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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024
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:

Parker-Splett
918 That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, July 8, 2024 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

RECOGNITIONS:

(A) CANADA'S SPORTS HALL OF FAME - ANGELA CHALMERS

His Worship Mayor Fawcett recognized Angela Chalmers, First Nations Olympic medalist to be inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Cullen-Splett
919 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Monday, June 10, 2024 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Cameron-Karrouze
920 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, June 17, 2024 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Splett-Cameron
921 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Tuesday, June 25, 2024 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

Nil

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

(A) BY-LAW NO. 7383 AMEND ZONING BY-LAW NO. 7124 HOUSING ACCELERATOR FUND

Madelyn Robinson, Chair of Sustainable Brandon, spoke in support of the proposed amendments to expand city wide housing options, her only concern was the availability to everyone to access green space.

Miles Crossman, resident spoke in opposition to the proposed amendments. He read a letter from Mary Jo Abbott, area resident objecting to the proposed amendments to the zoning bylaw as unfair. Mr. Crossman raised concerns regarding increased capacity for current infrastructure.

Betty Kelly, Chair of Knox United Church Outreach Committee, spoke in support to the proposed amendments to the zoning bylaw. She noted this will increase opportunities for people to access housing, no area of the city is excluded, and this supports infill development as well as affordable housing options.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(A) BY-LAW NO. 7393 - TO BORROW FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPLACING BRANDON COMMUNITY SPORTSPLEX ICE PLANT AND ARENA UPGRADES

City Council sat to hear representations with respect to the proposed borrowing By-law No. 7393 for the purpose of replacing Brandon Community Sportsplex Ice Plant and Arena upgrades.

Troy Tripp, Director of Finance, appeared before City Council and provided a power point overview of the proposed borrowing for replacing Brandon Community Sportsplex Ice Plant and Arena upgrades.

James Epp, spoke in opposition, noting he is not in favor of government spending when it comes to parks and recreation, and asked what happens when interest rates go down.

Karrouze-Tame

- 922 That the Public Hearing with respect to the proposed borrowing By-law No. 7393 for replacing Brandon Community Sportsplex Ice Plant and Arena upgrades be concluded.
CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES VERBAL JULY 8, 2024

Councillor Splett provided a verbal report from the recent meeting of the Brandon General Museum & Archives Inc. (BGMA) held on July 2, 2024. He advised they discussed staff reports, fundraising, the Cultural Hub plans, BGMA grants received, publication ads in the World Spectator Summer Directory, and the BJ Hales Collection ownership agreement for the BSD, as well as reviewed the 2024 budget and discussed their strategic plan.

He noted the Show & Tell Series will be on hold for the summer and will be back again in September. Councillor Splett concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on August 6, 2024, at the Museum.

(B) BRANDON URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' COUNCIL VERBAL JULY 8, 2024

Councillor Luebke provided a verbal report from the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council held on June 27, 2024. He stated the Council welcomed Will Goodon as the Manitoba Metis Federation representative, and that Mayor Fawcett updated BUAPC on ongoing Indigenous relationship endeavors with the City of Brandon.

Councillor Luebke noted that the Council elected Kris Desjarlais as Chair, as well as Dezarae Bodnar and Tammy Thompson-Nadeau as co Vice-Chairs. He stated the 2024 Truth and Reconciliation Week events will take place from September 25 to October 4, 2024. Councillor Luebke concluded by noting 2024 budget will be used for cultural training with a mini-series on Indigenous traditions, and offering the 4 Seasons of Reconciliation.

(C) KEYSTONE CENTRE BOARD VERBAL JULY 8, 2024

Councillor Luebke provided a verbal report from the recent meeting of the Keystone Centre Board of Directors held on June 27, 2024. He noted the main topics discussed were 2023-2024 financials, consultants update, and recommendation of Tami-Rae Rourke to fill the vacant at-large Board of Directors position with term to commence immediately and run through to January 2026. Councillor Luebke noted the success of June 15th celebration for the Keystone's 50th Birthday, as well as, the Manitoba Summer Fair being well attended with Saturday having a record attendance day.

Councillor Luebke concluded by noting the joint effort of the Keystone Centre and Wheat Kings in their joint efforts to bid for the 2026 Memorial Cup.

(D) WESTERN MANITOBA CENTENNIAL AUDITORIUM VERBAL JULY 8, 2024

Councillor Cameron provided a verbal report from the meeting of the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium (WMCA) held on June 19, 2024. He advised the primary topics discussed were statement of financial position, summary of receivables, the sound system installation, the capital plan, strategic plan, and finalizing the operational budget for the year.

He concluded by noting Kaitlyn Mitchell, Manager of the WMCA, will plan to present the updated strategic plan, capital plan and asset management documentation to Council.

(E) WESTERN MANITOBA REGIONAL LIBRARY VERBAL JULY 8, 2024

Councillor Cameron provided a verbal report from the Western Manitoba Regional Library (WMRL) Board held on June 19, 2024. He advised they reviewed the Council decision to move forward with the renovated option with the Downtown Cultural Hub. He noted statistics for the WMRL at both locations for sign-outs and attendance through the doors and at programs.

(F) CLIMATE ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE VERBAL JULY 8, 2024

Councillor Desjarlais provided a verbal report from the recent meeting of the Climate Action Plan Committee. He noted the Senior Executive of the City is taking the lead on this, and they are currently amassing a group to help departments achieve their action items within the plan.

Councillor Desjarlais concluded by stating the meetings will take place bi-monthly with the next one to be held in September. These meetings will be held with different departments to discuss the varying action items.

Splett-Cameron

- 923 That the verbal reports from the Brandon General Museum and Archives, Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council, Keystone Centre Board, Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium, Western Manitoba Regional Library, and the Climate Action Plan Committee be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(167) UPDATE ON COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANTS

Councillor Luebke requested a summary of the expenses related to the use of external, third-party consultants/strategists in 2024.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that year-to-date the communications/public relations consultants had provided \$7,500 worth of services to the City of Brandon. He noted that the majority of that work had been performed in the first quarter and revolved around budget communications and the financial sustainability report, he also noted that some work actually began in late 2023. Mr. Bowles confirmed that the consultant had also worked on communications regarding the Sportsplex Ice Arena and provided professional development to the Corporate Communications Specialist.

(168) UPDATE ON THE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT PROGRAM

Councillor Luebke referred to a previous resolution of City Council with respect to a review of the current guidelines with respect to mosquito abatement and a report on same. He enquired if the review had been conducted and, if so, when the results of same were expected to be provided. He also enquired if an update on possible alternatives to DeltaGuard for fogging programs could be provided.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager agreed to have a full report on this issue provided at the July 29, 2024 City Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) WATER AFFORDABILITY INTERIM REPORT

City Council considered a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated June 28, 2024 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Cameron

924 That the interim report on the Water Affordability Program be received and that the potential rebate program for low-income households be referred to 2025 budget deliberations. CARRIED.

(B) SOLID WASTE INITIATIVES UPDATE

Considered was a report from the Director of Public Works dated June 18, 2024 with respect to the above.

Cameron-Luebke

925 That the report from the Solid Waste Section with respect to Solid Waste Initiative update be received. CARRIED.

(C) MANITOBA PROVINCIAL NOMINEE PROGRAM

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Economic Development dated July 3, 2024 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Cullen

926 WHEREAS the City of Brandon continues to support immigration to maintain population growth and increase the available skilled workforce in the City;

AND WHEREAS Economic Development Brandon (EDB) has developed workforce immigration expertise through four years of participation in the Rural and Northern Immigration Program (RNIP);

AND WHEREAS the participation in the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program (MPNP) will further enhance Brandon employers' ability to recruit skilled employees and their families by providing faster entry for skilled workers;

AND WHEREAS as an economic immigration program, the primary goal of the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program is to respond to the economic and labour market needs of the province. Manitoba's immigration strategy is re-aligned with the long-term

economic development plan articulated in Manitoba's Skills, Talent and Knowledge Strategy;

AND WHEREAS business succession opportunities and foreign investment within Brandon may be enhanced through the Business Investment Stream of the MPNP;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Brandon commits to partner with the Province of Manitoba, through the MPNP, to create and execute a strategy to attract skilled immigrants to Brandon to assist local employers fill vacant positions, encourage population growth and increase foreign investment. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7363 TO AMEND COMPLIANCE BY-LAW NO. 7198 - SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL
1ST READING

City Council considered a report from the Legislative Services Department dated June 21, 2024 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Parker

927 That By-law No. 7363 to amend Compliance By-law No. 7198 regarding Solid Waste Collection and Disposal By-law updated ticket codes and fine amounts be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7383 TO AMEND ZONING BY-LAW NO. 7124 - HOUSING ACCELERATOR FUND
AMENDMENTS
2ND & 3RD READINGS

Considered was a report from the Legislative Services Department dated June 25, 2024 with respect to the above.

Tame-Karrouze

927 That By-law No. 7383 to amend Zoning By-law No. 7124, to achieve housing targets and align with the initiatives proposed under the Housing Accelerator Fund be further amended by:

1. deleting in Subsection 2(a) the words: " "Detached dwellings", "Duplex dwelling", "Mobile and modular homes", "Row house dwellings with each dwelling unit on separate titles", "Secondary suites", Semi-detached dwellings", "; and
2. adding immediately after Section 3(f) the following:

"3(g) deleting in TABLE 12: COMMERCIAL BULK AND SITING REQUIREMENTS and in TABLE 17: EDUCATIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL USE the words: "special needs" and substituting therefor the word: "supportive". CARRIED.

Tame-Splett

929 That By-law No. 7383 to amend Zoning By-law No. 7124 be further amended to include zoning Option 1 as outlined as Administration's report to eliminate RSD zone and merge it with RLD zone. CARRIED.

At the request of Councillor Berry, a recorded vote was taken on the above motion.

FOR

AGAINST

Mayor Jeff Fawcett

Councillor Shawn Berry

Councillor Shaun Cameron

Councillor Greg Hildebrand

Councillor Barry Cullen

Councillor Kris Desjarlais

Councillor Heather Karrouze

Councillor Bruce Luebke

Councillor Glen Parker

Councillor Jason Splett

Councillor Tyson Tame

AMENDMENT

Hildebrand-Berry

930 That the above motion be amended by deleting "Opting 1" and substituting therefor "Option 2" for zoning as outlined in Administration's report. LOST.

Tame-Splett

931 That By-law No. 7383 to amend Zoning By-law No. 7124 be further amended to include parking Option 2 as outlined as Administration's report to reduce parking requirements to multiple residential housing types to one parking space per unit. CARRIED.

Tame-Splett

- 932 That By-law No. 7383 to amend Zoning By-law No. 7124, to achieve housing targets and align with the initiatives proposed under the Housing Accelerator Fund inclusive of all further amendments be approved. CARRIED.

At the request of Councillor Berry, a recorded vote was taken on the above motion.

FOR

AGAINST

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

Tame-Splett

- 933 That By-law No. 7383 to amend Zoning By-law No. 7124 as amended, be read a second reading. CARRIED.

Tame-Splett

- 934 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. 7383 third reading.

FOR

AGAINST

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

NO. 7392 BRANDON CITY PLAN
1ST READING

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Planning and Buildings Department dated June 5, 2024 with respect to the above.

Karrouze-Luebke
935 That By-law No. 7392 to establish the Brandon City Plan be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7393 TO BORROW FUNDS FOR REPLACING BRANDON COMMUNITY SPORTSPLEX ICE PLANT
AND ARENA UPGRADES
1ST AND 2ND READINGS

City Council considered a report from the Finance Department dated June 28, 2024 with respect to the above.

Karrouze-Parker
936 That By-law No. 7393 to provide for the borrowing and expenditure of funds for the purpose of replacing the Brandon Community Sportsplex ice plant and arena upgrades be read a first time. CARRIED.

Karrouze-Parker
937 That the by-law be read a second time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Luebke
That the meeting do now adjourn. (9:59 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK