

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 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 Bruce Luebke, Councillor Glen Parker

ABSENT: Councillor John LoRegio

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Cullen-Brown

812 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held Monday, November 2, 2020 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Cameron-Chaboyer

813 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on October 19, 2020 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) **JANE NEIL - REMEMBERING AND HONOURING BRANDON'S HISTORY**

It was noted that due to the COVID-19 restrictions, Ms. Neil's presentation was postponed to a future meeting of City Council.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

Nil

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) **TED SNURE - CENTRAL ASSINIBOINE WATERSHED DISTRICT EXPANSION PROPOSAL**

Ted Snure, appeared before City Council with respect to the Central Assiniboine Watershed District expansion proposal. He outlined the expansion proposal terms and conditions prepared by the Province of Manitoba to include the Rural Municipalities of Elton and Whitehead, and the Municipality of North Cypress-Langford.

He advised that the Assiniboine Watershed District supported a watershed-based approach to water and environmental management in Manitoba. Mr. Snure concluded by acknowledging that approval by the existing members of the Watershed District was required for the proposed expansion.

Cullen-Parker

814 That the presentation by Ted Snure with respect to the Central Assiniboine Watershed District Expansion Proposal be received. CARRIED.

Fawcett-Parker

815 WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has prepared an expansion proposal outlining the terms and conditions of the Central Assiniboine Watershed District to include the Rural Municipalities of Elton and Whitehead and the Municipality of North Cypress-Langford;

AND WHEREAS the Council of City of Brandon has reviewed the proposal for the Central Assiniboine Watershed District as prepared by the Province of Manitoba that supports a watershed-based approach to water management in Manitoba;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Brandon approves the expansion proposal for the Central Assiniboine Watershed District to include the Rural Municipalities of Elton and Whitehead and the Municipality of North Cypress-Langford and supports the continued membership of its existing municipal members in this program under the authority of The Watershed Districts Act. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE VERBAL NOVEMBER 2, 2020

The City Clerk advised that City Council had met in a Committee of the Whole meeting closed to the public to consider a report from the Director of Planning & Buildings with respect to the sale of part of 1201 Pacific Avenue whereby the following recommendation was made by Council Desjarlais and agreed upon by City Council sitting in Committee of the Whole.

Desjarlais-Brown

816 That the verbal report of the Committee of the Whole meeting of City Council held November 2, 2020 with respect to a property matter be received. CARRIED.

Desjarlais-Luebke

817 That City of Brandon execute a purchase agreement and option agreement to sell the westerly 63.33m of 1201 Pacific Avenue as depicted on Parcel 3 on the map attached to the report of the Director of Planning and Buildings dated October 21, 2020, to Bowerbird Holdings Ltd. for \$40,000 to facilitate the construction of a microbrewery on the property. CARRIED.

(B) AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE VERBAL NOVEMBER 2, 2020

Councillor Fawcett provided a verbal report from the meeting of the Audit & Finance Committee held on October 27, 2020. He noted the main topic discussed was the September budget review whereby he advised that a \$963,000 surplus in the General Fund and a \$398,000 surplus in the Utility Fund were projected. He indicated discussions were ongoing regarding the Provincial COVID-19 relief funds.

(C) KEYSTONE CENTRE VERBAL NOVEMBER 2, 2020

Councillor Parker provided a verbal report from the meeting of the Keystone Centre held on October 29, 2020. He noted the Keystone Centre reported an operating profit for the July 31st year end. Councillor Parker also announced Councillor Bruce Luebke has been appointed Interim Chair for the Keystone Centre Board.

(D) POVERTY COMMITTEE VERBAL NOVEMBER 2, 2020

Councillor Desjarlais advised that on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. Chad Bicklmeier, an Assiniboine Community College professor, would be presenting to the Poverty Committee on guaranteed annual income, and the income experiment done in Dauphin, Manitoba. He invited all of Council and the public to attend the virtual meeting, and to contact the City Clerks' office at cityclerk@brandon.ca to obtain a TEAMS invite.

Luebke-Berry

818 That the reports of the Audit and Finance Committee, the Keystone Committee and the Poverty Committee be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(169) CP RAIL LINE LIGHTS

Councillor Desjarlais advised that new lights installed in the CP Rail Yard at 9th Street and Pacific Avenue were causing problems for area residents. He enquired if CP Rail could be requested to adjust the angle or reduce the wattage of same to ensure area residents were not being affected by light pollution.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the lights had been installed to address safety concerns for CP employees working in the area; however, every effort was being made to ensure area residents were not adversely affected by same. He advised that, while progress had been made, efforts were ongoing to ensure this matter could be resolved to the satisfaction of all involved. He agreed to keep City Council updated on this issue.

(170) SPEEDING ALONG PATRICIA AVENUE

Councillor Brown advised that speeding along Patricia Avenue between 1st and 18th Streets continued to be a problem. He noted that increased police patrols had not resolved the problem and suggested the installation of a stop sign at 9th Street and Patricia Avenue as a potential solution. He requested that this issue be investigated further and rectified as soon as possible.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that a speed data collector had been posted on Patricia Avenue with the results of same to be analyzed and appropriate action taken in the near future. He agreed to keep City Council updated on the resolution to this important safety concern.

(171) UPDATE ON MITIGATION STRATEGIES FOR DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Councillor Cameron requested an update on the mitigation strategies for trees affected by Dutch Elm Disease, inclusive of trees in the 500-600 Blocks of 26th Street tagged for removal.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the removal of the 600 tagged trees was currently underway with the removal of the above noted trees expected to be completed by November 9, 2020 and the remaining city-owned trees removed by the end of 2020. The Acting City Manager advised that removal of Dutch Elm Diseased trees on private property was expected to begin early in the New Year.

(172) WATER MAIN BREAK ISSUES IN THE 400 BLOCK OF 21ST STREET

Councillor Cameron referred to recent water main breaks in the 400 Block of 21st Street (three in the past six months) and enquired if water main replacement for that area was being considered in the near future.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that, although this area was not listed as part of the 10-Year Capital Plan, should breaks continue to happen at this frequency, this area would be moved up on the priority list.

Councillor Cameron advised that the street had been milled and paved in 2018; however, same was now patchwork due to the required water main repairs, and further, the back lane had deteriorated due to the increased traffic and was in need of grading. He enquired if both these issues could be addressed as soon as possible.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BY-ELECTION FOR BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD TRUSTEES

Councillor Fawcett announced that a By-Election for the Brandon School Division Board Trustees would take place on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 with polls open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following locations: Richmond Park Church, East End Community Centre, Sportsplex, First Baptist Church, Victoria Inn, Riverview Curling Club, and a drive-thru location at the Keystone Centre. Councillor Fawcett noted that there were eight candidates vying for three positions on the Board and encouraged everyone to come out and vote.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Senior Election Official, Ms. Danniele Carriere, provided further information on the drive-thru voting location at the southeast corner of the Keystone Centre Grounds whereby voters could vote without having to get out of their vehicle. Ms. Carriere advised that all voters were required to provide identification, must be 18 years of age, a Canadian Citizen, and a resident of the City of Brandon to be eligible to vote. She explained that the vacancies were in Ward 1 hence, only residents of the City of Brandon were eligible to vote in the by-election. The Senior Election Official confirmed that all COVID-19 protocols, inclusive of mandatory masks, would be followed at all voting locations.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

His Worship the Mayor announced that while the groups were not out selling poppies this year, there were boxes at most business establishments and he encouraged everyone to purchase a poppy to help out the Royal Canadian Legion's programs and services. Mayor Chrest further announced that the Remembrance Day Service at the Keystone Centre had been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions; however, a private service to lay the wreaths was planned and expected to be available to view online. He suggested to watch the media for updates on when and how the service was being broadcast.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Nil

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7280 THE ASSINIBOINE GARDENS SECONDARY PLAN

City Council considered a report from Legislative Services dated October 22, 2020 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Cameron

819 That By-law No. 7280 to adopt the Assiniboine Gardens Secondary Plan be amended by deleting Subsection 3.1.7 in its entirety and substituting therefor:

"3.1.7. Grade separated connections should be considered for connection of the Downtown with the Assiniboine Gardens Secondary Plan area." CARRIED.

Desjarlais-Cameron

820 That By-law No, 7270, as amended, be read a second time. CARRIED.

Desjarlais-Cameron

821 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. 7280 third reading.

FOR

Mayor Rick Chrest
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Councillor Ron W. Brown
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Councillor Bruce Luebke
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AGAINST

GIVING OF NOTICE:

(A) AMENDMENT TO MOTION ON BAN OF PLASTIC BAGS

In accordance with Rule 60 of Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillor Luebke gave notice of his intent to introduce at the November 16, 2020 regular meeting of City Council, a motion to amend the motion adopted by City Council at the December 16, 2019 meeting with respect to the ban of single use plastic bags.

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

That the meeting do now adjourn (8:03 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK