

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022  
AT 7:00 PM IN THE MNP ROOM, KEYSTONE CENTRE, 1175 – 18<sup>TH</sup> STREET, BRANDON, MANITOBA**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Rick Chrest In The Chair, Councillor Shawn Berry, Councillor Shaun Cameron, Councillor Barry Cullen, Councillor Jeff Fawcett, Councillor Sunday Frangi, Councillor Bruce Luebke, Councillor Glen Parker

**ABSENT:** Councillor Jan Chaboyer, Councillor Kris Desjarlais

**READING OF THE CALL:**

At the direction of the Chair, the City Clerk confirmed that on February 16, 2022 in accordance with the requirements of The Municipal Act, all members of City Council, including those members absent from the Chamber, were given notice that a Special Meeting would be held this date to hold a public hearing with respect to proposed conversion of a portion of Aberdeen Avenue to a one-way street between on Durum Drive and 34th Street and consideration of By-law No. 7326.

The City Clerk indicated that in view of the above compliance, and that there was quorum, it was lawful to proceed with this Special Meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

(A) PROPOSED CONVERSION OF A PORTION OF ABERDEEN AVENUE FROM DURUM DRIVE TO 34TH STREET TO A ONE-WAY STREET

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City Council sat to hear representation with respect to the proposed conversion of a portion of Aberdeen Avenue to a one-way street between Durum Drive and 34th Street.

Jennifer Coey, Manager of Strategic Infrastructure provided a summary of the situation noting that Aberdeen was classified as a collector street designed to provide access to residential properties, along with connectivity to other collector and arterial streets. She noted the conflicting values at play whereby local residents wanted a quieter street, with less traffic and slower speed limits and the broader community wanted to maintain connectivity between neighbourhoods and amenities.

The City Clerk provided a summary of the 14 written submissions received, noting that six had not provided an address, three were from the Parkdale subdivision, four from the Brookdale subdivision and one from the Supervisor of Transportation for the Brandon School Division.

All of the written representations were against the proposed conversion of Aberdeen. The submission from the Brandon School Division stated that turning Aberdeen into a one-way westbound street would severely restrict Brandon School Division Transportation's ability to service the Parkdale, Bellafield and Brookwood areas for K-12 students eligible for transportation residing in these areas and pointed out there were no other viable access points available at this time that would allow access going eastbound from the Brookwood area to the Bellafield and Parkdale areas should the conversion come to fruition.

Scott Smith, 121 Durum Drive appeared in favour of the conversion, citing concerns with traffic volume and safety.

Clint Cox, 96 Durum Drive appeared in favour of the conversion stating that he was very concerned for the safety of children in the area.

Dion Wiseman, 29 Prelude Bay spoke against the proposal noting that the conversion would just push traffic to another area.

Joyce Hudson, 209 Durum Drive also spoke in opposition to the conversion stating that it would have a negative impact on the area residents by funneling traffic to the north end of Durum Drive.

Donna Teetaert, 3 Storm Bay appeared in opposition to the proposal, noting that it would limit access to the area and just move the problem to another area. She stated that speeding was a bigger concern and that this was an enforcement issue rather than a directional issue.

Dustin Hargreaves, 179 Prairie Crescent spoke in opposition to the proposal as it would be an inconvenience to area residents and people accessing the south end of Brandon. He also had concerns with the impact on the crosswalk on Richmond Avenue.

Bob Patterson, 80 Durum Drive appeared in favour of the proposal, requesting that same be implemented as a pilot project to determine its effectiveness. He noted that this was an issue of safety as opposed to convenience.

Brad Dodds, 1805 - 34th Street appeared before Council and stated he did not have an opinion on the safety concerns, but rather sought information on why the extension of Maryland Avenue had been cancelled.

Samantha Pascal-Ahmed, 33 Durum Drive appeared before Council noting that she had originally been opposed to the conversion as a permanent solution but acknowledged the safety concerns with the increase in traffic and noted she would support a trial period for the conversion.

Norm Duke, 760 Aberdeen Avenue appeared before Council in full support of the idea, noting that the conversion to a one-way street was a practical, cheap solution to the safety issues raised.

Travis Wahl, 12 Lakeview Drive appeared in opposition, stated that the conversion would negatively impact the speed on 34th Street, noting that a third outlet for traffic in the Brookdale subdivision was required.

Dale Shepherd, 76 Durum Drive spoke in favour of the conversion noting that traffic had increased substantially in recent years. He stated that with two exits from the Brookwood subdivision, half of that traffic was headed east toward Aberdeen Avenue, with Durum Drive then accepting about 25% of all of the Brookwood traffic.

No further representation, either in support of or in opposition to the proposed conversion was received.

Berry-Cameron

1427 That the Public Hearing with respect to the proposed conversion of a portion of Aberdeen Avenue to a one-way street between Durum Drive and 34th Street be concluded. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7326 TO AMEND TAXI BY-LAW NO. 6884 TO SUSPEND THE 10 YEAR AGE RESTRICTION FOR TAXI VEHICLES

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City Council considered a report from the Director of Legislative Services dated February 16, 2022 with respect to the above.

Frangi-Parker

1428 That By-law No. 7326 to amend Taxi By-law No. 6884 to suspend the 10 year age restriction for taxi vehicles be read a first time. CARRIED.

ADJOURN:

Berry-Cullen

That the meeting do now adjourn. (8:33 p.m.) CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK