

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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-Parker

469 That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, September 18, 2023 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Splett-Desjarlais

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

Cameron-Desjarlais

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

Splett-Tame

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

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) ALY WOWCHUK - 2023 TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WEEK

Aly Wowchuck, on behalf of the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council, appeared before Council to provide an update on the upcoming Truth and Reconciliation Week (TRW) 2023 events occurring September 26 - October 1 at the Riverbank Discovery

Centre. She provided an overview of the history of the event, how it had expanded for 2023 and the upcoming schedule of events. Ms. Wowchuk noted that the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was Saturday, September 30 and encouraged everyone to participate in the day's festivities. She spoke to the Orange Shirt Walk that was to be held at 2 p.m. from the Riverbank to the Brandon Residential School site.

Ms. Wowchuk concluded by thanking the various sponsors and many volunteers that made Truth and Reconciliation Week 2023 possible. She advised that residents could find BUAPC on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for more updates and information.

Cameron-Luebke

473 That the presentation by Ally Wowchuk with respect to an update on 2023 Truth & Reconciliation Week be received. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

(A) JAMES EPP - SPORTSPLEX ARENA

James Epp, resident, spoke to the proposed replacement of the Sportsplex Arena ice plant. He raised concerns regarding the determination of replacing the ice plant as the most viable option moving forward. Mr. Epp asked Council to consider the benefits of a hard surface court for costs to maintain and repair over that of a new ice plant.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) LINDSAY HARGREAVES - CENTRAL ASSINIBOINE WATERSHED DISTRICT EXPANSION PROPOSAL

Council considered a presentation from the Environmental Initiatives Coordinator with respect to the above.

Cullen-Splett

474 That the presentation by Lindsay Hargreaves with respect to the Central Assiniboine Watershed District Expansion Proposal be received. CARRIED.

Fawcett-Fawcett

475 That the City of Brandon supports the proposed areas of the Rural Municipality of North Norfolk and the Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie forming part of the Central Assiniboine Watershed District in accordance with The Watershed Districts Act and Regulation NOT VOTED ON.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) AUDIT & FINANCE REPORT VERBAL SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

Council received a presentation from the Manager of Accounting with respect to the Audit and Finance Committee report.

Parker-Hildebrand

476 That the verbal report from the Audit and Finance Committee be received. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Parker-Hildebrand

477 That City Council establish a Contingency Reserve for unforeseen events unable to be accommodated within the operating budget;

And that Administration prepare the necessary by-law to establish such reserve;

And that all but \$966,145 of the Municipal Operating Grant increase funds be transferred to the reserve, with \$966,145 instead to be used to offset the Sportsplex Ice Plant Losses, Additional Security Presence Downtown, Reinstatement of Library Grant, Community Mobilization Westman Financial Support and Shortfall in Supplemental Tax Revenue in 2023. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Tame

478 That the above motion be amended to read as follows:

"\$966,145 of the Municipal Operating Grant increase funds be used to offset the Sportsplex Ice Plant Losses, Additional Security Presence Downtown, Reinstatement of Library Grant, Community Mobilization Westman Financial Support and Shortfall in Supplemental Tax Revenue in 2023." LOST.

(B) KEYSTONE CENTRE VERBAL SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

Councillor Luebke provided a verbal report on behalf of the Keystone Centre Board with respect to an end of summer update. He announced that Jeff Schumacher had tendered his resignation as General Manager and CEO of the Keystone Centre effective October 13, 2023. Councillor Luebke thanked Mr. Schumacher for the experience and leadership brought to the role and wished him well in future endeavors. He advised that the search for a new General Manager was underway with the hiring of a replacement anticipated to occur in early 2024.

Councillor Luebke further announced that the Keystone Centre had recently signed five-year leases with the Brandon Wheat Kings, the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba and Manitoba Ag Days. He stated that the agreements were part of future planning for the Keystone Centre which had recently carried out strategic and master planning sessions. He concluded by noting that Entrance A had recently been painted by Rolling River First Nation artist Charlie Johnston with an Indigenous mural depicting an Anishnaabe creation story.

(C) BRANDON URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' COUNCIL VERBAL SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

Councillor Cameron provided a verbal report from the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council meeting held on September 7, 2023. He noted that the meeting focused on a presentation and discussion regarding the upcoming Truth and Reconciliation Week events and activities. He extended thanks to Aly Wowchuk for taking on the role of planning and coordinating the event.

Councillor Cameron concluded by announcing that Natasha Marion had been hired by BUAPC as the new Community Coordinator and welcomed her to the role.

(D) WESTERN MANITOBA CENTENNIAL AUDITORIUM VERBAL SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

Councillor Cameron provided a verbal report from the meeting of the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium board held on September 13, 2023. He noted that topics of discussion included the 2023/24 strategic plan, upcoming renovations to the sound system, the 2024 capital plan, and a review of ticketing practices for events. Councillor Cameron concluded by providing an overview of events to take place at the auditorium before the end of year and announcing the launch of a redesigned website.

Hildebrand-Parker

479 That the verbal reports from the Keystone Centre Board, Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council, and Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(88) IMPROVEMENTS TO DOWNTOWN INFRASTRUCTURE

Councillor Desjarlais referred to \$50,000 allocated for repairs to the infrastructure in the Downtown and requested an update on the work being done using those funds.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that repairs to the sidewalk on Princess Avenue between 6th and 10th Streets were expected to be completed by the end of October. He noted that this area was the most in need of repair; however, upon inspection it was noted that Rosser Avenue was also in poor shape and funds for repairs to that sidewalk were to be included in the 2024 Capital Budget.

(89) PROTECTIVE BARRIER - WALKING PATH ON 9TH STREET BETWEEN RICHMOND AND ABERDEEN AVENUES

Councillor Splett advised that the plastic delineators along the walking path on 9th Street between Richmond and Aberdeen Avenues provided little protection for pedestrians using the walking path and enquired if a better, more permanent solution could be found.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that while future plans included the installation of a land drainage system inclusive of curbs and curb inlets to provide a better protection for those accessing the pathway. He confirmed that a seasonally installed rubber curb would be considered until such time as the drainage system improvements were completed.

(90) SPEED AND HEAVY TRUCK TRAFFIC CONCERNS - MCDONALD AVENUE 26TH TO 34TH STREETS

Councillor Cameron advised that he had received numerous complaints from area residents with respect to the speed of traffic as well as an increase in the amount of heavy truck traffic on McDonald Avenue between 26th and 34th Streets. He enquired if speed enforcement could be increased for this stretch of McDonald Avenue, and further, whether or not heavy truck traffic was permitted on this street.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the area had been monitored over the summer and no ticketable speeding offenses had been reported, however, this area would be added to the list of areas needing increased enforcement. With respect to the increase in heavy truck traffic, the City Manager noted

that McDonald Avenue was not part of the Designated Truck Route, however, heavy trucks were permitted to leave the Route to make deliveries. Mr. Bowles also noted that due to the steep incline of the railway crossing on 34th Street, delivery trucks accessing the Golf Course did so via 26th Street and McDonald Avenue.

(91) TAX ARREARS PROCESS

Councillor Hildebrand enquired as to the process involved in collecting taxes that were in arrears, inclusive of the interest rates for same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the City of Brandon is authorized to impose a penalty of 1.25% per month with same to be applied at the beginning of each month and compounded annually. He explained that the majority of the tax rolls are paid by the due to or paid on a monthly basis through pre-authorized payments. Mr. Bowles noted that properties still in arrears by the designated year may be offered for sale by auction. It was noted that the City utilized a third party for management of the property tax arrears recovery process.

(92) TRAFFIC AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT - VICINITY OF MEADOWS SCHOOL

Councillor Hildebrand advised that he had received complaints from area residents with respect to traffic and parking issues in the vicinity of Meadows School during pick up and drop off times. He enquired if this area could be monitored and enforcement increased if necessary during peak times.

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

(93) SOUND AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Councillor Hildebrand advised that he had received numerous complaints from residents with respect to not being able to hear those speaking during Council meetings when they are watching from home or watching the video online. He enquired if this issue could be addressed beyond asking Council members and presenters to speak into the microphones.

His Worship the Mayor agreed that this was an ongoing issue. His Worship reminded everyone to speak directly into the microphones and noted that the Information Technology Department was aware of the situation and were continuing to work on other potential solutions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HEALTH CHECKS

Councillor Hildebrand reminded residents that the Health Checks Health and Wellness Expo was to take place on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at the Brandon University Healthy Living Centre from 10am until 2pm. He noted that admission was free and invited everyone to attend.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) SPORTSPLEX ARENA - ICE PLANT REPLACEMENT

City Council considered a report from the Parks & Recreation Department dated September 13, 2023 with respect to the above.

Karrouze-Parker

480 That administration release a request for proposals for the detailed design of a new Sportsplex ice plant and arena upgrades, and further;

That the estimated expenditure of \$300,000.00 (three-hundred thousand) dollars be expended from the Sportsplex Reserve. CARRIED.

(B) APPLICATION TO SUBDIVIDE - 353 - 16TH ST. N.

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated September 1, 2023 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Cameron

481 That Council approve the application to subdivide (4500-23-735) 353 - 16th Street North (Lots 3/10 and 17/19, Block 7 and Lots 1/14 and 19, block 8, Plan 228 BLTO; Parcels A/B, Plan 71647 BLTO) in accordance with the subdivision application map "Attachment B-3", subject to the owner or successor:

1. Obtaining a variance to reduce the required site area and site width of the proposed lot; and

2. 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 Westman Communications Group, and registering the

easement agreement along with the easement plan, if required, in series with the plan of subdivision. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7367 PLAN OF DUNDAS STREET, MCTAVISH AVENUE EAST, AND LANE TO BE CLOSED IN PLAN 285 BLTO
1ST READING

Considered was a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated September 8, 2023 with respect to the above.

Tame-Splett

482 That By-law No. 7367 to close and convey part of Dundas Street, part McTavish Avenue East, and the Public Lane in Block 15, Plan 285 BLTO located south of Victoria Avenue East and east of 17th Street East, be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7368 REZONING OF 639 VAN HORNE AVENUE
1ST READING

City Council considered a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated August 30, 2023 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Parker

483 That By-law No. 7368 to rezone 639 Van Horne Avenue (Wly 40 feet of Lots 28/30, Block 70, Plan 8 BLTO) from IR Industrial Restricted to RMD Residential Moderate Density be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7371 PLAN OF ROADS TO BE CLOSED IN PLAN 278 BLTO
1ST READING

City Council considered a report from the Director of Planning & Buildings dated September 8, 2023 with respect to the above.

Tame-Splett

484 That By-law No. 7371 to close and convey part of the streets located south of Claremont Avenue and east of 1st Street including parts of Burnaby Avenue, Camden Avenue, Glenwood Avenue, Dennis Street, Russell Street, Frederick Street, Park Street, Rideau Street, Franklin Street and Percy Street, and the public lanes in Blocks 25 to 33, 35, 46 to 51, Plan 278 BLTO, be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7372 TO AMEND TRAFFIC BY-LAW NO. 5463/16/87
1ST READING

City Council considered a report from the Engineering Services Department dated August 31, 2023 with respect to the above.

Berry-Cullen

485 That By-Law No. 7372 amending Traffic By-law No. 5463/16/87 be read for a first time.
CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Luebke

That the meeting do now adjourn (8:57 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK