

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2013 AT 7:30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA

PRESENT: Mayor S. Decter Hirst in the Chair, Councillor S. Berry, Councillor M. Blight, Councillor J. Chaboyer, Councillor J. Fawcett, Councillor J. Harwood, Councillor L. Isleifson, Councillor G. Rice, Councillor C. Roberts

ABSENT: Councillor S. Montague

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

1113 Isleifson-Chaboyer
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

1114 Blight-Berry
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Tuesday, May 21, 2013 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(A) BY-LAW NO. 7061 - TO CLOSE A PORTION OF THE PUBLIC LANE LOCATED SOUTH OF PRINCESS AVENUE BETWEEN 27TH AND 28TH STREETS

City Council sat to hear representation on the above noted matter.

Brian Ferguson, the applicant, appeared in support of the by-law. He noted that the lane closure would allow him to reconstruct his home which had recently been damaged by fire. Mr. Ferguson further advised that he had been in contact with the affected neighbor who was in agreement with the lane closure.

No further verbal or written representation was put forward either in support of or in opposition to the by-law.

1115 Harwood-Rice
That the Public Hearing to close and convey a portion of a portion of the Public Lane in Block 67, Plan 15 BLTO, located south of Princess Avenue between 27th and 28th Streets, be concluded. CARRIED.

(B) BY-LAW NO. 7063 - BORROWING OF FUNDS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO KEYSTONE CENTRE FOR ROOF REPAIRS

City Council sat to hear representation on the above noted matter.

Dean Hammond, City Treasurer appeared before City Council and provided information regarding the borrowing, which would be repaid over 15 years at a maximum interest rate of 5.75% per year.

Neil Thomson, General Manager of the Keystone Centre appeared in support of the borrowing by-law. He noted that the funds, when matched by funding from the Provincial and Federal Governments, would be utilized for the repair of the roofs over the City Square and the Exhibition Hall.

No further verbal or written representation was put forward either in support of or in opposition to the by-law.

Berry-Isleifson

- 1116 That the Public Hearing with respect to providing financial assistance to the Keystone Centre for roof repairs and the related borrowing of \$2,000,000 be concluded. CARRIED.

ALTERATION - ORDERS OF THE DAY

Harwood-Fawcett

- 1117 That pursuant to Section 59 of Procedure By-law No. 6634, the Orders of the Day be altered whereby City Council shall resolve itself into the Order of By-laws to consider By-law No. 7061 to close and convey a portion of the Public Lane in Block 67, Plan 15 BLTO and By-law No. 7063 to provide for the borrowing of funds in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 to be used to provide financial assistance to the Keystone Centre for roof repairs. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

- NO. 7061 - TO CLOSE TO CLOSE AND CONVEY A PORTION OF THE PUBLIC LANE IN BLOCK 67, PLAN 15 BLTO LOCATED SOUTH OF PRINCESS AVENUE BETWEEN 27TH AND 28TH STREETS
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It was noted that this by-law received first reading at the May 6, 2013 meeting of City Council.

Harwood-Blight

- 1118 That By-law No. 7061 to close and convey a portion of the Public Lane in Block 67, Plan 15 BLTO to the adjacent property owner at 219-28th Street (Lots 25, 26 & Pt. 27, Block 67, Plan 15 BLTO) at a purchase price of \$7,320.00 plus G.S.T. be read a second time. CARRIED.

Harwood-Blight

- 1119 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. 7061 third reading.

FOR

Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst
Councillor Berry
Councillor Blight
Councillor Chaboyer
Councillor Fawcett
Councillor Harwood
Councillor Isleifson
Councillor Rice
Councillor Roberts

AGAINST

Nil

NO. 7063 - TO PROVIDE FOR THE BORROWING OF FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE KEYSTONE CENTRE FOR ROOF REPAIRS

City Council considered a report from the Director of Finance dated May 16, 2013 with respect to the above.

1120 Berry-Rice
That By-law No. 7063 to provide for the borrowing of funds by the issue and sale of debentures in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 to be used to provide financial assistance to the Keystone Centre for roof repairs be read a first time. CARRIED.

1121 Berry-Rice
That the by-law be read a second time. CARRIED.

ALTERATION – ORDERS OF THE DAY

1122 Harwood-Blight
That the Orders of the Day be altered and City Council resolve itself back to the Order of Community Question Period. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES INC.
VERBAL JUNE 4, 2013

June 4, 2013
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Berry reported that the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. had hired two summer students to assist with programming and projects at the museum over the summer months.

(B) KEYSTONE CENTRE
VERBAL JUNE 4, 2013

June 4, 2013
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Berry provided a report from the Keystone Centre noting that the repairs to the concourse area were nearing completion and the next major construction project would be the roof repairs to the Exhibition Hall and City Square.

(C) BRANDON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
VERBAL

JUNE 4, 2013

June 4, 2013
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Roberts reported that there were over 200 distinct clients on the Downtown HUB free wireless network. He noted that the free downtown concert series “Wednesday’s by the Fountain” would be starting on June 26, 2013 and that the Global Market on Rosser Avenue would be opening for the season on June 6, 2013.

Berry-Chaboyer

1123 That the verbal reports of the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc., the Keystone Centre and the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(411) UPDATE ON RESURFACING OF VICTORIA AVENUE

Councillor Harwood enquired if a start date had been established by Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation (MIT) for the repairs to Victoria Avenue from 18th to 34th Streets.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that MIT had advised that 18th to 34th Streets would be paved this year beginning in early August. He also advised that a full urban reconstruction of Victoria Avenue from 1st to 18th Streets was expected to take place next summer.

(412) CONDITION OF 200 BLOCK OF 2ND STREET

Councillor Roberts advised that while some repairs had been completed in the 200 Block of 2nd Street, this portion of street remained in poor condition and enquired if further repairs could be considered.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that staff had patched a few potholes in the area, however repairs to the sewer and water services under this portion of street were still needed. He advised that arterials and collectors were repaired first with other streets completed as time permitted, however, this area would be monitored and every attempt would be made to keep it as smooth as possible until the permanent repairs could be completed.

(413) WOODEN WALL OF BROWN BLOCK

Councillor Roberts noted that the remaining wooden wall of the Brown Block was still in need of fixing up and enquired when same was expected to be completed.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the lot had been cleaned up and graded on May 28, 2013 and the Planning and Building Safety Department had advised the property owner that the wall must be painted by the end of June 2013 or an order to maintain would be issued.

(414) REPAIRS TO 1202 ROSSER AVENUE

Councillor Roberts noted that the building had been boarded up and the sidewalk blocked off at 1202 Rosser Avenue for an extended period of time and enquired when the repairs to the building were expected to be completed and the sidewalk re-opened.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that due to the bricks being removed by hand to be salvaged and reused in the reconstruction of the facade, the work had progressed very slowly. He advised that the relaying of the bricks was now underway and expected to be completed by the end of June 2013. The City Manager noted that with 4 apartments unusable due to the construction, the property owners were eager to have the work completed as soon as possible.

(415) SAFETY CONCERNS WITH WALKWAY CONNECTING CORNWALLIS CRESCENT, MCLEOD DRIVE AND BALMORAL BAY

Councillor Chaboyer advised that the walkway connecting Cornwallis Crescent, McLeod Drive and Balmoral Bay was being used as a hang-out by local high school students with incidents of vandalism and graffiti tagging happening on a regular basis. She reported that she had been advised by area residents that they did not feel safe using the walkway and damage to their property had been costly. Councillor Chaboyer enquired if this matter could be investigated and consideration given to closing a portion of the walkway to prevent future incidents.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that he had spoken with the Brandon Police Service who had agreed to monitor the situation. The City Manager agreed to take the matter of the closure of the walkway under advisement.

(416) LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DEBT SERVICING INFORMATION ON PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Councillor Berry advised that he had received enquiries from residents with regards to the local improvements debt servicing information which had appeared on the 2013 City of Brandon Property Tax Statements and enquired if an explanation could be provided.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Treasurer responded that, as required by The Municipal Act of Manitoba, any municipality who has debt for local improvement projects will have this information on their property tax statements. He added that while this information had always appeared on tax statements, because the new Police Station had been deemed a local improvement for the benefit of all citizens, that \$1.02 million payment was included on the 2013 statements.

The City Treasurer reiterated that this information was not a new on property tax bills, nor was it anything over and above what City Council had approved in the 2013 budget. He added that it was simply an information line that separated the portion of the total taxes residents paid that went towards the City's debt servicing costs.

(417) ACCOMMODATION TAX FUNDS APPLICATIONS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

Councillor Berry requested an update on the status of the matrix to determine eligibility for organizations applying for accommodation tax funds to be used for capital projects.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the frame work for the application had been developed and was to be presented to City Council this summer. He invited, in the meantime, organizations who had applications for capital projects to contact the Economic Development Officer, Sandy Trudel, who would ensure that the application was processed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

76TH ANNUAL FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION

Councillor Rice announced that he, Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst, and Councillor Chaboyer had attended the 76th Annual Federation of Canadian Municipalities Convention held May 30 to June 2, 2013 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

He noted that the annual convention provided an opportunity for municipal officials from across Canada to come together and discuss important issues. Keynote speakers at the 2013 Convention included: Rick Hansen, the Man in Motion; The Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities; The Honourable Thomas Mulcair, Leader of the New Democrat Party and Official Opposition; Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party; Justin Trudeau, Leader of the Liberal Party and The Honourable Edward Fast, Minister of International Trade.

Councillor Rice thanked the City staff for taking care of South Centre Ward issues while he was away.

Councillor Chaboyer added that she, along with many other delegates in attendance had been very interested to hear how the Federal Government's budget was going to affect municipal governments. She also noted that she had discovered that a shortage of affordable rental housing and skilled workers were common issues right across the country. Councillor Chaboyer advised that she had attended the Convention's Trade Show and brought back information on new and innovative ways to address every day services such as garbage pick-up which she would be sharing with City Administration.

Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst stated that the event had provided her an opportunity to meet with other Mayors from across Canada and discuss common issues. She advised that she had attended seminars on brownfield development, revenue-generating opportunities, economic development and many other issues. Her Worship the Mayor added that one thing that had impressed her about Vancouver was the public transportation, in that people moved very efficiently throughout the City without cars.

Her Worship the Mayor thanked Councillor Blight for looking after things while she was away.

HOUSING ISSUES IN THE CITY OF BRANDON

Councillor Blight referred to a recent newspaper article whereby Her Worship the Mayor had discussed housing issues in the City of Brandon and requested an update on same.

Her Worship the Mayor responded that the article had been provided as a follow-up to a housing summit held recently in Regina, Saskatchewan. She advised that the local media had invited her to share her thoughts on the issue and she had commented that there were a number of local stakeholders who were willing to work together with all levels of Government to address the housing crisis. Her Worship the Mayor noted that the issue was to be discussed at the upcoming Poverty Committee Forum, however, affordable housing was a complex issue with many variables and she hoped that City Council, local developers and the community could continue to work together on solutions.

26TH FIELD REGIMENT ROYAL CANADIAN ARTILLERY CADET MARCH

Councillor Blight announced that he had been pleased to bring greetings on behalf of City Council at the 26th Field Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery Cadet March held recently at the Brandon Armoury.

RIVERVIEW WARD MEETING - JUNE 19, 2013

Councillor Isleifson announced that a Riverview Ward Meeting would take place on June 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wheat City Lawn Bowling Club, 345 Park Street. He indicated that items to be discussed would include the Rideau Park Recreation Hub, affordable housing, proposed ward projects and any other city and ward issues.

YOUTH REVOLUTION CEREMONY

Councillor Fawcett announced that he had been pleased to speak on behalf of City Council at the Youth Revolution Ceremony held May 30, 2013 at Central United Church. He advised that the group consisted of youth of all ages who worked on many projects throughout the year.

NAVY LEAGUE CADET CORPS DRILL

Councillor Harwood announced that had been pleased to represent City Council at the annual ceremonial review of the Navy League Cadet Corps Stan Hawitt #4 held May 30, 2013 at the Brandon Armoury.

FAMILY DAY AT CANADIAN FORCES BASE SHILO

Councillor Harwood announced that he had represented Her Worship the Mayor and Councillors at the Canadian Forces Base Shilo Family Day held Saturday June 1, 2013. He noted that neighbouring municipalities were also represented at the event which was held as a special day for families to come together prior to the upcoming deployment of troops to Afghanistan.

DECORATION DAY CEREMONY

Councillor Harwood announced that he had been pleased to represent City Council at the Decoration Day Ceremony held June 2, 2013 at the Veterans' Cenotaph in the Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS (MS) SOCIETY WALK

Councillor Berry announced that he had represented City Council at the 2013 MS Society Walk held May 26, 2013 and was pleased to see that there were many volunteers and a large number of participants of all ages.

PROVINCIAL HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Councillor Berry announced that he had planned to attend the opening ceremonies of the Provincial High School Baseball Championships to be held Thursday, May 30, 2013, however, the ceremonies were cancelled due to rain. He noted that once the rain stopped the tournament went forward as planned for the rest of the weekend.

PRESENTATION ON IMPROVEMENTS TO THE 17TH STREET EAST AND RICHMOND AVENUE EAST INTERSECTION

Councillor Chaboyer announced that she had attended a presentation on May 27, 2013 by Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation (MIT) on the planned improvements to the 17th Street East and Richmond Avenue East Intersection. She advised that she had received an electronic version of the drawings and invited residents who wished to see a copy of them to contact her.

PRIDE DAY FLAG RAISING - JUNE 14, 2013

Councillor Roberts announced that the Pride Day Flag would be raised on June 14, 2013 at City Hall in recognition of the upcoming Pride Weekend Celebrations.

MANITOBA SUMMER FAIR - JUNE 5 - 9, 2013

Councillor Roberts announced that the Manitoba Summer Fair would take place June 5 - 9, 2013 and invited everyone to attend.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) FLOOD FORECAST AND SURFACE RUN-OFF

Brian Kayes, Director of Risk and Emergency Management reported that the Assiniboine River had crested on May 21, and the water level continued to drop. He advised that all but two of the stationed pumps along the river had been removed and all out flows that had been blocked had been opened and sandbags removed. Mr. Kayes noted that Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation would begin removing the super sandbag dike along 18th Street North beginning June 5, 2013. He added that disaster financial assistance would be sought from the Province of Manitoba to recover some of the funds expended as part of the preparation effort.

Fawcett-Chaboyer

1124 That the verbal report of the Director of Risk and Emergency Management with respect to the flood forecast and surface run-off be received. CARRIED.

(B) ACCOMMODATION TAX EVENT FUNDING REQUEST - CENTRAL DISTRICT LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE OF CANADA

City Council considered a report from the Director of Economic Development dated May 21, 2013 with respect to the above.

Rice-Chaboyer

1125 That a grant of \$2,000 be provided to The Central District Lutheran Women's Missionary League of Canada for hosting the First Convention of The Central District Lutheran Women's Missionary League of Canada, June 7th - 9th, 2013 in Brandon, MB with said funds to be transferred from the Accommodation Tax Reserve to operating funds. CARRIED.

(C) ACCOMMODATION TAX EVENT FUNDING REQUEST - BRANDON UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Economic Development dated May 21, 2013 with respect to the above.

Harwood-Berry

1126 That a grant of \$1,750 be provided to Brandon University for the January 3rd - 4th, 2014 New Year's Basketball Classic to be held in Brandon with said funds to be transferred from the Accommodation Tax Reserve to operating funds. CARRIED.

(D) ESTABLISHMENT AND MANDATE OF THE AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE OF CITY COUNCIL

Considered was a report from the Community Services Department dated May 10, 2013 with respect to the above.

1127 Rice-Blight
That as endorsed by the Age Friendly Initiative Final Report (September - November 2012), the Age Friendly Committee of City Council be hereby established which shall be comprised of two (2) members of City Council; one (1) representative from the Prairie Mountain Health Authority; and four (4) citizen members of which two (2) shall be 55 years of age or older;

and further, that the Age Friendly Committee, utilizing the "Milestones Approach" as set-out in the Pan-Canadian Age-Friendly Milestones publication, develop an action plan and work towards achieving goals that improve age-friendliness in the City of Brandon based on the findings outlined in the Age Friendly Initiative Final Report. CARRIED.

(E) 2013 UPDATED ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIC PLAN

City Council considered a report from the Environmental Initiatives Section dated May 9, 2013 with respect to the above.

1128 Isleifson-Chaboyer
That the 2013 Updated Environmental Strategic Plan attached to the report of the Environmental Initiatives Section dated May 9, 2013 be adopted. CARRIED.

(F) THE 2013 BRANDON EMERGENCY PLAN

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Risk and Emergency Management dated May 14, 2013 with respect to the above.

1129 Harwood-Fawcett
That the Brandon Emergency Plan dated March, 2013 attached to the report of the Emergency Co-ordinator dated May 14, 2013 be adopted. CARRIED.

(G) TENDER - SUPPLY OF ROCK TRUCK

Considered was a report from the Director of Transportation Services dated May 13, 2013 with respect to the above.

1130 Rice-Isleifson
That the bid of Toromont Cat for the supply one new Rock Truck as per tender and specifications, including the six (6) year complete warranty and six (6) year total maintenance and repair, at a total cost of \$420,424.40, not including GST, be accepted. CARRIED.

(H) PROPOSAL - SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SYSTEM FOR MULTI-FAMILY PROPERTIES

City Council considered a report from the Director of Public Works dated May 23, 2013 with respect to the above.

1131 Chaboyer-Roberts
That the low bid meeting specifications of Overland Waste and Recycling to provide waste and recycling collection services to the 128 multi-family properties affected by the change at a cost of \$1,490.14 be accepted. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Isleifson

That the meeting do now adjourn. (9:25 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK