

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 20, 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:

1568 Harwood-Isleifson
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held Tuesday, May 20, 2014 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

1569 Blight-Roberts
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Monday, May 5, 2014 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) J. CRISTALL - 2015 SAFEWAY SELECT MANITOBA MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Appearing before City Council were Jeff Cristall, Shawn Taylor and Neil Thomson on behalf of the organizing committee for the 2015 Safeway Select Manitoba Men's Curling Championship and its intent to seek funding from the City of Brandon's accommodations tax fund. Mr. Taylor indicated that the championship event would be held at Brandon's Keystone Centre from February 4 - 8, 2015, and was widely seen as Manitoba's premiere annual curling event. He added that the tournament would feature 32 mens curling teams, hundreds of out-of-town spectators, be broadcast by a national television carrier, and was anticipated to generate anywhere between 750 and 1,000 hotel night stays. Mr. Cristall noted that the intent was to use the Safeway Select event to aid Brandon First in securing future national curling events.

1570 Harwood-Isleifson
That the presentation by Jeff Cristall, Shawn Taylor and Neil Thompson with respect to the accommodation tax funding request for the 2015 Safeway Select Manitoba Men's Curling Championships be received. CARRIED.

(B) M. SAURETTE AND S. MCHUGH, MARQUIS PROJECT - BRANDON FAIR TRADE TOWN

Mireille Saurette and Sean McHugh appeared before City Council regarding the Marquis Project's recent success in securing a Fair Trade Town designation for Brandon from the Fair Trade Canada organization and the Canadian Fair Trade Network. Mr. McHugh advised that the concept of Fair Trade centred on providing artisans or workers in developing nations a fair wage, economic and environmental sustainability, and gender equality. Ms. Saurette noted that Brandon was now just the second municipality in Manitoba to bear the designation and was one of 19 municipalities across Canada recognized as a Fair Trade Town. She stated that more information about the Fair Trade Town movement and which local stores offered fair trade products could be found on the Marquis Project's website at www.marquisproject.com.

Chaboyer-Isleifson

1571 That the presentation by Mireille Saurette and Sean McHugh on behalf of the Marquis Project with respect to Brandon being designated as a Fair Trade Town be received. CARRIED.

(C) L. KALINOWSKY, MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, PROVINCE OF MANITOBA AND S. HILDEBRAND, CITY MANAGER, CITY OF BRANDON - BRANDON REGENERATION STRATEGY

City Council received a presentation from Leita Kalinowsky, Director of Planning & Development with the Province of Manitoba's Department of Municipal Government and City Manager Scott Hildebrand regarding the progress on the Brandon Regeneration Strategy. It was noted that the Brandon Regeneration Strategy was a partnership forged by the two levels of government that focused on three key areas of downtown revitalization in Brandon: physical renewal, economic development and social inclusion. Ms. Kalinowsky advised that the strategy's main goals were to:

- encourage the Government of Canada to deliver its Urban Aboriginal Strategy (UAS) in Brandon;
- explore opportunities for relocating government offices to downtown;
- increase residential density downtown;
- support re-use of historic older buildings downtown; and
- support newcomer business ventures downtown.

Mr. Hildebrand noted there had been positive progress on all five goals to date, most notably the hiring of an Aboriginal Relations Liaison and the launch of the Upper Storey Re-Development Initiative, which had recently been approved in principle for multi-year provincial funding of \$400,000 through to 2017.

Harwood-Roberts

1572 That the presentation by Leita Kalinowsky, Director of Planning & Development, Municipal Government, Province of Manitoba and Scott Hildebrand, City Manager, City of Brandon with respect to the Brandon Regeneration Strategy be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(A) LANE CLOSURE BY-LAW NO. 7092 - TO CLOSE A PORTION OF THE PUBLIC LANE IN PLAN 952 BLTO, LOCATED OFF THE NORTH EAST CORNER OF MADISON CRESCENT

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

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

Chaboyer-LoRegio

1573 That the Public Hearing to close and convey the remaining portion of the public lane in Plan 952 BLTO, located off the north east corner of Madison Crescent be concluded. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE
VERBAL

MAY 20, 2014

May 20, 2014
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Roberts provided City Council with an update on the work being done by the Age Friendly Committee, noting that one of its areas of focus was housing. Councillor Roberts reported that plans were underway for an Age Friendly Conference to be hosted in Brandon in November, with more details to be released in the coming months.

(B) AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
VERBAL

MAY 20, 2014

May 20, 2014
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Fawcett provided a verbal report from the Audit and Finance Committee on its recent meeting where topics of discussion had included budget planning, reserves, and capital budget prioritization.

(C) BRANDON POLICE BOARD
VERBAL

MAY 20, 2014

May 20, 2014
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Isleifson reported on the recent strategic planning session held by the Brandon Police Board to review feedback from its recent public and employee consultations, and the Police Service's annual statistics and corporate scorecard. Councillor Isleifson noted that after much discussion during the strategic planning session, the Board had directed the Brandon Police Service to move forward on nine priority areas in the year ahead.

(D) POVERTY COMMITTEE
VERBAL

MAY 20, 2014

May 20, 2014
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Chaboyer provided a verbal report on the activities of the Poverty Committee, which had recently hosted presentations from the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation on its Energy Efficiency Program, and from Samaritan House on its need for healthy food donations for food hamper distribution.

She noted that work continued on engaging the community to move forward the concept of a charitable organization for food security, and lobbying for a permanent homeless shelter in Brandon.

(E) WESTERN MANITOBA CENTENNIAL AUDITORIUM
VERBAL REPORT MAY 20, 2014

May 20, 2014
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Isleifson provided a verbal update on behalf of the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium Board of Directors, whereby he indicated that nearly 40,000 people attended an event of some kind at the Auditorium in 2013. He noted that 33% of all ticket purchases for Auditorium events were being transacted via the facility's new online ticket purchasing option.

(F) BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES INC.
VERBAL REPORT MAY 20, 2014

May 20, 2014
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Berry reported that the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. Board of Directors had recently hired two summer students to help with museum's activities. He noted that summer hours at the museum were 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, beginning on Monday, June 2, 2014.

(G) ACCOMMODATIONS TAX CAPITAL FUNDING REVIEW COMMITTEE
VERBAL MAY 20, 2014

May 20, 2014
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Montague updated City Council on the progress of the Accommodations Tax Capital Funding Review Committee noting that the committee had met twice since convening and continued to look at the potential of expanding the provision of capital funds collected from the Accommodations Tax to allow for ongoing capital funding for the Keystone Centre or culture and heritage initiatives. He advised that a full report to City Council was anticipated in the near future.

(H) BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION/CITY OF BRANDON JOINT TASK FORCE
VERBAL MAY 20, 2014

May 20, 2014
Brandon, Manitoba

Mayor and Councillors
City of Brandon

Councillor Chaboyer reported on the meeting held last week with the Brandon School Division/City of Brandon Joint Task Force

She stated that the Task Force had discussed potential agenda items for the upcoming meeting between the Board of Trustees and City Council to be held on June 18, 2014 at the Riverbank Discovery Centre. She noted that agenda items would include the joint use agreement, insurance liability, and speed limits in school zones.

Harwood-Berry

- 1573 That the reports of the Age Friendly Committee, the Audit and Finance Committee, the Brandon Police Board, the Poverty Committee, the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium Board, Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc., the Accommodation Tax Capital Funding Review Committee and the Brandon School Division/City of Brandon Joint Task Force be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(560) ELECTRONIC EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Councillor Roberts noted that the Emergency Management and Information Technology Departments had conducted research with respect to an electronic notification system to be used in the event of a natural disaster or emergency and requested an update on the results of that research.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the use of smart phone technology had been ruled out as a means of notification due to excessive costs and the risk of personal contact information collected by the City of Brandon being used for other purposes. He advised that plans were being finalized for the use of the existing City of Brandon Twitter and Facebook accounts as a more cost effective and efficient method of sharing information and agreed to keep City Council apprised of any new developments regarding this issue.

(561) WEDNESDAYS BY THE FOUNTAIN

Councillor Fawcett requested an update on events planned for Princess Park over the summer months given that Renaissance Brandon was no longer hosting Wednesdays by the Fountain.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that Music in the Parks would continue to be hosted by the City of Brandon Community Services Department on Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 3 to August 21, 2014. He noted that Renaissance Brandon had previously hosted Wednesdays by the Fountain which, due to budget constraints, had not been taken over by the City. He advised that consideration would be given to increasing the budgeted amount for such programs in 2015. He advised that a full list of the 2014 Music in the Parks performers could be found at www.brandon.ca/music.

(562) UPDATE ON THE REPAIRS TO THE 8TH STREET BRIDGE

Councillor Roberts requested an update on the status of the repairs to the 8th Street Bridge.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the Director of Engineering and Water Resources responded that the materials had arrived, work was expected to begin next week and be completed by the end of May 2014.

(563) REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PROVINCIAL FUNDING

Councillor LoRegio referred to recent news reports regarding the amount of money being distributed by the Province of Manitoba to the City of Winnipeg. He enquired if the Provincial Government could be requested to consider a more fair distribution of funds throughout the Province, particularly to the City of Brandon.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that he had discussed this issue with the Deputy Minister of Municipal Government and had been advised that some funds distributed recently had been previously committed for repairs to the Sherbrooke Pool, much the same as the contribution made by the Province of Manitoba for repairs to the Sportsplex Pool. He urged Her Worship the Mayor and Councillors to request more information through their Provincial Government contacts as most funding decisions were made at the political level. Her Worship the Mayor agreed to contact the Brandon East and Brandon West Members of the Legislature for further information as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JOINT LINDEN LANES AND MEADOWS WARD MEETING - JUNE 2, 2014

Councillor Berry announced that he and Councillor LoRegio would be holding a Joint Linden Lanes and Meadows Ward Meeting on June 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Westridge Community Centre. He advised that the drainage along Willowdale Drive, fire pits, changes to the ward boundaries and any other city or ward issues would be discussed.

PASSING OF DOUG STEEVES

Councillor Fawcett expressed condolences to the family of Doug Steeves, former Athletic Director of Brandon University and long-time volunteer coach within the community. He noted that Coach Steeves produced a lasting and positive impact on Brandon over his many years of involvement with youth programs. Her Worship the Mayor extended condolences on behalf of all of City Council.

CURBSIDE GIVEAWAY WEEKEND

Her Worship the Mayor announced that the Curbside Giveaway Weekend would take place May 24 - 25, 2014. Noting that this was a great way to recycle and reuse unwanted items, she invited residents to place free items by the curb at the start of the weekend and reminded them that same should be clearly marked as free.

CITY OF BRANDON TAX BILLS

Councillor Fawcett announced that the 2014 Tax Bills were now out in the mail and invited residents to contact their Councillor if they had any concerns.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) ACCOMMODATION TAX EVENT FUNDING REQUEST - BRANDON CURLING CLUB
2015 SAFEWAY SELECT MANITOBA MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

City Council considered a report from the Director of Economic Development dated April 25, 2014 with respect to the above.

LoRegio-Harwood

1574 That a grant of \$30,000 be provided to the Brandon Curling Club to host the 2015 Safeway Select Manitoba Men's Championships, February 4 - 8, 2015 in Brandon with said funds to be transferred from the Accommodation Tax Reserve to the Tourism Initiatives operating funds. CARRIED.

(B) ACCOMMODATION TAX EVENT FUNDING REQUEST - CANADIAN NATIONALS ARABIAN AND HALF ARABIAN HORSE SHOW

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Economic Development dated April 25, 2014 with respect to the above.

LoRegio-Berry

1575 That a grant of \$35,000 to the Arabian Horse Association to host the Canadian Nationals Arabian and Half Arabian Horse Show August 11 - 16, 2014 in Brandon be approved, with said funds to be transferred from the Accommodation Tax Reserve to the Tourism Initiatives operating account. CARRIED.

(C) APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR ELECTION OFFICIAL

Considered was a report from the Acting City Clerk dated May 6, 2014 with respect to the above.

Blight-Harwood

1576 That Karrie Smyth be appointed as the Senior Election Official for the City of Brandon to fulfill all obligations outlined in The Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Act. CARRIED.

(D) INTERIM APPOINTMENTS TO AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE AND POVERTY COMMITTEE

City Council considered a report from the Acting City Clerk dated May 9, 2014 with respect to the above.

Berry-Roberts

1577 That Lois Carkener be hereby appointed to the Age Friendly Committee with a term of office beginning July 1, 2014 and expiring December 31, 2014. CARRIED.

Berry-Roberts

1578 That Susan Spring be hereby appointed to the Poverty Committee with a term of office beginning May 19, 2014 and expiring December 31, 2014. CARRIED.

(E) THE 2014 BRANDON EMERGENCY PLAN

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Risk and Emergency Management dated May 8, 2014 with respect to the above.

Isleifson-Blight

1579 That the Brandon Emergency Plan dated April, 2014 attached to the report of the Director of Risk and Emergency Management dated May 8, 2014 be adopted. CARRIED.

(F) THE CITY OF BRANDON REDUCED-SPEED SCHOOL ZONES

Considered was a report from the General Manager of Operational Services dated May 7, 2014 with respect to the above.

Harwood-Roberts

1580 That the report from the General Manager of Operations dated May 7, 2014 regarding the creation of Reduced-Speed School Zones in the City of Brandon be received as information;

and further, that By-law No, 7096, to amend Traffic By-law No. 5463 to provide regulations for reduced-speed school zones on streets in the City of Brandon, be referred to the Order of By-laws for first reading. CARRIED.

(G) TENDER - CONTRACT B UNDERGROUND WORKS

City Council considered a report from the Director of Engineering and Water Services dated May 13, 2014 with respect to the above.

LoRegio-Berry

1581 That the bid of Allen & Bolack Excavating Ltd. to carry out the Contract B - Underground Works as per tender and specifications at a cost of \$627,030.74 (exclusive of GST) be accepted. CARRIED.

(H) MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY AT 201 - 17TH STREET EAST

Submitted for consideration was a report from Councillor Len Isleifson dated May 7, 2014 with respect to the above and in accordance with his notice of motion given at the regular meeting of City Council held May 5, 2014.

Isleifson-Roberts

1582 That Administration of the City of Brandon, review and report to City Council at its meeting to be held on June 16, 2014, on the possibility of the management responsibility of city-owned property located at 201- 17th Street East being granted to Assiniboine Food Forest Inc. CARRIED.

(I) RESOLUTION FOR ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA MUNICIPALITIES 2014 JUNE DISTRICT MEETING - BUFFER ZONE FOR MOSQUITO ADULTICIDING PROGRAM

Considered was a report from Councillor M. Blight dated May 12, 2014 with respect to the above.

Blight-Montague

1583 That the following resolution be submitted to the Association of Manitoba Municipalities for consideration at the June District Meeting:

“WHEREAS Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship is responsible for the issuance of Pesticide Use Permits for municipalities in the Province of Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship currently requires that municipalities compile a list of residents who register their objections to mosquito adulticiding;

AND WHEREAS municipalities must turn off adulticiding equipment 90 meters on either side of the objector's property in the front street, side street and rear lane as a condition when said permits are issued;

AND WHEREAS the current 90 meter buffer zone is deemed an imposition on municipalities in applying an effective mosquito abatement program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to allow individual municipalities to determine the appropriate size of buffer zones that will protect residents' rights and still ensure an effective mosquito abatement program within the municipality.” CARRIED.

(J) EXPENDITURE FROM LAND ACQUISITION RESERVE - LAND TRANSFER TAX FOR THE PURCHASE OF 1200 ABERDEEN AVENUE

City Council considered a report from the Manager of Property Administration dated April 17, 2014 with respect to the above.

1584 Montague-Berry
That \$1,371.00 plus applicable registration costs be expended from the Land Acquisition Reserve for the Land Transfer Tax associated with the registration of the Transfer of Land to acquire 1200 Aberdeen Avenue from ConocoPhillips Canada Resources Corp CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7088 TO AMEND BUILDING BY-LAW NO. 6018 TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SECONDARY SUITES AND BOARDING HOUSES

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Planning and Building Safety Department dated May 6, 2014 with respect to the above.

1585 Roberts-LoRegio
That By-law No. 7088, to amend Building By-Law No. 6018, to provide requirements for secondary suites and boarding houses, be read for the first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7092 TO CLOSE AND CONVEY A PORTION OF THE PUBLIC LANE IN PLAN 952 BLTO, LOCATED OFF THE NORTH EAST CORNER OF MADISON CRESCENT

It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the April 22, 2014 meeting of City Council.

1586 Chaboyer-Isleifson
That By-law No. 7092 to close and convey the Madison Crescent walkway located in the north east corner of Madison Crescent (Plan 952 BLTO) to the property owner of 153 and 155 Madison Crescent (Lots 182 & 183, Plan 952 BLTO) at a total purchase price of \$16,669.20 plus G.S.T. be read a second time. CARRIED.

1587 Chaboyer-Isleifson
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. 7092 third reading.

FOR AGAINST

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

NO. 7096 TO AMEND TRAFFIC BY-LAW NO. 5463 - TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATIONS FOR REDUCED-SPEED SCHOOL ZONES IN THE CITY OF BRANDON

Considered was a report from the Acting City Clerk dated May 12, 2014 with respect to the above.

1588 Harwood-Roberts
That By-law No. 7096 to amend Traffic By-law No. 5463 to provide for regulations for reduced-speed school zones in the City of Brandon be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Chaboyer-Berry
That the meeting do now adjourn (10:04 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK