

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021 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

It was noted that in accordance with Section 109 of Procedure By-law No. 6634, all members of Council listed as present participated in the meeting electronically.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Parker-Luebke

897 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held Monday, January 4, 2021 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Chaboyer-Cameron

898 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held on December 21, 2020 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Cullen-Cameron

899 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on December 21, 2020 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) JANE NEIL - WHERE ARE THE WOMEN?

Jane Neil, appeared before City Council with respect to remembering and honouring women of Brandon's history. Ms. Neil provided an overview of her research, "Where are the Women?", indicating very few women of Brandon's history have been commemorated. She also indicated the Indigenous history of Brandon was missing. Ms. Neil suggested City Council put actions into place to record the historic women and Indigenous people of Brandon through the naming of street and public spaces.

Cameron-Chaboyer

900 That the presentation by Jane Neil entitled Where are the Women? be received. CARRIED.

(B) JAMES MONTGOMERY AND BERNIE CHRISP - BRANDON RIVERBANK INC. AND BRANDON TOURISM 2020 REPORT AND 2021 PLANS

Bernie Chrisp, Chair and James Montgomery, General Manager of Brandon Riverbank Inc. appeared before City Council to provide an update on the Brandon Tourism and Brandon Riverbank Inc. 2020 Annual Report, and plans for 2021. Mr. Chrisp shared the challenges faced in 2020 due to the Coronavirus and its impact on cancelled events, programs and revenue.

Mr. Montgomery highlighted some successes for the Riverbank which included the completion of the East Wetland viewing platform and floating dock, Westman Dreams for Kids Accessibility Park, and improvements to both interpretive signage and pathways. He noted the new Brandon Tourism initiatives launched in 2020 with the continued promotion of "Brandon Brings You Back". He concluded by going over plans and capital projects for 2021.

LoRegio-Luebke

901 That the presentation by James Montgomery and Bernie Chrisp with respect to the Brandon Riverbank Inc. and Brandon Tourism 2020 Report and 2021 plans be received. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

Nil

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nil

ENQUIRIES:

(181) REGULATIONS FOR AIRBNBS IN THE CITY OF BRANDON

Councillor Desjarlais referred to the growing number of Airbnbs in the City of Brandon and enquired as to the regulations with respect to same. Councillor Desjarlais further enquired as to the possibility for the collection of accommodation tax from Airbnb owners.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that under the Building Code, if the entire house was rented and not owner-occupied, it fell under the same regulations as a hostel or hotel. Mr. Hammond noted that there were no specific zoning regulations or special licenses required for Airbnbs and Manitoba Health only became involved when there was a public health issue such as bed bugs or no running water.

With respect to the collection of accommodation tax, the Acting City Manager advised that the collection of accommodation taxes under the current City of Brandon By-law applied to hotels/motels lodging of four or more people; however, same could be reviewed and updated at any time.

Councillor Desjarlais requested that a review of the By-law, inclusive of adding Airbnbs to the list of properties subject to collection of accommodation tax, be undertaken in the near future.

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

(182) TRAFFIC ISSUES AROUND MARYLAND PARK SCHOOL

Councillor Cameron advised that he had received a complaint from an area resident with respect to traffic congestion on and along Maryland Avenue due to the opening of the new Maryland Park School. He enquired if this area could be reviewed by the Brandon Police Service and the Traffic and Transportation Planner for suggested improvements to traffic flow and safety.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) 2021 CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS – WESTERN MANITOBA REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD

Considered was a report from the Legislative Services Department dated December 3, 2020 with respect to the above.

Brown-Brown

902 That the following citizen appointments be and are hereby made to Western Manitoba Regional Library Board for two-year terms of office to begin January 1, 2021 and expire December 31, 2022:

Matthew Berry
Wayne Kelly
CARRIED.

(B) 2021 CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS – BRANDON URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' COUNCIL

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Legislative Services Department dated December 3, 2020 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Desjarlais

903 That the following citizens be and are hereby appointed to the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council to commence January 1, 2021 and expire December 31, 2022:

Debbie Huntinghawk
Darlene Paquette
CARRIED.

(C) 2021 CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS – POVERTY COMMITTEE

City Council considered a report from the Legislative Services Department dated December 3, 2020 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Chaboyer

904 That the following citizen appointment be and is hereby made to the Poverty Committee for a two-year term of office to commence January 1, 2021 and expire December 31, 2022:

Shannon Saltarelli
CARRIED.

(D) 2021 CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS – BOARD OF REVISION

Considered was a report from the Legislative Services Department dated December 3, 2020 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Cullen

905 That the following citizen appointments be and are hereby made to the Board of Revision for a one year term of office to commence January 1, 2021 and expire December 31, 2021:

Matthew May (Chair)
Wally Geiler
Jason Splett
CARRIED.

(E) 2021 CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS – BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES INC.

Submitted was a report from the Legislative Services Department dated December 3, 2020 with respect to the above.

Brown-Cameron

906 That the following citizens be and are hereby appointed to the Brandon General Museum & Archives Inc. Board with a term of office to commence January 1, 2021 and expire December 31, 2022:

Connie Bok
Brock McEwing
Sajjad Rao
Danielle Waterfield
CARRIED.

(F) 2021 CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS – BRANDON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

City Council considered a report from the Legislative Services Department dated December 2, 2020 with respect to the above.

Cameron-Brown

907 That the following citizen appointments be and are hereby made to the Brandon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, with terms of office beginning January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2022:

Matthew May
Gordon McRae
Sajjad Rao
CARRIED.

(G) 2021 CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS – AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE

Considered was a report from the Legislative Services Department dated December 2, 2020 with respect to the above.

Chaboyer-Luebke

908 That the following citizen appointments be and are hereby appointed to the Age Friendly Committee for a two (2) year term of office beginning January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2022:

Susan Boyachek
Marilyn Forsyth
Brock McEwing
CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7291 TO REPEAL BY-LAW NO. 6344 – EXTENDED HOLIDAY SHOPPING BY-LAW

City Council considered a report from the Legislative Services Department dated December 11, 2020 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Parker

909 That By-law No. 7291, to repeal By-law No. 6344 as amended, to permit expanded retail shopping on certain public holidays including Sundays, be read a second time. CARRIED.

Desjarlais-Chaboyer

910 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. 7291 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 Bruce Luebke
Councillor Glen Parker

AGAINST

Nil

NO. 7294 AFFORDABLE HOUSING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

City Council considered a report from the Economic Development Department dated December 18, 2020 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Desjarlais

911 That By-law No. 7294 to establish an Affordable Housing Financial Assistance Program be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

That the meeting do now adjourn. (8:41 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK