

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 5, 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. Fawcett, Councillor J. Harwood, Councillor L. Isleifson, Councillor J. LoRegio, Councillor C. Roberts

ABSENT: Councillor J. Chaboyer, Councillor S. Montague

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Roberts-Isleifson
1560 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, May 5, 2014 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Harwood-Blight
1561 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) D. BARNES - ASSINIBOINE FOOD FOREST

Mr. David Barnes appeared before City Council with respect to the establishment of Assiniboine Food Forest Inc., the City of Brandon's newest conservation organization. Mr. Barnes advised that the group's principal mandate would be to oversee the regeneration of 40 acres of city-owned property located at 201 - 17th Street East. He noted that Assiniboine Food Forest Inc. would operate as a charitable organization and requested that City Council authorize the group to manage the space at 17th Street East as a public trust.

Mr. Barnes stated that the group's intention was to regenerate the property back to its natural habitat, inclusive of fruit trees, shrubs and potentially even a community garden at the gateway. He invited members of City Council to a guided tour of the property in the near future.

Isleifson-LoRegio
1562 That the presentation by David Barnes with respect to the Assiniboine Food Forest be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- (A) WESTERN MANITOBA CENTENNIAL AUDITORIUM BOARD
VERBAL MAY 5, 2014

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Councillor Fawcett advised that the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium Board had met recently and reported that many successful events had taken place over the winter months and the roof repairs were expected to be completed on schedule.

- (B) KEYSTONE CENTRE BOARD
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Councillor Berry reported on behalf of the Keystone Centre Board of Directors, that discussions with the engineers regarding the repairs to the Keystone roof were ongoing, with no timelines set for the project as of yet. He advised that the Board had met recently where they had discussed fundraising efforts for the Keystone Centre, inclusive of a New Year's Eve Gala, presentations to local businesses regarding naming rights and actively pursuing more concerts, noting that the Doobie Brothers were confirmed for October 16, 2014.

- (C) AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
VERBAL MAY 5, 2014

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Councillor Fawcett reported that the Audit and Finance Committee had met April 4, 2014 and set the schedule of meetings for 2014 with topics to be discussed including the investment portfolio, a review of the 2013 Audited Financial Statements, and budgets, capital budgeting and governance policies. He advised that the Committee had agreed that a budget mandate would be provided to Administration by City Council by the end of June 2014. Councillor Fawcett noted that although the 2015 Budget would not be completed by the end of term of this Council, having the process well underway would ensure a smoother transition for the new Council and provide a clear direction for Administration.

Councillor LoRegio enquired if the mandate would include a percentage increase and the 2014 Budget used as a guideline. Councillor Fawcett confirmed that both these issues were to be included as part of the mandate.

1563 Berry-Isleifson
That the reports of the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium Board, the Keystone Centre Board and the Audit and Finance Committee be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(555) SINK HOLE ON 1ST STREET

Councillor Isleifson requested an update on the repairs to the sink hole on 1st Street, inclusive of a timeline for completion.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the sink hole was caused by a watermain break that had now been repaired. He advised that the area had been temporarily backfilled however, due to erosion underneath the pavement, barricades remained in place for safety reasons. The City Manager stated that while the repairs were a high priority, a significant amount of asphalt was required to re-fill the hole and the asphalt plant was not yet open for the season. He agreed to keep City Council updated as the project progressed.

(556) UPDATE ON THE ASSINIBOINE RIVER LEVELS

Councillor Fawcett requested an update on the Assiniboine River levels.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, Brian Kayes, Director of Emergency Management, provided a power point presentation, inclusive of the pre-emptive work done by city crews as well as the overall flood preparation efforts. Mr. Kayes stressed the danger of the river at this time of year and reminded residents to stay away from the river and the dikes.

Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst enquired as to what the status was of the Shellmouth Dam.

The Director of Emergency Management responded that the water at the Shellmouth Dam was currently flowing over the spillway and was expected to remain that way until mid-May.

(557) PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE ACCOMMODATION TAX CAPITAL FUNDING COMPONENT

Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst requested an update on the progress being made with regards to the Accommodation Tax Capital Funding Component.

Councillor Fawcett responded that the Accommodation Tax Review Committee had met and were drafting the preliminary amendments to the policy to be reviewed by City Administration in the near future with the presentation to City Council expected in mid-summer.

(558) SIGNAGE FOR SINK HOLE ON 1ST STREET

Councillor Roberts enquired if more signage could be installed to alert motorists travelling south on 1st Street that it was down to one lane at the site of the sink hole.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager agreed to have more signs installed as soon as possible.

(559) BRUSH AND DEBRIS PILE IN THE OF VICINITY OF THE 8TH STREET BRIDGE

Councillor Roberts noted that a large pile of brush and debris had accumulated just west of the 8th Street Bridge along Pacific Avenue and enquired if same could be cleaned up as soon as possible.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the pile was on private property and agreed to work with the Planning and Building Safety Department and By-law Enforcement to ensure same was cleaned up as soon as possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CLEAN-UP OF HANBURY HILL

Councillor Fawcett thanked the Westman Wilderness Club for their efforts in cleaning up Hanbury Hill.

ASSINIBOINE WARD MEETING

Councillor Fawcett announced that an Assiniboine Ward Meeting would take place on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the Riverbank Discovery Centre. Items to be discussed included river levels, dike construction, school zones, construction in the area and any other city and ward issues. Councillor Fawcett advised that Mark Sefton, Chair of the Brandon School Division Board of Trustees, would be in attendance and had agreed to respond to any school division related questions.

JOINT RIVERVIEW AND SOUTH CENTRE WARD MEETING

Councillor Isleifson announced that he and Councillor Chaboyer would be holding a Joint Riverview and South Centre Ward Meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Central Community Centre. Items to be discussed included the upgrades to Victoria Avenue, the Rideau Park Recreation Hub, speed limits in school zones and any other city or ward issues. Councillor Isleifson advised that Brandon School Division Board Trustee Pat Bowslaugh would be in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions residents may have with respect to the School Division.

STREET SWEEPING PROGRAM

Councillor Blight announced that the Street Sweeping Program would commence on May 12, 2014 in the southwest quadrant of the City of Brandon and reminded residents to adhere to the signage in the area to allow the crews to do their jobs effectively.

NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (NAOSH) WEEK

Mayor Decter Hirst announced that earlier today the City of Brandon along with many other organizations within the city, had launched North American Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week. She advised that NAOSH is an International Workplace Safety and Health Program and that the City of Brandon was very proud of their workplace safety record and thanked the employees for their efforts in this regard.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) APPOINTMENTS TO THE BRANDON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

City Council considered a report from the City Clerk dated April 30, 2014 with respect to the above.

Roberts-Harwood

1564 That the citizen member appointments to the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation to be made following the two terms of office expiring May 31, 2014, be deferred pending the review and recommendations by the Joint Review Committee on a different business model for the Corporation, and that the current sitting members remain in effect until a successor is appointed as per Section 4.03 of the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation's Organizational By-law No. 3. CARRIED.

(B) ALLOCATION OF SURPLUS FUNDS TO RESERVES

Submitted for consideration was a report from the City Treasurer dated April 10, 2014 with respect to the above.

Berry-Fawcett

1565 That the report from the Treasurer and General Manager of Corporate Services dated April 10, 2014 be received as information. CARRIED.

(C) TENDER - VICTORIA AVENUE UNDERGROUND WORK

Considered was a report from the Director of Engineering and Water Services dated May 5, 2014 with respect to the above.

Councillor Berry declared a conflict of interest in this matter due to his employer being a partner in Zenith Paving, and left the Council Chamber prior to any discussion taking place.

Berry-Isleifson

1566 That the bid of Zenith Paving Ltd. to carry out Section 2, Victoria Avenue Underground Works under Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation Tender #6432, as per tender and specifications at a cost of \$1,353,501.34 (exclusive of GST) be accepted and that an additional \$297,000 be expended from the Water Distribution Reserve to fund the project. CARRIED.

Following the above motion being voted on Councillor Berry re-entered the Council Chamber.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7095 TO REZONE 1910 BELL AVENUE AND 1910 HAMILTON AVENUE FROM RSF RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY TO PR PARKS AND RECREATION ZONE AND FROM A AGRICULTURAL ZONE TO RSF RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY ZONE AND PR PARKS AND RECREATION ZONE

City Council considered a report from the Planning and Building Safety Department dated April 8, 2014 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Roberts

1567 That By-law No. 7095 to rezone a portion of a property located at 1910 Bell Avenue (Lot 72, Plan 48868) from RSF Residential Single Family Zone to PR Parks and Recreation Zone and a portion of a property located at 1910 Hamilton Avenue (Pt. NE 1/4 34-10-19 WPM) from A Agricultural Zone to RSF Residential Single Family Zone and PR Parks and Recreation Zone be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

(A) MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY OF 201 - 17TH STREET EAST

In accordance with Rule 60 of City Council Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillor Isleifson gave notice of his intent to introduce a motion with respect to granting management responsibility of the city-owned property located at 201 – 7th Street East to Assiniboine Food Forest Inc.

ADJOURN:

Roberts-Berry

That the meeting do now adjourn (8:47 p.m.). CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK