

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 15, 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 Shaun Cameron, Councillor Jan Chaboyer, Councillor Barry Cullen, Councillor Kris Desjarlais, Councillor Jeff Fawcett, Councillor Bruce Luebke, Councillor Glen Parker

ABSENT: Councillor Ron W. Brown

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Luebke-Chaboyer
1016 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held Monday, March 15, 2021 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Cameron-Parker
1017 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on March 1, 2021 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) AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE VERBAL MARCH 15, 2021

Councillor Fawcett provided a verbal report from the meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee held on March 4, 2021. He noted the main topic discussed was the City's 2020 unaudited Financial Information Return, the City's General and Utility Fund surpluses, and the allocation of these funds to which reserves. He noted that the 2020 Financial Information Return would be discussed under General Business.

(B) BRANDON GENERAL MUSUEM & ARCHIVES INC. VERBAL MARCH 15, 2021

Councillor Cameron provided a verbal report from the meeting of the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. (BGMA) held on March 13, 2021. He noted the main focus of the meeting was to discuss the strategic plan for the BGMA.

Fawcett-Cameron

1018 That the report of the Audit & Finance Committee and the Brandon General Museum & Archives Inc. be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(192) PREDICTED SPRING AND SUMMER WEATHER CONDITIONS AND IMPACT ON WATER LEVELS

Councillor Chaboyer enquired if a report could be provided with respect to the predicted spring and summer weather conditions and the potential impact of same on water levels. She requested that information on flood mitigation and plans for water retention in the event of a summer drought be included in the report.

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

Further to this issue Councillor Cullen reported that the Assiniboine Hills Conservation / Assiniboine River Basin Group had met recently where the topic of river levels had been discussed. Councillor Cullen confirmed that water levels had not been this low since 1952, hence flooding was not a concern at this time. He noted however, that the potential for summer droughts existed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RESPONSE BY CITY STAFF TO PLUGGED STORM SEWER

Councillor Parker thanked the Public Works staff who had responded within an hour to a complaint from a ward resident regarding a plugged storm sewer causing flooding in their back yard. Councillor Parker noted that the complaint had come in on a Saturday afternoon and he and the resident were both grateful for the quick response.

BEST WISHES TO CARLY GASPIRINI - DEPARTURE FROM WESTMAN IMMIGRANT SERVICES

Councillor Cameron announced that Carly Gaspirini, who had been part of the Brandon Neighborhood Renewal Corporation for a number of years and was most recently the Executive Director at Westman Immigrant Services, was leaving Brandon to return to her home town of Sudbury, Ontario. He thanked Carly for all her hard work on behalf of the residents of Brandon and wished her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

BY-ELECTION FOR MEADOWS-WAVERLY WARD

Mayor Chrest announced that the Meadows-Waverly Ward 5 by-election was scheduled for May 5, 2021. His Worship stated that by-elections often gave Councillors an opportunity to gain experience on a short-term prior to making a commitment for the full four-year term. He invited anyone who was interested in putting their name forward to contact any member of City Council with any questions they may have.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Clerk confirmed that registration packages were available from the City Clerk's Office during regular office hours or by contacting the Senior Election Official at 204 729-2236. Ms. Ewasiuk advised that nomination papers would be accepted from March 24, 2021 until March 30, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) INTERIM APPOINTMENTS TO THE BRANDON POLICE BOARD

City Council considered a report from the Legislative Services Office dated March 3, 2021 with respect to the above.

Berry-Cullen

1019 That the following citizen appointments be and are hereby made to the Brandon Police Board with terms of office to commence April 1, 2021 and continuing until their successors are appointed by the incoming 2022- 2026 City Council:

Shannon Brichon

Tim Silversides

CARRIED.

(B) INTERIM APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR - BRANDON POLICE BOARD

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Legislative Services Office dated March 8, 2021 with respect to the above.

Cullen-Berry

1020 That in accordance with City of Brandon By-law No. 7041, the following appointments as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Brandon Police Board be and are hereby made with terms of office to expire December 31, 2021:

Deb Arpin - Chair

Tim McFadden - Vice-Chair

CARRIED.

(C) 2021 CITIZEN APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Considered was a report from the Legislative Services Office dated February 22, 2021 with respect to the above.

Parker-Luebke

1021 That Will Majcher be hereby appointed to the Planning Commission with a term of office to begin April 1, 2021 and expire March 31, 2024. CARRIED.

(D) 2020 FINANCIAL INFORMATION RETURN

City Council considered a report from the Director of Finance dated February 5, 2021 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Parker

1022 That pursuant to Section 183(2) of The Municipal Act, the 2020 Financial Information Return (unaudited) be adopted. CARRIED.

(E) TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM ELECTION RESERVE - MEADOWS-WAVERLY WARD BY-ELECTION

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Legislative Services dated February 17, 2021 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Cameron

1023 That a maximum of \$16,680 be transferred from the Election Reserve to the Election Costs operating account for the expenses incurred to conduct the 2021 Meadows-Waverly Ward By-Election. CARRIED.

(F) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - BRANDON POLICE SERVICE & THE CITY OF BRANDON

Considered was a report from the Acting City Manager dated March 10 2021 with respect to the above.

Berry-Cullen

1024 That the City of Brandon enter into the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated March 5, 2021 between Brandon Police Service (BPS) and The City of Brandon with respect to the delivery of shared services. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

Nil

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

That the meeting do now adjourn (7:34 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK