

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021 AT 7:00 PM IN, 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: Nil

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:

Chaboyer-Fawcett

1007 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held Monday, March 1, 2021 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Cameron-Parker

1008 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on February 16, 2021 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) HEATHER EWASIUK, DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES - MEADOWS-WAVERLY WARD BY-ELECTION

Heather Ewasiuk, on behalf of the Senior Election Official, appeared before City Council with respect to an update on the Meadows-Waverly Ward 5 By-Election. Ms. Ewasiuk indicated eligibility requirements for candidates, the candidate registration process, requirements for nomination, and important dates for the nomination period. She noted only Meadows-Waverly Ward 5 residents or non-resident land-owners in this ward are eligible to vote in this by-election. Ms. Ewasiuk noted the identification needed for Ward 5 residents to vote, the advanced voting opportunity at City Hall on April 29, 2021, and highlighted the voting locations for the By-Election on Wednesday, May 5, 2021.

Cullen-Berry

1009 That the presentation by Heather Ewasiuk, Director of Legislative Services, with respect to an update on the Meadows-Waverly Ward By-Election be received. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

Nil

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nil

ENQUIRIES:

(189) SUMP PUMP/BACKWATER VALVE PROGRAM

Councillor Berry referred to the Sump Pump/Backwater Valve Program approved by City Council at the 2021 City of Brandon Budget Deliberations and enquired when applications for same were expected to be available online.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that details of the program were still being worked on with a full report on same to be provided at the March 15, 2021 City Council meeting.

(190) CLEARING OF SNOW FROM SIDEWALKS AND WALKING PATHS

Councillor Luebke enquired why crews had not been dispatched to clear the sidewalks and walking paths over the weekend following the Friday night and Saturday morning snowfall. He noted that with limited recreation activities available during the pandemic, it was important to keep these walkways cleared for residents.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting General Manager of Operations responded that, in accordance with the policy, crews were typically dispatched immediately following a snowfall of 5 inches or greater. However, the crews had not been dispatched until Monday morning as Friday night's snowfall was approximately 3.4 inches. He agreed given the current pandemic situation, the policy could be amended to ensure crews were dispatched in a timelier manner. The Acting City Manager agreed to follow up further with City Council on this issue in the near future.

(191) STROBING AND OUTTED STREET LIGHTS

Councillor Desjarlais advised that strobing and outted street lights were a persistent issue in all areas of the City of Brandon and enquired if a meeting could be arranged with Manitoba Hydro to discuss this ongoing concern.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MANITOBA 150 HONOUREES

Councillor Fawcett announced that Manitoba 150 had recently unveiled the "Honour 150" recipients who represented people from across the Province nominated by their own communities for their role in making Manitoba great. He congratulated Brandonites Chris Heide, Reg Helwer, Tanya LaBuick, Catherine McLaren and Ryan Pandolfi on being named Manitoba 150 Honourees.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) URBAN DESIGN REVIEW – 148 – 2ND STREET

City Council considered a report from the Legislative Services Office dated January 27, 2021 with respect to the above. It was noted that this item of business had been tabled at the March 1, 2021 meeting.

Desjarlais-Cameron

1010 That the motion with respect to the Urban Design Review Application to develop a duplex at 148 - 2nd Street be taken from the table. CARRIED.

Desjarlais-Luebke

1011 That Urban Design Review Application U-01-20 to develop a duplex at 148 - 2nd Street with two garages facing 2nd Street be rejected;

and further, should the residential development on this property proceed, that the applicant design the building to have vehicle access from the back lane. CARRIED.

(B) REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO FUNDING DEADLINE FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE

City Council considered a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated February 22, 2021 with respect to the above.

Cameron-Chaboyer

1012 That the Completion Deadline Extension Request for the funding of the Water Treatment Plant Upgrade - Planning & Design and Chemical Building projects under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund be approved for submission to the Manitoba Strategic Infrastructure Secretariat. CARRIED.

(C) FINANCE DEPARTMENT RE-DESIGN

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Finance dated February 22, 2021 with respect to the above.

Cameron-Fawcett

1013 That funding of \$177,000.00 for the Finance Department Redesign be approved and be expended from the COVID Restart General Reserve in the amount of \$88,500.00 and the Municipal Building Reserve in the amount of \$88,500.00. CARRIED.

(D) APPOINTMENT OF CITY MANAGER

Cullen-Chaboyer

1014 That in accordance with Section 125 of The Municipal Act, Ron Bowles is hereby appointed as the City Manager for the City of Brandon effective April 26, 2021. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7298

TO CLOSE AND CONVEY THE NORTH/SOUTH LANE LOCATED EAST OF GRANDVIEW STREET AND SOUTH OF MCTAVISH AVENUE

Considered was a report from the Planning and Buildings Department dated February 22, 2021 with respect to the above.

Chaboyer-Brown

1015 That By-Law No. 7298 to close and convey the north/south lane located east of Grandview Street and south of McTavish Avenue East (Block 11, Plan 285 BLTO) be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

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

MAYOR

CITY CLERK