

COUNCIL MEETING NO. 79/20

Minutes of Council Meeting No. 79/20 held Monday, July 20, 2020, Council Chambers, City Hall, commencing at 6:15 p.m. Meeting was conducted via electronic means utilizing Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor: R. Bater
Councillors: D. Buglas
K. Hawtin
G. Lightfoot
K. Lindgren
K. Steinborn
L. Taylor

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: City Manager
City Clerk
City Planner
Director of Corporate Services
Director of Finance
Director of Leisure Services
Director of Operations
Director of Protective Services/Fire Chief
Assistant Director of Utility Services

His Worship Mayor R. Bater in the Chair.

Request was made to add MOU with the R.M. of North Battleford under Unfinished Business.

AGENDA

1318) BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda as presented for July 20, 2020, be approved, as amended.

Moved by Coun. G. Lightfoot and K. Hawtin,
CARRIED.

MINUTES

1319) BE IT RESOLVED that minutes of Council Meeting No. 78/20 dated June 22, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Coun. K. Steinborn and K. Lindgren,
CARRIED.

1320) BE IT RESOLVED that minutes of Special Council Meeting No. 3/20 dated June 25, 2020, and Special Council Meeting No. 4/20 dated July 9, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Coun. K. Steinborn and K. Hawtin,
CARRIED.

PUBLIC NOTICE

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PRESENTATION

None

DELEGATIONS

LORAAS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
Re: Recycling Program

Mr. Aaron Beres presented on behalf of Loraas Environmental.

1321) BE IT RESOLVED that statistical information from Loraas Environmental Services Ltd. and memorandum from Director of Finance, regarding update on Recycling Contamination and other waste management improvements, be received.

Moved by Coun. K. Steinborn and L. Taylor,
CARRIED.

HARRY ZAMONSKY
Re: Property Incentive Inquiry

Mr. Zamonsky spoke to Council regarding his property at 1402 100th Street and requesting a percentage of obsolescence be given to it as it is presently vacant and in need of an architectural review of its state to determine whether to repair or demolish. He was advised to appeal his assessment to SAMA while the roll is open as they are the authority to apply changes to assessment and percentages of obsolescence.

CORRESPONDENCE

MINISTRY OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Re: Approval of Designation under PDAP

1322) BE IT RESOLVED that correspondence from Ministry of Government Relations regarding approval of the request for designation as an eligible area under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program, be received.

Moved by Coun. G. Lightfoot and D. Buglas,
CARRIED.

SASKPOWER

Re: Tree Growth Management Near Power Lines

1323) BE IT RESOLVED that correspondence from Sask Power regarding vegetation management and increased efforts to keep trees away from power lines, be received.

Moved by Coun. L. Taylor and K. Steinborn,
CARRIED.

SASKATCHEWAN ASSOCIATION OF WATERSHED

Re: Notification of Annual General Meeting

1324) BE IT RESOLVED that correspondence from Saskatchewan Association of Watershed regarding notification of upcoming Annual General Meeting for August 25, 2020, be received.

Moved by Coun. K. Steinborn and L. Taylor,
CARRIED.

THE LIGHTHOUSE

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF THE BATTLEFORDS

Re: Bouquet Letters

1325) BE IT RESOLVED that correspondence from The Lighthouse and Catholic Family Services of the Battlefords expressing gratitude for the continued funding the City provides to their organizations, be received.

Moved by Coun. K. Hawtin and L. Taylor,
CARRIED.

REFERRALS TO COMMITTEES

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INQUIRIES

- Coun. Lightfoot Asked about the access road behind the Wildlife Federation building and if signage could be installed at the intersection to Thatcher Ave.
- City Manager Advised the access is not a maintained road and will be signed accordingly, with a 30 km/hr speed limit sign.
- Coun. Lightfoot Requested a stop sign be installed at the intersection.
- Dir of Operations Advised that type of signage can be installed.
- Coun. Hawtin Asked for update to a plan for raven/crow control in the City.
- City Manager Advised the previous method used was with a firearm and is not a desirable method so is investigating other means of control.
- Coun. Steinborn Thanked Administration for installing speed bumps on 114th Street as it's used as an extension of the walking path south of 13th Avenue.

REPORTS

1326) BE IT RESOLVED that the following reports be received:

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

Re: Building Permits – June, 2020

Re: Business Licenses – June, 2020

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Re: North Saskatchewan River Basin Council Annual Report

DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES/FIRE CHIEF

Re: Fire Fighting Activities – June, 2020

Re: Fire Prevention Activities – June, 2020

Re: Fire Response & Needle Pickup Maps – June, 2020

Re: CSO Activity Report – June, 2020

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Re: Financial Update – May, 2020

Moved by Coun. L. Taylor and K. Hawtin,
CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ADDITION

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

Re: Memorandum of Understanding – Services at Saskatchewan Hospital Area

1327) BE IT RESOLVED that the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of North Battleford and the R.M. of North Battleford No. 437 regarding the City providing Fire Services, Road Maintenance and Development Services to the Saskatchewan Hospital Grounds (the Crown Colony) during the annexation process to obtain this property, be approved.

Moved by Coun. G. Lightfoot and D. Buglas,
CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Re: AMI Change Over

1328) BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed process and timeline to implement the change-over from the current City water meters to installing the AMI water meter system, be approved.

Moved by Coun. K. Steinborn and G. Lightfoot,
CARRIED.

Re: Recycling Program

1329) BE IT RESOLVED that the memorandum from the Director of Operations regarding changes to the Recycling Program and the possible impact to the Waste Management system and associated costs, be received.

Moved by Coun. L. Taylor and K. Hawtin,
CARRIED.

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

Re: Discretionary Land Use Application

1330) BE IT RESOLVED that the discretionary land use application to develop a Daycare Centre at 9301 19th Avenue be approved.

Moved by Coun. K. Lindgren and L. Taylor,
CARRIED.

Re: Residential Incentive Program Application

1331) BE IT RESOLVED that the application from Ryan Haase and Jaylyn Lawrence for a tax incentive pursuant to the criteria of the Residential Incentive Policy for the property located at 2630 Finch Crescent, be approved.

Moved by Coun. G. Lightfoot and K. Hawtin,
CARRIED.

Re: List of Derelict Properties

Councillor K. Steinborn declared a conflict of interest to this item on the agenda and left the Zoom meeting. Time 8:43 p.m. Reason provided – inspection company named in the memo is an employer of his.

1332) BE IT RESOLVED that Administration be authorized to proceed with property inspections and enforcement under our City bylaws on the properties identified in the Derelict Properties List.

Moved by Coun. L. Taylor and G. Lightfoot,
CARRIED.

Following the vote, Councillor K. Steinborn returned to the Zoom meeting. Time 8:47 p.m.

Re: Walkway Lighting Request for Proposal

1333) BE IT RESOLVED that the information regarding Walkway Lighting Improvements be received and that the project be deferred for discussion during the 2021 Budget deliberations.

Moved by Coun. L. Taylor and K. Lindgren,
CARRIED.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Re: 2020 Board of Revision - Appointment

1334) BE IT RESOLVED that the appointment of Gord Krismer and Associates Ltd., as the 2020 Board of Revision and Aileen Swenson as the Secretary to the Board of Revision be approved and that the prescribed rates and expenses for these services be accepted as well as the duties of the Secretary.

Moved by Coun. G. Lightfoot and K. Steinborn,
CARRIED.

Re: Utility Cut-offs – COVID 19

1335) BE IT RESOLVED that Administration be authorized to resume regular operations in conducting utility connection shut-offs for non-payment of billings, effective September 1, 2020.

Moved by Coun. K. Hawtin and K. Steinborn,
CARRIED.

Re: Vacant Properties – Utility Charges

1336) BE IT RESOLVED that all serviced properties not presently active in using water and sewer services be charged the minimum rate for the smaller 5/8" meter sizes, retroactive to January 1, 2020.

Moved by Coun. K. Hawtin and K. Lindgren,
CARRIED.

BYLAWS

None

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

1337) BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting do adjourn.

Moved by Coun. D. Buglas,
CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK