

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 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 Greg Hildebrand, Councillor Heather Karrouze, Councillor Bruce Luebke, Councillor Glen Parker, Councillor Tyson Tame

ABSENT: Councillor Barry Cullen, Councillor Kris Desjarlais, Councillor Jason Splett

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Parker-Tame

502 That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, October 16, 2023 be amended to remove Lois Ruston delegation. CARRIED.

Luebke-Hildebrand

503 That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, October 16, 2023 be adopted as amended. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Cameron-Karrouze

504 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Tuesday, October 3, 2023 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) DON PARTRICK, ROTARY CLUB OF BRANDON - WORLD POLIO DAY

Don Partrick, on behalf of the Rotary Club of Brandon, appeared before Council with respect to World Polio Day. He provided an overview of successes in global efforts to eradicate Polio and the role that the International Rotary Club had with same. He noted that without efforts to eradicate Polio the virus would easily return to affecting children worldwide.

Mr. Partrick spoke to how the Brandon Rotary Club was contributing to eradicating Polio and concluded by requesting residents and Council consider making donations to the End Polio Now initiative to support the on-going efforts.

Cameron-Hildebrand

505 That the presentation by Don Partrick, on behalf of the Rotary Club of Brandon with respect to World Polio Day be received. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

Nil

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(A) PUBLIC HEARING - BY-LAW NO. 7365 - TO CLOSE AND CONVEY PARTS OF COLLEGE AVENUE EAST, RIDEAU STREET, FRANKLIN STREET, PERCY STREET AND PARK AVENUE EAST

City Council sat to hear a presentation with respect to By-law No. 7365 to close parts of College Avenue East, Rideau Street, Franklin Street, Percy Street, and Park Avenue East.

No representation was received either in support or in opposition to the proposed by-law.

Parker-Tame

506 That the Public Hearing to close and convey parts of the streets located south of College Avenue East including parts of College Avenue East, Rideau Street, Franklin Street, Percy Street and Park Avenue East, and the public lanes in Blocks 26, 27, 28 and 40, Plan 9 BLTO be concluded. CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) BRANDON POLICE BOARD

Councillor Berry provided a verbal report from the Brandon Police Board meeting held on October 6, 2023. He advised that the Brandon Chief of Police hiring process was ongoing and was expected to take several months before concluding. He noted that

discussion included an update from the Canadian Association of Police Governance annual conference that he and the Board Chair, Dep Arpin, had attended from August 15 - 18th in St. Johns, Newfoundland. Councillor Berry concluded by announcing that the detention cells upgrade to the Brandon Police Service Building was on budget but behind schedule due to structural delays.

(B) AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councillor Parker provided a verbal report from the Audit and Finance Committee meeting that took place on October 4, 2023. He provided an update on the deficit position and advised that a full report was to come before Council at a later date.

(C) POVERTY COMMITTEE

Councillor Tame provided a verbal report from the Poverty Committee meeting held on October 11, 2023. He noted that discussion focused on a meeting of the Community Wellness Collaborative that several members had attended and an invitation in kind to members of the Collaborative to attend a future meeting.

Berry-Parker

507 That the verbal reports from the Brandon Police Board, Audit & Finance Committee, and Poverty Committee be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(100) BALSALM CRESCENT BACK LANE CONDITIONS

Councillor Cameron advised that he had received concerns from an area resident with respect to the back lane conditions on the south side of Balsam Crescent facing Park Avenue. He noted that a recent application of calcium to the laneway was causing issues for motorists and enquired if the conditions could be inspected.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the application of calcium to laneways can create slick conditions for vehicles until absorbed into the material surface. He advised that the conditions were for a short period following application and would harden and have no adverse effect on passing vehicles. Mr. Bowles confirmed that the lane had been inspected and found to be in good condition.

(101) CHERRY CRESCENT BACK LANE MAINTENANCE

Councillor Cameron advised that the conditions of the back lane north of Cherry Crescent had deteriorated and enquired if maintenance could be conducted at the laneway.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager confirmed that Streets and Roads staff would add material to the laneway as part of ongoing autumn back lane maintenance work.

(102) VICTORIA AVENUE CROSSWALK SAFETY

Councillor Cameron referred to the recent pedestrian fatality at the Victoria Avenue and McDiarmid Drive crosswalk and raised concerns with the safety of pedestrians between 26th and 34th Streets. He noted past requests for improvements to pedestrian safety in the area and enquired if Administration could work with the Province of Manitoba to conduct a review of same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager noted that the matter would be taken under advisement and that an update to City Council would be provided by Engineering staff by late November.

(103) LAST DAY FOR GREEN BIN PICK-UP

Councillor Cameron enquired when the last day for green bin pick-up for the 2023 season was expected to be.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager confirmed that the last day for the 2023 Green Cart Program was to be Tuesday, November 7, 2023. He advised that after this date residents would still be able to utilize green bins at depots located around the City until November 20 when they would be removed for the winter season.

(104) HEAVY TRUCKS ON GARWOOD DRIVE

Councillor Tame advised that heavy trucks and trailers had been improperly utilizing Garwood Drive and enquired if traffic enforcement could be increased in the area.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager confirmed that the matter was under investigation by the Brandon Police Service Traffic Section and that a follow-up to the investigation would be provided to City Council.

(105) CIVIC SERVICES COMPLEX UPDATE

Councillor Luebke requested an update on the Civic Services Complex, inclusive of how services and operations originating from the Complex will be handled in the coming months.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that a report on this issue was expected to be shared with City Council in the next few days following which a media release would be issued to City staff and residents.

(106) 18TH STREET & PARK AVENUE - INTERSECTION CONDITIONS

Councillor Luebke noted that the 18th Street and Park Avenue Intersection remained in very poor condition and enquired if repairs to same would be completed prior to winter.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that staff had reached out to Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure and requested that this intersection along with two others be repaired as soon as possible prior to freeze-up.

Councillor Parker confirmed that the repairs to the 18th Street and Park Avenue Intersection had been completed today.

(107) UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES REVIEW

Councillor Luebke requested an update on the Development Cost Charges review that was currently underway.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the consultant had provided policy update recommendations with the capital program review in the final stages. He confirmed that engagement sessions with both Council and the development industry were planned for November where feedback would be sought on the proposed changes to the development charge policy methodology and calculations.

(108) TRAFFIC CONCERNS - OTTAWA AVENUE BETWEEN 20TH AND 26TH STREETS

Councillor Hildebrand advised that he had received complaints from area residents regarding the speed of traffic on Ottawa Avenue between 20th and 26th Streets. He also advised that he, along with numerous area residents had witnessed many occurrences where vehicles were not stopping at the stop sign at the Ottawa Avenue

and Memorial Crescent intersection. He enquired if this area could be monitored by Brandon Police Service.

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

(109) OTTAWA AVENUE & 26TH STREET CROSSWALK - SAFETY CONCERNS

Councillor Hildebrand advised that the crosswalk located on 26th Street at Ottawa Avenue had become a safety concern for pedestrians. He noted that a tree/bush in the median obstructed the view for both pedestrians and drivers and requested same to be removed. He further noted that this unlit crosswalk was barely visible, particularly after dark and enquired if flashing beacons could be installed at this location.

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

(110) 21ST STREET MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Councillor Hildebrand advised that 21st Street/Lane between Ottawa and Richmond Avenues was in very poor condition. He noted that this road had been repaired numerous times but was in need of a full pavement reconstruction. He advised that this road provided the only access to the parking lots for residents in the apartment complexes located on either side of the lane and enquired if this issue could be addressed as soon as possible with a timeline for full reconstruction provided.

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

(111) SPEED OF TRAFFIC - 26TH STREET BETWEEN RICHMOND AVENUE AND MARYLAND AVENUE

Councillor Hildebrand expressed concern about the speed of traffic on 26th Street between Richmond and Maryland Avenues and enquired if this area could be monitored.

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

(112) BRANDON UNIVERSITY CROSSWALKS

Councillor Cameron advised that he had received concerns from representatives of Brandon University and the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium with respect to the safety of crosswalks adjacent to the University campus and enquired if a review could be conducted on same.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF FOUR (4) PARATRANSIT BUSES

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Transportation Services Department dated October 5, 2023 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Parker

508 That the bid from Overland Custom Coach (2007) Inc. to supply four (4) Paratransit Buses as per proposal and specifications for the cost of \$1,006,749.60 (net of GST) be accepted;

And further, that the additional funding requirements of \$272,749.60 be expended from the Transit Equipment Replacement Reserve and Transit Gas Tax Reserve in the amounts of \$136,374.80 each. CARRIED.

(B) CANADIAN INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

And further, that in the opinion of Brandon City Council that the Government of Canada must recognize what happened in Canada's Residential Schools as genocide, as acknowledged by Pope Francis and in accordance with Article II of the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and recognized through unanimous consent by the House of Commons on October 27, 2022.

Luebke-Berry

509 That the above motion with respect to acknowledgement of genocide at Canadian Indian Residential Schools be tabled to a future meeting of council. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7365 TO CLOSE AND CONVEY PARTS OF COLLEGE AVE. E., RIDEAU ST., FRANKLIN ST., PERCY ST., AND PARK AVE. E.
AMENDMENT, 2ND & 3RD READINGS

Considered was a report from the Legislative Services Department dated October 5, 2023 with respect to the above.

Parker-Tame

510 That By-law 7635 to close and convey part of the streets located south of College Avenue East including parts of College Avenue East, Rideau Street, Franklin Street, Percy Street and Park Avenue East, and the public lanes in Blocks 26, 27, 28 and 40, Plan 9 B LTO, be amended by:

Deleting Sections 1 (a) and (b) in their entirety and replacing with the following:

"1. (a) That all that portion of public street described hereunder be and the same is hereby stopped up and closed:

"All those portions of public lanes, College Avenue, Park Avenue, Percy Street, Franklin Street, and Rideau Street Plan 9 BLTO, contained within the limits of Plan of Subdivision, Deposit No.1237/23", a partial copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule "A";

(b) That title to those portions of streets and lanes, excepting thereout all mines and minerals and other matters set forth in The Crown Lands Act, shall be conveyed to and consolidated with the respective registered owners of Lots 1 and 3, as shown hereto as Schedule "A"."

And by deleting in Section 2 the words: "of to be Closed". CARRIED.

Parker-Luebke

511 That By-law No. 7365, as amended, be read a second time. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

Parker-Tame

512 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. 7365 third reading.

FOR

AGAINST

Mayor Jeff Fawcett
Councillor Shawn Berry
Councillor Shaun Cameron
Councillor Greg Hildebrand
Councillor Heather Karrouze
Councillor Bruce Luebke
Councillor Glen Parker
Councillor Tyson Tame

NO. 7370 TO AMEND THE ASSINIBOINE GARDENS SECONDARY PLAN
1ST READING

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Planning and Buildings Department dated September 29, 2023 with respect to the above.

Cameron-Luebke

513 That By-law No 7370 to amend the Assiniboine Gardens Secondary Plan By-law No. 7280 be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7375 PLAN OF PUBLIC LANE TO BE CLOSED IN PLAN 1058 BLTO
1ST READING

City Council considered a report from the Planning and Buildings Department dated October 6, 2023 with respect to the above.

Cameron-Parker

514 That By-law No. 7375 to close and convey the remaining portion of a public lane lying between 3130 Victoria Avenue (Block 2 Plan 1058 BLTO) and 3000 Victoria Avenue (Lot 1 Plan 41029 BLTO), be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Luebke

That the meeting do now adjourn. (7:52 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK