

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019
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 Shaun Cameron, Councillor Jan Chaboyer, Councillor Barry Cullen, Councillor Kris Desjarlais, Councillor Jeff Fawcett, Councillor John LoRegio, Councillor Bruce Luebke, Councillor Glen Parker

ABSENT: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Chaboyer-Luebke
437 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held Monday, November 4, 2019 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

RECOGNITIONS:

(A) OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – NATIONAL COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM

His Worship Mayor Chrest of Outstanding Achievement Award - for Urban Forestry at National Community

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Cameron-Cullen
438 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on Monday, October 21, 2019 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) MONIQUE LACOSTE – MANITOBA 150 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Monique LaCoste appeared before City Council with respect to the Manitoba 150 Anniversary Celebrations. Ms. LaCoste provided an update on the various programs and initiatives planned for Manitoba's 150th anniversary year in 2020 and noted that the celebration would officially begin at the Manitoba Legislature on December 14th, 2019, kicking off a 150-day countdown to Manitoba Day celebrations in communities across the Province.

Ms. LaCoste highlighted some events planned in 2020 such as Manitoba Day on May 12, 2020 and the Unite 150 Concert to be held at the Legislature grounds on June 27th. She described the four pillars; Celebrate 150, Learn 150, Build 150 and Explore 150, and the programs and initiatives provided under each pillar. Ms. LaCoste stated that details and deadlines about each program or initiative could be accessed on the www.manitoba150.com website.

Cameron-LoRegio

439 That the presentation by Monique LaCoste with respect to the Manitoba 150 Anniversary Celebrations be received. CARRIED.

(B) SHANDY WALLS AND GRANT THERRIEN – STARS AIR AMBULANCE

Shandy Walls and Grant Therrien, appeared before City Council with respect to STARS Air Ambulance services. Ms. Walls and Mr. Therrien provided an overview and update on the Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service (STARS) organization which provided rapid, highly-specialized medical treatment and transport for the critically-ill or injured and had been operating in Manitoba since 2011. Mr. Therrien indicated STARS operating in three provinces and flew over 700 missions in Manitoba last year.

Ms. Walls noted that the STARS organization was currently undertaking a fundraising campaign to update its fleet of eleven helicopters. She indicated one of those helicopters operated solely within Manitoba. Ms. Walls invited Council to attend their Winnipeg location for a tour of their facility.

Berry-Parker

440 That the presentation by Shandy Walls and Grant Therrien with respect to STARS Air Ambulance be received. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

Nil

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) KERRI JUDD AND IULIYA KUSNETSOVA - NEEDLE SHARPS CONTAINERS

Kerri Judd and Iuliya Kusnetsova, presented to City Council with respect to needle sharp containers being placed around key locations within the City of Brandon. Ms. Kusnetsova a Regional Harm Reduction Coordinator with Prairie Mountain Health and Ms. Judd a Program Coordinator from Sexuality Education Resource Centre (SERC) Manitoba provided an overview and goals of the harm reduction approach.

Ms. Judd provided an update on the Sharps Project for safe needle disposal, with the goal to improve community safety, increase community awareness, decrease the number of sharps entering the waste and recycling stream by increasing the availability of needle sharp disposal containers.

Ms. Judd requested the City Council's support in approving the placement of needle sharp drop boxes on thirteen identified locations within the City of Brandon, and to facilitate the collection, transportation, and replacement of the drop box liners.

LoRegio-Chaboyer

441 That the presentation by Kerri Judd and Iuliya Kusnetsova with respect to Needle Sharps Containers be received;

and further that the request to locate needle sharps containers on thirteen city properties be referred to Administration for report back to City Council by December 16, 2019. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) KEYSTONE CENTRE VERBAL NOVEMBER 4, 2019

Councillor Luebke provided a verbal report from the recent sessions of the Keystone Centre held in September and October, 2019. Councillor Luebke reported that recommendations for the future use of the Keystone Centre land were adopted by the Board whereby Phase One involved the establishment of a public park in the south-east corner of the on the grounds in partnership with the City of Brandon. He noted that improvements would include walking paths, public washrooms, replacing the fence with a treed perimeter and a Tipi Tour Legacy Project.

Councillor Luebke noted that the Brandon Curling Club was more accessible with the installation of new automatic doors on the interior and ice level entrance, made possible by a funding contribution of \$4,000 from the Cerebral Palsy Association of Manitoba.

Councillor Luebke also advised that there will be at least one new member-at-large appointment to the Keystone Centre Board, and thanked Councillor Berry for his many years of service and guidance to the Keystone Centre Board. He concluded with a reminder that the Keystone Centre's Annual General meeting would be held Thursday, November 28, 2019.

(B) POVERTY COMMITTEE VERBAL NOVEMBER 4, 2019

Councillor Luebke provided a verbal report from the recent special meeting of the Poverty Committee held on October 23, 2019. He noted that Carly Gasparini, Executive Director of the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation had provided a presentation on a review of the Brandon Collaborative initiative. He advised that recommendations were made on the next steps for the Brandon Collaborative initiative to regain some momentum and how these next steps could be supported would be discussed at the Committee's November regular meeting.

Councillor Luebke indicated Samaritan House Executive Director John Jackson also provided a presentation on an initiative called "Safe and Warm Streets" for implementation of a pilot project for the summer of 2020. This pilot project would have a clinician and support worker walk through downtown Brandon twice a week during the months of July, August and September to interact with individuals in order to gain an understanding of why individuals were loitering or congregating in the downtown area, and to connect people to relevant resources. He noted Mr. Jackson would be making a presentation to City Council for a request for funding on this initiative.

Councillor Luebke also noted that citizen appointments would be made for the Poverty Committee, whereby application forms were available at the Legislative Services Office on the floor of City Hall, or could be downloaded from the City of Brandon website. He also indicated members of the Poverty Committee would be attending the Brandon Area Community Foundation Vital Signs Report luncheon on November 20, 2019.

Luebke-Berry

442 That the reports of the Keystone Centre Board and the Poverty Committee be received.
CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(80) SCOPE OF WORK AT WATER TREATMENT PLAN

Councillor Cameron enquired as to the scope of work planned for the treed area behind the residences on the north side of McDonald Avenue as work proceeded on the Water Treatment Plant.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager Dean Hammond outlined that the work involved installing a new grounding bed for the natural gas lines which serviced the area. Mr. Hammond advised that Manitoba Hydro had confirmed that no trees should be removed as a result of the project.

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LEAD LEVELS IN CITY OF BRANDON DRINKING WATER

Councillor Fawcett referred to a recent news report with respect to the amount of lead in the drinking water in the City of Brandon and enquired if further information on this issue could be provided.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Development Services Mr. Patrick Pulak responded that the City of Brandon continued to work with Manitoba Health and the Office of Drinking Water to ensure residences identified as having potential lead in their drinking water were provided the information they required. Mr. Pulak confirmed that 5 years ago a program had been conducted whereby residents could bring in samples of their drinking water to have it tested for lead. A separate program offered a rebate of up to \$100 for residents who purchased a water filter certified to remove lead. He advised that both programs were ongoing and information on same was updated on the website on a regular basis. The General Manager added that the addition of orthophosphate as means of eliminating lead from the drinking water was also being considered as part of the upgrades to the Water Treatment Plant.

Further to this issue, Councillor Desjarlais enquired whether notifications were sent out to the residents of the property or the property owners. He also enquired what was being done to address the potential language barriers for residents in the affected properties.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the General Manager responded that the notifications had been sent to both the residents and the property owners to ensure the tenants were aware of the potential for lead in their drinking water. Mr. Pulak responded that work was still in progress with respect to addressing the language barrier issues.

Councillor Luebke enquired if an open house for residents to come and pick up the testing kits could be considered for Spring 2020. His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this matter under advisement.

His Worship the Mayor explained that the news reports indicated that Brandon had refused to release the test data, which was not the case. He noted that while the City had subsidized the tests the actual tests were submitted by the homeowners and

therefore the results were theirs to share, not the City of Brandon's. Mr. Pulak reiterated Mayor Chrest's comments and noted that any statistical data not specific to a certain residence had always been freely shared.

His Worship the Mayor assured that there was no traceable lead in Brandon's water supply, the distribution system had no lead pipes and the water leaving the Water Treatment Plant was free of lead. He noted that the only problem areas were with the potential lead connections to some of the older homes. The General Manager of Development Services advised that simply flushing the toilet and running the taps for a short period of time in the morning would be enough to flush the lines of any dangerous lead build-up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BASEBALL MANITOBA AWARDS

Councillor Parker congratulated two Brandon recipients of Baseball Manitoba awards - Avery Smart, who received the Manitoba Youth Umpire of the Year award, and Faron Asham who was inducted into the Honour Society of Baseball Manitoba for his years of involvement in the sport.

DIABETES CANADA MOBILE CLINIC

Councillor Loregio advised that Diabetes Canada would be hosting a free mobile clinic for A1C blood sugar testing on Thursday, November 7, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Manitoba Métis Federation Brandon Office, located at 656 - 6th Street.

COMMUNITY FORUM - LET'S STEW IT UP

Councillor Desjarlais announced that Jason Gobeil, Indigenous Community Coordinator for the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council, would be facilitating a community forum 'Let's Stew it Up' on November 26, 2019 at 205 College Avenue from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. He outlined topics of discussion included the creation of a database of Indigenous street names, a public presentation on human rights, and an open discussion on bridging the relationship between community and police services.

CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVES ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Councillor Luebke announced several committees were looking for community representation including the Board of Revision, Age Friendly Committee, Brandon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, Brandon General Museum and Archives Committee, and Brandon Urban Aboriginal People's Council.

He advised that the deadline for applications was November 13, 2019 with forms available from Legislative Services.

BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM FUNDRAISING EVENT

Councillor Cameron announced that the Brandon General Museum & Archives would be holding its Annual Fundraising Dinner and Vaudeville Performance at Lady of the Lake Café on Thursday, November 7, 2019. He advised that tickets were still available and directed the public towards www.brandongeneralmuseum.ca for more information.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) PROPOSAL – WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY MEMBRANE REPLACEMENTS

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Utility Services Department dated October 29, 2019 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Chaboyer

443 That the bid from Suez Water Technologies & Solutions Canada to carry out the Water Reclamation Facility Membrane Replacements as per proposal and specifications at a cost of \$2,201,701.55 (exclusive of GST) be accepted. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7236 NEW LEGISLATIVE STANDARDS BY-LAW

City Council considered a report from the Legislative Services Office dated March 19, 2019 with respect to the above.

Chrest-Fawcett

444 That By-law No. 7236, being the Legislative Standards By-law and to repeal By-law No. 5986, be amended by deleting Section 16 in its entirety and substituting the following therefor:

"16. Regulations created to establish the rules and processes that are supplemental to operations by-laws shall be adopted by resolution of Council. All such regulations will be posted on the website of the City." CARRIED.

Fawcett-Cameron

445 That By-law No. 7236, as amended, be read a second time. CARRIED.

Fawcett-LoRegio

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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. 7236 third reading.

FOR

Mayor Rick Chrest
Councillor Shawn Berry
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

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

That the meeting do now adjourn (8:54 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK