

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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 LoRegio participated in the meeting electronically.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

802                    Cullen-Parker  
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held Monday, October 19, 2020 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

803                    Cameron-Luebke  
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on October 5, 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) AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE                      VERBAL                      OCTOBER 19, 2020

Councillor Chaboyer provided a verbal report from the meeting of the Age Friendly Committee held on October 15, 2020. She provided an update on the success of the Telephone Information Line launched October 1, 2020, and the Health Check Forum, with additional programs available at [www.brandonmbhealthchecks.ca](http://www.brandonmbhealthchecks.ca).

(B) POVERTY COMMITTEE                      VERBAL                      OCTOBER 19, 2020

Councillor Luebke provided a verbal report from the meeting of the Poverty Committee held on October 13, 2020. He noted the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation (BNRC) expected to receive funding under the Emergency Measures Act, and the Committee passed a motion to provide funding to the Brandon & District United Way to assist in the launch of the Community Indicator System in Brandon.

(C) BRANDON URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES COUNCIL  
VERBAL                      OCTOBER 19, 2020

Councillor Desjarlais provided an update on the recruitment process for the Indigenous Community Coordinator position with the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council.

Luebke-Chaboyer

804 That the reports of the Age Friendly Committee, the Poverty Committee, and the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(162) PARKING ON ABERDEEN AVENUE FROM 1ST STREET TO 6TH STREET

Councillor Chaboyer noted that 'No Parking' signs were in place along Aberdeen Avenue between 6th and 9th Streets and enquired if same could be considered for 1st to 6th Streets along Aberdeen Avenue. She requested clarification on the differences between these stretches of roadway that caused one section to be restricted parking but not the other.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager explained that Aberdeen Avenue was wider between 1st and 6th Streets than 6th to 9th Streets, hence the different parking restrictions. He advised that changes to on-street parking would be considered if local property owners signed a petition requesting same.

(163) TRAFFIC CONCERNS AT INTERSECTION OF 9TH STREET AND ABERDEEN AVENUE

Councillor Chaboyer advised that concerns had been raised with respect to traffic back-ups and bottle-necking at the intersection of 9th Street and Aberdeen Avenue. She further advised that the narrow sidewalks in this area caused safety concerns for children accessing same to and from school. She enquired if replacing the four-way stop signs with traffic lights at this intersection as well as widening the sidewalks in this area could be considered.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that a traffic study would be undertaken in this area with the results and recommended changes to be provided by the end of November 2020.

(164) PARKING RESTRICTIONS - FIRE HYDRANT ON HAZELWOOD CRESCENT

Councillor Chaboyer noted that the installation of a fire hydrant on Hazelwood Crescent had caused an issue with a resident due to parking in front of their house now being unavailable. She advised that due to mobility issues, front street access to their house was more convenient and enquired if the hydrant could be moved to a new location.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Development Services responded that he had met with the resident and agreed to work on special parking accommodations to be made without the removal of the hydrant. Mr. Pulak advised that with the permission of the Fire & Police Departments, the intent was to provide that resident with a special parking permit allowing them to park closer to the hydrant than was normally permitted.

Councillor Chaboyer expressed concern that this resident was not aware of the installation taking place until after the fact and enquired if notice of same could be provided to residents beforehand.

Mr. Pulak conceded that residents should have been made aware of the proposed installation and agreed to keep Councillor Chaboyer updated on the resolution to this situation.

(165) 2021 BUDGET AND POSSIBLE IMPACT FROM COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Councillor LoRegio enquired if the COVID-19 Pandemic was being taken into consideration as departments prepared their proposed 2021 budgets. He noted that the funding streams such as the accommodation tax were expected to be lower and enquired how funding commitments such as those to the Keystone Centre may be affected by the reduced amounts.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that while specific areas may be impacted more than others, for the most part budgets were being prepared with the intent that service levels were to remain as normal as possible.

Mr. Hammond noted that many capital projects that had been cancelled or delayed were expected to be caught up on or reprioritized for 2021. The Acting City Manager confirmed that a series of informal meetings were planned for December and January where specific department budgets would be discussed.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the pandemic impacted the overall budget in many different ways and as such, the 2021 Budget was expected to be different than any other year. He noted that more meetings to discuss specific items such as the Keystone Centre funding were expected as City Council worked through the budget process.

(166) CONDITION OF ROAD - BROOKWOOD DRIVE AND AURORA CRESCENT

Councillor Berry referred to previous enquiries whereby he had advised of the poor road conditions on Brookwood Drive and Aurora Crescent. Councillor Berry stated that he had been previously advised that the work was to be completed by the developer, however only some curbing had been done and the heaves in the roads remained the same. He enquired if this issue could be resolved as soon as possible as it had been ongoing for three construction seasons.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that while some curb and sidewalk repairs were completed in 2020, the contractor and subcontractor were unable to complete the road repairs due to scheduling conflicts. He assured Councillor Berry that the remaining work would be completed as soon as possible in 2021.

Councillor Berry stated that the same response had been received for a number of years and enquired if a further, more detailed, explanation could be provided.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Development Services responded that excavation work was required to be done prior to the resurfacing of the road and the subcontractors had been unable to complete that work in time. Mr. Pulak expressed his frustration as well that this issue was still ongoing, and confirmed that the developer was advised the work needed to be completed by June 2021 or the work would be done by the City's contractors at the expense of the developer.

(167) CITY JOB POSTINGS - MANAGER OF UTILITIES AND MANAGER OF MAINTENANCE

Councillor Berry referred to the recent job postings for Manager of Utilities and Manager of Maintenance and requested an update on same. He noted that both positions were in the \$80,000+ salary range and expressed concern that City Council had not been made aware of any new positions having been created.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the previous Manager of Public Works position was being replaced by one of these positions. He noted however, that the second position was new and had been created as a larger part of the overall Public Works Department reorganization. Mr. Hammond confirmed that City Council would be fully updated on the Public Works Department reorganization at the upcoming meeting regarding the 2021 City of Brandon Labour Budget.

(168) PATCH WORK AT INTERSECTIONS

Councillor Cameron noted that patch work completed at some intersections, particularly the intersections of 18th & 26th Streets at Brandon Avenue, had created bumps in the road and enquired if same were expected to be smoothed out prior to winter.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the 26th Street location was expected to be smoothed out within the next few weeks. He advised that more intrusive efforts such as asphalt milling were required at the 18th Street location which may leave the road structure compromised and cause more damage than it fixed. Mr. Hammond advised that this intersection would continue to be monitored and should the conditions not improve over time, solutions to the problems would be sought.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JOINT GREEN ACRES/RICHMOND WARD MEETING

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Councillor Chaboyer announced that a joint Green Acres and Richmond Ward meeting would be held on October 20, 2020 in the MNP Hall at the Keystone Centre starting at 7:00 p.m. She advised that agenda items included drainage, overland flooding, the 2021 City of Brandon budget and other city and ward issues. She invited everyone to attend and confirmed that COVID-19 protocols would be followed and seating was limited.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) APPOINTMENT OF EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

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Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Legislative Services dated October 1, 2020 with respect to the above.

Parker-Cameron

805 That pursuant to Section 8((1)(c) of The Emergency Measures Act, Mr. Tobin Praznik be appointed to the position of Emergency Coordinator for the City of Brandon. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7281 TO EXEMPT THE ART GALLERY OF SOUTHWESTERN MANITOBA FROM MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR 710 ROSSER AVENUE

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It was noted that this by-law received first reading on October 5, 2020.

Fawcett-Cameron

806 That By-law No. 7281 to exempt the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba as an occupier of a portion of the property located at 710 Rosser Avenue (Roll #333252) from municipal property taxes be read a second time. CARRIED.

Fawcett-Chaboyer

807 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. 7281 third reading.

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

NO. 7283

COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

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It was noted that this by-law received first reading on October 5, 2020.

Fawcett-Luebke

808 That By-law No. 7283 to establish a Council Code of Conduct be read a second time.  
CARRIED.

Fawcett-Luebke

809 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. 7283 third reading.

FOR

Mayor Rick Chrest  
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

Councillor Shawn Berry

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

That the meeting do now adjourn (7:58 p.m.) CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK