

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 15, 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:**

**Chaboyer-Cullen**  
730 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of City Council to be held Monday, June 15, 2020 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

**RECOGNITIONS:**

(A) **SERVICE RECOGNITION PINS - ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA MUNICIPALITIES**

His Worship Mayor Chrest presented members of City Council with their service recognition pins from the Association of Manitoba (AMM). He noted that the service pins were awarded by AMM for years of service as an elected official, in 5 year increments. The following members were recognized:

Councillor Shawn Berry - 10 years of service  
Councillor Jan Chaboyer - 10 years of service  
Councillor Jeff Fawcett - 10 years of service

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

**Cameron-Parker**  
731 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on June 1, 2020 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

**HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:**

(A) **LONNIE PATTERSON, WESTMAN FAMILIES OF ADDICTS – “A ROADMAP TO SOLUTIONS” REPORT**

Lonnie Patterson, Vice President of Westman Families of Addicts, appeared before City Council with respect to “A Roadmap to Solutions”.

She advised that Westman Families of Addicts held a public forum at the beginning of December 2019 to gather information from the community. She noted this public forum had been funded by a grant from the City of Brandon and funds from the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation. The information gathered was compiled into a report for a roadmap to solutions for the addiction crisis in Brandon.

Ms. Patterson shared the three main themes within the report being: more community education; better systems of support for people with addictions; and better systems of support for families and friends that help them. She stated the need to reduce the stigma in the community, as an addiction was a disease with a clear cause. She indicated the need for better systems of support in housing, employment, and social integration.

Ms. Patterson thanked City Council for their continued support of Westman Families of Addicts and invited Council to lobby the Province for more medical detox beds.

Luebke-Berry

732 That the presentation by Lonnie Patterson of Westman Families of Addicts with respect to the "A Roadmap to Solutions" Report be received. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

Nil

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A)	<u>POVERTY COMMITTEE</u>	VERBAL	JUNE 15, 2020
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Councillor Desjarlais provided an overview of the recent virtual meeting of the Poverty Committee held June 9, 2020.

He stated that Olivia Boyce from the Brandon Food Council, Ross Robinson from The John Howard Society and Dwayne Dyck from The Westman Youth for Christ were all in attendance to provide updates on their organizations and programs available to individuals in the community. Councillor Desjarlais noted that Everyone Eats, in partnership with The John Howard Society, Brandon University and Assiniboine Community College, provided healthy meals for any donation. Trial dates were held on June 10, 11 & 12 and provided 200 meals per day. Individuals can visit [www.everyoneeatsbrandon.ca](http://www.everyoneeatsbrandon.ca) to view the menu and place an order.

Councillor Luebke added that the program was successful during it's the first trial week and would providing meals again on June 17, 18 & 20.

Councillor Loregio questioned if a report would be provided on non-profit organizations and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Councillor Desjarlais confirm that a report would be completed in the future.

Luebke-Chaboyer

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

ENQUIRIES:

(123) DUST CONTROL IN BACK LANES

Councillor LoRegio advised that dust continued to be a problem in back lanes throughout the City of Brandon and enquired when the dust control program was expected to commence.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the application of dust control product was scheduled to begin June 16, 2020 with same expected to be completed within two weeks.

(124) PROPOSED UPGRADE TO PACIFIC AVENUE EAST OF 26TH STREET

Councillor Cameron requested an update on the expected completion of the proposed upgrades to Pacific Avenue east of 26th Street, inclusive of when the parking lot of the apartment complex was expected to be accessible again.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that final paving of Pacific Avenue east of 26th Street was expected to be completed this week and the road reopened within 2 days of the completion of the work.

(125) TRAINS BLOCKING INTERSECTION AT 26TH STREET AND PACIFIC AVENUE

Councillor Cameron advised that trains blocking the intersection at 26th Street and McDonald Avenue were becoming a concern for area residents. He noted that in one such instance, the Canadian Pacific (CP) Rail train idled in the intersection for 26 minutes. He enquired as to the length of time trains were allowed to block an intersection, and further, if this concern could be raised with CP Rail.

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

(126) ROAD REPAIRS TO 26TH STREET WEST OF J. R. REID SCHOOL

Councillor Cameron noted that 26th Street west of J.R. Reid School was in need of some repairs. He advised that an area resident wanting to do repairs to the approach to their property had enquired when the street repairs were expected to take place to ensure the repairs to their own property coincided with same.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the reconstruction of 26th Street between Van Horne and Park Avenues was scheduled for 2022 as part of the City of Brandon's 10-year Capital Plan.

(127) BAN OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS

Councillor Luebke requested an update on the status of a draft City of Brandon by-law banning single-use plastic bags by January 1, 2021 should a province-wide ban not be implemented. Councillor Luebke noted that the COVID-19 Pandemic had caused the Provincial Government to focus on other important issues and requested an update on the potential province-wide ban or the need for a by-law to be created.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the Provincial Government remained committed to the elimination of single-use plastic bags; however, COVID-19 had caused delays in the process. He also noted that the pandemic had forced some larger chain stores to change their policies with respect to reusable bags in stores and single-use plastic bags had been brought back into use. Mr. Hammond confirmed that City Administration continued to navigate the potential for a City of Brandon by-law should a province-wide ban not be implemented. He encouraged City Council to champion the use of reusable bags and advised that recycle bins for plastic bags were located at the Safeway, Sobeys and Co-op Grocery stores.

(128) GOPHERS IN CITY GREENSPACE IN BROOKWOOD AREA

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Councillor Berry advised that gophers were becoming a problem in the Brookwood area. He advised that the rodents were coming from the City's Greenspace that backed onto the south side of Chinook Way. He noted that there were a significant number of gophers in the area and enquired if this issue could be investigated and rectified before more excessive damage was done.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the Brandon Police Service Animal Control Officer had been dispatched to the area and began an eradication of gophers on June 12, 2020. He confirmed that the Officer was expected to attend the area daily for the next two weeks to ensure the issue was resolved. Mr. Hammond encouraged area residents to work with local pest control companies to deal with the issues on private property.

(129) BACK LANE MAINTENANCE

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Councillor Berry referred to the ongoing problem of back lane maintenance in the City of Brandon. He enquired if contracting out the back lane maintenance or partnering with the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis on the maintenance of Patricia Avenue could be considered as it had been in the past.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Acting City Manager responded that the majority of the back lanes had been graded with problem areas receiving the same amount of maintenance as previous years. He confirmed that the dust suppressant was to be applied this week throughout the City of Brandon, weather permitting.

The Acting City Manager advised that Patricia Avenue was graded at least three times per year with the City of Brandon having taken over maintenance of this roadway from the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis approximately six years ago. He confirmed that this roadway had seen a significant increase in vehicle traffic over the past few years and although a partnership with Cornwallis had not been considered, it had also not been ruled out. Mr. Hammond advised that contracting out back lane maintenance was not possible in this unionized environment, however, he noted that a vacant operator position was expected to be filled in the near future, relieving some of the staffing shortages.

Councillor Berry and Councillor LoRegio referred to recent discussions where by it had been noted that a Back Lane Strategy was in the works and was expected to be implemented by now. They requested an update on the status of same.

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

(130) CHANGES TO DIRECT LOCK-UP BY POLICE AND IMPACTS ON OPERATIONS/BUDGET

Councillor Chaboyer referred to recent news reports whereby it had been confirmed that the Brandon Police Service was now responsible for maintaining 24 hour holding cells for those arrested prior to their appearance in court rather than transporting them to Brandon Correctional Centre. She noted that while this was originally a temporary situation due to COVID-19, the Province of Manitoba recently announced that this was to be a permanent measure. Councillor Chaboyer stated that this was going to have significant impacts on the Police Service Budget and enquired if a meeting between the Brandon Police Service, the Brandon Police Board and City Council could be arranged to discuss this matter in detail.

His Worship Mayor Chrest responded that the announcement had taken everyone by surprise and that the Brandon Police Board had discussed it at their meeting held Friday, June 12, 2020. His Worship advised that he had spoken with the Minister of Justice and Attorney General The Honourable Cliff Cullen regarding this issue and been assured that the Province of Manitoba was ready and willing to assist the City of Brandon with this matter. Mayor Chrest advised that a consultant had been appointed to work with the Brandon Police Service and City Council was to be kept updated on this important issue moving forward. His Worship agreed with Councillor Chaboyer that a meeting between the three parties would be beneficial and that same would be arranged in the near future.

(131) SHORTAGE OF SOCCER FIELDS IN THE COMMUNITY

Councillor Chaboyer advised that she had recently met with members of the Latino Soccer League and the Director of Parks and Recreation where they had discussed the shortage of soccer fields in the City of Brandon. She enquired if solutions to this shortage, inclusive of potential community partnerships, could be sought in the near future to ensure space was available once the COVID-19 restrictions were lifted.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DECORATION DAY CEREMONY AT CENOTAPH

Councillor Desjarlais announced that he had been pleased to represent City Council at the Decoration Day Ceremony held June 7, 2020 at the Cenotaph in the City of Brandon Cemetery. He advised that he was unaware of this ceremony until he had been asked to attend and had enjoyed the history lesson he received through his research.

FIRST HOLE-IN-ONE AT WHEAT CITY GOLF COURSE - COUNCILLOR DESJARLAIS

Councillor Fawcett announced that the first hole-in-one of the season at the Wheat City Golf Course had been hit by Councillor Kris Desjarlais on the third hole. He congratulated him on his great game.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) QUOTATION - AIR CONDITIONING UPGRADES

City Council considered a report from the Acting Director of Public Works dated June 3, 2020 with respect to the above.

Cameron-Berry

734 That the low bid submitted by Brandon Heating & Plumbing (1998) Ltd. for Air Conditioning Upgrades, as per the Quotation and Specifications at a cost of \$79,102.11 (net of GST) be approved. CARRIED.

Cameron-Chaboyer

735 That the additional funding requirements be expended from the following reserves:

Municipal Building Maintenance Reserve	\$26,300
A.R. McDiarmid Reserve	\$2,500

CARRIED.

(B) KIWANIS CLUB FUNDING REQUEST - LAURENCE AND LOUISE PLAYGROUND

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Manager of Parks dated June 5, 2020 with respect to the above.

Parker-Luebke

736 That \$150,000 be provided to the Kiwanis Club of Brandon for the completion of a renewed park facility at the Laurence & Louise Playground, with said funds to be expended from the Parks Reserve. CARRIED.

(C) 2020 CITY OF BRANDON BORROWING

Considered was a report from the Director of Finance dated June 9, 2020 with respect to the above.

Fawcett-Parker

737 That pursuant to Section 173(1) of The Municipal Act, the borrowing of funds from the Bank of Montreal, for general operating expenses, not exceeding \$22,350,000 be authorized, and further that these funds only be used for general operating expenses and all sums borrowed pursuant to this resolution be supported by a charge upon the whole of the revenues of the municipality. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7276 TO NAME STREETS IN THE BELLAFIELD DEVELOPMENT AS ALLISON WAY AND FERRARO DRIVE, AND EXTEND HANLON CRESCENT TO THE WEST, CONTINUING TO CHIPPERFIELD DRIVE

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It was noted that this by-law received first reading on June 1, 2020.

Berry-Luebke

738 That By-law No. 7276, to extend Hanlon Crescent to the west, continuing to Chipperfield Drive, to name the north/south street located within Hanlon Crescent as "Allison Way" and to name the street located southeast of Chipperfield Drive as "Ferraro Drive" be read a second time. CARRIED.

Berry-Chrest

739 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. 7276 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



NO. 7278 TO REZONE 135, 141, 143 AND 147 – 18TH STREET FROM COMMERCIAL RESTRICTED ZONE TO DOWNTOWN MIXED USE ZONE

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City Council considered a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated May 28, 2020 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Cameron

740 to rezone properties located at 131, 135, 141, 143, and 147 – 18th Street (Part Lots 1 and 11, and Lots 2/10, Block 52, Plan 2 BLTO) from Commercial Restricted (CR) to Downtown Mixed Use (DMU) be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

That the meeting do now adjourn. (8:26 p.m.) CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK