provided by the City of Brandon and will continue the evacuation response until the Province of Manitoba can provide a longer term housing solution.

(B) CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR'S LONG SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARD - ROD SAGE

His Worship Mayor Chrest extended congratulations to City Manager Rod Sage for his recognition from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrator's for his 15 years of service in municipal government in a management capacity.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Parker-LoRegio

1385 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, May 7, 2018 be taken as read and corrected, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Councillor Patterson noted that the NDP Convention noted in the announcement regarding the presentation of the Solidarity Award to Councillor Chaboyer took place in Brandon, and not in Winnipeg as noted in the Minutes. The City Clerk confirmed that the correction would be made.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) PAUL ZIESMANN - TEAM-UP TO CLEAN-UP TROPHY

Paul Ziesmann, representative of the Brandon Environmental Committee, appeared before City Council with respect to the Tidy-Up Tuesday kick-off event held May 15, 2018 at Princess Park and the presentation of the Team-Up to Clean-Up Trophy. Mr. Ziesmann stated the event was a great success and over 80 individuals participated, which was an increase over the previous year. Mr. Ziesmann encouraged businesses in the City to participate in the Tidy-Up Tuesday campaign and presented the trophy to Councillor Parker as this year's winner for the most ward participants in the event.

Berry-Brown

1386 That the presentation by Paul Ziesmann with respect to the presentation of the Team-Up to Clean-Up Trophy be received. CARRIED.

(B) ERIN GOBEIL AND CHRIS HEIDE – ECO DAY IN MAY

Chris Heide, Brandon Environment Committee and Erin Gobeil, Global Market appeared before City Council regarding the 4th annual Eco Day in May which would be held on Saturday, May 26, 2018 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. It was noted that this event partnered with the Global Market and was family friendly starting with a Fair Trade pancake breakfast. Ms. Gobeil stated this was a great way to kick off the start of the Global Market and thanked City Council for the opportunity to share the event.

Patterson-Brown

1387 That the presentation by Erin Gobeil and Chris Heide with respect to Eco Day in May be received. CARRIED.

(C) JANIS EVANS AND CYNAMON MYCHASIW, UNITED WAY OF BRANDON AND DISTRICT - UPCOMING PROJECTS

Janis Evans and Cynamon Mychasiw on behalf of the United Way appeared before City Council with respect to the upcoming Day of Caring. Ms. Evans shared that the Day of Caring was a United Way initiative that demonstrated the power of volunteering and occurred in communities around the world each and every year. Ms. Mychasiw advised that the community centres had been contacted regarding a wish list of items that needed to be repaired and that on Friday, May 25, 2018, many skilled volunteers with the United Way would be spending the Day of Caring at the West End Community Centre completing many of the tasks on their wish list. She further stated that over the next few weeks efforts would continue to fulfill the three other community centre's wish lists.

Patterson-Desjarlais

1388 That the presentation by Janis Evans and Cynamon Mychasiw with respect to the upcoming projects of the United Way of Brandon and District be received. CARRIED.

(D) DARRYL WOLSKI AND JODY SASS - COMMUNITY EVENT DESIGNATION FOR FOOD TRUCK WARZ

Darryl Wolski and Jody Sass appeared before City Council with respect to Food Truck Warz. Mr. Wolski shared the success of the event in 2017 and noted that they had been approached with the idea of holding the event downtown in Princess Park in 2018. Mr. Wolski stated the park would allow the event to grow from 18 food trucks in 2017 to 25. In addition, Wonder Shows, a carnival which would be on the grounds. He advised that the event would be held on September 14 - 16, 2018 and requested the event be designated a Community Event by City Council.

Desjarlais-Harwood

1389 That the presentation by Darryl Wolski and Jody Sass with respect to Community Event Designation for the Food Truck Warz be received. CARRIED.

Desjarlais-Harwood

1390 That the 2nd Annual Food Truck Warz to be held September 14-16, 2018 in Princess Park be hereby designated as a Community Event in the City of Brandon. CARRIED.

(E) DARRYL WOLSKI AND GRAHAM HARVEY - STIHL TIMBERSPORTS CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2020

Darryl Wolski and Graham Harvey appeared before City Council regarding the opportunity to host the Stihl Timbersports Canadian Championship in 2020. Mr. Wolski advised that private sponsorship had been obtained to cover approximately 60% of expenses, and he had applied for an accommodation tax grant to cover the remainder of the costs.

Mr. Harvey stated the event would bring many individuals to Brandon over the Championship duration and would be a great opportunity for the city. He stated that the promotion created from the event through TSN coverage and the Canadian Sports Tourism Alliance went well beyond the room nights generated.

Desjarlais-LoRegio

1391 That the presentation by Darryl Wolski and Graham Harvey with respect to the Stihl Timbersports Canadian Championship 2020 be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF WALKWAY IN 1700 BLOCK OF 9TH STREET

Laurie Unruh and Heather Thompson appeared before City Council with respect to the proposed construction of a walkway in the 1700 Block of 9th Street. They expressed concerns that the walkway would have a negative effect on their properties and impact the ability to park in their driveways. Ms. Unruh enquired more information could be provided on that actual location of the walkway and how snow removal, drainage, safety and parking concerns would be addressed.

His Worship the Mayor advised that a public neighbourhood meeting could be held to provide further information to the area residents.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nil

ENQUIRIES:

(297) IMPACT OF DOWNTOWN FIRE ON ACCESS TO PARKING LOTS FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Councillor LoRegio noted that many of the businesses in the area of the fire on the weekend were unable to access their parking lots and enquired if adjustments to parking meters could be made for staff to park during the day.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Brandon Police Service and the Meter Shop were working together to resolve this issue as soon as possible. He advised that possible solutions included bagging the meters or removing meter heads altogether to allow staff from those businesses to park all day without being ticketed. The City Manager confirmed that a full report on how this issue was resolved would be provided in the very near future but assured Councillor LoRegio that the matter would be addressed quickly.

(298) UPDATE ON DALY OVERPASS REPLACEMENT

Councillor Harwood noted that an Open House had been held in December 2017 with respect to the concept choices for the replacement of the Daly Overpass. He enquired if any further information was available.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the preliminary design process was near completion and Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation was expected to provide an update to Stakeholders in the near future.

(299) COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENTS AT INTERSECTION OF 34TH STREET AND VICTORIA AVENUE

Councillor Harwood enquired what was left to be completed on the improvements to the intersection of 34th Street and Victoria Avenue and when the work on same was expected to begin.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the main items to be finished up included the installation of lighting, concrete work in the medians, restorations to sidewalks and walking paths as well as landscaping. He confirmed that the Engineering Department had been advised by Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation and the contractor that work was expected to begin May 29, 2018.

(300) REQUEST FOR CROSSWALK AT 24TH STREET AND ROSSER AVENUE

Councillor Harwood noted that increased pedestrian traffic around the 24th Street and Victoria Avenue Intersection was causing safety concerns. He enquired if the installation of a crosswalk at that intersection could be considered.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that, in the interest of safety, crosswalk signs had been ordered and would be installed as soon as possible.

(301) IMPROVEMENTS TO CROSSWALK AT 34TH STREET AND LAKEVIEW DRIVE

Councillor Berry noted that safety concerns with respect to increased pedestrian and vehicle traffic as well as the speed of traffic in the area continued to be an issue at the intersection of 34th Street and Lakeview Drive. He requested that a traffic study be conducted prior to the end of June, the speed limit be reduced from 60 km/h to 50 km/h and the installation of a pedestrian crosswalk complete with lights and signage be considered for this intersection.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that a study of traffic and pedestrian counts will be conducted prior to the end of the 2017/2018 School Year. He advised that the speed data would be collected and assessed by the Engineering Department prior to their submitting an application for a speed reduction to the Highway Traffic Board of Manitoba. The City Manager confirmed that an update to Councillor Berry's enquiry would be provided at the July 16, 2018 City Council Meeting.

(302) COMPLETION OF GREEN SPACE IN BROOKWOOD MEADOW NORTH OF 21 AND 23 SOUTHVIEW DRIVE

Councillor Berry advised that there continued to be drainage issues in the low area north of 21 and 23 Southview Drive in the Brookwood Meadow Subdivision. He enquired if this area could be landscaped as soon as possible.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the landscaping completed following the installation of a French Drain in 2016 had created this low point. He confirmed that a topographic survey of the area would be completed within the next 2 weeks, the results of which would be used by staff to properly landscape the area.

(303) CITY EMPLOYEES WORKING ON STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

Councillor Berry stated that he had observed city staff dropping off green bins in his neighborhood on the Victoria Day Monday. He enquired why staff were brought in and paid overtime to perform these types of jobs that could be done during regular hours.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that, with the summer being the busy season, the Sanitation Section maintained regular hours on Statutory Holidays. He confirmed that the temporary staff scheduled to work at the Landfill were expected to perform other tasks such as delivering and emptying bins when the Landfill was not busy. The City Manager confirmed that these staff were paid their regular wage plus a stat premium for the hours they worked to ensure sanitation services were available during Holidays.

(304) INTERSECTION OF MCDONALD AVENUE AND STICKNEY AVENUE

Councillor Desjarlais advised that the property located at 1645 Stickney Avenue has been damaged numerous times due to vehicles turning north off McDonald and Stickney Avenues. He suggested that a three-way stop may be an effective measure to slow traffic. He enquired if possible solutions to the problem at this intersection could be investigated.

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

(305) IMPROVEMENTS TO CROSSWALK AT 15TH STREET AND PRINCESS AVENUE

Councillor Desjarlais enquired if improvements to the Crosswalk at 15th Street and Princess Avenue, inclusive of lights and signage could be considered. He also enquired if signage cautioning vehicles to slow down (children playing) in the vicinity of Stanley Park which was also close to this intersection.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SOUTH CENTRE WARD MEETING - MAY 23, 2018

Councillor Patterson announced that a South Centre Ward Meeting would be held Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Central Community Centre. She advised that agenda items included the October 24, 2018 Civic Election, 2018/2019 Budget overview and any other community concerns. Councillor Patterson confirmed that City Administration would be in attendance.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) ACCOMMODATION TAX GRANT APPEAL – STIHL TIMBERSPORTS
CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2020

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Economic Development dated April 30, 2018 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Parker

1392 That a grant of \$3,150 be provided to Bdn.MB to host the 2020 Stihl Timbersports Canadian Championship in Brandon with said funds to be transferred from the Accommodation Tax Reserve to the Tourism Initiatives operating cost centre. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Chrest-Desjarlais

1393 That the motion be amended by deleting the figure: "\$3,150" and substituting therefor the figure: "\$20,000". LOST.

(B) ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY

City Council considered a report from the City Engineer dated May 10, 2018 with respect to the above.

Parker-Cullen

1394 That the Asset Management Policy attached to the report of the City Engineer dated May 11, 2018 be adopted. CARRIED.

(C) TENDER - CONTRACT C PAVING WORKS

Considered was a report from the Utility Services Department dated May 14, 2018 with respect to the above.

LoRegio-Brown

1395 That the bid from Zenith Paving Ltd. to carry out 2018 Contract C - Paving Works as per tender and specifications at a cost of \$1,780,897.35 (exclusive of GST) be accepted. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7208 TO REZONE 1700 - 30TH STREET FROM DR DEVELOPMENT RESERVE TO RSD RESIDENTIAL SINGLE DETACHED, RLD RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY, AND OS OPEN SPACE ZONES

Considered was a report from the Planning, Property and Buildings Department dated May 14, 2018 with respect to the above.

1396 Berry-LoRegio
That By-law No. 7208 to rezone property located at 1700 - 30th Street (Lots 1 to 48, Block 16, Plan 291 BLTO) from Development Reserve (DR) to Residential Single Detached (RSD), Residential Low Density (RLD) and Open Space (OS) zoning districts be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Patterson
That the meeting do now adjourn (9:39 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK