

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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 Frangi participated in the meeting electronically.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

1643 Luebke-Parker
That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

1644 Cameron-Cullen
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, August 15, 2022 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

1645 Luebke-Cameron
That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Wednesday, August 31, 2022 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) BRANDON URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' COUNCIL UPDATE

Michèle LeTourneau, Indigenous Community Coordinator, appeared before City Council with respect to an update on the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council (BUAPC). Ms. LeTourneau highlighted the successes of community initiatives such as Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP) coalition meetings, Circles for Reconciliation, and the naming group for honorary street names.

Ms. LeTourneau provided an overview of Truth and Reconciliation Week (TRW) events organized from September 27 to October 2, 2022. She announced the launch of the BUAPC website with information and volunteer opportunities regarding TRW, residents can access the website at buapc.ca.

Desjarlais-Fawcett

1646 That the presentation by Michele LeTourneau, Indigenous Community Coordinator, 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:

(A) DOWNTOWN WELLNESS AND SAFETY TASK FORCE VERBAL

Councillor Luebke provided a verbal report on the Downtown Wellness and Safety Task Force (DWSTF). He noted a luncheon event was scheduled for September 16th at Princess Park, to engage with downtown residents who have lived experience with social wellness needs, substance abuse, poverty and/or homelessness. He announced the pilot Graffiti Removal Program had launched in August to remove reported graffiti and noted the criteria to qualify for this service, residents can access the website at <https://graffiti.brandon.ca>.

Councillor Luebke concluded by indicating that all remaining work would be done in the coming fall and that the DWSTF was on schedule to complete their mandate, by providing long-term recommendations to Council.

Fawcett-Cameron

1647 That the verbal report from the Downtown Wellness and Safety Task Force be received.
CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(310) SUNKEN INTERSECTION - 23RD STREET AND ROSSER AVENUE

Councillor Cameron advised that a loud bang was being heard as vehicles headed west through the intersection of 23rd Street and Rosser Avenue due to same being sunken from recent underground work. He enquired if possible solutions to this issue could be sought to ensure traffic passing through the neighbourhood was less obtrusive for area residents.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the intersection had been inspected and it was determined that repairs were not warranted at this time; however, same would be monitored regularly and repairs completed if necessary.

(311) REPAIRS TO THE CORONATION PARK WALKING PATH

Councillor Cameron referred to the 2022 Budget Deliberations whereby funds had been allocated for repairs to the walking path in Coronation Park. He noted that the path remained in poor condition and enquired when the repairs were expected to be completed.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that, due to unforeseen circumstances, this work had been delayed; however, same was expected to be completed in 2023.

(312) DRAINAGE CONCERNS - VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Councillor Cameron properties north of the back lane behind the 2500 Block of Rosser Avenue were being flooded during times of heavier rain due to grading concerns with the lane and enquired if potential solutions to this issue could be sought.

Councillor Cameron spoke about the concrete lane between 25th and 26th Streets between Victoria and Louise Avenues and noted that due to the higher elevation of the

lane in certain spots, yards along the lane were being flooded before the water got to the drain at Louise Avenue. He enquired if possible solutions to this issue could be sought.

His Worship the Mayor took these matters under advisement.

(313) BRANDON POLICE SERVICE BY-LAW DIVISION STAFFING

Councillor Desjarlais enquired as to current staff complement for Brandon Police Service By-law Enforcement Officers, inclusive of whether or not there were times when they were down to just one officer on duty. He also enquired as to how many additional officers would be required to move from complaint driven to active enforcement of by-laws.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that, on the weekends there was only one officer on shift, with the majority of weekend duties being animal control. He advised that there were currently four By-law Officers; however, with two new hires starting September 12, 2022, they would be up to their full complement of six. He stated that, although it was unusual, with being short staffed, there had been times when only one officer was on duty to cover the tasks of animal control, parking, by-laws and process serving. With respect to the number of officers required to move from complaint driven to active enforcement, the Acting City Manager confirmed that this issue was being discussed as part of the 2023 Brandon Police Service budget and more information would be shared with City Council in the near future.

(314) REQUEST TO CLEAN FORMER ESSO STATION PROPERTY ON ROSSER AVENUE

Councillor Desjarlais noted that the former Esso Station property on Rosser Avenue continued to be an eye sore. He enquired if options, inclusive of the removal of the old station infrastructure, could be provided for City Council's decision.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that, as this property was privately owned, any options/solutions would be provided to City Council at an In-Camera Meeting. He suggested a resolution directing Administration to prepare a report outlining options/solutions to be presented to City Council at and In-Camera Meeting would be in order.

The following motion was carried unanimously.

Desjarlais-Luebke

1648 That Administration prepare a report on the options and solutions for the former Esso station on Rosser Avenue to be presented to City Council at a Special In-Camera Meeting September 19, 2022. CARRIED.

(315) STREET LIGHT OUTAGES IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA

Councillor Desjarlais reported that there were a number of lights out in the downtown area, inclusive of both Manitoba Hydro street lights and City of Brandon decorative lights. He noted that, given the number of outages involved, the onus should be on the City of Brandon rather than the residents to contact Manitoba Hydro. He enquired if this issue could be addressed as soon as possible.

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

(316) WATER UTILITY BILLS - BREAKDOWN OF UNIT CHARGE

Councillor Berry enquired as to the breakdown of charges on the water utility bills, noting that it appeared residents were being charged the same number of units for both water consumption and wastewater.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that water consumption was billed on the actual cubic meters of water that flowed through the water meters. He explained that, because wastewater was not metered, it was assumed that to be the same as water consumption, noting that this was the practice in most Canadian cities as well as used by the Manitoba Public Utilities Board (PUB).

Mr. Hammond noted that exceptions to this rule existed for residential customers whose wastewater went to on-property septic tanks, or for large commercial customers who had legitimate significant differences between water consumed and wastewater to be treated. He confirmed that commercial customers who wished to have separate wastewater meters required permission from the City of Brandon to do so and were responsible for all costs of same. He referred residents with questions to the City of Brandon's website for further information and noted that concerns could also be addressed by calling 204 729-2262 or emailing water@brandon.ca.

(317) MUNICIPAL ELECTION - PLEBISCITE QUESTION

Councillor Berry enquired as to the timelines for inclusion of a plebiscite question on the ballot for the 2023 Municipal Election on October 26, 2022.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that any question to be considered must be given as soon as reasonably possible following the close of nominations on September 20, 2022. He noted that the composition of the ballot was required to be provided to the printer by September 22, 2022 to ensure same were printed and ready by September 27, 2022.

(318) TRAINS BLOCKING ROADWAYS

Councillor Parker noted that trains blocking roadways for a long period of time were becoming problematic. He enquired as to the length of time trains were permitted to block roadways within the City of Brandon.

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

(319) SAFETY OF CROSSWALK AT VICTORIA AVENUE AND E. FOTHERINGHAM DRIVE

Councillor Cullen referred to a previous enquiry whereby he had raised concerns with the speed of traffic leading up to the crosswalk at the intersection of Victoria Avenue and E. Fotheringham Drive. He reiterated his concerns with traffic speed of vehicles entering and exiting the City of Brandon. He noted that his requests for a speed reduction as well as relocation of the solar traffic speed device from 38th Street to Governor's Road had been deemed unwarranted at that time. He enquired if moving the solar traffic speed device from 38th Street to E. Fotheringham Drive as well as extending the 50 km/hr speed limit to Governor's Road could be reconsidered as the area remained unsafe and there had been a number of near misses with pedestrians at the crosswalk.

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

(320) UPDATE ON DRAINAGE DITCH - 1900 BLOCK OF 9TH STREET

Councillor Chaboyer referred to a recent presentation by an area resident with respect to the clearing of the drainage ditch in the 1900 Block of 9th Street and requested an update on the status of same.

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

(321) TRAFFIC BACK-UP AT MARYLAND PARK SCHOOL

Councillor Chaboyer enquired what was being done to address the concerns raised recently with respect to traffic back up in the vicinity of Maryland Park School.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON 1500 & 1600 BLOCK OF 9TH STREET

Councillor Chaboyer thanked the Engineering Department for having addressed concerns she raised in a previous enquiry regarding pedestrian safety along the 1500 and 1600 Blocks of 9th Street by installing bollards along same.

SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMITS

Councillor Cameron reminded residents that the 30km/hr speed limit while traveling through school zones had again come into effect as of September 1, 2022.

CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN OPEN HOUSE

Councillor Luebke announced that a Climate Change Action Plan Open House was to be held at City Hall on September 20, 2022 between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. He noted that the event was to share information from the initial phases of the planning process as well as gather community feedback on priorities for implementation. He informed Council that the Climate Change Action Plan was to replace the City's Environmental Strategic Plan, set new corporate and community emissions targets and prepare for a changing climate. He encouraged residents to attend the event and participate in the opportunity to have their voices heard.

PLAYGROUND GRAND OPENING

Councillor Parker announced that the grand opening of the playground at Louise Ave and Laurence Crescent would take place on September 10, 2022 between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. He reminded Council that the project was initiated by the Kiwanis Club of Brandon in partnership with the Parks Department and Brandon businesses.

ALLISON DONE - LOVE IS NEVER DONE EVENT

Councillor Desjarlais invited residents to attend an event in honour of Allison Done, the respected mental health advocate who recently passed away. The event, Love Is Never Done, would take place on September 11, 2022 at Princess Park between 12:00 and 3:00 p.m. as an opportunity for the community to connect.

2022 MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

His Worship Mayor Chrest reminded everyone of the 2022 Municipal and School Board Elections on October 26, 2022. He informed everyone that the deadline to submit nomination papers was September 20, 2022. He invited everyone to get involved in the Election whether to let their name stand as a candidate, support a candidate or get out and vote. He expressed hope for and encouraged a diverse pool of candidates for same.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) 2022 CONTRACT C2 - ROAD REPAIRS

Considered was a report from the Engineering Services Department dated August 31, 2022 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Parker

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That the bid submitted by Zenith Paving Ltd. to carry out 2022 Contract C2 – Road Repairs, as per Tender and Specifications, at a cost of \$182,800.00 (net of GST) be accepted;

And further, that \$220,000 be authorized to be expended from the Capital Development Reserve for the project. CARRIED.

Councillor Berry removed himself from the chamber prior to the item being discussed.

(B) AMENDMENT TO FEE SCHEDULE REGULATION FEESCHREG-002 - BUSINESS LICENSE TEMPORARY FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT

City Council considered a report from the Legislative Services Department dated August 31, 2022 with respect to the above.

Parker-Chaboyer

1650 That FEESCHREG-002 be amended by adding to page 34 of Schedule A, immediately before the heading "TRANSIENT BUSINESS LICENSE", a new heading "TEMPORARY FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT" with Blanket License Fee for Single Event Location and a fee of \$2,000. CARRIED.

(C) FUNDS FROM LAND ACQUISITION RESERVE FOR RE-PURCHASE OF LANDS

City Council considered a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated August 5, 2022 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Luebke

1651 That (up to) \$61,000.00 be authorized to be expended from the Land Acquisition Reserve for the re-purchase of properties located at 1305 and 1411 Pacific Avenue (Attachment A). CARRIED.

(D) HONOURARY STREET NAME LOCATED AT GRAND VALLEY ROAD

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated August 23, 2022 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Fawcett

1652 That the proposed honourary street name being Wokiksuye Canku (Remembrance Road), submitted by Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council for the location of Grand Valley Road within the City limits, be approved. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7339 TO AMEND LICENSING BY-LAW NO. 6009 – TEMPORARY FOOD SERVICE AMENDMENT
2ND & 3RD READINGS

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Legislative Services Department dated August 31, 2022 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Parker

1653 That By-Law No. 7339 to amend Business Licensing By-Law No. 6009 be amended by:

1. deleting from section 1(a) the word "less" and substituting with the words "not more" and further deleting the word "fourteen (14)" and substituting with the word "three (3)";
2. deleting from section 1(c) 56.2(a) the words: "submit for" and substituting with the words: "ensure that";
3. adding in section 1(c) 56.2(a) the word: "has" immediately after the word: "event";
4. deleting from section 1(c) 56.2(c) the word: "one" and substituting with the word: "two";
5. adding in section 1(c) 56.2(c) the words: "with the City added as an additional named insured" immediately after "\$2,000,000". CARRIED.

Luebke-Chaboyer

1654 That By-Law No. 7339, as amended, be given second reading. CARRIED.

Luebke-Chaboyer

1655 That the by-law 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. 7339 third reading.

FOR

AGAINST

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

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

That the meeting do no adjourn. (8:41 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

A/CITY CLERK