

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

PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Fawcett In The Chair, 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: Councillor Shawn Berry

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Parker-Splett

486 That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Cullen-Tame

487 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Monday, September 18, 2023 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Cameron-Splett

488 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, September 18, 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) JIM MCCRAE - GENOCIDE RESOLUTION

Jim McCrae appeared before Council with respect to opposition to the proposed resolution on Genocide at Candian Indian Residential Schools. He expressed concerns with identifying the Residential Schools as an act of genocide and noted the negative perceptions associated with such terminology. Further to this, Mr. McCrae questioned the prevailing discourse around Residential Schools and whether the conditions could be described as genocide. He concluded by requesting that Council consider their decision on the proposed motion and all implications of the matter carefully.

Tame-Splett

489 That the presentation by Jim McCrae with respect to the proposed resolution on Genocide be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(A) VARIANCE APPLICATION - 345 - 18TH STREET NORTH

City Council sat to hear representation from the public in regards to the matter.

Ryan Nickel, Director of Planning & Buildings provided an overview of the variance application at 345 18th Street North to change a land use to a use substantially similar to a motel.

Andrew Richard, Brooke Phillip, Sary Innerst, Sam Jackson, Kailey Penner, Ivy Verigin, Chief Trevor Prince, Maeengan Linklater, Darlene Paquette, Fern Cook, Laurisa Stevenson, Loralene Whiteye, Paul Fowell, and Sid Stevenson appeared before Council in favour of the application. They each spoke to what positive impacts the proposed use of the property would have on the community both in and around Brandon.

Chantal Klainchar and Lorraine Messing, on behalf of the applicant, spoke to and provided an overview of on-going and planned improvements to the property to ensure suitability of the facility to the intended use. They spoke to the community outreach efforts made by the applicant with respect to the facility and noted that no concerns were raised with staff regarding the program.

Ross Robinson, Nancy McPherson, Rebecca Anhalt, and Ted Dzogan spoke to Council in opposition to the proposed variance. Each raised concerns with respect to the suitability of the location for the proposed use and whether the use could be considered similar in

He added that LED lighting updates and updates to the washrooms in the Manitoba Room were recent capital projects completed with the decommissioning of the Kiwanis Pool expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Councillor Luebke announced that the strategic planning session had been held on September 16, 2023 with the economic impact assessment still ongoing. He advised that the unaudited financial report for the 2022-2023 fiscal year had been presented to the Board with some positive and some negative surprises as steps towards "normal" continued without a total return to pre-COVID status. Councillor Luebke confirmed that detailed information would be available in the annual report in January; however, the Keystone Centre was expected to register a \$1.1 million loss for the year.

Luebke-Cullen

494 That the verbal report from the Keystone Centre Board be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(94) UPDATE ON INSTALLATION OF FLASHING LIGHTS AT VICTORIA AVENUE AND E. FOTHERINGHAM DRIVE

Councillor Cullen requested an update on the status of the installation of flashing amber lights at the pedestrian crosswalk at Victoria Avenue and E. Fotheringham Drive.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that stakes had been placed for the pole relocations and installation of the of the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons infrastructure was expected to be completed by the end of October. The City Manager added that the installation of the signage with respect to the speed limit changes in this area was also anticipated to be completed by the end of October.

(95) UPDATE ON CANADA INFRASTRUCTURE BANK BORROWING APPROVAL

Councillor Luebke enquired if an update on the status of the borrowing approval from the Canada Infrastructure Bank for the City of Brandon's projects could be provided.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that discussions with the Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) regarding the financing of the Water Treatment Facility Upgrade and Expansion as well as the Southwest Wastewater Servicing Projects have been productively progressing. He explained that the current projection was that financing could be in place as early as January 2024. Mr. Bowles advised that, given that the borrowing authority was already in place, issuance of the

tender for the 34th Street Lift Station was expected to take place in October while the CIB discussions continued.

(96)

UPDATE RECYCLING CART CONTAMINATION PILOT PROGRAM

Councillor Luebke referred to the pilot project for the use of artificial intelligence software with the current camera systems to identify contamination and unacceptable materials entering the recycling loads. He noted that funding for same had been approved in the 2023 City of Brandon budget and requested an update on the status of the program.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Recycling Cart Contamination Pilot Project had been issued and closed May 24, 2023. He advised that only one bid had been received and upon completion of the evaluation it was determined that the bidder did not meet specifications as set forth in the RFP and therefore the RFP was cancelled.

Councillor Luebke enquired if this program would be considered again in 2024, and further, whether or not the funding for this project from Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba would still be available in 2024.

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

(97)

SPORTSPLEX SHUTDOWN - OPPORTUNITY TO RUN ICE PROGRAMS AT KEYSTONE CENTRE

Councillor Luebke noted that only the Learn to Skate Program had been moved to the Keystone Centre since the Sportsplex shut-down due to a shortage of available ice time at the Keystone. He enquired if potential opportunities to run occasional programming, particularly during weekdays when there was no school in the Brandon School Division, had been investigated.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Recreation Programmer continued to work with the representatives from the Keystone to identify opportunities for programming. He explained that the Spring and Fall Learn to Skate Programs had been offered at the Keystone and although no times were available for the Winter programs, the Spring 2024 Learn to Skate Program had been confirmed. Mr. Bowles noted that the Sticks and Pucks and Public Skate offerings continued to be a challenge due to availability of both ice time and Recreation Staff. He confirmed that staff would continue to monitor the Keystone's online calendar to look for openings that would meet their needs.

(98) CROSSWALK SAFETY ON RICHMOND AVENUE

Councillor Hildebrand referred to a review of crosswalk safety that had been discussed at the 2023 City of Brandon Budget Deliberations and requested an update on the status of same.

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

(99) CONCERNS WITH THE INTERSECTION OF ABERDEEN AVENUE AND 18TH STREET

Councillor Splett noted that the intersection of Aberdeen Avenue and 18th Street continued to be in disrepair and enquired if this issue could be discussed with Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation and solutions sought.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) MEDIP FUNDING APPLICATION

City Council considered a report from Engineering Services dated September 27, 2023 with respect to the above.

Hildebrand-Cameron

495 That the City of Brandon apply for grant funding through the Municipal Economic Development

Infrastructure Program for the following projects:

1. 26th Street Reconstruction (Park Avenue to Victoria Avenue)
2. Eastview Landfill Cell 19 Leachate Collection System
3. Standby Generator

And further that the funding requests for each project:

1. \$1,250,000 (50%) – 26th Street Reconstruction
2. \$325,000 (50%) – Eastview Landfill Cell 19 Leachate Collection System
3. \$150,000 (50%) – Standby Generator

be referred to 2024 Budget Deliberations. CARRIED.

(B) QUARTER 3 STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Council received an update from the City Manager with respect to the Strategic Plan.

Luebke-Cameron

496 That the report from the City Manager with respect to an update on the Strategic Plan be received. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7372 TO AMEND TRAFFIC BY-LAW NO. 5463
AMENDMENT
2ND & 3RD READINGS

Considered was a report from Engineering Services dated September 27, 2023 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Cameron

497 That By-Law No. 7372 to amend Traffic By-law No. 5463/16/87 be amended by:

Adding in the preamble the words: ", in session duly assembled" immediately after the words: "NOW THEREFORE the Council of The City of Brandon";

Deleting Section 1 in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

"1. That By-law No. 5463/16/87 be further amended as follows:

(a) Subsection 2 by adding the following:

"(46.2) 'REDUCED-SPEED ZONE' means a portion of a street that is designated by a traffic authority under Section 98.1 of The Highway Traffic Act as a zone that has a reduced maximum permitted speed."

(b) By adding the following Subsection 11.2 immediately after Subsection 11.1:

"11.2 REDUCED SPEED ZONE

Notwithstanding Subsection 11, it shall be an offence for any person in control of a vehicle to travel on any street designated as a reduced-speed zone, as outlined in Schedule "Z" attached, at a greater speed than which is posted. "

(c) By adding the attached Appendix "A";

3. By adding the following as Section 2:

"2. This By-law shall come into full force and effect upon the passage of same."
CARRIED.

Luebke-Splett

498 That By-Law No. 7372 as amended, be read for a second time. CARRIED.

Luebke-Tame

499 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. 7372 third reading.

FOR

AGAINST

Mayor Jeff Fawcett
Councillor Shaun Cameron
Councillor Barry Cullen
Councillor Kris Desjarlais
Councillor Greg Hildebrand
Councillor Heather Karrouze
Councillor Bruce Luebke
Councillor Jason Splett
Councillor Tyson Tame

GIVING OF NOTICE:

(A) AMENDMENT TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCENTIVE PROGRAM BY-LAW NO. 7294.

In accordance with Rule 60 of Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillor Luebke gave notice of his intent to introduce at a future regular meeting of Council, a motion with respect to amendments to the Affordable Housing Incentive Program By-law No. 7294.

ADJOURN:

Luebke-Cullen

That the meeting do now adjourn. (10:28 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK