MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 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, Councillor Frangi participated in the meeting electronically.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Luebke-Cameron

That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2021 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Cameron-Parker

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That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Tuesday, September 7, 2021 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) DWAYNE DYCK - COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

It was noted that Mr. Dyck was unable to attend this evening's meeting whereby his presentation would be rescheduled to a later date.

(B) MICHÈLE LETOURNEAU - UPDATE ON BRANDON URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' COUNCIL

Michèle LeTourneau, Indigenous Community Coordinator, appeared before City Council with respect to an update on the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council (BUAPC). Ms. LeTourneau spoke to the transition through the pandemic and filling the Indigenous Community Coordinator position as of April 2021.

She noted surveys had been created and data collected to assist in BUAPC's strategic planning session to be held in November of this year. Ms. LeTourneau highlighted initiatives such as the All Nations Sharing Circle and providing Indigenous names to trails and sites at the Riverbank Discovery Centre.

Ms. LeTourneau provided an overview of Truth and Reconciliation Week, with the signing of the proclamation by Mayor Chrest on September 21, 2021. She noted BUAPC was the guiding force in collaboration with the Brandon Friendship Centre, Assiniboine Community College, Brandon University, Riverbank Discovery Centre, and the Brandon School Division to organize a week of activities from September 27 to October 1, 2021.

Desjarlais-Fawcett

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That the presentation by Michèle LeTourneau with respect to an update on the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council be received. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

Nil

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nil

ENQUIRIES:

(226) STATUS OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor Chaboyer requested an update on the status of the Request for Proposals (RFP) to either repair or replace Park Community Centre.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the RFP was expected to be released this fall with City Council being apprised of same prior to its release.

(227) DUST ISSUES IN BACK LANE OF MCDONALD AVENUE NEAR THE GOLF COURSE CONSTRUCTION

Councillor Cameron advised that, with the McDonald Avenue entrance to the Wheat City Golf Course closed due to construction, all traffic was being rerouted down the back lane which had caused a serious dust problem. He enquired if some measure of dust control could be considered for this lane as soon as possible.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that calcium applications were scheduled to commence this week with this laneway being high up on the list for same.

(228) VACCINATION MANDATE OR TESTING REQUIREMENT FOR CITY STAFF WORKING WITH THE PUBLIC AND THE VULNERABLE POPULATION

Councillor Cameron referred to recent vaccination/testing mandates implemented by the City of Winnipeg, the Province of Manitoba and private businesses with respect to mandated vaccination or regimented testing of front-line staff and those working with the vulnerable population. He enquired if the City of Brandon planned to follow suit with similar policies.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the City of Brandon continued to monitor the development of policies and procedures for mandated vaccinations and testing and strongly encouraged all employees and members of the public to get fully vaccinated as soon as they were able to. Mr. Bowles confirmed that Brandon Fire and Emergency Services Paramedics fell under the direction of Shared Health Manitoba and as such, were required to be fully vaccinated or undergo regular testing for COVID-19 by October 31, 2021. He also confirmed that the City of Brandon continued to follow the current Public Health Orders and adhered to a high level of COVID-19 prevention protocols, inclusive of the required proof of vaccination for those accessing the Brandon Community Sportsplex.

(229) VEHICLE SPEED ALONG MCDIARMID DRIVE NEAR 34TH STREET

Councillor Cameron advised that concerns had been expressed with the speed of traffic on McDiarmid Drive particularly in the vicinity of 34th Street and the intersection of the bike path at that location. He enquired if this area could be monitored and potential resolutions to this problem provided as soon as possible.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that this area would be monitored by the Engineering Services Department and the Brandon Police Service to ensure posted speed limits were being adhered to and corrective action taken if necessary.

(230) CITY BY-LAWS TO RESOLVE PROPERTY AND NUISANCE ISSUES

Councillor Cameron advised that he had received numerous complaints from area residents with respect to unsanitary and unsafe conditions of several properties in the University Ward. He enquired as to potential solutions to these problems for residents, inclusive of enforcement of current City of Brandon by-laws or the creation of additional by-laws if necessary.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that Building Safety and Property Standards By-law No. 6060 established the standards of building safety, maintenance and occupancy of dwellings as well as other structures or property within the City of Brandon and was enforced by the Senior Building Inspector and the Brandon Police Service By-law Enforcement Officers. He advised that the Nuisance By-law No. 5806 regulated general nuisances such as noise along with the general maintenance of yards to ensure same were kept clear of rubbish, garbage and other debris as well as maintained and neatly groomed. Mr. Bowles noted that the Brandon Police Service By-law Enforcement Officers were also responsible for the enforcement of this by-law with offenders being subject to penalties as outlined in the Compliance By-law. The City Manager explained that the above by-laws were largely complaint driven with same to be reported to the Brandon Police Service for enforcement. Mr. Bowles advised that a Community Standards By-law which was expected to clarify standards, simplify understanding and increase enforcement efforts was expected to be presented for City Council's consideration in October 2021.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LINDEN LANES WARD MEETING - OCTOBER 12, 2021

Councillor Berry announced that a Linden Lanes Ward meeting would take place on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 in the MNP Hall at the Keystone Centre starting at 6:30 p.m. He advised that all COVID-19 protocols would be in place with vaccination QR Codes and identification required at the door as well as masks to be worn at all times. Councillor Berry advised that agenda items included the Southwest Secondary Plan (Maryland Avenue expansion), Willowdale Crescent construction, and any other city and ward issues.

HEALTH CHECKS HEALTH AND WELLNESS VIRTUAL EXPO

Councillor Chaboyer announced that a virtual Health & Wellness Expo hosted by Health Checks would take place October 1 & 2, 2021. She advised that live presentations, information sharing, as well as demonstrations were planned over the two days. Councillor Chaboyer encouraged residents to visit the Hopin website at www.hopin.com/events/health-checks for further information and to register. She noted that while this was a virtual event, it would also be broadcast on WCGTv Channel 12 to ensure it was accessible to those without internet service.

COMMUNITY EFFORT TO LOCATE MISSING BOY

His Worship Mayor Chrest issued accolades to the entire community for their combined efforts in locating a young boy who was recently missing in Brandon. He stated that he was always pleased to see how this community comes together very quickly in a time of crisis such as this.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) INTERIM APPOINTMENT TO AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE

Considered was a report from the Legislative Services Office dated August 30, 2021 with respect to the above.

Chaboyer-Cullen

1185 That the following citizen appointment be and is hereby made to the Age Friendly Committee for an interim term of office beginning immediately and expiring December 31, 2022:

Douglas Fraser CARRIED.

(B) EXTENSION OF SUBDIVISION FINAL APPROVAL FOR 21 WILLOWCREST AVENUE

City Council considered a report from the Planning and Buildings Department dated September 1, 2021 with respect to the above.

Berry-Luebke

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That the extension of the Final Approval of Subdivision for 21 Willowcrest Avenue (Parcels A/B, Plan 1269 BLTO, Parcels 1/2, Plan 1287 BLTO, Parcel B, Plan 1547 BLTO, and Parcel 1, Plan 1592 BLTO) to August 14, 2022 be approved. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7316

TO REZONE 1910 BELL AVENUE FROM RESIDENTIAL SINGLE DETACHED AND PARKS AND RECREATION ZONES TO RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY AND RESIDENTIAL SINGLE DETACHED ZONES

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Planning and Buildings Department dated September 10, 2021 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Luebke

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That By-law No. 7316 to rezone property located at 1910 Bell Avenue (Lot 6 Plan 66744 BLTO) from Residential Single Detached (RSD) and Parks and Recreation (PR) to Residential Low Density (RLD) be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

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That the meeting do now adjourn (7:54 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR	CITY CLERK