

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA

PRESENT: Mayor Rick Chrest In The Chair, Councillor Shawn Berry, Councillor Shaun Cameron, Councillor Jan Chaboyer, Councillor Barry Cullen, Councillor Kris Desjarlais, Councillor Jeff Fawcett, Councillor Sunday Frangi, Councillor Bruce Luebke, Councillor Glen Parker

ABSENT: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Cullen-Desjarlais
1631 That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Monday August 15, 2022 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Luebke-Frangi
1632 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Monday, June 27, 2022 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Parker-Frangi
1633 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Monday, July 18, 2022 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Cameron-Luebke
1634 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, July 18, 2022 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Chaboyer-Cameron
1635 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Wednesday, July 27, 2022 be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

Nil

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

(A) BY-LAW NO. 7331 TO BORROW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE SOUTHEAST AREA OF BRANDON

Debbie Kynoch, 9th Street resident of the southeast area of Brandon, raised concerns regarding lack of water flow in the drainage ditch along backyards of residential properties on 9th Street, and the north side of condo properties on Aldrin Avenue, and south of the fence for Maryland Park school. She spoke to drainage issues resulting from soil erosion, vegetation growth, build-up of sediment, water backup, rain water, and increased development in the area. She indicated these serious concerns with drainage need to be addressed with respect to the construction of the new stormwater infrastructure in the southeast area of Brandon and Borrowing By-law No. 7331.

(B) REQUEST FOR COMMERCIAL ACCESS PTH 10 SOUTH OF PATRICIA AVENUE

Logan Praznik, area resident spoke to the development and commercial access request to PTH 10 south of Patricia Avenue with concerns relating to the development with active transportation routes. He raised concerns with the potential lack of pedestrian and cyclist accessibility in the proposed development.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Nil

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nil

ENQUIRIES:

(302) TRANS CANADA HIGHWAY BETWEEN 1ST AND 18TH STREETS

Mayor Chrest noted that, while the Trans-Canada Highway both east and west of Brandon was being repaved, the one-mile section between 1st and 18th Streets remained in poor condition. His Worship enquired if an update from Manitoba Infrastructure outlining the proposed time for repairs to this section of the road could be provided.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that Manitoba Infrastructure had contracted a local asphalt paving company to mill and overlay this section of PTH 1 within Brandon City Limits with the work expected to be completed this year.

(303) BUS SERVICE TO ARENA ON PATRICIA AVENUE

Councillor Cameron enquired if bus service to the arena and other businesses on Patricia Avenue in the far south end of the City of Brandon.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that Brandon Transit continually evaluated transit routes to ensure sufficient service existed as the city continued to expand. He confirmed that there were no plans for a transit route to the J & G Arena as that property is located outside of the city limits.

(304) DRAINAGE DITCH BEHIND MARYLAND PARK SCHOOL

Councillor Cameron raised concerns with respect to drainage along the ditch behind Maryland Park School and enquired if an update on same could be provided.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that concerns had been raised with various departments regarding the drainage along this ditch. Mr. Bowles confirmed that, while there was a base flow in the ditch, regular maintenance would take place to ensure flow was not hampered by the growth of cattails in the area. He noted that the placement of rip rap around land drainage outlets at the time of construction required increased attention when mowing, with staff having been advised of same.

(305) UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM DOWNTOWN WELLNESS AND SAFETY TASK FORCE

Councillor Desjarlais requested an update on the implementation of the first set of recommendations from the Downtown Wellness and Safety Task Force.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that, along with working with social services organizations, the establishment of a downtown policing unit and the initiation of a security program, the Task Force was working on a number of long-term recommendations. Mr. Bowles advised that these long-term recommendations, to be presented to City Council later this year, were expected to have a lasting impact on peoples' lives, businesses and overall public safety. He confirmed that the 12 recommended initiatives approved by City Council in May were all being implemented with the Brandon Police Service, Boss Security, Sanitation and City Planning all doing their part to ensure a safe and prosperous downtown.

Further to this issue, Councillor Desjarlais requested and quarterly update from the Task Force be provided to City Council.

The City Manager agreed that a regular report to City Council would be provided by the Task Force Chair, with the next report to be proved late September or early October.

(306) UPDATE ON ROAD CONDITIONS IN THE CEMETERY

Councillor Chaboyer noted that some of the roadways within the Brandon Cemetery were in poor condition and enquired if repairs to same could be made as soon as possible.

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

(307) BOIL WATER ADVISORY

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the General Manager of Operations provided an update on where the break was, the size of same and confirmed that the Advisory had been issued by Manitoba Health. Mr. Pulak stated that the samples had been sent to Winnipeg for testing with the results expected to be received late Tuesday. The General Manager confirmed that if the results were good the advisory would be lifted.

(308) PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS FOR EMERGENCIES, ADVISORIES AND STORM WATCHES

Councillor Berry raised concerns with respect to the notifications of the Boil Water Advisory having been issued mostly through social media. He noted that many residents do not have access to computers and were unaware of the advisory until neighbors shared the information. He enquired if different methods of getting the word out could be considered for future emergencies such as this. His Worship Mayor Chrest reiterated Councillor Berry's concerns and spoke about the need for better communication with the public for notification of events such as this as well as flood alerts and storm

watches. His Worship explained that not all residents had cell phones or were active on social media and there needed to be ways to get the message out quickly to all residents.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager agreed to discuss this issue with the Communications Department and look at other means of communication, inclusive of the emergency alerting system and television and radio news programs.

(309) GARBAGE BINS BEING TOSSED INTO THE KINSMEN POOL

Councillor Parker advised that there had been two recent incidents whereby vandals had tossed garbage bins over the fence and into the Kinsmen Pool. He noted that this was the only pool in the city and many families would be negatively impacted should it have to be closed for maintenance and cleaning. Councillor Parker enquired if the Brandon Police Service could be requested to conduct increased patrols in this area during the late evening and overnight.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager agreed to contact the Chief of Police with this request.

Following the meeting the Police Chief confirmed that extra patrols would be conducted in this area, and further, the Citizens on Patrol Program will be made aware of the situation to ensure they monitored the area as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WARD NO. 7 MEETING - JULY 28, 2022

Councillor Berry announced that a Ward No. 7 meeting was held July 28, 2022 with 33 residents in attendance. He thanked residents and members of administration for participating in the successful event.

SUNFLOWERS PLANTED IN SOLIDARITY WITH UKRAINE

His Worship Mayor Chrest reminded everyone of the planting of sunflowers in solidarity with Ukraine. He announced that residents of 2nd Street North had planted sunflowers which had grown to great heights. He thanked the residents for their community spirit and for showing solidarity with Ukraine.

FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES (FCM) - DONATION OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS

His Worship Mayor Chrest advised that, as the virtual host of the 2021 FCM Board Meeting, he had received a number of children's books from various municipalities across the country. His Worship announced that the books would be given to the Western Manitoba Regional Library and thanked the Mayors and CAOs for their generous donations.

2022 MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

His Worship Mayor Chrest reminded everyone of the 2022 Municipal and School Board Elections on October 26, 2022. He invited everyone to get involved in the Election whether to let their name stand as a candidate, support a candidate or get out and vote. He expressed hope for and encouraged a diverse pool of candidates for same.

PASSING OF FORMER COUNCILLOR JOE THOMASSEN

His Worship Mayor Chrest extended condolences to the family of former City Councillor and School Board Trustee, Joe Thomassen who recently passed away. He reminded everyone that Mr. Thomassen was the silversmith who created the Mayor's Chain of Office he wore tonight.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY PLAN WESTERN MANITOBA CENTENNIAL AUDITORIUM

City Council considered a report from Councillor Shaun Cameron dated August 4, 2022 with respect to the above.

Cameron-Parker

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That the City enter into a formal agreement with the Province of Manitoba for the creation of a long-term sustainability plan for the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium (WMCA);

And that the City equally cost share the project with the Province of Manitoba with each partner contributing (up to) \$75,000;

And that the City's (up to) \$75,000 portion be expended from the Centennial Auditorium grant funding cost center. CARRIED.

(B) COMMERCIAL ACCESS PTH 10 (18TH STREET) SOUTH OF PATRICIA AVENUE

Considered was a report from the Director of Engineering dated August 15, 2022 with respect to the above.

Berry-Cullen

- 1637 That the City of Brandon support the request for access, from VBJ Developments to Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI), located on PTH 10 (18th St) south of Patricia Avenue, recognizing the approval would deviate from standard MTI policy. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7331 TO BORROW FOR CONSTRUCTION NEW STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE IN SOUTHEAST AREA OF BRANDON
2ND & 3RD READINGS

Considered was a report from the Acting Director of Finance dated July 11, 2022 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Chaboyer

- 1638 That By-law No. 7331 to provide for the borrowing and expenditure of funds for the purpose of constructing new stormwater infrastructure in the southeast of Brandon, including stormwater retention ponds, storm sewers, and ditching be read a second time. CARRIED.

Desjarlais-Chaboyer

- 1639 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. 7331 third reading.

FOR

AGAINST

Mayor Rick Chrest
Councillor Shawn Berry
Councillor Shaun Cameron
Councillor Jan Chaboyer
Councillor Barry Cullen
Councillor Kris Desjarlais
Councillor Jeff Fawcett
Councillor Sunday Frangi
Councillor Bruce Luebke
Councillor Glen Parker

NO. 7339 TO AMEND LICENSING BY-LAW NO. 6009 – TEMPORARY FOOD SERVICE
1ST READING

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Legislative Services Department dated August 9, 2022 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Cameron

1640 That By-law No. 7339 to amend Licensing By-law No. 6009 to include Temporary Food Service Establishments Blanket License for a single event be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

That the meeting do no adjourn. (9:12 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

A/CITY CLERK