



CITY OF PRINCE ALBERT

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021, 5:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL**

PRESENT:

Mayor Greg Dionne
Councillor Charlene Miller
Councillor Terra Lennox-Zepp (Attended via video conferencing)
Councillor Tony Head (Attended via video conferencing)
Councillor Don Cody
Councillor Dennis Ogradnick
Councillor Blake Edwards
Councillor Dawn Kilmer
Councillor Ted Zurakowski

Sherry Person, City Clerk
Jim Toye, City Manager (Excused at 7:46 p.m.)
Alex Paul, Acting Fire Chief
Wes Hicks, Director of Public Works
Mitchell J. Holash, Q.C., City Solicitor
Savannah Price, Records Coordinator
Jody Boulet, Director of Community Services
Cheryl Tkachuk, Director of Financial Services
Kiley Bear, Acting Director of Corporate Services
Craig Guidinger, Director of Planning and Development Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor G. Dionne called the meeting to order.

2. PRAYER

Mayor G. Dionne asked that all members stand and that the City Clerk offer the prayer.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

0340. **Moved by:** Councillor D. Kilmer
Seconded by: Councillor D. Ogradnick

That the Agenda for this meeting be approved, with the following amendments, and, that the presentations, delegations and speakers listed on the Agenda be heard when called forward by the Mayor:

1. That Dr. Chokani, Prince Albert Public Health Officer, be allowed to make a Covid-19 Situation Update presentation during the Delegations Section; and,
2. That Mayor G. Dionne be allowed to make a Notice of Motion, Request for Leave to hear the Motion and the Motion in regards to Covid-19 Restrictions for The City of Prince Albert immediately following Dr. Chokani's presentation.

CARRIED

7. PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

7.1 2021 Terry Fox Award

Mayor G. Dionne addressed members of Council and honoured guests, regarding the presentation of the 2021 Terry Fox Award.

"I would like to thank everyone for attending today. This is a special day where we identify the winner of the Terry Fox Award. I am very pleased to announce our winner, Reid Lehner. I am very proud of his accomplishments and I will ask Councillor Zurakowski to read his bio."

Councillor T. Zurakowski, acknowledged Reid.

"Thank you Mayor Dionne. Good Afternoon everyone. I've known Reid since he was a young lad chasing hockey pucks, so it is my honor to introduce him to you today and to hear about his award and his accomplishments.

Seventeen year old Reid Lehner has autism. Autism is a condition related to brain development that impacts how a person perceives and socializes with others, causing problems in social interaction and communication. The autism has resulted in severe anxiety for Reid. He often has two or three episodes per day that results in him requiring constant supervision and care. He has many

days where he cannot leave the family residence because of this anxiety. Reid has been homeschooled for the past two (2) years, as he could not attend school beyond Grade 8 not being able to comprehend the many social and interactive factors.

However, Reid Lehner loves the community of Prince Albert and is encouraged and supported by his family, started a small not-for-profit business called Reid's Baskets and Things on September 4, 2020. He creates unique gift baskets for customers. He, with his mom's assistance, shops for the items in the baskets, such as coffee, candy, trinkets, etc. He then builds the baskets and has them picked up or delivered. Reid finds great joy in this business and it allows him the social interaction which he often is missing. These social interactions, which can be brief, are very important for Reid as they allow him to share a story or share a smile which he often does. We have seen that today already, share that smile with others that can ease his anxiety attacks.

Reid is all about the community of Prince Albert, and most, if not all of the profits from the baskets are given right back to the community by Reid and his family. For Christmas 2020, he created and donated 140 Food Baskets to the Prince Albert Food Bank and 30 more hampers to the Prince Albert Christmas Dinner, an amazing accomplishment. He also seeks out individuals and families in need and creates baskets for them. He has brightened the day of cancer patients, families that have fallen on hard times and many others, many others that Reid thinks need a simple cheering up. He also supplies giveaways to many community and sponsor groups like the SPCA and the Canadian Cancer Society.

Reid's efforts have been recognized with the City as he was identified as the very first Community Change Maker, featured by the CFYB Prince Albert and has received recognition from the local businesses for his efforts, entrepreneurship and support.

On Reid's Baskets and Things Facebook Page, Reid and his mom provide videos as a support mechanism for other families that are dealing with autism. They provide real life scenarios of what it is like and offer solutions and encouragement to others and other families.

Reid Lehner, like Terry Fox, shows courage every day, he shows perseverance and Reid you show strength. All this through your daily activities and in operating your small business despite challenges. Your service to the community of Prince Albert is exemplary. Thank you for pushing yourself to be a role model for others, I think you are a big part of this community.

Ladies and gentlemen I am proud to introduce to you and to recognize this year's Terry Fox Award winner, please help me congratulate Mr. Reid Lehner."

Mayor G. Dionne presented the framed 2021 Terry Fox Award Certificate.

“What a great bio and congratulations. You are a great young man. On behalf of The City, I’d like to present you with the Terry Fox Award.”

Reid Lehner, in accepting the award, offered the following comments:

“Thank you very much everyone. I am very honored to be here and I am very proud of myself. I just want to thank the community for the support and encouragement for what I have been doing this past year. Again, I just wanted to say thank you so much for all the support and encouragement. You guys have really made my life a lot different. Thank you very much.”

The meeting recessed from 5:11 p.m. to 5:18 p.m.

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

0341. **Moved by:** Councillor C. Miller
Seconded by: Councillor D. Ogrodnick

That the Minutes of the Council Regular Meeting held August 16, 2021, be taken as read and adopted.

CARRIED

6. NOTICE OF PROCLAMATIONS

6.1 International Literacy Day – September 8, 2021

6.2 World Suicide Prevention Day – September 10, 2021

6.3 World Patient Safety Day for Safe Maternal and Newborn Care – September 17, 2021

6.4 Big Brothers Big Sisters Month – September 2021

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. DELEGATIONS

9.1 Covid-19 Situation Update

PowerPoint Presentation was provided by Dr. Chokani, Prince Albert Public Health Officer

16.1 Mayor G. Dionne – Implementation of Covid-19 Restrictions

1. That mandatory use of Non-medical Face Masks be implemented in all City facilities, including City Transit, effective September 10, 2021;
2. That all participants in team sports and aquatic activities are exempt from wearing face masks while participating in their sport/activity; and,
3. That Administration, in consultation with the Medical Health Officer for Prince Albert, prepare a Plan regarding the following for consideration at an upcoming meeting:
 - a. to implement Mandatory Proof of a Negative Covid-19 Test for all City employees, unless they can prove they have been double vaccinated and are two (2) weeks past their last vaccination; and,
 - b. to implement Mandatory Proof of a Negative Covid-19 Test for the public accessing indoor City facilities, unless they can prove they have been double vaccinated two (2) weeks prior to access.

17.4 Motion – Mayor G. Dionne – Implementation of Covid-19 Restrictions

Councillor B. Edwards assumed the Chair.

0342. **Moved by:** Mayor G. Dionne
Seconded by: Councillor D. Cody

That pursuant to the provisions of the City's Procedure Bylaw No. 26 of 2014, that the Notice Provisions be waived to permit consideration of Mayor G. Dionne's Motion regarding Implementation of Covid-19 Restrictions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0343. **Moved by:** Mayor G. Dionne
Seconded by: Councillor D. Cody

1. That mandatory use of Non-medical Face Masks be implemented at all indoor and outdoor City owned facilities, including City Transit, effective September 10, 2021;
2. That participants in all sports and aquatic activities at all City owned facilities both indoor and outdoor are exempt from wearing face masks while competing/practicing that portion of their sport/activity; and,

3. That Administration, in consultation with the Medical Health Officer for Prince Albert, prepare a Plan regarding the following for consideration at an upcoming meeting:
 - a. to implement Mandatory Proof of a Negative Covid-19 Test for all City employees, unless they can prove they have been double vaccinated and are two (2) weeks past their last vaccination; and,
 - b. to implement Mandatory Proof of a Negative Covid-19 Test for the public accessing indoor City facilities, unless they can prove they have been double vaccinated two (2) weeks prior to access.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor G. Dionne resumed the Chair.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

10.1 Annexation of 48th Street (CORR 21-82)

0344. **Moved by:** Councillor T. Zurakowski
Seconded by: Councillor C. Miller

That CORR 21-82 be received and referred to the Planning and Development Services Department for review and report.

CARRIED

10.2 Fence at the Heritage Centre for Safety (CORR 21-83)

0345. **Moved by:** Mayor G. Dionne
Seconded by: Councillor T. Zurakowski

That a fence be re-installed at the Margo Fournier Centre and Heritage Centre until such time as Administration provides a report to members of Council with recommendations for positive solutions to remove the fence and to assist the homeless and mental health population of the City.

CARRIED

11. REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION & COMMITTEES

11.1 Development Permit Application – Parking at Grade – 18 15th Street East (RPT 21-397)

0346. **Moved by:** Councillor D. Cody
Seconded by: Councillor D. Kilmer

That the Development Permit Application for an at Grade Parking Lot located at 18 – 15th Street East, legally described as Lots 53 – 55, Block 5, Plan No. E, be approved, subject to:

1. The Applicant submitting final plans for review and approval by Administration.

CARRIED

11.2 Crescent Acres Neighbourhood Plan (RPT 21-403)

0347. **Moved by:** Councillor D. Kilmer
Seconded by: Councillor D. Ogrodnick

That the Crescent Acres Neighbourhood Plan, as attached to RPT 21-360, be approved.

CARRIED

11.3 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (RPT 21-401)

0348. **Moved by:** Councillor T. Head
Seconded by: Councillor C. Miller

1. That the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, as proclaimed by the Federal Government, be recognized by the Corporation of the City of Prince Albert; and,
2. That existing protocols in Collective Agreements and past practice relating to scheduling of employees and compensation for Paid Holidays be extended to include the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, 2021, and on the same calendar date in subsequent years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.4 Signature Developments – Servicing Agreement (RPT 21-401)

0349. **Moved by:** Councillor B. Edwards

Seconded by: Councillor D. Cody

1. That the Servicing Agreement between The City and Signature Developments for the Parcels, legally described as Parcel 52, Plan No. 101817165; Parcel 45, Plan No. AK2420; Parcel 44, Plan No. AK2420 and Parcel 49, Plan No. 101816939, be approved, which may include further amendments as directed by the City Solicitor;
2. That the City Manager be authorized to approve further Site Plans, and Engineering Details and Drawings in consultation with Administration;
3. That the Subdivision of the subject lands legally described as Parcel 52, Plan No. 101817165; Parcel 45, Plan No. AK2420; Parcel 44, Plan No. AK2420 and Parcel 49, Plan No. 101816939, for commercial development, be approved; and,
4. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Servicing Agreement and final Subdivision Plan on behalf of The City, once prepared.

CARRIED

11.5 Consultant Approvals – Slide North Schematic Design (RPT 21-404)

0350. **Moved by:** Councillor D. Kilmer

Seconded by: Councillor B. Edwards

1. That the Slide North Schematic Design be approved as the Waterslide Location for the Recreation Project; and,
2. That the Consultants, Group 2 and MJMA, proceed to Detailed Design for the Aquatics Facility and Two (2) Ice Rinks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. MAYOR & COUNCILLORS FORUM

14. INQUIRIES

14.1 Councillor C. Miller – Covid-19 Testing Line-up Blocking Businesses

The lineup for Covid-19 testing is blocking access to local businesses.

The Director of Public Works, in responding to the inquiry, indicated that it came to their attention last week and as you heard in Dr. Chokani's presentation, Covid-19 numbers are rising and more people are getting tested.

The sign shop went to the Testing Centre and met with the officials at that location. They provided a tutorial on how to set up the line and how to maintain space between the businesses. We did this last winter, but with the staff turnover at the test centre, not all the same staff are there now. We will be monitoring, as our sign shop is right next door, by going over there every couple days to ensure they know what they need to do.

14.2 Councillor D. Ogradnick – Repair of Soccer Field Benches – St. Francis School

Who is responsible for repairing the benches at the soccer field at St. Francis School and can these benches get fixed as soon as possible.

15. INQUIRY RESPONSES

15.1 August 16, 2021 City Council Meeting Inquiry Responses (INQ 21-7)

0351. **Moved by:** Councillor C. Miller
Seconded by: Councillor D. Ogradnick

That INQ 21-7 be received as information and filed.

(Councillor D. Cody was absent for the vote.)

CARRIED

16. NOTICE OF MOTION

16.2 Mayor G. Dionne – Cost to Relocate Historic Gazebo

That the Community Service Department bring forward a report for consideration at an upcoming meeting on what the cost would be to relocate the City's historic gazebo currently located on the Riverbank west of the Historical Museum to Little Red River Park, and should include the following:

1. Cost to transport the gazebo from the Riverbank to Little Red River Park;

2. Gazebo placement suggestions after consultation with park users;
3. Cost to lay foundation, supply electricity and/or any other code requirements;
4. Cost of any additional preservation that may be required; and,
5. Consult with the Historical Society regarding the move.

17. MOTIONS

- 17.1 Motion – Councillor T. Head – Implementation of Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s Call to Action No. 47 (MOT 21-16)
- 17.2 Motion – Councillor T. Head – Implementation of Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s Call to Action No. 77 (MOT 21-17)
- 17.3 Motion – Councillor T. Head – Implementation of Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s Call to Action No. 75 (MOT 21-18)

0352. **Moved by:** Councillor T. Head
Seconded by: Councillor C. Miller

That the following Motions of Councillor Head be postponed for consideration to the next City Council meeting:

1. Implementation of Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s Call to Action No. 47;
2. Implementation of Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s Call to Action No. 77; and,
3. Implementation of Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s Call to Action No. 75.

(Councillors D. Cody and T. Zurakowski were absent for the vote.)

CARRIED


18. PUBLIC FORUM

19. ADJOURNMENT – 8:09 P.M.

0353. **Moved by:** Councillor D. Kilmer
Seconded by: Councillor D. Ogrodnick

That this Council do now adjourn.

CARRIED


MAYOR GREG DIONNE
CITY CLERK

MINUTES ADOPTED THIS 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D. 2021.