

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 5, 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 Barry Cullen, Councillor Kris Desjarlais, Councillor Greg Hildebrand, Councillor Heather Karrouze, Councillor Bruce Luebke, Councillor Glen Parker, Councillor Jason Splett, Councillor Tyson Tame

ABSENT: Councillor Shaun Cameron

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Parker

354 That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, June 5, 2023 be amended by removing item A under general business. CARRIED.

Luebke-Desjarlais

355 That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, June 5, 2023 be adopted as amended. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

RECOGNITIONS:

(A) TEAM CANADA

Councillor Hildebrand extended congratulations to Team Canada, of which Councillor Tyson Tame was a member, on winning their event at the 2023 VNEA World Pool Championships.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Splett-Karrouze

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

Splett-Hildebrand

357 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Monday, May 15, 2023 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Splett-Parker

358 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, May 15, 2023 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:

(A) 2023 SUMMER SOULSTICE BLOCK PARTY

Kate Hill appeared before City Council with respect to Community Event Designation for the Summer Soulstice Block Party to be held June 23, 2023.

Desjarlais-Luebke

359 That the presentation by Kate Hill on behalf of Section 6 Brewing Co. with respect to the designation of the Summer Soulstice Block Party as a Community Event be received. CARRIED.

Desjarlais-Karrouze

360 That the 2023 Summer Soulstice Block Party to be held Friday, June 23, 2023 on Princess Avenue be designated as a Community Event in the City of Brandon. CARRIED.

(B) ROSS ROBINSON - COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION WESTMAN

Ross Robinson appeared before Council with respect to an update on the Community Mobilization Westman (CMW) Steering Committee and to request funding in support of the HUB coordinator position. He provided an overview of what Community Mobilization meant for Brandon and the role of CMW with assisting vulnerable persons find supports. He provided an overview of the CMW's approach to supporting individuals and how the HUB coordinator was considered instrumental to working within the community.

Mr. Robinson advised that a professional probation officer had been seconded from the Department of Justice to work with the CMW until September 2023, but this had recently been shortened to June 30, 2023. He noted that the committee wished to retain

this staff member in a permanent capacity with CMW but current funding from the province would not cover the required compensation. Mr. Robinson requested that City Council approve a one-time funding request of \$30,000 to assist in retaining the staff member and avoid disruptions to CMW services, until permanent funding agreements could be reached.

Police Chief Balcaen appeared before Council to speak in support of the CMW Steering Committee and the request for funding.

Desjarlais-Karrouze

361 That the presentation by Ross Robinson with respect to an update on the Community Mobilization Westman Steering Committee be received.

And further that City Council supports the funding request from Community Mobilization Westman for a one-time financial support of \$30,000.00. This funding would be accommodated with in the City of Brandon Operating Budget for 2023. The City of Brandon has received additional funding from the Province of Manitoba for 2.3 million dollars that could be used to offset this request should there not be available funds in the 2023 operating budget. CARRIED.

(C) GRANT HAMILTON - WALKING THE WALK IN SMALLER CITIES

Grant Hamilton and Dr. Rachel Herron appeared before City Council with respect to a newly formed "Walking the Walk in Smaller Cities" research partnership between the City of Brandon, Brandon University, and Prairie Mountain Health. Mr. Hamilton outlined what the partnership aimed to achieve with respect to encouraging the use of public spaces and active transportations. He noted the benefits of investing in public spaces and active transportation as well as how Brandon was well suited for the initiative.

Dr. Herron provided an overview of the individual members with respect to the various involved partners. She noted that the current team composition had been determined by the federal requirements but that further partnerships being sought with community organizations to improve representation in the consultation process. Further, she noted that funding had be approved from the federal government which had enabled the hiring of a summer research assistant. They concluded by outlining an anticipated timeline for the research to complete a review of active transportation options and public spaces in Brandon, followed by the development of solutions suited to the community's wants and needs.

Desjarlais-Luebke

362 That the presentation by Grant Hamilton with respect to "Walking the Walk in Smaller Cities" be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(A) PUBLIC HEARING - BY-LAW NO. 7356 - TO CLOSE AND CONVEY A PORTION OF 39TH STREET BETWEEN BLOCK 1 AND 2, PLAN NO. 269 BLTO

City Council sat to hear representation with respect to the closure and conveyance of a portion of 39th Street between Block 1 and 2, Plan No. 269 BLTO located south of Victoria Avenue.

Hildebrand-Fawcett

363 That the Public Hearing for By-law No. 7356 to close and convey a portion of 39th Street between Block 1 and 2, Plan No. 269 BLTO located south of Victoria Avenue be concluded. CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) WESTERN MANITOBA CENTENNIAL AUDITORIUM VERBAL JUNE 5, 2023

Councillor Parker provided a verbal report from the recent meeting of the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium held on May 17, 2023. He noted that topics of discussion included an overview of events held in May and scheduled to occur in June and July. He noted that work continued with the Province of Manitoba on a sustainability study regarding the auditorium and that a presentation would come to City Council in the coming months.

Councillor Parker concluded by advising that the sound system capital project was awaiting funding approval from the Province and that City Council would be informed once a response was received with respect to the funding application.

ENQUIRIES:

(62) ROAD REPAIRS ON BRANDON AVENUE

Councillor Hildebrand advised that Brandon Avenue continued to be in poor condition despite some repairs having been completed. He enquired when the road was expected to be fully repaired.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the contractor was to return to the site shortly to complete the temporary repairs with Brandon Avenue from 26th Street to 18th Street scheduled to be repaved later this summer.

(63) PROVINCIAL TRANSFER OF \$2.3M FOR MUNICIPAL OPERATION FUNDING - UPDATE

Councillor Luebke requested an update on the \$2.3M transfer of funds from the Provincial Government for unconditional municipal operating funding. He enquired as to the potential loss of interest earnings by not having these funds allocated to reserves.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the additional \$2.3M transfer payment from the Provincial Government was currently unbudgeted and had not been allocated to a specific reserve or project. He explained that there was no requirement to specifically allocate this funding and the incremental revenue would generate a 2023 general operating surplus and be transferred to reserves. Mr. Bowles noted that the grant was paid in increments throughout the year and to date the City of Brandon had received \$1.8 Million. The City Manager confirmed that interest earned is accumulated based on the daily bank account balance and, as all interest earned is allocated to reserves there were no negative consequences by not allocating the funds to reserves at this time.

Councillor Luebke then requested that this item be discussed at the next Audit and Finance Committee meeting and a report on same be brought back to City Council.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to have this matter added to the agenda for the next meeting and provide an update to City Council following the meeting.

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

Councillor Luebke referred to a motion that was passed at the June 20, 2022 meeting whereby a formal request was to be made to the Province of Manitoba with respect to a formal request being 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 noted that, to date no response had been received and requested a summary of actions taken in relation to this motion as well as the intended plan of action for the future.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor the City Manager responded that letters had been sent to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure on February 6 and April 6, 2023 with no response received to date. He confirmed that Administration would continue to follow up with the Minister's Office until a response was received.

(65) CROSSWALK CONCERNS - PRINCESS AVENUE AND 12TH STREET

Councillor Desjarlais advised that with Section 6 Brewery now open there had been a significant increase in pedestrian traffic crossing Princess Avenue to go between Section 6 and the Dock. He noted that there had been some near misses with vehicles at the crosswalk at 12th Street and Princess Avenue and enquired if increased signage could be installed to encourage traffic to slow down or stop in this area.

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

(66) DITCH BETWEEN LYNDALE DRIVE AND 18TH STREET - GRASS BUILD-UP

Councillor Splett raised concerns that the grass in the ditch between Lyndale Drive and 18th Street had been mowed but left there with the potential to clog the drains should there be a significant rainfall in the near future. He enquired if same could be looked at and cleaned up as soon as possible.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

POLICE BOARD MEETING - FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2023

Councillor Berry announced that a meeting of the Brandon Police Board was to take place at City Hall in the Council Chambers at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, June 9, 2023. He noted that the meeting was open to the public and invited residents to attend. He reminded everyone that this would be Chief Wayne Balcaen's last Police Board meeting before retiring and encouraged everyone to attend to give him well wishes.

RIVERHEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD SPEED LIMIT

Councillor Cullen reminded residents that the Riverheights neighborhood was taking part in the Mission Zero reduction of speed limits in residential areas to 40km/h. He advised that new signage was up in the area and for residents to be aware of the reduced limits.

Councillor Cullen noted that feedback on the reduced speed limits could be directed to the Traffic & Transportation Planner via contact information included in notices distributed to affected residents.

YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTRES (YAC) KICK OFF

Councillor Parker reminded residents that the Youth Activity Centre (YAC) program was to hold a summer kick-off BBQ on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 between 3:30 p.m. to 7:00p.m. at the East-End Community Centre. The event was to be come-and-go with hot dogs and beverages available for purchase with proceeds going to support YAC. He noted that if raining the event would be moved to the following day.

WESTMAN VOLT HOCKEY

Mayor Fawcett congratulated the Westman VOLT Hockey team on winning the Division 2 Championship at the first North American VOLT Hockey tournament held in Toronto. He noted that the Brandon-based team had a strong showing and bested competition from cities across Canada.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Nil

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7279 TO AMEND BUILDING SAFETY AND PROPERTY STANDARDS BY-LAW 3RD READING

City Council considered a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated May 10, 2023 with respect to the above.

Parker-Tame

365 That By-law No. 7279, to amend Building Safety and Property Standards By-law No. 6060 to relocate clauses to the Community Standards By-law and update content of 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. 7279 third reading.

FOR

AGAINST

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

NO. 7282 COMMUNITY STANDARDS BY-LAW
AMENDMENT
3RD READING

Considered was a report from the Chief of Police dated May 16, 2023 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Splett

366 That Community Standards By-law No. 7282 be tabled. CARRIED.

NO. 7279 TO RESCIND MOTION NO. 365 - 3RD READING OF BY-LAW NO. 7279 TO AMEND
BUILDING SAFETY AND PROPERTY STANDARDS BY-LAW NO. 6060

Cullen-Desjarlais

367 To rescind Motion No. 365 3rd Reading of By-law No. 7279 to amend Building Safety and Property Standards By-law No. 6060. CARRIED.

NO. 7351 TO AMEND COMPLIANCE BY-LAW NO. 7198 - COMMUNITY STANDARDS
1ST READING

City Council considered a report from the Chief of Police dated May 16, 2023 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Splett

368 That By-law No. 7351 to amend Compliance By-law No. 7198 regarding community standards be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7356 TO CLOSE AND CONVEY A PORTION OF 39TH STREET
2ND & 3RD READING

Considered was a report from the Legislative Services Department dated May 26, 2023 with respect to the above.

Cullen-Parker

369 That By-law No. 7356 to close and convey a portion of 39th Street lying between Block 1 and 2, Plan 269 BLTO located south of Victoria Avenue, be read a second time. CARRIED.

Cullen-Parker

370 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. 7356 third reading.

NO. 7361 TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1, 3, AND 5 CROCUS GARDENS ROAD
1ST READING

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Planning and Buildings Department dated May 24, 2023 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Tame

371 That By-law No. 7361 to rezone properties located at 1, 3, and 5 Crocus Gardens Road (Lot 6/8 Plan 41919BLTO) from Residential Moderate Density (RMD) to Educational and Institutional (EI) be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Luebke

That the meeting do now adjourn. (8:50 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK