

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019
AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON,
MANITOBA**

PRESENT: Mayor Rick Chrest In The Chair, Councillor Shawn Berry, Councillor Ron W. Brown, Councillor Shaun Cameron, Councillor Jan Chaboyer, Councillor Barry Cullen, Councillor Kris Desjarlais, Councillor Jeff Fawcett, Councillor John LoRegio, Councillor Bruce Luebke, Councillor Glen Parker

ABSENT: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Cullen-Chaboyer
488 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held Monday, December 16, 2019 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Parker-Cameron
489 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 2, 2019 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

Nil

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

(A) DECOMMISSIONING/DEMOLITION OF PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

Garry Miller, City of Brandon core area resident, addressed City Council regarding the potential decommissioning/demolition of Park Community Centre to turn it into a green space. He commented on the costs of restoring the building compared to demolishing it.

(B) CONTRACTING OF GOLF MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Val Bell, President of CUPE Local No. 69, appeared before City Council regarding the contracting out of Management Services for the Wheat City Golf Course. She indicated concerns over the public and union consultation process, privatization of a City asset, and asked Council to vote against the motion to contract out the service.

(C) FUTURE OF PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

Rick Gray, President of Central Council of Community Centres, appeared before City Council regarding the future of the Park Community Centre. He noted the age and structural issues with the building and enquired what the associated costs were for each option in order to make the best decision for this building's future. Mr. Gray commented that community gathering points were all aging out rather quickly, and there was a need to be more proactive with regular maintenance of these facilities as the cost to replace or rebuild was very expensive. He concluded by stating that whatever the future was for the Park Community Centre, he would like this space to remain for the community and continue to be part of the Recreation Master Plan.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) KIM LONGSTREET, BRANDON BEAR CLAN PATROL - FUNDING REQUEST FOR 2020

Kim Longstreet, appeared before City Council with respect to the Brandon Bear Clan Patrol (BBCP). She provided an overview of the BBCP since its beginning in 2017, noting that the purpose of the Bear Clan was to help people and prevent the need for police and authority interventions. She indicated anyone over the age of 18 could volunteer for the adult patrols on Thursdays and Fridays from 7-9 p.m. and stated that a youth patrol had started with volunteers between the ages of 10-17 on Sunday afternoons.

Ms. Longstreet indicated in the spring of 2019, an anonymous donation was provided to enable the BBCP to hire staff and in the future, BBCP would be expanding patrols into other areas of the community. The BBCP remained dependent on monetary donations to provide supplies for patrols such as gently used clothing, care kit supplies, blankets and food. She enquired if City Council would consider monetary funding for the Brandon Bear Clan Patrol during its 2020 budget deliberations.

Cameron-LoRegio

490 That the presentation by Kim Longstreet on behalf of the Brandon Bear Clan Patrol be received;

and further, that a funding request be referred to the 2020 Budget Deliberations.
CARRIED.

(B) STEPHEN HAYTER, COMMONWEALTH AIR TRAINING PLAN MUSEUM - UPDATE
ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND FUNDING REQUEST

Stephen Hayter, Executive Director, appeared before City Council with respect to the Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum (CATPM). He provided an overview of the museum since its establishment in 1981 and its collection of over 40,000 artifacts. Mr. Hayter gave an update on capital improvements to the museum including a new memorial wall, improved site drainage, hanger restoration, and preservation of the historical buildings.

Mr. Hayter indicated the museum's future sustainability depended on consistent funding and CATPM was looking at entering into a partnership with their local municipal government. He requested Council's consideration of \$50,000 operating funding for the 2020 fiscal year and ongoing annual operating funding to ensure sustainability into the future. He indicated that CATPM was currently in discussions with the City's Development Services Division with respect to a professional engineering assessment of the main hanger building to determine necessary structural improvements.

Berry-Cullen

491 That the presentation by Stephen Hayter on behalf of the Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum be received;

and further, that the funding request of \$50,000 be referred to the 2020 Budget Deliberations. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) WESTERN MANITOBA REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD
VERBAL

DECEMBER 16, 2019

Councillor Brown provided a verbal report from the recent meeting of the Western Manitoba Regional Library Board. He welcomed Danielle Hubbard as the New Director of Library Services.

He provided an overview of the membership to the board, and noted they were looking to expand their membership to additional municipalities.

Councillor Brown indicated representatives from the Regional Library Board would be appearing before Council as a delegation in January 2020 to request a \$6,600 subsidy at the 2020 Budget Deliberations in lieu of a per capita grant.

(B) POVERTY COMMITTEE VERBAL DECEMBER 16, 2019

Councillor Luebke provided a verbal report from the meeting of the Poverty Committee held on December 11, 2019. He noted topics discussed were short and long term goals for 2020, as well as the potential update to the committee's name and mandate. He reported that the committee had been provided with statistics from the Safe and Warm Shelter, and noted that the shelter's biggest need was financial donations to cover utility costs.

Councillor Luebke gave an update on Massey Manor which will have a grand re-opening in January 2020 with tenants being able to move back in either February or March at the latest. He noted research information was shared on Food Security Issues, and the possibility of pursuing the implementation of an initiative to provide warm-up locations and hours of operations for those seeking shelter from the outdoors.

(C) WESTERN MANITOBA CENTENNIAL AUDITORIUM
VERBAL DECEMBER 16, 2019

Councillor Fawcett provided a verbal report on the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium. He thanked Franz Lerbass for his ten years of services as the General Manager, as he had accepted a new position out of province, and noted that in the short-term, Tom Crook had been appointed as the Interim General Manager.

Luebke-Parker

492 That the reports of the Western Manitoba Regional Library Board, the Poverty Committee and the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(90) SPEED OF TRAINS AND BLOCKING OF CROSSINGS

Councillor Cameron advised that concerns had been raised from ward residents with respect to the speed of trains through the corridor at 26th Street and Pacific Avenue as well as the length of time trains were allowed to block intersections. He requested clarification on both these issues.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager confirmed that CP Rail had been requested to provide information on both the speed of trains as well as the railway crossing. Mr. Hammond advised that a response would be forwarded to City Council as soon as it became available.

The Acting City Manager further advised that Grade Crossing Regulations from Transport Canada were in place whereby, unless the train was moving, public grade crossings were not to be blocked for more than five minutes, with the crossing to be cleared immediately should emergency vehicles need to cross. He noted that if safety concerns arose with respect to a grade crossing that was blocked, the municipality and CP were expected to work together on an appropriate solution within 90 days.

(91) ACCIDENTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF 26TH STREET AND PRINCESS AVENUE

Councillor Cameron advised that there had been an increased number of accidents recently at the intersection of 26th Street and Princess Avenue, and further, that it appeared the problems arose from westbound vehicles failing to stop at the four-way stop sign. He enquired if extra traffic enforcement and increased signage could be considered for this intersection.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the four-way stop signs at this intersection were located with adequate sight lines. Mr. Hammond advised that all intersections were routinely monitored for safety, appropriate traffic control based on traffic volume, as well as any reported collisions. The Acting City Manager confirmed that the Engineering Department was following up with the Brandon Police Service and Manitoba Public Insurance on the recent collisions at this intersection and were prepared to make any changes necessary for improved safety.

(92) ROAD CONDITION OF BROOKWOOD DRIVE AND AURORA CRESCENT

Councillor Berry advised that portions of Brookwood Drive and Aurora Crescent continued to be in poor condition with the dipping and heaving having gotten progressively worse. He noted that the planned repairs in 2019 had not happened and enquired when same were expected to be completed.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the repairs to the manhole at Brookwood Drive and Aurora Crescent had been completed however, due to weather conditions, the remainder of the repairs had been delayed until Spring 2020. Mr. Hammond confirmed that staff continued to work with the Developer to ensure the revised schedule would be met and agreed to keep City Council updated on this issue.

Councillor Berry further enquired as to whether the repairs were the responsibility of the Developer or the City of Brandon.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Development Services responded that the repairs were the responsibility of the Developer and the warranty remained in effect until such time as the defects had been satisfactorily taken care of. Mr. Pulak clarified that the Developer had provided a deposit which the City of Brandon was prepared to access to complete the repairs should the Developer fail to do so in a timely manner.

(93) LIGHTS ON 18TH STREET OVERPASS

Councillor Fawcett advised that the lights on the Daly Overpass on 18th Street continued to flicker causing a distraction for drivers. He advised that in spite of many phone calls from residents, the problem persisted. He enquired if the City of Brandon could contact Manitoba Hydro and request the lights be fixed as soon as possible.

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

Following the meeting, the City Engineer contacted Manitoba Hydro advised that the lights would be fixed before the end of December.

(94) SAFETY OF CROSSWALK AT 18TH STREET AND LORNE AVENUE

Councillor Chaboyer advised that the safety of pedestrians using the crosswalk at 18th Street and Lorne Avenue continued to be a concern. She noted that this issue had been brought up a number of times without any real solution and enquired if this crosswalk could once again be looked into before a fatality occurred.

His Worship the Mayor noted that there was a lighted crosswalk one block away at 18th Street and Louise Avenue, however he agreed to take this matter under advisement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GIFT OF TIME AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Councillor Chaboyer announced that the Age Friendly Committee and the Long-term Care Association of Manitoba had launched the "Gift of Time" Awareness Campaign for the 2019 Holiday Season. She explained that statistics showed that social isolation had a negative effect on and caused increasing health issues for those in seniors' homes or living alone.

Councillor Chaboyer encouraged everyone to give the gift of time and visit with those in homes or living alone to help them pass the time over the holidays.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) PLACEMENT OF NEEDLE SHARPS CONTAINERS

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Occupational Health and Safety Coordinator dated December 3, 2019 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Cameron

493 That the City of Brandon install and maintain publicly accessible sharps containers at the following six (6) locations: Stanley Park, Princess Park, Rideau Park, Coronation Park, Downtown Transit Terminal, and the A.R. McDiarmid Building. CARRIED.

(B) SINGLE USE PLASTIC CHECK-OUT BAGS

City Council considered a report from the Environmental Initiatives Coordinator dated November 15, 2019 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-LoRegio

494 That the report of the Environmental Initiatives Coordinator dated November 15, 2019 be received;

and further that the City of Brandon proceed with a ban of single use plastic bags effective January 1, 2021. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT

LoRegio-Desjarlais

495 That the motion be amended by adding: "subject to no action being taken by the Province of Manitoba by April 30, 2020". CARRIED.

(C) PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

Considered was a report from the Director of Community Services dated November 25, 2019 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Fawcett

496 That the report with respect to Park Community Centre be held in abeyance;

and that Administration be directed to develop a public consultation process to consider the future of Park Community Centre with a report back to Council when that process is completed. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-LoRegio

497 That the above motion be amended by deleting the words: "Park Community Centre" in the second paragraph and substituting the following therefor: "Community Centres as a whole". LOST.

(D) REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR WHEAT CITY GOLF COURSE

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Community Services dated November 6, 2019 with respect to the above.

Cullen-Parker

498 That the Proposal from Golf Brandon Inc. for Golf Course Management Services at the Wheat City Golf Course for a Five (5) year Term be accepted. CARRIED.

(E) 2020 INTERIM BUDGET

City Council considered a report from the Director of Finance dated November 2, 2019 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Cameron

499 That pursuant to Section 163 of The Municipal Act, the following interim operating budget to provide for City of Brandon expenditures, revenues and transfers for the year 2020 be adopted:

General Fund Expenditures	\$88,632,256
General Fund Revenues & Transfers	\$88,632,256
Utility Fund Expenditures	\$23,322,147
Utility Fund Revenues & Transfers	\$23,322,147

CARRIED.

(F) WATER TREATMENT FACILITY WASTE RESIDUAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Submitted for consideration was a report from the General Manager of Development Services dated December 6, 2019 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Luebke

500 That the bid from Assiniboine Injections Ltd. for the 2020 & 2021 Water Treatment Facility Waste Residuals Management Program as per tender and specifications at a cost of \$564,540.00 (net of GST) be accepted. CARRIED.

(G) QUOTATION - TRANSMISSION REPAIR FOR ONE (1) 2009 VOLVO G940 MACHINE GRADER

Considered was a report from the General Manager of Operations dated December 12, 2019 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Chaboyer

501 That the Quotation from Westcon Equipment & Rentals Ltd. for the transmission repair for one (1) Volvo 2009 G940 Machine Grader as per specifications for the total bid price of \$28,071.01 (net of GST) be accepted;

and further that the required funds be expended from the Airport Improvement Reserve. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7261 TAX PREPAYMENT DISCOUNT BY-LAW

It was noted that this by-law received first reading on December 2, 2019.

Fawcett-Luebke

502 That By-law No. 7261, to establish property tax prepayment discount rates to and repeal By-law No. 6440, be read a second time. CARRIED.

Fawcett-Chaboyer

503 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. 7261 third reading.

FOR

Mayor Rick Chrest
Councillor Shawn Berry
Councillor Ron W. Brown
Councillor Shaun Cameron
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Councillor Barry Cullen
Councillor Kris Desjarlais
Councillor Jeff Fawcett
Councillor John LoRegio
Councillor Bruce Luebke
Councillor Glen Parker

AGAINST

Nil

504 Fawcett-Chaboyer
That the regulation for property tax prepayment discount rates (TXPYMTREG-001) to support By-law No. 7261, be approved. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer
That the meeting do now adjourn (11:00 p.m.). CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK