

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022 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 Berry & Councillor Cameron participated in the meeting electronically.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Cullen-Frangi
1453 That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, March 21, 2022 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Luebke-Chaboyer
1454 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, March 7, 2022 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 21, 2022

Councillor Parker provided a verbal report from the meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee held on March 10, 2022. He noted the main topics discussed were the City's 2021 unaudited Financial Information Return, the City's General and Utility Fund surpluses, and the allocation of these funds to various reserves. Councillor Parker noted that the projected surplus was a result of an influx of Federal COVID-19 funds as well as numerous operational efficiencies.

(B) POVERTY COMMITTEE VERBAL MARCH 21, 2022

Councillor Luebke provided a verbal report from the Poverty Committee meeting held March 9, 2022. He advised that the group had received a presentation from the Community Wellness Collaborative on the goals and mandates of the Collaborative as well as their planned projects. Councillor Luebke noted that the Committee discussed hosting a Community Forum, supporting a one-off project or hosting a community event downtown as potential ways to spend their allocated budget funds. He agreed to keep everyone updated as these initiatives moved forward.

(C) DOWNTOWN BRANDON WELLNESS & SAFETY TASK FORCE
VERBAL MARCH 21, 2022

Councillor Luebke provided a verbal report on the recent meetings of the Downtown Brandon Wellness & Safety Task Force. He advised that the group had engaged downtown stakeholders including business owners and non-profit organizations as well as City of Brandon Planning, Fire and Police Departments to develop a list of solutions to analyze. Councillor Luebke confirmed that the group continued to work diligently and strategically to assist those who lived, worked and visited the Downtown and expected to provide some interim recommendations to Council in the coming weeks.

(D) WESTERN MANITOBA REGIONAL LIBRARY VERBAL MARCH 21, 2022

Councillor Fawcett provided an update on the Western Manitoba Regional Library. He noted that they had recently hired a new Director, Programming Librarian and Programming Assistant and looked forward to bringing many new programs to both the Downtown and Shoppers' Mall locations. Councillor Fawcett advised that programming, hours and other pertinent information was available on the website at www.wmrl.ca.

Parker-Luebke

1455 That the reports of the Audit & Finance Committee, the Poverty Committee, the Downtown Wellness and Safety Task Force, and the Western Manitoba Regional Library be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

Nil

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WORLD WATER DAY

Councillor Chaboyer announced that Tuesday, March 22, 2022 was World Water Day with this year's theme being ground water and its importance on freshwater around the world. On behalf of the Brandon Environment Committee she reminded everyone that Brandon was located on top of an aquifer and stated the importance of avoiding contamination by ensuring chemicals and other pollutants did not seep into the ground. Councillor Chaboyer encouraged the installation of a rain garden as a means of water preservation and noted that more tips and tricks were available on the www.brandon.ca website under recycling.

RETURN TO IN-PERSON EVENTS

Mayor Chrest announced that he was pleased to see the return to in-person events after the long hiatus. He noted that many sporting events were once again being held along with programs at the Library and Art Gallery as well as concerts etc. at other venues. Mayor Chrest congratulated the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba on being able to host the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair once again after having missed two years. His Worship encouraged everyone to get out and enjoy some of these festivities happening in our city.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

City Council considered a report from the Legislative Services Department dated March 7, 2022.

Fawcett-Chaboyer

1456 That the following persons be appointed to the Planning Commission with terms of office to begin April 1, 2022 and expire March 31, 2025:

Kate Hill
Ryan Johnston
CARRIED.

(B) APPOINTMENTS TO THE BRANDON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Considered was a report from the Legislative Services Department dated March 7, 2022.

Desjarlais-Cullen

1457 That the following citizens be appointed to the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation with terms of office to begin April 1, 2022 and end March 31, 2025:

Cam Wirch
Pamela Smith
CARRIED.

(C) APPOINTMENT OF THE SENIOR ELECTION OFFICIAL

Submitted for consideration was a report from the City Manager dated March 13, 2022 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Frangi

1458 That Heather Ewasiuk be appointed as the Senior Election Official for the City of Brandon to fulfill all obligations outlined in The Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Act. CARRIED.

(D) CONCEPTUAL REDESIGN OF THE LIBRARY/ARTS BUILDING

City Council considered a report from the Director of Planning & Buildings dated March 3, 2022 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Desjarlais

1459 That the conceptual redesign of the library/arts building attached to the report of the Director of the Planning & Buildings Department dated February 17, 2022 be accepted. CARRIED.

(E) 2021 FINANCIAL INFORMATION RETURN

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Finance dated February 18, 2022 with respect to the above.

Parker-Desjarlais

1460 That pursuant to Section 183(2) of The Municipal Act, the 2021 Financial Information Return (unaudited) be adopted. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7303 TO REZONE THE CLOSED LANE LOCATED AT THE PERIMETER OF 25 – 20TH STREET FROM RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY ZONE TO RESIDENTIAL MODERATE DENSITY ZONE

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Legislative Services Department dated December 21, 2021 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Frangi

1461 That By-law No. 7303 to rezone property located at the closed lane in Block 10, Plan 15 BLTO (Title No. 2569948) located at the perimeter of 25 - 20th Street from Residential Low Density (RLD) to Residential Moderate Density (RMD) zone be read a third and final time. CARRIED.

In accordance with Section 137 of The Municipal Act, a recorded vote was taken on the motion to give By-law No. 7303 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

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Chaboyer-Berry

That the meeting do now adjourn (8:06 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK