

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 19, 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

ABSENT: Councillor Tyson Tame

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Parker-Splett

378 That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, June 19, 2023 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Cameron-Cullen

379 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, June 5, 2023 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Splett-Parker

380 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Wednesday, June 7, 2023 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Cameron-Karrouze

381 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Monday, June 12, 2023 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTRE

Julia Greer, Emma Sul and Seth Dancel appeared before Council with respect to the Youth Activity Centre (YAC) 2023 summer program. They provided an overview of the activities and events that are put on every summer with the YAC program. They noted that there are three YAC locations in Brandon with Yac East & West being for youth aged 9 to 14 and YAC Junior for ages 7 to 9. They thanked various businesses and

organizations, including the City of Brandon, for both financial and material support in running the program every summer.

It was noted that in 2022, 823 youth registered with YAC and had an attendance of 6867 over 38 days. They concluded by stating that YAC positively impacts the lives of youth and staff alike and played a video in which youth participants spoke of their experiences at YAC in summer 2022.

Cameron-Splett

382 That the presentation from Brette Olsen with respect to the Youth Activity Centre be received. CARRIED.

(B) JENNIFER WATSON - SALAMANDER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Jennifer Watson appeared before City Council with respect to introducing the first Salamander Summer Music Festival. She advised Council that the festival was a new three-day event to be held at Rideau Park from July 21 - 23, 2023. She noted that the festival was organized by a not-for-profit committee for the purpose of celebrating arts, creativity and culture in the community and provided an overview of each day's scheduled events and local artists. She concluded by thanking the event's partners for financial support and the City of Brandon for assisting in organizing the festival's location and permits.

Parker-Splett

383 That the presentation from Jennifer Watson with respect to the Salamander Music Festival be received. CARRIED.

(C) RYAN NICKEL - HOUSING ACCELERATOR FUND

Ryan Nickel, Director of Planning & Buildings, appeared before City Council with respect to the City of Brandon submitting an application to the Housing Accelerator Fund. He provided an overview of the federal program created to address housing shortages across Canada and Brandon's eligibility for funding. He outlined objectives of the fund, the requirements that were to be graded related to the application, and how the program evaluated the creation of affordable housings in relation to growth.

Mr. Nickel advised Council of the intention to submit an application to the fund for the City of Brandon by July 2023. He noted the criteria Brandon fulfilled as an applicant and the competitive nature of the process. He stated that the City would be required to commit to seven initiatives related to housing but that these may not necessarily require funding to accomplish. He advised of several potential areas of action that were

available to the City but stressed that the actions had to be significant in impact to be considered a competitive submission. Mr. Nickel concluded by advising that the application was in its preliminary stages and that he would appear before Council at a later date to present a recommended short-list of actions for consideration.

Splett-Cameron

384 That the presentation from Ryan Nickel with respect to the Housing Accelerator Fund be accepted. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

Nil

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) HEALTH CHECKS

Meryl Orth, Janis Evans, and Rhonda Orth appeared before Council with respect to an update on Brandon Health Checks and a request for increased engagement between the City of Brandon and the Health Checks Steering Committee. Ms. Orth provided a history of the Health Checks organization and its objectives with respect to assisting the aging community. Ms. Evans highlighted successful events organized by the Steering Committee, in-person as well as virtual, that had high attendance amongst service organizations. She encouraged residents seeking more information to go to their website at brandonmbhealthchecks.ca.

Ms. Orth concluded by requesting that City Council consider having representation on the Health Checks Steering Committee, assisting in advertising Health Checks events and having various departments present at same. She outlined several benefits to the increased involvement, noting that that City of Brandon staff had been regularly involved in events throughout recent years.

Karrouze-Hildebrand

385 That the presentation from Meryl Orth, Janis Evens and Rhonda Orth with respect to Health Checks be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) AGE FRIENDLY VERBAL JUNE 19, 2023

Councillor Karrouze provided a verbal report for the meeting of the Age Friendly Committee held on June 15, 2023, which was noted to have coincided with the International Day for Awareness of Elder Abuse. She advised that an event was held at Stanley Park for the occasion, which was well attended by the public. Councillor Karrouze noted that topics of discussion at the meeting included how to assist fourth-year nursing students in earning practicum hours, the hiring of a contract employee to assist the Committee, and the participation in Truth & Reconciliation Week.

(B) BRANDON POLICE BOARD VERBAL JUNE 19, 2023

Councillor Berry provided a verbal report from the Police Board meeting that took place on June 9, 2023. He noted that at the meeting a life-saving award was presented to Cst. Mike Baranyk, who was off-duty when he saved a local woman from choking. Other items included the Cadet program to begin patrolling in early July and the opening of the downtown office.

Councillor Berry advised that the Board had received notice of retirement from Police Chief Wayne Balcaen to be effective June 23, 2023. He noted that a come-and-go reception was to be held on Thursday, June 22nd at the Brandon Armoury from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and invited well-wishers to attend. Further to this, he announced that the Police Board had appointed Deputy-Chief Randy Lewis to be Acting-Chief until the hiring of the replacement.

Mayor Fawcett and City Council recognized Chief Balcaen for his years of service and positive impact on the community and wished him well in future endeavors.

(C) WESTERN MANITOBA REGIONAL LIBRARY VERBAL JUNE 19, 2023

Councillor Cameron provided a verbal report from the meeting of the Western Manitoba Regional Library held at the Hartney Branch on May 17, 2023. He advised that discussion focused on several grants received by the WMRL for various improvements to several library locations. Councillor Cameron noted that further topics of discussion included security at the downtown Brandon location and a funding model for the WMRL.

(D) COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE VERBAL JUNE 19, 2023

The City Clerk advised that City Council had met in a closed Committee of the Whole meeting on June 19, 2023 to discuss a report with respect to negotiations relating to the Western Manitoba Regional Library agreement. She noted that a recommendation was to be brought forward by Councillor Luebke for consideration.

Luebke-Parker

386 That Administration work with the Western Manitoba Regional Library to review a needs analysis and service assessment; Governance, organizational structure and financial reviews; and strategic service plan and report back to City Council. CARRIED.

Berry-Cullen

387 That the verbal reports from the Age Friendly Committee, Brandon Police Board, Western Manitoba Regional Library, and Committee of the Whole be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(67) WALKING PATH CROSSINGS

Councillor Berry advised that many people using the walking paths, whether for cycling or walking, were not stopping and checking for traffic before crossing at busy intersection. He enquired if the word "STOP" could be painted right on the walking paths at these intersections as a reminder to stop and look before crossing the roadway.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that with limited resources available and work plans already set for the season, this work would not be completed this year, however it would be taken under advisement for future years.

(68) LANDFILL HOURS

Councillor Berry acknowledged the need to reduce the landfill hours due to a shortage of certified staff; however, he questioned whether a Sunday closure was the best option. He noted that many residents completed home projects on the weekends and required access to the landfill on Sundays and enquired if consideration could be given to closing the landfill Mondays rather than Sundays.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that, an analysis of historical data conducted as part of the review of landfill hours clearly indicated that

a Sunday closure was the least impactful on the customer base. Mr. Bowles advised that a weekday closure was not feasible due to the adverse affects of same on the large commercial customer base accessing the landfill. Mr. Bowles added that the change in hours still provided residents access to the landfill on Wednesday and Thursday evenings as well as Saturday during the day. The City Manager confirmed that, should the staffing situation improve, the hours could be expanded with first consideration being given to additional hours on weekends.

Further to this issue Councillor Berry requested a report be provided to City Council, preferably by the July meeting, outlining what steps needed to be taken to ensure certified staff were available to maintain operations at the landfill site.

Councillor Desjarlais enquired if consideration could also be given to operating the landfill limited hours on Sundays for residents only to drop off certain materials such as grass clippings, yard waste and household materials.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take these matters under advisement.

(69) UPDATE ON IMAGE CAPTURING ENFORCEMENT - AMENDMENT TO HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT

Councillor Luebke referred to a previous enquiry with respect to an update on a formal request made to the Province of Manitoba for an amendment to the Highway Traffic Act to authorize the City of Brandon and the Brandon Police Service to use image capturing enforcement. Councillor Luebke enquired if a response to same had been received.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that a response from Transportation and Infrastructure Assistant Deputy Minister Kristine Seier confirmed receipt of the request and advised the matter would be taken under advisement for future consideration. Ms. Seier also confirmed that any changes to would require amendments to the Image Capture Enforcement Regulation, and further, any costs associated with image capturing enforcement would fall solely on the City of Brandon.

(70) SPORTSPLEX ARENA PROGRAMS

Councillor Luebke referred to the Sportsplex ice arena being out of commission for the foreseeable future and enquired if consideration had been given to running some of the more popular Sportsplex programs at another venue such as the Keystone Centre.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that ice had been secured at the Keystone Centre to deliver the Learn to Skate Program Spring Session. He also confirmed that for discussions were underway to secure ice for Learn to Skate and a monthly public skate for Fall 2023 and beyond. Mr. Bowles noted that the Keystone had been accommodating an influx of bookings that would otherwise have been at the Sportsplex, hence, ice availability for public programs was limited.

(71) CP RAIL EXCESSIVE TRAIN DELAYS

Councillor Desjarlais advised that recently motorists were subjected to three trains blocking traffic on 18th Street and 26th Street for close 45 minutes within a one hour time period. He noted that this was becoming a recurring safety issue and enquired if this issue could be addressed with CP Rail as soon as possible.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that this issue would be discussed with CP Rail and a full report on same provided by the General Manager of Operations at the July 17, 2023 City Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HIGHWAY 1 ACCIDENT

Mayor Fawcett recognized the recent fatal accident that occurred on Highway 1 and extended condolences to the families and communities affected by the tragedy.

He thanked first responders for their actions and expressed gratitude to Brandon Fire and Emergency Services as well as Prairie Mountain Health staff for their role in responding to the accident.

JASON NORMINTON - SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES 2023

Mayor Fawcett recognized that local resident Jason Norminton was in Berlin, German participating in the golf event of the Special Olympics World Games 2023. He noted that Mr. Norminton was a local athlete who had been to several Special Olympics World Games in the past and wished him luck in this years' event.

KELLY MCCRIMMON - STANLEY CUP VICTORY

Mayor Fawcett congratulated former Brandon resident Kelly McCrimmon, General Manager of the Vegas Golden Knights, on the team recently winning the Stanley Cup.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) SUBDIVISION 4500-23-732 1020 PATRICIA AVENUE

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Planning and Buildings Department dated June 8, 2023 with respect to the above.

Splett-Parker

388 That application to subdivide (4500-23-732) 1020 Patricia Avenue (Wly 169 Feet Block 8 Plan 320 BLTO) to create one (1) lot in the Residential Large Lot (RLL), be approved subject to the owner or successor:

1. Obtaining a variance for reduced minimum site width and site area for Proposed Lot 2;
2. Mitigating the increased stormwater runoff from Proposed Lot 2 pursuant to the Lot Grading, Drainage and Elevations By-law;
3. Submitting \$20,272.43 to the City of Brandon Planning & Buildings Department for development charges purposes;
4. Submitting \$3,957.01 to the City of Brandon Planning & Buildings Department as a cash-in-lieu of land dedication for public reserve purposes;
5. Submitting written confirmation to the City of Brandon Planning & Buildings Department that the Brandon School Division has received \$283.50 as cash-in-lieu of land dedication for school purposes;
6. Providing written confirmation to the City of Brandon Planning & Buildings Department that taxes for the property to be subdivided, for the previous and current year plus any penalty, interest and arrears, have been paid in full or arrangements must be made satisfactory to Brandon City Council; and
7. Submitting written confirmation to the City of Brandon Planning & Buildings Department that arrangements have been made for an easement agreement and Plan of Easement to the satisfaction of Manitoba Hydro and registering the easement agreement along with the easement plan, if required, in series with the plan of subdivision. CARRIED.

(B) EXTENSION REQUEST - SUBDIVISION CONDITIONAL APPROVAL FOR 1230 - 18TH STREET NORTH

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated June 6, 2023 with respect to the above.

Karrouze-Splett

389 That the extension of the Conditional Approval of Subdivision for 1230 – 18th Street N (Lot 29, Plan 20566 BLTO) to June 19, 2024 be approved. CARRIED.

(C) BOARD OF REVISION SECRETARY APPOINTMENT

Considered was a report from the Legislative Services Department dated June 12, 2023 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Hildebrand

390 That James Maxon be appointed as Secretary to the Board of Revision of the City of Brandon pursuant to Section 35(4) of the Municipal Assessment Act. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7362 TO AMEND TAX RESERVE ALLOCATIONS - ACCOMMODATION TAX BY-LAW
1ST READING

City Council considered a report from the Legislative Services Department dated June 12, 2023 with respect to the above.

Berry-Luebke

391 That By-law No. 7362 to amend Accommodation Tax By-law No. 7014 to correct the Accommodation Tax Reserve Fund allocations be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Luebke

That the meeting do now adjourn. (8:44 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK