



CITY OF BROOKS
Council Committee
June 23, 2020
NOTES

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Present:

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

CITY STAFF

Present:

- Alan Martens, CAO
- Amanda Peterson, Deputy CAO
- Amy Rommens, Manager of Administration
- Kalina Van Winssen, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary
- Lisa Tiffin, Manager of Community Development
- Jessica Surgenor, Economic Development Officer
- Jaime McIntosh, Marketing Specialist
- Bruce Thiessen, IT Supervisor
- Pete Thompson, Community Peace Officer

Others:

- Sandra Stanway, Brooks Bulletin

Mayor Barry Morishita called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KLEIN that the agenda be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

1. ECONOMIC RECOVERY TASKFORCE

- ✚ The Economic Recovery Taskforce has decided on some recommendations for immediate, short-term and long-term ideas to spur economic growth in the City.
- ✚ Staff requested guidance on the following immediate initiatives: angle parking, one-way streets, traffic calming measures such as “bump-outs” and planter boxes on 1st Avenue W and 2nd Street West and implementing an Off-highway Vehicle Usage Bylaw.

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- ✚ Staff requested guidance on long-term projects such as: waiving development permit fees, ensuring the Purchasing Policy encourages the hiring of local contractors when permitted, completion of a pathway to Lake Newell and upgrading the internet to higher speeds.
- ✚ Discussion was held on implementing one-way streets or angle parking downtown and consultation with businesses in the BRZ.

It was recommended that D. Saari determine the logistics of a pilot project for one-way streets and angle parking downtown.

- ✚ Discussion was held on implementing an Off-highway Vehicle Usage Bylaw, including: the definition of “street legal”, the impact on tourism, dedicated routes, and Bylaw enforcement.

It was recommended that Administration gather more information and this item be brought to a future Council Committee Meeting.

2. SURPLUS FIRE TRUCK REQUEST

- ✚ K. Swanson noted that in June, staff were approached by the Brooks Rotary Club to request the City’s consideration in donating the Fire Department’s recently decommissioned 1993 Volvo rural fire truck towards the Rotary’s Los Amigos Project. This truck was previously offered for sale; however, it did not sell. The Los Amigos Project provides decommissioned ambulances, fire trucks, and buses to Mexican communities.
- ✚ Discussion was held on the worth of the fire truck.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KLEIN that the decommissioned 1993 Volvo rural fire truck be donated to the Brooks Rotary Club for use in the Los Amigos Project; and, that this item be forwarded to Council for formal approval.

MOTION CARRIED

3. SPEEDING COMPLAINT ON MEADOWBROOK DRIVE

- ✚ A. Rommens noted that a meeting was held with Meadowbrook Drive residents and they are concerned with speeding in their area.
- ✚ A speed display sign was previously moved to within the playground zone after previous complaints and stats from the sign were distributed and discussed.

It was recommended that Municipal Enforcement partner with the RCMP to focus on the playground zone speed, with zero tolerance, with increased enforcement advertised prior to enforcement.

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4. OFF-LEASH DOG PARK

- ✚ A. Martens noted that during the June 15th Council Meeting, an area around Meadow Lake was approved as an unfenced off-leash dog park. The residents in the area arranged a meeting to discuss their opposition to this park with B. Morishita.
- ✚ Discussion was held on the resident's feedback.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR PRENTICE that consideration of dog parks within the City of Brooks be put on hold until the completion of the Recreation, Parks and Culture Master Plan; that Schedule F of the Animal Control Bylaw be amended to remove the Meadow Lake off-leash dog park area; and, that this amendment be forwarded to the July 6, 2020 Council Meeting for consideration.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NESBITT that the meeting move In Camera at 10:23 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GOODNOUGH that the meeting adjourn at 12:08 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR PETRIE that the meeting adjourn at 12:09 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED