

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014 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 J. LoRegio, Councillor S. Montague, Councillor C. Roberts

ABSENT: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Blight-Harwood
1519 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, April 7, 2014 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Isleifson-Chaboyer
1520 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, March 17, 2014 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Harwood-Chaboyer
1521 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Thursday, March 27, 2014 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) TOM KEEP AND CHRIS HEIDI - EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES

Tom Keep and Chris Heidi, on behalf of the Brandon Environment Committee appeared before City Council with respect to the activities planned for the local Earth Day Celebrations. Mr. Keep informed City Council that the annual event, which promotes a healthy and sustainable environment, was set this year for Sunday, April 27, in Princess Park. He noted that highlights of this year's planned celebrations included free refreshments, free compost and seed packet giveaways, various children's activities, landfill tours with free shuttle service from Princess Park, bike safety, build-your-own rain barrel and automobile "Eco Check" workshops, and a variety of educational displays. Mr. Keep advised that in the event of inclement weather on April 27, Earth Day Celebrations would be staged in the Main Foyer at City Hall.

Isleifson-Chaboyer
1522 That the presentation by Tom Keep and Chris Heidi of the City's Environmental Committee with respect to activities planned for the local Earth Day celebrations to be held April 22 - 27, 2014 at Princess Park be received. CARRIED.

(B) LAUREL GOULDEN-JAMES - HOME BASED BUSINESS APPLICATION FOR 1057 SYCAMORE DRIVE (PHYSICAL REHAB/MASSAGE THERAPY)

Laurel Goulden-James appeared before City Council with respect to her operating a physical rehabilitation/massage therapy service as a home based business at 1057 Sycamore Drive. Ms. Golden-James indicated her proposal was to expand the services currently provided via her business, Golden Touch Massage Therapy, with the home based business acting as a satellite location in a part-time capacity. She confirmed to City Council that the proposed satellite clinic in her home passed a Public Health inspection and had not been met with any neighbourhood opposition.

1523 LoRegio-Fawcett
That the presentation by Laurel Goulden-James with respect to her operating a physical rehabilitation/massage therapy service as a home based business at 1057 Sycamore Drive be received. CARRIED.

(C) CHIEF OF POLICE I. GRANT - 2013 BRANDON POLICE SERVICE YEAR END REVIEW

Mark Frison, Chair of the Brandon Police Board and Chief Ian Grant of Brandon Police Services appeared before City Council with an update on 2013 year end statistics from the Brandon Police Service. Chief Grant noted that 2013 saw an approximate 2.5% increase in calls for service however, crimes against persons were down by approximately 7%, property crimes were down by approximately 6%, and the other crimes category - including weapons offences and impaired driving – saw a decrease of 5%. He indicated that the incidences of drug offences increased by 37% in 2013, due to an increase in trafficking arrests and added that poor winter conditions and increased traffic flow likely led to an increase in accident statistics of 22% over 2012. Chief Grant noted that the focus in 2014 would continue to be on community and staff consultation, pro-active community mobilization, and working with the Brandon Police Board to renew the Service’s Strategic Plan.

1524 Isleifson-Harwood
That the presentation by Police Board Chair Mark Frison and Chief Ian Grant with respect to the 2013 Brandon Police Service Year End Review be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES INC. APRIL 7, 2014

April 7, 2014
Brandon, Manitoba

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Councillor Berry provided a report and power point presentation on the activities of the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. (BGMA). He noted that the museum continued to feature the B.J Hales Museum collection and numerous historical City Hall artifacts on permanent display, while featuring a travelling exhibit until the end of June highlighting Sir Arthur Currie, who served in World War I as a senior military officer. Councillor Berry stated that the museum planned to host its third annual fundraiser this coming September 11, 2014 at Sokol Hall, and that future plans for the BGMA included rotating collection displays on a bi-annual basis with a combination of local artifacts and travelling exhibits related to Brandon’s history; continuing to pursue group and school tours to enhance visitation numbers to the museum; and potentially setting aside funds from fundraising and donations to find a larger, more permanent space for the museum.

On behalf of the BGMA Board of Directors, Councillor Berry then presented Her Worship Mayor Shari Decter Hirst with a framed print of Brandon's historic Canadian Pacific Railway station as an appreciative token of City Council's continued support for the museum.

Harwood-Roberts

1525 That the report and presentation by the Brandon General Museum Inc. dated April 7, 2014 be received. CARRIED.

(B) KEYSTONE CENTRE
VERBAL

APRIL 7, 2014

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Councillor LoRegio reported on behalf of the Keystone Centre Board of Directors that a long-term lease agreement had been signed with the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba as a tenant on the Keystone Centre property. He noted that the potential hosting agreement with the Canadian Arabian and Half-Arabian National Championships was still pending and that work continued on reducing the cost estimates before proceeding with roof repairs to the City Square and Exhibition Hall portions of the facility.

LoRegio-Blight

1526 That the verbal report of the Keystone Centre Board of Directors be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(542) 2014 SPRING FLOOD FORECAST

Councillor Fawcett requested an update on the City's 2014 Spring Flood Forecast.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that, due to above normal soil moisture, there was a risk of minor to moderate flooding in the recreation areas along the Assiniboine River, however, the flood protection plans were in place and the City of Brandon was well prepared for spring.

(543) IMPACT OF FIREFIGHTERS' AND PARAMEDICS' ASSOCIATION ARBITRATION

Councillor LoRegio advised that he had received phone calls from residents concerned with the outcome of the recent Brandon Firefighters' and Paramedics' Association arbitration hearings. He enquired as to the options available to the City of Brandon should the award be higher than budgeted for in 2014.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the decision, which was expected to take 2 to 3 months, was binding and the City of Brandon was responsible for the execution of the details. He stated that going forward, it was important to focus on the future of the fire service and the relationship between the City and the union.

(544) POOLING OF WATER IN BACK LANE BETWEEN 25TH AND 26TH STREETS FROM J.R. REID SCHOOL TO VAN HORNE AVENUE

Councillor LoRegio advised that water was pooling in the back lane between 25th and 26th Streets from J.R. Reid School to Van Horne Avenue and had now started to overflow into residents' yards. He enquired if this problem could be addressed as soon as possible.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager confirmed that this issue had been brought to his attention earlier in the day and crews had already been dispatched to the area.

Further to this issue, the City Manager advised that crews continued to work on drainage issues in all areas of the City. He encouraged residents to contact the Public Works Department at (204) 729-2285 to report any problem areas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BRANDON ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE COMMUNITY CLEAN SWEEP - JUNE 7, 2014

Councillor Isleifson announced that the Brandon Environment Committee would be coordinating the Community Clean Sweep on June 7, 2014. He invited organizations, community groups and residents who wanted to participate to contact Lindsay Hargreaves at (204) 720-6910 or register online at brandonenvironment.ca. Councillor Isleifson encouraged residents to watch the newspaper and the website for further information.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LOIS FOWLER CURLING TEAM - CANADIAN SENIOR WOMEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Councillor Fawcett congratulated skip Lois Fowler and her team of Maureen Bonar, Cathy Gauthier and Allyson Stewart who had represented Manitoba and won the Canadian Senior Women's Curling Championship held recently in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories.

GREEN ACRES WARD MEETING - APRIL 29, 2014

Councillor Chaboyer announced that a Green Acres Ward Meeting would be held April 29, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Green Acres School. She advised that items to be discussed would include roads and infrastructure, the new public outreach by-law, and any other City and ward issues.

GREETINGS - ROYAL MANITOBA WINTER FAIR

Councillor Blight announced that he had been pleased to bring greetings on behalf of City Council at the closing ceremonies of the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair held March 31 to April 5, 2014 at the Keystone Centre.

Councillor Blight also announced that Councillor Garth Rice had brought greetings on behalf of City Council at the opening ceremonies of the Fair on March 31, 2014 as his last official duty as Councillor for the South Centre Ward.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) HOME BASED BUSINESS APPLICATION - PHYSICAL REHAB/MASSAGE THERAPY AT 1057 SYCAMORE DRIVE

City Council considered a report from the Director of Finance dated March 26, 2014 with respect to the above.

Montague-LoRegio

1527 That the application of Golden Touch Massage Therapy to operate a physical rehab/massage therapy service as a home based business at 1057 Sycamore Drive be approved. CARRIED.

(B) RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR GARTH RICE AND BY-ELECTION FOR SOUTH CENTRE WARD

Submitted for consideration was a report from the City Clerk dated April 1, 2014 with respect to the above.

Berry-Harwood

1528 That a by-election to fill the vacant Councillor position in the South Centre Ward for the period April 1 to October 21, 2014 not be held. CARRIED.

It was noted that Councillor Chaboyer and Councillor Isleifson would be the designated contact people for South Centre ward residents in the interim.

(C) ACCOMMODATION TAX FUNDING REQUEST - MANITOBA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION 2014 MANITOBA ENVIROTHON

Considered was a report from the Director of Economic Development dated March 11, 2014 with respect to the above.

Isleifson-LoRegio

1529 That a grant of \$4,250 be provided to the Manitoba Forestry Association for the 2014 Manitoba Envirothon to be held in Brandon May 22 - 24, 2014 with said funds to be transferred from the Accommodation Tax Reserve to the Tourism Initiatives operating account. CARRIED.

(D) 2014 FINANCIAL PLAN OF THE CITY OF BRANDON

City Council considered a report from the Director of Finance dated March 18, 2014 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-LoRegio

1530 That the 2014 Financial Plan of The City of Brandon dated March 17, 2014, as set out in the form approved by the Minister of Local Government be amended by replacing pages 1, 8 and 9 with those pages contained in the copy of said plan attached to the report of the Director of Finance dated March 18th and said plan be so adopted;

and further, that the operating and capital estimates outlined in said plan be incorporated in and form part of the 2014 Tax Levy By-law. CARRIED.

(E) AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Submitted for consideration was a report from the City Clerk dated March 21, 2014 with respect to the above.

Chaboyer-Berry

1531 That the report of the City Clerk dated March 21, 2014 with respect to inclusionary zoning be received as information. CARRIED.

(F) NAMING OF CIVIC BUILDING AT 638 PRINCESS AVENUE AS THE "A.R. MCDIARMID CIVIC COMPLEX"

Considered was a report from the Manager of Property Administration dated March 5, 2014 with respect to the above.

1532 Roberts-Harwood
That the civic building located at 638 Princess Avenue (Parcels H, K, L and M, Plan 49798 BLTO and Lots 1/2, Plan 51557 BLTO) be named the "A. R. McDiarmid Civic Complex". CARRIED.

(G) PROPOSAL - PURCHASE AND DEVELOPMENT OF 637 PRINCESS AVENUE (FORMER FIRE HALL NO. 1)

City Council considered a report from the Manager of Property Administration dated March 20, 2014 with respect to the above.

1533 Roberts-LoRegio
That the proposal of Samson Engineering Inc. to purchase for the sum of \$100,000 plus G.S.T. and develop as substantially conceptualized in its proposal the City owned building and land at 637 Princess Avenue (Lots 37/40, Block 63, Plan 2 BLTO) be accepted with the exception of its request for a two (2) year property tax suspension;

and further, that Samson Engineering Inc. be advised that it may apply for a tax credit through the Renaissance District Tax Credit Program in accordance with By-law No. 6814. CARRIED.

(H) TENDER - 8TH STREET BRIDGE REPAIRS

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Engineering Services and Water Resources dated March 26, 2014 with respect to the above.

1534 Roberts-Berry
That the low bid of Ben Wiebe Construction Ltd. to carry out the 8th Street bridge repairs as per tender and specifications at a cost of \$87,697.00 (net of GST) be accepted and further, that said funds be expended from the 8th Street Bridge Reserve. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7070 TO AMEND ZONING BY-LAW NO. 6642 - PUBLIC OUTREACH REGULATIONS

It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the November 18, 2013 meeting of City Council.

1535 Chaboyer-Berry
That By-law No. 7070 to include a provision regarding public outreach regulations in the City of Brandon Zoning By-law No. 6642 be amended by deleting Schedule "D" thereto and substituting therefor Schedule "D" attached to the report of the Community Planner dated March 24, 2014. CARRIED.

1536 Chaboyer-Berry
That the by-law, as amended, be read a second time. CARRIED.

1537 Chaboyer-Berry
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. 7070 third reading.

FOR
Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst
Councillor Berry
Councillor Blight
Councillor Chaboyer
Councillor Fawcett
Councillor Harwood
Councillor Isleifson
Councillor LoRegio
Councillor Montague
Councillor Roberts

AGAINST
Nil

NO. 7077 TO REZONE 1920 PARK AVENUE FROM MR INDUSTRIAL RESTRICTED ZONE TO CG COMMERCIAL GENERAL ZONE

It was noted that this by-law had been read a second time at the January 6, 2014 meeting of City Council.

1538 LoRegio-Fawcett
That By-law No. 7077 to rezone 1920 Park Avenue (Lots 1/14 & Pt. Lane, Block 34 & Lots 15/28, Block 35 and Pt. Southern Ave., Plan 720 BLTO) from MR Industrial Restricted Zone to CG Commercial General Zone 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. 7077 third reading.

FOR
Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst
Councillor Berry
Councillor Blight
Councillor Chaboyer
Councillor Fawcett
Councillor Harwood
Councillor Isleifson
Councillor LoRegio
Councillor Montague
Councillor Roberts

AGAINST
Nil

NO. 7079 TO ADOPT THE NORTH GATEWAY SECONDARY PLAN

It was noted that this by-law had received second reading at the February 18, 2014 meeting of City Council.

1539 Fawcett-LoRegio
That By-law No. 7079 to adopt The North Gateway Secondary Plan 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. 7079 third reading.

FOR
Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst
Councillor Berry
Councillor Blight
Councillor Chaboyer

AGAINST
Nil

Councillor Fawcett
Councillor Harwood
Councillor Isleifson
Councillor LoRegio
Councillor Montague
Councillor Roberts

NO. 7085 2014 TAX LEVY BY-LAW

Considered was a report from the Director of Finance dated March 18, 2104 with respect to the above.

1540 Isleifson-Blight
That By-law No. 7085 to impose and levy property taxes for the fiscal year 2014 be read a first time.
CARRIED.

NO. 7091 TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC RESERVE AT 2105 BRANDON AVENUE

City Council considered a report from the Manager of Property Administration dated March 21, 2014 with respect to the above.

1541 LoRegio-Harwood
That By-law No. 7091 to close the land deemed public reserve at 2105 Brandon Avenue (Lot 52, Block 2, Plan 148 BLTO) be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7094 TO AMEND ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF FEES BY-LAW NO. 7082 - TO IMPLEMENT A NEW COMMERCIAL FEE FOR CARDBOARD AND MIXED RECYCLING AT THE MATERIAL RECYCLING CENTRE

It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the March 27, 2014 meeting of City Council.

1542 Blight-Roberts
That By-law No. 7094 to amend Annual Schedule of Fees By-law No. 7082 to implement a new commercial fee for cardboard and mixed recycling at the Material Recycling Facility be read a second time. CARRIED.

1543 Blight-Roberts
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. 7094 third reading.

FOR
Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst
Councillor Berry
Councillor Blight
Councillor Chaboyer
Councillor Fawcett
Councillor Harwood
Councillor Isleifson
Councillor LoRegio
Councillor Montague
Councillor Roberts

AGAINST
Nil

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Chaboyer-Berry

That the meeting do now adjourn (9:56 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK