



CITY OF BROOKS
Council Committee
February 12, 2019
NOTES

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Present:

- Mayor Barry Morishita
- Councillor Jon Nesbitt
- Councillor Norm Gerestein
- Councillor Dan Klein
- Councillor Joel Goodnough
- Councillor Bill Prentice

CITY STAFF

Present:

- Alan Martens, CAO
- Amanda Peterson, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- Amy Rommens, Manager of Administration
- Kalina Van Winssen, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary
- Shelley Thomas, Manager of Finance
- Lisa Tiffin, Manager of Community Development
- Jessica Surgenor, Economic Development Officer
- Nova Sekhon, Communications and Economic Development

Others:

- S. Stanway, Brooks Bulletin
- R. Juska, Newell Regional Solid Waste Association

Mayor Barry Morishita called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

✚ There were no additions and/or deletions to the agenda.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR PRENTICE that the agenda be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

1. BLADE SIGN PROGRAM

✚ N. Sekhon noted that the Economic Development Team will be funding a Blades Sign Program, where businesses in the Brooks Region will be able to apply for a blade sign to better advertise their business. N. Sekhon noted one hundred percent of the sign cost would be funded through the Joint Services budget and should cover the cost of 15-20 signs. Business owners will be responsible for installation costs and any associated municipal fees.

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- ✚ It was also noted that businesses require a development permit, which is \$80.00 for a permanent sign. N. Sekhon requested that the development permit fees be waived for those participating in the Blade Sign Program.
- ✚ Discussion was held regarding how applicants will be chosen and the duration the development permit fee will be waived.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR PRENTICE that development permit fees be waived for the 2019 Blade Sign Program, and that applicants be approved on a first come first serve basis, subject to meeting Program requirements.

MOTION CARRIED

2. URBAN FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

- ✚ P. Lunn presented updated information on the short-term goals of the Urban Forestry Management Plan, including: efforts to find a tree inventory database, selection of thriving tree and plant species, and annual monitoring of the Plan. P. Lunn also updated Council on the status of the long-term goals of the Plan, including: establishing a written set of procedures for tree maintenance, establishing an annual budget for the planting and procurement of trees, and continuing to collaborate with community organizations (e.g. 4H, Ecobrooks) to plant trees.
- ✚ An update was also provided on the updated status of stump removal, tree pruning, tree removal, tree planting, protection and conservation, outreach and education and funding sources.
- ✚ Discussion was held on public notification of tree removal.

3. SOUTHERN ALBERTA ENERGY FROM WASTE ASSOCIATION

- ✚ R. Juska presented information on NRSWA and noted that areas of success include the recycling and composting programs. It was noted that areas of possible improvement include downsizing quantities of waste that do not make it to the Landfill, expanding the recycling program, and containing contamination issues due to leeching.

J. Petrie arrived at 9:33 a.m.

- ✚ R. Juska noted that waste energy is a technology which SAEWA has been working to establish in southern Alberta. R. Juska noted that the current project involves sixty municipalities and is currently undergoing environmental studies. It was noted that the fee paid by NRSWA to be a member of SAEWA is \$13,000.00, as it represents all municipalities within the County. R. Juska noted that the final cost for the project is still to be determined.

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- ✚ Discussion was held on the amount of waste in 2019 compared to other years, cardboard diversion programs, and locating the energy from waste facility in the County of Newell.
- ✚ Committee discussed the 2020 strategic goal of waste diversion and how it may be accomplished.

R. Juska left at 10:32 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KLEIN that the meeting adjourn at 10:49 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED