



**CITY OF BROOKS**  
**Council Committee**  
**March 23, 2021**  
**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, Administration/Recording Secretary
- Don Saari, Manager, Works and Utilities
- Alicia Bartlette, Manager, Planning and Engineering
- Jessica Surgenor, Manager, Community Development
- Bruce Thiessen, IT Supervisor

Other:

- S. Stanway, Brooks Bulletin

**Mayor Barry Morishita called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.**

*Councillor D. Klein excused himself from the meeting at 9:02 a.m.*

**1. AMBULATORY TRANSPORT SUBSIDY PROGRAM**

- ✚ A. Peterson noted that through the 2021 budget deliberations, Council wanted to engage experienced organizations to start/operate the Ambulatory Transportation Subsidy (ATS) Program. This program will allow ambulatory riders (i.e. no wheelchair, cane, walker, etc.) of the Handibus to utilize taxi companies for transportation, rather than the Handibus.
- ✚ Administration recently met with Brooks Taxi and Klein Cabs to discuss how the Program will operate. Agreements have been drafted and letters have been sent to the qualified users of the Handibus to advise them of the change.
- ✚ The ATS Program will begin on April 12, and operate seven days a week, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- ✚ Discussion was held regarding insurance requirements, and A. Peterson noted that taxi companies are required to hold \$2,000,000 in insurance under the City's Transportation Bylaw.

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- ✚ If the ATS Program is successful, the Handivan will be decommissioned; however, the two Handibuses will still be operational.
- ✚ Stats from the ATS Program will be brought back to Council in six months to evaluate the Program and determine if it will continue to operate.

*Councillor D. Klein returned at 9:09 a.m.*

#### **2. 2021 BEAUTIFICATION TRAIL OPTIONS**

- ✚ A. Bartlette noted that there is \$100,000 budgeted for the Beatification Program in 2021 and staff are proposing to extend the trail along Cassils Road to the Kiwanis Campground at a cost of \$61,500, with the remaining \$38,500 to fund landscaping, including trees and irrigation, along the existing trail on Cassils Road and this proposed path.
- ✚ Discussion was held regarding future years to connect the pathway system in Brooks; including completing the path around Meadow Lake, with a floating dock, connecting the Lake Stafford pathway to the pathway on the Southwest side of Brooks to Evergreen Park, as well as a pathway near the new Francophone School. Future pathway options will be presented to Council in the year they are scheduled for.

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NESBITT that Council approve the 2021 Beautification Trail Options, as presented by staff.**

MOTION CARRIED

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR PRENTICE that the meeting move In Camera at 9:18 a.m.**

MOTION CARRIED

*J. Surgenor, B. Thiessen and S. Stanway left at 9:18 a.m.*

#### **3. LAND**

- ✚ Administration provided information to Committee.

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KLEIN that the meeting move out of In Camera at 11:15 a.m.**

MOTION CARRIED

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR PETRIE that the meeting adjourn at 11:16 a.m.**

MOTION CARRIED