

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 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 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-Cullen

455 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of September 5, 2023 be adopted. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Splett-Tame

456 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Monday, August 14, 2023 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been met. CARRIED.

Splett-Luebke

457 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Wednesday, August 16, 2023 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been met. CARRIED.

Cullen-Cameron

458 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Monday, August 21, 2023 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been met. CARRIED.

Cameron-Luebke

459 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, August 21, 2023 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been met. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) NICK BROWN - BRANDON UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING

Nick Brown, on behalf of Brandon University, appeared before Council to provide an update on upcoming Alumni Homecoming events occurring from September 14 - 17. He provided an overview of the schedule of events that were to be held as well as how

current students and alumni of Brandon University could participate. Mr. Brown concluded by noting that some events required advanced registration and directed interested individuals to www.brandonu.ca/homecoming for more information.

Splett-Cameron

460 That the presentation by Nick Brown with respect to the Brandon University Homecoming be received. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

Nil

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE VERBAL SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

The City Clerk advised that City Council had met in a closed Committee of the Whole meeting earlier in the evening to consider a report from the Planning and Buildings Department with respect to land sales whereby two recommendations had been made by Councillors Tame and Desjarlais respectively and agreed upon by City Council.

Tame-Splett

461 That the City of Brandon sell the streets and lanes 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 for \$39,000.00 plus GST, as shown in red on Attachment A.

And further, that Administration be authorized to execute the associated agreements required to protect the City's interests in accordance with any procedures, policies, by-laws and Acts. CARRIED.

Desjarlais-Cameron

462 That the motion made on March 6, 2023 for the City to sell lands at 353 16th Street North to the John Howard Society of Brandon Inc. for \$1 to facilitate the construction of transitional housing (Attachment A), be amended by inserting "and a sobering centre" directly following the words "construction of transitional housing".

That the John Howard Society of Brandon Inc., pending approval from the Manitoba Department of Justice, receive up to \$2,000,000 in additional funding for the construction of a sobering centre at 353 16th Street North.

Subject to the owner and/or successor meeting all land use approvals, and completing all community engagement and public hearing processes to establish the sobering centre use.

And further that Administration be authorized to execute the associated agreements required to protect the City's interests in accordance with any procedures, policies, by-laws and Acts. CARRIED.

(B) AUDIT AND FINANCE VERBAL SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

Councillor Parker provided a verbal report from the meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee held on August 30, 2023. He noted that discussion focused on the annual August budget review that had resulted in projections showing a \$1.46 million shortfall in the 2023 budget. He advised that Department heads had been directed to review budgets and collectively find \$500,000 in savings. Further, a hiring freeze was to be implemented across all departments for up to the end of the year.

Councillor Parker reminded Council that an additional \$2.3 million received from the Province that had yet to be allocated. He concluded by noting further discussions that had focused on how the additional funds may be used to alleviate the shortfall, the ongoing Public Utilities Board application, and a recommendation for Council to direct Administration to conduct additional utility budget reviews.

Splett-Cameron

463 That City Council advise Administration to review the financial position of the utility on an annual basis and, when necessary, submit applications for deficit rate riders on a timely basis and/or submit rate increase applications through the simplified rate

application process to the Public Utilities Board, subject to City Council approval.
CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Tame

- 464 That the above motion be amended by adding "subject to City Council approval".
CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(83) VAN HORNE AVENUE SIDEWALK PROJECT

Councillor Hildebrand enquired when the Van Horne Avenue sidewalk repairs were expected to be completed.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the sidewalk on Van Horne Avenue was expected to be completed in 2024.

(84) VAN HORNE AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Councillor Hildebrand enquired if an update on the potential improvements to Van Horne Avenue could be provided.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that Van Horne Avenue had deteriorated to the point where substantial repairs were required, and that same were being considered for the 2024 construction season.

(85) CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN TOUR

Councillor Desjarlais advised that the Brandon Police Service had previously hosted a "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design" Tour for City Council and community stakeholders with Brandon Transit providing the transportation for same. He confirmed that he had spoken with Acting Police Chief Randy Lewis who had agreed to begin plans for the same such tour in the near future.

(86) UPGRADES TO 34TH STREET

Councillor Cullen noted that the recent upgrades to 34th Street had happened very quickly and enquired if an update could be provided on the upgrades to 34th Street.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operations advised that a new product was being tested which allowed for a "slurry coat" to be applied that was self-levelling and self-sealing and in a liquid form so easier to apply than regular asphalt. Mr. Pulak noted that this product was being tested on a few streets within the City and should it remain undamaged during the winter months, would be considered for most roads as a cost-effective alternative to asphalt.

(87) LEVELLING OF PARK AVENUE

His Worship the Mayor advised that he had recently driven on Park Avenue and noted that there was a number of manholes on the street causing it to be rough in spots and enquired if levelling of same was possible.

The General Manager of Operations responded that manholes tended to be difficult to manage but agreed to assess this situation and see what could be done to create a more level surface. He encouraged anyone who came across these issues around manholes to contact the Public Works Department.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Desjarlais invited Council to attend the next meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee to take place on Tuesday, September 26, 2023. He noted that it was an opportunity for the Committee to communicate concerns to Council regarding the impacts of aging infrastructure on accessibility in Brandon and to revitalize accessibility initiatives.

PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Fawcett reminded everyone that a public hearing hosted by the Public Utility Board regarding the proposed water utility increase would take place on Wednesday, September 13, 2023. He advised the hearing was to be held at 6:00 p.m. in the foyer of City Hall. Mayor Fawcett encouraged all to attend and share their thoughts on the matter.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Nil

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7350 TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT PART OF 1801 AND 1901 1ST STREET
3RD READING

Tame-Splett

465 That By-law No. 7350 to rezone part of 1801 & 1901 1st Street, 1800 & 1835 Dennis Street, 1800 & 1900 Russell Street, and 1820 & 1840 Frederick Street from Development Reserve (DR) to Residential Low Density (RLD), Residential Moderate Density (RMD) and Open Space (OS) zones 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. 7350 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

NO. 7369 TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 513, 525, 537, AND 559 39TH STREET
1ST READING

Cullen-Luebke

466 That By-law No. 7369 to rezone properties located at 513, 525, 537 and 559 - 39th Street, part of the 39th Street right-of-way, and part of 902 - 38th Street (Lot 1, Plan 43233, and Lots 26/36, Block 1, Plan 269 BLTO) from Residential Single Detached (RSD) and Development Reserve (DR) to Commercial Arterial (CAR) be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Luebke

That the meeting do now adjourn (7:45 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK