

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020
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:

Parker-Cullen
520 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held Monday, January 20, 2020 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Cameron-Chaboyer
521 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on January 6, 2020 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:

(A) DANIELLE HUBBARD, WESTMAN REGIONAL LIBRARY – 2020-2024 STRATEGIC PLAN AND FUNDING REQUEST

Danielle Hubbard, Director of Library Services, appeared before City Council with respect to the Westman Regional Library 2020-2024 Strategic Plan and funding request for 2020. Ms. Hubbard provided an overview of the regional library's membership which included the City of Brandon and the municipalities of Carberry, Neepawa, Glenboro South Cypress, Grassland and North Cypress Langford.

She provided a review of the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan and went over the five goals identified: facility locations, technology, workforce, community programming, and long-term sustainable funding.

Ms. Hubbard requested Council's consideration for funding in the amount of \$6,600 to cover the annual cost for staff parking. Ms. Hubbard thanked Council for their continued support to the Westman Regional Library.

Brown-Chaboyer

522 That the presentation by Danielle Hubbard on behalf of the Westman Regional Library with respect to the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan and funding request be received. CARRIED.

(B) ELISABETH SAFTIUK, BRANDON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – STRATEGIC PLAN AND FUNDING REQUEST

Elisabeth Saftiuk, Executive Director of Brandon Downtown Development Corporation (BDDC), appeared before City Council with respect to the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation's Strategic Plan and funding for 2020. Ms. Saftiuk provided a summary and review of the BDDC's redevelopment projects, rent abatement funding, façade and storefront improvement programs, and additional projects delivered in 2019. She outlined the BDDC's Strategic Plan, Mission, Vision, Mandate and provided an overview of the seven strategies BDDC would focus on over the next few years.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of BDDC, Ms. Saftiuk requested \$300,000 funding from the City of Brandon for 2020.

Luebke-Chaboyer

523 That the presentation by Elisabeth Saftiuk on behalf of the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation with respect to its Strategic Plan and funding request be received. CARRIED.

(C) SANDY DONALD AND JAMES MCCRAE, WESTMAN MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL – REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS

Sandy Donald, Vice Chair and James McCrae, Chair of Westman Multicultural Festival, appeared before City Council with respect to the upcoming 2020 Westman Multicultural Festival and to request designation as a Community Event. Mr. McCrae advised that the 17th Annual Festival would take place January 23 – 25, 2020 and would host ten pavilions this year with a Manitoba 150 Celebration theme. Mr. Donald indicated the pavilions were heavily volunteer-based, and anyone could volunteer at any of the pavilions. He noted that volunteers were still needed and encouraged anyone interested in volunteering to access information on the website at www.gotothepavilions.com.

Parker-Cameron

524 That the presentation by Sandy Donald and James McCrae with respect to obtaining Community Event Designation for the 2020 Westman Multicultural Festival to be held January 23 - 25, 2020 be received. CARRIED.

Parker-Fawcett

525 That the Westman Multicultural Festival to be held January 23 - 25, 2020 be hereby designated as a Community Event in the City of Brandon whereby said Festival shall include the following pavilions at the listed locations:

- English Pavilion – Grand Salon Victoria Inn, 3550 Victoria Avenue
- El Salvadoran Pavilion - North End Community Centre, 1313 Stickney Avenue
- Ukrainian Pavilion – Ukrainian National Hall, 1133 Stickney Avenue
- India Pavilion – Dome Building, Keystone Grounds
- Jamaican Pavilion – Prairie Oasis, 241-8th Street
- Mauritian Pavilion – Central United Church, 327 - 8th Street
- Métis Pavilion – Westman Centennial Auditorium, 205-20th Street
- Mexico Pavilion – Brandon Shiners Club, 1110 McTavish Avenue East
- Philippine Pavilion - Clarion Hotel & Suites, 3130 Victoria Avenue
- Scottish Pavilion - Imperial Ballroom Victoria Inn, 3550 Victoria Avenue. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) POVERTY COMMITTEE VERBAL JANUARY 20, 2020

Councillor Desjarlais provided a verbal report from the meeting of the Poverty Committee held on January 15, 2020. He indicated that new member Marian Goldstone and returning member Susan Spring were welcomed to the committee and provided with an overview on the Community Indicators System.

He reported that Dr. Kristen Lowitt and Olivia Boyce provided the committee with an update and future plans for the Brandon Food Council, and stated that invitations were being sent out to Connie Walker, Dr. Lorna Turnbull and Evelyn Forget to provide presentations to the Committee at a future meeting.

Finally, he noted that a brief discussion was held regarding the process in which the Province was selling off Manitoba Housing assets, whereby the Committee would be sending a letter to the Provincial Government inquiring into the formal process of selling affordable housing assets.

Luebke-Brown

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

ENQUIRIES:

(96) PEDESTRIAN CORRIDOR LIGHT ACTIVATION BUTTONS

Councillor Chaboyer advised that she had received a complaint from a resident with respect to the pedestrian light activation buttons being located in the middle of the intersections at both 1st Street and Queens Avenue and 3rd Street and Richmond Avenue. She noted that the buttons were difficult to get to in the winter months due to snow build-up and enquired why same were not located on the curbs by the sidewalks only rather than forcing pedestrians to stop in the middle and push the button again.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that push buttons for pedestrian corridors were located in the centre medians of arterial streets to allow for each direction of travel to be controlled separately as a pedestrian crossed. He explained that having both directions stopped at the same time may cause an unnecessary delay and the potential for non-compliance from motorists increased. The Acting City Manager advised that the Engineering Department received many reports of impatient motorists who were witnessed not stopping for pedestrians and the buttons in the centre median offered a refuge for pedestrians as well as another reminder for vehicles to stop. Mr. Hammond agreed to contact Manitoba Infrastructure who were responsible for maintenance of these streets to ensure the snow was cleared for easy access to the buttons.

(97) OPERATION OF SNOWMOBILES WITHIN CITY LIMITS OF BRANDON

Councillor Berry advised that the operation of snowmobiles within city limits had recently increased and was causing concern. He requested this situation be monitored and a report back, inclusive of the fines and penalties for same, be provided.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MANITOBA AG DAYS - KICKOFF BREAKFAST

Councillor Luebke announced that the Kickoff Breakfast for Manitoba Ag Days would take place on January 21, 2020 from 7:30 - 8:45 a.m. in the Great Canadian Roadhouse at Canad Inns. He advised that the minimum donation was \$5.00 with the proceeds going towards Manitoba Ag in the Classroom.

VALLEYVIEW GRADES 5/6 VISIT TO CITY HALL

Councillor Cameron thanked His Worship the Mayor for joining him in welcoming the Grade 5/6 students and staff from Valleyview School for a tour of City Hall on January 15, 2020. He noted that Mayor Chrest provided quick responses to the students many questions, making it a very informative visit.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Nil

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7264

TO CLOSE AND REOPEN THE EAST/WEST LEG OF LIMESTONE ROAD AND SHALE ROAD AND TO CLOSE AND CONVEY PORTIONS OF THE NORTH/SOUTH LEGS OF LIMESTONE ROAD

City Council considered a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated January 9, 2020 with respect to the above.

Chaboyer-Cullen

527 That By-Law No. 7264 to close the east/west leg of Limestone Road and Shale Road and reopen the portion located 300 feet to the northern property line between 23 and 44 Limestone Road and between 26 and 38 Limestone Road, and to close and convey portions of the north/south legs of Limestone Road being the southerly 300 feet, whereby the westerly portion of Limestone Road will be consolidated with 26 Limestone Road (approximately 100" x 300"), and the easterly portion will be consolidated with 38 Limestone Road (approximately 100" x 300"), be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

That the meeting do now adjourn (8:28 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK