

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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

It was noted that in accordance with Section 109 of Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillors Berry, Brown and LoRegio participated in the meeting electronically.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

784 Cullen-Luebke
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held Monday, September 21, 2020 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

785 Cameron-Chaboyer
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on September 8, 2020 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) NANCY MCPHERSON AND SUSAN BOYACHEK – AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Nancy McPherson, co-chair, and Susan Boyachek, committee member of the Age Friendly Brandon Committee, appeared before City Council to provide an overview of the goals and accomplishments of Age Friendly Brandon. Ms. McPherson provided an overview of the Age Friendly movement by the World Health Organization in 2006 to create communities worldwide to enable people of all ages to actively participate in community life and ensure respect regardless of age. She indicated the Age Friendly Brandon Committee of Council was created in 2008 and over the past number of years, had conducted community consultations, delivered workshops, completed several focused assessments and developed an Action Plan.

She stated that in October there would be a launch of Age Friendly web page on the City of Brandon website with information about the Age Friendly Brandon Committee, their activities, goals, accomplishments, and the 2020-2021 Action Plan with additional resource links. She encouraged Council members and the public to visit the website and access these pages.

Ms. McPherson also noted October 1st was the International Day of Older Persons and the National Seniors Day in Canada and that the Age Friendly Brandon would be launching an easy access Telephone Information Line to connect people to information to local activities and community resources.

In conclusion, Ms. McPherson indicated that the Age Friendly Brandon was committed to reviewing and consulting with various City Departments to ensure age friendly principles were considered in all municipal planning processes and policy development.

Luebke-Chaboyer

786 That the presentation by Nancy McPherson and Susan Boyachek with respect to an update on the Age Friendly Committee be received. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

Nil

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) JOHN SIMPSON – ROSSER AVENUE NAME CHANGE

John Simpson, appeared before City Council with respect to a proposed name change for Rosser Avenue. He noted that Rosser Avenue was named after Thomas Lafayette Rosser as he was instrumental in Brandon's establishment while working as a railroad construction engineer for the Canadian Pacific Railroad. He noted that Thomas Rosser was also a US Confederate Army Major General who fought for the preservation of slavery and should no longer be honoured with the name of one of Brandon's main streets. He noted other citizens were campaigning for the removal of statues or requesting the renaming of streets and schools within other similar cities across Canada and the United States for similar reasons.

In conclusion, Mr. Simpson indicated that changing street names would not erase history, but replacing or changing the name to a more worthy symbol better reflected the caring, diverse and inclusive nature of our community.

Cameron-Chaboyer

787 That the presentation by John Simpson with respect to a proposed name change for Rosser Avenue be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) POVERTY COMMITTEE VERBAL SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

Councillor Luebke provided a verbal report from the meeting of the Poverty Committee held on September 16, 2020. He noted the committee was focusing on hosting an information session on universal basic income, partnering to develop a community indicator system webpage, and working on the Brandon Collaborative Initiative. He indicated the committee would continue to communicate with the Province of Manitoba in regards to private and non-profit organizations managing Manitoba Housing and the impact on potential and current tenants.

Councillor Luebke concluded by indicating concerns were raised regarding the COVID-19 pandemic with the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit ending, and the effect on the Safe and Warm Shelter should any of these vulnerable people contract the virus. At the meeting Councillor Desjarlais provided an update on his recent meeting and tour with Brandon East MLA Len Isleifson of the Brandon downtown area.

Luebke-Parker

787 That the report of the Poverty Committee be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(155) DUMPING OF DEBRIS FROM STREET CLEANING NEAR QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK

Councillor Cameron advised that the area near Queen Elizabeth Park was being used as a dump site for debris collected during street cleaning and enquired if a location further away from the Park could be considered.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that a new dump site location would be utilized in the future, with the timeliness of the street cleaning program to remain unaffected by the location change.

(156) SIGNAGE AT NORTHERN BACK LANE ON MCDONALD AVENUE EXIT ONTO 26TH STREET

Councillor Cameron enquired if signage could be installed where the northern back lane along McDonald Avenue exited onto 26th Street.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that following consultations with the Brandon Police Service, the Engineering Department had deemed it necessary to install pedestrian crosswalk signage at this intersection. Mr. Hammond confirmed that the signs were expected to be installed within the next week.

(157) UPDATE ON SCOPE OF MILLING/PAVING WORK IN 600 BLOCK OF 21ST STREET

Councillor Cameron requested an update on the scope of the milling/paving work underway in the 600 Block of 21st Street, inclusive of potential for curb replacement in the area.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager confirmed that 50 mm of asphalt was being removed and replaced in the 600 Block of 21st Street. He advised that curb replacement was not included in the Engineering Department's 10-Year Capital Plan however, the area would be reviewed and spot repairs completed as necessary.

(158) NOTICE TO AREA RESIDENTS OF PAVING IN 200-400 BLOCK OF MCDIARMID DRIVE

Councillor Cameron noted that although signage in the area advised that paving work was to begin Tuesday, September 22, 2020, signs were removed and work started on Monday, September 21, 2020 in the 200-400 Block of McDiarmid Drive. He advised that this had left residents unprepared and without access into or out of their driveways. Councillor Cameron enquired how this situation could be addressed with the contractor to ensure it was not permitted to happen in the future and requested a follow-up with the affected residents.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the General Manager of Development Services had been made aware of this unfortunate situation and a written response would be provided in the near future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RESURFACING OF COURTS AT STANLEY PARK AND WHEAT CITY GOLF COURSE

Councillor Fawcett announced that the tennis courts at Stanley Park and the Wheat City Golf Course had been resurfaced. He advised that 6 new pickle ball courts were available on a first-come, first-served basis at Stanley Park, with the four tennis courts at the Wheat City Golf Course available for booking through the Golf Course Pro Shop. Councillor Fawcett reminded everyone that the four tennis courts located in Queen Elizabeth Park were also available on a first-come, first-served basis.

RE-OPENING OF PATH AT RIVERBANK WALKING BRIDGE

Councillor Fawcett announced that the path to the walking bridge at the Riverbank Discovery Centre had been paved and reopened.

REMOVAL OF GRAND VALLEY ROAD DIKE PLUG

Councillor Fawcett announced that the dike plug had been removed from Grand Valley Road with clean-up efforts successfully completed.

RESCHEDULED SOUTH CENTRE WARD MEETING

Councillor Luebke announced that the South Centre ward meeting was rescheduled for October 7, 2020 in the MNP Hall at the Keystone Centre starting at 7:00 p.m. He advised that agenda items would be announced in the near future and reminded residents that Covid-19 protocols were being followed and room capacity would be limited.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Nil

BY-LAWS:

Nil

GIVING OF NOTICE:

(A) RELEASE OF FUNDING TO COMMUNITY CENTRES FOR OPERATING EXPENSES

In accordance with Rule 60 or Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillor Parker gave notice of his intent to introduce at the October 5, 2020 regular meeting of City Council, a motion to release funds to active community centres for operating expenses.

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

That the meeting do now adjourn (8:38 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK