

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 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:

Harwood-Roberts
1589 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held Tuesday, June 3, 2014 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Blight-Isleifson
1590 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) J. SHERB - CLARA'S BIG RIDE EVENT

Jennifer Sherb appeared before City Council on behalf of the Clara's Big Ride Event coming through Brandon on Thursday, June 12, 2014. She advised that the event was part of Winnipeg-born Olympian Clara Hughes' Cross-Canada bike tour whose purpose was to keep the conversation about mental health going in our country. She noted that the community festivities would take place at the Brandon University Healthy Living Centre starting at 5:30 p.m. on June 12, 2014 whereby attendees were encouraged to walk, run, or ride to the event and participate in the physical activity displays. Ms. Shurb stated that resources would be available to provide information on mental illness and that more information could be found at www.bell.ca/clarasbigride.

Harwood-Roberts
1591 That the presentation by Jennifer Sherb with respect to the Clara's Big Ride Event to take place at the Brandon University Healthy Living Centre on June 12 & 13, 2014 to bring awareness to mental health be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- (A) 2014 FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE
VERBAL JUNE 3, 2014

Councillor Isleifson provided a report on the recent Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference held in Niagara Falls, Ontario. He commented on the informative tours of the municipal recycling facility and the local 911 center and noted the advancements in hydraulic stretchers that could reduce injuries to emergency services staff. Councillor Harwood, who also attended FCM, commented on the value of the tradeshow and the tours of the Business Incubation Center and Heritage District. Councillor Roberts noted the value of networking and sharing information with fellow elected representatives. Mayor Decter-Hirst spoke of the value in meeting with the visiting Ukrainian Mayors.

Isleifson-Roberts

- 1592 The report of Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

- (564) REPAIRS TO PRIVATE DRIVEWAY - 800 BLOCK OF 19TH STREET

Councillor LoRegio advised that a private driveway in the 800 Block of 19th Street had been damaged by vehicles having used it as a turn-around point on the street. He enquired if the City of Brandon's pothole repair machine could be utilized to repair the driveway.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that, while the driveways existed partially on the City's right-of-way, repairs and maintenance of driveway approaches were the responsibility of the property owner.

- (565) PARKING RESTRICTIONS - 800 BLOCK OF 19TH STREET

Councillor LoRegio noted that the 800 Block of 19th Street was being used for parking spots by employees of nearby businesses which caused problems for local residents. He enquired if parking restrictions in the area could be considered.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that parking in the area would be reviewed by the Engineering Department and restrictions imposed if deemed necessary.

- (566) DERELICT BUILDING - 33 MACLEOD DRIVE

Councillor Chaboyer noted that the property at 33 Macleod Drive had been abandoned for over 25 years and was now boarded up. She enquired what had been done to date to address this issue, and further, what options were available for a permanent solution to this problem.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, Greg Merke, Manager of Building Safety responded that over the years there had been many issues with this property. Mr. Merke advised that, in accordance with the City of Brandon Vacant and Derelict Building By-law No. 7007, the property owner had been issued a Boarded Building Permit in 2012. He stated that the initial cost of the Permit was \$2,000 and increased annually by \$1,500 and noted that, given the increasing costs, the property owner was now prepared to seek a permanent solution to the problem. He thanked the area residents for their continued patience and stated that he was confident the situation would be resolved in the very near future.

(567) CONDITION OF THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK AT 18TH STREET AND LORNE AVENUE

Councillor Chaboyer advised that the southeast corner of the pedestrian crosswalk located at 18th Street and Lorne Avenue was in poor condition and causing serious safety concerns. She enquired if same could be repaired as soon as possible.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager agreed to contact Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation to request the repairs be completed as soon as possible.

(568) FIRE PITS IN CITY PARKS

Councillor Isleifson noted that Dinsdale Park was the only city park with fire pits and as same was often inaccessible due to flooding, enquired if the installation of fire pits in other city parks could be considered.

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

(569) STREET SWEEPING IN THE RIVERVIEW WARD

Councillor Isleifson enquired when street sweeping in the Riverview Ward was expected to take place.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that crews were expected to start in the Riverview Ward by the end of the week.

(570) DANDELION CONTROL ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY

Councillor Berry noted that dandelions on city-owned property were becoming a problem in all areas of the City of Brandon and enquired if some type of environmentally friendly weed control could be considered.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that with the passage of the Pesticide By-law No. 6825 in 2006, the City of Brandon had stopped spraying boulevards and park areas and sold all spraying equipment; however, he agreed to follow-up on this issue with the Parks Department to determine what alternatives may be available.

(571) 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 City Manager responded that the completion of the project had been delayed due to the late arrival of a support beam. He advised that the beam was expected to be delivered by the end of the week and installed by Tuesday, June 10, 2014, following which a final inspection would take place as soon as possible.

(572) STATUS OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT AT THE FORMER BRANDON INN SITE

Councillor Roberts requested an update on the status of the Environmental Audit of the former Brandon Inn property located at 156 - 9th Street.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the reports had been received and would be made available in the very near future.

(573) MOSQUITO LARVICIDING PROGRAM

Councillor Montague requested an update on the status of the Mosquito Larviciding Program.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that larviciding had begun with additional staff than previous years dedicated to this program. He advised that the City of Brandon was prepared to act immediately should the levels increase to the point of needing to spray.

(574) INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES ON CANADA CRESCENT

Councillor Blight noted that infrastructure problems, inclusive of frost boils on the roadway, continued to be a problem on Canada Crescent and enquired if a review of same could be considered.

At the request of Her Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Engineering Department had been requested to do an overall assessment of the area and prioritize necessary repairs accordingly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

REPRESENTATION AT VARIOUS EVENTS IN THE CITY OF BRANDON

Councillor Berry announced that he had been pleased to represent City Council at the Brandon University All Nations Graduation Pow Wow, the Brandon University Spring Convocation, the Kiwanis Car Derby, the Royal Canadian Legion Decoration Day as well as the Environment Expo held while Her Worship the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor were attending the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

PRAIRIE MOUNTAIN HEALTH STAKEHOLDERS' MEETING

Councillor LoRegio announced that he and the City Treasurer had attended the Prairie Mountain Health Annual Stakeholders' Meeting held May 30, 2014.

RIVERVIEW WARD CLEAN-SWEEP

Councillor Isleifson announced that the Riverview Ward Clean Sweep would take place on Saturday, June 7, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and encouraged residents to refer to brandonenvironment.ca for further information.

YOUTH REVOLUTION OSCARS

Councillor Fawcett announced that he had been pleased to bring greetings on behalf of City Council at the 'Oscar Ceremony' on May 30, 2014 where the achievements of the local Youth Revolution Group over the past couple of years were celebrated.

BRANDON RIVERBANK INC. CLEAN SWEEP AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Councillor Fawcett announced that the Brandon Riverbank Inc. Clean Sweep and Annual General Meeting would take place on June 4, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Riverbank Discovery Centre.

FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES (FCM) INFRASTRUCTURE TOUR

Councillor Blight announced that he had been pleased to provide a tour of Brandon to a group of Mayors from British Columbia who stopped on their way through to the FCM Convention in Niagara Falls.

Her Worship the Mayor added that the group had travelled from British Columbia to Niagara Falls in a recreational vehicle and had stopped at every community along the way to discuss infrastructure needs. She noted that the group toured 60 communities with Brandon being the first one where they were given a guided tour rather than meeting in an office. Her Worship advised that a video compilation of their trip had been shown to the Delegates at the Convention along with the Federal Minister of Infrastructure and agreed to have a copy of same added to the City of Brandon website.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESERVE FOR COMPLETION OF A PHASE 2 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND METHANE ASSESSMENT

City Council considered a report from the Director of Economic Development dated May 21, 2014 with respect to the above.

LoRegio-Berry

1593 That a maximum of \$20,000 be transferred from the Affordable Housing Reserve to the Housing Initiatives operating account for the expenses incurred to complete a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) at 1345 - 10th Street and a Methane Assessment at 2105 Brandon Avenue. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7081 TO AMEND ZONING BY-LAW NO. 6642 - URBAN & LANDSCAPE DESIGN STANDARDS

Submitted for consideration was a report from Planning and Building Safety dated May 16, 2014 with respect to the above.

Harwood-Roberts

1594 That By-law No. 7081, to amend City of Brandon Zoning By-law No. 6642 to include urban and landscape design standards, be read a first time. CARRIED.

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

It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the May 20, 2014 meeting of City Council.

Roberts-LoRegio

1595 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 second time. CARRIED.

Roberts-LoRegio

1596 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. 7088 third reading.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
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

It was noted that this by-law had received first reading at the May 20, 2014 meeting of City Council.

1596 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 second time. CARRIED.

Councillor Montague abstained from voting on the above motion as he felt he did not have sufficient information to make a decision.

1597 Harwood-Roberts
 That the by-law be read a third and final time. CARRIED.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>ABSTAINED</u>
Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst	Nil	Councillor Montague
Councillor Berry		
Councillor Blight		
Councillor Chaboyer		
Councillor Fawcett		
Councillor Harwood		
Councillor Isleifson		
Councillor LoRegio		
Councillor Roberts		

Councillor Montague abstained from voting on the above motion as he felt he did not have sufficient information to make a decision.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer
 That the meeting do now adjourn. (8:48 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK