

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 21, 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 Sunday Frangi, 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:

1107 Parker-Cullen
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held Monday, June 21, 2021 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

RECOGNITIONS:

(A) NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

Mayor Chrest acknowledged that tonight's meeting was taking place on the territory of Treaty 2, the traditional homelands of the Dakota, Anishinabek, Oji-Cree, Cree, Dene and Metis peoples.

Elder Frank Tacan offered words of contemplation and provided a prayer in recognition of National Indigenous Peoples' Day, which is held annually on June 21, the summer solstice, to celebrate the unique heritage and diverse cultures of the nation's First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples. This year marks the 25th anniversary of National Indigenous Peoples' Day.

On behalf of the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council, Councillor Desjarlais and Councillor Fawcett thanked Elder Frank Tacan for his guidance and leadership in our community.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

1108 Chaboyer-Cameron
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on June 7, 2021 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) LINDSAY HARGREAVES, ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR – RESIDENTIAL RAIN GARDEN PILOT PROGRAM

Lindsay Hargreaves, Environmental Coordinator appeared before City Council with respect to an update on the Residential Rain Garden Pilot Program. She presented information on stormwater, its potential effects and the benefits of rain gardens. In partnership with the Central Assiniboine Watershed District, the Residential Rain Garden Pilot Program was seeking up to 10 residential properties to install and showcase a rain garden. Interested residents could obtain more information or complete an online application form at www.brandon.ca/rain-garden.

Chaboyer-Cameron

1109 That the presentation by Lindsay Hargreaves, Environmental Coordinator, with respect to an update on the Residential Rain Garden Pilot Program be received. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

Nil

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) BRANDON POLICE BOARD VERBAL JUNE 21, 2021

Councillor Berry, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Brandon Police Board, provided an update from the Police Board Meeting held June 11, 2021. Councillor Berry advised that Chief Balcaen had provided updates on staff training and community events, provincial activities, budget variances, and statistics regarding calls for service and Covid related enforcement.

He reported that the Downtown Strategy this year would focus on foot, bicycle and police cruiser car patrols, and that nearly one-third of the calls for service in May were from the downtown area. Councillor Berry commended the Brandon Police Service for their efforts related to Project Brazen which resulted in the successful dismantling of a drug trafficking network operating in Brandon.

Mayor Chrest provided information on local initiatives such as The Hub and Health IM which provide assistance for individuals in the community.

Councillor Cullen spoke to the effectiveness of the temporary cell lock-up facilities since the transfer of responsibility from the Province of Manitoba, as well as plans to secure a permanent cell facility.

Berry-Cullen

1110 That the report from the Brandon Police Board be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(211) UPDATE ON DOWNTOWN TASK FORCE

Councillor Desjarlais requested an update on the implementation of the Downtown Task Force, inclusive of an expected start date for same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that work had begun to create a framework and mandate for a Downtown Task Force with same to be shared with City Council in the near future and the community shortly thereafter. He confirmed that more immediate safety concerns had been somewhat alleviated by the implementation of the Brandon Police Service's Downtown Strategy which included increased patrols over the summer months in addition to the contracted security patrols on a daily basis. He stated that more details on Downtown initiatives were expected in the coming weeks.

(212) REPAIR WORK ON BROOKWOOD DRIVE

Councillor Berry advised that the condition of Brookwood Drive continued to be a concern for residents and, given that this was the third summer in a row this issue had been raised, he requested a firm commitment for the repairs to be completed as soon as possible.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that a meeting was planned this week to discuss the schedule and approach for resurfacing this section of the roadway, inclusive of the milling and amount of asphalt required for same.

Councillor Berry reiterated his request for a firm commitment and timeline for completion of these repairs.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BEE CITY BRANDON INTERNATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK

Mayor Chrest announced that June 21-27, 2021 was International Pollinator Week, an annual event to celebrate and support pollinator health. Activities and resources to support pollinators and International Pollinator Week can be found on the Bee City Brandon website at www.beecitybrandon.com.

CONSTRUCTION ON EMERGENCY ACCESS OFF OF BRAECREST DRIVE WEST

Councillor Fawcett announced that construction of an emergency access in Hamilton Heights connecting Oak Bluff Road to Outback Drive would begin this week. This access would allow for the closure of Braecrest Drive directly west of 18th Street N. in order to facilitate the replacement of a culvert crossing. Construction is expected to be completed within four days and notices were provided to local residents with a request to sign up for text messaging alerts to receive timely updates regarding the construction.

OPENING OF CITY SPRAY PARKS

Councillor Cameron announced that City Spray Parks opened June 21, 2021 at 4 p.m. City Spray Park information was posted to the City website.

DEADLINE FOR MUNICIPAL GRANT APPLICATIONS

Councillor Luebke, on behalf of the Grants Review Committee, advised that Municipal Grant applications were now being accepted for not-for-profit organizations who wished to be considered for grant funding for 2022. Applications would be accepted until June 30, 2021 and could be found on the city's website at www.brandon.ca or by contacting the Legislative Services Department at 204-729-2296.

COMPLETION OF 2021 CENSUS

Councillor Luebke announced that Brandonites could still be counted in the 2021 Federal Census. He noted that while over 85% of Brandonites had completed their census, census field workers would be assisting the remaining 15% to ensure that everyone was counted.

Information from the census is used by governments, businesses, associations, community organizations and many others to plan services and make important decisions that impact our community in the areas of employment, schools, public transportation and hospitals. Residents could complete the questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca or by telephone at 1-855-340-2021.

RICK FALL CROSS COUNTRY TREK FOR MAKE-A-WISH CANADA AND CHILDHOOD CANCER CANADA

Councillor Parker announced that he welcomed Mr. Rick Fall to the City of Brandon on June 16, 2021. Mr. Fall was completing the equivalent of a marathon a day in a 4,200 km charity run across Canada to raise funds for Make-A-Wish Canada and Childhood Cancer Canada. Anyone wishing to learn more about Mr. Fall's campaign or to make a donation could do so by visiting www.fallorick.com.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) REQUEST FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM MANITOBA WATER SERVICES BOARD - WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY MAINTENANCE BUILDING

City Council considered a report from the Director of Utility Services dated June 7, 2021 with respect to the above.

Cameron-Cullen

1111 That the City of Brandon apply to the Manitoba Water Services Board (MWSB) for technical and financial assistance with respect to the Water Reclamation Facility Maintenance Building. CARRIED.

(B) AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCENTIVE – 415 – 25TH STREET

Considered was a report from the Director of Economic Development dated June 10, 2021 with respect to the above.

Cameron-Parker

1112 That an affordable housing incentive be approved for 3784500 Manitoba Ltd. to facilitate the development of 48 affordable housing units at 415 - 25th Street whereby the incentive shall be comprised of:

1. a capital grant in the amount of \$1,560,000 with said funds to be transferred from the Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation (MHRC) grant held by the City of Brandon as per the March 24, 2021 funding agreement;

2. a 20-year tax offsetting grant equal to 50% of the municipal taxes payable, whereby year one of the tax offsetting grant will be the year in which the new structure at 415 – 25th Street is added to the City of Brandon tax roll; and
3. the sale of 415 25th Street for \$1.00.

And further, that Administration be authorized to execute the associated agreements required to protect the City's interests in accordance with any procedures, policies, by-laws and Acts. CARRIED.

(C) PACIFIC AVENUE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN AND STREETScape STRATEGY

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Engineering Services Department dated June 11, 2021 with respect to the above.

Cameron-Luebke

1113 That the Pacific Avenue Conceptual Design and Streetscape Strategy Report be received. CARRIED.

(D) APPLICATION TO SUBDIVIDE 1230 – 18TH STREET NORTH

City Council considered a report from the Legislative Services Department dated June 8, 2021 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Parker

1114 That the application to subdivide 1230 - 18th Street North (Lot 29, Plan 20556 BLTO) to create three (3) bare land condominium units and widen a street right-of-way in the Residential Single Detached (RSD) and Open Space (OS) zones be approved, subject to the owner or successor successfully rezoning the subject property from Residential Large Lot (RLL) to Residential Single Detached (RSD) and Open Space (OS) zones. CARRIED.

(E) UTILITY RATE RIDER – WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE DEBENTURE SERVICING COSTS

Submitted for consideration was a report from the General Manager of Corporate Services dated June 11, 2021 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Cullen

1115 That Administration execute the Public Utilities Board (PUB) Order-in-Principle #BO100-19 regarding the City of Brandon's proposal to recover the debenture servicing costs for the water treatment plant upgrade in the Brandon Water and Wastewater Utility through a utility rate rider. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7270 TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1230 – 18TH STREET NORTH FROM RESIDENTIAL LARGE LOT ZONE TO RESIDENTIAL SINGLE DETACHED AND OPEN SPACE ZONES

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

Fawcett-Chaboyer

1116 That By-law No. 7270 to rezone property located at 1230 - 18th Street North (Parcel One: Lot 29, Plan 20556 BLTO in NE 1/4 27-10-19 WPM) from Residential Large Lot (RLL) zone to Residential Single Detached (RSD) and Open Space (OS) zones, be read a third and final time. CARRIED.

In accordance with Section 130 of the Municipal Act, a recorded vote was taken on the motion to give By-law No. 7270 third reading.

FOR

Mayor Rick Chrest
Councillor Shawn Berry
Councillor Shaun Cameron
Councillor Jan Chaboyer
Councillor Barry Cullen
Councillor Kris Desjarlais
Councillor Jeff Fawcett
Councillor Sunday Frangi
Councillor Bruce Luebke
Councillor Glen Parker

AGAINST

Nil

NO. 7297 TO REPEAL INACTIVE RESERVE BY-LAWS

It was noted that this by-law received first reading on June 7, 2021.

Berry-Chaboyer

1117 That By-law No. 7297 to repeal inactive reserve by-laws be read a second time. CARRIED.

Berry-Chaboyer

1118 That the by-law be read a third and final time. CARRIED.

In accordance with Section 130 of the Municipal Act, a recorded vote was taken on the motion to give By-law No. 7297 third reading.

FOR

AGAINST

Mayor Rick Chrest

Nil

Councillor Shawn Berry

Councillor Shaun Cameron

Councillor Jan Chaboyer

Councillor Barry Cullen

Councillor Kris Desjarlais

Councillor Jeff Fawcett

Councillor Sunday Frangi

Councillor Bruce Luebke

Councillor Glen Parker

NO. 7307

TO AMEND BUILDING BY-LAW NO. 7258 – FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

City Council considered a report from the Planning and Buildings Department dated June 7, 2021 with respect to the above.

Cullen-Luebke

1119 That By-law No 7307, to amend Building By Law No. 7258 with respect to fire safety requirements be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

That the meeting do now adjourn. (8:58 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK