

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 4, 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

ABSENT: Councillor Tyson Tame

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Cullen-Parker
773 That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, March 4, 2024 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Splett-Karrouze
774 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Monday, February 12, 2024 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Hildebrand-Parker
775 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Thursday, February 15, 2024 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Hildebrand-Karrouze
776 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Tuesday, February 20, 2024 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Cameron-Splett
777 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Tuesday, February 20, 2024 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) DWAYNE DYCK - UPDATE ON THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

Dwayne Dyck, Chair of Community Advisory Board for Homelessness (Brandon CAB), appeared before City Council with respect to an update on the Brandon CAB. Mr. Dyck provided an overview of Brandon CAB and its makeup, purpose, community plan, and accountability for federal funds received. He noted the last 5-year plan focused on creating a “No Wrong Door” program where individuals could attend one place and be assisted in figuring out which agencies would be best to help them with either finding housing supports or client services.

Mr. Dyck advised City Council of what they are doing right now within the community to address housing and homelessness. He noted Housing First is the primary funding direction to reduce homelessness in Brandon, as well as funding for the John Howard Society Transitional building, Brideway, YWCA and Samaritan House. He thanked Council for the opportunity to appear and provide an update on Brandon CAB.

Desjarlais-Cameron

778 That the presentation by Dwayne Dyck with respect to an update on the Brandon Community Advisory Board for homelessness be received. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ENQUIRIES:

(132) UPDATE ON SNOW CLEARING EFFORTS

Councillor Luebke requested an update on the snow clearing efforts taking place following this weekend's blizzard.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operations responded that crews were out on the P1A Routes as of midnight Sunday with those routes

expected to be completed late Tuesday. He explained that crews would then move on to the P1 and P2 Routes, inclusive of collector streets and residential areas. Mr. Pulak confirmed that staff had been pulled from other areas to assist with the snow removal efforts. He stated that crews were working 24 hours a day but given that there was 30 cm of snow it will take some time to get all roadways cleared and asked residents to try to be patient.

Councillor Luebke enquired if Manitoba Infrastructure had provided an update on the timeline for clearing of the streets that fell under their jurisdiction, in particular Victoria Avenue. The General Manager responded that he had not received an update; however, he anticipated that work would begin tonight.

Further to this issue, Councillor Desjarlais noted that many residents struggled to get down Victoria Avenue today and enquired if some type of arrangement could be made with the Manitoba Infrastructure whereby city crews could assist with this roadway when the Provincial equipment was needed elsewhere. Mr. Pulak agreed to look into this issue with Manitoba Infrastructure.

(133) SNOW CLEARING MAP ON THE WEBSITE

Councillor Berry advised that many complaints were received with respect to the snow clearing map on the website. He stated that during these snow events people were encouraged to look at the map; however, there was little to no information on there that was beneficial. He suggested that if the map couldn't be updated in a timely manner then perhaps it should be taken down to alleviate the frustrations of residents.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operations agreed with Councillor Berry that the map was not useful if it was not updated quickly and correctly. He confirmed that the information should be provided by the Streets and Roads Department to ensure the map was updated regularly and agreed to look into this matter further.

(134) SNOW CLEARING FOR SANITATION PICK-UPS

Councillor Cameron enquired how sanitation pick-ups would be affected by snow clearing efforts.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operations responded that the Sanitation Section had their own snow clearing equipment and the routes were cleared in time to ensure pick-up schedules were relatively unaffected.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Legislative Services Department dated February 26, 2024 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Cameron

779 That the following citizen appointments be and are hereby made for a two-year term of office to commence immediately and expire December 31, 2025:

Tara Leach
Aiden Punak-Murphy CARRIED.

Desjarlais-Cameron

780 That the following citizen appointments be and are hereby made for a three-year term of office to commence immediately and expire December 31, 2026:

Wayne Clayton
Elaine Gibson
Madelyn Robinson CARRIED.

(B) LIBRARY/ARTS BUILDING CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OPTIONS

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

Desjarlais-Cameron

781 That up to \$13,000 be authorized to be expended from the Library Arts Building Reserve for updating the renovation conceptual design option for the library/arts building. CARRIED.

(C) CITY OF BRANDON DRAINAGE LEVY

Submitted for consideration was a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated February 23, 2024 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Hildebrand

782 That the presentation by Administration be received and further that Administration proceed in the development of a Drainage Levy methodology, by-law and rates. CARRIED.

(D) SIDEWALKS AND WALKING PATHS WINTER MAINTENANCE POLICY

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Public Works dated February 22, 2024 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Splett

783 That the presentation from Administration be received and further, that the Winter Maintenance of Sidewalk and Walking Paths Policy be referred to the March 18, 2024 regular meeting of Council for approval. CARRIED.

(E) BRANDON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

Karrouze-Splett

784 That Council refer the Brandon Municipal Airport Master Plan to a future Committee of the Whole for review. CARRIED.

(F) LAND TRANSACTION POLICY & PROCEDURE

Parker-Splett

785 To repeal the current Land Transaction Policy and Procedure, and adopt the new Land Transaction Policy and Procedure (Attachment A);

And further, that as per clause 3.1.4 of the Land Transaction Policy & Procedure, City Council approve the priorities for land acquisition (Attachment B);

And further, that as per clause 4.2 of the Land Transaction Policy & Procedure, City Council approve the land inventory shortlist (Attachment C). CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7380 DOWNTOWN MARKET HOUSING INCENTIVE BY-LAW
2ND READING

Considered was a report from the Planning and Buildings Department dated February 28, 2024 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Splett

786 That Downtown Market Housing Incentive By-law No. 7380 be read a second time.

That third reading of the Downtown Market Housing Initiative By-law No. 7380 be held in abeyance pending Council approval of the housing accelerator fund grant allocations. CARRIED.

NO. 7381

TO AMEND BUILDING BY-LAW NO. 7258

1ST READING

Considered was a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated February 1, 2024 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Parker

787 That By-law No. 7381 to amend the Building By-law No. 7258 for the purpose of updating content and improving enforcement of the by-law be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

ADJOURN:

Berry-Luebke

That the meeting do now adjourn (8:50 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK