

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA

PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Fawcett In The Chair, Councillor Shawn Berry, Councillor Shaun Cameron, Councillor Barry Cullen, Councillor Kris Desjarlais, Councillor Greg Hildebrand, Councillor Heather Karrouze, Councillor Bruce Luebke, Councillor Glen Parker, Councillor Jason Splett, Councillor Tyson Tame

ABSENT: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Cullen-Hildebrand
079 That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Cameron-Splett
080 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, December 19, 2022 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) JOHN JACKSON - LINKS INSTITUTE UPDATE

John Jackson, President of LINKS Institute, appeared before City Council with respect to an update on the previous two years of operation by the organization. He provided an outline of the educational programs offered by the institute, noting in particular the Mental Wellness & Harm Reduction Worker diploma. Mr. Jackson concluding by outlining the importance of mental health workers in the community and LINKS Institutes' role in providing training for associated careers.

Luebke-Cullen
081 That the presentation by John Jackson with respect to the update on the LINKS Institute be received. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

Nil

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

- (A) EMEKA EGESON, BRANDON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION - ANNUAL UPDATE
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Emeka Egeson, Executive Director of the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation (BDDC), appeared before City Council with respect to the annual update on BDDC activities. Mr. Egeson advised that 16 businesses had received support from BDDC programs in 2022 and that over \$530,000 had been distributed. He outlined changes that had occurred to programs offered and noted how reductions in maximum grant amounts had allowed more businesses to receive funding. Further, that the rent abatement program had been discontinued in favour of supporting property improvements.

Mr. Egeson indicated that an increase in funding from the City of Brandon to \$550,000 would be required for the BDDC to provide meaningful project grants. He explained that loss in matching funds from the province had limited the level of grants the BDDC could provide. Mr. Egeson further expressed how current project grants provided less impact when considering increases in construction costs.

Desjarlais-Cameron

- 082 That the presentation by Emeka Egeson with respect to the annual update on the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation be received.

And further, that the requested increase in funding from \$300,000 to \$550,000 be referred to the 2023 Budget Deliberations. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nil

ENQUIRIES:

(25) HOCKEY BRANDON AGREEMENT

Councillor Luebke noted that the current fee agreement with Hockey Brandon was set to expire prior to the 2023 Tournament of Champions in early February. He enquired if a report could be brought forward for Council's consideration at the January 16, 2023 meeting with a recommendation to extend the current fee agreement for the 2023 Tournament of Champions to allow time to work with Hockey Brandon on a new agreement for future years. He further requested that details of the existing agreement be provided in that report.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager agreed that this report would be provided at the January 16, 2023 meeting.

(26) HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT UPDATE

Councillor Luebke referred to a previous resolution of City Council regarding a request to the Province of Manitoba for an amendment to the Highway Traffic Act with respect to the Image Capturing Enforcement Regulation. He requested an update on the status of those discussions.

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

(27) SNOW CLEARING SCHEDULE

Councillor Berry advised that residents had shared concerns with him regarding insufficient notice when snow removal was taking place on residential streets. He referred to a recent incident whereby a resident had his vehicle blocked by ridges of snow and was unable to move it without assistance. He questioned whether or not signage was being used to notify residents of upcoming street cleaning, and if so, when same was placed on the street. Further to this, he expressed concern over the use of CityWorks when communicating with residents, noting that the information on same only indicated when snow clearing had already taken place rather than when it was to occur. Additionally, he enquired if improvements could be made to the notification process for residents with respect to residential snow removal.

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

(28) TRAFFIC BY-LAW UPDATE

Councillor Desjarlais requested an update on the review of the Traffic By-law with respect to the changes made regarding downtown event parking policies.

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

(29) ANIMAL CONTROL BY-LAW UPDATE

Councillor Desjarlais requested an update on the status of and changes being made to the Animal Control By-law.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

KEYSTONE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Councillor Luebke reminded Council and residents that the Keystone Centre Annual General Meeting was to be held on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Hall of the Keystone Centre.

PAYING FOR GROWTH

Mayor Fawcett announced that a Special Meeting of Council was to take place on January 10, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. He noted that the topic of discussion would be "Paying for Growth" with respect to the southwest lift station project and encouraged interested residents to attend.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) APPLICATION TO SUBDIVIDE - 611 MCDIARMID DRIVE

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Planning & Buildings dated December 16, 2022 with respect to the above.

Cameron-Parker

083 That Brandon City Council approve the application to subdivide (4500-22-725) 611 McDiarmid Drive (SP Lot 28, Plan 48936 BLTO) to split the existing site into two (2) lots in the Residential Low Density (RLD), subject to the owner or successor:

1. Installing a new sewer line and water service line to allow each unit to be serviced by separate service lines in accordance with the Water and Wastewater By-law;

2. Submitting written confirmation to the City of Brandon Planning & Buildings Department that the applicant has entered into a new Statutory Easement Agreement and a Grant of Right of Use Agreement with Manitoba Hydro, Centra Gas and Westman Communications Group with conditions to the satisfaction of Manitoba Hydro and Westman Communications Group. CARRIED.

(B) APPLICATION TO SUBDIVIDE - 2211 PORTOLA DRIVE

Considered was a report from the Director of Planning & Buildings dated December 16, 2022 with respect to the above.

Tame-Splett

084 That Brandon City Council approve the application to subdivide (4500-22-726) 2211 Portola Drive (Block 7, Plan 56250 BLTO) into seven (7) bare land condominium lots with a shared common element in the Residential Moderate Density (RMD) Zone. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7343 AMEND THE SOUTHWEST BRANDON SECONDARY PLAN
1ST READING

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated December 13, 2022 with respect to the above.

Berry-Parker

085 That By-law No. 7343 to amend the Southwest Brandon Secondary Plan By-law No. 7080 be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7344 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION RESERVE BY-LAW
1ST READING

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Legislative Services Department dated December 22, 2022 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Splett

086 That By-law No. 7344 to establish the Active Transportation General Reserve Fund for the purpose of providing funds for Active Transportation Infrastructure, be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Cullen-Luebke

That the meeting do now adjourn. (8:00 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

A/CITY CLERK