

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Luebke-Parker
1706 That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, October 17, 2022 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Cameron-Parker
1707 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Monday, October 3, 2022 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Cameron-Frangi
1708 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, October 3, 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) POLICE BOARD VERBAL OCTOBER 17, 2022

Councillor Cullen provided a verbal report on the Police Board meeting held on September 23, 2022. He noted that a presentation had been heard by the Brandon Police Service (BPS) Dog Unit with an overview of training and operations. He provided an overview of Chief Balcaen's report regarding community events, budget updates, and statistics of service calls attended by BPS. He advised that the Board had approved a 2023 Police budget to be submitted for City Council approval. Additionally, he noted that the Board had adopted the new Police Board Policy Manual after discussion and minor amendments.

Councillor Berry advised that he and Chief Balcaen had attended the Canadian Association of Police Governance Conference held in Saskatoon. He spoke to the positive learning experience it had provided on topics relating to alternative policing, opportunities and efforts to create standard practices for Police governance across Canada.

(B) POVERTY VERBAL OCTOBER 17, 2022

Councillor Chaboyer provided a verbal report from the Poverty Committee held on October 12, 2022. She announced that the Poverty Committee was to host a Community Wellness event on November 15, 2022 at the Cultural Resource Centre with the goals of updating the HFIS database and offering services to homeless persons. She updated everyone that the Community Indicator System was being updated with data from the Federal Census. She concluded by outlining the emergency situation with the Samaritan House Safe & Warm Shelter being at capacity and that the Poverty Committee had approved a donation of \$3,500 in support of same.

Councillor Desjarlais advised that the Samaritan House Safe & Warm Shelter was not equipped to meet the demand observed between the shelter and the Blue Door Project.

He noted that discussions between stakeholders were ongoing and the City was assisting in finding both interim and long-term solutions.

Berry-Chaboyer

1709 That the reports from the Police Board and the Poverty Committee be received.
CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(333) LANDFILL ENTRANCE FEE FOR YARD WASTE

Councillor Parker enquired if landfill entrance fees could be eliminated for yard waste or if the number of pick-up and drop-off sites could be increased during the month of October to alleviate the build-up of waste and debris.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Sanitation section was utilizing all available staff and resources to manage the depot locations around the City. He noted that the department only had access to one front-load truck capable of emptying the bins at the locations and adding additional pick-up locations was not currently possible. Further to this, additional shifts had been added during the past week to try and alleviate the build-up of excessive material at the locations.

Mr. Bowles advised that the current fee schedule does not allow for fees to be waived for residents and must be done through a resolution of Council. He noted that should Council wish for Administration to adjust the fee schedule to assist with this concern, a motion would be required to have the change added to the fee schedule for 2023.

Further to this issue, Councillor Cullen reiterated concerns related to the overflow of waste at various pick-up and drop-off locations around Brandon. He recommended that considerations be included in the 2023 budget deliberations to increase the capacity of same.

(334) DOWNTOWN WELLNESS AND SAFETY TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS UPDATE

Councillor Desjarlais requested an update on the implementation of recommendations made by the Downtown Safety and Wellness Taskforce, specifically the graffiti removal pilot program and the \$50,000 allocated for repair of downtown sidewalks.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the repair of any downtown sidewalks had been deferred to early 2023 and budgeted accordingly.

He noted that the graffiti reporting webpage was launched in late August and downtown business owners had been contacted directly with information on same. He confirmed that 29 applications had been received since launch, of which 21 had been completed with the remaining 8 jobs expected to be completed within the week. Further to this, Mr. Bowles noted that funding was still available and encouraged businesses to submit reports to the graffiti.brandon.ca webpage.

(335) UPDATE ON DOWNTOWN LIGHTING ISSUES

Councillor Desjarlais referred to a previous enquiry with respect to a number of street and decorative light outages in the downtown area. He advised that he had received a further complaint on this issue from an area resident and requested an update on the timeline for repairs.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that, to date, Manitoba Hydro had repaired the streetlights on Rosser Avenue between 11th and 12th Street; however, no further repairs had taken place to date. He confirmed that Engineering department staff had resubmitted a work order request to Manitoba Hydro for the repairs and would continue to do so regularly until all were completed.

Further to this, Mr. Bowles confirmed that the row of decorative globe lights had been repaired on the west side of the 100 block of 10th Street. He noted that several repairs had also been made to the control panels of various nostalgia lights in the downtown area as same were frequently vandalized.

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

(336) MARYLAND AVENUE TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

Councillor Berry advised that he had received a complaint from an area resident with respect to signage on a dirt road portion of Maryland Avenue heading west past Marquis Drive. He explained that the sign indicated that the road was for emergency vehicles only; however, same was being used by residents of the new development as well as contractors working on the site. He enquired as to the need for the road at all and if it was necessary then suggested a barricade be installed that could be removed by emergency personnel if necessary or removal of the sign and leave it accessible to all vehicles.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that it is desirable to have a secondary point of access for emergency vehicles should one point of access become physically impassable. He noted that the road in question was a public right of

way that acted as the secondary emergency access. Mr. Bowles advised that this was designed as an interim measure until the development was potentially expanded and that the signage was an attempt to limit traffic. He noted that the installation of a barricade to prevent regular through traffic could potentially create a delay during an emergency response. Following further discussion, at Councillor Berry's suggestion, it was agreed that the sign be removed and the road left as is.

(337) WESTRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE PARKING LOT

Councillor Berry noted that the Westridge Community Centre parking lot had fallen into disrepair due to increased traffic accessing the yard waste drop-off bins. He enquired if repairs to same could be completed as soon as possible.

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

(338) PARKS AND TRAILS LIGHTING & SNOW CLEARING

Councillor Chaboyer enquired if staff could perform maintenance on lighting along the parks and trails in advance of the longer winter nights. Further to this, she requested that administration begin preparations for the winter clearing of sidewalks so that a prompt response was in place in the event of snow.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this under advisement.

(339) PROTECTION OF TREES DURING SNOW REMOVAL

Councillor Desjarlais enquired as to what plans were in place to ensure that trees remain undamaged during snow removal in the coming winter. He noted that an estimated 25 trees, most of which had to be removed, received damage during snow removal in the previous winter.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GRAND OPENING - JUMPSTART ACCESSIBLE MULTI-SPORT COURT

His Worship Mayor Chrest announced that he had recently attended the grand opening of the new Jumpstart Accessible Multi-Sport Court on Maryland Avenue. He explained that the facility, located next to Maryland Park School, had been built in a partnership between the Parks and Recreation Department and the Canadian Tire Jumpstart

Program. His Worship thanked local Canadian Tire Dealer, Mr. Jim Crighton, for lobbying for Brandon to receive grant money for the project through the National Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program.

2022 MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

His Worship Mayor Chrest reminded everyone that October 26, 2022 was the day for municipal and school board elections. He thanked all candidates for their participation and congratulated them on the professional manner in which they have conducted themselves. He encouraged residents to get informed on their polling locations and to get out and vote on election day.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) 2022 INTERIM CITIZEN APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF REVISION

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Legislative Services Department dated October 11, 2022 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Parker

1710 That the following citizen appointment be and is hereby made to the Board of Revision for an interim term of office to commence immediately and expire December 31, 2022:

Bob Wallis CARRIED.

(B) AMENDMENT TO BRANDON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ORGANIZATIONAL BY-LAW

Considered was a report from the Legislative Services Department dated October 11, 2022 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Luebke

1711 That the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation Organizational By-law No. 4 be amended as follows:

1. deleting Section 4.01 Number and Composition of Directors in its entirety and substituting the following therefor:

"The Board shall consist of one (1) member of Council for the City of Brandon who shall be appointed annually, and eight (8) citizens-at-large for a total of nine (9) voting Directors.

The Mayor and the City Manager for the City of Brandon shall be considered ex-officio, non-voting members of the Board." CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7340 REZONE PROPERTY AT 453 & 459 RUSSELL STREET
3RD READING

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Legislative Services Department dated October 13, 2022 with respect to the above.

Parker-Luebke

1712 That By-law No. 7340 to rezone property located at 453 & 459 Russell Street (Lot 18, Block 6, Plan 4 BLTO and Lot 1, Plan 54304 BLTO) from Residential Low Density (RLD) to Commercial General (CG) zone be read a third and final time. CARRIED.

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:

(A) FAREWELL REMARKS

Each member of the 2018 - 2022 Council provided farewell remarks.

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

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

MAYOR

A/CITY CLERK