

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA**

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

ABSENT: Councillor Heather Karrouze

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Parker-Splett

095 That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, January 16, 2023 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Cameron-Parker

096 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Tuesday, January 3, 2023 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Hildebrand-Tame

097 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Thursday, January 5, 2023 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Hildebrand-Cullen

098 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Monday, January 9, 2023 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Luebke-Splett

099 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Tuesday, January 10, 2023 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Hildebrand-Cameron

100 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Wednesday, January 11, 2023 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) MATT BOLLEY - UPDATE ON BRANDON SALUTES

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Matt Bolley appeared before City Council on behalf of Brandon Salutes to provide an update on the organization. He outlined the close connection that existed between the City of Brandon and CFB Shilo, and the various programs that Brandon Salutes used in raising awareness of this relationship. Mr. Bolley noted that the annual Brandon Salutes concert was to take place in spring 2023 and advised Council and residents to watch for details. He concluded by outlining how interested individuals could help Brandon Salutes by spreading awareness or by becoming involved as volunteers.

Cameron-Splett

101 That the presentation from Matt Bolley with respect to an update on Brandon Salutes be received. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

Nil

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) TAJINDERPAL BRAR O/B/O BRANDON TAXI COMPANIES - REQUEST FOR FARE INCREASES

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Tajinderpal Brar, on behalf of the Brandon Taxi Companies, appeared before Council with respect to the request for an increase in taxi fares. Ms. Brar noted that fares had not increased in the previous eight years despite increases to operating costs. She identified concerns held by Brandon taxi companies regarding the burdens of managing increases to costs of fuel, minimum wage, insurance rates, and permits.

Ms. Brar indicated that the taxi companies were proposing that fare rates increase to \$4.20 for the first 100m, \$0.25 for each additional 100m, and \$0.20 for every 10 seconds of metered waiting time. Up from the rates of \$3.80, \$0.18, and \$0.10 respectively.

Luebke-Parker

102 That the presentation provided on behalf of the Brandon Taxi Companies with respect to a request for taxi fare increases be received.

And further, that Administration review the request and bring a report back to City Council by no later than March 20, 2023. CARRIED.

(B) BRETT TURNER O/B/O ASHLEY NEUFELD SOFTBALL COMPLEX

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Brett Turner, on behalf of the Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex, appeared before Council with respect to a request for funding assistance in managing the complex. He noted that since opening in 2017 there has been steady growth in users and events, as well as further additions to the complex's facilities. He advised that efforts required to manage the complex had expanded beyond the abilities of volunteers.

Mr. Turner requested City Council consider assisting the Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex by providing annual funding of \$20,000 for the purpose of supplementing the management of the facility.

Desjarlais-Splett

103 That the presentation by Brett Turner on behalf of the Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex be received. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Desjarlais

104 That the main motion be amended by adding the following thereto:

"And further, that Administration work with the Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex to develop a Memorandum of Understanding to provide annual funding; And further, that the funding request of \$20,000 be referred to 2023 budget deliberations." CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) KEYSTONE CENTRE VERBAL JANUARY 16, 2023

Councillor Luebke provided a verbal report from the Annual General Meeting of the Keystone Centre that took place on January 12, 2023. He provided an overview of the 2021-2022 fiscal year and various long-term agreements that were reaffirmed in 2022 between the Keystone Centre and event groups. Councillor Luebke concluded by outlining plans to have a land-usage study and economic impact report with respect to the Keystone Centre completed in the 2023 year.

(B) POVERTY COMMITTEE VERBAL JANUARY 16, 2023

Councillor Desjarlais provided a verbal report from the recent meeting of Poverty Committee held on January 10, 2023. He advised that the committee had met with Sonikile Tembo, Community Planner, with respect to the City Plan. Other discussion focused on strategic planning activities and potential annual events for the Poverty Committee.

Councillor Tame further noted that the creation of a social media page for the Poverty Committee was also a topic of discussion.

Luebke-Desjarlais

105 That the verbal reports from the Keystone Centre and the Poverty Committee be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(30) 1ST STREET AND ABERDEEN AVENUE INTERSECTION

Councillor Tame advised that it was becoming difficult for drivers to access 1st Street at Aberdeen Avenue, particularly at peak times of the day. He enquired if a traffic study could be conducted, and consideration given to whether or not the installation of a 3-Way Stop Sign would be warranted at that intersection.

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

(31) WILDLIFE WITHIN CITY LIMITS

Councillor Cameron advised that he had received concerns from ward residents with respect to wildlife within city limits. He noted that one resident had an encounter with

an aggressive deer in his front yard and was fearful for children in the area. Councillor Cameron further noted that there were residents who were actively feeding the deer, hence encouraging them to come into the City. He noted that feeding wildlife was not permitted within city limits and enquired if a report could be provided outlining ways of educating residents on the dangers of encouraging wildlife to come into the City of Brandon.

Further to this issue, His Worship Mayor Fawcett suggested that a public service announcement on this topic may also be beneficial to assist in getting the information out there.

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

##### AG DAYS

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Councillor Luebke reminded everyone that Manitoba Ag Days was to run 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. from January 16th - 19th and welcomed all the exhibitors and attendees coming into Brandon for the event. He advised everyone to be aware that this was the first year where admittance fees were charged for the event and that additional information could be found at [www.agdays.com](http://www.agdays.com)

##### DAKOTA WINTER FESTIVAL

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Councillor Luebke advised residents that the Dakota Winter Festival was to take place from January 26 - 29, 2023. He noted that the festival was the first to take place since 2020 and encouraged all to attend.

##### CLAMSHELL RECYCLING

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Councillor Luebke announced that clamshell containers could now be recycled in the City of Brandon. He noted that more information on recycling could be found by visiting the Recyclepedia on the City of Brandon website or by downloading the app.

##### SOUTHWEST LIFT STATION PUBLIC EVENTS

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Councillor Desjarlais reminded residents that a public open house was to take place on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 from 5-7 p.m. in the City Hall foyer on the subject of Growing South Brandon.

Further to this, Councillor Desjarlais advised residents that a public hearing for the Southwest Lift Station was to take place during a Special Meeting of City Council on Monday, January 23, 2023. The meeting was to take place in the City Council Chambers from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

#### 2023 PROPERTY TAX PRE-PAYMENTS

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Councillor Cameron announced that 2023 property-tax pre-payment discounts were available to residents and that property owners could receive the discount on pre-payments up to the amount of their 2022 property taxes. He advised that discounts were only offered until end of May and that 2023 property taxes were due by Friday, June 30, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS:

##### (A) MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH HOCKEY BRANDON

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Submitted for consideration was a report from the General Manager of Operations dated January 5, 2023 with respect to the above.

##### Luebke-Parker

106 That City Council approve a one year extension of the Agreement between Hockey Brandon and the City of Brandon for gift-in-kind ice time at Brandon's Community Sportsplex.

And further that Administration develop a multi-year term Agreement for gift-in-kind ice time at Brandon's Community Sportsplex to commence in 2024 with Hockey Brandon. CARRIED.

##### (B) APPOINTMENT TO PROVINCIAL-MUNICIPAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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City Council considered a report from the Director of Legislative Services dated January 13, 2023 with respect to the above.

##### Cullen-Berry

107 That the Council of the City of Brandon support the appointment of Mayor Jeff Fawcett to the Provincial-Municipal Justice Advisory Committee (PMJAC). CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7344 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION RESERVE BY-LAW  
2ND & 3RD READING

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City Council considered a report from the Legislative Services Department dated December 22, 2022 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Berry

108 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 second time.

And further, that \$1,570,445 be transferred from the 8th Street Bridge Replacement Reserve to this newly created reserve. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT

Cameron-Cullen

109 That the main motion be amended by deleting the words: "And further, that \$1,570,445 be transferred from the 8th Street Bridge Replacement Reserve to this newly created reserve." CARRIED.

Luebke-Berry

110 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. 7344 third reading.

FOR

AGAINST

Mayor Jeff Fawcett  
Councillor Shawn Berry  
Councillor Shaun Cameron  
Councillor Barry Cullen  
Councillor Kris Desjarlais  
Councillor Greg Hildebrand  
Councillor Bruce Luebke  
Councillor Glen Parker  
Councillor Jason Splett  
Councillor Tyson Tame

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Luebke

That the meeting do now adjourn (8:35 p.m.) CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK