

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024
AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON,
MANITOBA**

PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Fawcett In The Chair, Councillor Shawn Berry, Councillor Barry Cullen, Councillor Kris Desjarlais, Councillor Greg Hildebrand, Councillor Heather Karrouze, Councillor Bruce Luebke, Councillor Glen Parker, Councillor Jason Splett, Councillor Tyson Tame

ABSENT: Councillor Shaun Cameron

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Cullen-Splett

851 That the Agenda for the regular meeting of City Council to be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Parker-Tame

852 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Monday, April 29, 2024, be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Tame-Splett

853 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Monday, May 6, 2024, be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Karrouze-Splett

854 That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held Monday, May 6, 2024, be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

Splett-Hildebrand

855 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held Thursday, May 9, 2024, be taken as read and so adopted, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. CARRIED.

HEARING OF PRESENTATIONS:

(A) DEANNA SMID & GRANT HAMILTON - BEE U HONEYBEE HIVES

Grant Hamilton and Deanna Smid, coordinators of the Bee U Honeybee hives at Brandon University, appeared before City Council to provide an update on the Pollinator Project.

Mr. Hamilton provided an overview of the 5-year pilot project as authorized by the City to explore the context of urban bee keeping in the City of Brandon and Western Manitoba.

Mr. Hamilton noted an additional swarm of bees colonized a leftover honeybee hive at Brandon University on their own accord near the end of the season of 2023, and felt that terminating the bees was not an ethical decision. They kept the additional fifth hive as a backup in the off chance any hives were lost during winter. However, no hives were lost, and they are now technically in breach of the variance which limits them to four hives in addition to the nucleus hive. He noted that their variance was based off of Winnipeg's By-law, which is more restrictive than other cities, and asked City Council how to best approach the situation.

Hildebrand-Cullen

856 That the presentation by Deanna Smid and Grant Hamilton with respect to an update on the Brandon University Bee U Honeybee Hives Project be received. CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:

(A) DOWNTOWN MARKET HOUSING INCENTIVE BY-LAW NO. 7380

James Epp, area resident addressed Council with respect to the Downtown Market Housing Incentive By-law No. 7380. He raised questions regarding the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) and what percentage will go to this incentive? Mr. Epp spoke to transparency, growth, assessment and property values. He spoke of the concept of equal benefit of the law, and that this bylaw is neither equal nor equitable. He urged Council to share their thoughts on this bylaw, and to potentially table their decision for third reading until it is known how much funds will be received under HAF.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

(A) SALAMANDER MUSIC FESTIVAL - COMMUNITY EVENT DESIGNATION

Sheri Connery, Chair of the Salamander Summer Music Festival, and Jenn Watson, Secretary, appeared before City Council with respect to the Salamander Summer Music Festival. Ms. Connery provided an overview on the history of the Salamander Music Festival, and stated the importance of hosting an accessible and local music festival which benefits to both performers and spectators. Ms. Connery noted the Salamander Festival will be held from July 19th to 21, 2024 at Rideau Park, and inquired about attaining a full-site liquor license for this year's event.

Parker-Tame

857 That the presentation by Sheri Connery and Jenn Watson with respect to the Salamander Music Festival be received;

And further, that the 2024 Salamander Music Festival to be held July 19-21, 2024 in Rideau Park be designated a Community Event in the City of Brandon. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(A) TO DESIGNATE 318 - 11TH ST AS A MUNICIPAL HERITAGE SITE

City Council sat to hear representation with respect to By-law No. 7384 to designate 318 - 11th Street as a municipal heritage site.

Desjarlais-Splett

858 That the Public Hearing with respect to the proposed designation of the land and premises located at 318 - 11th Street (Lots 9, 10 and 11, Block 24, Plan 2 BLTO) as a Municipal heritage Site be concluded. CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(A) COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE VERBAL MAY 21, 2024

The City Clerk advised that City Council had met in a Committee of the Whole Meeting closed to the public on May 21, 2024 to consider a presentation from Administration with respect to a land sale.

Tame-Parker

859 That the net increase of developable land between the existing and proposed subdivision layout of approximately 9.5 acres within 1910 Victoria Avenue East (Attachment B-2) be sold to 6468251 Manitoba Ltd. for \$1 to facilitate an industrial subdivision, subject to the applicant executing a development agreement with the City and registering the road closure in series with the plan of subdivision;

And further, that Administration be authorized to execute the associated agreements required to protect the City's interests in accordance with any procedures policies, by-laws and Acts. CARRIED.

Tame-Parker

860 That the verbal report of the Committee of the Whole be received. CARRIED.

(B) BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES INC. VERBAL MAY 21, 2024

Councillor Splett provided a verbal report from the recent meeting of the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. (BGMA) held on May 7, 2024. He noted the main topics discussed were reports from staff, financial reports, BGMA Grants, the 2024 budget, Speaker Series, and their future at the Cultural Centre. Councillor Splett concluded by stating the Speaker Series is on hold for the summer months, and will be moving to walking tours and Show & Tell series for September 2024.

(C) AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE VERBAL MAY 21, 2024

Councillor Karrouze provided a verbal report from the recent meeting of the Age Friendly Committee held on May 16, 2024. She noted they welcomed two new members to the committee. They plan to produce vignettes with cooperation from WCGtv which highlight the pillars of an age friendly community. She stated next month there will be a distribution of Age Friendly's first monthly newsletter via email and social media. Councillor Karrouze concluded by noting 14 communities attended the Manitoba Age Friendly Connecting with Communities event held at Seniors for Seniors on May 7, 2024.

Splett-Karrouze

861 That the verbal reports of the Age Friendly Committee and the Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. Board be received. CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES:

(145) CEMETERY ROAD REPAIRS - UPDATE

Councillor Hildebrand referred to a previous enquiry whereby he had noted that some of the paved roads/pathways in the cemetery were in disrepair and enquired when repairs to same could be expected.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager confirmed that the repairs were expected to be completed in the near future.

(146) TIMELINE FOR UNDERGROUND REPAIRS TO 18TH STREET

Councillor Luebke enquired if an update could be provided on the expected timelines for the underground repairs on 18th Street that were required to be completed prior to Manitoba Infrastructure initiating repairs to the street itself.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the tenders had been issued with a closing date of May 28, 2024 and the required completion date for the work was July 31, 2024. He confirmed that those dates had been communicated to Manitoba Infrastructure who were expected to provide an update on their timelines very soon.

(147) PROVINCE OF MANITOBA MUNICIPAL FUNDING INCREASE

Councillor Luebke noted that the Province of Manitoba's 2024 Budget had included a 2% increase in municipal funding and enquired what that increase meant for the City of Brandon 2024 financial year.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager responded that the amount of the operating grant from the Province of Manitoba had not yet been received. He confirmed that City Council would be provided with an update once the Province had provided the details on 2024 funding.

(148) THEFT FROM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor Splett referred to a recent media release regarding a 30-year-old female being charged with theft over \$5,000 for e-transferring \$48,767 of community centre funds to her personal e-mail. He stated that, for everyone's peace of mind, the community should be made aware of which Community Centre these funds had been taken from.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager confirmed that the theft was from Valleyview Community Centre.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) BRANDON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

Submitted for consideration was a report from Brandon Airport Manager dated January 23, 2024 with respect to the above.

Karrouze-Splett

862 That Council approve the Brandon Municipal Airport Master Plan. CARRIED.

(B) REQUEST TO SUBMIT RESOLUTION TO AMM TO ASK THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA TO AMEND HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT IMAGE CAPTURING ENFORCEMENT REGULATION

City Council considered a report from Councillor Bruce Luebke dated May 15, 2024 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Splett

863 Brandon City Council authorize all three of the previous options; submit a resolution for consideration by the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) to ask the Province of Manitoba to amend The Highway Traffic Act Image Capturing Enforcement Regulation 220/2002; Brandon City Council submit a request to the Province of Manitoba to amend The Highway Traffic Act Image Capturing Enforcement Regulation 220/2002, specifically to change Section 5, Authorized Municipalities and police services, to allow image enforcement in the City of Brandon, and Brandon City Council request analysis and a recommendation from the Vision Zero Task Force regarding Image Enforcement, with a report to be submitted for City Council consideration no later than September 16, 2024. CARRIED.

Luebke-Splett

864 WHEREAS *The Highway Traffic Act* of Manitoba regulates the use and operations of vehicles on Manitoba's roads and highways and includes *Image Capturing Enforcement Regulation 220/2002* which regulates and permits the use of photo enforcement technology within Manitoba; and

WHEREAS the *Image Capturing Enforcement Regulation 220/2002* was put into force in 2002 and is limited to the City of Winnipeg and the Winnipeg Police Service on behalf of the City of Winnipeg; and

WHEREAS Photo enforcement is part of a strategy to make public highways and streets safe for drivers, pedestrians and cyclist alike, and these programs aim to decrease speed

related fatalities, collisions and injuries by encouraging drivers to reduce their speed and stopping at red lights;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to amend *The Highway Traffic Act Image Capturing Enforcement Regulation 220/2002* Section 5, Authorized Municipalities and Police Services to allow image enforcement on public streets and highways in all cities and municipalities in the Province of Manitoba. CARRIED.

(C) CITY OF BRANDON BUDGET TIMELINES

Submitted for consideration was a report from Councillor Bruce Luebke dated May 21, 2024 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Berry

865 The City of Brandon City Council and administration outline the timeline for the annual budgeting process at the annual organization meeting, which is normally held in November of each year.

The timeline would include but would not be limited to deadlines and dates for:

1. The deadline for budget documents are to be provided to the council
2. The deadline for the budget documents to be released to the public
3. Special Meetings Schedule
4. Budget Deliberations date(s)
5. Final administrative changes to the budget
6. Financial Plan Public Hearing Date. CARRIED.

(D) FUNDS FROM AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESERVE 353 - 16th STREET NORTH FUNDING REQUEST

Considered was a report from the Finance Department dated May 13, 2024 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Tame

866 That the John Howard Society of Brandon Inc. be authorized to receive the remaining funds from the Manitoba Housing Renewal Corporation (MHRC) Municipal Grant Fund, including any interest incurred at the time of payment (currently \$474,000) as per the March 24, 2021 funding agreement, and up to \$200,000 from the Affordable Housing Reserve;

And further, that Administration be authorized to execute the associated agreements required to protect the City's interest in accordance with any procedures, policies, by-laws and Acts. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

NO. 7343

TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 7080 - SOUTHWEST BRANDON SECONDARY PLAN
3RD READING

City Council considered a report from the Department of Planning & Buildings dated May 9, 2024 with respect to the above.

Berry-Parker

867 That By-law No. 7343 to amend the Southwest Brandon Secondary Plan By-law No. 7080 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. 7343 third reading.

FOR

AGAINST

Mayor Jeff Fawcett
Councillor Shawn Berry
Councillor Barry Cullen
Councillor Kris Desjarlais
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NO. 7380

DOWNTOWN MARKET HOUSING INCENTIVE BY-LAW
AMENDMENT 3RD READING

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated April 10, 2024 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Luebke

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That Downtown Market Housing Incentive By-law No. 7380 be amended:

1. By deleting clauses 4(a) and 4(b) and substituting therefor as follows:
 - (a) Applicants for projects in areas 1, 2, or 3 as shown under Schedule "A" of this by-law qualify for as-of-right financial incentives as set-forth in Sections 5 and 6 of this By-law. Applicants within these areas may make a request to the Director for additional incentives that exceed the incentives contained herein as determined in accordance with the Downtown Market Housing Incentive procedure and subject to City Council's review and approval.
 - (b) Applicants for projects in area 4 as shown under Schedule "A" of this by-law may make a request to the Director for a Tax Credit financial incentive as determined in accordance with the Downtown Market Housing Incentive procedure and subject to City Council's review and approval.
2. By deleting and substituting Schedule "A" Downtown Market Housing Incentive Areas to include Downtown Expansion Area #4 as shown in the attached By-law. CARRIED.

Desjarlais-Luebke

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That Downtown Market Housing Incentive By-law No. 7380, as amended, be given third reading. CARRIED.

In accordance with Section 137 of The Municipal Act, a recorded vote was taken on the motion to give By-law No. 7380 third reading.

FOR

AGAINST

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NO. 7384 TO DESIGNATE 318 - 11TH ST. AS A MUNICIPAL HERITAGE SITE
2ND & 3RD READINGS

Council considered a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated May 8, 2024 with respect to the above.

Desjarlais-Tame

870 That By-law No. 7384 to designate 318 - 11th Street (Lots 9, 10 and 11, Block 24, Plan 2 BLTO) as a Municipal Heritage Site be read a second time. CARRIED.

Desjarlais-Tame

871 That this 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. 7384 third reading.

FOR

AGAINST

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NO. 7389 TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 7377 PLAN OF PUBLIC RESERVE TO BE OPENED BEING PART LOT
2 IN PLAN 47728
1ST READING

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Planning & Buildings Department dated May 10, 2024 with respect to the above.

Tame-Splett

872 That By-Law No. 7389, to amend By-Law No. 7377 to legally open the east/west walkway as Public Reserve located on the southern portion of 420 Maryland Avenue (Lot 2 Plan 47728), be read a first time. CARRIED.

NO. 7390 TO AMEND WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES BY-LAW NO. 7342
1ST READING

Considered was a report from the Director of Finance dated May 10, 2024 with respect to the above.

Luebke-Parker

873 That By-law No. 7390 to amend the Water and Wastewater Rates By-law No. 7342 be read a first time. CARRIED.

GIVING OF NOTICE:

Nil

ADJOURN:

Luebke-Berry

That the meeting do now adjourn. (8:34 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK