

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA**

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**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

It was noted that in accordance with Section 109 of Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillor K. Desjarlais participated in the meeting electronically.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Parker-LoRegio  
722 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held Monday, June 1, 2020 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Cameron-Chaboyer  
723 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on May 11, 2020 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

**HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:**

Nil

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:**

Nil

**HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:**

Nil

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) KEYSTONE CENTRE VERBAL JUNE 1, 2020

Councillor Luebke provided an overview of the Keystone Centre's completed operational projects and the potential to host events either indoors or outdoors following the proper physical distancing and group numbers stated by Public Health. Councillor Luebke stated the Keystone Centre had held its first event in the facility, being a small meeting with proper physical distancing measures in place. In closing he added that the Manitoba 150 project was going ahead as planned.

(B) POVERTY COMMITTEE VERBAL JUNE 1, 2020

Councillor Luebke provided an overview of the recent virtual meeting held May 12, 2020. He stated Cynamon Mychasiw from United Way Brandon and Barbara McNish from Samaritan House provided an update on their organizations and, specifically, their activities and challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, the Committee discussed the City's plan to updated the Affordable Housing By-law, the Municipal Grant funding and the restrooms at Princess Park.

(C) BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM & ARCHIVES LTD. VERBAL JUNE 1, 2020

Councillor Cameron advised the museum was currently closed and would be re-opening in July. He added although the museum was closed, staff had been busy working on a new display for the re-opening which would present the past history of Mayors and Councils for the City of Brandon. In addition, a display of Remarkable Women in Manitoba would be available for viewing. He concluded that Taxidermy Talks had started online on the social media platforms, which involved an employee describing and presenting items on display in the museum. He concluded the museum's Facebook page had received a record 1300 views in the past month with an increase in Twitter and Instagram followers.

Fawcett-Luebke

724 That the reports from the Keystone Centre, the Poverty Committee and the Brandon General Museum & Archives be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(116) COMMUNICATION TO RESIDENTS

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Councillor Luebke referred to recent delays in the sanitation and street sweeping schedules and noted that the public had not been made aware of the delays. He enquired as to any policies or guidelines with respect to notification to residents on delayed schedules and suggested improvements to overall communication with residents was needed.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that many methods of communication to residents, inclusive of the website and social media, was used when work is scheduled and planned. He advised that when unexpected breakdowns or delays happened after hours same are communicated to residents through social media. Mr. Hammond conceded that social media was not conducive to informing all residents and agreed to follow up further with departments on ensuring these types of delays are communicated to all residents in a timely manner.

(117) SANITATION PICK-UP OF BULKY ITEMS

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Councillor Luebke advised that he had received numerous complaints recently with respect to bulky items being left in the back lanes for sanitation pick-up. He enquired how the Sanitation Department dealt with this issue when residents had not purchased a bulky item tag, and further, if the situation had changed in recent weeks when tags were not available for purchase.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the Sanitation Department provided frequent clean-up of areas where large items were abandoned on City of Brandon property. He advised that should items be left on private property, By-law Enforcement was notified to deal with the situation as staff were not permitted to remove items from private property. Mr. Hammond confirmed that both the Civic Services Complex and City Hall were now reopened and encouraged residents to purchase tags and arrange for pick-up of unwanted items. He advised residents to refer to the website for further information on this service.

(118) ROAD REPAIR AT INTERSECTION OF 26TH STREET AND RICHMOND AVENUE

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Councillor Berry advised that a large hole at the southwest corner of the intersection of 26th Street and Richmond Avenue was continually being filled with base and enquired when this hole was expected to be permanently repaired.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that this location was a top priority for repairs and with the local asphalt plant re-opened as of today, the work was expected to be completed by the end of this week.

(119) DAMAGE TO GREENSPACE ON SOUTHSIDE OF AURORA CRESCENT

Councillor Berry referred to damage to the greenspace on the south side of Aurora Crescent caused by a City of Brandon truck and enquired when same was expected to be repaired.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the ground in this area had remained softer longer than expected, however, same was expected to be dry enough to commence work in the coming weeks. Mr. Hammond confirmed that reduced staffing and budget constraints due to COVID-19 had caused delays in the completion of some spring projects.

(120) SUMMER GRASS CUTTING

Councillor Berry noted that only the street meridians were being cut in the southwest part of the, not the city boulevards along walking paths and sidewalks. He enquired as to the reasons for same and whether or not this was expected to be the normal for grass cutting this summer.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that a shortage of experienced staff had caused a delay in the completion of the scheduled work and hence, areas had been prioritized based on grass length and what the machines were able to cut. He assured everyone that, although schedules had been adjusted and services may not be as prompt as in the past, staff remained committed to keeping greenspaces, parks and trees in good condition.

Councillor Berry noted that Administration had been directed to call back some laid off staff in an effort to catch up on this and other seasonal work in the City of Brandon and enquired when this was expected to happen. He further enquired how the issue of grass being too long for the mowers was being addressed.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that some experienced staff had already returned to work and that more were expected to return in the near future. Regarding the issue of the grass being too long to cut with the mowers, the Acting General Manager of Operations responded that adjustments were being made to ensure the mowers were more efficient.

(121) CITY MANAGER COMPETITION

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Councillor Berry requested an update from the Personnel Committee with respect to the competition for the hiring of a new City Manager.

His Worship the Mayor responded that many Human Resources competitions, inclusive of the City Manager's replacement, had been delayed due to COVID-19. His Worship confirmed that the Committee would meet in the near future, with a report and recommendation to City Council on this issue to be presented in due course.

(122) BACK LANE DUST CONTROL - ELVISS CRESCENT AND MCDONALD AVENUE

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Councillor LoRegio advised that the back lane south of Elviss Crescent as well as along McDonald Avenue was in need of dust control and enquired if same could be sprayed down as soon as possible.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting General Manager of Operations responded that back lane maintenance was continuing on schedule and confirmed that the calcium applications were expected to be completed in the near future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK - BEE CITY COMMITTEE CONTEST

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Councillor Chaboyer announced that the upcoming National Pollinator week would be held June 22-28, 2020 and reminded Council that Brandon was designated a Bee City in the Spring of 2018 by Bee City Canada, the first city in Manitoba to receive that designation. She noted a committee had been struck to provide education to citizens and create natural habitats for native bees species. Councillor Chaboyer announced that the committee had launched an official bee contest, Bee vs. Bee vs. Bee. She encouraged Brandonites to visit Bee City Brandon's Facebook page throughout the month of June. The page would provide a link to an educational section on the three bees that were selected for the contest and from there, citizens would choose a bee. Once the contest closes the bee with the most votes would be declared Brandon's Bee.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) SALE OF PORTION OF 400 - 17TH STREET NORTH

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City Council considered a report from the Director of Planning & Buildings dated May 27, 2020 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Luebke

725 That the subdivided portion of 400 - 17th Street North (approximately 509.25 m2 portion of Lot 2 Plan 325) be reclassified under the Land Inventory Listing from Civic Lands (Fully Developed) to Surplus Lands (Non-developable). CARRIED.

Desjarlais-Cullen

726 That the sale of subdivided portion of 400 - 17th Street North (approximately 509.25 m2 portion of Lot 2 Plan 325) for the policy value of \$37,833, plus GST, and consolidation with the property at 415 - 18th Street be approved, whereby said funds shall be deposited into the Land Acquisition Reserve. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7274 TO AMEND THE EAST BRANDON INDUSTRIAL AREA SECONDARY PLAN BY-LAW NO. 7209

Considered was a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated April 16, 2020 with respect to the above.

Chaboyer-Cameron

727 That By-law No. 7274 to amend the East Brandon Industrial Area Secondary Plan be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7275 TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1504 – 10TH STREET FROM RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY TO RESIDENTIAL MODERATE DENSITY

Submitted was a report from the Director of Planning & Building dated May 11, 2020 with respect to the above.

Brown-Parker

728 That By-law No. 7275 to rezone property located at 1504 - 10th Street from Residential Low Density (RLD) zone to Residential Moderate Density (RMD) zone be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7276 TO NAME STREETS IN THE BELLAFIELD DEVELOPMENT AS ALLISON WAY AND FERRARO DRIVE, AND EXTEND HANLON CRESCENT TO THE WEST, CONTINUING TO CHIPPERFIELD DRIVE

City Council considered a report from the Director of Planning & Buildings dated May 16, 2020 with respect to the above.

Berry-Luebke

729 That By-Law No. 7276, to extend Hanlon Crescent to the west, continuing to Chipperfield Drive, to name the north/south street located within Hanlon Crescent as "Allison Way" and to name the street located southeast of Chipperfield Drive as "Ferraro Drive", be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

That the meeting do now adjourn (7:42 p.m.) CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK