

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020 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 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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Cullen-Cameron
742 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held Monday, July 13, 2020 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Cameron-Chaboyer
743 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on June 15, 2020 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Luebke-Brown
744 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held on June 29, 2020 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) MATT BOLLEY AND JEFF SCHUMACHER - KEYSTONE CENTRE FINANCIAL SITUATION AND PROJECTIONS

Matt Bolley, Keystone Centre Chair of the Board of Directors, and Jeff Schumacher, Keystone Centre CEO and General Manager, appeared before City Council to provide an update on the financial situation and projections for the Keystone Centre.

Mr. Bolley provided an update on the impacts of COVID-19 on the Keystone Centre with booking and revenue losses, the financial response to mitigate these effects, and how the Keystone will move forward. He indicated current lost revenues of \$1.7m and projected loss in revenues to the end of the year.

Mr. Schumacher spoke to the events that were cancelled in 2020, and the health restrictions that hindered events. He indicated the efforts had been taken to reduced expenses and utilize the support offered by the Canadian Emergency Wage subsidy. He outlined the reopening plan for the Keystone with increased investment in safety protocols in anticipation of indoor capacity restrictions being lifted.

Mr. Bolley concluded by going over the financial projections for the Keystone to the end of December 2020 and into the new year. He thanked Council for the opportunity to present and their ongoing support.

Parker-Luebke

745 That the presentation by Matt Bolley and Jeff Schumacher with respect to an update on the Keystone Centre financial situation and projections be received. CARRIED.

(B) WENDY BULLOCH AND ALICIA GAWAZIUK - IMPACT OF RECENT FLOODS ON RESIDENTS IN LINDEN LANES WARD

Ms. Wendy Bulloch and Ms. Alicia Gawaziuk, appeared before City Council with respect to the impact of recent floods on residents in the Linden Lanes Ward. Ms. Bulloch indicated in the past 15 years residents on Evergreen Boulevard, Willowdale Crescent, Silver Birch Drive and Forest Boulevard had their basements flood 3 separate times.

Ms. Gawaziuk spoke to preventative measures residents in the area had taken to mitigate flooding such as installing sewer back-up valves, sump pumps and back-up battery systems, purchasing generators, or landscaping to create water run-off away from building foundations. In 2014, additional drains were added on Forest Boulevard, Elmdale Boulevard and Silver Birch Drive, which flowed through one pipe to the drainage ditch.

Ms. Bulloch stated concerns over maintenance of the drainage ditch and this situation reoccurring and enquired about what the City would be doing to resolve the issue.

Berry-Cameron

746 That the presentation by Wendy Bulloch and Alicia Gawaziuk with respect to the impact of recent floods on residents in Linden Lanes Ward be received. CARRIED.

(C) BRIAN KAYES - UPDATE ON SIGNIFICANT RAIN EVENT AND IMPACT ON CITY OF BRANDON

Brian Kayes, Director of Risk and Emergency Management appeared before City Council to provide an update on the significant rain event and its impact on the City of Brandon.

Mr. Kayes advised on June 28, 2020, Brandon received approximately 155mm of rain which caused flooding of streets, ditches and properties resulting in hundreds of homes and businesses with water damage. He noted that during the storm the Brandon Police Service had activated the siren system in response to tornado warnings from Environment Canada and observations of rotating clouds over Brandon.

Mr. Kayes noted rain continued during the following days with major impacts to the Little Saskatchewan River Basin. On July 1, 2020, the Province indicated concerns about the Rivers Dam and that it may experience a failure due to a record volume of water it had received. He noted that if the dam were to fail, the expected water level to arrive in Brandon would approach the top of the dikes and would last approximately 12 hours before returning to a lower level. By the evening of July 1st, a leaflet had been hand-delivered to residents and businesses located in the risk zones on both sides of the Assiniboine River, informing them to prepare to evacuate if called upon should a total failure of the Rivers dam occur.

Mr. Kayes stated on July 2nd the Assiniboine River peaked at 1174.5 feet above sea level, and the plug in the Grand Valley Dyke was installed. From the peak on July 2nd until July 13th, the river level had decreased, and the dike was sufficiently high enough to contain a surge of water. He noted the risk of imminent failure at the Rivers Dam had reduced, and advised that a measure of concern remained with the dam. He indicated as a measure of caution, those 720 residences and 60 businesses remained on evacuation readiness alert and that the Grand Valley Plug would remain in place for the next few weeks.

Mr. Kayes indicated the method of notifying those in the risk zone would be activation of the siren system, notifications through local media, Police warning tweets, and the City's social media platforms, as well as door-to-door notifications. He concluded by noting when the Emergency Response Team was made aware there was no longer a threat to the City, the public would be advised.

Cameron-Chaboyer

747 That the presentation by Brian Kayes with respect to an update on the significant rain event and its impact on the City of Brandon be received. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

Nil

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nil

ENQUIRIES:

(132) MOSQUITO ABATEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Councillor LoRegio advised that he had received numerous complaints from residents with respect to the increased number of mosquitos. He enquired when the traps were last checked and what the numbers had been, he also enquired what the trap numbers had to be before fogging was undertaken.

Councillor Parker noted that it was apparent that fogging would be completed in the near future and enquired as to the regulations with respect to buffer zones.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, Manager of Parks, Bryce Wilson responded that, in preparation for tonight's meeting and due to the large mosquito population evident in the City of Brandon, counts had been conducted earlier in the day. Mr. Wilson confirmed that there were in excess of 1,000 mosquitos trapped per day per trap on average and that fogging was to begin overnight Wednesday, July 15, 2020, weather permitting.

Regarding Councillor Parker's enquiry with respect to the buffer zone regulations Mr. Wilson responded that the Province of Manitoba regulated the provision of a 90-metre buffer zone for residents who wished to be excluded from the fogging program and hence, the City of Brandon was unable to circumvent same without permission from the Province of Manitoba. Mr. Wilson confirmed that there were currently 12 properties registered as buffer zones and with the fogging planned for Wednesday evening residents were able to register until Wednesday at 12:00 Noon.

Councillor Cameron enquired as to the product being used and the effectiveness of same.

Mr. Wilson responded that the Province of Manitoba had moved to the use of an insecticide called DeltaGard 20EW for wide area mosquito control. He noted that, although the product had not yet been used in Brandon, the City of Winnipeg had found it to be very effective and advised that there was a reduced risk to the environment, other insects and the public compared to malathion.

The Manager of Parks advised that a Public Notice was to be sent out Tuesday morning with the details of the fogging and referred residents to the website for all information regarding mosquito fogging inclusive of an information sheet on DeltaGard 20EW. He confirmed that adulticiding, mosquito counts and data collection was to be discussed at weekly meetings and agreed to keep City Council updated on any new developments in this area.

The Acting City Manager reminded City Council that no funds had been allocated in the City of Brandon 2020 Budget for mosquito fogging. He requested that City Council authorize Administration to expend up to \$200,000 for mosquito fogging in the City of Brandon.

Cullen-Desjarlais

748 That authority be granted to expend up to \$200,000 from the 2020 Operating budget for mosquito fogging. CARRIED.

(133) SOCCER LEAGUE UPDATE

Councillor Chaboyer advised that the increased number of games being held at the soccer field in the Green Acres Ward was causing concerns for residents. She noted that she had met with the Director of Parks and Recreation Services recently to discuss the possibility of spreading the games out throughout the City of Brandon and requested an update on the status of those discussions.

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

(134) OVERLAND FLOODING ISSUES IN THE GREEN ACRES WARD - MEETING WITH ENGINEERING TO ADDRESS DRAINAGE PLAN

Councillor Chaboyer advised that the Green Acres Ward had been hit hard by overland flooding following the recent heavy rainfall. She noted that this was a perpetual problem particularly for residences close to the Richmond Avenue and 1st Street Intersection. She enquired if a meeting between area residents and the Engineering Department could be arranged to discuss potential solutions to these drainage issues.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager agreed that a meeting would be arranged as soon as possible.

His Worship the Mayor stated that there were drainage issues in all areas of the City of Brandon, particularly when there was extremely heavy rainfall as was the case recently. His Worship agreed that an overall review of drainage throughout the City of Brandon was necessary, however, it was important to start with known problem areas first.

(135) DRAINAGE ISSUES WILLOWDALE DITCH, 26TH STREET DITCH BEHIND BRANDON AVENUE AND MCDONAD AVENUE AND 30TH STREET

Councillor Berry advised that the Willowdale ditch running west of 34th Street was draining at an extremely slow rate with water remaining at a dangerously high level. He enquired if a portable pump could be installed to move the water across 34th Street towards the 22nd Street Basin.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the water level in the ditch had receded over the last few days. Mr. Hammond confirmed that the possibility of increasing the size of overflow culvert would be considered, in the meantime, as soon as the water level was low enough, any debris or sediment that had settled in the pond would be removed to assist with the flow of water.

Further to this issue, Councillor Berry commented that the water level had gone down since he raised this enquiry, however, regular maintenance was necessary to ensure water flowed freely at all times.

Councillor LoRegio advised that the same issues were occurring in the 26th Street drainage ditch behind Brandon Avenue. He enquired if this area could be regularly maintained as well.

Further to the issue of drainage, Councillor Cameron advised that the area of 30th Street and McDonald Avenue was also a problem area following the recent rains. Councillor Cameron noted that this intersection had essentially become the drainage ditch following the recent heavy rains with many residences north of McDonald Avenue being flooded as a result of same.

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

(136) POTENTIAL SECOND EGRESS FROM HAMILTON HEIGHTS

Councillor Fawcett referred to the recent road washout on Braecrest Drive west of 18th Street and noted this was the only entrance and exit available for residents of Hamilton Heights. He requested an update on the potential for a second egress from Hamilton Heights.

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

(137) CHALLENGES IN THE DOWNTOWN & SOUTH CENTRE WARD

Councillor Desjarlais advised that there were challenges in the Downtown area with respect to cleanliness, loitering and public safety. He noted that Helping Hands as well as many of the restaurants were only offering takeout and as such many of the containers were being left strewn around causing an eyesore for residents. He enquired if these issues could be addressed in the near future.

Councillor Luebke advised that many of these issues were being experienced in the South Centre Ward as well, specifically in the 700 Block of 10th Street, and enquired if this area could be looked at as well.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that he had received Councillor Desjarlais' email regarding these issues and a meeting was scheduled for next week to discuss these issues. He agreed to report back to City Council with the results of those discussions and provide an update on potential solutions to these challenges.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

EXTENSION OF 2021 GRANT APPLICATIONS

Councillor Luebke announced that the Grants Review Committee had decided to extend the deadline for the 2021 Municipal Grant applications from June 30 to July 31, 2020.

ADJUSTMENT TO MUSIC IN THE PARKS PROGRAM

Councillor Desjarlais announced that the Parks & Recreation Department had made adjustments to the Music in the Parks Program by partnering with WCGTv. The concerts would be held in studio and aired live on Tuesdays evenings starting Tuesday July 14, 2020 with encore shows on Thursdays at 10:00 am and Saturdays at 2:30 pm on channel 1112 HD and channel 12 SD. He added that further information and schedule of acts could be found on WCGTv's website at www.westmancom.com.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) POLICY TO ESTABLISH SPEED LIMIT ZONES

Considered was a report from Engineering Services dated June 23, 2020 with respect to the above.

Berry-Cameron

749 That the Policy and Procedure to Establish Speed Limit Zones attached to the report of the Traffic and Transportation Planner dated June 23, 2020 be adopted. CARRIED.

(B) QUOTATION - SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF FLOORING AT LIBRARY ARTS BUILDING

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Acting Director of Public Work dated July 8, 2020 with respect to the above.

Brown-Desjarlais

750 That the low bid submitted by Jenkins Flooring for the Library & Elevator Area Flooring at a cost of \$104,756.15 (net of GST), and the low bid submitted by Jacobson Commercial Ltd. for the Art Gallery Flooring at a cost of \$83,896.93 (net of GST), as per the Quotation and Specifications be approved;

and further that the additional funding requirement of \$19,300 be approved to be expended from the Library Arts Building Reserve. CARRIED.

(C) DISASTER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Considered was a report from the Director of Risk and Emergency Management dated July 6, 2020 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Luebke

751 WHEREAS the City of Brandon took measures to protect residents and businesses from the significant rainfall, ensuing flood threat and potential dam failure;

AND WHEREAS the capacity of the City of Brandon storm drainage system was exceeded and caused damage to property;

AND WHEREAS the Assiniboine River did exceed floodstage and threatened property;

AND WHEREAS the Little Saskatchewan River did exceed floodstage and threatened property;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization be requested to provide disaster financial assistance to the City of Brandon and its citizens. CARRIED.

(D) TENDER - 34TH STREET EXTENSION FROM PACIFIC AVENUE TO MCDONALD AVENUE

City Council considered a report from the Acting Director of Engineering Services dated July 9, 2020 with respect to the above.

Cullen-Cameron

752 That the low bid from Tri-Wave Construction Ltd. to carry out the 34th Street Extension from Pacific Avenue to McDonald Avenue as per tender and specifications at a cost of \$1,906,080.87 (net of GST) be accepted. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7254 TO REZONE PART OF 1501 MORELAND AVENUE FROM DEVELOPMENT RESERVE TO RESIDENTIAL MOBILE/MODULAR HOME AND PARKS AND RECREATION ZONES

Considered was a report from the Legislative Services Department dated February 13, 2020 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Cameron

753 That By-law No. 7254 to rezone part of 1501 Moreland Avenue (Parcels 1/2, Plan 1694 BLTO) from Development Reserve (DR) to Residential Mobile/Modular Home (RMH) and Parks and Recreation (PR) zones be read a third and final time. CARRIED.

FOR

Mayor Rick Chrest
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

AGAINST

Nil

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

That the meeting do now adjourn (10:13 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK