

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019
AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON,
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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:

Cullen-Desjarlais
447 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held Monday, November 18, 2019 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Parker-Cameron
448 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 4, 2019 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) TED DZOGAN, JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY - RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WEEK

Ted Dzogan, Board Chair, appeared before City Council with respect to the John Howard Society Restorative Justice Week. He indicated that restorative justice was focused on restoring trust by using empathy to solve problems and repair the harm created by crime and that The John Howard Society had established effective program solutions and services that would benefit the City of Brandon and potentially reduce protective services costs.

Mr. Dzogan invited anyone from the community interested in wanting more information or to volunteer with the John Howard Society of Brandon to visit their website at www.brandonjohnhoward.ca.

LoRegio-Luebke
449 That the presentation by Ted Dzogan of the John Howard Society with respect to Restorative Justice Week be received. CARRIED.

(B) RICK GRAY, CENTRAL COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY CENTRES – IMPROVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES AT COMMUNITY CENTRES

Rick Gray from the Central Council of Community Centres, appeared before City Council with respect to improvements and activities at the eight (8) community centres throughout the City. Mr. Gray thanked Council for their continued support and funding for the centres in Brandon and outlined the many benefits to having community centres as a cost effective place for people and community groups to gather and participate in active living activities.

Mr. Gray provided an update on the improvements made to the centres such as shingles, siding, flooring, safety and landscape improvements. He noted that the challenges faced by community centres were vandalism, ageing infrastructure, declining volunteer base and rising costs of operation.

Parker-Cameron

450 That the presentation by Rick Gray on behalf of the Central Council of Community Centres with respect to improvements and activities at Community Centres be received. CARRIED.

(C) RON DRAKE- BOARD OF REVISION PROCESS

Ron Drake, appeared before City Council with respect to the Board of Revision process. He indicated concerns with Provincial Assessment Services failure to provide him with FIPPA requested documentation regarding his property prior to the Board of Revision hearing. Mr. Drake highlighted concerns he had regarding the Board of Revision process, as he did not feel the process was conducted in a fair, impartial and transparent way, and he urged Council to review the Board of Revision process.

Cullen-LoRegio

451 That the presentation by Ron Drake with respect to the Board of Revision processes be received. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

(A) CONTINUED SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY CENTRES

Chris Hees, a resident and volunteer, addressed Council with respect to Community Centre presentation. He thanked City Council for their continued support and funding for community centres, as these City assets were used by various groups, and managed by volunteers. Mr. Hees impressed upon Council to continue to put more resources towards community centres during the upcoming budget deliberations.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) JOHN JACKSON, SAMARITAN HOUSE - SAFE AND WARM STREETS PILOT PROJECT

John Jackson, Executive Director for Samaritan House Ministries appeared before City Council with respect to the Safe and Warm Streets Pilot Project. He indicated this project would provide a coordinator and support worker to canvass downtown during the summer months, with information collected to be added into HIFIS and to determine if any referrals or resources were required. Mr. Jackson requested City Council consider a one-time grant of \$5,500 for the Safe and Warm Streets pilot project during their 2020 Budget Deliberations.

LoRegio-Chaboyer

452 That the presentation by John Jackson of Samaritan House with respect to the Safe and Warm Streets Pilot Project be received;

and further that the funding request of \$5,500 for the pilot project be referred to the 2020 Budget Deliberations. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) PERSONNEL COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 13, 2019

City Council considered a report from the Personnel Committee meeting held November 13, 2019. It was noted that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the recent negotiations and settlement agreement with the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1505.

Highlights of the negotiated settlement included:

- Salary increases:
 - o 1% on January 1, 2019
 - o 1% on January 1, 2020
- General clean-up of clauses and renewal of pertinent letters of understanding
- Change to the clothing provision

- Adjustment to vacation accrual for long-term employees
- New classification for casual employees
- Two year contract set to expire December 31, 2020

The committee agreed that the proposed settlement be recommended to City Council for approval.

Desjarlais-Cameron

453 That the report of the Personnel Committee dated November 13, 2019 be received. CARRIED.

Desjarlais-Cameron

454 That the City of Brandon enter into a two (2) year agreement with Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1505 for the period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020, whereby wages shall be increased as follows:

January 1, 2019 – 1%

January 1, 2020 – 1%

CARRIED.

(B) POVERTY COMMITTEE VERBAL NOVEMBER 18, 2019

Councillor Luebke provided a verbal report from the meeting of the Poverty Committee held on November 13, 2019. He noted the Committee had reviewed initiatives for the year, including a public presentation on basic income for Canadians, restarting the Brandon Collaborative with a joint meeting in March 2020, and the Community Indicators System. Councillor Luebke advised that the Poverty Committee supported the Samaritan House Ministries Safe and Warm Streets Pilot Project, and would be requesting \$10,000 at the 2020 Budget Deliberations for initiatives for the Poverty Committee.

Luebke-Chaboyer

455 That the report of the Poverty Committee be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(82) OPENING OF WALKWAY FENCE ON WAVERLY DRIVE

Councillor Loregio referred to a fence which had been installed two years ago between 72 Waverly Drive and 76 Waverly Drive to prevent pedestrians from crossing train tracks and to use the walkway located further west instead.

He informed City Council that the fence had been illegally removed, resulting in pedestrians again crossing the train tracks in an unsafe manner. Councillor LoRegio enquired as to when the fence was expected to be repaired.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, Acting City Manager Dean Hammond confirmed that the fence would be reattached within the week. Mr. Hammond requested that anyone who witnessed removal of or damage to this fence report same to the Public Works Department immediately.

(83) SNOW ANGELS PROGRAM

Councillor Chaboyer referred to the "Snow Angels" program, whereby citizens volunteered to remove snow from sidewalks of physically disadvantaged citizens in the community. She enquired if the program was going to be implemented and if so, suggested the advertising of same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, Acting City Manager Dean Hammond advised that the Snow Angel program was open for the 2019-2020 winter season. He directed individuals looking to volunteer or for assistance with shoveling their sidewalk to visit <http://snowangels.brandon.ca/>, email snowangels@brandon.ca, or call the General Enquiry Line at 204-729-2186. Mr. Hammond confirmed that the City would be actively promoting the program through the City of Brandon website and social media platforms.

Further to this enquiry, Councillor Desjarlais requested that active community outreach efforts with senior groups and churches to increase awareness of the program be conducted.

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

(84) REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF SPECIALIZED FOSTER HOMES IN BRANDON

Councillor Chaboyer reiterated previous concerns raised by Council with regards to specialized foster homes in Brandon and expressed the need for City Council to understand the regulations which surrounded the private facilities. Additionally, Councillor Chaboyer enquired if a meeting with the respective Provincial Agencies regarding concerns with these homes could be arranged.

His Worship the Mayor responded that discussions had taken place with pertinent agencies and both the Minister of Justice and Minister of Families had been made aware of the issues. He advised that both Ministers had expressed interest in the situation but could not confirm if either department had yet affected a solution.

His Worship Mayor Chrest committed to seeking an opportunity for Council to meet with Provincial Department Officials to begin further dialogue towards addressing issues related to private foster homes for the benefit of all concerned as soon as possible.

(85)

DISREPAIR AND/OR ABANDONMENT OF PROPERTIES IN DOWNTOWN ARFEA

Councillor Parker noted that several properties in the Downtown area, specifically the corner of 10th Street and Princess Avenue, the corner of 7th Street and Rosser Avenue and the abandoned gas station at 4th Street and Rosser Avenue, continued to be in a state of disrepair. He enquired as to what was being done to have these issues addressed.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, Acting City Manager Dean Hammond responded that the Planning and Buildings Department was in constant contact with property owners to ensure that the status of the buildings complied with the Building Safety & Property Standards By-law as well as the Vacant & Derelict Building By-law. Mr. Hammond stated that the main objective in dealing with these properties was to ensure public safety in a manner which was efficient and fiscally responsible for the citizens of Brandon.

Further to the above, Councillor Desjarlais advised that these properties had also been an ongoing concern for the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation, and requested that a meeting to review the relevant by-laws and foster an understanding of the issue be arranged as soon as possible.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to take this under advisement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ASSINIBOINE WARD MEETING

Councillor Fawcett announced that an Assiniboine Ward meeting would be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at Grand Valley Community Church, 1620 Braecrest Drive. Discussion items included the 18th Street & Braecrest Drive Intersection, the extension of Quail Ridge Drive, the 2020 Budget, the Sportsplex Canteen, Sanitation, Recreation, and Brandon Riverbank Inc. Master Plan and any other city or ward issues. He confirmed that City Administration and Provincial Government Representatives would be in attendance.

SUCCESSFUL SANTA CLAUS PARADE

Councillor Desjarlais noted that the 2019 Santa Claus Parade had been a huge success. He thanked all the organizers for their hard work as well as the residents who once again braved the cold to line the streets and enjoy the parade. Councillor Desjarlais advised that City Council had enjoyed participating in this annual event.

HEALTH CHECK WELLNESS CLINIC

Councillor Chaboyer, on behalf of the Age-Friendly Committee, wished to thank all citizens who attended the Health Check Wellness Expo on October 29, 2019 at the Victoria Inn. She extended thanks to all the volunteers, donors, healthcare providers and professionals who made it a successful event. Councillor Chaboyer advised that over 400 citizens had attended and due to this success, the event is expected to be held again in 2020.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) PROPOSAL - TWO LANDSCAPE TRACTORS

City Council considered a report from Transportation Services dated November 1, 2019 with respect to the above.

Cameron-Cullen

456 That the bid from Mazergroup for two (2) new 2019 or 2020 New Holland U80C landscape tractors including a 5 year warranty package as per proposal and specifications for a total bid price of \$268,337.84 (net of GST) be accepted. CARRIED.

(B) 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Legislative Services dated October 21, 2019 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Chaboyer

457 That pursuant to Organizational By-law No. 6650, regular meetings of City Council be held on the following dates in 2020:

Monday, January 6, 2020	Monday June 15, 2020
Monday, January 20, 2020	Monday, July 13, 2020
Monday, February 3, 2020	Monday, August 10, 2020
Tuesday, February 18, 2020	Tuesday, September 8, 2020
Monday, March 2, 2020	Monday, September 21, 2020
Monday, March 16, 2020	Monday, October 5, 2020
Monday, April 6, 2020	Monday, October 19, 2020
Monday, April 20, 2020	Monday, November 2, 2020
Monday, May 4, 2020	Monday, November 16, 2020
Tuesday, May 19, 2020	Monday, December 7, 2020
Monday, June 1, 2020	Monday, December 21, 2020

CARRIED.

(C) APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR AND ACTING DEPUTY MAYOR

Considered was a report from Legislative Services dated November 7, 2019 with respect to the above.

LoRegio-Luebke

458 That pursuant to Subsection 15(a) of Organizational By-law No. 6650, Councillor Kris Desjarlais be appointed Deputy Mayor to perform all duties of the Mayor, if the Mayor is absent from the municipality, or is incapable, through illness or other cause, of performing his duties as Head of City Council with term of office to expire on November 16, 2020. CARRIED.

LoRegio-Luebke

459 That pursuant to Subsection 15(b) of Organizational By-law No. 6650, Councillor Shawn Berry be appointed Acting Deputy Mayor to perform all duties of the Mayor, if both the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor are absent from the municipality, or are incapable, through illness or other cause, of performing their respective duties as Head or Deputy Head of Council with term of office to expire on November 16, 2020. CARRIED.

(D) APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES

City Council considered a report from Legislative Services dated October 21, 2019 with respect to the above.

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Berry-Parker

That in accordance with Subsection 15(c) of Organizational By-law No. 6650, the following appointments be and are hereby made to the following Council Committees with terms of office to expire November 16, 2020:

Audit and Finance Committee

Mayor Rick Chrest (Chair)
Councillor Shawn Berry
Councillor Glen Parker
Councillor Jeff Fawcett

Personnel Committee

Mayor Rick Chrest (Chair)
Councillor Kris Desjarlais
Councillor Barry Cullen
Councillor John LoRegio

Brandon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

Councillor Glen Parker
Councillor Shaun Cameron

Poverty Committee

Councillor Jan Chaboyer
Councillor Kris Desjarlais
Councillor Bruce Luebke

Grants Review Committee

Councillor Jan Chaboyer
Councillor John LoRegio
Councillor Bruce Luebke

Taxi Appeal Committee

Councillor Ron Brown
Councillor John LoRegio
Councillor Shaun Cameron
Councillor Shawn Berry (Alternate)
Councillor Barry Cullen (Alternate) CARRIED.

(E) APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Submitted for consideration was a report from Legislative Services dated October 21, 2019 with respect to the above.

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Luebke-Cameron

That in accordance with Subsection 15(d) of Organizational By-law No. 6650, the following appointments be and are hereby made to the following boards and committees with terms of office to expire November 16, 2020:

Western Manitoba Regional Library Board

Councillor Ron Brown

Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium Board

Councillor Shaun Cameron

Councillor Jeff Fawcett

Councillor Glen Parker

Brandon General Museum & Archives Inc. Board

Councillor Ron Brown

Councillor Shaun Cameron

Councillor John LoRegio

Building Standards & By-law Compliance Committee

Councillor Jeff Fawcett (Chair)

Councillor Bruce Luebke

Councillor Glen Parker

Councillor Ron Brown (Alternate)

Councillor Jan Chaboyer (Alternate)

Keystone Agriculture & Recreational Centre Board

Councillor Glen Parker

Councillor Bruce Luebke

Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council

Councillor Kris Desjarlais

Councillor Jeff Fawcett

Age Friendly Committee

Councillor Ron Brown

Councillor Jan Chaboyer

Assiniboine Hills Conservation District

Councillor Barry Cullen

Brandon & Area Planning District Board

Mayor Rick Chrest

Councillor Barry Cullen

Councillor Jeff Fawcett

Brandon Downtown Development Corporation

Councillor Kris Desjarlais

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7237 TO AMEND FIRE PREVENTION BY-LAW NO. 7200 – REGULATIONS

Considered was a report from the Director of Legislative Services dated November 6, 2019 with respect to the above.

Cameron-Chaboyer

462 That By-law No. 7237 to amend Fire Prevention By-law No. 7200 with respect to regulations be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7260 2020 FEE SCHEDULE BY-LAW

City Council considered a report from the Director of Finance dated November 2, 2019 with respect to the above.

Chaboyer-Parker

463 That By-law No. 7260, to adopt the Annual Schedule of Fees for services, activities or things provided by the City of Brandon for the year 2020, be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

That the meeting do now adjourn (9:21 p.m.). CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK