

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018
AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON,
MANITOBA**

PRESENT: Mayor Rick Chrest In The Chair, Councillor Shawn Berry, Councillor Ron W. Brown, Councillor Jan Chaboyer, Councillor Barry Cullen, Councillor Kris Desjarlais, Councillor Jeff Fawcett, Councillor Jeff Harwood, Councillor John LoRegio, Councillor Glen Parker, Councillor Lonnie Patterson

ABSENT: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Chaboyer-Desjarlais
1474 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS:

(A) GENERAL MANAGER OF OPERATIONS - LORRIE O'BRIEN

The City Manager introduced Ms. Lorrie O'Brien, the new General Manager of Operations. He noted that Ms. O'Brien began her municipal career with the City of Toronto before heading west to Canmore, AB. Ms. O'Brien brought a wealth of knowledge in municipal government to her new position, including over 15 years in leadership roles.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Harwood-Cullen
1475 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, August 13, 2018 be taken as read, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) GLEN KRUCK– AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT AT 19-13TH STREET

Glen Kruck appeared before City Council with respect to the proposed Affordable Housing Project at 19-13th Street. Mr. Kruk requested a grant of \$126,000 from the Affordable Housing Reserve as the municipal contribution to this project. He advised that the funds would enable the organization to convert the property located at 19-13th Street to thirteen compact affordable housing units that would range in size between 211 and 229 square feet, and would each have a 3-piece bathroom and small kitchen.

Mr. Kruck stressed the need for additional affordable housing units in Brandon and confirmed that upon approval of the funding request, construction would start as soon as possible and would be completed within a year.

Desjarlais-Parker

1476 That the presentation by Glen Kruck with respect to the proposed Affordable Housing Project at 19-13th Street be received. CARRIED.

(B) ROSAN DE GUZMAN – NATURES GLOW MOBILE MASSAGE BUSINESS

Rosan De Guzman, owner and operator of Natures Glow Mobile Massage appeared before City Council with respect to her business license application. Ms. De Guzman, a registered massage therapist, was seeking approval from City Council to operate a mobile massage business that would assist individuals with mobility issues by bringing her services to their home.

Chaboyer-LoRegio

1477 That the presentation by Rosan de Guzman with respect to obtaining a Business License be received. CARRIED.

(C) MELANIE POWERS, SENIOR ELECTION OFFICIAL – CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Melanie Powers, Senior Election Official appeared before City Council with respect to Citizen Engagement Initiatives for the Municipal Election. Ms. Powers stated that a number of recommendations from the Citizen Engagement Committee would be implemented for the upcoming municipal election including: Voter Cards delivered to every residence which would highlight where to vote, eligibility to vote and proper identification needed to vote; and an increase the number of voting places, including two all-ward voting locations and increased mobile polls to accommodate senior care facilities. Ms. Powers provided in detail important dates for nomination period, advanced voting opportunities and Election Day on Wednesday, October 24, 2018.

Harwood-Parker

1478 That the presentation by Melanie Powers, Senior Election Official, with respect to Citizen Engagement Initiatives for the Municipal Election be received. CARRIED.

(D) BEN LAMONT, SUMMER LIGHTS MUSIC FESTIVAL - COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS

Ben Lamont, on behalf of the Summer Lights Music Festival, appeared before City Council to request that the Summer Lights Music Festival be designated a Community Event.

Mr. Lamont stated the festival would be taking place Saturday, September 8, 2018 from Noon - Midnight at Princess Park and featured national acclaimed headliners Valdy, Shari Ulrich, and many local and Provincial artists.

Parker-LoRegio

1479 That the presentation by Ben Lamont with respect to the designation of the Summer Lights Music Festival as a Community Event be received. CARRIED.

Parker-LoRegio

1480 That the Summer Lights Music Festival to be held September 8, 2018 in Princess Park be designated a Community Event in the City of Brandon. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD:

CANDIDATE FORUMS FOR UPCOMING ELECTION

Jane Neal, resident of Brandon, enquired whether any candidate forums would be held in conjunction with the upcoming election. At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Clerk responded that in the past organizations such as The Chamber of Commerce and other community groups had hosted a candidate forum. Councillor Desjarlais added that one upcoming event would be held on October 4, 2018 and was sponsored by "This is My Community".

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nil

ENQUIRIES:

(323) AUDIBLE ALERTS AT CROSSWALKS

Councillor Desjarlais requested an update on the potential installation of audible alerts at crosswalks in the City of Brandon.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Engineering Department was in the process of procuring audible alerts equipment for the intersections of 10th Street and Rosser Avenue as well as the intersection of 10th Street and Lorne Avenue. He advised that this equipment was expected to be installed by the end of 2018.

The City Manager noted that the installation of such equipment at additional locations in the future was budget driven and dependent on residents' requests and financial resources for same.

(324) UPDATE ON CITY SIDEWALK INVENTORY

Councillor Desjarlais requested an update on the City of Brandon sidewalk inventory, inclusive of planned improvements to wheelchair ramps etc. to ensure an inclusive system of sidewalks for everyone.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the entire network of City of Brandon sidewalks, inclusive of ramps, was currently being reviewed. He confirmed that all issues were being logged, videotaped and summarized for each block. The City Manager noted that the sidewalk maintenance and construction programs would be guided by the results of this review for years to come.

(325) REPLACEMENT OF FENCING AT STANLEY PARK TENNIS COURTS

Councillor Desjarlais noted that the fencing around the tennis courts located in Stanley Park had been vandalized earlier this summer and enquired when same was expected to be repaired and at what cost.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that price quotes were currently being sought with same expected to be under \$5,000. He advised that the work was expected to be completed this fall.

(326) UPDATE ON ROADWORK ON BRANDON AVENUE AND 8TH STREET

Councillor Patterson enquired when the roadwork on Brandon Avenue and 8th Street was expected to be completed.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that Brandon Avenue from 6th to 8th Streets as well as 8th Street from Brandon to Southern Avenue had been milled and is scheduled for resurfacing within a week.

(327) UPDATE ON CROSSWALK AT 34TH STREET AND LAKEVIEW DRIVE

Councillor Berry referred to a previous enquiry whereby he had requested improvements to the crosswalk located at 34th Street and Lakeview Drive be considered and enquired as to the status of same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that a traffic count had been conducted at that intersection in June 2018 and additional data was

required prior to recommendations for additional safety measures. He advised that a recommendation from the Engineering Department was expected in October with any improvements to be budgeted for in 2019. The City Manager confirmed that in the interim, the crosswalk at Lakeview Drive and 34th Street was to be painted within the next week to ensure it was highly visible to motorists.

(328) INSTALLATION OF CROSSWALK AT EVERGREEN BOULEVARD AND WILLOWDALE CRESCENT

Councillor Berry noted that safety concerns had been raised by parents of children attending Linden Lanes School and enquired if the installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Evergreen Boulevard and Willowdale Crescent could be considered.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the Engineering Department had determined that a crosswalk was needed at the intersection of Evergreen Boulevard and Willowdale Crescent. He confirmed that the installation of signage and painting of lines was currently underway at this intersection.

(329) MAINTENANCE WORK ON BROOKWOOD GREENSPACE

Councillor Berry requested an update on the maintenance work which began in late August in the Brookwood Greenspace. He enquired as to the full scope of the work, what had been done to notify the Ward Councillor and area residents prior to the start of the work and whether or not a public forum was planned for area to discuss this issue.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the work was being done in the Brookwood drainage channel to clear out the willow tree brush overgrowth from the basin to allow for a free water flow in the basins and the water retention pond.

The City Manager stated that in an effort to be efficient, staff planned storm water management work at this location in conjunction with the willow tree removal. He noted that there had been no follow-up with the Ward Councillor or area residents following the request for the removal of the willows. The City Manager confirmed however, that all planned work was on hold until a public information session could be held to ensure area residents were updated on the planned work and were allowed an opportunity to share their concerns.

(330) UPDATE ON DIKE WORK BEHIND KASIURAK BAY

Councillor Fawcett requested an update on the status of the dike work behind Kasiurak Bay.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting General Manager of Development Services responded that the scope of the work had changed slightly and issues raised by area residents were being addressed prior to the tender for the work being sent out in early October at the latest.

(331) DRAINAGE WORK ON OUTBACK DRIVE

Councillor Fawcett enquired as to the timeline for completion of the drainage work on Outback Drive.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting General Manager of Development Services responded that the tender for this work was to be sent out in late September with the work expected to be completed by year-end.

(332) UPDATE ON CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECISIONS

Councillor LoRegio noted that there were no media in attendance at the meeting and enquired as to the City of Brandon's process for updating the public on City Council decisions following meetings other than through local media.

His Worship the Mayor responded that the Director of Communications issued a release with a link to the YouTube video within a few days of the meeting; however, he agreed to take this matter under advisement.

(333) UPDATE ON "NOT EVEN ONCE" INITIATIVE

Councillor Parker requested an update on the "Not Even Once" Initiative which had been created to address the growing issues related to drug addictions in our community.

His Worship the Mayor responded that the City of Brandon continued to work with the Province of Manitoba Health, Prairie Mountain Health and the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba on strategies and programs to assist individuals addicted to methamphetamine and other detrimental substances. He noted that the City of Brandon continued to support the Community Mobilization Strategy (HUB Table) which connected many individuals affected by drug use/addiction with services to help them.

His Worship stated that City Council had supported two initiatives in the 2018 Budget Deliberations aimed at addressing this issue in the community. The allocation of \$180,000 to the Brandon Police Service supported a targeted initiative focused on drug trafficking and the human exploitation resulting from same. The second allocation provided \$25,000 for an initiative spearheaded by himself working with the Brandon School Division for the creation of the Not Even Once (N.E.O.) Program which was designed to get the message out to students on the dangers of trying drugs even once. He advised that while awareness programs existed in the Brandon School Division, these funds would allow for the creation of new programs and the enhancement of those already in existence. His Worship advised that the N.E.O. Program targeted students from Grade 9 through Grade 12. He agreed to keep City Council updated on these important initiatives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SCHOOL SPEED ZONES

Councillor LoRegio reminded residents that the reduced speed in School Zones were in effect as of September 1, 2018. He noted that these zones would be monitored closely by the Brandon Police Service for the foreseeable future and encouraged residents to slow down.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) AFFORDABLE HOUSING GRANT REQUEST – 19-13TH STREET

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Economic Development dated July 16, 2018 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Patterson

1481

That the City of Brandon expend \$126,000 from the Affordable Housing Reserve in the form of a capital grant for Company 697720 Manitoba Association Inc. to construct 13 affordable bachelor units at 19 - 13th Street;

And further that the City of Brandon commit to an annual tax off-setting grant equal to 50% of the general municipal portion of the annual taxes on the property, once constructed, for a period of 20 years. CARRIED.

(B) HOME BASED BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION - NATURES GLOW MOBILE MASSAGE

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Finance Department dated August 28, 2018 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Cullen

1482 That the application of Natures Glow Mobile Massage to operate a massage therapy business as a home based business at 41 Aldrin Way be approved. CARRIED.

(C) PROPOSAL – ARTICULATING MOTOR GRADER

Considered was a report from the Director of Transportation Services dated August 21, 2018 with respect to the above.

LoRegio-Brown

1483 That the alternate bid from Brandt Tractor Ltd. to supply one (1) 2018 John Deere 770G Articulating Motor Grader as per the Proposal and specifications for a total of \$396,868.09 (net of GST) be accepted. CARRIED.

(D) MAINTENANCE WORK IN BROOKWOOD GREENSPACE

Submitted for consideration was a report from Councillor S. Berry dated August 30, 2018 with respect to the above.

Berry-Desjarlais

1484 That the maintenance work on the Brookwood Greenspace be halted pending a public information session with area residents and City Administration to provide more information on the extent of the work being undertaken and to answer any questions with respect to same. CARRIED.

(E) PUBLIC RAIL SAFETY WEEK

City Council considered a report from the Director of Legislative Services dated August 28, 2018 with respect to the above.

Harwood-Chaboyer

1485 WHEREAS Public-Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada and the United States from September 23 - 29, 2018;

AND WHEREAS it is in the public's interest to raise citizens' awareness on reducing avoidable accidents, injuries and damage caused by collisions at level crossings or incidents involving trains and citizens;

AND WHEREAS Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the rail industry, governments, police services, the media and other agencies and the public to raise rail safety awareness;

AND WHEREAS CN has requested the Council of the City of Brandon to adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing effort to save lives and prevent injuries in communities including our municipality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Brandon supports national Public-Rail Safety Week to be held from September 23 - 29, 2018. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7214 TO REZONE 700 MARYLAND AVENUE FROM OS OPEN SPACE TO EI EDUCATIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL

It was noted that this by-law received first reading on July 16, 2018.

Brown-Chaboyer

1486 That By-law No. 7214 to rezone 700 Maryland Avenue (Lots 1/21 and 26/46, Blocks 3/4 and Part Lots 1/21 and 26/46, Block 5, Plan 300 BLTO, and Part Parcels B/H, Plan 37279 BLTO) from Open Space (OS) to Educational and Institutional (EI) be read a second time. CARRIED.

Brown-Cullen

1487 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. 7214 third reading.

FOR

Mayor Rick Chrest
Councillor Shawn Berry
Councillor Ron W. Brown
Councillor Jan Chaboyer
Councillor Barry Cullen
Councillor Kris Desjarlais
Councillor Jeff Fawcett
Councillor Jeff Harwood
Councillor John LoRegio
Councillor Glen Parker
Councillor Lonnie Patterson

AGAINST

Nil

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

That the meeting do now adjourn (8:53 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK