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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024 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 Jason Splett, Councillor Tyson Tame

ABSENT: Councillor Shawn Berry, Councillor Glen Parker

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Splett-Karrouze
1061 That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, November 4, 2024 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

RECOGNITIONS:

(A) BRANDON SUN REPORTER COLIN SLARK

His Worship Mayor Fawcett advised that this would be the last City Council meeting for Brandon Sun Reporter Colin Slark as he was leaving Brandon in the coming days. He thanked Colin for his fairness and professionalism when working with Council and reporting on the many issues he covered over the years. On behalf of City Council Mayor Fawcett wished him all the best in his new adventure.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Hildebrand-Tame
1062 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Thursday, October 10, 2024 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Cameron-Splett
1063 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, October 21, 2024 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

(A) SHAWN WOOD - BY-LAW NO. 7397

Shawn Wood, Executive Director of the Construction Association of Rural Manitoba (CARM), addressed Council with respect to concerns with the changes in Development Charges (DC) included in By-law No. 7397. Mr. Wood states that any increase on DC's will be passed on to the citizens of Brandon raising the cost for purchasing homes and rent for both commercial and residential properties. He noted that this By-law splits the city into two areas, and requested Council consider a three-year rollout to allow the market to adapt to the increased costs.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

Nil

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) WESTERN MANITOBA CENTENNIAL AUDITORIUM UPDATE

Kaitlyn Mitchell, General Manager, appeared before City Council with respect to an update on the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium (WMCA). She provided an overview of the events and functions held throughout 2023-2024. She noted a change in the funding model agreement, increase in annual operating grants, economic cost increases, infrastructure updates needed, and to establish a facility maintenance budget. Ms. Mitchell concluded by providing strategies and programming to produce additional funding. She expressed her gratitude for the support from the City, government and surrounding communities for the WMCA and the performing arts.

Cameron-Tame

1064

That the presentation from Kaitlyn Mitchell with respect to an update on the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium be received.

And further that any funding requests for 2025 be referred to budget discussions.
CARRIED.

(B) KEYSTONE CENTRE UPDATE

Bruce Luebke, Chair of the Board of Directors, Connie Lawrence, CEO and GM, and Dan Robertson, Interim Director of Finance, appeared before City Council with respect to an update on the Keystone Centre. Mr. Luebke provided an overview the economic impact,

annual operating grants and the Site Master Plan received in September. Ms. Lawrence provided an update on the renovations and upgrades completed over the summer and further projects to be completed in the spring of 2025. Mr. Robertson provided an overview on the operational challenges and projected operating loss of \$616,902 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. He concluded by noting the main factors that are contributing to these losses are increased insurance fees and utility costs.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) BRANDON POLICE BOARD NOVEMBER 1, 2024

Councillor Cullen provided a report from the recent meeting of the Brandon Police Board held on November 1, 2024. He provided an overview of Chief Bates' report on the activities within the Brandon Police Service (BPS) on a community and provincial level. He noted that the calls for service had an 2.7% increase over 2023.

Councillor Cullen provided an overview of the 2024 budget, with a projected surplus of \$731,000. He noted the two resolutions passed regarding the purchase of a recruiting vehicle, and the BPS off-site building report. He concluded by recognizing the appointment of Greg Hebert as the Deputy Chief of Police for the Brandon Police Service.

Cullen-Desjarlais

1066 That City Council support the Brandon Police Board's resolution authorizing the purchase of a recruiting vehicle at a cost not to exceed \$125,000, funded by the Brandon Police Services 2024 Operating Budget. CARRIED.

Cullen-Desjarlais

1067 That the report of the Brandon Police Board be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(181) SPORTSPLEX ARENA UPDATE

Councillor Luebke requested an updated on the Sportsplex Arena, inclusive of the expected timeline for construction as well as potential changes to public access to the building during construction. Councillor Luebke further requested an update on the proposed debenture for the Sportsplex Arena repairs.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operations responded that the contract had been awarded, the boards had been removed and excavation started on the area where the new building for the ice plant was to be constructed. Mr. Pulak advised that Phase 1 which included the construction of the building, the installation of the new boards and pipe replacement was expected to be completed by September 2025. With respect to the Debenture, Mr. Pulak confirmed that the request had been submitted to the Province; however, interim financing was in place for the project.

Further to this issue, His Worship Mayor Fawcett requested an update on the outdoor ice rink planned for the Sportsplex.

The General Manager of Operations responded that the work had begun for the installation of the boards on the inside of the track, lights would be installed and plans were underway for the construction of a warming shack.

(182) URIDE UPDATE

Councillor Luebke referred to a presentation to City Council by Ravi Dhami, Western Canada Regional Manager of Uride, who requested consideration be given to expand Uride's ridesharing services to the City of Brandon. He noted that this request had been forwarded to the Taxi Appeal Committee for follow-up and enquired if a report on the status of that request could be provided.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Hildebrand responded that the Committee had met with Mr. Dhami who had provided additional information. Councillor Hildebrand advised that the Committee had asked Mr. Dhami to provide further information on how other communities have embraced URide and what the City of Brandon needed to have in place for URide to operate in the City. He confirmed that that a report on same would be provided to City Council as soon as the updated information was available.

(183) CLOSED CAPTIONING

Councillor Luebke enquired if closed captioning on the WCG TV and online streaming of City Council meetings was still being considered and requested an update on the status of same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that when contacted previously, WCG was unable to provide this service; however, the request has been made again and City Council will be updated as soon as a response from Westman Communications is received.

(184) SPEED SIGN ON 18TH STREET NORTH

Councillor Karrouze advised that the sign indicating a reduction from 60 km/h to 50 km/h had been removed from 18th Street North in the southbound lane during construction and had not been replaced. She enquired if same could be reinstalled as soon as possible.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operations confirmed that they were aware of this issue and the sign would be reinstalled in the near future.

(185) PARKING IN THE 400 BLOCK OF 25TH STREET

Councillor Cameron enquired if no parking signs could be installed on the east side of the street in the 400 Block of 25th Street, hence allowing parking on the west side of the street only.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

His Worship Mayor Fawcett announced that the annual Remembrance Day Service would be held at the Keystone Centre and encouraged everyone to attend this important event.

PASSING OF MURRAY SINCLAIR

Councillor Desjarlais extended condolences to the family on the passing of the Honourable Murray Sinclair, who was so inspirational and influential on the path to

reconciliation. Councillor Desjarlais stated that he will be deeply missed and confirmed that the flags at City Hall were lowered to half-mast in recognition of the loss of such a great man.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Submitted for consideration was the Strategic Plan Quarter 3 update.

Desjarlais-Splett

1068 That the Quarter 3 Strategic Plan be received as presented. CARRIED.

(B) MANITOBA GRO FUNDING APPLICATION

Considered was a report from the Finance Department dated October 31, 2024 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Hildebrand

1069 That the City of Brandon apply for grant funding through the Manitoba Growth, Renewal and Opportunities for Municipalities (Manitoba GRO) Program for the following projects:

1. Richmond Avenue Reconstruction (26th St to 18th St)
2. Keystone Sanitation Depot

And further that the funding requests for each project be deferred to the 2025 Budget Deliberations:

1. Richmond Avenue Reconstruction: \$2,250,000 (50%)
2. Keystone Sanitation Depot: \$392,500 (50%) CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7392 TO ADOPT THE BRANDON CITY PLAN
2ND READING

City Council considered a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated October 9, 2024 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Tame

- 1070 That By-law No. 7392 to establish the Brandon City Plan be amended by replacing Schedule A attached to By-law No. 7392 with Schedule A as identified as Attachment A in this report. CARRIED.

Desjarlais-Tame

- 1071 That By-law No. 7392 be read a second time as amended. CARRIED.

NO. 7397

TO AMEND DEVELOPMENT CHARGES BY-LAW NO 7175
1ST READING

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Engineering Department dated October 24, 2024, with respect to the above.

Luebke-Desjarlais

- 1072 That By-law No. 7397 to amend the Development Charges By-law No. 7175 and establish new Development Charges rates for transportation and land drainage network infrastructure be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7398

PLAN OF ROAD TO BE OPENED
1ST READING

Considered was a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated October 24, 2024 with respect to the above.

Karrouze-Tame

- 1073 That By-Law No. 7398, to legally open a corner cut-off of public road across the southeast corner of 1815 Braecrest Drive (Pt. Lot 1, Plan 67449 BLTO) as Public Right-of-Way, be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7400

TO CLOSE PART OF PUBLIC RESERVE LOCATED AT 1310 RICHMOND AVENUE
1ST READING

City Council considered a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated October 23, 2024 with respect to the above.

Tame-Splett

- 1074 That By-law No. 7400 to close and convey a portion of public reserve at 1310 Richmond Avenue East (Public Reserve in Plan 23784 BLTO) be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7401

PLAN OF PUBLIC ROAD TO BE CLOSED
1ST READING

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated October 24, 2024 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Splett

1075 That By-law No. 7401 to close and convey a portion of public lane lying in Block 6 Plan 16 BLTO, located south of Park Avenue and west of 16th Street, be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7404

TO AMEND TRAFFIC BY-LAW TO REDUCE SPEED AROUND BRANDON UNIVERSITY
2ND & 3RD READING

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

Cameron-Karrouze

1076 That By-law No. 7404, to amend Traffic By-law No. 5463 Schedule "Z" with respect to reducing speed through the Brandon University campus be read a second time. CARRIED.

Cameron-Karrouze

1077 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. 7404 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

NO. 7405

TO REZONE PART OF 1910 BELL AVENUE
1ST READING

City Council considered a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated October 24, 2024 with respect to the above.

Karrouze-Tame

1078

That By-law No. 7405 to rezone part of 1910 Bell Avenue (Lot 32, Plan 70982 BLTO) from RLD Residential Low Density, RMD Residential Moderate Density, and PR Parks and Recreation to EI Educational and Institutional and PR Parks and Recreation be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Tame-Luebke

That the meeting do now adjourn. (9:15 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK