

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA

PRESENT: Mayor Rick Chrest In The Chair, Councillor Ron W. Brown, Councillor Shaun Cameron, Councillor Jan Chaboyer, Councillor Barry Cullen, Councillor Kris Desjarlais, Councillor Jeff Fawcett, Councillor John LoRegio, Councillor Bruce Luebke, Councillor Glen Parker

ABSENT: Councillor Shawn Berry

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Luebke-Parker

351 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held Monday, August 12, 2019 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

RECOGNITIONS:

(A) **BRIAN KAYES - CAREER EXCELLENCE AWARD FROM THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EMERGENCY MANAGERS CANADA (IAEM)**

His Worship Mayor Chrest presented Brian Kayes, the City's Director of Emergency Management, with the International Association of Emergency Managers "Career Excellence" Award in recognition of Mr. Kaye's significant contributions throughout his career to promote and improve the emergency management profession in Canada. Mayor Chrest outlined many of Brian's accomplishments in building partnerships and sharing knowledge about emergency management issues, noting the work he had done in flood mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery efforts.

On behalf of City Council and the residents of Brandon, Mayor Chrest extended congratulations to Mr. Kayes on his receipt of this prestigious award.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Cameron-Chaboyer

352 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Monday, July 15, 2019 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

Nil

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

Nil

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE VERBAL AUGUST 12, 2019

Councillor Chaboyer provided a verbal report from the recent meeting of the Age Friendly Committee held on July 18, 2019. She noted the Committee had appointed members to various sub-committees and approved their 2019 Action Plan, which would be presented to Council in the near future. Councillor Chaboyer commended the City's Transit Department on the recent upgrades to the bus stops and shelters and stated that a meeting would be scheduled with the Transit Department to discuss future transit improvements from an age friendly perspective.

Councillor Chaboyer also indicated that the Committee had again partnered with the Canadian Foundation of Economic Education and Prairie Oasis to deliver another Financial Literacy Workshop. She also noted the Committee had discussed health concerns for seniors and an educational campaign around the issue of de-prescribing certain prescription medication, and was looking into the creation of an adaptive bicycle program.

(B) DOWNTOWN PARKING AD HOC COMMITTEE VERBAL AUGUST 12, 2019

Councillor Desjarlais provided a verbal report from the recent meeting of the Ad Hoc Downtown Parking Steering Committee held on July 23, 2019. He noted the Committee had discussed the results of the downtown parking survey, and that a session with Council had been scheduled to discuss the recommendations, with a report coming back to a regular meeting of Council in the near future.

Chaboyer-LoRegio

353 That the report of the Age Friendly Committee and the Downtown Parking Ad Hoc Committee be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(48) OUTDOOR SPORTS COMPLEX UPDATE

Councillor LoRegio requested an update on the proposed outdoor sports complex site on 1st Street, inclusive of the status of the Provincial Study and the potential of Optimist Park as an alternative location.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the 3-year capital project was proposed for funding from 2020-2022. He advised that an internal committee of staff from Community Services, Engineering and Property, and Planning & Building Safety Departments had been formed to develop timelines and details for the project. Mr. Sage confirmed that should City Council support the more defined budget estimates and detailed design, the project could be started as soon as 2020. He noted that this project was also being considered for funding under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) as part of a partnership with the Provincial and Federal Governments, and that further details on this issue would be provided in September.

The City Manager advised that the Provincial Study at 1st Street and Veterans' Way was completed in early July with the property having been cleared for development by Provincial Heritage Resources.

With respect to Optimist Park, Mr. Sage confirmed that with the preferred 1st Street and Veterans' Way site being cleared, there was no need to consider the alternative location. He also reminded everyone that the former Optimist Park was privately owned and operated by the Brandon Youth Soccer Association and was not flood protected due to its proximity to the Assiniboine River and channel at 1st Street.

(49) 8TH STREET ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION BRIDGE DESIGN STUDY

Councillor Desjarlais requested an update on the 8th Street Active Transportation and Pedestrian Bridge Design Study.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the 8th Street Active Transportation Bridge Preliminary Design Study was complete. He advised that the Study refined the preferred concept and further investigated geotechnical bridge configuration, constructability and CP Rail considerations.

Mr. Sage stated that the detailed design phase was typically immediately followed by construction, and was not anticipated to begin until funding was in place. The City Manager confirmed that Administration continued to explore opportunities for funding assistance, inclusive of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program whose intake process was this Fall.

Further to this issue, Councillor Desjarlais requested an informal meeting be set up whereby the final design and cost estimates could be discussed. Councillor LoRegio requested that a discussion on the potential debentures be included at that meeting.

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

(50) 2019 OUTDOOR POOL ATTENDANCE

Councillor Parker requested an update on the Outdoor Pool attendance for 2019.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the year-to-date attendance at the Kinsmen Pool was 2,135 and projected to be below the 2018 seasonal attendance of 3,803. He noted that with the closure of the Keystone Pool, attendance was expected to increase at the Kinsmen Pool, however such had not been the case. Mr. Sage confirmed that the total attendance between both pools in 2018 was 5,722, with same having steadily declined over the past 5 years.

The City Manager noted that the 2019 Recreation & Community Facilities Master Plan found that a new outdoor aquatic leisure concept facility was high on the list of priorities for investment. Mr. Sage confirmed that such a facility would be part of the Capital Budget requests and public input would be sought on this project in the future.

(51) TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN CONCERNS - VICTORIA AVENUE BETWEEN 26TH STREET AND CREIGHTON BOULEVARD

Councillor Cameron requested an update on his previous enquiry with respect to traffic and pedestrian concerns on Victoria Avenue between 26th Street and Creighton Boulevard.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the average daily traffic counts at the intersection of Victoria Avenue and McDiarmid Drive saw approximately 18,000 vehicles and 780 pedestrians access this intersection. He advised that while the existing traffic signals at 26th Street and Victoria Avenue provided a safe crossing for pedestrians and cyclists, improvements to the McDiarmid Drive and Victoria Avenue were being recommended.

The City Manager advised that the Transportation Association of Canada's Pedestrian Crossing Control Guide recommended that a pedestrian corridor or rectangular rapid flashing beacon be installed at any intersection where traffic volumes exceeded 9,000 vehicle movements. Given that the vehicle movements at this intersection were well above this threshold, installation of a pedestrian corridor was being recommended and would be included in the Engineering Department's 2020 Budget requests. He advised that Manitoba Infrastructure had been approached with respect to cost sharing, however this installation was not expected to take place until Spring 2020 at the earliest.

Further to this issue, Councillor LoRegio enquired if the new system of lighting at the sides of the road at pedestrian corridors had been tested to ensure drivers paid attention to same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that numerous tests had been conducted and the updated version had proven to be extremely successful from both a driver and pedestrian standpoint. He confirmed that he had personally driven in areas where the corridors were designed this way and assured Councillor LoRegio that same were very effective.

(52) 15TH STREET AND PRINCESS AVENUE TRAFFIC COUNTS

Councillor Desjarlais advised that he had requested traffic counts to be conducted at the intersection of 15th Street and Princess Avenue in the vicinity of Stanley Park during the school year. He enquired if same had been completed or were planned for the upcoming year.

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

(53) LIGHTING IN BACK LANE BEHIND PARK AVENUE BETWEEN 26TH AND 34TH STREETS

Councillor Cameron advised that safety concerns had been raised with respect to the back lane behind Park Avenue between 26th and 34th Streets and enquired if the installation of lighting at this location could be considered.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that this issue would be investigated by the Engineering Department with a response provided to City Council as soon as possible.

(54) UPDATE ON FENCING AROUND MCKENZIE SEEDS BUILDING

Councillor Desjarlais requested an update on the status of the removal of the fencing around the McKenzie Seeds Building on 9th Street.

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

(55) SPEED ZONES AROUND SPRAY PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Councillor Chaboyer enquired if reduced speed zones could be considered for areas around spray parks and playgrounds within the City of Brandon.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that with the dissolution of the Provincial Highway Traffic Board, municipalities were now able to set speed zones within their jurisdiction and this matter would be discussed at an informal session of City Council in the near future.

(56) REVIEW OF STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

Councillor Chaboyer enquired if a review of the Strategic Plan, inclusive of potential capital projects and the funding for same, could be considered.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BAPS CHARITY WALK

Councillor Cameron announced that he had been pleased to represent City Council at the BAPS Charity walk held August 11, 2019. Councillor Cameron noted that BAPS Charities was an international, non-religious organization whose members focus was serving society across the globe, and thanked the local group for their hospitality and hard work put in to assist the less fortunate.

NATIONAL ARABIAN AND HALF-ARABIAN HORSE SHOW

His Worship Mayor Chrest announced that the National Arabian and Half-Arabian Horse Show was currently underway at the Keystone Centre. Mayor Chrest advised that this annual event showcasing Arabian and Half-Arabian horses brought participants and visitors from all across North America to Brandon. He advised that the shows were open to the public and invited everyone to head down to the Keystone Centre to take in the shows and tour the barns.

UPCOMING PROVINCIAL ELECTION

His Worship Mayor Chrest announced that a Provincial Election would be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 and that residents of Brandon would be voting in one of three ridings - Brandon East, Brandon West, or Sprucewoods.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) RAIL SAFETY WEEK

City Council considered a report from the City Clerk dated August 6, 2019 with respect to the above.

LoRegio-Luebke

354 WHEREAS Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 23 - 29, 2019;

AND WHEREAS it is in the public's interest to raise citizens' awareness of the dangers of ignoring safety warnings at level crossings and trespassing on rail property to reduce avoidable deaths, injuries and damage caused by incidents involving trains and citizens;

AND WHEREAS Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others 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 efforts to raised awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities including our municipality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Brandon support national Rail Safety Week to be held from September 23 - 29, 2019. CARRIED.

(B) TRANSFER OF BRANDON POLICE SERVICE TACTICAL VAN TO BRANDON FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Fire Chief dated July 23, 2019 with respect to the above.

Cameron-Cullen

355 That the Brandon Police Service tactical van be transferred to Brandon Fire & Emergency Services for use as a mobile Incident Command Unit, and that \$100,000 be transferred from the Fire Equipment Reserve to the Police Vehicles Reserve to facilitate this transaction. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7249 TO AMEND FEE SCHEDULE BY-LAW NO. 7223 - SUBDIVISION LOT FEES

It was noted that this by-law received first reading at the July 15, 2019 meeting of City Council.

Desjarlais-LoRegio

356 That By-law No. 7249, to amend Annual Schedule of Fees By-law No. 7223 with respect to Subdivision Lot Fees, be read a second time. CARRIED.

Desjarlais-LoRegio

357 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. 7249 third reading.

FOR

Mayor Rick Chrest
Councillor Ron W. Brown
Councillor Shaun Cameron
Councillor Jan Chaboyer
Councillor Barry Cullen
Councillor Kris Desjarlais
Councillor Jeff Fawcett
Councillor John LoRegio
Councillor Bruce Luebke
Councillor Glen Parker

AGAINST

Nil

NO. 7251 TO AMEND BUSINESS LICENSING BY-LAW NO. 6009 – MASSAGE THERAPY BUSINESSES

City Council considered a report from the Finance Department dated July 29, 2019 with respect to the above.

Chaboyer-Parker

358 That By-law No. 7251 to amend Business Licensing By-law No. 6009 to clarify and update rules on massage therapists be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Chaboyer-Luebke

That the meeting do now adjourn (7:57 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK