



# **CITY OF BROOKS**

## **Council Committee**

### **January 24, 2023**

## **NOTES**

### **MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Present:

- Mayor John Petrie
- Councillor Joel Goodnough
- Councillor Mohammed Idriss
- Councillor Ray Juska
- Councillor Jon Nesbitt
- Councillor Bill Prentice
- Councillor Marissa Wardrop

### **CITY STAFF**

Present:

- Alan Martens, CAO
- Amy Rommens, Manager, Administration
- Shelley Thomas, Manager, Finance
- Randi McPhillips, Manager, Recreation Services
- Don Saari, Manager, Works and Utilities
- Logan Grant, Community Peace Officer
- Bruce Thiessen, IT Supervisor
- Jenny Wallace, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

Other:

- Sandra Stanway, Brooks Bulletin

**Mayor Petrie called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.**

#### **1. Q4 MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT QUARTERLY REPORT**

- ✚ A. Rommens provided an overview of the Q4 Municipal Enforcement Statistics, which covered the following areas:
  - Outreach and Education;
  - Collaboration with External Departments;
  - Traffic Safety Program; and,
  - Animal Control/BAPS.
- ✚ L. Grant was in attendance to respond to the questions that arose in relation to the Q4 Municipal Enforcement Report (dumping of garbage in alleyways and snow removal on private property).

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#### 2. DRAFT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES BYLAW 23/01

- ✚ A. Rommens advised that the draft Transportation Services Bylaw was presented to Council Committee on November 29, 2022, and that Council directed Administration to determine if similar sized municipalities have any type of ride share and what requirements/restrictions that may apply.
- ✚ A. Rommens advised that Lacombe, Strathmore, Wetaskiwin, High River and Sylvan Lake were either contacted or their transportation bylaws were reviewed on their websites. Sylvan Lake was the only municipality that allows ride share and the only requirements were to have the appropriate license/insurance, criminal record check, and an inspection, which were also the only requirements for taxis. She asked Council Committee to provide direction as to whether they would like to proceed with permitting a ride share company within Brooks.
- ✚ Council Committee discussed whether or not they should move forward with the proposed Bylaw that would allow Transportation Network Companies (i.e. Ride Share) to operate within the City. A. Rommens noted that the requirements/restrictions in the proposed Bylaw would apply the same for all transportation services operating in the City.
- ✚ Council Committee discussed next steps, and that before considering taking the proposed Bylaw to Council they meet with the three local taxicab companies to get their input.

**Council Committee directed Administration to invite the three local taxicab companies to the next Council Committee meeting; and follow up with the company that made the U-Ryde Brooks presentation to Council Committee in 2022.**

#### 3. AIR QUALITY MONITORING

- ✚ D. Saari advised that the City was recently contacted by Palliser Airshed Society; a not for profit company monitoring the air in south eastern Alberta. Alberta Environment and Protected Areas would like to locate a permanent station for air quality monitoring in the City of Brooks. The air quality monitoring trailer would be operated by the Palliser Airshed Society.
- ✚ D. Saari advised that Staff has looked at City owned lands and suggest the following potential locations for the air quality shed: Prairie Pioneers Centre (420 – 1 Avenue West), Fairview Reservoir (40 Fairview Road East), and Public Works Shop (204 – 7 Street East). He noted that staff is recommending that it be placed at the Prairie Pioneers Centre site and that Council Committee direct staff to work with Palliser Airshed Society to arrange the placement and permitting of the trailer.

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- ✚ Council Committee discussed the Prairie Pioneers Centre location. D. Saari advised that this location is more central and that the air quality shed could be placed in the northwest corner of the parking lot pending access to power. A. Martens noted that A. Bartlette reached out to the Prairie Pioneers Centre and they are on side with the air quality trailer being placed on their site.

**Council Committee directed Administration to move forward with the placement of the air quality trailer at the Prairie Pioneers Centre site.**

#### **4. BROOKS BANDITS CENTENNIAL CUP FUNDING REQUEST**

- ✚ A. Martens advised that the Brooks Bandits are preparing to bid to host either the 2024 or 2025 Centennial Cup, and that this Junior A Hockey Canadian National Championship will consist of 10 teams including the host playing a total of 25 games. The national championship hosted in 2019 consisted of five teams and it was estimated that the economic impact for the community was \$3.5 million. The economic impact is expected to be greater for the 2024 or 2025 tournament. In addition, a legacy fund was created from the 2019 tournament in the amount of \$350,000.
- ✚ A. Martens advised the Brooks Bandits are estimating that it will cost approximately \$852,500 to host the event. The Brooks Bandits are looking for a letter of support and requesting the City contribute \$50,000. Their intent is to approach the County for the same contribution.
- ✚ Council Committee discussed the \$50,000 funding request, grant availability, Hockey Canada's role in hosting the tournament, and the national exposure that comes with hosting the Centennial Cup.
- ✚ A. Martens noted that the letter of support will be provided to the Brooks Bandits tomorrow as it needs to be submitted with the bid this week.

**Council Committee directed Administration to bring back the Brooks Bandits Centennial Cup Funding Request to the February 6, 2023 Regular Council meeting for formal approval.**

#### **5. CLOSED SESSION**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JUSKA that Council close the meeting to the public for agenda item 6. Land Matter as per Section 16, FOIP, at 5:30 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR PRENTICE that the meeting move out of Closed Session at 5:45 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GOODNOUGH that the meeting adjourn at 5:45 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED**