

## REVISED AGENDA REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Monday, February 24, 2020 1:00 p.m. Council Chamber, City Hall

## 1. NATIONAL ANTHEM AND CALL TO ORDER

## 2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

#### Recommendation

1. That the following letters be added to Item 8.1.2:

#### Requesting to Speak:

- Ricky Deitner, Alpha Adventures, dated February 23, 2020;
- Ethan Sawchuk, dated February 23, 2020

## Submitting Comments:

- Janice Wall, dated February 18, 2020;
- Keitha McClocklin, dated February 18, 2020;
- Donna Wasden, dated February 18, 2020;
- Mary Fraser, dated February 19, 2020;
- Karlee Garand, dated February 19, 2020;
- Nikki Huber, dated February 20, 2020;

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- Jennifer Fairbairn, dated February 23, 2020;
- Jan Felling, dated February 23, 2020;
- Larissa Link, dated February 23, 2020;
- Lisa Helfrick, dated February 23, 2020;
- Lynsay Haanstra, dated February 23, 2020;
- Teanna Corozel, dated February 23, 2020;
- Liz Chapman, dated February 23, 2020;

- Renée Beauchamp, Canadian Dog Walkers Association, dated February 24, 2020;

2. That the following letters submitting comments and requesting to speak be added to Item 8.4.1:

- Ingrid Larson on behalf of Saskatoon Cycles dated February 21, 2020;

- Randy Pshebylo, Riversdale Business Improvement District, dated February 24, 2020;

3. That the items with speakers be heard following consideration of the Consent Agenda as follows:

- <u>Item 8.1.2</u>

Ricky Deitner, Alpha Adventures;

Ethan Sawchuk;

- <u>Item 8.3.1</u>

Mike Velonas, Meewasin Valley Authority (PowerPoint);

- <u>Item 8.4.1</u>

Jim Arnold, Saskatoon Cycles;

Randy Pshebylo, Riversdale BID; and

4. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

## 3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

## 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### Recommendation

That the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of City Council held on January 27, 2020, be adopted.

#### 5. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

5.1 Saskatoon Heritage Society - Saskatoon History Review [File No. CK. 205-18]

Presenters - Peggy Sarjeant and Linda Dietz

- 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- 7. QUESTION PERIOD
- 8. CONSENT AGENDA

#### Recommendation

That the Committee recommendations contained in Items 8.1.1 to 8.1.2; 8.2.1 to 8.2.5; 8.3.1 to 8.3.4; 8.4.1; and 8.5.1 to 8.5.6 be adopted as one motion.

- 8.1 Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development & Community Services
  - 8.1.1 Civic Naming Committee Fourth Quarter Report 2019 [File 29 68 No. CK. 6310-1]

#### Recommendation

That the information be received.

8.1.2 Proposed Amendments to Bylaw No. 7860, The Animal Control 69 - 127 Bylaw, 1999 and Bylaw No. 8176, The Dangerous Animals Bylaw, 2003 [File No. CK 151-15 and RCD 151-3]

The following letters are provided:

Requesting to Speak:

- Ricky Deitner, Alpha Adventures, dated February 23, 2020; and
- Ethan Sawchuk, dated February 23, 2020

#### Submitting Comments:

- Amy Mark, dated February 13, 2020;
- Lynsay Haanstra, Wolf Pack Adventures, dated February 16, 2020;

- Talia Soparlo, dated February 16, 2020;
- Donna Wasden, dated February 17, 2020;
- Curtis Olson, dated February 17, 2020;
- Janice Wall, dated February 18, 2020;
- Keitha McClocklin, dated February 18, 2020;
- Donna Wasden, dated February 18, 2020;
- Mary Fraser, dated February 19, 2020;
- Karlee Garand, dated February 19, 2020;
- Nikki Huber, dated February 20, 2020;
- Jennifer Fairbairn, dated February 23, 2020;
- Jan Felling, dated February 23, 2020;
- Larissa Link, dated February 23, 2020;
- Lisa Helfrick, dated February 23, 2020;
- Lynsay Haanstra, dated February 23, 2020;
- Teanna Corozel, dated February 23, 2020;
- Liz Chapman, dated February 23, 2020; and
- Renée Beauchamp, Canadian Dog Walkers Association, dated February 24, 2020

## Recommendation

- That the Proposed amendments to Bylaw No. 7860, *The Animal Control Bylaw*, *1999* and Bylaw No. 8176, *The Dangerous Animals Bylaw*, *2003* as outlined in the February 11, 2020 report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, be approved; and
- 2. That the City Solicitor be requested to make the necessary amendments to Bylaw No. 7860, *The Animal Control Bylaw*, *1999*, and Bylaw No. 8176, *The Dangerous Animals Bylaw*, *2003*.

## 8.2 Standing Policy Committee on Finance

## 8.2.1 Property Tax Liens 2019 [File No. CK. 1920-3]

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## Recommendation

That the City Solicitor be instructed to take the necessary action under provisions of The Tax Enforcement Act with respect to properties with 2019 tax liens.

8.2.2 Green Municipal Fund Electric Buses [File No. CK. 1860-1 x 148 - 150 1702-1]

## Recommendation

That Capital Project 0583 – Replace/Refurbish Bus Project be increased by \$234,300 which will be funded by the Green Municipal Fund grant.

## 8.2.3 2020 Budget Approval – Business Improvement Districts [File 151 - 163 No. CK. 1680-1]

#### Recommendation

- That the 2020 budget submissions from the Downtown Saskatoon Business Improvement District, Broadway Business Improvement District, Riversdale Business Improvement District, Sutherland Business Improvement District, and 33rd Street Business Improvement District be approved; and
- 2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the 2020 Business Improvement District Levy Bylaws for submission to City Council for consideration at the same meeting that the Mill Rate Bylaws are presented.

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#### 8.2.4 Amendment to Council Policy C01-013 - Conferences – Attendance Criteria (Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees) [File No. CK. 247-0]

#### Recommendation

- 1. That Policy C01-013 Conferences Attendance Criteria be updated as outlined in this report;
- That the City Clerk be requested to update Policy C01-013, Conferences – Attendance Criteria, as outlined in this report; and
- 3. That the City Solicitor be instructed to make the necessary amendments to Bylaw No. 9170, *The Procedures and Committees Bylaw, 2014.*

## 8.2.5 2020 Commercial Appeal Contingency [File No. CK. 1625-1] 169 - 171

#### Recommendation

That a \$1,000,000 appeal contingency be added to the property tax levy for the commercial/ industrial property class for 2020.

- 8.3 Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services
  - 8.3.1 The Green Infrastructure Strategy: Towards an Interconnected 172 231 Green Network [CK 4110-38]

A request to speak from Mike Velonas, Meewasin Valley Authority, dated February 14, 2020 is provided.

## Recommendation

That the report of the General Manager, Utilities & Environment, dated February 10, 2020 be received as information.

8.3.2 Accessibility Considerations for Curbside Solid Waste Collection 232 - 251 [CK 7830-3]

## Recommendation

- That the Administration proceed with Option 3 to initiate a project to identify alternatives to expand the accessible City-wide curbside (single-family household) solid waste collection service, report back on the feasibility of each, and recommend an alternative for implementation;
- 2. That the values identified in the March 2018 engagement session (Accessible Waste Collection workshop) be included in the Administration's evaluation of accessible solid waste collection alternatives, along with legal, financial, and labour relations considerations; and
- 3. That the report of the General Manager, Utilities & Environment Department dated January 13, 2020, be forwarded to the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee, with a specific request to propose a new name for the Special Needs Garbage Collection Service.

# 8.3.3 FCM Sustainable Communities Award – Letter of Support [CK 252 - 266 155-2]

## Recommendation

 That the attached Letter of Support for inclusion in the FCM Sustainable Communities Award application for the City of Saskatoon's Triple Bottom Line initiative, be approved; and 2. That the Triple Bottom Line initiative be acknowledged as deserving of recognition.

## 8.3.4 Recovery Park Revised Funding Plan [CK 7830-4-2 x 1702-1] 267 - 269

#### Recommendation

- That the Recovery Park and Saskatoon Regional Waste Management Centre Project (Capital Project No. 2050) be adjusted to reflect a total cost of \$31.1M;
- 2. That the additional expenditures be funded from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program and the revised funding plan within this report;
- That if the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program funding is not confirmed, the full additional amount of \$7.7M be funded by borrowing subject to a Public Notice Hearing for Borrowing; and
- 4. That if the funding is approved from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute and deliver the contribution agreement for Capital Project No. 2050.

## 8.4 Standing Policy Committee Transportation

8.4.1 Bicycle Bylaw Update – Proposed Revisions – February 2020 270 - 283 Update [File No. CK 5300-5-2]

The following letters are provided:

#### Requesting to Speak:

- Ingrid Larson on behalf of Saskatoon Cycles dated February 21, 2020; and
- Randy Pshebylo, Riversdale Business Improvement District, dated February 24, 2020

#### Submitting Comments:

• Anne Hanson, dated February 10, 2020

#### Recommendation

- 1. That Bylaw No. 6884, The Bicycle Bylaw be amended to include:
  - 1. That cyclists do not have to remain in the bicycle

lane when one is available;

- 2. That children under the age of 14 be permitted to cycle on sidewalks; and
- 2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate amendment to Bylaw No. 6884, The Bicycle Bylaw.

## 8.5 Governance and Priorities Committee

8.5.1 City Council Travel and Training Expenses - 2019 (File No. CK. 284 - 291 1970-1)

#### Recommendation

- 1. That the report of the City Clerk dated February 18, 2020, be received as information; and
- 2. That the Administration report back on updating Policy No. C01-023, City Councillors' Travel and Training, with respect to Council Members' Strategic Priority Areas.

## 8.5.2 City Council Car Allowance - 2019 (File No. CK. 1970-1) 292 - 294

#### Recommendation

That the report of the City Clerk dated February 18, 2020, be received as information.

## 8.5.3 Appointments – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory 295 Committee (File No. CK. 225-83)

## Recommendation

That the following be appointed to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee:

- Superintendent Dave Haye, Saskatoon Police Service representative, to the end of 2020; and
- Pamela Beaudin, Métis Community representative, to the end of 2021.
- 8.5.4 Appointment Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee 296 (File No. CK. 225-70)

## Recommendation

That Dao Duong be appointed to the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee (Youth representative) to the end of 2021.

## 8.5.5 Appointments – Municipal Planning Commission (File No. CK. 297

175-16)

#### Recommendation

That Jenn Penny and Alexis Bourassa be appointed to the Municipal Planning Commission to the end of 2021.

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8.5.6 Appointment – Social Services Subcommittee – Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program (File No. CK. 225-2-4)

#### Recommendation

That Emily Martell be appointed to the Social Services Subcommittee – Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program (Board of Education for Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools representative) for 2020.

#### 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 9.1 Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development & Community Services
- 9.2 Standing Policy Committee on Finance
- 9.3 Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services
- 9.4 Standing Policy Committee Transportation
- 9.5 Governance and Priorities Committee

#### 10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 10.1 Transportation & Construction
- 10.2 Utilities & Environment
- 10.3 Community Services
- 10.4 Saskatoon Fire
- 10.5 Corporate Financial Services
- 10.6 Strategy & Transformation
- 10.7 Human Resources

10.7.1 2019 Contract Negotiations (2019 – 2023) – The Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local No. 59 [File No. CK. 4720-4]

#### Recommendation

- That the proposed changes set out in the revision to the Collective Agreement with respect to the 2017 – 2018 Collective Agreement with The Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local No. 59 be approved; and
- 2. That His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the revised contract under the Corporate Seal.
- 10.8 Public Policy & Government Relations

## 11. LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

- 11.1 Office of the City Clerk
- 11.2 Office of the City Solicitor
  - 11.2.1 Governance Review Saskatchewan Place Association Inc. 306 310 Amendment to Bylaw No. 1 – Membership of Board of Directors [File No. CK. 175-1 x 175-31]

#### Recommendation

That City Council authorize its representative to execute a resolution of the Member of Saskatchewan Place Association Inc. approving an amendment, as drafted by the City Solicitor, to Saskatchewan Place Association Inc.'s Bylaw No. 1 to change the membership of the Board of Directors.

11.2.2 Workplace Transformation – Provision of Legal Services Policy 311 - 319 [File No. CK. 280-0 x 115-12]

#### Recommendation

That City Council approve the *Provision of Legal Services Policy* attached to this report as Appendix 1.

- 12. OTHER REPORTS
- 13. INQUIRIES
- 14. MOTIONS (NOTICE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN)
- 15. GIVING NOTICE

- 16. URGENT BUSINESS
- 17. IN CAMERA SESSION (OPTIONAL)
- 18. ADJOURNMENT



## MINUTES

## **REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

## Monday, January 27, 2020, 1:00 p.m. Council Chamber, City Hall

PRESENT:	His Worship, Mayor C. Clark, in the Chair Councillor C. Block Councillor T. Davies Councillor R. Donauer Councillor S. Gersher Councillor H. Gough Councillor D. Hill Councillor A. Iwanchuk Councillor Z. Jeffries Councillor M. Loewen
ABSENT:	Councillor B. Dubois
ALSO PRESENT:	City Manager J. Jorgenson City Solicitor C. Yelland General Manager, Community Services L. Lacroix A/Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Financial Services K. Smith General Manager, Transportation & Construction T. Schmidt A/General Manager, Utilities & Environment R. Munro City Clerk J. Sproule Deputy City Clerk S. Bryant

## 1. NATIONAL ANTHEM AND CALL TO ORDER

The National Anthem was played and Mayor Clark called the meeting to order on Treaty 6 Territory and the Traditional Homeland of the Métis People.

## 2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Councillor Hill Seconded By: Councillor Gersher

- 1. That the request to speak from Candace Skrapek, Saskatoon Council on Aging, dated January 27, 2020 be added to item 5.3;
- 2. That the following letters be added to item 8.1.4:
  - 1. Request to Speak David Fineday, dated January 26, 2020
  - 2. Submitting Comments Katelyn Siggelkow, Pleasant Hill Community Association, dated January 26, 2020
- 3. That the letter requesting to speak from Darla Lindbjerg, The Chamber, dated January 26, 2020 be added to item 8.3.3;
- 4. That the items with speakers be heard following consideration of the Consent Agenda as follows:
  - 1. Item 8.1.4 David Fineday
  - 2. Item 8.3.3 Darla Lindbjerg
- 5. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

In Favour: (10): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

## 3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

## 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Councillor Donauer Seconded By: Councillor Davies That the minutes of the 2020/2021 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget of City Council held on November 25, 26, and 27, 2019, and the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of City Council held on December 16 2019, be adopted.

In Favour: (10): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

## 5. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

#### 5.1 In Remembrance of Ryan Knelsen

Mayor Clark expressed condolences on behalf of City Council and the City of Saskatoon on the death of Ryan Knelsen and recognized members of the Transportation Branch and ATU Executive in attendance.

A moment of silence was held.

## 5.2 In Remembrance of Keith Selsky

Mayor Clark expressed condolences on behalf of City Council and the City of Saskatoon on the death of Keith Selsky recognizing members of the family and colleagues from Utilities and Environment. A card was presented to the family.

A moment of silence was held.

## 5.3 Saskatoon Council on Aging - Recognition of Being an Age Friendly City

Request to Speak - Candace Skrapek, Saskatoon Council on Aging, January 27, 2020

Candace Skrapek indicated that there were representatives from the Saskatoon Council on Aging in attendance and congratulated the City on receiving the Age Friendly Community Recognition Award.

## 5.4 Council Members

The City Clerk reported that this is a standing item on the agenda in order to provide Council Members an opportunity to provide any public acknowledgements.

## 5.4.1 Councillor H. Gough - Winter City

Councillor Gough thanked the partners with the City for making winter excellent. She noted that she attended the WinterShines Festival along with Mayor Clark and Councillor Loewen and encouraged people to view the schedule of events online.

## 5.4.2 Councillor C. Block - Recognition of the Late Howard Fulford

Councillor Block recognized the late Howard Fulford on his involvement in the community and expressed condolences to his family and friends on his loss. Mr. Fulford passed away on December 20, 2019.

#### 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 7. QUESTION PERIOD

#### 8. CONSENT AGENDA

Items 8.1.4, 8.2.2 and 8.3.3 were removed from the Consent Agenda.

Moved By: Councillor Davies Seconded By: Councillor Donauer

That the Committee recommendations contained in Items 8.1.1 to 8.1.3; 8.2.1, 8.2.3; 8.3.1, 8.3.2; 8.4.1; and 8.5.1 to 8.5.4 be adopted as one motion.

In Favour: (10): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Item 8.1.4 was considered next.

## 8.1 Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development & Community Services

## 8.1.1 Marr Residence 2019 Annual Report [File No. CK 430-60]

That the Marr Residence 2019 Annual Report be received as information.

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

# 8.1.2 Acquisition of Artworks into Public Art Collection [File No. CK 4040-1 and RCD 1870-13]

- That the donation of the artworks Contrapuntal Jazz, Dream Walker, Cascadence and River and Sky be accepted as donations into the City of Saskatoon public art collection, as recommended by the Public Art Advisory Committee and Civic Administration;
- 2. That the Office of the City Solicitor prepare the necessary agreements evidencing the donations for signing by the Artists, the Mayor and the City Clerk; and
- 3. That the Office of the City Solicitor prepare the necessary agreement with the Saskatchewan Craft Council to allow for the display of the artwork River and Sky on the Craft Council building at 813 Broadway Avenue.

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

# 8.1.3 Corridor Transformation Plan [File No. CK 4350-66 and PL 4110-78-1 (BF 044-18)]

- That the Corridor Transformation Plan be endorsed to guide future corridor land use planning activities as the basis for implementing the Corridor Growth Portfolio of the Growth Plan to Half a Million; and
- 2. That the Corridor Transformation Plan be forwarded to the Municipal Planning Commission for information.

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 8.1.4 Licensing Rental Properties and Regulation of Nuisance Calls for Emergency Services [File No. CK 750-1 and PL 4005-9-14]

Letters from the following were provided:

- Requesting to Speak David Fineday, dated January 26, 2020
- Submitting Comments Katelyn Siggelkow, Pleasant Hill Community Association, dated January 26, 2020

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Councillor Davies presented the item as Vice-Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services.

David Fineday spoke regarding this matter expressing concerns with the time it will take to resolve issues.

It was noted that there was an error in the Committee Report in the last paragraph, that it should read "residents" versus "residences".

Moved By: Councillor Davies Seconded By: Councillor Donauer

That Administration be directed to investigate further and report back on the financial implications of implementing Option 1,: increase staffing to facilitate pro-active property maintenance inspections, as outlined in the January 14, 2020 report of the General Manager, Community Services Department.

In Favour: (10): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Item 8.3.3 was considered next.

## 8.2 Standing Policy Committee on Finance

## 8.2.1 Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) 2020 Membership Fees [File No. CK. 155-3]

That the 2020 membership fee for the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association in the amount of \$115,518.46 be paid.

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 8.2.3 Property Realized Reserve Withdrawal [File No. CK. 1815-1]

That a withdrawal of \$452,915.75 from the Property Realized Reserve be approved to fund miscellaneous land development and related sales costs incurred during the period December 1, 2018 to November 30, 2019.

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 8.2.2 Low-Density Residential Presale Lot Allocation Process – Aspen Ridge/Brighton [File No. CK. 4215-1 x 4110-36]

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Councillor Iwanchuk presented the item as Vice Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Planning Development and Community Services.

Moved By: Councillor Iwanchuk Seconded By: Councillor Hill

- That the Administration be authorized to pilot a presale process of unsubdivided and unserviced lot blocks in one future phase of Aspen Ridge and Brighton neighbourhoods (as shown in Appendix 1) through an open market (standard terms) sales approach;
- 2. That if the lot blocks are not sold through the pilot presale process, they be subdivided and offered to Eligible Contractors in a multi-lot allocation or lot draw process;
- 3. That any lots remaining from these allocations be offered for sale over the counter on a first-come, first-served basis;
- 4. That the Administration be authorized to administer architectural controls on the subject properties; and
- 5. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the Presale Agreements and subsequent Agreements for Sale and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreements under the Corporate Seal.

In Favour: (10): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Following consideration of item 8.3.3 Councillor Hill signaled his intent to put forward a motion to reconsider item 8.2.1 in order to consider approving the 2020 membership fee for SUMA up until the end of June 2020.

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> Moved By: Councillor Hill Seconded By: Councillor Gough

That the resolution for item 8.2.1 be reconsidered.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Block, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (5): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, and Councillor Jeffries

Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

## **DEFEATED ON A TIED VOTE (5 to 5)**

Item 10.6.1 was considered next.

## 8.3 Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services

## 8.3.1 Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action Update – January 2020 [CK 5615-1]

That the Administration be directed to permanently install the Treaty 6 and Métis flags within City Council Chambers and other City of Saskatoon owned and operated facilities as appropriate to recognize the importance of the Treaty Relationship as a foundational basis for mutual cooperation in Saskatoon and the importance of working with Indigenous Governments toward the benefit of the whole community.

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

# 8.3.2 Sustainability Report: Towards a Healthy, Resilient and Regenerative Saskatoon [CK 7550-1]

Attachment 1 will only be provided digitally due to size.

That the report of the General Manager, Utilities & Environment dated January 13, 2020 be received as information.

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 8.3.3 Regulatory Approaches to Enhance Waste Diversion in the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Sector [CK 7830-1]

A request to speak and comments were provided by Darla Lindbjerg, The Chamber, dated January 26, 2020.

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Councillor Gersher presented the item as Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services.

Director of Sustainability South and Project Manager Burns provided a PowerPoint.

Margo Orr, Director of Policy and Regulations, The Chamber, spoke in support of the recommendation indicating that Council consider keeping implementation costs to a minimum, providing clear guidelines to affected businesses, and monitoring private companies collecting the waste to ensure it is being disposed of properly.

Moved By: Councillor Gersher Seconded By: Councillor Gough

- 1. That Option 1 Waste Bylaw Enforcement plus Separate Waste Containers be approved for implementation; and
- 2. That the City Solicitor amend Bylaw No. 8310, The Waste Bylaw to enact Option1.

In Favour: (10): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Donauer Seconded By: Councillor Iwanchuk

That the correspondence from The Chamber be attached to the file.

In Favour: (10): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Item 8.2.2 was considered next.

#### 8.4 Standing Policy Committee Transportation

#### 8.4.1 Sidewalk Infill Prioritization Criteria [CK 6220-1 x 6000-5]

That the report of the General Manager, Transportation and Construction Department dated January 13, 2020 be received as information.

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 8.5 Governance and Priorities Committee

## 8.5.1 Resignation – Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee (File No. CK. 175-9)

That the City Clerk be requested to advertise the Youth vacancy on the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee.

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 8.5.2 Appointment - Municipal Planning Commission (File No. CK. 175-16)

That Beatrice Regnier be appointed to the Municipal Planning Commission to the end of 2021.

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 8.5.3 Appointment – Social Services Subcommittee – Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program – United Way Representative (File No. CK. 175-1)

That Andrea Howe be appointed the United Way representative on the Social Services Subcommittee – Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program for 2020.

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

# 8.5.4 Appointments – SaskTel Centre Board of Directors (File No. CK. 175-31)

That the City's representative be instructed to vote the City's proxy at the 2020 Annual General Meeting for the reappointment of Russel Marcoux and the appointment of Darla Deguire to the SaskTel Centre Board of Directors throughout a term expiring at the conclusion of the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 8.5.5 Appointment – Riversdale Business Improvement District Board of Management (File No. CK. 175-49)

That the appointment of Carmen Hamm to the Riversdale Business Improvement District Board of Management, be approved.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 9.1 Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development & Community Services
- 9.2 Standing Policy Committee on Finance
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- 9.4 Standing Policy Committee Transportation
- 9.5 Governance and Priorities Committee

#### **10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- **10.1** Transportation & Construction
- **10.2 Utilities & Environment**
- **10.3 Community Services**
- 10.4 Saskatoon Fire
- **10.5 Corporate Financial Services**
- **10.6 Strategy & Transformation** 
  - 10.6.1 Downtown Event and Entertainment District Update [File No. CK. 4130-1]

Interim Strategy and Transformation Officer Willems presented the information report.

Moved By: Councillor Iwanchuk Seconded By: Councillor Davies

That the information be received.

In Favour: (10): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

## 10.7 Human Resources

10.8 Public Policy & Government Relations

## 11. LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

- 11.1 Office of the City Clerk
- 11.2 Office of the City Solicitor

## 11.2.1 The Capital Reserve Amendment Bylaw, 2020 - Proposed Bylaw No. 9653 [File No. CK. 1815-1 x 1700-1]

City Solicitor Yelland presented the item.

Moved By: Councillor Davies Seconded By: Councillor Donauer

That permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 9653, *The Capital Reserve Amendment Bylaw, 2020* and give same its FIRST reading.

In Favour: (10): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Davies Seconded By: Councillor Gough That Bylaw No. 9653 now be read a SECOND time.

In Favour: (10): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Davies Seconded By: Councillor Block

That permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 9653 read a third time at this meeting.

In Favour: (10): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Davies Seconded By: Councillor Iwanchuk

That Bylaw No. 9653 now be read a THIRD time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

In Favour: (10): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

## 11.2.2 Operation of Remotely Piloted Aircraft within Saskatoon City Limits - Proposed Bylaw Nos 9674 and 9675 [File No. CK. 370-1]

City Solicitor Yelland presented the item.

Moved By: Councillor Davies Seconded By: Councillor Gough Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of City Council Monday, January 27, 2020

> That permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 9674, *The Municipal Property Amendment Bylaw, 2020* and Bylaw No. 9675, *The Recreation Facilities and Parks Amendment Bylaw, 2020* and give same their FIRST reading.

In Favour: (10): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Davies Seconded By: Councillor Jeffries

That Bylaw No. 9674 and 9675 now be read a SECOND time.

In Favour: (10): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Davies Seconded By: Councillor Gersher

That permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 9674 and 9675 read a third time at this meeting.

In Favour: (10): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Davies Seconded By: Councillor Block

That Bylaw No. 9674 and 9675 now be read a THIRD time, that the bylaws be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

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In Favour: (10): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

## 11.2.3 Workplace Transformation Journey: Corporate Reorganization Bylaw Repeals - Proposed Bylaw Nos. 9676, 9677, 9678, 9679, 9680 [File No. CK. 115-12]

City Solicitor Yelland presented the item.

Moved By: Councillor Davies Seconded By: Councillor Block

That permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 9676, *The Local Improvement Procedure Repeal Bylaw, 2020*; Bylaw No. 9677, *The Lord's Day Act Repeal Bylaw, 2020*; Bylaw No. 9678, *The Planned Unit Developments Repeal Bylaw, 2020*; Bylaw No. 9679, *The SPCA Repeal Bylaw, 2020*; and Bylaw No. 9680, *The Weigh Scale Repeal Bylaw, 2020*, and give same their FIRST reading.

In Favour: (10): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Davies Seconded By: Councillor Donauer

That Bylaw Nos. 9676, 9677, 9678, 9679 and 9680 now be read a SECOND time.

In Favour: (10): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Davies Seconded By: Councillor Gough

That permission be granted to have Bylaw Nos. 9676, 9677, 9678, 9679 and 9680 read a third time at this meeting.

In Favour: (10): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Davies Seconded By: Councillor Gersher

That Bylaw Nos. 9676, 9677, 9678, 9679 and 9680 now be read a THIRD time, that the bylaws be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

In Favour: (10): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

- 12. OTHER REPORTS
- 13. INQUIRIES
- 14. MOTIONS (NOTICE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN)
- 15. GIVING NOTICE
- 16. URGENT BUSINESS
- 17. IN CAMERA SESSION (OPTIONAL)
  - 17.1 Update Personnel Subcommittee

[In Camera - Sections 16(1)(d) and 28 of LAFOIPP]

Moved By: Councillor Gersher Seconded By: Councillor Hill Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of City Council Monday, January 27, 2020

That City Council move *In Camera* to consider item 17.1 under Sections 16(1)(d) and 28 of *LAFOIPP*.

In Favour: (10): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

City Council convened In Camera at 2:39 p.m.

City Council moved to rise and report at 2:45 p.m. and reconvened publicly immediately thereafter.

City Council reports as follows:

Moved By: Councillor Davies Seconded By: Councillor Iwanchuk

That the information be received and remain *In Camera* under Sections 16 (1)(c) and (d) and 28 of *LAFOIPP* and the Personnel Subcommittee proceed appropriately.

#### 18. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Business Meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Mayor

**City Clerk** 



## STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

## **Civic Naming Committee – Fourth Quarter Report 2019**

**Recommendation of the Committee** That the information be received.

#### History

At the February 11, 2020 Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services meeting a letter from the Civic Naming Committee dated, January 27, 2020 was considered along with a report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 10, 2020.

Your Committee resolved to add the following to the Names Master List:

#### Chief Mistawasis Bridge Naming Residual Submissions

• listed in Appendix 4 (submission #'s 1 through 38)

#### **General Naming Requests**

- Makohon
- Hazelwanter (Larry)
- Shiffman
- Zbeeshko

Your Committee is forwarding the 2019 Fourth Quarter Report of the Civic Naming Committee to City Council for information.

#### Attachment

- 1. January 27, 2020 Letter from Civic Naming Committee
- 2. January 10, 2020 report of the General Manager, Community Services Department



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January 27, 2020

## Secretary, SPC on Planning, Development, and Community Services

Dear Ms. Bryant:

#### Re: Civic Naming Committee Report – Fourth Quarter 2019 (File No. CK. 6310-1)

Please place the following on your agenda of meeting scheduled for February 11, 2020.

At its meeting held on January 10, 2020, the Civic Naming Committee considered the attached deferred submissions ('Fogarty' and 'Makohon') and report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, requesting the Committee's direction with respect to a list of Chief Mistawasis Bridge naming residual submissions and three new general naming requests.

After consideration of the criteria and guidelines set out in the naming policy and consultation with the Administrative Resource Members, the Committee resolved to further defer the 'Fogarty' application and recommend the following to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services at this time:

1. That the following naming submissions be added the Names Master List:

<u>Chief Mistawasis Bridge Naming Residual Submissions</u> - listed in Appendix 4 (submission #'s 1 through 38)

#### General Naming Requests

- Makohon
- Hazelwanter (Larry)
- Shiffman
- Zbeeshko; and
- 2. That the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated December 19, 2019, be forwarded to City Council for information.

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Yours truly,

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Janice Hudson Committee Assistant

JH:

Attachments

cc: Councillor B. Dubois, Chair, Civic Naming Committee L. Lacroix, General Manager, Community Services Department D. McLaren, Administrator, Civic Naming Committee

## Fogarty Original Submission

Submitted on Thursday, July 18, 2019 - 11:50 Submitted by anonymous user: Submitted values are:

==Contact Information==	
Name: Joanne Speirs	
Company:	
Address Avenue X South	
Address 2:	
City/Town: Saskatoon	
Province: Saskatchewan	
Postal Code: S7M	
Email:	
Phone Number:	

==Naming== Requested name: Peter Fogarty Requested use of name: Street Background Information ( Reason for name request):

Peter Fogarty has been a prominent citizen of Saskatoon for over 40 years. His involvement in both the Culinary Profession and the Ice Carving Society has brought high recognition for both arts. There are few people of Saskatoon that have not seen Peter's ice sculptures or tasted his scrumptious meals. He continues to inspire our community and his peers with his immense passion for all he does. I believe he should be recognized for all that he has done for Saskatoon.

If you have submitted a person's name, please provide a short biography (Given name, date of birth, place of birth, contributions, awards, achievements or other related information):

John Peter Fogarty was born on July 20, 1958 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. His father was in the Air Force so his family moved to Germany and he lived there until he was 11. When they returned to Canada, his father was stationed in Comox, British Columbia. It was at this time in his life that his interest in the Culinary Arts began. He found himself helping out his mother in the kitchen, working in the garden, canning, preserving and creating fun dishes for his siblings to enjoy. As an adolescent he began working in the restaurant industry, moving from a dishwasher to a kitchen helper and then quickly on to the kitchen line.

Peter Fogarty would be an ideal candidate to name a Saskatoon street after. Peter Fogarty exemplifies community. Peter came to Saskatchewan in the late 70's to pursue his dream of being a Chef. He started his career with the Sheraton Cavalier and then assumed the role of Executive Chef at the Travelodge in Saskatoon, a position that

continued for over a decade. He continued on with his Profession running his own catering company, working at prestigious resorts, private country clubs, and high-end hotels.

In the early years of his career as a Professional Chef in our City, Peter became a rolemodel and support for many of the new chefs in our community. He was committed to growing the status of the "Chef" and wanted to do all he could to increase the level of expertise in the industry. In 1979 he joined the National Chef's Association (Canadian Culinary Federation). In 1982 Peter tested nationally and acquired his Certification of Chef de Cuisine. This provided him with opportunities to network with the Nation's top chefs. In doing so he developed a wealth of information, experience and skill that he continued to pass on to his Apprentices.

A large part of securing the role of Chef as a profession in the province was to standardize the training involved. In 1984 Peter became a member of the Trade Advisory Board and worked diligently for 20 years to create a regulated system for Apprenticeship with testing to go along with it. The profession, within the province, grew to a new level of prestige under his guidance. Peter Fogarty stepped back from the culinary profession in the spring of 2007, after 30 years, to pursue his dream of being a full-time ice carver and expand his company, Fire and Ice Creations, in Saskatoon. He established the Professional Ice Carvers of Saskatchewan and became a part of the Canadian Ice Carvers Society. Peter saw ice carving for the first time at a demonstration in 1977 and was 'hooked'. He attended his first carving workshop in 1982, hosted by the Calgary Chef's Association, where the President of the Japanese Ice Carving Association and the head carver from the Prince Hotel staged a full demonstration. Peter's skills, experience and ambition took him to the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary where he both competed in carving events and completed ice carving demonstrations. His passion for ice sculpting led him to participate in many Canadian competitions including: the Ice Magic competition in Lake Louise, AB, the Crystal Garden event at Winterlude in Ottawa, ON, the Ice on Whyte event in Edmonton, AB, the High on Ice celebration in Fort St John, BC, and the Long John Jamboree in Yellowknife, NWT. Peter became established within the network of Nationally and Internationally recognized Ice Carvers. Fire and Ice Creations has built an impressive list of achievements, including sculptures for the Juno Awards - Canada's Music Awards, a replica design of Saskatoon's 25th Street Bridge called Bridging Communities for the International University Congress, making Chateau Lake Louise even more mystical with his Ice Castle and Ice Lounge, and most recently assisting Nationally renowned Aboriginal Artist Rebecca Belmore with her Freeze installation at the Remai Modern.

Peter has spent the last 20 years inspiring the City of Saskatoon to become a true Winter City by initiating the WinterShines festival in 2009 and the Frosted Gardens ice celebration in 2014. Peter created magical events, bringing his many ice carving, world-renowned associates to our quaint city to carve majestic sculptures. This past winter he was commissioned by the City of Saskatoon to create and install multiple sculptures around the streets of the city. He continues to work with some of the most prominent companies and organizations in the country to beautify a multitude of family and social events. After this many years, Peter's vision of sharing ice and its magic with all those around him still continues to inspire him. Because of Peter's passion for his profession, both as a Chef and Ice Carver, he continues to promote them within Saskatoon with the hope of inspiring others. He truly believes in sharing the joy of both for the betterment of his community. I believe his continued dedication to establishing his arts within his city deserves enduring recognition. What better way to do this than to name a street in this community, that he has continued to support and inspire, after him!

Attachment:

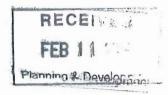
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Do you wish to address the Naming Advisory Committee? No

## Makohon Original Submission and Further Information

37th Street West Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7L

February 7, 2019



City of Saskatoon Planning Branch 222 3rd Avenue North Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7K 0J5

Attention: Naming Advisory Committee

Re: Nicholas Makohon

On behalf of myself, my two brothers, and our grandchildren, I am enclosing the completed Application Form to name various streets and city properties and a Biography of our father and grandfather, Nicholas Makohon.

After living our lives in Saskatoon and observing the names of Saskatoon's streets and properties, it became evident our father, Nicholas Makohon, deserved some recognition for doing what he could do to enhance Saskatoon with various Ukrainian groups and businesses.

We would appreciation the Committee giving his name, Makohon, a civic recognition by naming probably a street or other as the Committee deems proper.

Sincerely,

Olga E. Makshon Coate

Olga Elizabeth Makohon Coates

Att. Application Form Biography

## Nicholas Makohon

Nicholas Makohon was born on December 11, 1899, in western Ukraine. While there at a very young age he was trained to be a shoe maker and lived in Lviv with an aunt. When he was 14 years of age he was conscripted by the Polish army who had taken control of that particular section of Ukraine during the First World War.

Upon release from this army he resumed his career as a shoe maker while working tirelessly in the Ukrainian underground to free all of Ukraine from their captors. His homing pigeons were an important part of this work.

In 1926 he and his brother found it necessary to escape Ukraine and with the KGB behind them made it to Germany and then France where the KGB killed his brother. Nicholas made it to Great Britain where he boarded a ship sailing to Canada in 1928 as Canada needed labourers to build railroads, etc. He spend considerable time making his hands dirty so he would be accepted on the boat and then Canada - his dream country.

He was employed with the railroad in Saskatchewan, and this is where he lived ever thankful for the rest of his life. He did find work in a shoe repair shop on Broadway Avenue in Saskatoon and remained with Mr. G. Wells, the owner, for a few years before purchasing his own shoe repair shop with a connecting home for his family at 1528 - 20th Street West, Saskatoon.

In 1941 he married Anne Pitchko who was born near Bremen, Sask., and also was of Ukrainian ancestry. Her parents and a family of nine children were early farming pioneers starting in the late 1800's

Pleasant Hill Shoe Repair Shop and later a Sub Post Office in the same space managed by his wife were integral parts of the business community on 20th Street which ran from Avenue A to Avenue W. Here many different ethnic families worked and lived in the same building. They supported each other by doing business with each other and visiting while learning from others. Upon arriving in Saskatoon connections were made with other Ukrainians who soon decided they needed their own meeting and social place. The Ukrainian National Federation was formed and soon a basement was being dug by pick, shovel, and wheel barrel at 128 Avenue G South for their hall.

The Ukrainian National Federation was soon formed in Saskatoon by Nicholas Makohon and others and is still in existence across Canada. The Central Office is now in Toronto, and there is a small branch in Saskatoon. Unfortunately, the Hall on Avenue G with the remarkable lions on either side of the huge staircase had to be sold in 1999 as it was impossible to keep functioning financially.

The Hall was a place for socializing, planning meetings, teaching children everything Ukrainian, holding weddings with good Ukrainian food, etc.

Because these people were shunned from the banks of the day, they soon formed the Ukrainian Credit Union which started in a room of the Hall and after several moves is now located in their own building on 20th Street.

They also set up a Ukrainian School for children of all ages to learn the language, history, music, dancing, Easter egg painting, baking paskas, and eventually forming a youth group where they learned through doing by running meetings, accounting, planning events and seeing them come to fruition. The Ukrainian National Youth Federation is still in existence across Canada.

Nicholas Makohon was also involved in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada and saw it move from a small building on the 300 Block Avenue P South to the corner of Avenue J and 20th Street where it now is a Cathedral.

Nicholas Makohon was a mentor to Ukrainian immigrants and their families who came to Saskatoon on his high recommendations in the 1940's, 50's, and 60's. They came from various European countries where they lived upon escaping Ukraine. Some of them had lived in Germany after being interred there during World War Two. Housing, schools, and employment were found for these people who happily lived in Saskatoon and still do. It is very evident Nicholas Makohon was a planner and builder in several groups which they did on their own physically and financially. The Ukrainian National Federation of Canada, the Ukrainian National Youth Federation, the Ukrainian Credit Union, and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church exist today because of Nicholas Makohon and others being proud of becoming Canadians and also striving to keep their language and heritage intact for future generations.

While Nicholas Makohon was neither rich nor famous he was a founding member of these organization which benefited both the Ukrainians and the City of Saskatoon by sharing and supporting in this City's cultural and business environment.

He could be found at every Decoration Day for veterans and supported the Legion and their many endeavours. Nicholas Makohon never had a car and would walk miles (often with a child holding his hand) to support what he felt was important and to instill the fortune of being a Canadian to his children.

I write this for myself, my two brothers, and our children and grandchildren. The three siblings still live in Saskatoon where they learned to contribute to society in many and different ways. Our father, Nicholas Makohon, came to Canada with no finances but did what he could to keep the Ukrainian community intact while thanking God every day for being a Canadian as he was always so proud of this fact. Here he could do what he felt he wanted to do, go where he wanted to go, and speak to whomever he wanted to while always being very, very grateful he was a Canadian who lived in Saskatoon!

Our very proud Saskatoon/Saskatchewan/Canadian resident of Ukrainian ancestry passed away in 1971.

# **NOW CLOSED!** We wish to announce that we are now closed. We want to thank all our friends and customers for their patron-

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age over the last 24 years.

Nick <u>Makohon</u> Pleasant Hill Shoe Repair, 1528 20th St., W.

P.S. All unclaimed repaired shoes should be picked up no later than Sept. 30th. repairman dies at 71

Shoe

Nicholas Makohon 71, of 1528 20th St., west, a shoe repairman and resident of Saskatoon for 43 years, died Thursday at his home.

Born in the Ukraine, Mr. Makohon came to Saskatoon in 1928. He was employed by F. A. Robinson Shoes and Shoe Repair and the Nu-Way Shoe Repair Shop for many years. In 1946, he purchased the Pleasant Hill Shoe Repair shop and operated it until his retirement in 1969.

Mr. Makohon was an active member of the Holy Trinity Ukranian Orthodox Parish.

Surviving are his wife, Anne; one daughter, Mrs. Ken Coates of Saskatoon and two sons, Jerry and Nicholas Jr., also of Saskatoon.

Funeral service will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday from Holy Trinity Cathedral with Westwood Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements.

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# Admin Report - Civic Naming Committee - Fourth Quarter Report 2019.docx

#### ISSUE

The purpose of this report is to consider naming requests to ensure they meet City Council guidelines, as set out in Council Policy C09-008, Naming of Civic Property and Development Areas.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Civic Naming Committee:

- 1) Recommend to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services that this report be forwarded to City Council for information; and
- 2) Issue direction with respect to the naming submissions contained within this report.

#### BACKGROUND

According to Policy No. C09-008, Naming of Civic Property and Development Areas (Naming Policy), all names proposed for the Names Master List will be screened by the Civic Naming Committee and meet City Council's guidelines for name selection. All requests for naming of roadways from the Names Master List will be selected by theme and prioritization by the Civic Naming Committee. Name suffixes are circulated through the Administration for technical review.

#### DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Names Applied in the Last Quarter

Since the previous meeting, the following park names have been assigned in the Aspen Ridge Neighbourhood (See Appendix 1):

- Bidulka Park and Bidulka Park North; and
- Stryjek Park.

Anthony Bidulka: A co-recipient for the 2014 Citizen of the Year award. In 2009, Anthony Bidulka and Herb McFaull started Camp fYrefly SK, a leadership retreat for sexual- and gender-minority youth.

Dmytro Stryjek: A painter and sketch artist of socio-political aspects of Saskatchewan life that is considered a national figure in the Canadian art scene.

In the Aspen Ridge neighbourhood, the following street names have been assigned (see Appendix 2):

- Barnsley Crescent, Lane, and Rise;
- Gaunt Bend, Lane, Manor, and Way; and

#### • Stehwien Street and Terrace.

Greg Barnsley: Largely known and remembered for his long career with CFQC (CTV Saskatoon) as a weather broadcaster for 39 years. He was also very involved with community organizations, including volunteering as a board member with the Saskatoon Sexual Assault and Information Centre for 25 years.

Vernon Gaunt: A pioneer of Saskatoon's business community. He started the company now known as the Arrow Printing Company. The addition of the name Gaunt also serves to recognize his son, Darby Gaunt, a founding member of the Saskatoon Summer Players.

Fritz Stehwien: A German-Canadian artist known for paintings of landscapes and cityscapes, whose work continues to be shown in corporate and private collections throughout Canada and Europe. He also donated to CHEP Good Food Inc. and the St. Paul's Hospital Foundation in Saskatoon.

In the Rosewood neighbourhood the following street names have been assigned (see Appendix 3):

• Keith Turn, Union, and Way.

David McLeod Keith: A teacher, war veteran and volunteer. The organizations with which he volunteered include the Saskatchewan Abilities Council, Meewasin Valley Authority, and Prairieland Exhibition.

#### Chief Mistawasis Bridge Naming Residual Submissions

As part of the engagement for naming the Chief Mistawasis Bridge, a number of names were submitted by the general public. A number of those suggestions were made in Indigenous languages that have since been vetted by an Elder consultant. Vetted submissions were considered to fall under the following Naming Policy criteria:

- 1. Naming Criteria 3.3(a)(iii) "To commemorate local history, organizations, places, events or culture"; and
- 2. Naming Criteria 3.3(a)(iv) "To recognize communities which contribute to the diversity of the city".

The names contained in the table in Appendix 4 are being presented to the Civic Naming Committee to consider adding to the Names Master List. The table in Appendix 4 also contains information on the translation, other Naming Policy criteria that the name could be considered under, the theme the name was originally submitted under for the engagement for naming of the Chief Mistawasis Bridge and restrictions on use of the name. The restrictions identifies submissions recommended only for park use due to their length, as well as those not recommended for use due to duplication of existing names or inaccurate translation. A total of four submissions are not recommended for use for any street, park or other civic property. The original submissions, where available, are included for additional information as Appendix 5. Names selected for inclusion on the Names Master List will be prioritized and placed into a theme for consideration at the next Civic Naming Committee meeting.

#### General Naming Requests

The following naming requests have been received and require screening:

1. "Hazelwanter" – This submission has been brought forward to recognize the members of the Hazelwanter family who have worked for the City of Saskatoon, including with the Saskatoon Fire Department and the Saskatoon Police Service, for the past 72 years. The original submission, detailing the positions of the individual family members, along with their volunteer interests, is included as Appendix 6.

The above submission falls under Naming Criteria 3.3(a)(i) of the Naming Policy recognizing "a person who has risked their life to save or protect others."

2. "Shiffman" – Dr. Jack Shiffman was the first oral and maxillofacial surgeon in the province of Saskatchewan. After serving as a military dentist in the auxiliary corps of the Canadian Armed Forces, Dr. Shiffman set up practice in Saskatoon in 1969. Dr. Shiffman was an integral part of the Saskatoon Jewish Community and a driving force in the annual Holocaust Memorial Service, whereby a Holocaust survivor speaks to school children and the public. Dr. Shiffman was also involved in music; playing with the Saskatoon Concert Band for over 40 years, and co-founder of the Saskatoon Klezmer Band. The original submission is included as Appendix 7.

The above submission falls under Naming Criteria 3.3(a)(iv) of the Naming Policy recognizing "communities which contribute to the diversity of the city."

 "Zbeeshko" – Jody Lynn Zbeeshko was very involved in SaskAbilities before passing away prematurely at the age of 12. She officially opened the Kinsmen Telemiracle in 1977 and in 1978 was chosen "Tamy" of the Easter Seal campaign. The original submission, along with her obituary, is included as Appendix 8.

The above submission falls under Naming Criteria 3.3(a)(i) of the Naming Policy recognizing "a person who fosters equality and acts to eradicate discrimination."

#### **IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial, legal, social, or environmental implications identified.

#### NEXT STEPS

No follow-up is required. Applicants will be notified if their submission has been approved to be added to the Names Master List, and when it is selected for use.

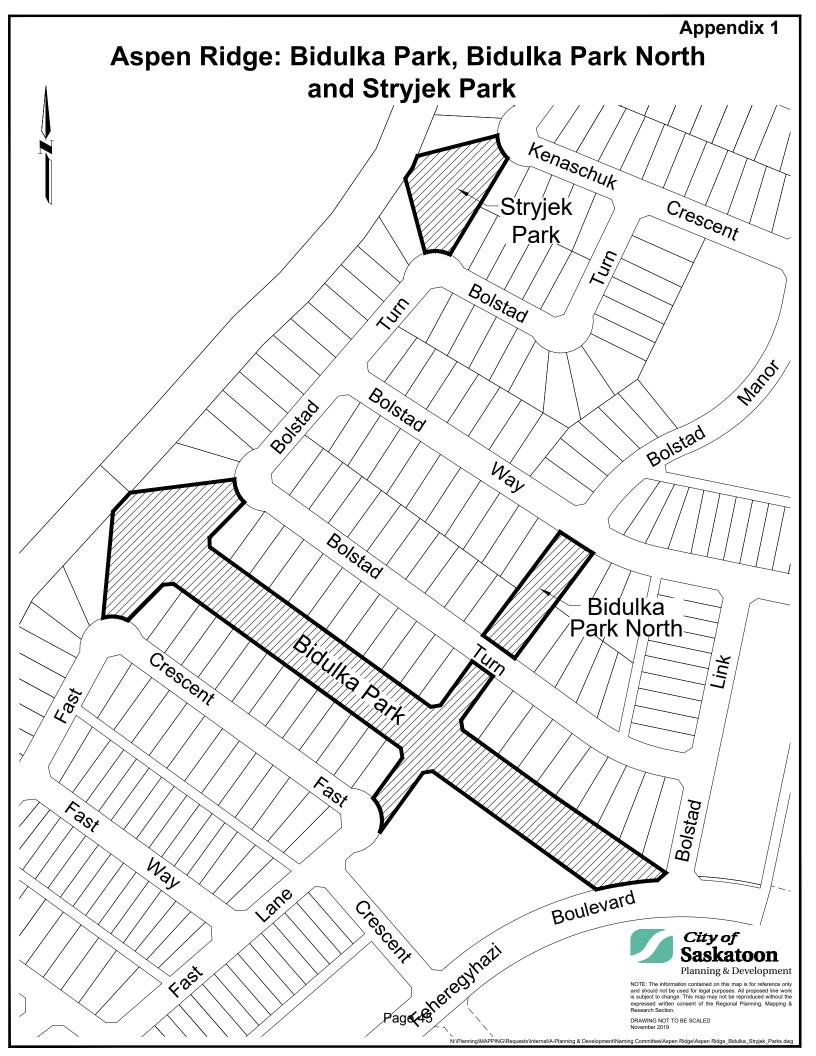
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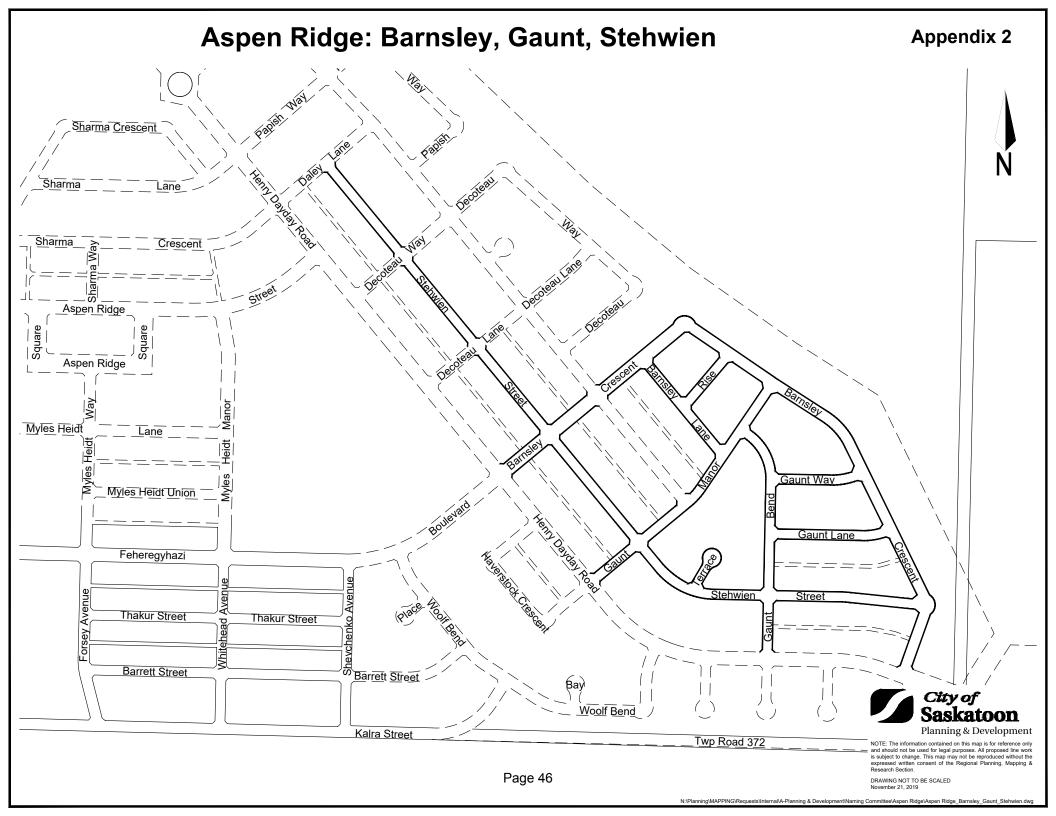
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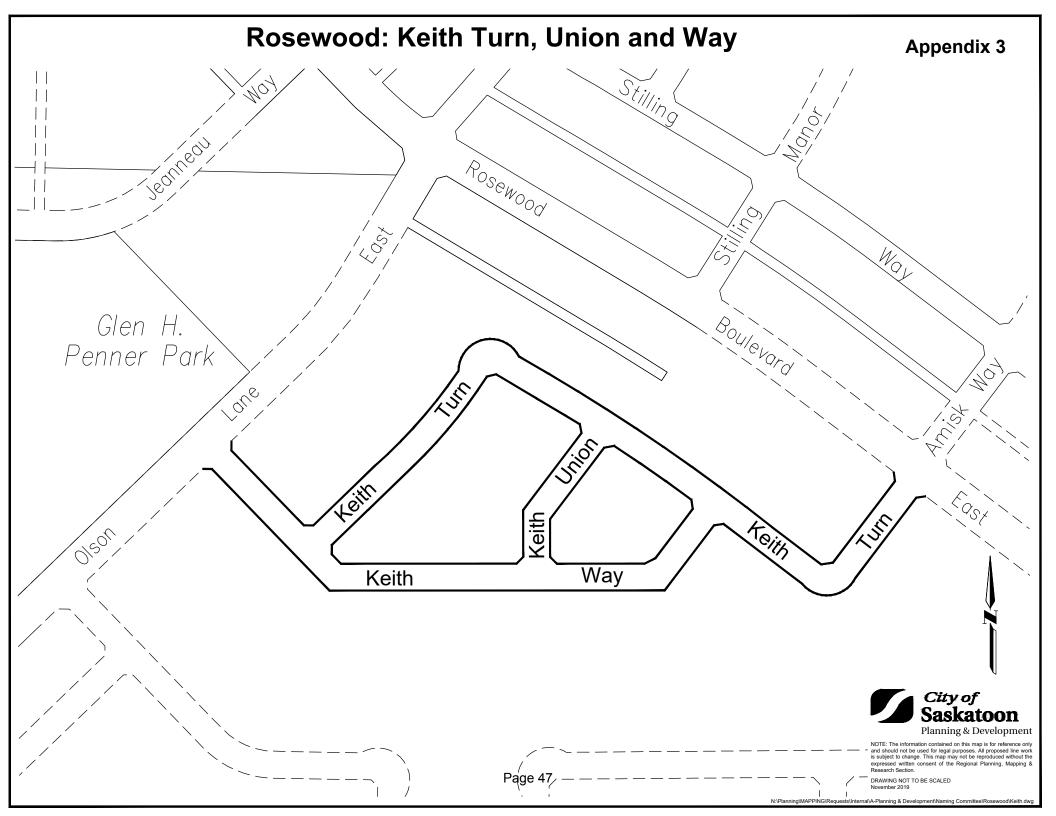
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#### Indigenous Language Submissions with Translations

Appendix 4

Number	Submission	Translation	Additional Naming Policy Criteria	Bridge Naming Theme	Restrictions
1	mikisiw ostikwān	Eagle Head	Section 3.3(a)(v) - Flora and fauna	A word or concept that embody the spirit of coming together or connection	Not for Street Naming - # of characters
2	miyo-wāhkōhtowin	Good Relations		A word or concept that embody the spirit of coming together or connection	Not for Street Naming - # of characters
3	niwāhkōmākanak (My relations)	All Our Relations		A word or concept that embody the spirit of community	Not for Street Naming - # of characters
4	wāhkōhtowin (Cree); waahkoomiwayhk (Michif)	Kinship		A word or concept that embody the spirit of coming together or connection	Not for Street Naming - # of characters (Michif Translation)
5	kāsīnamākēwin (forgiveness)	Forgiveness		A word or concept that embody the spirit of coming together or connection	Not for Street Naming - # of characters
6	nanātawihitowin	Healing		A word or concept that embody the spirit of community	Not for Street Naming - # of characters
7	miyo-pimātisiwin	The good life		A word or concept that embody the spirit of community	Not for Street Naming - # of characters
8	mistasiniy	Buffalo Stone	Section 3.3(a)(iii) - commemorate local history, organizations, places, events, or culture	Indigenous Historical Event	
9	Tatanka (is Dakota)	Buffalo	Section 3.3(a)(v) - Flora and fauna	Indigenous historical figure	
10	kīwētin (north wind)	North Wind	Section 3.3(a)(v) - geographical or topographical features of the local area	A word or concept that embody the spirit of community	
11	kisiskaciwan	Fast Flowing River	Section 3.3(a)(v) - geographical or topographical features of the local area	A word or concept that embody the spirit of community	
12	wāwāhtēwa	Northern Lights	Section 3.3(a)(v) - geographical or topographical features of the local area	A word or concept that embody the spirit of community	
13	kīsik	Sky	Section 3.3(a)(v) - geographical or topographical features of the local area	A word or concept that embody the spirit of community	
14	tānisi	Hello		A word or concept that embody the spirit of coming together or connection	
15	māmawi (together); māmawinitowin (doing together)	Together		A word or concept that embody the spirit of coming together or connection	
16	tawāw	Welcome		A word or concept that embody the spirit of coming together or connection	
17	kohkom	Grandmother		A word or concept that embody the spirit of coming together or connection	
18	wītaskēwin (peace)	Peace		A word or concept that embody the spirit of coming together or connection	
19	kākīsimo (means to pray traditional way)	Pray		A word or concept that embody the spirit of coming together or connection	
20	shakamohta, sakamotā	Connection		A word or concept that embody the spirit of coming together or connection	
21	āniskotāw – links it	Bridge - links it		A word or concept that embody the spirit of coming together or connection	
22	asokanihkēw (he makes a bridge)	Bridge - he makes a t	oridge	A word or concept that embody the spirit of coming together or connection	
23	nikamotān (let's sing)	Sing together		A word or concept that embody the spirit of coming together or connection	
24	papāmohtēw (s/he walks about)	Travelling		A word or concept that embody the spirit of coming together or connection	
25	wīci-atoskēwin	Work together		A word or concept that embody the spirit of coming together or connection	
26	manitohkēwin	To see sacred power in a concrete form.		A word or concept that embody the spirit of coming together or connection	

#### Indigenous Language Submissions with Translations

Number	Submission	Translation	Additional Naming Policy Criteria	Bridge Naming Theme	Restrictions
27	miskamāso (finding something for oneself); miskāsowin (finding oneself)	Finding Oneself		A word or concept that embody the spirit of coming together or connection	
28	nīsohtēwak (two walking together/twins)	Walk in Twos		A word or concept that embody the spirit of community	
29	pimaham	Travelling down river		A word or concept that embody the spirit of coming together or connection	
30	taskamanwa (they are shortcuts; they go across)	Shortcut		A word or concept that embody the spirit of coming together or connection	
31	āsowahētān (Let's cross it)	Bridge - Let's cross it		A word or concept that embody the spirit of coming together or connection	
32	asokan (bridge)	Bridge		A word or concept that embody the spirit of coming together or connection	
33	asayatiwak (meaning they gather)	Community		A word or concept that embody the spirit of community	
34	kiyānaw (meaning us)	Sharing		A word or concept that embody the spirit of community	
35	kiskisiwin	Remembering		A word or concept that embody the spirit of community	
36	kiyām	lťs okay		A word or concept that embody the spirit of community	
37	nikīwān ( I go home)	Going Home		A word or concept that embody the spirit of community	
38	yahkōhtēwin ( walking forward)	Forward		A word or concept that embody the spirit of community	
39	mīnisa. misāskwatōmin (Saskatoon berry)	Berries		A word or concept that embody the spirit of coming together or connection	Not to be used - too similar to Misaskwatomina Park
40	miywāsin (it is good, nice, beautiful)	It is Good		A word or concept that embody the spirit of coming together or connection	Not to be used - too similar to Meewasin
41	papēyātik (means carefully, not settlers.)	Settlers			Not to be used - inaccurate translation
42	sīwi-kiyāmēwan (but sīwi is sugary)	Sweet Peace			Not to be used - inaccurate translation

Appendix 4

# Indigenous Language Submissions Original Submissions to Bridge Naming Engagement

#### kīwētin

## North Wind

#### From the submissions:

- A Cree word meaning north to connect with historical settler crossings, e.g. Clark's Crossing and bridges

#### kisiskaciwan Fast Flowing River

#### From the submissions:

- There is a lot of history about the province of Saskatchewan. Knowing that the province received the name originally from the Cree word Kisiskaciwan. A beautiful Cree word described as fast flowing Saskatchewan River.

#### wāwāhtēwa

#### **Northern Lights**

#### From the submissions:

- Wawatay; aurora borealis; northern lights represents a blending of colours (race) that contributes to healing. Making the heart whole and Peace of Mind.
- Whether connected to stories of the souls of ancestors or lights guiding us to the afterlife, the Northern lights evoke a presence honoured by Canada's First peoples and admired by sky-gazers of all ethnic origins today. The new bridge, at the North end of the city, spans the river as the lights span the sky. The name suggests the hope and togetherness that light our way as a larger community.

# kīsik

#### Sky

#### From the submissions:

- We all live together under one 'roof' or rather one "living" sky. Kisik is the Cree word for sky (according to an online Cree dictionary, I am not Cree or Aboriginal).
- Encompasses the Aboriginal sentiment of appreciating the sky, and its importance in Aboriginal culture, belief and daily life. It also follows upon the Province's license plate slogan of "Land of the Living Skies," so it would be generally accepted as something that makes Saskatoon stand apart.

#### tatanka Buffalo

#### From the submissions:

- Because buffalo travel far and wide to find a great place to live, roam and flourish and Saskatoon is that place.

- Tatanka, which means Buffalo, contributed immensely to Aboriginal history. The new bridge and roadways connected to it are located where the buffalo roamed proud and free
- As great herds of buffalo passed through this area, many nations gathered to hunt and herd them over the cliff, for their survival in that era.
- The buffalo are very important to Aboriginal people. It brought people together by providing food, clothing, tools, etc. for many people. With Wanuskewin's campaign to bring the buffalo back, I felt that this name would be fitting.

# mikisiw ostikwān Eagle Head

#### From the submissions:

- In English meaning eagle head, the representation of the eagle in both the Metis and First Nation culture. The eagle symbolizing power and strength, the creators messenger of good news. The eagle head spreads the good news of unity of all nations. It represents the four directions on the world: East South West and North and the four races of colors yellow black red and white. If you know the medicine wheel you will come to understand the true beauty of the eagle and the head where you can hear the wise words of the elders.

## asayatiwak

Community, they gather From the submissions:

- "They are together."

#### miyo-wāhkōhtowin Good Relations From the submissions:

- Pronounced: "My-a-waka-tow-in." This is a Cree word meaning "good relationship". It is what we are striving for as we build bridges between peoples and to a better future working and living together in this beautiful land. It is the main desired result of the TRC. The word is not too difficult to pronounce & it sounds pleasant when put with the word "Parkway". Thank you for considering my suggestion.
- In the spirit of reconciliation I was reading from the OTC website and found the Cree word for reconciliation, from Chief Wilton Littlechild, Commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, which he said means having good relations. I think we need to do a better job of using Nehiyawak words to bridge our society and honour the strength of the language, and the spirit of the people.
- The word "wahkohtowin" is a Plains Cree word meaning a good relationship with the Creator and with one another. I think it would be an excellent name for the commuter bridge because it reflects the spirit and intent of the Treaties and honors the relationships that were made between the Creator, Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. Reconciliation is at the heart of this word and it would serve as a reminder to all of us that our lives and futures are bound together.

Tansi. The Nêhiyâwiwin Cree Language and Culture Program is a bilingual/bicultural program created to address the loss of language and culture for the Plains Cree People. We are the Pre K Cree, Kindergarten Cree, Grade two English and Grade Five Cree from Confederation Park Community School. The name we are submitting is Wahkohtowin which means kinship in the Cree language. It is the seventh teepee pole of the Cree teepee pole teachings. All the poles or teachings are interconnected. By following the principles of respect: kinship is an important aspect in building trust and loving relationships within family. This word describes Confederation Park School, as we strive to build keys to success: respect, responsibility and positive relationships. These four grades worked together to create bridges in their classrooms using popsicle sticks and masking tape. This exercise brought the different grades together to collaborate and also create new friendships. So by choosing this name we wish to honor the Residential school survivors by understanding and doing actions for reconciliation. Like the new commuter bridge will unite Saskatoon as a community the name Wahkotowin will ensure that the Residential School survivors will not be forgotten by Saskatoon.

#### niwāhkōmākanak

#### **All Our Relations**

#### From the submissions:

- As an Aboriginal person I can speak for many when saying we are strong family people. We are forgiving and loving people. Our spirits are guided by our tradition, culture and language. "Niw\_hk\_m\_kanak is invoked at the beginning and the end and acknowledges 'all our relations.' When used this way, the expression means not only the living ones, humans, animals, plants, but also the non-living and those who live in the world not bound by time, the Other-Than-Human-Beings, as well as our ancestors and also the future generations Looking forward and beginning to reconcile differences I believe Niw\_Hk\_M\_Kanak would be a name that encompass, family, a binding of all people, togetherness and the removal of separate entities. The word Niw\_Hk\_M\_Kanak means all my relations. Niw\_Hk\_M\_Kanak Crossing. Because Cree, Saulteaux and Métis refer to words differently I would suggest seeking Elder advice and approval of the correct spelling.

#### wāhkōhtowin (Cree); waahkoomiwayhk (Michif) Kinship

#### From the submissions:

- Kinship defines us. To call this The Kinship Bridge calls forth the idea of us all belonging, of us all being connected. I like the idea that a bridge is not only a means to cross something, to get from point A to B, but that it also, metaphorically speaking, 'bridges' the past (where one begins), the present (the act of crossing), and the future (the destination). This bridge embraces our past, but also the potential of future. The English translation needs to accompany this. I am Métis and I love that my heritage is one of connection and independence.
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#### tānisi

#### Hello

#### From the submissions:

 Hello, Bienvenue, Tanisi. We need to have an indigenous greeting that rolls off our Saskatoon tongues just like Hello and Bienvenue. Would it not be wonderful if we greeted all individuals with all three salutations? By naming the bridge with this simple salutation, it will provide an awareness to the Aboriginal language and will make Tanisi a more commonly used greeting in our community.

#### māmawi – together; māmawinitowin – doing together Together

#### From the submissions:

- Mâmawinitowin is Cree for a community living within a community. I think the meaning of community is people coming together, just as a bridge connects two areas of the city. What a better way to honour the aboriginal people than to use a word in their language.
- Once upon the river shores of abundant lands, a family approaches the waters, bathing in lively skies of a refreshing new moon night. "How shall we cross?" asks somebody. "After journeying thus far, how about first celebrating?" Unanimously, gatherings of sticks and stones begin. Chosen by each, the earthly gifts are then placed in the middle. "What will ignite the flames?" "Gather round, this fire, like that North Star guiding those home, is to honour all ancestors and generations, as one family." Everybody surrounds while silently bowing inwards, inhaling and exhaling. A voice speaks, "Imagine what this fire may be; feel the essence, smell the ash, taste the smoke, hear the sparks, see further than colours. After just long enough, an awesome blaze breathes into being, playfully dancing as cheers ring out. Eventually, each settles among the grounds, resting into dreamland. Waking to sunshine, the family recalls the river, "What about staying on this side?" "What about swimming over?" "What about making something to float?" "What about building a way for anybody choosing here to cross?" In agreeance, somebody starts to: survey an area, honour the space, envision designs, forage for materials, and so on. After much devotion with gratitude for such an incredible family, all is ready for crossing completely.

As the beings approach the next bridge beyond the river, someone asks, "How now shall we cross?" A presence then states, "How about thru ways altogether?"

#### tawāw Welcome

#### From the submission:

- Cree word. Thinks its applicable
- tawâw ⊂⊲<sup>i,</sup>° VII lots of room (EC)
- tawâw  $\subset \overline{A^{\circ}}$  VII it is open, it is an opening; there is room, it has room (CW)
- tawâw ⊂⊲<sup>i,</sup>° VII it has an opening (EC)
- tawâw  $\subset \overline{\triangleleft}^{\circ}$  IPC come in, you're welcome; there's room (CW)
- tawaw  $\subset \triangleleft \circ$  VP It is open. It has a hole in it. (MD)
- tawaw  $\subset \triangleleft \circ$  VII there is space (EC)

# kohkom Grandmother

#### From the submissions:

- The Kokum Bridge: The Kokum SPANS the generations. The Kokum provides intergenerational STABILITY and SUPPORT.

#### wītaskēwin

#### Peace

#### From the submissions:

- Peace is a word that commemorates all peoples & is one that we should all use regularly!
- We need peace between east and west in this city
- With all that has gone on with the First Nations people in the country it's time for all Canadians to come together in peace!
- I believe peace is something that we all hope for; from within ourselves as well as between people.
- 6000 years of history have graced this land with diverse Indigenous groups, and newcomers alike. Our blessing has been and will always be sharing, helping, and understanding each other of those that have passed before us, those that are here now, and those that will be here tomorrow.

# kiyānaw

#### Sharing / us

#### From the submissions:

- I want to nominate my son's name Keyano. Keyano is a Cree word that roughly translated means "sharing". As people in Saskatoon and in Saskatchewan are always sharing their good natures & their positive outlook with everybody they

meet. With this new bridge we will be better able to share more of our city and our province with more people.

#### kiskisiwin

#### Remembering

#### From the submissions:

It is the Cree word for Remember. It is so important for people to remember this tragic injustice that bestowed such a proud people and understand how it trickled through generations and is still affecting children today. For those who are lacking understanding as to why it is still relevant even though these children were not present at the time. It is still painful, and still very emotional and valid. To remember how far we have come and remember how important it is to be respectful and pull together as human beings to prevent anything even close to this indignity from happening to anyone ever again

#### kiyām

#### It's okay

#### From the submissions:

- kiyam - a Cree word that is very important to the spirit of the native culture means so much ...a very peaceful...healing word.

#### nanātawihitowin

#### Healing

#### From the submissions:

- The name embodies the coming together of the community and its surrounding areas and its support of the Reconciliation Canada project.
- Nanatowihitowin in Plains Cree is the concept of healing together

# nikīwān

# Going home / I go home

- From the submissions:
- Going Home

#### miyo-pimātisiwin

# The good life

#### From the submissions:

- Cree word depicting 'living the good life'

#### mistasiniy Buffalo Stone From the submissions:

- Further Reading: <u>https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/in-1966-a-sacred-aboriginal-rock-was-blown-up-to-make-way-for-a-man-made-lake-now-divers-search-for-reminants</u>
- Legendary boulder that once stood near outlook, said to be a man who was raised among the buffalo but could not become one nor be one of the people. He never the less became the great stone mistasini revered by the Cree.

#### kākīsimo Pray in the traditional way From the submissions:

- I recently attended Cree classes at the White Buffalo Youth Lodge, and while I learned very little of the language, I grasped a better understanding of how their language represented a proud and honest people. I myself, am non-aboriginal. I learned that another word to them for 'pray' is ayimika (hope I spelled it correctly). This word means to pray from a book, as in a church. Kisimo is missing the accent over top of the first 'i', but I don't know how to type one in. I feel it is an appropriate choice, as we all have our own way to pray from the heart, it is very meaningful, and easy to pronounce by all. Hopefully, in the future, people (children especially) will ask what the word means, and where it originated. People of all cultures and religions should be pleased.
- Our aboriginal friends should be proud that it was their word, to be shared by all. They are all about pride, nature, spirit, and sharing. This word is a great contribution to any language. Simple and elegant.

#### shakamohta, sakamotā Connection

#### From the submissions:

- Shakamohta is the Michif word for "connect." This bridge will connect two pieces of land separated by a river, but the spirit of the bridge and its name will also connect Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples together in reconciliation. Language has power, much of our culture is kept safe in language - by honouring the Michif language in this way, we could be opening up further dialogue about the importance of respecting and maintaining Indigenous languages. Using the Michif word for "connect" is also appropriate because historically the Métis people were created out of a connection between Indigenous women and French men and their language is a bridge/a connection between French and Cree.

#### āniskotāw – links it Bridge – links it From the submissions:

- Not only is the bridge connecting two bodies of land. But it (can) symbolize the connecting of two or more people and cultures. Coming together as one for something better.

# asokanihkēw – he makes a bridge He Builds a Bridge

#### From the submissions:

- The word is Cree (online Cree dictionary) to mean he/she builds a bridge or fords a river. I like that it has literal and symbolic meaning, as I hope we are building bridges and crossing as a society to a better place. I also like that while an Indigenous word, I think it will be easy to say in English and catch on with non-Indigenous speakers. It is five syllables, and while 11 letters is long, that is 1 less than the word Saskatchewan.

nikamotān – let's sing Sing Together

#### From the submissions:

- Let's sing together. I thought a hopeful joyous name would be nice.

#### papāmohtēw – s/he walks about Travelling

#### From the submissions:

- She or he is walking or traveling everywhere. This word is the epitome of what the new bridge represents, a new connection whether it's local, regional, provincial, or national travel. http://www.firstvoices.com/en/Cree-Saulteau/word/b5453ae08a60d113/She+or+he+is+walking+or+traveling+every+ where
- You can learn to say it here, too!

#### wīci-atoskēwin

#### Work together

#### From the submissions:

- Wichatoskewin needs to happen, for our future generations have to live and work together.it means working together. The survivors need to be remembered and validated.
- The Aboriginal people have fought long to have equal rights. To have their treaties acknowledged and put in place. Now they can finally move on and work together with Canadian people. To feel they belong and stand united.
- More than ever we need to work together to support our Indigenous people's inherent roles and responsibilities to our communities as teachers of our children and the next generation.

# yahkōhtēwin – walking forward Forward

#### From the submissions:

- While we rely on the past for memories and teaching. We are always moving forward. No matter which way a person travels on the bridge they are moving forward to someone or something.

#### manitohkēwin

# To see sacred power in a concrete form From the submissions:

- spiritual communication in Cree

#### miskamāso / miskāsowin Finding oneself From the submissions:

- I came up with the name that means " finding oneself"

#### nīsohtēwak

#### Two walking together/twins/Walk in twos From the submissions:

- "They walk together in twos"

#### pimaham Travelling down river From the submissions:

- "Pimaham" is a Cree word meaning "s/he travels down the river" (source: http://www.creedictionary.com). As such, it seems particularly suited for the name of a bridge. This nomination responds directly to the TRC's Call #79 by "integrat(ing) Indigenous history, heritage values, and memory practices into Canada's national heritage and history." Using a Cree word as the name of this major infrastructure project would also help raise awareness surrounding the need to preserve and celebrate Indigenous languages and cultures.

#### taskamanwa

#### They are shortcuts / they go across / shortcut From the submissions:

- The "Taskamanwa" Bridge, Taskamanwa is a Cree word for "short cut", this word I feel embodies the purpose of the bridge, which is to be a short cut for people going from one side of the river to other side in the north end of the city. It is a Cree word, so it is a nod to the Cree language. I felt naming after a historical figure would cause tensions and be rather challenging as we shouldn't single out the great man/woman of history. It took many people to get where we are today, no person could have done it on their own and shouldn't honor the select few. This name I want to be plain and simple, but not a normal word for community. I wanted it to resemble the aspects of connection, that our connection has been given a shorter path. It is simple and I know doesn't fully fulfill the call to action as other names would but I hope that you take the time to consider the name I have chosen.

#### āsowahētān

#### Bridge – let's cross it From the submissions:

- It is the Cree word for a crossing over a river and relates a Treaty 6 traditional language to the built form directly and simply.
- Let's cross the bridge. We will all be crossing together

#### asokan

#### Bridge

#### From the submissions:

- Asokan is the Cree word for bridge, which can be taken literally or figuratively but signifies a bridge between all cultures and races.
- I like that it has literal and symbolic meaning, as I hope we are building bridges and crossing as a society to a better place. I also like that while an Indigenous word, I think it will be easy to say in English and catch on with non-Indigenous speakers.

- Using a Cree word for bridge symbolizes both our desire to bridge the gaps between settler and Aboriginal people and our respect for the heritage and language of our Aboriginal neighbours.
- As we are working to bridge the cap of racism, we are also bridging the east and west side of Saskatoon.

#### kāsīnamākēwin Forgiveness

#### From the submissions:

- According to Wikipedia "Forgiveness is the intentional and voluntary process by which a victim undergoes a change in feelings and attitude regarding an offense; let's go of negative emotions such as vengefulness, with an increased ability to wish the offender well." It's time to start the healing process and start to grow and flourish as a culture. Forgiveness Bridge can stand for so much more and can connect to each and every one of us. In our lifetime each of us has had to grant forgiveness whether it be something small or large. Forgiveness enables a person let go and grow. This quote is very powerful. We must all learn from this quote. Past wrongs cannot be changed, but should never be repeated. Healing and forgiveness may bring peace of mind for everyone so we may move to a more positive future for all peoples. Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future.

#### miywāsin It is good, nice, beautiful From the submissions:

- Mîwâsin is a Cree word that translates to "It is Good".

#### sīwayi-kiyāmēwan Sugary Peace From the submissions:

- Saskatoon meaning "sweet berry" and Wanuskewin meaning "being at peace with oneself," so merging these ideas I came up with "Sweet Peace" and the closest translation back into Cree of a place of sweet peace that I could find is "Siwayi Kiyamewan."

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#### mīnisa / misāskwatōmin Berries / Saskatoon Berries From the submissions:

# - Sâskwatôn is a word in the language of the first peoples of the area, the Cree. It is the proper noun of the locative Misâskwatôminiskâhk which means 'the place of many berries'. While the area of Sâskwatôn was a meeting place of the Cree for some 6,000 years before contact, it still captures the sentiment of Saskatoon as a

meeting place for peoples, their cultures, commerce, and industry. The Sâskwatôn Bridge will be a way to connect the citizenry to our past, our future, and to each other. I think bridging Indigenous-settler experience and creating a society free from barriers to equal access to political, cultural, and economic resources is one of the most important challenges we face as a multi-ethnic municipality in the 21st century. The importance of including Indigenous peoples, culture, and knowledge in addressing these challenges is tantamount to our success as a city. Thank you for your consideration.

#### papēyātik

#### Carefully

#### From the submissions:

- Papayatik is the Cree word for peace. Open communication between "the settlers", the First Nations people and the Metis is required to achieve reconciliation. The wrongs of the past must be identified and efforts must be made to move forward. It is through reconciliation that all people in our wonderful city, province and country will be able to learn from the past in order to work together towards a bright and promising future, a future where we all live in harmony and everlasting peace.

#### Appendix 6

# APPLICATION FORM To Name Streets, Parks & Civic Properties

Please complete the attached application form for all new name submissions and requests for re-naming a street, park, or other civic properties.

Name: Doug Hazelwanter					
Address: Memeiben Rd.					
City/Town: Saskatoon Province: SK Postal Code: S75					
Phone: E-mail: E-mail:					
New Name Submission Re-naming Request					
Requested Name(s) (please print)					
HAZELWANTER					
Requested Use of Name					
Street Park Municipal Facility					
Neighbourhood Other Any of the Above					
Suburban Development Areas					
If this is a request for re-naming an existing location, please indicate the current name:					
PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS PART OF YOUR APPLICATION (Indicate which items are attached to the application form)					
1. Background Information (Reason for request)					
2) Short Biography (Given name, date of birth/death, place of birth, contributions, awards, achievements, or other relevant information)					
Do you wish to speak to the Naming Advisory Committee?					
Please send the completed application form to: City of Saskatoon Naming Advisory Committee Community Services Department, Planning &Development Branch 222-3rd Avenue North Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5					

#### **Street Name**

I would like to apply for a Requested Use of Name for a street name. The reason for the request is there has been a Hazelwanter serving the City of Saskatoon for the past 72 years and counting; starting with my Grandfather, there has been several more Hazelwanter family members serving the City.

#### **William Alois Hazelwanter**

He served the City of Saskatoon from 1947-1969 retiring at the age of 65. He worked mostly in the garbage department having worked at the incinerator, landfill, and on the garbage truck.

#### **Larry William Hazelwanter**

Larry risked his life to protect and save the citizens of Saskatoon for 30 years with the Saskatoon Fire Department. He retired as Captain in 1997. There is a plaque in his honor displayed at the Saskatoon Firefighter Memorial at Fire Hall #6 which reads:

"Larry W Hazelwanter Feb.11, 1937 - April 15, 2013 Line of Duty Death Cancer"

#### Lori Ann (Hazelwanter) Detillieux

Lori, Larry's daughter, currently works for the City of Saskatoon. She started in 1980 and has, to date, put in 39 years. She is currently in the Revenue Branch as a Tax Collector.

#### **Bradley Allan Hazelwanter**

Brad risked his life to protect and serve the citizens of Saskatoon for more than 30 years with the Saskatoon Police Services. He retired in 2014 as Staff Sergeant. Brad worked in several different units during his long career; including recruiting and training, as well as undercover work in the Drugs and Gangs Unit. He made the rank of Sergeant in that unit.

# **Ralph Michael Hazelwanter**

Ralph worked for the Government of Canada working for P.F.R.A as a draftsmen in the City of Saskatoon from 1958-1993. He retired after 35 years of service.

He gave up his time for over 25 years entertaining residents at numerous nursing homes throughout the city with his old time dance bands.

He also volunteered many years with the City Parks and Rec department and served a few years as President in the George Vanier Area.

He also dedicated time volunteering with minor sports in Saskatoon.

#### **Douglas Michael Hazelwanter**

City of Saskatoon employee - 2011 to present.

It has come full circle from my Grandfather to me, as he worked on the City Garbage Truck and I currently work for the City as a Utilities Collection Operator(Garbage Truck).

I also have volunteered many hours with minor sports in Saskatoon.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

**Doug Hazelwanter** 

LARRY W. HAZELWANTER FEB. II. 1937 - APR. 15. 2013 UNE OF DUTY DEATH CANCER ==Contact Information== Name: Harold Shiffman Company: Address: xxx Whiteshore Crescent Address: City/Town: Saskatoon Province: SK Postal Code: S7J XXX Email: @gmail.com Phone Number: (306) XXX-XXXX

==Naming== Requested name: Jack Shiffman (or Shiffman) Requested use of name: All the below Background Information (Reason for name request):

Dr. Jack Shiffman, DDS, will be turning 90 years old in March of 2020. He was an integral part of Saskatoon's history and a major part of the professional dental scene in the city, as a volunteer, musician and faculty member in the College of Dentistry.

If you have submitted a person's name, please provide a short biography (Given name, date of birth, place of birth, contributions, awards, achievements or other related information):

A longstanding member of the Saskatoon Jewish Community, Dr. Jack Shiffman was the first Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon in the Province of Saskatchewan and one of the first offices to lease and move into the new CN Tower above the Midtown Plaza in Saskatoon. His office, 601 CN Tower (now The Tower at Midtown) was the first on the 6th floor, and Jack chose to face the east with a view of 21st Street downtown.

Jack was born in Selkirk Manitoba on March 24th, 1930. He first attended the University of Manitoba before entering the College of Dentistry at the University of Toronto in the early 1950s. In 1957 Jack moved with his wife and two young children to Flin Flon, Manitoba where he practiced as a general dentist for 10 years before learning his specialty in North Western University, Illinois.

Jack served as a military dentist in the auxiliary corp of the Canadian Armed Forces and visited Saskatoon many times when treating military personnel in Dundurn, SK. Upon completion of his specialization, Jack immediately thought of Saskatoon as a place he would want to bring his family and setup a practice (which he did in 1969).

While in Saskatoon, Jack was an integral part of the Saskatoon Jewish Community and a driving force in its annual Holocaust Memorial Service, whereby a Holocaust Survivor speaks to school children and the public. Jack was a member of the Saskatoon Concert Band for over 40 years, the lead bugle in the Saskatoon Shrine Drums and Bugles Corps and co-founder of the Saskatoon Klezmer Band, with Dr. David Kaplan, in 1986. Jack is a recognized and awarded member and past-president of the Saskatoon Rotary Club, the Saskatoon Club, Masons, Shriners, and others I am likely not even aware of. Jack is an avid golfer and a longtime member of Riverside Golf and Country Club.

#### Additional comments:

I think my father is a prime candidate for the naming-list in Saskatoon. Although freedom and multiculturalism was an important part of Canada's beginnings, being a Jew in the 1970s was still less open than for others. Yet Jack was accepted in many clubs and organizations and was able to express his culture and religion openly, exposing people who may never have met a Jewish person before to a positive example.

As his youngest son I have been regularly reminded of my father's influence in the business and medical communities. People are always familiar with "Dr. Jack" and there are several stories people have told me of their experiences with him professionally and personally.

As for below: I will check "Yes" for addressing the advisory committee but only if they have questions. I have no expressed need to but if they are unsure of him as a candidate for the list, I would be pleased to answer questions.

Do you wish to address the Naming Advisory Committee? Yes

## **Application Form – Zbeeshko**

==Contact Information== Name: carie zbeeshko Company: Address: #XXX-525-3rd avenue north Address: City/Town: Saskatoon Province: Saskatchewan Postal Code: S7K XXX Email: @gmail.com Phone Number: (306) XXX-XXXX

==Naming== Requested name: Jody Lynn Zbeeshko Requested use of name: All the below Background Information (Reason for name request):

To honour my sister's memory.

If you have submitted a person's name, please provide a short biography (Given name, date of birth, place of birth, contributions, awards, achievements or other related information):

My sister was born in Saskatoon on Aug.17/67 and was the first Telemiracle child as well as Tammy for the year and she helped raise more money per capita ever in the history of telethons in Canada. She was only age 9 at the time and worked tirelessly to bring awareness that just because you had a disability you could live a normal life until her untimely death at the age of 12.

Additional comments:

My mother Helen raised three disabled children, two not disabled, and my parents worked hard to provide us with the best life they could afford and treated us all as equals. No child was special in my parents eyes we were all loved the same. I remember my father wearing the same tattered winter coat to go to work for years, even though Mom patched it, so that we children would have warm winter clothes. Not once did my parents ask for government assistance or ever think of giving up their children because the burden was great, they persevered. They instilled in all of us to work hard, take pride in what we did, and to take care of family. My father (Steve) has since passed along with my sister Jody and my two brothers Terry and Vince. I can't tell you how proud I am of my parents and my three siblings that have passed and am blessed to have my mother (Helen) in my care for the last twenty years.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Miss Carie Zbeeshko

Do you wish to address the Naming Advisory Committee? Yes

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Zbeeshko Obituary:

ZBEESHKO - The death of Miss Jody Lynn Zbeeshko age 12 years of 209 Avenue S North, Saskatoon occurred in a local hospital on Friday. July 25th, 1980. The Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, July 29th. 1980 at 10:00a.m. from Westwood Funeral Chapel conducted by Rev. L. Hewill. Surviving are: her loving parents: Steve and Helen Zbeeshko: two sisters: Mrs. Debbie (Luc) Vercleyen of Saskatoon and Miss Carrie Zbeeshko at home; one brother Vince at home and by one niece Alexandra and one nephew Justin. She was predeceased by her grandparents and by one brother Terry in 1973, Jody was born in Saskatoon and attended school at C.R.C. McNab Park and Howard Coad, While at Howard Coad, she was involved in many school activilies and was an assistant captain in the school safety patrol. Jody was also very involved in the Saskatchewan Council for Crippled Children and Adults. She officially opened the "Kinsmen Telemiracle" in 1977 and in 1978 was chosen "Tamy" of the Easter Seal Campaign. Jody was alsp acfive in the "Ricky Walkathon" and had been so for the past several years. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Saskatchewan Coucil for Crippled Children and Adults 1410 Kilburn Avenue, would be appreciated by the family. Interment will take place in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Arrangements are in care of Westwood Funeral Chapel.



# STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

# Proposed Amendments to Bylaw No. 7860, The Animals Control Bylaw 1999 and Bylaw No. 8176, The Dangerous Animals Bylaw, 2003

#### Recommendation of the Committee

- That the Proposed amendments to Bylaw No. 7860, *The Animal Control Bylaw*, 1999 and Bylaw No. 8176, *The Dangerous Animals Bylaw*, 2003 as outlined in the February 11, 2020 report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, be approved; and
- 2. That the City Solicitor be requested to make the necessary amendments to Bylaw No. 7860, *The Animal Control Bylaw*, 1999, and Bylaw No. 8176, *The Dangerous Animals Bylaw*, 2003.

#### History

At the February 11, 2020 Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services meeting a report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 11, 2020 was considered. Your Committee received a letter from Rick Deitner, dated February 10, 2020 regarding the matter.

Your Committee was informed that the proposed regulation for a maximum of four dogs per owner at the off-leash areas is only limiting the amount of dogs that can be off-leash at one time. It was noted this would be communicated to Rick Deitner in response to his letter.

#### Attachment

February 11, 2020 report of the General Manager, Community Services Department February 10, 2020 Letter from Rick Deitner

# Proposed Amendments to Bylaw No. 7860, The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999 and Bylaw No. 8176, The Dangerous Animals Bylaw, 2003

#### ISSUE

This report is requesting approval to amend Bylaw No. 7860, *The Animal Control Bylaw*, 1999 (the "Animal Control Bylaw") and Bylaw No. 8176, *The Dangerous Animals Bylaw*, 2003 (the "Dangerous Animals Bylaw").

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services recommend to City Council that:

- 1. Proposed amendments to Bylaw No. 7860, *The Animal Control Bylaw*, 1999 and Bylaw No. 8176, *The Dangerous Animals Bylaw*, 2003 as outlined in this report, be approved; and
- 2. That the City Solicitor be requested to make the necessary amendments to Bylaw No. 7860, *The Animal Control Bylaw*, *1999*, and Bylaw No. 8176, *The Dangerous Animals Bylaw*, *2003*.

#### BACKGROUND

On a bi-annual basis, Administration reviews the *Animal Control Bylaw* and the *Dangerous Animals Bylaw*.

At its October 23, 2017 meeting, City Council approved a report from the City Solicitor, with amendments to the *Animal Control Bylaw* and *Dangerous Animals Bylaw*.

Administration is supported by the Animal Services Working Group, a group of specialists in their field, animal experts and citizen representatives, who provide consultative and collaborative feedback to help guide the Administration. More specifically, this group is comprised of representatives from:

- 1. Saskatoon Animal Control Agency;
- 2. Saskatoon Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals;
- 3. Saskatchewan Population & Public Health Authority;
- 4. A Clinical Associate from the University of Saskatchewan, Western College of Veterinary Medicine;
- 5. A student from the University of Saskatchewan, Western College of Veterinary Medicine;
- 6. Saskatoon Dog Park Ambassador; and
- 7. A member of the general public.

One of the roles of the Animal Services Working Group is to assist with a thorough biannual review of the *Animal Control Bylaw* and *Dangerous Animals Bylaw*, while providing direction and reasoning around suggested Bylaw amendments.

#### DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

After a review of both the *Animal Control Bylaw* and the *Dangerous Animals Bylaw* in 2019, the Administration and the City Solicitor are recommending a number of amendments be made to these Bylaws. The amendments are designed to promote public safety, improve upon existing enforcement mechanisms and to clarify and update certain aspects for the general public and the courts in areas where there may be ambiguity.

Proposed amendments are provided in the following Appendices:

- Proposed amendments to the Animal Control Bylaw (see Appendix 1); and
- Proposed amendments to the *Dangerous Animals Bylaw* (see Appendix 2).

#### **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial, social, or environmental implications identified.

#### NEXT STEPS

Pending approval by City Council of the proposed amendments, the City Solicitor's Office will attend to amending the Bylaws, including miscellaneous housekeeping amendments to update items such as references to current organizational structure.

To promote public awareness of these amendments, they will be highlighted and referenced on the Animal Services webpage. A reference link to the revised *Animal Control Bylaw* and *Dangerous Animals Bylaw* would also be provided.

Animal Services will provide posters on communication boards at each of the off-leash areas highlighting the amended limit to the number of dogs permitted per owner while at the off-leash area. These posters will also reference the amended *Animal Control Bylaw* and *Dangerous Animals Bylaw*. In addition, information regarding the amended Bylaws will be provided at all events conducted by Animal Services.

#### APPENDICES

- 1. The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999, Proposed Amendments
- 2. The Dangerous Animals Bylaw, 2003, Proposed Amendments

#### **REPORT APPROVAL**

Written by:Jeremy Probe, Open Space Consultant, Recreation and Community DevelopmentReviewed byAndrew Roberts, Director of Recreation and Community DevelopmentApproved by:Lynne Lacroix, General Manager, Community Services Department

SP/2020/RCD/PDCS/Animal Control Bylaw Amendments/jdw

# Bylaw No. 7860, The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999 Proposed Amendments

# Administration is proposing the following amendments to the *Animal Control Bylaw*:

- Clarify the usage and terminology of an Off-Leash Recreation Area (OLRA). In order to provide clarity around what these off-leash areas are designed for and to coincide with the language already used throughout the Bylaw, it is proposed that the off-leash recreation area maps be changed to be called off-leash area (OLA).
- 2. Clarify the names of the OLRA:
  - a) Prior to its official naming, the OLRA located along Richardson Road, east of McClocklin Road, was known as Hampton Village East OLRA. At its' official grand opening on December 1, 2017, the official name was announced as Paul Mostoway OLRA. In order to reflect the actual name of the park, the proposed amendment is to have this identified as the Paul Mostoway OLA.
  - b) The OLRA located along the riverbank, adjacent to the east end of Silverwood Golf Course, is listed as Marquis OLRA in the Animal Control Bylaw. However, since 2016 the on-site formal signage and marketing resources refer to this area as Silverwood OLRA. For clarity in referring to specific locations, the proposed amendment is to have this OLRA identified as the Silverwood OLA.
- 3. Phase II of the Avalon OLRA opened to the public on June 18, 2019. The proposed amendment is to replace the current map of the Avalon OLA, as found in Schedule No. 2, with the revised map, (see Attachment 1).
- 4. The licensing rates, as appear in Schedule No. 1 require amendment to reflect the 2020 and 2021 rates as approved by City Council at its November 25, 2019, 2020/2021 Multi-Year Preliminary Business Plan and Budget meeting (see Attachment 2).
- 5. Add Bylaw No. 8286, *The Smoking Control Bylaw, 2004*, be applied in the offleash areas. An amendment is proposed to add to the Bylaw, a new section stating no smoking or vaping is permitted in any of the off-leash areas as outlined in Bylaw No. 8286, *The Smoking Control Bylaw, 2004*. The current bylaw defines outdoor public places as: "outdoor public place means any outdoor space owned or operated by the City of Saskatoon that is open to the public or to which the public is customarily admitted or invited, and includes parks, swimming pools, playgrounds, outdoor sports-fields, public squares or recreation areas, but does not include streets or sidewalks."

- 6. Establish a limit to the number of dogs per owner in the off-leash areas. A frequent concern heard by Administration is the timing of response by an owner to inappropriate behavior. The Saskatoon Animal Control Agency has stated owners who bring more than 4 dogs are less likely to maintain voice or sight command, to remove all their dog's defecation, and manage their dog's behavior in a timely manner. The addition of a statement establishing a maximum of 4 dogs per owner at the off-leash areas would support more manageable enforcement and owner responsibility in addressing nuisance behavior.
- 7. Update the sample Notice of Violation issued for breach of the *Animal Control Bylaw*. The current example of a Notice of Violation, as appears on Schedule No. 6 in the *Animal Control Bylaw* is outdated and requires replacement with the updated version, see Attachment 3

# The City Solicitor is proposing the following amendments to the *Animal Control Bylaw*:

- 8. Broaden how ownership of an animal is defined. There has been some challenges in Bylaw Court where the Justice is unwilling to make the connection between someone being in possession of an animal (and therefore its "owner") at the time that they pick the animal up from the Saskatoon SPCA following an atlarge violation, and possession (and therefore "ownership") at the time of the offence. It is proposed that an amendment to the definition of owner be made to add that the person redeeming the animal from the Saskatoon SPCA be presumed to be the owner at the time that it was impounded for being at-large.
- 9. Broaden the limitations around prohibited dogs in off-leash areas. There are concerns around repeated violations of the prohibited nuisance behavior as defined in the Bylaw. Owners found guilty of this violation continue to bring their dog back to the off-leash area only to have further violations occur. This amendment is proposed to limit safety concerns tied to repeated nuisance behavior violations. It is proposed an amendment be made so a dog found to be guilty of 3 or more nuisance behavior violations be prohibited from entering the off-leash areas.
- 10. Add a clause to apply the *Dangerous Animals Bylaw* to off-leash areas. Some Justices of the Peace have indicated that because this nuisance related clause is included in the *Animal Control Bylaw*, the *Dangerous Animals Bylaw's* use within an off-leash area is limited or unavailable. At the time these incidences occur within the off-leash area, they are beyond nuisance behavior and are in-line with the dangerous animal offence. In order to ensure the *Dangerous Animals Bylaw* can still be used in proper cases, an additional clause could be added to indicate that in addition to prohibition against nuisance behaviour, set out in clauses 10(3)(b)(i) (vi), the *Dangerous Animals Bylaw* applies within off-leash areas, when an animal is behaving in an aggressive manner.

- 11. Provide an example of the prohibited area signage. Signage around the prohibited areas Bylaw should be consistent and recognizable. By providing the Bylaw number on the sign, it refers citizens back to the Bylaw for further clarification. An amendment is proposed to provide an example of what the prohibited area that cats and dogs are not permitted in. Signage looks like (see Schedule No. 9, as appears in Attachment 4), for reference to the prohibited area signage. By providing consistent signage, it promotes awareness of the Bylaws, thus supporting both Saskatoon Animal Control Agency and the public. Clear signage helps the public become more aware of what will be enforced under the bylaw, as a cat or dog prohibited area and what would be enforced as an at large violation. Also, it is important to amend the Bylaw to state a prohibited area; a sign where cats and dogs are not permitted shall be placed at the discretion of the City.
- 12. Prohibit renting or sale of prohibited animals. There are various businesses that rent or sell exotic and wild animals. For example, there is a "rent a chicken" business that tells people they will only be prosecuted if a neighbour complains. An amendment is proposed to prohibit renting, or sale of any animal or hybrid of any animal of the kind listed in Schedule No. 5. This would further support Administration's efforts to prioritize safety and keep prohibited animals out of the City.
- 13. Clarify the barking or howling violation to define the reference to weekdays. The Bylaw currently uses the term weekday and Sunday to define days related to acts of nuisance barking or howling. The term weekday can cause confusion in interpretation of the Bylaw, whereas in this case, weekday was meant to include Saturday. An amendment designed for clarification is proposed to change weekday to read "Monday to Saturday".
- 14. Broaden how the accumulation of feces is defined as a violation. The Bylaw currently reads: "An owner or occupant of private property must not allow animal feces to accumulate on the property so as to create a health hazard." Although the Court has not been difficult about it, Saskatoon Animal Control Agency would not be able to testify as to when animal feces becomes a health hazard. It would be easier for them to testify about the feces becoming a nuisance (quantity, odor, appearance, etc.). It is proposed to amend the bylaw to add "or a nuisance" after "health hazard". The nuisance is defined by the quantity, odor and appearance created by the feces accumulation.

## Schedule No. 2

### Areas Where Dogs May Be Off-Leash

### **Avalon Off-Leash Area**

### **Description:**

### Location:

Area in vicinity of intersection at Glasgow Street and McConnell Avenue, south of Glasgow Street. This off-leash area is fenced.

Parcel Number: Title Number: Reference Land Description



### Attachment 2

## Schedule No. 1

### Annual License Fees for Cats and Dogs

### Effective January 1, 2020

Cat not spayed or neutered	\$40
Cat under 12 months old	\$18
Cat spayed or neutered	\$18
Dog not spayed or neutered	\$60
Dog under 12 months old	\$30
Dog spayed or neutered	\$30
Effective January 1, 2021	
Cat not spayed or neutered	\$40
Cat under 12 months old	\$18
Cat spayed or neutered	\$18

# Schedule No. 6

### **Notice of Violation**

City of Saskatoo	n	ANIMAL SERVICES	
his official Notice of Viol ssued for breach of Byla			
(The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999)		Activity #	
Offence	- 1	Confirm (2) Allow to serve	
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Attachment 4

## Schedule No. 9



### Bylaw No. 8176 The Dangerous Animals Bylaw, 2003 Proposed Amendments

# Administration is proposing the following amendment to the *Dangerous Animals Bylaw*:

 Broaden requirements around information sharing regarding dangerous dogs. The Bylaw currently states that "where the animal is moved to a different city or municipality, the owner shall notify the clerk of that city or municipality". Following a dangerous animal charge, when an owner moves within the city, notification is not required. The proposed amendment to the Bylaw would require that when the animal is moved to a different address in the City, the owner must notify the City Clerk.

# City Solicitor is proposing the following amendments to the *Dangerous Animals Bylaw*:

- 2. Expand the definition of "owner". The Bylaw's current definition of owner needs expansion to include groups or individuals who were in possession of the animal up to 30 days prior to the day of the incident. Through the request of Solicitors, Saskatoon SPCA and Saskatoon Animal Control Agency, this proposed amendment would help support the current challenges faced in the judicial system whereby rescue groups have brought in animals that have a known propensity for dangerous behavior. At times, rescue groups are adopting out these animals without disclosing the past history of the animal and the new adopting owner is then becoming unknowingly responsible for an animal that is prone to dangerous behavior. An amendment is proposed to reduce the tendency for rescue groups to bring in animals with a questionable history. This amendment would also assist Solicitors in holding rescue groups accountable for the animals they rescue for a set time period, following the adoption.
- 3. Provide for interim orders for public safety support. Currently, the Bylaw does not have any provision allowing the Justice of the Peace to place an "interim" order. Such a provision is necessary for public safety reasons when an animal is not impounded, following the incident and up until the point of the final court decision. The "interim" order is necessary to be issued when a severe attack occurs involving another animal, any attack on a human being, or when there are concerns about the owner's ability to take responsibility. An interim order is required to help prevent further attacks and to disallow the owner from taking the animal to an off-leash area. By amending the Bylaw to incorporate the ability for an interim order, Solicitors hopes to regularize the process for a Justice of the Peace to issue interim orders.

- 4. Add a provision to address similar looking animals. At its October 23, 2017 Regular Business Meeting, City Council approved an amendment to the Dangerous Animals Bylaw, 2003, to provide for a charge of failing to identify an animal. This amendment was sought in order to address those situations where someone owns one or more similar looking animals and one of those animals is dangerous. In such cases, dangerous animal proceedings may be impeded by the inability to identify exactly which among the similar looking animals carried out an attack, notwithstanding there is clear proof an attack took place and who the owner of the dangerous animal is. While the Solicitor's Office had initially sought to implement a new charge of failing to identify an animal, this subject was subsequently extensively reviewed in light of a number of potential enforcement problems that could arise. For example, there may be cases where the owner does not know which of their animals attacked (the owner may not have been present at the time), or may continue to refuse to identify the animal notwithstanding being charged with failing to identify, or may misidentify one of the animals in order to avoid further charges. It is therefore now proposed that, rather than implementing a fail-to-identify charge, the amendment provide all similar looking animals owned by the same owner are deemed dangerous in cases where one of those similar looking animals has been found to be dangerous
- 5. Broaden the order around disclosing dangerous animal charges. When animals are charged as dangerous, disclosure to all those handling the dog is important in promoting public safety. An amendment is proposed that states an order to all (registered) owners of the animal should be made, indicating the owner needs to ensure that anyone who is caring for the animal must be advised that the animal is dangerous and they must be instructed to follow the terms of an order.
- 6. Remove insurance terms causing discretionary challenges. When an animal is deemed dangerous, very few owners are able to obtain the insurance as set out in Section 8(5)(b). An amendment is proposed to remove the provision of a Justice of the Peace ordering an owner shall obtain and keep liability insurance in the amount of \$300,000. This provision is almost never used and has faced scrutiny on the rare occasion it is used.
- 7. Clarify discretionary measures to support mandatory public safety measures. When an animal is deemed dangerous there are mandatory conditions automatically imposed as part of a dangerous animal order and there are discretionary conditions that the Court may choose to impose in its discretion. These discretionary conditions are sometimes causing contradictions with mandatory conditions. An amendment is proposed to clarify that the discretionary conditions of an order cannot contradict or limit the effect of the mandatory conditions.

- 8. Add the requirement to pay the cost of care and sustenance fees:
  - a) The Bylaw states "Regardless of the outcome of the appeal, the owner shall be responsible for the payment of the costs of impoundment of the animal pending the hearing." It is being proposed that a provision be added to the Bylaw to note the cost of the care and sustenance fee is also required. Owners are sometimes unaware of the accumulating costs due to the sustenance fees while the animal is kept at the pound.
  - b) Where the judge, on appeal, overturns the order for destruction of the animal, the animal is to be released to the owner after they pay the related costs. An amendment is proposed to add to the Bylaw stating that "the animal shall be released to the owner after the owner has paid the costs of the care and sustenance and impoundment fee of the animal pending the hearing." Care and sustenance fees are set to support the cost of maintaining the well-being of the animal and are due upon release of animals being kept at the pound.
- 9. Provide an example of the pound fee and care and sustenance fee. The Bylaw references payment of pound fees and an amendment is proposed to reference care and sustenance fees. Currently, it is not possible to see the amount of pound fees or care and sustenance fees within this Bylaw. Similar to Schedule No. 4 of the *Animal Control Bylaw,* it is proposed that an amendment be made as appears in Attachment 1 to add Appendix C, displaying the impoundment fees for cats and dogs; pound fee and the care and sustenance fee. The Saskatoon SPCA has noted challenges around awareness of these fees and by displaying them in the Bylaw we would be supporting public awareness.

Attachment 1

# Appendix "C"

### Impoundment Fees for Cats and Dogs

Pound fee	\$50
Care and sustenance fee	\$15 (plus Goods and Services Tax) per day or a portion thereof commencing at 12:00 a.m. on the day immediately following the day of impoundment

Submitted on Monday, February 10, 2020 - 19:13

Submitted by anonymous user: 204.83.191.12

Submitted values are:

Date Monday, February 10, 2020

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name Rick

Last Name Deitner

Email Address Widsor St

City Saskatoon

Province Saskatchewan

Postal Code

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

Subject Proposed amendment to Animal Control Bylaws

Meeting (if known) Feb 11, 2020 Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services Comments

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The four dog per person rule will make it impossible to make a living at current rates. Increasing rates will hurt my clients many of which can not exercise their dogs as needed due to work schedules, illness or injury. Dog walking services are needed more today than ever before due people's increasingly hectic schedules.

I believe that any complaints about groups are likely to come from people who are uncomfortable with their dogs because they don't have control of their own animals. I am tactful in dealing with other people walking their dogs and often offer advice to behavioural issues they ask about. I have even intervened when I have encountered other people's dogs fighting one another.

I respectfully request a copy of the February 11, 2020 report of the General Manager, Community Services Department.

I suggest the current rules of having control of your dogs and cleaning up after them is adequate to govern dog walkers. Individuals walking smaller groups/individual animals are more likely to not control them or pick up after them than professional. A possible compromise may be to require a permit/license for professional dog walkers/trainers.

Unfortunately, I could not appear in person on Feb 11. Please let me know when this proposal will be debated next.

If any member of the Committee is interested in coming on a walk to see how mine and other professional dog

walkers groups behave, do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully, Rick Deitner

Attachments

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments: Amy Mark Thursday, February 13, 2020 10:55 AM City Council Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council proposed\_dog\_park\_bylaw.pdf

Submitted on Thursday, February 13, 2020 - 10:54

Submitted by anonymous user: 207.195.65.122

Submitted values are:

Date Thursday, February 13, 2020 To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council First Name Amy Last Name Mark Email Address Western Crescent City Saskatoon Province Saskatchewan Postal Code S7H Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) none Subject Re: bylaw limiting number of dogs you can bring to off leash dog park Meeting (if known) Comments I am not requesting to speak to council, but rather forwarding my letter of concern re: proposed bylaw amendments. Please see my attached letter. Attachments proposed dog park bylaw.pdf

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

Mayor Charlie Clark & City Council, Office of the Mayor 222 Third Avenue North Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5 February 12, 2020

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council;

I'm writing to you as a dog owner and as a customer of a dog walking company in Saskatoon to express my disappointment and concern at your proposed bylaw amendment to limit the number of dogs that can go to a dog park to just four dogs. I urge you reconsider. I don't believe that the proposed amendment will improve safety in dog parks as all of the issues I observe in off leash dog parks are not related to the number of dogs a person had with them but rather was related to the training or negligence of the dog handler. For those of us who employ dog walkers, our ability to provide proper exercise to our dogs and be responsible dog owners will be greatly reduced if you enact this bylaw.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Amy Mark, Saskatoon Resident Western Crescent – East College Park) From: Sent: To: Subject: Lynsay Haanstra <wolfpacksaskatoon@yahoo.com> Sunday, February 16, 2020 5:35 PM Web E-mail - City Clerks Concerns re: changes to city bylaw

To whom it may concern,

> This letter is in regards to the changes to the city bylaw which determines how many dogs a handler can walk within the Saskatoon city dog parks.

> I am a pack walker in Saskatoon, and have been for 7 years. I have worked in the pet industry my whole life, and have over 20 years experience in this field. I am also a dog trainer.

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> If I am limited on the number of dogs I can walk at a time, it will greatly reduce my income, which may force me out of business. I am greatly concerned, since I am a single mother of two small children. My clients rely on me to help them with their dogs..... I usually walk 12 - 21 dogs per day (groups of 6 - 11). My clients come from many walks of life.... some are elderly or disabled, or home with small children and are unable to properly exercise and socialize their dogs(s).

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> I do an assessment of each dog prior to taking them to the dog park. Each dog must be vaccinated, licensed, have recall/basic obedience, and be friendly with other dogs and people. I always follow city bylaws, keep the dogs in the view at all time, and remove excrement promptly.

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> Pack walks are highly beneficial for owners and pets. It makes for happier, more well behaved animals. I can provide many testimonials from the satisfied clients I have.

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> Please consider other options for professional dog walkers. Perhaps special licensing, or a designated spot for groups.

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> Thank you in advance, for your consideration.

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> Lynsay Haanstra

> Wolf Pack Adventures

> Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

> 306-716-6490

> Www.wolfpackadventures.ca

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> Sent from my iPad

From: Sent: To: Subject: Talia Soparlo Sunday, February 16, 2020 4:52 PM Web E-mail - City Clerks Proposed new animal control bylaw, 4 dog limit

#### > Hi there,

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> So I'm writing you today as I'm concerned with this new bylaw that the city is trying to pass regarding the amount of dogs one person can walk at a time.

> I hired over a year ago. She owns we have the provide the provided of the provided over a year ago. She owns we have the provided over a year ago. She owns we have the provided over a year ago. She owns we have the provided over a year ago. She owns we have the provided over a year ago. She owns we have the provided over a year ago. She owns we have the provided over a year ago. She owns we have the provided over a year ago. She owns we have the provided over a year ago. She owns we have a hubband working shift work and a larger dog who required a walk a day. With our cold winters, it was impossible for me to get out during the day when I was home alone with our child to walk our dog. And though it might sound pathetic to someone that maybe doesn't have a dog but our dog is our family and the guilt you have for your dog when you can't take them out for their daily walk is awful. We was able to be that substitute for the days that we were unable to. We have a healthy energetic dog who needs a walk daily and it wasn't an option for us to just sit back and not do something about it. So I forked out the money and hired her to fill in when we were unable to. And this goes for a number of other families in the city.

Came over to our house to meet us and meet Hunter, our 2 year black lab dog at that time. Her concern was to assess whether Hunter was an aggressive dog or not, how he was with other people and of course his mannerism with other dogs. She was amazing from the moment we met her and I would 100% call her Saskatoons dog whisperer. I've seen at the dog park with her pack of dogs and it's incredible to see how each one of these dogs listen and behave around her and getting along with every other dog she had that day. She does take a max of 10 dogs at a time but only comes from her years of experience and watching and knowing the temperament of these dogs.

> whole life revolves around these dogs and her business she has built over the years. If there was any concerns she had with any one of her clients dogs, she would no doubt be contacting that client and figuring out a solution or different option for that client and their dog.

> **Interview** isn't going around walking these dogs in parks or playgrounds or on the sidewalk. She takes them to the outlined and designated city dog parks around the saskatoon which allows these dogs to run free while in a contained area. Any one of these parks could have anywhere between 2 dogs to 100 dogs at any given time and for the city to limit the amount of dogs one person can have at a time is ridiculous. This doesn't only affect **method** but the other people in Saskatoon who have a big heart and own 2 or 3 dogs themselves and then fosters dogs on top of that! Because it's needed!

> I can understand the concern some people would have with aggressive dogs but anyone that goes to a dog park, has a dog that has been socializing with dogs from the beginning and who actually thrive when other dogs are around. The aggressive dogs at these parks are usually kept on a leash and even sometimes with a mussel as even the dog owner knows they can't trust their own dog to be off leash.

> I've been going to the dog park for years now and I have seen one incident involving one dog and it was apparent from just being a bystander that this dog was older, had not been around other dogs for quite some time, was clearly stuck in their ways and wasn't used to other dogs being around them and frankly, the owner had no clue how to even control their own dog.

> This owner defused this situation, put a leash back on their dog and left the park and I've never seen that man or his dog back there. And that is the only incident I've ever come across in a dog park. And that was 1 dog!

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> So trying to put a max amount of dogs one person can take for a walk at a time is honestly ridiculous and unreasonable. Any regular person has maybe one or two dogs so realistic this new bylaw wouldn't be affecting many people. But there are a handful of people that do take on more then 3, 4 or 5 plus dogs at a time and this would completely turn their world upside down.

> does this job because she loves it. She loves being outside, in -30 or +30 and with her pack of dogs Monday to Friday. Not many people could say they love their job. This new bylaw would not be doing anyone any favours and I'm not even sure the reason behind it???

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> Talia Soparlo

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<sup>&</sup>gt; Anyway, I just wanted to voice my opinion and hopefully out a stop to this if it's possible.

<sup>&</sup>gt; Thank you for your time.

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Donna Wasden Monday, February 17, 2020 7:44 AM Loewen, Mairin (City Councillor); Hill, Darren (City Councillor) Web E-mail - City Clerks Fwd: Form submission from: Form: Contact Your City Councillor

Please refer to my email below. I wanted to ensure that it has been received by the City and again, I ask that you reconsider limiting the number of dogs that dog walkers can take at any one time. My dog walker is a single mother of two young children and this is her main source of income, this is not just a sideline for her.

As I mentioned below, the professional dog walkers feel more responsibility and are more diligent than some individual dog owners/walkers so PLEASE don't cripple the dog walkers livelihood.

Thank you. Donna Wasden Broadway Avenue Saskatoon, SK

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Submitted on Friday, February 14, 2020 - 16:32

Submitted by anonymous user: 174.2.14.163

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First Name Donna Last Name Wasden Address Broadway Avenue Email Confirm Email Phone (306) Other Phone City Saskatoon Province Saskatchewan Councillor Ward 7 - Mairin Loewen Your Message Subject Limitation On Dog Walkers Message

Hello Mairin, although I'm not a professional dog walker, I'm writing to you with regards to the proposed new law limiting the number of dogs that dog walkers can take at any one time. There are professional dog walkers who are more responsible and have better control over their group of dogs than some individuals because they've been entrusted by their clients to oversee the safety of their pets and are paying the dog walker to do so.

I refuse to take my own dog to the Avalon dog park because of the irresponsibility of some dog owners who can't be bothered to supervise their dog(s). Instead, they let their dog out into the park and then sit in their vehicle while their dog runs rampant or the owner sits in a lawn chair and again, can't be bothered to supervise their dog. If the professional walkers did that their clientele would decline quickly - no clients, no paycheque.

The dog walker I hired a few years ago is extremely knowledgeable when it comes to dog behaviour and loves her job. She is a single mother raising two children and this is her livelihood. I would hope that the City would take into consideration the effect that this could have on the professional dog walkers who make their living this way. Perhaps those that have been in business for the past five years could be "grandfathered" in so this proposed new law wouldn't affect them.

Please put some further thought into this matter before crippling a person's livelihood and affecting their overall daily lives, not everyone wants an office job.

Thank you. Donna Wasden Attachment

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

From: Sent: To: Subject: Curtis Olson Monday, February 17, 2020 9:03 PM Hill, Darren (City Councillor); Web E-mail - City Clerks Proposed off-leash dog park changes (4 dogs per walker)

### Dear City of Saskatoon

I have been sending my dog on group walks for over two years now. My dog goes for 2 walks per week on Mondays and Fridays basically 52 weeks per year. When I Discovered this group walk it made me feel good about the neighborhood which I live in as my dog was on the pickup route and it offered my dog a chance to go for a walk without me while I am at work. As a responsible dog owner I plan these walks into my dog's routine. He is an active dog who needs a lot of exercise. To place a 4 dog per walker restriction would put suffering on the dog owners and dogs who have relied on this service to get those extra walks in while owners are away at work etc. Also some people are physically unfit to walk their dog and rely upon this service.

Usually when these group walks occur, there are other people and their dogs waiting for them to arrive to go for the walk together. It is a nice social event for the dogs and people.

I encourage you to re-consider this proposed change to the dog park and to find a solution which meets the needs of the dogs and dog owners who use this group walking service. I feel it is a good benefit to our community if managed correctly. Perhaps put a restriction on the group dog walker where they have to pay for an additional license to be registered as a group dog walker?

Thank you for reading my comments

Curtis Olson

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From: Sent:	Ricky Deitner < Source Sunday, February 23, 2020 4:43 PM	RECEIVED
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February 23, 2020		
Dear City Council,		

I would like to speak at the February 24, 2020 City Council Meeting on agenda item 8.1.2 – Proposed amendments to Bylaw 7860 & 8176.

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hectic schedules.

The first rule posted at the Southerland park is that your dog needs to be comfortable around other animals, or they ought to use one of the other city facilities. When I encounter dogs and their owners who aren't used to the off-leash environment I encourage them to walk with us so the people and their dogs can learn to socialize with other dogs.

The off-leash area is my office. I want it to be clean. I pick up after all my dogs AND any feces I come across during my walks.

The committee's suggestion of having some dogs on leash while four are off-leash would make it harder to intervene/correct behaviour in the unlikely event that a member of my pack got in fight or failed to return when called.

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Respectfully,

**Rick Deitner** 

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, A mu Max

Amy Mark, Saskatoon Resident ( Western Crescent – East College Park)

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February 16 2020

To who it may concern

We are writing this letter to voice our concerns that Alpha Adventures is being limited to a predetermined number of dogs.

We have been using Alpha Adventures now for approximately 5 months and have noticed a huge improvement in our dog Tara. She is more responsive to recall, has better vehicle manners and is more behaved with other dogs when we take her to dog parks.

We have Alpha Adventures service twice a week and our dog Tara looks forward to her outings with Ricky. When we mention him by name to Tara she is extremely excited and can't wait to hear our garage door open. Ricky from Alpha Adventures always greets Tara with excitement. To lose this would be a great disappointment for our dog Tara and other dogs like her. We know another pet owner that referred us to Alpha Adventures and know that their pet is just as excited for its time with the Alpha Adventures pack.

We believe that Ricky from Alpha Adventures is very professional at what he does.

At our original meeting Ricky met with us and our dog Tara. He assed her on her manners, recall and behaviour. After his assessment, Ricky let us know that he will have to Leash walk her with the pack that he hand selected because of their personalities until he feels comfortable with her.

We truly believe that restricting Alpha Adventures and other dog walkers to a limit of dogs they walk at any given time will cause clients to seek other means of care or no care at all, which may in turn be to much of a financial burden on the service providers and clients alike.

In schools and daycare for children they have higher limits of children to care giver. Our pets are our children. Our dog Tara has been learning with each given day that she is with the Alpha Adventures pack much like children learn from each other.

We believe that it would be a travesty to lose this beneficial service for our dog Tara and Alpha Adventures. We hope that you would reconsider your decision to such low limits of dogs walked.

#### Sincerely

Aaron McDowell and Colette McCarthy

### Hagen Herrmann & Sheena Pockett University Drive, Saskatoon, SK S7N

Feb 21, 2020

Cynthia Block Ward 6 Councilor City of Saskatoon 222 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave North Saskatooon, SK S7K 0J5

Dear Cynthia Block,

We write to you to express our sincere concerns about a key change that is being proposed to the city of Saskatoon's off-leash dog park rules/bylaws. While we do understand that the wants and needs of all the users of this space must somehow be balanced, we feel that limiting the number dogs that can be handled by a single person to a maximum of 4 will not only impact small business owners such as professional dog walkers, but also residents like us who rely on their services.

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Our professional dog walker Ricky with Alpha Adventures has delivered great service for our 2 dogs over the past several years, picking them up from our place twice weekly, and going on adventure walks at the different off-leash dog parks the city has set up. He usually has a pack of at least 6-8 dogs that he takes on these walks, and we trust that he carries out this service in a safe and professional manner. If this rule change were to take effect, not only would this wreak havoc for Ricky's small business, and by extension his family, but it will also affect our work life balance as we will have to find alternate ways to get our dogs the exercise they require. As a dog owner yourself, we believe you know just what that means on a day-to-day basis.

It is our hope that the issue outlined in this letter can be addressed at the council review of these proposed rule amendments, and that a pragmatic solution can be found. We stand by our professional dog walker and the other service providers in the space and hope that they can be kept exempt of this rule, were it to be accepted by council.

Sincerely,

### Hagen Herrmann & Sheena Pockett

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To Whom It May concern:

Im writing in regards to having our family dog go on PACK WALKS 2X week

This is the best thing we have done as we both work Full time jobs and have no time to take our dogs for the exercising and socializing she deserves and needs.

We met Rick threw Alpha Adventures and trust him 110% with our dog and the other dogs on there pack walk

Rick has total control over ALL the animals that he looks after

I hope that you will listen to people that pay for this service and allow our TRAINED PACK WALKERS to continue to do what they are trained to do and LOVE doing

We would surely miss Rick and our dog would surely miss him and her friends on there walks if CITY COUNCIL would not allow this anymore in our city

Jeff& Sherry Kloth

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R. From: Ethan Sawchuk Sunday, February 23, 2020 7:01 PM Sent: RECEIVED To: **City Council** Subject: Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council Attachments: feb 18 response from city clerk.pdf FEB 2 3 2020 CITY CLERK'S OFFICE SASKATOON Submitted on Sunday, February 23, 2020 - 19:01 Submitted by anonymous user: Submitted values are: Date Sunday, February 23, 2020 To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council First Name Ethan Last Name Sawchuk Email Address 1814 Cumberland Ave City Saskatoon Province Saskatchewan Postal Code s7h Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) Subject Animal Control Bylaw amendments Meeting (if known) Feb 24 Comments February 23, 2020 Dear City Council, I would like to speak at the February 24, 2020 City Council Meeting on agenda item 8.1.2 – Proposed amendments to Bylaw 7860 & 8176. The goal of the recommended amendments, as stated in the Feb 11 report, is to improve upon existing enforcement mechanisms, specifically, to remove ambiguity for the courts. The Planning Development and Community Services Committee dismissed a citizen's concern regarding the 4 dog/person rule by indicating that the proposed amendment does not limit the number of dogs an individual could have in an off-leash area, but the number of dogs that could be off leash at any given time. This interpretation was confirmed by the City Clerks office in a Feb 18 e-mail (attached). The recommended amendment clearly states, "a maximum of 4 dogs per owner at the off-leash areas." This obvious discrepancy suggests that more discussion and clarification is required regarding this amendment or you risk re-introducing ambiguity for enforcement officials and the courts. The report also states, "There are no financial, social, or environmental implications identified." I suggest that the destroying the livelihood of licenced business owners is a serious financial implication and that this has not been considered. I wonder if council has any statistics on the number if people who occasionally walk more than four dogs at a time? I expect council has received several letters from individuals who depend on dog walking services outlining the social impact of this amendment. I request that council remove the 4 dog/person amendment until the intent can be clarified and the financial and social implications can be assessed. Kind Regards, Ethan Sawchuk

### Cumberland Ave Saskatoon, SK S7H

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From: "Bryant, Shellie" <Shellie.Bryant@Saskatoon.ca> Date: February 18, 2020 at 11:37:48 AM CST

# RECEIVED FEB 2 3 2020 CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Subject: Proposed Amendments to Bylaw No. 7860, The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999 and Bylaw No. 8176, The Dangerous Animals Bylaw, 2003 [File No. CK 151-15 and RCD 151-3]

Dear Rick Deitner,

To:

The Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services, at its meeting held on February 11, 2020, considered the above-noted matter and resolved as noted. Corresponding information can be found <u>here</u>.

7.2.1 Proposed Amendments to Bylaw No. 7860, The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999 and Bylaw No. 8176, The Dangerous Animals Bylaw, 2003 [File No. CK 151-15 and RCD 151-3]

#### Committee resolved:

That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services recommend to City Council that:

1. Proposed amendments to Bylaw No. 7860, *The Animal Control Bylaw*, 1999 and Bylaw No. 8176, *The Dangerous Animals Bylaw*, 2003 as outlined in the February 11, 2020 report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, be approved; and

2. That the City Solicitor be requested to make the necessary amendments to Bylaw No. 7860, *The Animal Control Bylaw*, 1999, and Bylaw No. 8176, *The Dangerous Animals Bylaw*, 2003.

We want to make you aware that the proposed regulation for a maximum of four dogs per owner at the off-leash areas is only limiting the amount of dogs that can be off-leash at one time. Your communication will be submitted to City Council, at its meeting to be held February 24, 2020, as part of this file. You are welcome to attend this meeting and/or email a letter providing additional comments and/or requesting to speak which must be received by the City Clerk's Office no later than 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 24, 2020, or delivered in writing to the City Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. of the business day preceding the meeting. Your comments are limited to five (5) minutes.

If you have any questions on process, please do not hesitate to call our office at 306-975-3240.

Regards,

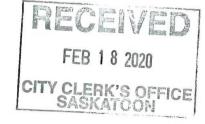
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Submitted on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 - 12:35

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Date Tuesday, February 18, 2020 To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council First Name Janice Last Name Wall Email Address Temperance Street City Saskatoon Province Saskatchewan Postal Code S7N

Comments

I am submitting this email to offer a comment regarding the proposed city bylaw to restrict the number of dogs one can take to an off leash dog park. In only have one dog so it's not an issue for me however, I run into some of the same professional dog walkers who have more than 4 dogs with them many times when I am out with my dog. I tend to frequent the South West Off-Leash Dog Park most often. I have never had any concerns or issues with professional dog walkers who have more than 4 dogs with them. I have found these professionals to have good control over the animals they have with them and have said this to some of them when I come across them. I have experienced issues with non-professionals who have 2-3 dogs with them and either have no control over their animals or are ignoring them because they are on their phones, listening to music or visiting with the friend they brought along. I think the bylaw should reflect that professional dog walkers (who I assume are licensed as small businesses) should be exempt from the new bylaw. Thanks for giving this consideration. Attachments

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Keitha McClocklin **Sector Control** > Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3:18 PM City Council Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



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Email Address Poplar Cres City Saskatoon Province Saskatchewan

Postal Code S7M

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) N/A Subject Rules for Commercial Dog Walkers and Number of Off-Leash Dogs Meeting (if known) City Council, and the Planning, Development and Community Services Committee Comments City Council,

Here are the reasons I think commercial dog walkers should be allowed to have all their dogs off-leash:

- Commercial dog walkers generally screen their clients' dogs, and only take dogs that get along with other dogs, are obedient enough to be off-leash in a group and have reliable recall.

- Dogs are pack animals. They want to be with their pack, and they want to follow their pack leader - by instinct. Dogs walked in packs want to stay pretty close to their pack and their pack leader. In my experience (and the experience of my commercial dog walker), it is not pack dogs that have been an issue in the off-leash parks. We've had the odd rare problem with an individual dog.

- The on-leash option for more than 4 dogs is basically a non-option.

- If the proposed bylaws are from a few complaints, it would be a shame if the result is to punish all commercial dog walkers and their clients. It makes more sense to implement a rule such as the one being discussed -- to ban certain dogs that have repeat nuisance behaviour — but not limit the number of off-leash dogs for commercial dog walkers in general.

- If, for some reason, Council can't agree to increase or eliminate the maximum number of off-leash dogs for commercial dog walkers at all the off-leash parks, then I think there are some other options that should be considered. For example:

- at least one designated 'larger' park that allows an unlimited (or higher limit) of off-leash dogs for

professional dog walkers. Professional dog walkers offer a fantastic win-win-win (dog - owner - dog walker) service — let's not ruin it! Limiting the number to 4 dogs will ruin this win-win-win business. It will put commercial dog walkers out of business.

- Clients hire commercial dog walkers so they can work and contribute to Saskatoon's GDP. If commercial dog walkers go out of business, this will take them out of the economy — as well taking their clients out of the economy for 2-3 hours each day (once you add in the commute to home, the commute to the off-leash park, an hour at the park, then back home to drop the dog off, and back to work).

- I looked on the city websites for Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton and Winnipeg, and I could not find bylaws that limited the number of off-leash dogs. (I had heard Council was looking at bylaws in other cities.) I did find newspaper articles that mentioned Calgary was looking at this issue, but could not find a new bylaw. I did find that Victoria BC updated their bylaws in November 2017. They allow commercial dog walkers to have up to eight dogs either on or off-leash. I also found that there has been huge push-back in all cities that have proposed a limit of 4 off-leash dogs for commercial dog walkers, both in North America and Europe.

Our dog, Zelda, goes to an off-leash park every day of the year, either with me or my commercial dog walker. She's 6.5 years old. Out of her 2,300+ off-leash walks, we've run into a 'bad' dog (bad owner?!) only 3 times. The percentage of bad dogs/owners/commercial dog walkers out there is very low. Let's not over-regulate and ruin it for the 99% of great dogs, owners and their commercial dog walkers.

Thank you for providing the off-leash parks in Saskatoon -- they bring great joy to dogs and their humans, and are necessary for dogs that need a lot of exercise.

Keitha (Zelda's human) and Zelda (Brittany spaniel who needs a lot of exercise)

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Donna Wasden < Wednesday, February 19, 2020 9:19 AM City Council Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council

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Email

Address Broadway Avenue

City Saskatoon

Province Saskatchewan

Postal Code S7J

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

Subject Limitation For Dog Walkers

Meeting (if known)

Comments

Hello,

Although I'm not a professional dog walker, I'm asking that you please reconsider the proposed new bylaw limiting the number of dogs a dog walker can take at any one time. There are professional dog walkers who feel a greater sense of responsibility and have better control over a group of dogs than some individuals because they've been entrusted by their clients to oversee the safety of their pets and are paying the dog walker to do so. It's not so much the number of dogs being walked at any one time, it's more about the control the handler has over the dog(s). There are individuals who take their dog to the Avalon dog park and let their dog run around the park while they sit in their vehicle or in a lawn chair. The professional dog walkers are supervising the dogs in their care, not sitting in their vehicle oblivious to what the dogs are doing (and they don't take them to parks such as Avalon).

Limiting the number of dogs would put the dog walkers who have made this their livelihood out of business. I have a dog walker who is a single mother of two young children who is able to establish her hours in order to drop off and pick up her kids from school/daycare. With her years of experience, she is extremely knowledgeable when it comes to dog behaviour and loves her job. I would also note, she's held a City business license for her dog walking business for over six years.

I would also like to point out that using the services of a professional dog walker is very helpful for anyone who works long hours or is elderly or physically unable to exercise their dog as much as they should be. I was so grateful to have the help of my dog walker while recovering from surgery and was unable to walk my high energy Lab for a few months. If my dog walker is put out of business by limiting the number of dogs, this would affect more than one person and their daily activities. They simply can't make a living walking 4 dogs! Please reconsider this proposed bylaw and look at the big picture here and how it would cause a ripple effect to the dog walkers, to the owners and to the dogs who are being exercised and socialized under proper supervision. Limiting the number of dogs will simply put those dog walkers who make their living this way out of business,

this isn't just a sideline for them. Not everyone wants an office job. Thank you. Donna Wasden Attachments

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Date Wednesday, February 19, 2020 To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council First Name Mary Last Name Fraser Email Address 3rd St East City Saskatoon Province Saskatchewan Postal Code S7H Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) Subject Proposed Amendment to Bylaw No 7860, The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999 Meeting (if known) Comments Good morning Mayor and Council members, I am writing to ask for your support for further amendments to the [Proposed Amendment to Bylaw No 7860, The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999, paragraph 6, establishing a limit to the number of dogs per owner] to allow for professional dog walkers with permission via licensure to walk more than 4 dogs at a time. from Wolf Pack Dog Walker for the last 6 years to walk my family's dog. His I have employed health and happiness are directly linked to her weekly walks, and I have always appreciated having her as part of my family life. Her arrival for pickup for his walk is a moment of pure joy and excitement and he is well exercised and content upon his return. I trust he is safe and well looked after while he being walked. If there are limits placed on the amount of dogs she can walk at a time I worry that her business will no longer be feasible, or her rates would increase so high we could no longer afford to employ her. Her work is vital to my dog's mental and physical health, which is incredibly important to our family, as he is an important member. Please consider supporting an amendment to the Bylaw and allow her and other dog walkers to continue running their business and permitting professional dog walkers to apply for licensure and to continue walking more than 4 dogs at once. Attachments

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From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Karlee Garand < Wednesday, February 19, 2020 9:15 PM troy.davies@saskatoo.ca Web E-mail - City Clerks Proposed Changes to Saskatoon Dog Parks



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Dear Troy Davies and City Council,

I am writing today to express my concern for the new proposed bylaw regarding the maximum of four dogs at city dog parks.

I am a responsible pet owner. Both my cat and dog are microchipped, licensed, spayed/neutered and up to date on shots. I have spent countless hours and resources training my dog. I believe that part of being a responsible dog owner also involves ensuring that my dog is adequately exercised and socialized. As a shift worker, it is not always possible. I have had dog walkers come to my house and take my dog on "pack walks" to the dog parks in Saskatoon for the better part of eight years. Surely, this new law would be an inconvenience for me and many others in similar situations, but my main concern is for the dog walkers that rely on this income to provide for themselves and their families. Limiting the amount of dogs they can take would put them out of business and affect their livelihoods.

While I believe that the majority of pet owners are responsible, I can understand that there are those that are not. However, I do not believe that implementing this new bylaw will change that. People who do not pick up after their dogs, will continue to not pick up after their dogs - whether they have one dog or six dogs. People who should not bring their dogs to the park due to behaviour, will continue to do so regardless of how many dogs they have. People that refuse to license their dogs will also continue to use the dog parks.

I am a frequent user of Saskatoon dog parks and I really appreciate the many options that we have. With that being said, I have not ONCE seen any sort of enforcement at the parks in my eight years of dog ownership. Why does the city not enforce the laws that are already in place? It is my understanding that pets must be licensed to use the parks but I can guarantee that this is not the case.

I truly feel that over the past few years, City Council has been restricting Saskatoon residents more and more by amending bylaws instead of enforcing what is already set in place. I believe that there are far more serious issues that Saskatoon is facing besides limiting dogs in a park, and telling residents when they can or can't have a backyard fire. I have worked downtown for 15 years and I see daily the battles that this city faces with drugs and mental health, and it has only gotten worse. I really wish that City Council would focus more time and energy on things that matter instead of restricting people that just want to enjoy the outdoors. Laws have to be in place, but what good are they if not enforced?

Should this bylaw pass, I kindly urge you to consider an exemption for the business owners that are just trying to make a living by helping people out with their pets. Their businesses and livelihoods are at stake.

Thank you for your time,

Karlee Garand Dundonald

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From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Jason & Nikki Huber < The second seco

Saskatoon City Council,

I am writing in regards to the proposed bylaw imposing a maximum of 4 dogs per person in dog parks.

I am wondering why this has all of a sudden become an issue and why it has been pushed through with little to no public consultation. Mainly this rule would affect dog walkers. Walking dogs is their profession, their way of making money. It is a small business. By instituting this bylaw you are attacking a small business owner - isn't Saskatoon supposed to be small business friendly? Dog walkers will have to increase their rates, decrease the time in which they walk their packs and increase the amount of walks per day.

Responsible and reputable dog walkers will conduct 'meet & greets' with potential new clients. They will not allow a new dog into their pack that will in any way disrupt a pack walk or be a danger to the pack or others using the dog park. Also trained dog walkers know how to handle any "problem" dogs. That is their job to know how to do this. Not every dog owner knows how to properly handle their own dogs and does not have the proper training to know what to do should their dog act inappropriately and can often cause trouble at dog parks.

Also, most dog walkers know that they can be under the microscope when it comes to dog parks and picking up dog feces. You cannot blame all of the dog feces in dog parks on dog walkers or owners with multiple dogs. I have personally watched other owners of 1 - 2 dogs totally ignore their own dogs' feces and I have seen dog walkers make the effort to walk through snow banks to pick up the feces of one of their pack. It is easy to put blame on others regarding dog feces at dog parks - especially in the winter. In fact the other day my own dog pooped at the dog park right in the middle of 4 other frozen poops - others at the dog park could have easily assumed I did not pick up my own dog's feces.

What is and isn't appropriate at dog parks is so very very different to different people. Its so subjective. People can get reported at dog parks and get fined and there does not need to be any proof of wrong doing at all. I 100% agree that mean and/or aggressive dogs/biting dogs should not be in dog parks, but again what people find mean or aggressive can be very very different. I can venture to guess that if a dog walker ever found that they had a biting dog in their pack, that



that dog would never walk that dog walker again. I have seen owners with aggressive dogs continue to come to dog parks with little to no remorse and often blame their own dogs aggression on the owner of the dogs they have attacked.

This bylaw will affect dog walkers and it will affect dog owners who use the services of dog walkers. People wanting to use a dog walking service will likely see an increase of rates and a decrease of time of their dog being walked. Chances are they will have to stop using their services because it is less affordable.

Please take the time to carefully review this by law. Do the due diligence. Often some very loud voices of a very small amount of people get heard - but do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the masses. Take the time to come up with options for dog walkers like exceptions to the rules with a special license, or a large designated area where they can take larger packs for walks. Again, please slow down, take the time to do this right.

Thank you,

Nikki Huber

From: Sent: To: Subject: Jennifer Fairbairn < Sunday, February 23, 2020 4:18 PM City Council Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



Submitted on Sunday, February 23, 2020 - 16:18

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Date Sunday, February 23, 2020 To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council First Name Jennifer Last Name Fairbairn Email Address Whitecap Cres. City Saskatoon Province Saskatchewan Postal Code S7M Mame of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) Dog Park Ambassadors - SW Dog Park Subject Re: Off-leash dog limits Meeting (if known) Monday Feb. 24 Council Meeting Comments Dear council,

We are writing to support the administration's recommendation to limit the number of off-leash dogs to four per person. We are volunteer park ambassadors for the SW Dog Park and have witnessed up to 12 dogs with just two dog walkers. These large groups behave as packs and can really change the dynamics of dog interactions (especially for older or submissive dogs). I don't think it is reasonable to keep a close enough eye and have adequate control on so many dogs. Picking up is also an issue with these large groups. We have heard dog walkers on the radio arguing that some owners have poor control of single dogs. This is an irrelevant argument. The rule is that you should have control of your animal(s) at all times and larger groups are not conducive to the amount of control required. As park ambassadors we interact with many regular park users and they have similar concerns.

We are not requesting to speak at the meeting but appreciate your time and attention.

Jennifer and Shawn Fairbairn Attachments

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the fun part of the park I notic they want to play I feel the do doing is making it hard for pe this is a hardship for both As	rk When i walk my one dog i hope to meet up wi be some people seem to not like this but the dogs og walkers have better control over there dogs cor ople who have hired dog walker because they ma for cleaning up it's usually the person with one do think on this before you make a quick decision. T	all tend to go together anyway npared to us with one all this is y not be able to walk there dogs og who doesn't clean up after

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I am writing in regard to the proposed limit of the number of dogs per person in the off-leash dog parks. I am a professional dog walker in Saskatoon. I am licensed and insured and I make my livelihood doing this full time. This 4-dog per person bylaw, if passed, will make it difficult for me to earn a living. It will jeopardize my business to the point of it not being viable to be a business. This, in turn, will also jeopardized a service my customers need on a daily/ weekly basis.

Also, as a dog walker, I and other dog walking professionals are very specific about the dogs we take to the offleash parks. We don't just take any dogs. We are responsible to meet with the clients and their dogs and ascertain as to whether these dogs would fit within our packs and have the appropriate temperament for dog park socialization. We are insured as businesses and care for the animals under our care as professionals, and as if they were our own pets. We take pride in our job and we care for the cleanliness of the parks, as we also have dogs of our own.

The basis of the case of animal control stating that more than four dogs with one person has less control and lacking in clean up after them, is completely ridiculous accusation.

As a pet owner of two dogs, I believe there is no distinction between an owner who has one dog and an owner with multiple dogs as to whether they are cleaning up after their dogs or being able to control their dogs at the park. The issue is one of owner responsibility in both the clean up and indetermining if they can handle their dogs behavior around other dogs. Even having my own two dogs with me on my own time as a pet owner, I am constantly seeing irresponsible owners and picking up after other peoples dogs who may only have one dog. It would be nice to have a camera at the park to prove that more often then not, it's the lazy single dog owners that don't clean up after their dog. There have been many occasions I have even said to some of those owners, "Are you going to pick that up?" and then gave them a doggie poop bag to pick it up. So the facts remain, that as a business, 'we' as professional dog walkers have a reputation to uphold while doing our job, and that is of taking care of the dogs in our care from the time we pick them up at the clients home to when we drop them off. That includes their safety, the safety of others and cleaning up after them. In any job you don't leave your mess for others to pick up... example, a construction worker doesn't leave his cut off pieces of wood or tools lying around. Why would anyone think that a dog walker isn't as respectful and not doing their do diligence for the job they do!

I would like to state also, that even if other cities have 4 dog or 2 dog rule off leash... we are not those cities... we are Saskatoon! A city that I live in and where I call it "my city"... home! We are one of the fastest growing cities and I would like to say and think we should not compare ourselves to another city.

If you do pass this bylaw, please consider also specifically zoning one or two parks such as the "Chief Whitecap dog park area" for those with larger dog packs. Thank you for your consideration. Attachments

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These professionals provide a service to many pet owners of all types. From the elderly whose pets are their lives but just do not have the capabilities to get out and provide their beloved pet with the physical and mental stimulation their dog requires. The elderly rely on Professional Dog Walkers to provide that service for their very important family member. Without dog walkers many might be forced to give up that very special member of their family.

Professional Dog Walkers provide this service to other families such a professionals, working families, or various individuals that may not have enough time to provide the exercise, socialization and mental stimulation that their pets, which are a member of the family, require on a regular basis. These family pets provide various companionship in the homes due to some children's and adult's diagnoses of ADHD, Autism, Anxiety, depression and even PTSD. They are very valuable members of the family that require a little more attention that may not be provided for inside the family home.

Professional Dog Walkers do not take their packs to the smaller off leash parks, but rather the much larger ones where they can meet and often socialize with other packs.

Individuals that take just 1 not very well trained dog or is completely ignored by the owner to an off leash park are more of a detriment than Professional Dog Walkers with a pack of dogs that are extremely well trained by the pack leader. These Professionals have the unique ability to control their pack without the use of leashes or restraints. They are truly the ALPHAS in the pack. Control is actually easier for trained dog walkers as walking in packs is natural for dogs. A large group walking together is less likely to cause any issues, as they look to the alpha for any signs of danger or required actions. It is safe to say an individual with a couple of under-trained dogs would be of more risk than large groups following their alpha.

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We struggle to understand the benefits of such a bylaw.

What would be accomplished by not allowing these professionals to continue to provide a valuable service to responsible pet owners?

What do you hope to achieve by putting a bylaw in place which restricts the number of dogs these Professional Dog Walkers are allowed to walk at once?

You would be essentially be forcing these Dog Walkers to take less dogs at a time, which would lessen the amount of time the dog walker could spend with the dogs which could eventually force the dog walkers out of business as they would not be able to provide a proper service to their clientele. This would leave responsible pet owners without any options for them to provide for their pets. This could cause many to be forced to surrender their pets.

City council should be looking at helping the community of pet owners not limiting the options pet owners have by continuing to allow Professional Dog Walkers to provide the necessary services to their clientele.

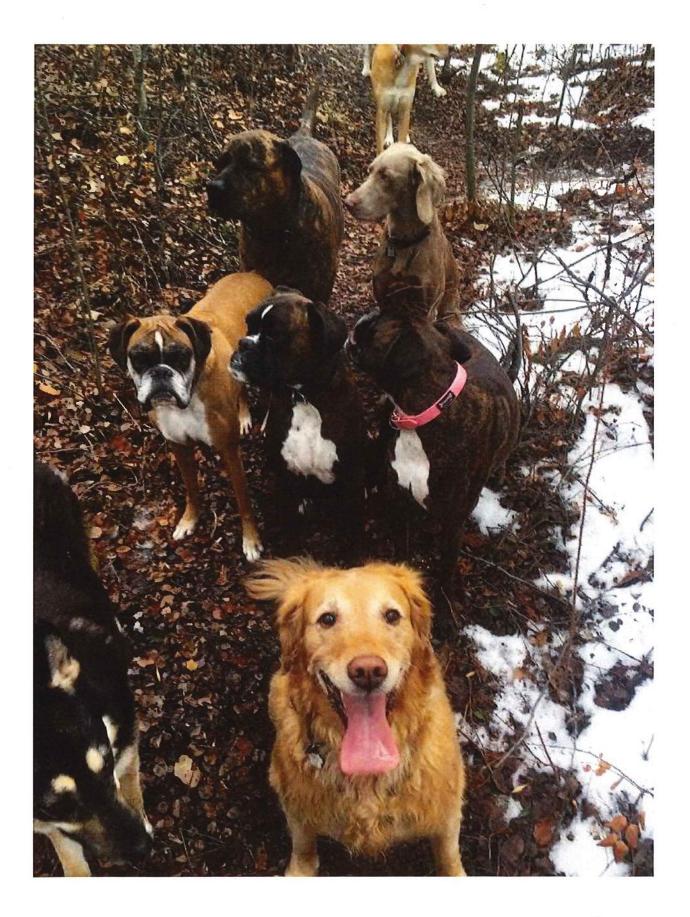
This bylaw would effectively deny the community of a vital and beneficial service that Professional Dog Walkers provide the residents of Saskatoon.

Thanks you for your considerations

Attachments

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Lynsay Haanstra Sunday, February 23, 2020 9:58 PM City Council Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



Submitted on Sunday, February 23, 2020 - 21:57

Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

Date Sunday, February 23, 2020 To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council First Name Lynsay Last Name Haanstra Email Address St Laurent Cres City Saskatoon Province Saskatchewan Postal Code S7L Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) Subject In opposition of Supposed 4 dog rule Meeting (if known) Comments This letter is in regards to the changes to the city bylaw which determines how many dogs a handler can walk within the Saskatoon city dog parks.

I am a pack walker in Saskatoon, and have been for 7 years. I have worked in the pet industry my whole life, and have over 20 years experience in this field. I am also a dog trainer.

If I am limited on the number of dogs I can walk at a time, it will greatly reduce my income, which may force me out of business. I am greatly concerned, since I am a single mother of two small children. My clients rely on me to help them with their dogs..... I usually walk 12 - 21 dogs per day (groups of 6 - 11). My clients come from many walks of life.... some are elderly or disabled, or home with small children and are unable to properly exercise and socialize their dogs(s).

I do an assessment of each dog prior to taking them to the dog park. Each dog must be vaccinated, licensed, have recall/basic obedience, and be friendly with other dogs and people. I always follow city bylaws, keep the dogs in the view at all time, and remove excrement promptly.

Pack walks are highly beneficial for owners and pets. It makes for happier, more well behaved animals. I can provide many testimonials from the satisfied clients I have.

Please consider other options for professional dog walkers. Perhaps special licensing, or a designated spot for groups.

Thank you in advance, for your consideration.

#### Attachments

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments: Teanna Corozel < Sunday, February 23, 2020 10:29 PM City Council Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council proposed\_4\_dog\_bylaw.pdf



Submitted on Sunday, February 23, 2020 - 22:29

Submitted by anonymous user:

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Date Sunday, February 23, 2020 To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council First Name Teanna Last Name Corozel Email Address Priel Cres City Saskatoon Province Saskatchewan Postal Code S7M Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) Subject Proposed 4 dog bylaw Meeting (if known) Comments PDF attached below Attachments proposed 4 dog bylaw.pdf

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

To whom it may concern,



I am writing in regards to the recommendation on restricting the number of dogs allowed in the off-leash dog parks with one person at a time.

I do not think this restriction is fair to the professional dog walkers in the city. I am a regular(daily) off-leash park user and I come across multiple professional dog walkers and have never had anything but pleasant experiences with their packs. I have joined them on their walks on multiple occasions. They are responsible, always have control over their dogs and clean up after them. I also use these professional dog walking services on a regular basis. If this restriction were to come about, this would poorly affect the professionals as well as the clients. I can't imagine they would be able to maintain their business only walking 4 dogs at a time, the cost of using these services would have to increase in order for the businesses to be viable.

I understand that there is also a recommendation for a "3 strike system" to ban dogs who continually show nuisance behaviours. I believe that if this rule is implemented, it would weed out the bad dogs and it would not be necessary to implement the "4 dog rule". A dog walker's pack does not necessarily make for nuisance dog behaviour.

I really hope the city of Saskatoon reconsiders implementing this "4 dog rule" at the off leash dog parks.

Thank you,

Teanna Corozel

From: Sent: To: Subject: Liz Chapman American Solution Solution



Submitted on Monday, February 24, 2020 - 04:45

Submitted by anonymous user:

Submitted values are:

Date Monday, February 24, 2020 To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council First Name Liz Last Name Chapman

Email

Address Allegretto Way City Saskatoon

Province Saskatchewan

Postal Code S7K

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

Subject Proposed change to Animal Control By law with #dogs/person at off leash parks

Meeting (if known) City Council Feb 24

Comments

I am writing out of concern for the passage of the proposed Animal Control by law that would limit the number of dogs an individual could have at an off leash park to 4. While I personally only own 2 dogs, I depend on the services of a professional dog walker. For the past 7 years, we've found that pack walks work best to provide our dogs with proper exercise, stimulation and socialization. My dogs are walked 4 days a week in that manner. The proposed change would seriously affect the business and consequently our family along with our walker and her family. It's been said that controlling larger groups of dogs is difficult and hence they are being targeted. While it may be true for some, I believe it to be different with professionals. Personally I've experienced more challenges with individual owners at the parks with not controlling their dogs properly or cleaning up after them. We deal with dog scat on our sidewalk and front lawn on a regular basis. I would hope that an alternative solution can be found. Perhaps designating certain parks for larger groups would be a viable solution. Requiring professional walkers to register or be licensed may also be an alternative. I found it interesting that the city is looking to limit the number of dogs one can take to the off leash while there is no limit to the number one can own in their home within city limit.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Liz Chapman

Attachments

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

From: Sent: To: Subject: Renée Beauchamp Monday, February 24, 2020 6:01 AM Web E-mail - City Clerks Dog Walker limit on #dogs walked at a time

Submitted on Monday, February 24, 2020 - 06:00 Submitted by user: Anonymous Submitted values are:

==Your Message== Service category: Bylaws & Policies Account Number: Subject: Dog Walker limit on #dogs walked at a time Message: Good Morning, City of Saskatoon,

I am writing to you from the Canadian Dog Walkers Association about the proposed limit on the number of dogs a Dog Walker can walk at a time, in leash-free areas (or sidewalks). Having followed two CBC articles on this, we are discouraged by the proposed limit of four, for several reasons:

• A municipal government-imposed capacity of four dogs will reduce the economic viability of Walkers and reduce their incomes to such a level that the service will not provide a livable wage. Reducing the economic viability of an industry is not seemly at all, for municipal government, who normally engage in augmenting the efforts and viability of small business.

• Professional, trained dog walkers have all of their dogs under control, at all times, using recall, proximity, and predictive/preventive strategies to manage dogs.

• Fact-check: Toronto has a limit of six (6) dogs, per walker, at a time, with a city permit which is acquired with proof of liability insurance.

Canadian Dog Walkers Association (CDWA) is available for dialogue on this issue. We do support the industry's viability, Walker training, dog safety and enrichment, and we have much to offer on these subjects. Kindly involve us.

We wish to wholeheartedly discourage a 4-dog maximum in Saskatoon.

I have not been able to find contact information for Andrew Roberts, or other notable City participants concerning this issue. Kindly forward this note and let us know who may contact (name/email/phone) to discuss this issue further.



Please let us know how we may advance on resolution of this issue together.

Many thanks,

Renée Beauchamp Executive Director Canadian Dog Walkers Association (CDWA) Attachment:

==Your Details== First Name: Renée Last Name: Beauchamp Email: renee@cdwa.ca Confirm Email: renee@cdwa.ca Neighbourhood where you live: Adelaide/Churchill Phone Number:

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### STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

### Property Tax Liens 2019

#### **Recommendation of the Committee**

That the City Solicitor be instructed to take the necessary action under provisions of The Tax Enforcement Act with respect to properties with 2019 tax liens.

#### History

At the February 11, 2020 Standing Policy Committee on Finance meeting, a report of the Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Financial Services dated February 11, 2020 was considered.

#### Attachment

February 11, 2020 report of the Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Financial Services

### **Property Tax Liens 2019**

#### ISSUE

City Council approval is required in order to proceed to the next stage under *The Tax Enforcement Act (The Act)* for properties with 2019 liens.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Standing Policy Committee on Finance recommend to City Council that the City Solicitor be instructed to take the necessary action under provisions of *The Tax Enforcement Act* with respect to properties with 2019 tax liens.

#### BACKGROUND

Collection of property tax arrears is guided by *The Act*, the purpose of which is to secure payment of tax arrears under the threat of loss of title to the property. The statute is not intended to act as a means for the acquisition of property by the City of Saskatoon (City). Each property owner (taxpayer) has certain fundamental rights concerning his/her land. The taxpayer must be kept fully aware of the proceedings being taken and be given a reasonable time frame during which arrangements can be made for payment of the outstanding amount.

#### **DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS**

#### The Tax Enforcement Act

*The Act* provides the City with an effective collection process. As indicated in Appendix 1, a total of 7,029 tax enforcement liens were placed between 2013 and 2019. Tax arrears have been paid in full on 6,056 of these, and 973 tax enforcement liens remain where property owners have payment arrangements. The City has assumed title to only seven of these properties.

The proceedings under *The Act* are scheduled as follows:

- Section 10: Allows the City to register a tax lien against a property where taxes have been due and unpaid after the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December of the year in which the taxes were originally levied.
- Section 22(1): Where the taxes remain unpaid and the lien has not been withdrawn, the City may apply to Council to commence proceedings to take title after the expiration of six months following the registration of the tax lien at Information Services Corporation of Saskatchewan (ISC) Land Registry.
- Section 24: Final application for transfer of title to the City may commence six months after the first application. The City must, at this point in the proceedings, obtain consent of the Provincial Mediation Board to *obtain the title. The Board may, subject to certain conditions being met* by the taxpayer, put the proceedings on hold, even after this consent is granted.

#### 2019 Tax Liens

With respect to the properties listed in Appendix 2, proceedings under *The Act* commenced on February 23, 2019. At that time, the City, in accordance with *The Act*, published the legal descriptions of all properties in arrears of property taxes subject to tax liens in the <u>Saskatoon StarPhoenix</u>. The assessed owners were notified of the action being taken and were advised that if the taxes remained unpaid after 60 days following the date of the advertisement, a tax lien would be registered against the property on the official title held in ISC – Land Registry.

The City has made considerable effort to contact the assessed owners of the various properties to obtain payment or to negotiate reasonable payment schedules. However, as of the date of this report, the City has not received payment and the property tax arrears are still outstanding.

The properties are now subject to first proceedings pursuant to Section 22(1) of *The Act.* This action involves notification by registered mail to each registered owner, each assessed owner, and all others with an interest set out on the title to the property, that they have six months to contest the City's claim.

Pursuant to Section 24, the next stage of *The Act*, six months following service of notices, the City will be in a position to make final application for title of any properties for which the arrears have not been cleared.

As indicated above, *The Act* requires specific waiting periods to ensure that owners and interest holders are afforded a reasonable opportunity to redeem the property. In typical cases, the Administration expects that these proceedings will be carried out within the normal periods outlined in the legislation. However, where there is a credible and realistic plan by the owner or interest holder to make payments to redeem the property during enforcement proceedings, the prosecution of the enforcement proceeding should be suspended to allow the redemption plan to proceed. If the plan fails, enforcement proceedings should then be recommenced.

Since tax enforcement proceedings pursuant to Section 22 are initiated at City Council direction, it is City Council that can properly suspend and recommence the proceedings, or direct the Administration to do so. Accordingly, the Administration requests that in those cases where there is a credible plan, as determined by the Administration, City Council authorize the Administration to suspend enforcement proceedings, and to restore enforcement proceedings where a redemption plan fails.

The Administration now requests authorization to proceed regarding those properties which became subject to tax liens in 2019.

It is also important to note that the Administration has made every effort to contact the assessed owners of the properties in arrears subject to tax collection as per *The Act*.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If approval to proceed with tax enforcement proceedings is not granted, the ability to collect on tax arrears would be negatively impacted.

#### **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

There are no privacy, legal, social or environmental implications identified.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

Pending City Council approval, the Administration will proceed with tax collections as per *The Act*.

#### APPENDICES

- 1. Tax Enforcement Statistics
- 2. Liens Outstanding 2019

#### **REPORT APPROVAL**

Written by:	Theresa Chapman, Revenue Collections and Licensing Manager
Reviewed by:	Michael Voth, Director of Corporate Revenue
Approved by:	Kerry Tarasoff, Chief Financial Officer

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#### **Tax Enforcement Statistics**

(as of January 20, 2020)

Lien	Ren	ninder Notice	s	Number	Liens	6-month	Sent to Prov	Title	Liens
Year	Prev Sept.	Prev Nov.	Feb.	Advertised	Placed	Notices	Mediation	Taken	Remaining
2013	5,608	4,160	2,639	1,890	736	291	62	0	1
2014	6,038	4,323	2,922	2,062	1,044	484	91	3	8
2015	6,214	4,290	2,895	1,882	959	449	58	2	16
2016	6,156	4,574	2,834	1,811	985	434	58	2	28
2017	6,034	4,254	2,995	2,003	1,064	566	80	0	77
2018	6,925	4,907	3,012	2,146	1,166	633		0	239
2019	6,054	4,760	3,014	2,166	1,075			0	604
Total	43,029	31,268	20,311	13,960	7,029	2,857	349	7	973

# LIENS OUTSTANDING SUMMARY 2019

	Predominant Use		Arrears
1	Comm Outbuilding - Nominal Impr Value		\$2,575.67
2	Commercial Condo, Office		\$42,246.19
3	Commercial Condo, Retail		\$9,607.47
1	Condo, Commercial		\$10,652.15
3	Industrial, Flex Bld, single sty		\$97,420.91
6	Land, Undeveloped Commercial		\$10,173.23
1	Restaurant, Fast Food		\$13,060.20
1	Shopping Centre, Neighbourhood		\$11,323.28
1	Store, Retail		\$2,394.25
1	Store, Warehouse Showroom		\$3,665.81
1	Warehouse, Storage 10,000-79,999		\$1,399.88
1	Warehouse, Storage 3-12% office		\$2,622.46
1	Warehouse, Storage 5,000-9,999		\$11,511.52
33	Condo, Bare Land		\$69,069.36
3	Condo, Highrise		\$7,789.90
51	Condo, Lowrise		\$89,524.64
22	Condo, Parking Unit, Basement		\$12,918.18
9	Condo, Parking Unit, Low Rise Surface		\$4,136.84
14	Condo, Townhouse		\$24,036.69
2	Lowrise, Multi Res		\$22,493.37
8	Land, Undeveloped Res		\$20,486.28
419	Single Family, Detached		\$1,188,833.64
1	Single Family, Semi Detached		\$2,606.64
19	Townhouse, Res-2 unit (Two Titles)		\$47,204.49
604		Total	\$1,707,753.05

Class	Predominant Use	Roll Number	Arrears
COMM	Comm Outbuilding - Nominal Impr Value	474917200	\$2,575.67
COMM	Commercial Condo, Office	505200910	\$31,124.14
COMM	Commercial Condo, Office	505200914	\$11,122.05
COMM	Commercial Condo, Retail	474917610	\$1,734.60
COMM	Commercial Condo, Retail	474917615	\$1,710.07
COMM	Commercial Condo, Retail	504905156	\$6,162.80
COMM	Condo, Commercial	405310080	\$10,652.15
COMM	Industrial, Flex Bld, single sty	415314100	\$24,397.46
COMM	Industrial, Flex Bld, single sty	524618800	\$23,502.69
COMM	Industrial, Flex Bld, single sty	524621600	\$49,520.76
COMM	Land, Undeveloped Commercial	474917240	\$1,101.98
COMM	Land, Undeveloped Commercial	474917260	\$1,101.98
COMM	Land, Undeveloped Commercial	474917300	\$4,165.59
COMM	Land, Undeveloped Commercial	474917350	\$1,036.56
COMM	Land, Undeveloped Commercial	474917400	\$2,197.32
COMM	Land, Undeveloped Commercial	546100300	\$569.80
COMM	Restaurant, Fast Food	484901350	\$13,060.20
COMM	Shopping Centre, Neighbourhood	484901870	\$11,323.28
COMM	Store, Retail	504908000	\$2,394.25
COMM	Store, Warehouse Showroom	504835790	\$3,665.81
COMM	Warehouse, Storage 10,000-79,999	405320500	\$1,399.88
COMM	Warehouse, Storage 3-12% office	514804830	\$2,622.46
COMM	Warehouse, Storage 5,000-9,999	495602790	\$11,511.52
COND	Condo, Bare Land	445700760	\$1,548.85
COND	Condo, Bare Land	464510750	\$1,721.64
COND	Condo, Bare Land	475729270	\$3,512.07
COND	Condo, Bare Land	475912455	\$3,472.90
COND	Condo, Bare Land	475944385	\$270.97
COND	Condo, Bare Land	475945970	\$2,936.71
COND	Condo, Bare Land	475956185	\$415.36
COND	Condo, Bare Land	485720840	\$1,646.38
COND	Condo, Bare Land	494210360	\$376.73
COND	Condo, Bare Land	495750615	\$2,935.51
COND	Condo, Bare Land	495816305	\$3,466.19
COND	Condo, Bare Land	496025810	\$704.06
COND	Condo, Bare Land	504200854	\$1,148.90
COND	Condo, Bare Land	504200984	\$2,816.14
COND	Condo, Bare Land	504400342	\$2,652.23
COND	Condo, Bare Land	514527370	\$663.99
COND	Condo, Bare Land	535811412	\$1,236.27
COND	Condo, Bare Land	535811424	\$2,951.60
COND	Condo, Bare Land	535811825	\$2,987.49
COND	Condo, Bare Land	535812261	\$1,546.43
COND	Condo, Bare Land	535859860	\$1,496.24
COND	Condo, Bare Land	535860110	\$350.32
COND	Condo, Bare Land	535860115	\$220.34
COND	Condo, Bare Land	546040155	\$3,497.05

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Class	Predominant Use	Roll Number	Arrears
COND	Condo, Bare Land	555434095	\$3,819.33
COND	Condo, Bare Land	565051110	\$1,940.18
COND	Condo, Bare Land	565055280	\$1,706.52
COND	Condo, Bare Land	565303922	\$2,859.27
COND	Condo, Bare Land	565305515	\$3,639.80
COND	Condo, Bare Land	565330895	\$4,073.53
COND	Condo, Bare Land	565370920	\$4,042.48
COND	Condo, Bare Land	575506365	\$1,384.56
COND	Condo, Bare Land	575506550	\$1,029.32
COND	Condo, Highrise	495121305	\$1,403.21
COND	Condo, Highrise	495121485	\$3,142.88
COND	Condo, Highrise	495124864	\$3,243.81
COND	Condo, Lowrise	445229295	\$3,074.81
COND	Condo, Lowrise	445333704	\$1,848.42
COND	Condo, Lowrise	445405940	\$1,287.16
COND	Condo, Lowrise	445801590	\$3,435.21
COND	Condo, Lowrise	445845505	\$2,376.65
COND	Condo, Lowrise	445845515	\$1,537.81
COND	Condo, Lowrise	445845535	\$1,058.57
COND	Condo, Lowrise	455215210	\$1,861.65
COND	Condo, Lowrise	455231359	\$1,383.30
COND	Condo, Lowrise	455908010	\$2,757.02
COND	Condo, Lowrise	464523267	\$536.21
COND	Condo, Lowrise	464523277	\$953.61
COND	Condo, Lowrise	464670385	\$928.17
COND	Condo, Lowrise	474405985	\$1,643.99
COND	Condo, Lowrise	475832772	\$488.13
COND	Condo, Lowrise	475833370	\$2,252.22
COND	Condo, Lowrise	475833495	\$2,414.74
COND	Condo, Lowrise	475833505	\$2,420.43
COND	Condo, Lowrise	475946610	\$2.464.93
COND	Condo, Lowrise	485631435	\$1,961.78
COND	Condo, Lowrise	486033631	\$1,290.54
COND	Condo, Lowrise	495106010	\$1,096.05
COND	Condo, Lowrise	504204770	\$897.51
COND	Condo, Lowrise	504205375	\$790.54
COND	Condo, Lowrise	505629451	\$2,184.97
COND	Condo, Lowrise	514431550	\$923.17
COND	Condo, Lowrise	514431665	\$1,408.83
COND	Condo, Lowrise	514431705	\$1,688.24
COND	Condo, Lowrise	515002250	\$684.34
COND	Condo, Lowrise	515109301	\$1,799.98
COND	Condo, Lowrise	515131695	\$1,783.62
COND	Condo, Lowrise	515228985	\$2,762.63
COND	Condo, Lowrise	515612074	\$1,057.09
COND	Condo, Lowrise	525418395	\$2,124.44
COND	Condo, Lowrise	525418440	\$2,818.00

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Class	Predominant Use	Roll Number	Arrears
COND	Condo, Lowrise	525703690	\$624.15
COND	Condo, Lowrise	525703725	\$2,030.79
COND	Condo, Lowrise	525708130	\$2,210.56
COND	Condo, Lowrise	525725110	\$2,117.75
COND	Condo, Lowrise	535630855	\$2,067.56
COND	Condo, Lowrise	535705400	\$2,219.22
COND	Condo, Lowrise	545415425	\$2,365.32
COND	Condo, Lowrise	545715640	\$2,185.94
COND	Condo, Lowrise	545825040	\$2,542.56
COND	Condo, Lowrise	545825080	\$1,419.34
COND	Condo, Lowrise	545825110	\$2,580.68
COND	Condo, Lowrise	545825240	\$2,841.38
COND	Condo, Lowrise	555608925	\$387.60
COND	Condo, Lowrise	555610335	\$604.67
COND	Condo, Lowrise	565385171	\$2,605.04
COND	Condo, Lowrise	565385254	\$727.32
COND	Condo, Parking Unit, Basement	505200994	\$587.19
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COND	Condo, Parking Unit, Basement	505201000	\$587.19
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COND	Condo, Parking Unit, Basement	505201052	\$587.19
COND	Condo, Parking Unit, Basement	505201054	\$587.19
COND	Condo, Parking Unit, Low Rise Surface	505201130	\$490.14
COND	Condo, Parking Unit, Low Rise Surface	505201132	\$490.14
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COND	Condo, Parking Unit, Low Rise Surface	505201144	\$490.14
COND	Condo, Parking Unit, Low Rise Surface	505201146	\$490.14
COND	Condo, Parking Unit, Low Rise Surface	505201152	\$490.14
COND	Condo, Parking Unit, Low Rise Surface	505201154	\$490.14
COND	Condo, Parking Unit, Low Rise Surface	565202424	\$215.72

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COND	Condo, Townhouse	435302140	\$1,200.79
COND	Condo, Townhouse	455428325	\$1,337.23
COND	Condo, Townhouse	455907350	\$1,460.66
COND	Condo, Townhouse	455914030	\$2,341.14
COND	Condo, Townhouse	494219050	\$334.75
COND	Condo, Townhouse	495745360	\$2,605.44
COND	Condo, Townhouse	504543315	\$1,209.44
COND	Condo, Townhouse	514508740	\$348.28
COND	Condo, Townhouse	515228755	\$2,335.56
COND	Condo, Townhouse	525601060	\$354.49
COND	Condo, Townhouse	535733550	\$4,096.99
COND	Condo, Townhouse	565345145	\$792.31
COND	Condo, Townhouse	565347170	\$3,046.61
COND	Condo, Townhouse	575502020	\$2,573.00
MRES	Lowrise, Multi Res	515424620	\$14,166.24
MRES	Lowrise, Multi Res	525311140	\$8,327.13
RES	Land, Undeveloped Res	445817200	\$1,738.49
RES	Land, Undeveloped Res	445900900	\$1,730.83
RES	Land, Undeveloped Res	445903000	\$2,101.01
RES	Land, Undeveloped Res	445907750	\$1,392.19
RES	Land, Undeveloped Res	474714060	\$840.40
RES	Land, Undeveloped Res	474923370	\$896.02
RES	Land, Undeveloped Res	494931450	\$11,042.33
RES	Land, Undeveloped Res	504716500	\$745.01
RES	Single Family, Detached	415403400	\$6,803.67
RES	Single Family, Detached	425301650	\$1,000.59
RES	Single Family, Detached	425329600	\$1,940.46
RES	Single Family, Detached	425405550	\$2,128.19
RES	Single Family, Detached	425440150	\$1,699.79
RES	Single Family, Detached	435225550	\$4,178.71
RES	Single Family, Detached	435230300	\$4,076.10
RES	Single Family, Detached	435246950	\$4,424.28
RES	Single Family, Detached	435313190	\$3,867.55
RES	Single Family, Detached	435318200	\$2,370.47
RES	Single Family, Detached	435326400	\$2,328.33
RES	Single Family, Detached	435326750	\$4,744.16
RES	Single Family, Detached	435327400	\$649.47
RES	Single Family, Detached	435334800	\$857.41
RES	Single Family, Detached	435334950	\$2,992.85
RES	Single Family, Detached	435402190	\$4,221.49
RES	Single Family, Detached	435503750	\$5,873.17
RES	Single Family, Detached	435804450	\$5,745.71
RES	Single Family, Detached	435901300	\$1,342.97
RES	Single Family, Detached	435902250	\$1,843.77
RES	Single Family, Detached	435904200	\$6,562.69
RES	Single Family, Detached	435905300	\$1,347.79
RES	Single Family, Detached	435926000	\$746.47

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RES	Single Family, Detached	445212090	\$689.07
RES	Single Family, Detached	445216750	\$3,807.41
RES	Single Family, Detached	445343200	\$1,458.94
RES	Single Family, Detached	445432000	\$264.13
RES	Single Family, Detached	445633450	\$4,915.79
RES	Single Family, Detached	445702200	\$2,436.26
RES	Single Family, Detached	445703250	\$2,403.45
RES	Single Family, Detached	445718100	\$6,147.64
RES	Single Family, Detached	445830140	\$3,394.85
RES	Single Family, Detached	445831150	\$9,078.22
RES	Single Family, Detached	445851750	\$5,320.76
RES	Single Family, Detached	445852000	\$553.20
RES	Single Family, Detached	445904800	\$3,348.65
RES	Single Family, Detached	445906900	\$1,187.02
RES	Single Family, Detached	455208440	\$4,686.05
RES	Single Family, Detached	455211990	\$2,804.99
RES	Single Family, Detached	455228140	\$750.96
RES	Single Family, Detached	455304450	\$4,932.50
RES	Single Family, Detached	455613100	\$948.99
RES	Single Family, Detached	455707800	
	6 1	455709300	\$9,737.74
RES	Single Family, Detached		\$905.47
RES	Single Family, Detached	455820200	\$6,273.16 \$2,208.85
RES	Single Family, Detached	455832600	\$2,308.85
RES	Single Family, Detached	455902850	\$6,806.08
RES	Single Family, Detached	464416150	\$2,154.88
RES	Single Family, Detached	464421150	\$2,570.13
RES	Single Family, Detached	464432750	\$5,984.87
RES	Single Family, Detached	464540700	\$1,125.45
RES	Single Family, Detached	464540990	\$1,321.35
RES	Single Family, Detached	464551450	\$3,115.22
RES	Single Family, Detached	464608000	\$1,557.24
RES	Single Family, Detached	464616100	\$2,957.91
RES	Single Family, Detached	464643100	\$3,937.88
RES	Single Family, Detached	464661550	\$3,660.35
RES	Single Family, Detached	464922300	\$2,773.40
RES	Single Family, Detached	464928550	\$966.42
RES	Single Family, Detached	465201840	\$744.53
RES	Single Family, Detached	465210340	\$967.27
RES	Single Family, Detached	465213090	\$7,006.41
RES	Single Family, Detached	465604500	\$4,882.37
RES	Single Family, Detached	465608550	\$1,321.52
RES	Single Family, Detached	465627860	\$4,484.28
RES	Single Family, Detached	465632100	\$6,476.81
RES	Single Family, Detached	465650950	\$538.18
RES	Single Family, Detached	465900850	\$6,436.83
RES	Single Family, Detached	465903650	\$7,320.24
RES	Single Family, Detached	465905750	\$1,907.88

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RES	Single Family, Detached	465907150	\$7,261.83
RES	Single Family, Detached	465911350	\$8,992.37
RES	Single Family, Detached	465913750	\$256.78
RES	Single Family, Detached	465914450	\$3,550.51
RES	Single Family, Detached	465959550	\$2,658.13
RES	Single Family, Detached	474306200	\$3,806.29
RES	Single Family, Detached	474398850	\$2,116.37
RES	Single Family, Detached	474407540	\$763.59
RES	Single Family, Detached	474412000	\$3,611.16
RES	Single Family, Detached	474417350	\$2,357.70
RES	Single Family, Detached	474418000	\$3,825.37
RES	Single Family, Detached	474418400	\$822.17
RES	Single Family, Detached	474427800	\$3,613.37
RES	Single Family, Detached	474428100	\$501.83
RES	Single Family, Detached	474428360	\$3,415.90
RES	Single Family, Detached	474600150	\$1,335.02
RES	Single Family, Detached	474610490	\$3,644.63
RES	Single Family, Detached	474623790	\$455.48
RES	Single Family, Detached	474625990	\$4,074.88
RES	Single Family, Detached	474629130	\$3,626.88
RES	Single Family, Detached	474703290	\$671.28
RES	Single Family, Detached	474712590	\$826.23
RES	Single Family, Detached	474716810	\$2,748.44
RES	Single Family, Detached	474718280	\$2,278.41
RES	Single Family, Detached	474726890	\$1,666.12
RES	Single Family, Detached	474810150	\$2,804.25
RES	Single Family, Detached	474810350	\$2,773.75
RES	Single Family, Detached	474816100	\$506.23
RES	Single Family, Detached	474816590	\$2,160.19
RES	Single Family, Detached	474828200	\$987.94
RES	Single Family, Detached	474912200	\$2,489.08
RES	Single Family, Detached	474926250	\$3,190.54
RES	Single Family, Detached	474936400	\$2,991.60
RES	Single Family, Detached	475003450	\$2,061.29
RES	Single Family, Detached	475003800	\$2,594.68
RES	Single Family, Detached	475004050	\$2,406.97
RES	Single Family, Detached	475021200	\$3,438.39
RES	Single Family, Detached	475114530	\$909.93
RES	Single Family, Detached	475120650	\$3,756.57
RES	Single Family, Detached	475207200	\$1,271.48
RES	Single Family, Detached	475503900	\$836.11
RES	Single Family, Detached	475606780	\$2,588.96
RES	Single Family, Detached	475615030	\$4,092.87
RES	Single Family, Detached	475616600	\$4,217.74
RES	Single Family, Detached	475618600	\$3,296.39
RES	Single Family, Detached	475633350	\$2,987.26
RES	Single Family, Detached	475727550	\$3,829.50

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RES	Single Family, Detached	475727850	\$5,234.29
RES	Single Family, Detached	475815900	\$5,840.15
RES	Single Family, Detached	475949450	\$1,096.44
RES	Single Family, Detached	484201550	\$2,853.23
RES	Single Family, Detached	484203750	\$1,277.38
RES	Single Family, Detached	484203850	\$2,643.39
RES	Single Family, Detached	484309080	\$607.09
RES	Single Family, Detached	484329190	\$2,731.29
RES	Single Family, Detached	484335780	\$3,269.00
RES	Single Family, Detached	484338860	\$3,329.05
RES	Single Family, Detached	484343050	\$4,576.41
RES	Single Family, Detached	484345640	\$3,647.96
RES	Single Family, Detached	484345850	\$3,433.87
RES	Single Family, Detached	484403690	\$1,045.93
RES	Single Family, Detached	484407060	\$2,844.13
RES	Single Family, Detached	484408410	\$3,061.46
RES	Single Family, Detached	484413440	\$3,104.92
RES	Single Family, Detached	484502540	\$3,379.22
RES	Single Family, Detached	484510350	\$2,840.69
RES	Single Family, Detached	484518390	\$3,238.54
RES	Single Family, Detached	484518790	\$3,341.33
RES	Single Family, Detached	484520780	\$2,913.43
RES	Single Family, Detached	484521740	\$1,554.30
RES	Single Family, Detached	484525000	\$2,183.88
RES	Single Family, Detached	484611550	\$1,041.74
RES	Single Family, Detached	484614000	\$2,322.56
RES	Single Family, Detached	484805350	\$1,328.83
RES	Single Family, Detached	484824050	\$1,171.96
RES	Single Family, Detached	484903100	\$2,438.44
RES	Single Family, Detached	484904950	\$3,167.38
RES	Single Family, Detached	484911350	\$3,087.40
RES	Single Family, Detached	484912350	\$3,985.34
RES	Single Family, Detached	484913700	\$8,455.76
RES	Single Family, Detached	484915650	\$4,235.95
RES	Single Family, Detached	484915700	\$2,224.04
RES	Single Family, Detached	484928200	\$2,620.98
RES	Single Family, Detached	484931400	\$3,962.36
RES	Single Family, Detached	485105850	\$7,856.39
RES	Single Family, Detached	485111050	\$489.71
RES	Single Family, Detached	485124900	\$4,870.95
RES	Single Family, Detached	485131650	\$2,967.01
RES	Single Family, Detached	485131700	\$3,631.84
RES	Single Family, Detached	485132200	\$7,054.40
RES	Single Family, Detached	485135900	\$6,049.09
RES	Single Family, Detached	485203740	\$7,210.43
RES	Single Family, Detached	485505250	\$2,731.40
RES	Single Family, Detached	485508350	\$3,824.13

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RES	Single Family, Detached	485524850	\$2,818.15
RES	Single Family, Detached	485524900	\$2,665.04
RES	Single Family, Detached	485536600	\$543.34
RES	Single Family, Detached	485537250	\$1,857.42
RES	Single Family, Detached	485617590	\$2,974.46
RES	Single Family, Detached	485639150	\$2,906.96
RES	Single Family, Detached	485708050	\$655.80
RES	Single Family, Detached	485708100	\$2,110.48
RES	Single Family, Detached	485708400	\$863.75
RES	Single Family, Detached	485725150	\$3,847.78
RES	Single Family, Detached	485729900	\$1,666.30
RES	Single Family, Detached	485802000	\$4,694.96
RES	Single Family, Detached	485918350	\$2,710.34
RES	Single Family, Detached	485920850	\$2,239.23
RES	Single Family, Detached	486008450	\$5,342.06
RES	Single Family, Detached	486009650	\$9,068.17
RES	Single Family, Detached	494206850	\$1,860.78
RES	Single Family, Detached	494224950	\$1,818.88
RES	Single Family, Detached	494304750	\$1,699.50
RES	Single Family, Detached	494306300	\$2,732.62
RES	Single Family, Detached	494310850	\$3,463.99
RES	Single Family, Detached	494320090	\$391.17
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RES	Single Family, Detached	494323490	\$3,372.91
RES	Single Family, Detached	494334690	\$1,420.44
RES	Single Family, Detached	494336490	\$1,374.24
RES	Single Family, Detached	494339350	\$2,782.92
RES	Single Family, Detached	494415400	\$1,220.56
RES	Single Family, Detached	494428250	\$2,908.67
RES	Single Family, Detached	494429950	\$2,324.08
RES	Single Family, Detached	494501650	\$2,400.96
RES	Single Family, Detached	494605540	\$2,182.44
RES	Single Family, Detached	494609450	\$1,607.16
RES	Single Family, Detached	494617400	\$1,734.66
RES	Single Family, Detached	494620340	\$2,025.43
RES	Single Family, Detached	494623725	\$3,076.61
RES	Single Family, Detached	494629600	\$1,688.24
RES	Single Family, Detached	494631850	\$1,485.83
RES	Single Family, Detached	494707900	\$3,546.02
RES	Single Family, Detached	494710150	\$714.16
RES	Single Family, Detached	494716800	\$3,535.66
RES	Single Family, Detached	494726500	\$976.57
RES	Single Family, Detached	494810100	\$7,849.63
RES	Single Family, Detached	494811650	\$1,865.84
RES	Single Family, Detached	494814000	\$2,118.77
RES	Single Family, Detached	494827450	\$625.50
RES	Single Family, Detached	494827650	\$1,318.83
RES	Single Family, Detached	494828000	\$566.87

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RES	Single Family, Detached	494829850	\$719.46
RES	Single Family, Detached	494837740	\$2,050.78
RES	Single Family, Detached	494900700	\$2,347.81
RES	Single Family, Detached	494912000	\$817.89
RES	Single Family, Detached	494925200	\$412.03
RES	Single Family, Detached	494931050	\$1,188.62
RES	Single Family, Detached	495102550	\$4,076.55
RES	Single Family, Detached	495506550	\$3,785.10
RES	Single Family, Detached	495601440	\$3,502.53
RES	Single Family, Detached	495706350	\$731.42
RES	Single Family, Detached	495726050	\$6,046.62
RES	Single Family, Detached	495819000	\$2,099.76
RES	Single Family, Detached	495847800	\$15,032.08
RES	Single Family, Detached	504306850	\$2,320.55
RES	Single Family, Detached	504310500	\$1,837.65
RES	Single Family, Detached	504334850	\$2,246.53
RES	Single Family, Detached	504335940	\$3,314.73
RES	Single Family, Detached	504411490	\$284.73
RES	Single Family, Detached	504430850	\$2,957.88
RES	Single Family, Detached	504513640	\$546.13
RES	Single Family, Detached	504522450	\$1,646.03
RES	Single Family, Detached	504603800	\$295.24
RES	Single Family, Detached	504607400	\$254.25
RES	Single Family, Detached	504613890	\$3,400.84
RES	Single Family, Detached	504624100	\$3,101.11
RES	Single Family, Detached	504706650	\$827.72
RES	Single Family, Detached	504707700	\$2,025.12
RES	Single Family, Detached	504712170	\$1,861.00
RES	Single Family, Detached	504712700	\$1,849.16
RES	Single Family, Detached	504713400	\$2,451.55
RES	Single Family, Detached	504722050	\$1,851.06
RES	Single Family, Detached	504724050	\$1,964.26
RES	Single Family, Detached	504724330	\$1,527.52
RES	Single Family, Detached	504805950	\$1,778.67
RES	Single Family, Detached	504809600	\$2,495.66
RES	Single Family, Detached	504816700	\$2,507.36
RES	Single Family, Detached	504818100	\$2,711.30
RES	Single Family, Detached	504821450	\$1,970.41
RES	Single Family, Detached	504823250	\$3,914.43
RES	Single Family, Detached	504828750	\$1,873.83
RES	Single Family, Detached	504927100	\$2,517.51
RES	Single Family, Detached	504927100	\$1,917.91
RES	Single Family, Detached	504935850	\$2,941.83
RES	Single Family, Detached	505105450	\$309.33
RES	Single Family, Detached	505103450	\$982.87
RES	Single Family, Detached	505203000	\$2,881.44
RES	Single Family, Detached	505203350	\$874.24
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RES	Single Family, Detached	505206150	\$316.89
RES	Single Family, Detached	505225000	\$962.25
RES	Single Family, Detached	505225050	\$603.18
RES	Single Family, Detached	505227740	\$583.05
RES	Single Family, Detached	505229900	\$4,261.77
RES	Single Family, Detached	505611700	\$555.94
RES	Single Family, Detached	505613200	\$1,071.52
RES	Single Family, Detached	505621290	\$531.34
RES	Single Family, Detached	505709160	\$3,384.81
RES	Single Family, Detached	505710810	\$3,713.08
RES	Single Family, Detached	505720140	\$2,495.31
RES	Single Family, Detached	505723560	\$3,433.87
RES	Single Family, Detached	505726010	\$1,406.15
RES	Single Family, Detached	505804300	\$3,571.41
RES	Single Family, Detached	505804350	\$1,171.22
RES	Single Family, Detached	506054400	\$4,803.14
RES	Single Family, Detached	506054600	\$4,246.07
RES	Single Family, Detached	514203900	\$1,008.69
RES	Single Family, Detached	514221500	\$2,605.92
RES	Single Family, Detached	514435700	\$3,422.37
RES	Single Family, Detached	514504500	\$4,487.25
RES	Single Family, Detached	514505650	\$1,670.83
RES	Single Family, Detached	514506550	\$4,072.41
RES	Single Family, Detached	514615400	\$3,567.32
RES	Single Family, Detached	514617600	\$1,301.88
RES	Single Family, Detached	514813950	\$1,069.42
RES	Single Family, Detached	514817700	\$1,247.37
RES	Single Family, Detached	514821330	\$351.79
RES	Single Family, Detached	514825700	\$215.16
RES	Single Family, Detached	514827800	\$1,279.40
RES	Single Family, Detached	514828650	\$1,678.06
RES	Single Family, Detached	514829500	\$2,324.12
RES	Single Family, Detached	514838600	\$2,141.97
RES	Single Family, Detached	514934000	\$7,039.67
RES	Single Family, Detached	515001940	\$5,592.53
RES	Single Family, Detached	515001340	\$7,577.89
RES	Single Family, Detached	515004550	\$1,218.86
RES	Single Family, Detached	515010750	\$2,837.55
RES	Single Family, Detached	515026150	\$4,445.13
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RES RES	Single Family, Detached	515100890 515106520	\$20,190.67 \$5 563 46
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RES	Single Family, Detached	515200550	\$3,799.16
RES	Single Family, Detached	515208000	\$966.52
RES	Single Family, Detached	515217300	\$7,931.93
RES	Single Family, Detached	515224000	\$517.70 \$552.05
RES	Single Family, Detached	515303590	\$552.05 \$2.871.44
RES	Single Family, Detached	515311400	\$2,871.44

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Class	Predominant Use	Roll Number	Arrears
RES	Single Family, Detached	515507700	\$2,003.72
RES	Single Family, Detached	515522500	\$2,504.74
RES	Single Family, Detached	515523300	\$3,312.19
RES	Single Family, Detached	515706300	\$4,003.75
RES	Single Family, Detached	515822700	\$3,664.73
RES	Single Family, Detached	515830000	\$2,258.26
RES	Single Family, Detached	524302600	\$1,291.59
RES	Single Family, Detached	524400500	\$3,365.03
RES	Single Family, Detached	524410090	\$6,046.42
RES	Single Family, Detached	524413520	\$4,007.78
RES	Single Family, Detached	524417800	\$3,709.54
RES	Single Family, Detached	524500150	\$1,539.72
RES	Single Family, Detached	524500900	\$1,675.45
RES	Single Family, Detached	524501750	\$2,632.75
RES	Single Family, Detached	524505500	\$1,116.43
RES	Single Family, Detached	524509260	\$4,685.23
RES	Single Family, Detached	524805350	\$2,341.94
RES	Single Family, Detached	524809850	\$2,386.76
RES	Single Family, Detached	524811000	\$988.33
RES	Single Family, Detached	524820000	\$3,124.81
RES	Single Family, Detached	524911950	\$3,956.48
RES	Single Family, Detached	524914050	\$927.09
RES	Single Family, Detached	524915900	\$925.13
RES	Single Family, Detached	524918000	\$3,151.34
RES	Single Family, Detached	524923400	\$1,860.66
RES	Single Family, Detached	525034150	\$1,546.12
RES	Single Family, Detached	525101900	\$2,536.68
RES	Single Family, Detached	525122950	\$886.86
RES	Single Family, Detached	525124300	\$2,379.39
RES	Single Family, Detached	525213550	\$3,562.03
RES	Single Family, Detached	525225750	\$4,839.85
RES	Single Family, Detached	525226750	\$3,330.08
RES	Single Family, Detached	525230700	\$3,916.89
RES	Single Family, Detached	525232500	\$485.37
RES	Single Family, Detached	525310500	\$3,793.69
RES	Single Family, Detached	525316900	\$4,632.03
RES	Single Family, Detached	525406390	\$770.36
RES	Single Family, Detached	525407930	\$2,025.69
RES	Single Family, Detached	525410420	\$4,221.84
RES	Single Family, Detached	525416090	\$4,134.67
RES	Single Family, Detached	525426870	\$457.83
RES	Single Family, Detached	525433180	\$4,412.89
RES	Single Family, Detached	525443030	\$1,211.77
RES	Single Family, Detached	525608250	\$3,059.98
RES	Single Family, Detached	525633300	\$3,808.17
RES	Single Family, Detached	525828100	\$4,129.76
RES	Single Family, Detached	534903500	\$943.14

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### LIENS OUTSTANDING 2019

Class	Predominant Use	Roll Number	Arrears
RES	Single Family, Detached	534906600	\$287.60
RES	Single Family, Detached	534911250	\$3,466.18
RES	Single Family, Detached	534914150	\$2,950.98
RES	Single Family, Detached	534928850	\$1,037.49
RES	Single Family, Detached	535000450	\$4,469.32
RES	Single Family, Detached	535002600	\$311.03
RES	Single Family, Detached	535003850	\$3,260.20
RES	Single Family, Detached	535007750	\$1,502.22
RES	Single Family, Detached	535008300	\$4,718.57
RES	Single Family, Detached	535009600	\$831.26
RES	Single Family, Detached	535017750	\$3,152.12
RES	Single Family, Detached	535031470	\$366.08
RES	Single Family, Detached	535100850	\$985.81
RES	Single Family, Detached	535111700	\$3,945.61
RES	Single Family, Detached	535116850	\$321.88
RES	Single Family, Detached	535121550	\$1,584.76
RES	Single Family, Detached	535224500	\$3,535.47
RES	Single Family, Detached	535311090	\$4,051.55
RES	Single Family, Detached	535316990	\$519.40
RES	Single Family, Detached	535332250	\$882.07
RES	Single Family, Detached	535608450	\$3,948.47
RES	Single Family, Detached	535804300	\$6,980.87
RES	Single Family, Detached	535854450	\$5,942.36
RES	Single Family, Detached	535854850	\$1,032.86
RES	Single Family, Detached	535862550	\$989.73
RES	Single Family, Detached	535903490	\$8,151.36
RES	Single Family, Detached	545006350	\$1,299.85
RES	Single Family, Detached	545017650	\$3,586.96
RES	Single Family, Detached	545025450	\$3,005.10
RES	Single Family, Detached	545026200	\$5,859.11
RES	Single Family, Detached	545104350	\$463.52
RES	Single Family, Detached	545104400	\$1,869.27
RES	Single Family, Detached	545113600	\$1,524.20
RES	Single Family, Detached	545216500	\$4,899.79
RES	Single Family, Detached	545217300	\$4,107.14
RES	Single Family, Detached	545305950	\$1,279.85
RES	Single Family, Detached	545307200	\$1,838.19
RES	Single Family, Detached	545322150	\$3,420.52
RES	Single Family, Detached	545405390	\$3,558.79
RES	Single Family, Detached	545419390	\$2,513.53
RES	Single Family, Detached	545438370	\$4,001.44
RES	Single Family, Detached	545438430	\$424.18
RES	Single Family, Detached	545603650	\$6,496.54
RES	Single Family, Detached	545721100	\$1,974.08
RES	Single Family, Detached	545739450	\$2,231.55
RES	Single Family, Detached	545742400	\$2,613.17
RES	Single Family, Detached	545912600	\$8,040.87
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### LIENS OUTSTANDING 2019

Class	Predominant Use	<b>Roll Number</b>	Arrears
RES	Single Family, Detached	546011600	\$1,651.21
RES	Single Family, Detached	555100400	\$530.20
RES	Single Family, Detached	555424850	\$5,182.76
RES	Single Family, Detached	555527050	\$6,550.22
RES	Single Family, Detached	555616900	\$1,418.28
RES	Single Family, Detached	555733300	\$4,544.11
RES	Single Family, Detached	555810250	\$503.24
RES	Single Family, Detached	555828100	\$5,406.02
RES	Single Family, Detached	555828250	\$416.03
RES	Single Family, Detached	565000400	\$775.72
RES	Single Family, Detached	565000450	\$6,503.21
RES	Single Family, Detached	565312650	\$2,630.35
RES	Single Family, Detached	565314750	\$1,814.88
RES	Single Family, Detached	565419150	\$850.68
RES	Single Family, Detached	565430900	\$2,707.28
RES	Single Family, Detached	565513950	\$1,295.41
RES	Single Family, Detached	565519300	\$1,769.18
RES	Single Family, Detached	575442850	\$720.00
RES	Single Family, Detached	575515100	\$1,577.32
RES	Single Family, Detached	575516550	\$2,859.86
RES	Single Family, Semi Detached	474407480	\$2,606.64
RES	Townhouse, Res-2 unit (Two Titles)	435332210	\$571.97
RES	Townhouse, Res-2 unit (Two Titles)	435503490	\$1,183.02
RES	Townhouse, Res-2 unit (Two Titles)	445336910	\$1,055.62
RES	Townhouse, Res-2 unit (Two Titles)	445337840	\$984.79
RES	Townhouse, Res-2 unit (Two Titles)	464924880	\$370.62
RES	Townhouse, Res-2 unit (Two Titles)	474721260	\$1,123.03
RES	Townhouse, Res-2 unit (Two Titles)	474914830	\$3,593.32
RES	Townhouse, Res-2 unit (Two Titles)	484332040	\$2,132.15
RES	Townhouse, Res-2 unit (Two Titles)	484626340	\$2,250.81
RES	Townhouse, Res-2 unit (Two Titles)	494330720	\$2,355.61
RES	Townhouse, Res-2 unit (Two Titles)	514807460	\$3,209.70
RES	Townhouse, Res-2 unit (Two Titles)	515101040	\$10,400.27
RES	Townhouse, Res-2 unit (Two Titles)	524912290	\$4,053.49
RES	Townhouse, Res-2 unit (Two Titles)	525212790	\$3,238.16
RES	Townhouse, Res-2 unit (Two Titles)	525226310	\$735.18
RES	Townhouse, Res-2 unit (Two Titles)	535629055	\$3,018.43
RES	Townhouse, Res-2 unit (Two Titles)	535634050	\$2,955.95
RES	Townhouse, Res-2 unit (Two Titles)	545422110	\$644.79
RES	Townhouse, Res-2 unit (Two Titles)	545439420	\$3,327.58
		Total	\$1,707,753.05



### STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

### **Green Municipal Fund Electric Buses**

#### **Recommendation of the Committee**

That Capital Project 0583 – Replace/Refurbish Bus Project be increased by \$234,300 which will be funded by the Green Municipal Fund grant.

#### History

At the February 11, 2020 Standing Policy Committee on Finance meeting, a report of the Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Financial Services dated February 11, 2020 was considered.

#### Attachment

February 11, 2020 report of the Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Financial Services

### **Green Municipal Fund Electric Buses**

The City of Saskatoon (City) received approval for funding under the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) for an electric bus pilot project. City Council approval for an increase to the capital project is required for the funding amount.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Standing Policy Committee on Finance recommend to City Council that Capital Project 0583 – Replace/Refurbish Bus Project be increased by \$234,300 which will be funded by the Green Municipal Fund grant.

#### BACKGROUND

In December 2019, the City received approval for funding from the GMF for a pilot project to test the technical and financial efficiency of electric buses. This grant provided by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities supports environmentally sustainable feasibility studies and pilot projects. Successful initiatives are expected to have high environmental benefits and are projects that can be scaled up and replicated by other communities.

#### DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

With the support of the GMF grant, the City will lease an electric bus and charging station for a trial period of one year. The project will study the performance of the equipment, run lifecycle and financial analysis and also report on the recommendations. It is expected that this pilot project will remove 50.3 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> produced from a diesel engine for the testing year.

Depending on the project's success and available funding, the goal will be to replace ten buses a year from our current fleet with electric buses. Once the entire fleet has been replaced with electric buses, it is anticipated that 5,130 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> will be reduced annually.

If the project is successful and more electric buses are added to the fleet in the future, operating efficiencies are expected through increased reliability. In addition, the air exchangers within the storage facilities would be required less as fewer diesel buses would be in the fleet.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The total project costs are \$468,600 of which a maximum of \$234,300 will be from the GMF grant. It is expected that the Saskatchewan Research Council will contribute \$65,000 in-kind towards completion of the project analysis. The costs incurred by the Saskatchewan Research Council will not be reflected in the capital project. The City's portion will be funded through previously approved funds within Capital Project 0583 – Replace/Refurbish Bus Project. The project includes a 10% contingency amount, or approximately \$42,000.

#### OTHER IMPLICATIONS

The use of electric buses will significantly reduce the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> production from the civic fleet. Additionally, odor and soot will be reduced as the diesel exhaust will be removed as more electric buses are introduced into the fleet. This will be a benefit at bus stops and terminals where engines sit idle for extended periods of time.

There are no privacy, legal, or social implications identified.

#### NEXT STEPS

No further steps are required.

#### **REPORT APPROVAL**

Written by:	Spencer Janzen, Investment Manager
Reviewed by:	Paul Bracken, Maintenance Manager
	Kari Smith, Interim Director of Finance
Approved by:	Kerry Tarasoff, Chief Financial Officer

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### STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

### **2020 Budget Approval – Business Improvement Districts**

#### **Recommendation of the Committee**

- 1. That the 2020 budget submissions from the Downtown Saskatoon Business Improvement District, Broadway Business Improvement District, Riversdale Business Improvement District, Sutherland Business Improvement District, and 33rd Street Business Improvement District be approved; and
- 2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the 2020 Business Improvement District Levy Bylaws for submission to City Council for consideration at the same meeting that the Mill Rate Bylaws are presented.

#### History

At the February 11, 2020 Standing Policy Committee on Finance meeting, a report of the Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Financial Services dated February 11, 2020 was considered.

In addition to putting forward the above recommendations, your Committee also resolved that the Leadership Team Governance Subcommittee review the timing of the submission of the Business Improvement Districts budgets to City Council prior to the start of the budget year.

#### Attachment

February 11, 2020 report of the Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Financial Services

### **2020 Budget Approval – Business Improvement Districts**

#### ISSUE

City Council approval is required for the 2020 budgets for each of Saskatoon's five Business Improvement Districts (BIDs).

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Standing Policy Committee on Finance recommend to City Council:

- 1. That the 2020 budget submissions from the Downtown Saskatoon Business Improvement District, Broadway Business Improvement District, Riversdale Business Improvement District, Sutherland Business Improvement District, and 33<sup>rd</sup> Street Business Improvement District be approved; and
- 2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the 2020 Business Improvement District Levy Bylaws for submission to City Council for consideration at the same meeting that the Mill Rate Bylaws are presented.

#### BACKGROUND

The BID Bylaws require the submission of the annual budget to City Council for approval. The budget requirements determine the amount of the BID levy to be charged to commercial properties within the respective BID areas. There are five Saskatoon BIDs which were established by Bylaw in the following years:

- 1. 1986 Downtown BID Bylaw No. 6710
- 2. 1986 Broadway BID Bylaw No. 6731
- 3. 1990 Riversdale BID Bylaw No. 7092
- 4. 1999 Sutherland BID Bylaw No. 7891
- 5. 2014 33<sup>rd</sup> Street BID Bylaw No. 9235

Under Bylaw No. 9435, approved by City Council resolution on March 27, 2017, the name of the Downtown BID was changed to the Downtown Saskatoon BID.

#### DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

In accordance with the BID Bylaws, each BID has submitted its 2020 budget (Appendices 1 - 5) for City Council approval. The 2020 budgeted levy request for each BID was approved by each BID's Board of Management and is summarized in the following table.

BID	2020IncreaseLevyfrom 2019			Reason for Adjustment
	Request	\$	%	
Downtown Saskatoon	\$795,519	\$33,221	4%	Increase in administration and professional development costs
Broadway	\$194,168	\$-	0%	No increase from previous year
Riversdale	\$198,705	\$ 5,787	3%	Increase in administration and annual event costs
Sutherland	\$ 52,320	\$ 2,487	5%	Increase to offset operational maintenance programs that are not funded
33rd Street	\$ 30,000	\$-	0%	No increase from previous year

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications are outlined in this report for the additional levy to commercial properties within each of the respective BID areas.

#### OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no privacy, legal, social or environmental implications identified.

#### NEXT STEPS

The BIDs' budget submissions require City Council approval by the end of March 2020 to ensure adequate time for the City Solicitor to prepare the 2020 BID Levy Bylaws for City Council approval before the end of April 2020.

#### APPENDICES

- 1. Downtown Saskatoon BID Letter dated January 3, 2020 and 2020 Proposed Budget
- 2. Broadway BID Letter dated December 2, 2019 and 2020 Proposed Budget
- 3. Riversdale BID Letter dated January 8, 2020 and 2020 Proposed Budget
- 4. Sutherland BID Letter dated December 12, 2019 and 2020 Proposed Budget
- 5. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street BID Letter dated January 15, 2020 and 2020 Proposed Budget

#### **REPORT APPROVAL**

Written by:	Stephanie Green, Property Tax and Accounting Control Manager
Reviewed by:	Mike Voth, Director of Corporate Revenue
Approved by:	Kerry Tarasoff, Chief Financial Officer

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January 3, 2020

His Worship the Mayor and City Councillors c/o Stephanie Green, CPA, CA, MPAcc Property Tax & Accounting Control Manager Corporate Revenue City of Saskatoon 222 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North Saskatoon, SK S7K OJ5

Re: Downtown Saskatoon BID Proposed 2020 Operating Budget

Dear Stephanie,

Please find enclosed the proposed 2020 Operating Budget for the Downtown Saskatoon Business Improvement District. This budget was approved by the Downtown Saskatoon Board of Management for submission to the City of Saskatoon at its meeting held in November 2019.

While an increase to the levy of 4.4% is being requested, the payment per \$1,000 of assessment will still see our BID as the lowest of the other four BIDs in the City. Some of the reasons for the increase are summed up in the following areas:

- Maintaining a staff of 9 FTE;
- Adding two summer students to work in a tourism ambassador role to help people navigate the district. These two summer students are in addition to three other summer students we hire for cleaning and related work.
- Professional development is budgeted in Canadian dollars and the majority is spent in US dollars due to training opportunities through the International Downtown Association

We look forward to continuing to advocate for a strong and vibrant Downtown Saskatoon and believe that as Downtown goes, so does the rest of our wonderful city!

Submitted on behalf of the Board of Management,

Brent Penner Executive Director

Attachment: 2020 Downtown Saskatoon Operating Budget

cc: Mr. Chris Beavis, Board Chair



# Downtown Saskatooon Business Improvement District 2020 Operating Budget Approved by Downtown Saskatoon Board November 29,2019

	SASKATOON November 29,2019			
		2019 Budget	2020 Budget	% Difference
Schedule 4	REVENUES	0	5	
4000	DBID Levy	762,297.80	795,519.48	4.4%
4010	Parking Reserve Revenue	35,900.00	41,300.00	15.0%
4035	Special Event Revenue	20,000.00	21,000.00	5.0%
4060	Street Maintenance Revenue	26,520.00	26,940.00	1.6%
4061	Other Revenue	4,000.00	7,000.00	75.0%
4030	Interest Revenue	4,500.00	6,250.00	38.9%
4065	Community Support Program Administration	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.0%
-	Total Revenues	\$862,217.80	\$907,009.48	5.2%
-	EXPENSES			
Schedule 5	Administration			
5004	Accounting & Professional Services (Legal, IT, Payroll)	17,000.00	17,000.00	0.0%
5010	Office Rent & Maintenance	59,750.00	61,000.00	2.1%
	Office Expenses	43,640.00	40,905.00	-6.3%
	Salaries & Benefits	359,600.80	386,754.48	7.6%
	Total Administration	479,990.80	505,659.48	5.3%
Schedule 6	Marketing, Research & Education			
	Marketing, Advertising & Research	80,650.00	81,400.00	0.9%
6100	Professional Development	23,500.00	24,000.00	2.1%
6300	Heritage Programming	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.0%
	Total Marketing, Research & Education	106,150.00	107,400.00	1.2%
Schedule 7	Board & Committees			
7005	Board Meetings & Related	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.0%
7055	Committees	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.0%
7050	Memberships	3,800.00	3,800.00	0.0%
	Total Board & Committees	8,500.00	8,500.00	0.0%
Schedule 8	Special Events			
	Event Sponsorship	35,250.00	35,250.00	0.0%
	Total Special Events	35,250.00	35,250.00	0.0%
Schedule 9				
Schedule 9	Street Enhancement Program	22 150 00	22.250.00	F 0%
	Street Maintenance Equipment & Supplies	22,150.00	23,250.00	5.0%
	Street Maintenance Program Summer/Winter	207,177.00	222,700.00	7.5%
	Tree Lights & Information Directories Total Street Enhancement Program	1,500.00	2,000.00	33.3%
	rotal street ennancement Program	232,327.00	250,200.00	1.1%
-	Total Expenses	\$862,217.80	\$907,009.48	5.2%
	Revenues less Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
	Draw to/from Reserve	0.00	0.00	0%
-	Surplus (Deficit) after Draw to/from Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
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December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019



His Worship Mayor Clark & Members of City Council, City of Saskatoon c/o Stephanie Green, Property Tax & Accounting Control Manager Corporate Financial Services, 222 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave N, Saskatoon SK S7K 0J5

Your Worship and Councillors,

#### Re: Broadway Business Improvement District 2020 Budget

Please find attached the 2020 proposed budget for the Broadway Business Improvement District (BBID), which has been approved by the Board of Directors for submission to the City of Saskatoon.

Vacancy rates continue to be low in the district with new businesses opening and new developments in progress. The first micro-brewery on Broadway opened its doors at 650 Broadway Ave; other businesses moved in to fill spaces or expanded. Construction at the Baydo Development at 880 Broadway is progressing rapidly and we look forward to High Point at 604 Broadway breaking ground in 2020.

The BBID started the past year with another season of Crokicurl thanks to support from SaskLotteries and the Nutana Community Association. With help from a City of Saskatoon WinterCities grant the BBID installed a lit gazebo in front of Ecole Victoria School on the Little Stone Stage.

The BBID started a "Hot Summer Nights" program to draw people to the area on Thursday evenings during July and August. While over half of the activities planned were canceled due to weather, in 2020 these will be refocused and built on successes. The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Broadway Street Fair organized by the BBID attracted over 10,000 people to the district with many businesses recording their most transactions per day in the history of their business. Third-party events also remain an important draw in our district and the BBID continued to support these festivals through logistical and monetary support.

The outdoor crew of the BBID continues to work diligently to keep the area clean and well-maintained. The BBID purchased our first vehicle to assist the team, utilizing funds from the BBID reserve.

The BBID also developed a wayfinding brochur, and numerous advertising initiatives, including a television advertising campaign that highlighted 15 businesses in the district throughout the month of November.

The BBID has advocated on numerous files to the municipal government and is especially interested in following the location and design of the bus stops in the district and the governance review of the BIDs. We will also continue to work with the City on further investment in urban design in the area, including removing the parking metre poles, adding painted lines to delineate parking stalls, large art projects and installation of greater bicycle parking to increase the attractiveness of the district.

The BBID's purpose is to support the eclectic business district which offers unique, all day and all-season experiences through the integration of community, culture, and commerce. The budget for 2020 has greater investment in support staff, producing special events and further marketing initiatives while keeping the levy request the same for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row.

Sincerely,

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DeeAnn Mercier Executive Director

Broadway Business Improvement District | 619 9th St E. | Saskatoon SK S7H 0M4 | 306.664.6463



#### Broadway Business Improvement District 2020 Operating Budget

	2019 Budget	2019 Projected Actual	2020 Budget
REVENUES			
BBID Levy	194,168	194,168	194,168
COS Flex Parking Revenue	35,900	35,900	41,300
COS Grants (Flower Pots & Graffiti)	8,380	8,612	8,612
Staff Grants	0	3,097	3,000
Urban Design Projects	3,400	14,350	54,720
Special Event Revenue	24,000	37,403	35,500
Miscellaneous Revenue	200	200	200
Total Revenues	266,048	293,730	337,500
EXPENDITURES			
Administration			
Salaries & Benefits	149,589	160,553	150,229
Accounting & Legal	8,450	9,408	9,300
Rent, including Utilities	12,600	14,786	13,800
Equipment & Supplies	14,888	12,737	17,850
Total Administration	185,527	197,484	191,179
Programming			
Business & Professional Development	2,250	1,810	5,750
Conferences	8,000	6,000	4,000
Memberships & Committees	600	1,177	700
Graffiti Maintenance Program	4,000	1,200	4,000
New Marketing Initiatives	18,000	12,800	5,000
Advertising & Promotions	500	5,297	11,000
BBID Grant to Members	5,000	0	5,000
Urban Design Projects	0	16,876	44,653
Total Programming	38,350	45,160	80,103
Special Projects and Events			
BBID Events	29,000	38,300	52,400
Non-BBID Event Sponsorship	5,000	5,951	7,000
Total Special Projects	34,000	44,251	59,400
Board Expenses			
Board Expenses	500	50	500
Board Development	3,500	1,466	3,500
Total Board Expenses	4,000	1,516	4,000
Total Expenditures	261,877	288,411	334,682
Surplus/(Deficit)	4,171	5,319	2,818
RESERVES			
Start of Year	81219	81219	76222
Contribution to Reserve	0	1003	1000
Reserves Used	0	-5600	0
Year End Surplus/Deficit	81219	76622	77222

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January 8, 2020

His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council ATTENTION: City Clerk City of Saskatoon 222 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North Saskatoon, Sk S7K 0J5

His Worship and Members of City Council:

Re: Riversdale Business Improvement District 2020 Budget:

The Riversdale Business Improvement District (RBID) Board of Management has unanimously approved the 2020 budget for its 31st year of operation. It reflects annual adjustments, the need to service more businesses opening here and continued sustained growth resulting from annual events.

The District will continue to capture the interest of new business owners, artists and event organizers to help draw patrons into the area, as well as to augment Riversdale's appeal as a key attraction in Saskatoon.

Should you have any questions, please contact our office at 306-242-2711.

On behalf of the Board Management

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Randy Pshebylo, BDM Executive Director Riversdale Business Improvement District

Riversdale Business Improvement District <u>Facebook | Twitter | Web |</u> P 306.242.2711 | F 306.242.3012 Riversdale Business Improvement District 344 20th Street West, Saskatoon, SK, S7M 0X2

#### **Riversdale Business Improvement District**

2020 Operating Budget For Council Approval

	2019 Budget	2019 Budget (unaudited to Nov 2019)	2020 Budget (For Approval)
REVENUES			
BID Levy	\$192,917.68	\$176,750.00	\$198,705.21
Parking Grant	\$35,900.00	\$35,900.00	\$41,300.00
Interest Income	\$1,900.00	\$2,842.00	\$2,750.00
Other Income/Grant	\$6,000.00	\$8,025.00	\$6,000.00
Street Maintenance	\$8,400.00	\$8,550.00	\$8,550.00
Spirit of Riversdale		\$750.00	
Total Revenue	<u>\$245,117.68</u>	<u>\$232,817.00</u>	<u>\$257,305.21</u>
EXPENSES			
Administration			
Rent/Utilities	\$9,000.00	\$4,950.00	\$9,000.00
Wages and Benefits	\$164,800.00	\$132,346.00	\$178,864.00
Office Expense	\$11,000.00	\$11,088.00	\$11,000.00
Accounting and Legal	\$10,000.00	\$7,259.00	\$10,000.00
Total Administration	<u>\$194,800.00</u>	<u>\$155,643.00</u>	<u>\$208,864.00</u>
MARKETING AND RESEARCH			
Newsletter/Community Relations	<u>\$15,600.00</u>	<u>\$6,155.00</u>	<u>\$16,000.00</u>
Total Marketing and Research	<u>\$15,600.00</u>	<u>\$6,155.00</u>	<u>\$16,000.00</u>
Programming			
Clean and Safe/Vehicle and Fuel Expense	\$4,500.00	\$2,844.00	\$4,500.00
Heritage Projects/Special Events&Projects	\$32,000.00	\$31,227.00	\$33,000.00
Spirit of Riversdale		\$1,019.00	
Repairs and Maintenance - Other		\$87.00	
Total Programming	<u>\$36,500.00</u>	<u>\$35,177.00</u>	<u>\$37,500.00</u>
BOARD EXPENSE			
Travel and Conference	\$15,000.00	\$7,787.00	\$15,000.00
Meeting/Board and Staff Education	\$5,500.00	\$2,619.00	\$5,500.00
Total Board Expenses	<u>\$20,500.00</u>	<u>\$10,406.00</u>	<u>\$20,500.00</u>
Total Expenes	\$267,400.00	\$207,381.00	\$282,864.00
Reserves	(\$22,282.32)	\$ 25,436.00	(\$25,558.79)
Total Expenditures and Reserves	<u>\$245,117.68</u>	<u>\$232,817.00</u>	<u>\$257,305.21</u>
Total Surplus/Deficit	<u>(22,282.32)</u>	<u>\$25,436.00</u>	<u>(\$25,558.79)</u>
		*\$10.000.00 Surplus allo	cated to 2020 Special

\*\$10,000.00 Surplus allocated to 2020 Special

**Events and Projects** 



#### 1000 Central Avenue, Saskatoon, SK S7N2G9 Telephone: (306) 477-1277 Facsimile: (306) 374-7198 www.sutherlandbid.ca

December 12, 2019

His Worship Mayor Clarke & Members of City Council City of Saskatoon c/o Stephanie Green City Hall 222-3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5

Your Worship and Councillors:

#### Re: Sutherland Business Improvement District 2020 Budget Submission

Attached is the proposed 2020 budget for the Sutherland Business Improvement District (SBID). This budget has been approved by the Board of Management for submission to the City of Saskatoon.

We are requesting a 5% increase to the SBID levy for 2020. This increased amount will allow us to build up a reserve for those operational cost items that are not presently funded. As well, we are planning for new banners in the next two years.

In 2020 we will continue to place emphasis on those operational maintenance programs (such as the flower pots, debris removal, boulevards, snow clearing, power washing and general street maintenance items) that are not presently funded through the COS Urban Design unit. As we do not have employees, we contract with local business members to oversee our maintenance programs. We will work with the City of Saskatoon, Urban Design, on those maintenance areas that will need to be addressed as a result of the streetscaping projects to date.

We have been advised that funding for Phase 3 of our streetscaping project will go ahead in 2020. We welcome this news and want to thank the COS Community Services, Planning and Development Branch for all their leadership and support on this project.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Management,

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Sheldon Wasylenko, Chair Enclosure

#### Sutherland Business Improvement District

2020 Operating Budget for Council Approval

	2019	2019		2020	
	Budget	Actuals estimated		Budg	jet (Proposed)
REVENUE					
Business Levy	\$ 49,833.00	\$	49,830.00	\$	52,320.00
Sponsorship/Programs	\$ 2,688.00	\$	2,736.00	\$	2,773.00
Surplus Revenue	\$ -	\$	1,179.00	\$	-
Total Revenue	\$ 52,521.00	\$	53,745.00	\$	55,093.00
EXPENDITURES					
Administration					
Executive Director (Contract)	\$ 25,000.00	\$	25,500.00	\$	25,000.00
Administrative Support	\$ 1,200.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00
Audit Fees	\$ 1,800.00	\$	1,775.00	\$	1,500.00
Total Administration	\$ 28,000.00	\$	29,275.00	\$	28,500.00
Programming					
Welcome Train Sign/repairs	\$ 2,000.00	\$	700.00	\$	1,500.00
Website maintenance	\$ 350.00	\$	985.00	\$	1,000.00
Member development	\$ 2,000.00	\$	220.00	\$	2,000.00
Total Programming	\$ 4,350.00	\$	1,905.00	\$	4,500.00
Special Projects					
Urban Camp Proj/repairs	\$ 1,500.00	\$	750.00	\$	1,000.00
Street signs	\$ 400.00	\$	65.00	\$	400.00
Street maintenance	\$ 13,000.00	\$	21,000.00	\$	17,000.00
Graffiti project	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-
Total Special Projects	\$ 14,900.00	\$	21,815.00	\$	18,400.00
Board Expense					
Board Meetings	\$ 1,000.00	\$	450.00	\$	500.00
Strategic Planning	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-
Training,Conferences,Events	\$ 2,000.00			\$	1,000.00
Memberships	\$ 1,500.00	\$	300.00	\$	350.00
Total Board Expense	\$ 4,500.00	\$	750.00	\$	1,850.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 50,050.00	\$	53,745.00	\$	53,250.00
Annual Operating Surplus/Deficit	\$ 2,471.00	-\$	1,179.00	\$	1,843.00
RESERVES					
Start of year	\$ 44,069.00	\$	44,069.00	\$	42,890.00
Contribution to reserve	\$ 2,471.00	\$	-	\$	1,843.00
Reserves used	\$ _,	\$	1,179.00	\$	-
Year End Surplus/Deficit	\$ 46,540.00	\$	42,890.00	<u>+</u> \$	44,733.00

Dated: December 12, 2019

January 15th, 2020

His Worship, the Mayor, and City Councillors c/o Ms. Stephanie Green Property Taxation and Accounting Control Manager Corporate Financial Services 222 3rd Avenue North Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5

#### RE: 33<sup>rd</sup> Street BID 2020 Budget Submission

Dear Ms. Green,

Please find enclosed our 2020 operating budget for the 33rd Street Business Improvement District. This budget was approved by the Board for submission to the City of Saskatoon at our January 15th, 2020 Board meeting. 2019 was our fifth year in operation as a Business Improvement District and our Board focused on modestly improving our streetscape and building brand awareness.

In 2020, the BID will increase our marketing efforts, expand our annual 33rd Street Fair, grow our Holiday Season shopping event, and continue street-scaping initiatives. We can manage using the same budget allocation as last year and will not be seeking a budget increase for 2020.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the 33rd Street Business Improvement District Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Maya Scott & Marie Gould Co-Chairs 33rd Street Business Improvement District

Encl. 33rd Street BID 2019 Operating Budget



#### 33RD STREET BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Saskatoon Business Improvement Districts

#### Draft 2020 Operating Budget

For Council Approval

		201	19 Budget	20	019 pre- audit	202	20 Budget	
REVENUES								
Bid Levy		\$	30,000	Ś	24,552	Ś	30,000	
Street Fair		\$	2,500	\$			1,500	
GST Refund		\$	_,000	Ŷ	2,000	Ś	300	
	Total Revenues	\$	32,500	\$	26,202		31,800	-
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>								
Administration								
Directors' Insurance		ć	700	\$	689	ć	700	
Salaries		\$ \$	25,000	ې \$	9,455	\$ \$	12,500	
Bank Fees			25,000		-			
		\$ \$		\$ \$	60 1 225		65 1 200	
Accounting/Legal, Professional Services		ې \$	1,600	ې \$	1,325		1,300	
Miscellaneous Office Expenses	Total Administration	ې \$	1,000 <b>28,365</b>	_	266 11,795	\$ <b>\$</b>	1,000 <b>15,565</b>	-
	Total Administration	Ş	20,303	Ş	11,795	Ş	15,505	
Special Projects & Events								
33rd Street Fair BID Contributions		ć	4 500	ć	7 1 6 0	ć	6 000	
SSTU Street Fair BID Contributions	Total Special Projects	\$ \$	4,500 <b>4,500</b>	\$ \$	7,169 7,169	\$ <b>\$</b>	6,000 <b>6,000</b>	-
	Total Special Projects	Ş	4,500	Ş	7,109	Ş	6,000	
Market/Perserveh & Education								
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Marketing & Advertising		\$	2,500		3,670		2,500	CA newsletters/Google Display/Social
Bike rack	Tatal Mariliat (Dasasauk	\$	3,000	\$	4,109	\$		-
	Total Market/Research	\$	5,500	\$	7,779	Ş	2,500	
Church Each an ann an t								
Street Enhancement		~	2 400	~	4 600	~	2 400	2
Maintenance (Pressure wash & Sweep)		\$	3,400	\$	1,600			2 pressure washes, 2 monthly sweeps
Street Scaping - mural, planters		\$	3,070	-		\$		planters, plants, watering, mural
	Total Street Enhancement	Ş	6,470	\$	1,600	\$	12,900	
	Total Expenditures	\$	44,835	\$	28,343	\$	36,965	
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Surplus/Deficit		\$	(12,335)	Ş	(2,141)	Ş	(5,165)	-
RESERVES								
General Operating RESERVE (Jan 1)						\$	10,200	
Executive Director								
Banner Fabrication & Installation								
Marketing & Advertising Fund								
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Expenditures & Reserves

Street Furnishing Fund General Operating Reserve



### STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

### Amendment to Council Policy C01-013 - Conferences – Attendance Criteria (Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees)

#### Recommendation of the Committee

- 1. That Policy C01-013 Conferences Attendance Criteria be updated as outlined in this report;
- 2. That the City Clerk be requested to update Policy C01-013, Conferences Attendance Criteria, as outlined in this report; and
- 3. That the City Solicitor be instructed to make the necessary amendments to Bylaw No. 9170, *The Procedures and Committees Bylaw, 2014.*

#### History

At the February 11, 2020 Standing Policy Committee on Finance meeting, a report of the City Clerk dated February 11, 2020 was considered.

#### Attachment

February 11, 2020 report of the City Clerk

### Amendment to Council Policy C01-013 - Conferences – Attendance Criteria (Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees)

#### ISSUE

Policy C01-013 – Conferences – Attendance Criteria provides for criteria for members of Boards, Commissions and Committees to attend conferences including a provision for each request to be approved by City Council. This report is seeking approval to amend City Council Policy C01-013 to remove the criteria that each request requires the approval of City Council.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Standing Policy Committee on Finance recommend to City Council:

- That Policy C01-013 Conferences Attendance Criteria be updated as outlined in this report;
- 2. That the City Clerk be requested to update Policy C01-013, Conferences Attendance Criteria, as outlined in this report; and
- 3. That the City Solicitor be instructed to make the necessary amendments to Bylaw No. 9170, *The Procedures and Committees Bylaw, 2014.*

#### BACKGROUND

City Council Policy C01-013 – Conferences – Attendance Criteria became effective December 17, 1979, with one update on September 12, 1989. The purpose of the policy is to enable persons appointed to Boards, Commissions and Committees to attend appropriate conferences and seminars which will facilitate them in the performance of their duties.

Section 3 provides for members of Boards, Commissions and Committees to attend conferences provided: a) each request is approved by City Council; b) funds have been provided for in the City's approved Operating Budget; and c) the conference will be a direct benefit to the City of Saskatoon.

Bylaw No. 9170 *The Procedures and Committees Bylaw, 2014*, Schedule "G", Subsection 3(c) provides for the approval of requests by persons appointed to Boards, Commissions and Committees to attend conferences and seminars as a delegated authority to the Standing Policy Committee on Finance.

The Standing Policy Committee on Finance, at its meeting held on September 16, 2019, during consideration of conference attendance requests for members of committees,

resolved, in part, that the Administration review the Conferences – Attendance Criteria Policy (C01-013) regarding the approval of conference attendance requests.

#### DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

City Council Policy C01-013 – Conferences – Attendance Criteria (the Policy) states that members of Boards, Commissions and Committees may attend conferences provided:

- a) each request is approved by City Council;
- b) funds have been provided for in the City's approved Operating Budget; and
- c) the conference will be of direct benefit to the City of Saskatoon.

Bylaw No. 9170 *The Procedures and Committees Bylaw, 2014*, Schedule "G", Subsection 3(c) provides for the approval of requests by persons appointed to Boards, Commissions and Committees to attend conferences and seminars as a delegated authority to the Standing Policy Committee on Finance. At its meeting held on September 16, 2019, the Committee considered conference attendance requests and noted that individual requests were not regularly submitted for approval in the past. A review of the process in recent years suggests that these requests have been dealt with through City Council's approval of the Committee's annual budget. Committee budgets are administered and monitored by the City Clerk's Office and conference attendance requests are vetted through the Committee in accordance with its allocated budget.

The Controlled Corporations and Statutory Boards each provide for conference attendance in their annual budgeting process and no individual requests are brought forward for Council approval.

Policy C01-013 was last reviewed September 12, 1989. It is being recommended that the policy be updated to remove the requirement for individual requests to be submitted to City Council for approval (outside of the budget approval process); to reflect in Section 4 of the Policy that the City Clerk's Office is responsible for the administration of the policy and further that the Standing Policy Committee on Finance is responsible for updates to the Policy.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no additional financial implications outside of conference attendance inclusions in the respective Board, Commission and Committee approved budgets.

#### **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

There are no privacy, legal, social or environmental implications identified.

#### NEXT STEPS

If approved, the Policy will be updated as outlined in the report and the Bylaw amendments brought forward in due course.

#### APPENDIX

1. Policy C01-013 Conferences – Attendance Criteria Policy

Report Approval Written by: Shellie Bryant, Deputy City Clerk Reviewed and Approved by: Joanne Sproule, City Clerk

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#### **NUMBER** *C01-013*

<b>POLICY TITLE</b>	ADOPTED BY:	EFFECTIVE DATE
CONFERENCES - ATTENDANCE CRITERIA	CITY COUNCIL	SEPT. 12, 1989
<b>ORIGIN/AUTHORITY</b> <i>LEGISLATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT</i> <i>NO. 35-1979</i>	<b>CITY FILE NO.</b> <i>CC 247-0</i>	<b>PAGE NUMBER</b> 1 of 1

#### 1. PURPOSE

To enable persons appointed to Boards, Commissions and Committees to attend appropriate conferences and seminars which will facilitate them in the performance of their duties.

#### 2. **DEFINITIONS**

Conference - an activity that promotes the exchange of ideas, concepts, and information.

#### 3. <u>GENERAL POLICY</u>

Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees may attend conferences provided:

- a) Each request is approved by City Council
- b) Funds have been provided for in the City's approved Operating Budget.
- c) The conference will be of direct benefit to the City of Saskatoon.

#### 4. **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Legislation and Finance Committee is responsible for the administration and update of this policy.



### STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

### **2020** Commercial Appeal Contingency

#### **Recommendation of the Committee**

That a \$1,000,000 appeal contingency be added to the property tax levy for the commercial/ industrial property class for 2020.

#### History

At the February 11, 2020 Standing Policy Committee on Finance meeting, a report of the Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Financial Services dated February 11, 2020 was considered.

#### Attachment

February 11, 2020 report of the Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Financial Services

### **2020** Commercial Appeal Contingency

#### ISSUE

It has been a longstanding practice for the City of Saskatoon to collect an additional levy in order to smooth out the effects of commercial appeal losses. As these appeals can be for significant amounts and may take several years to be resolved, the Administration is requesting City Council approval for a \$1,000,000 appeal contingency to be added to the property tax levy for the commercial/industrial property tax class for 2020.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Standing Policy Committee on Finance recommend to City Council that a \$1,000,000 appeal contingency be added to the property tax levy for the commercial/ industrial property class for 2020.

#### BACKGROUND

Each year there may be several outstanding commercial assessment appeal decisions. The commercial appeal contingency has been established to offset large spikes that occur in the event of significant commercial appeal decisions.

Since 2011, the Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce and the North Saskatoon Business Association (NSBA) have supported that the impacts of commercial appeal decisions would be levied against the commercial/industrial property class. The annual appeal contingency levy has ranged from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 in order to maintain a balance that is representative of the outstanding commercial assessment appeals.

#### DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Currently, there are several commercial assessment appeal decisions outstanding from 2014 to 2019. It is difficult to determine both the outcome and timing of these appeal costs, as they often take several years to resolve. Currently, the Administration estimates that the outcome of outstanding commercial appeals will see a reduction to the appeal contingency fund of \$728,000.

The following chart shows the actual 2019 balance and the estimated 2020 balance for the commercial appeal contingency. The 2019 closing contingency balance had a deficit of \$35,359.

Commercial Appeal Contingency	2019	2020
Opening Balance Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 180,785	\$ (35,359)
Contingency Levy	\$ 500,000	\$ 1,000,000
Appeal Decisions	\$ (716,144)	\$ (728,000)
Closing Balance	\$ (35,359)	\$ 236,641

With the support of the Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce and the NSBA, the Administration is recommending a contingency levy of \$1,000,000 to cover the estimated impact of outstanding appeal decisions in 2020. This additional levy amount combined with the current balance would leave a closing balance of \$236,641 at the end of 2020. It should be noted that the NSBA supports the recommendation, however, urges the Administration to investigate ways aimed at decreasing the number of appeals.

The 2020 appeal contingency levy rate is \$0.110 per \$1,000 of commercial assessment.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications are outlined within this report.

#### **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

The Administration consulted with representatives from the Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce and the NSBA. Representatives from both groups support the recommendation of a \$1,000,000 commercial contingency levy for 2020. The Administration will work further with the NSBA to investigate and identify ways to decrease the number of future appeals.

There are no privacy, legal, social or environmental implications identified.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

The contingency amount will be added to the commercial/industrial property class tax rates and included in the 2020 Property Tax Levy Bylaw for City Council approval before the end of April 2020.

#### **REPORT APPROVAL**

Written by:	Stephanie Green, Property Tax and Accounting Control Manager
Reviewed by:	Kari Smith, Interim Director of Finance
	Mike Voth, Director of Corporate Revenue
Approved by:	Kerry Tarasoff, Chief Financial Officer

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### STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, UTILITIES & CORPORATE SERVICES

## The Green Infrastructure Strategy: Towards an Interconnected Green Network

#### Recommendation of the Committee

That the report of the General Manager, Utilities & Environment, dated February 10, 2020 be received as information.

#### History

At the February 10, 2020 Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services meeting, a report from the General Manager, Utilities & Environment dated February 10, 2020 was considered.

Your Committee received a PowerPoint from the Administration on this matter as well as a presentation from Mike Velonas, Manager of Planning and Conservation, Meewasin Valley Authority. A copy of his presentation is attached. Your Committee also received various letters in support of the Strategy, which are attached.

In addition resolving that the matter be forwarded to City Council for information, your Committee also resolved to forward the report to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee for information.

#### Attachment

- 1. February 10, 2020 report of the General Manager, Utilities & Environment.
- 2. February 5, 2020 PowerPoint presentation and letter from Mike Velonas, Manager of Planning and Conservation, Meewasin Valley Authority.
- 3. Supporting Letters Julia Adamson, Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc.; Joanne Blythe; Branimir Gjetvaj.

# The Green Infrastructure Strategy: Towards an Interconnected Green Network

#### ISSUE

Saskatoon's green spaces and assets are under pressure from urban growth and increasing stress from climate-related impacts such as invasive pests, flooding, heat and drought. As Saskatoon continues to grow and change, there is an opportunity to enhance and strengthen the Green Network by improving the ecosystems' condition, partnering with the community, and nurturing relationships between people and nature. This report outlines how, by integrating green Infrastructure into the urban fabric to create a more contiguous green network, Saskatoon can better provide resilient municipal and ecosystem services and create high-quality environments to live, work, learn and play.

#### BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on May 28, 2018, City Council considered the Green Infrastructure Update – May 2018 report. Additional reports were received throughout 2017, 2018 and 2019. Refer to Appendix 1 - Green Infrastructure Strategy Reporting Summary for additional background.

At its meeting on March 17, 2017, the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services received communication from Meewasin regarding the Meewasin Valley-wide Resource Management Plan, and resolved that the matter be referred to the Administration for a report.

#### **CURRENT STATUS**

#### Green Infrastructure and the Green Network

Green infrastructure is a system of natural, enhanced and engineered assets that provide municipal and ecosystem services by protecting, restoring or emulating nature. When green infrastructure is designed holistically, it becomes an interconnected Green Network that works as a system to enhance the urban environment and improve quality of life. When green infrastructure is connected, resiliency increases, and the overall benefits exceed the contributions of an individual piece.

The Executive Summary for the *Green Infrastructure Strategy* can be found in Appendix 2. The full Strategy can be found online at <u>www.saskatoon.ca\greeninfrastructure</u>.

#### Vision and Actions

The vision for the Green Infrastructure Strategy (Strategy) is that Saskatoon's green network provides sustainable habitat for people and nature. The holistic green network takes into account natural, enhanced and engineered green infrastructure, which as a system provides far more effective *services* when considered together than when apart. The Strategy outlines actions and initiatives to achieve the vision for a holistic green network. There are five themes which guide the green network, which are:

- promotes *community* by facilitating place-making, honouring culture, and inspiring community-led transformation;
- creates a *governance* model with an emphasis on partnerships and triple bottom line solutions;
- provides access to high-quality, interconnected **open space** for all Saskatoon's residents;
- supports *ecology* by conserving biodiversity, supporting high quality habitat, and increasing climate change resilience; and
- facilitates **storm water management** by managing rain where it falls and recognizing storm water as an important resource.

Through research, engagement, municipal scans and analysis of the findings, the Strategy proposes a series of 15 actions, each with tasks associated with implementation of the action. The Green Infrastructure Actions are as follows:

- 1. Design the green network to reflect our collective history, honour cultural diversity and create a sense of belonging for all.
- 2. Inspire citizen-driven transformation of the green network.
- 3. Increase food production in the green network.
- 4. Invest in the green network within the City of Saskatoon.
- 5. Develop a cooperative governance approach to green network provision and management.
- 6. Redefine the partnership with Meewasin to achieve collective goals related to conservation, education, and development of the green network.
- 7. Renew formal and informal green space in the green network to meet citizen needs.
- 8. Expand the green network by creating new publicly available green space or increasing green infrastructure.
- 9. Increase walkability and active transportation throughout the green network.
- 10. Protect and grow the urban forest.
- 11. Protect, restore and manage significant natural areas.
- 12. Connect and naturalize the green network in built-up areas.
- 13. Improve biodiversity and ecosystem health throughout the green network.
- 14. Integrate natural waterbodies and drainage courses into development using green infrastructure.
- 15. Increase the use of low impact development.

Prioritization of the tasks associated with the plan are included in the action summary list, and near-term tasks can be found in Appendix 3 - Green Infrastructure Strategy Initiatives by Phase.

#### DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

#### <u>Risks</u>

The Green Infrastructure Strategy details and is informed by the risks identified by internal and external stakeholders through numerous engagement activities. The City of Saskatoon's (City) *Climate Projections and Possible Impacts* report and Meewasin's

*Valley-wide Resource Management Plan* also identifies that climate change and biodiversity loss are the two biggest risk factors to Saskatoon's Green Network. Climate change projections for the region and the resource plan, as well as engagement feedback, indicates an increased risk for external impacts on the network, such as pests, heat, and changing precipitation patterns like drought and storms, which could compromise the network's capacity to support municipal and ecosystem services. Furthermore, deterioration of the City's green network may increase the likelihood of the urban heat island effect, which can create temperatures on hard surfaces like pavement considerably hotter than the air, where shaded or moist surfaces remain close to air temperature.

#### **Benefits**

Natural areas, like the river, are the backbone of a connected, integrated green network. Nature provides ecosystem services that are more difficult and costly to replicate than to conserve. By integrating hubs for conservation and biodiversity into the urban fabric, Saskatoon will benefit from increased resilience to climate change, improved community access to nature, and more recognizable and unique environments.

To align with the City's sustainability priorities, the Triple Bottom Line Decision Making Tool was used to conduct a high level evaluation of the Strategy. Overall, the results of the review indicate that the Strategy aligns with the City's environmental, social, economic, and governance priorities. Benefits are highest in the Environmental Health and Integrity, and Good Governance principles, followed by Social Equity and Cultural Wellbeing, then Economic Prosperity and Fiscal Responsibility.

Significant benefits of the Strategy are that it:

- supports carbon sequestration and climate change adaptation;
- places value on natural assets and defines the services they provide;
- supports partnerships and community-led change;
- strives for increased equity and inclusion of community members in green space design and management;
- seeks to improve policies and practices; and
- recognizes that opportunities for additional positive impacts can continue throughout implementation.

#### Supporting a Governance Framework

Language supporting the importance of green infrastructure is included in the Strategic Plan (2018-2021), Triple Bottom Line Policy, and the Official Community Plan. The Strategy provides an opportunity for a coordinated approach to prioritizing and coordinating new green infrastructure initiatives; informing cross-disciplinary processes and standards; collaboration; and reporting.

The Strategy is intended to provide guidance to the Administration for future work planning and budget forecasting. Implementation pieces will be brought forward to City Council for deliberation on an on-going basis ensuring City Council has opportunities to direct priorities and resources.

#### Coordination with the Meewasin Valley Authority

The City has historically looked to the Meewasin Valley Authority (Meewasin) and *The Meewasin Valley Project: 100 Year Conceptual Master Plan* as the central tenet for green infrastructure planning along the South Saskatchewan River. Meewasin's *Valley-wide Resource Management Plan* (Resource Management Plan) was developed to guide the renewal and development of site specific management plans and to help Meewasin fulfill its mandate to enhance and maintain the river valley in a balanced way. Work done through the Green Infrastructure Strategy has found that many of these same risks threaten Saskatoon's overall Green Network.

As the community grows, the City needs an integrated approach to managing all of its green infrastructure assets to ensure that areas outside of the Meewasin jurisdiction are coordinated and cohesive with those within Meewasin areas along the central river valley corridor. To promote coordination between the *Green Infrastructure Strategy* and Meewasin's *Valley-wide Resource Management Plan*, Meewasin staff participated on the *Green Infrastructure Strategy* project team. This partnership has facilitated knowledge and expertise sharing to ensure that actions in the Strategy are complimentary to the *Resource Management Plan* without creating duplication.

#### IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial, legal, social or environmental implications directly triggered by this information report.

City Council has approved funding to begin implementation of the *Green Infrastructure Strategy* in the 2020-2021 budget cycle. Funding from the Reserve for Capital Expenditure in the amount of \$150,000 will be available each year. The funds will be used to provide dedicated resources to coordinate work and act as a corporate resource for the Strategy, as well as lead the implementation of preliminary initiatives that have been identified in the Strategy.

#### ENGAGEMENT

From 2017 through 2019, feedback from over 600 community members, technical experts, and the Indigenous Technical Advisory Group informed the development of the Guiding Principles and Vision for the Green Network. The Guiding Principles were endorsed by City Council in May of 2018.

The draft Strategy was presented at a public come-and-go event November 21, 2019. Feedback was positive and supported the actions and areas of interest. There were concerns that the Strategy would be optional and that Administration would not be required to follow it. Refer to Appendix 4 – Green Infrastructure Strategy Engagement Summary. To ensure the Strategy is used by Administration, the dedicated resource will promote the Strategy across the corporation and advise on how work can be aligned.

#### NEXT STEPS

Green Infrastructure work led by Sustainability in 2020, and 2021, will focus on the development of a Green Infrastructure Program, including:

- education materials about the green network, including promotion of biodiversity and urban agriculture;
- collaboration opportunities with Meewasin's educational and public outreach programming to increase conservation, ecology, and natural and cultural resource awareness;
- a program to support green infrastructure projects through community and commercial grants or incentives;
- enhanced collaboration with the University of Saskatchewan, the school divisions and other stakeholders around green space management; and
- prioritizing sites, assessing risk, and developing management plans or restoration work.

Further exploration of external funding opportunities will be carried out which, if successful, may provide opportunities to expand the scope of the work proposed or the partnerships with stakeholders for this first phase.

Work which progresses and strengthens the green network is also being carried out across the Corporation, including the Natural Area Standards and the Urban Forest Management Plan. Other work groups are also proceeding with initiatives that align with the Strategy such as creating a tree protection bylaw, implementing the Flood Control Strategy, and developing a Centre Median Strategy.

#### APPENDICES

- 1. Green Infrastructure Strategy Reporting Summary
- 2. Green Infrastructure Strategy Executive Summary
- 3. Green Infrastructure Strategy Initiatives by Phase
- 4. Green Infrastructure Strategy Engagement Summary

#### **REPORT APPROVAL**

Written by: Genevieve Russell, Green Infrastructure Special Projects Manager, Sustainability

- Reviewed by: Twyla Yobb, Environmental Protection Manager, Sustainability Jeanna South, Director of Sustainability
- Approved by: Angela Gardiner, General Manager, Utilities & Environment

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### Green Infrastructure Strategy Reporting Summary

Date/Committee/Council	Recommended	Moved/Resolved			
December 28, 2018	See below, forward from	Received as information,			
City Council	SPC EU&CS.	passed on consent agenda.			
December 14, 2018 SPC EU&CS	Forward to City Council for information.	Received as information.			
	Green Infrastructure Strategy Update – December 2018				
<ol> <li>Report Highlights:         <ol> <li>Work has begun on Natural Area Standards and the Urban Forest Management Plan, two initiative that address key findings identified in the Green Infrastructure Strategy Baseline Report [and Green Infrastructure Business Plan strategic priorities].</li> <li>The Green Strategy has identified sites that could be designated as natural areas, including the small Swale. [This in response to an inquiry on the small swale]</li> <li>The Natural Area Standards will provide policies and guidelines for development occurring in, and adjacent to, natural areas.</li> <li>The Urban Forest Management Plan has identified the various types of tree populations that exist in Saskatoon. This information will be used to develop strategies that maximize the benefits provided by trees.</li> <li>Amendments to the Official Community Plan will support the Strategy.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Attachments:         <ol> <li>Saskatoon's Green Strategy – Background</li> <li>Saskatoon's Green Strategy – The Small Swale</li> <li>Urban Forest</li> <li>Highlight of Planned Official Community Plan Update</li> <li>Green Strategy Engagement Update – November 2018</li> <li>Saskatoon's Green Strategy – Social Media Messaging</li> </ol></li></ol>					
Date/Committee/Council	Recommended	Moved/Resolved			
June 6, 2018 MHAC	As below, forward from SPC EU&CS	Presentation provided by Genevieve Russell. Received as information.			
May 28, 2018 City Council	As below, forward from SPC EU&CS	Spoken to by Candace Savage, who requested that more clarity and strategic next steps be added. Resolutions included all original recommendations 1-4 plus 5 <sup>th</sup> motion from Committee.			
May 14, 2018 SPC EU&CS	<ol> <li>That the Green Infrastructure Baseline Inventory Report be received as information;</li> <li>That the draft guiding principles be endorsed;</li> </ol>	Spoken to by Candace Savage, who encouraged city to adopt draft principles as set out in presented report along with request for funds.			

<ul> <li>3) That community engagement on amendments to the Official Community Plan to reflect the Green Infrastructure Strategy be planned and a report be brought to the Municipal Planning Commission with a recommendation to City Council for approval in the fall;</li> <li>4) That \$150,000 be approved from the Reserve for Capital Expenditures (RCE) for this initiative as outlined in this report;</li> <li>5) That the report of the Acting General Manager, Corporate Performance, dated May 14, 2018, be forwarded</li> </ul>	Motion to recommend items 1-4 to Council plus 5 <sup>th</sup> motion from Committee.
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#### Green Infrastructure Strategy Update – May 2018 Report Highlights:

- 1. Phase I of the Green Infrastructure Strategy included gathering information about the City's existing green spaces to establish the baseline Green Infrastructure Network and identified areas that need to be strengthened.
- 2. Ten draft guiding principles outline what the Strategy strives to achieve.
- 3. Amendments to the Official Community Plan, that reflect and support the strategy, are recommended.
- 4. Phase 2 of the Strategy will include the development of a Green Infrastructure Action Plan.
- 5. Several key findings of the Green Infrastructure Baseline Inventory Report can be addressed through Natural Areas and Asset Standards. Work to develop these standards are proposed to proceed immediately.
- 6. Support for the Urban Forest can be achieved through the Green Infrastructure Strategy.

#### Attachments:

- 1. Green Infrastructure Strategy Baseline Inventory Report
- 2. Guiding Principles

Date/Committee/Council	Recommended	Moved/Resolved		
Dec. 5, 2017 SPC EU&CS	That the report be received as information.	Received as information		
<ol> <li>Infrastructure Strategy green spaces in Saska</li> <li>The Green Infrastructu Saskatoon. The basel in the city.</li> <li>Engagement in Phase</li> </ol>	e been drafted to guide the dev These principles focus on a fu- itoon. Ire Baseline is a map-based inv ine is intended to document the I of the Green Infrastructure St erts in the community who may	uture desired state for use of rentory of the green spaces in current status of green spaces		
Date/Committee/Council	Recommended	Moved/Resolved		
May 23, 2017 City Council	As below	Received as information.		
May 8, 2017 SPC EU&CS	Forward to City Council as information.	Forwarded to City Council for information.		
<ul> <li>Green Infrastructure Strategy Report Highlights:</li> <li>1. Natural areas are increasingly becoming integrated into the urban environment in Saskatoon. Appropriate policy is required to address natural systems and guide interactions with built urban systems.</li> <li>2. Emerging practice in urban storm water planning includes incorporating natural systems and creating new designs to mimic natural features and processes.</li> <li>3. Outcomes of the first phase of the Green Infrastructure Strategy include the development of a high level policy statement, an inventory map of Saskatoon's Natural Areas, and a framework for further policy and guidelines for urban land use and natural infrastructure.</li> <li>4. The Green Infrastructure Strategy will incorporate the knowledge and actions identified in the Meewasin Valley-Wide Resource Management Plan.</li> <li>Attachments: <ol> <li>Key stakeholders</li> <li>Frequently asked questions</li> </ol> </li> </ul>				
Date/Committee/Council	Recommended	Moved/Resolved		
March 17, 2017 SPC EU&CS	Considered a communication and presentation from Meewasin regarding the Meewasin Valley-wide Resource Management Plan	2. That the matter be referred to the Administration for a report.		

# Meewasin Valley-wide Resource Management Plan Presentation Highlights:

- 1. Meewasin and the nature Conservancy of Canada received federal funding to develop the Valley-wide Resource Management Plan.
- 2. Four conservation targets were identified and assessed for threats.
- 3. There were a number of high ranking threats.
- 4. Over 180 key conservation actions were identified to mitigate threats.
- 5. The Resource Management Plan will be reviewed and updated annually.

#### Attachments:

1. The Meewasin Valley-wide Resource Management Plan

Date/Committee/Council	Recommended	Moved/Resolved
November 30, 2016 City Council Business Plan and Budget Review	That the amended Capital Project No. 2390 – Green Infrastructure Strategy, as outlined in this report and included in the 2017 Business Plan and Budget, be approved.	Approved

# Natural Areas Strategy and Green Stormwater Management Report Highlights:

- 1. A Federal fund of \$75 million has been established to support plans, feasibility studies, operational studies, and pilot projects that support climate change mitigation (greenhouse gas reduction) and adaptation.
- 2. Correspondence with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities program developers suggest that Capital Project No. 2390 has a strong likelihood of receiving funding support, which could range between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

#### Attachments:

1. 2017 Capital Budget/2018-2021 Capital Plan Project Details (\$000s).

**Appendix 2** 

Saskatoon's Green Infrastructure Strategy:

# Towards an Interconnected Green Network

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Saskatoon community is passionate about our Green Network. The Green Network is used for many meaningful activities including active and passive recreation in over 200 parks, food production in over fifty community gardens, active transportation throughout our extensive trail system, agricultural and environmental research at the University of Saskatchewan, access to wild spaces in our natural areas and naturalized parks, and cultural connections at Wanuskewin Heritage Park.

As Saskatoon grows, our Green Network is under increasing pressure to provide high quality green space to all city residents while supporting storm water management and other ecosystem services. External risks such as climate change compromise the Network's capacity to support public needs and municipal services.

To address these concerns, the City of Saskatoon has created the *Green Infrastructure Strategy* (Strategy). The purpose of the Strategy is to establish the vision, actions, and implementation framework to enhance Saskatoon's Green Network by integrating green infrastructure into land use planning and asset management. The Strategy identifies existing green infrastructure, and the municipal and ecosystem services it provides while considering site-specific factors, community needs, and financial implications. The Strategy also identifies community partners to strengthen green infrastructure in priority areas.

# **Vision and Guiding Principles**

# The Vision is *Saskatoon's Green Network provides sustainable habitat for people and nature.*

The following Guiding Principles provide a framework through which the vision will be achieved. These principles were used to analyze the existing Green Network, create themes, and develop actions and key performance indicators to address network risks.

Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation

Ecological Integrity Education and Awareness Equitable and Accountable High Quality Integrated and Multifunctional Public Safety Recognizable and Unique Places Sustainable Wellness: Physical and Mental

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# What is green infrastructure and where do we find it?

Green Infrastructure is a system of natural, enhanced, and engineered assets that provide municipal and ecosystem services by protection, restoring, or emulating nature. When green infrastructure is designed holistically, it becomes an interconnected **Green Network** that enhances the urban environment and improves quality of life.

Natural assets are native to the Saskatoon region. They include the South Saskatchewan River, grasslands, woodlands, wetlands, and soil systems. These sites often contain important cultural and archaeological features. Natural assets are core ecosystems that provide important habitat for urban wildlife, mitigate risks from changing climate conditions, support municipal services (e.g. storm water management), and connect the community to nature. They can be carefully integrated into development to conserve as much ecosystem and cultural function as possible.

**Enhanced assets** are designed places and features that modify natural assets for improved human use in an urban context. These include our formal green spaces such as district and neighbourhood parks, informal green spaces such as roadway greens and medians, the urban forest, and arable land. Enhanced assets provide space for recreation, relaxation, commuting, and food production. They can also provide linkages and habitat between natural assets, and help absorb storm water. **Engineered assets** incorporate nature-inspired design into the built environment to support ecosystem function or greater connectivity to natural and enhanced assets. They include much of our storm water infrastructure, trail systems, Low Impact Development (e.g. green roofs), and grey infrastructure with nature friendly or cultural considerations. Some grey infrastructure interfaces with green infrastructure. For example, storm water infrastructure can sometimes be naturalized; trails and roadways can be modified to support wildlife movement.

# **Benefits of green infrastructure**

**Ecosystem services** are the array of benefits provided by green infrastructure. Trees purify the air and absorb carbon as they grow.

Flowering plants support bees and other insects, which in turn pollinate our crops. Wetlands incorporated into the storm water network help purify our water and store carbon. Well-designed green spaces provide areas for both recreation and relaxation.

The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment is a United Nations framework that categorizes ecosystem services into four broad areas: Provisioning, Regulating, Cultural, and Supporting services. Understanding these services is essential to improving our management of the Green Network.

## **Development of the Green Infrastructure Strategy**

The *Green Infrastructure Strategy* was developed using the following process:

- Vision and Guiding Principles: From 2017 to 2019 feedback from over 600 community members, technical experts, and the Indigenous Technical Advisory Group<sup>1</sup> informed the development of the Guiding Principles and vision for the Green Network (see Table 2). The Guiding Principles were endorsed by Council in May of 2018.
- Inventory and Findings: The current state of green infrastructure assets in Saskatoon's Green Network was compiled in the *Green Infrastructure Strategy Baseline Inventory Report* that was presented to City Council in May of 2018<sup>2</sup>. As the project progressed and information became available<sup>3</sup>, the inventory was refined and updated.

#### Figure 1: Development of the Green Infrastructure Strategy

Findings related to each asset were developed through further analysis of risks and opportunities in the Green Network. Analysis included research into Saskatoon plans and policies, practices in other municipalities, and feedback from internal stakeholders and technical experts.

- **Themes:** The inventory, findings, and resulting actions were organized into five themes: Community, Governance, Open Space, Ecology, and Storm Water.
- Actions & Initiatives: Actions and initiatives are designed to address risks and take advantage of opportunities.
- Implementation: As the *Strategy* is implemented, initiatives that address the actions will be prioritized through further stakeholder and community input. Initiatives will be brought forward to Council for deliberation throughout implementation to direct priorities and funding.



1 City of Saskatoon. (2020). Green Infrastructure Strategy Engagement Report.

2 City of Saskatoon. (2018). Green Infrastructure Strategy Baseline Inventory Report.

3 E.g. Diamond Head Consulting. (2019). Urban Forest Canopy Assessment. E.g. Meewasin. (2019). Natural Areas Inventory for the City of Saskatoon.

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# SASKATOON'S GREEN NETWORK

When green infrastructure is designed holistically, it becomes an interconnected **Green Network** that enhances the urban environment and improves quality of life (see Figure 2).

Taking a network approach to green infrastructure ensures that the multiple interactions of people, nature, and assets in the Green Network

are considered holistically. Systems thinking in both planning and land use frames green infrastructure assets through a web of interrelationships that provide far more ecosystem services when designed together than apart.

Figure 2: Green infrastructure assets interconnecting to form the Green Network and achieve the vision.

### **GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE**



# **Green Network Themes**

Addressing risks will allow Saskatoon to achieve an interconnected Green Network. Risks to green infrastructure are identified, and opportunities to address risks are proposed as actions in each theme. Through these actions, network risks will be addressed, and the vision for the Green Network will be achieved.

#### Figure 3: Green Network themes, inventory, and maps.

<b>Community</b> : The Green Network facilitates placemaking, honours culture, and inspired community-led transformation.	<ul> <li>INVENTORY:</li> <li>Cultural spaces</li> <li>Wayfinding and interpretive features</li> <li>Community spaces</li> <li>Urban agriculture</li> </ul>
<b>Governance</b> : The Green Network is governed with an emphasis on partnerships and triple bottom line solutions.	<ul> <li>INVENTORY:</li> <li>Regulatory context</li> <li>Green Network distribution</li> <li>Green Network ownership and management</li> <li>Meewasin</li> </ul>
<b>Open Space</b> : The Green Network links all Saskatoon residents to high quality, interconnected green space.	<ul> <li>INVENTORY:</li> <li>Formal and informal green space</li> <li>Green space distribution</li> <li>Trails and greenways</li> <li>Urban forest</li> </ul>
<b>Ecology</b> : The Green Network conserved biodiversity, supports high quality habitat, and increases climate change resilience.	<ul> <li>INVENTORY:</li> <li>Significant natural areas</li> <li>Arable land</li> <li>Naturalized parks and features</li> <li>Nature friendly design</li> <li>Soil assets</li> </ul>
<b>Storm Water</b> : More rain is managed where it falls. Storm water is recognized as an important resource.	<ul> <li>INVENTORY:</li> <li>Aquatic assets</li> <li>Low Impact Development</li> <li>Grey storm water assets</li> </ul>

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### Summary of Community Actions

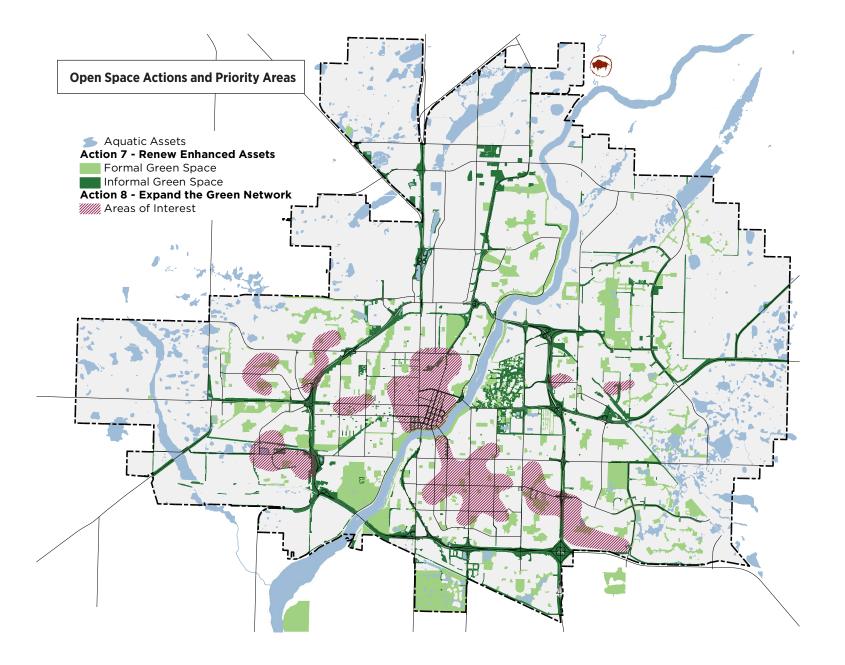
Community Actions	Dhaca*		Responsibility		
Community Actions	Phase*	Primary	Secondary	Partners	
Action 1: Design the Green Network to reflect our collective history, honour cultural diversity, and create a sen Action 1 should take place throughout the Green Network. Community partnerships and cultural assessments a			ic priority areas.		
1.1: Complete an Intangible Cultural Heritage Assessment to better understand community uses of the Green Network.	2	Sustainability			
1.2: In partnership with the community, complete a Traditional Land Use and Traditional Knowledge assessment to identify cultural elements in the Green Network, and establish ways to conserve, honour, and revitalize these elements.	2	Sustainability, Indigenous Initiatives	P&D	Local First Nations, Heritage Society.	
1.3: Continue meaningful engagement with affected groups to design the Green Network through an equity and inclusion lens.	1	Sustainability	All	Meewasin, and many others	
1.4: Work with the community to tell the story of Saskatoon's Green Network from many voices through public art, interpretive features, and other mediums.	2	Community Development	Indigenous Initiatives		
Action 2: Inspire citizen-driven transformation of the Green Network. Community partnerships and an intangible cultural heritage assessment is required to identify priority areas.					
2.1: Develop and provide education materials about the Green Network to citizens to increase community awareness and ownership.	1		Parks, P&D, Saskatoon Land, Saskatoon Water	Meewasin, SES Local Businesses, and many others	
2.2: Seek opportunities to incentivize green infrastructure in private and commercial areas.	1	Sustainability			
2.3: Develop a program and funding model to support community-led green infrastructure projects, citizen science, and bio-cultural management.	1				
<i>Action 3: Increase food production in the Green Network.</i> There is considerable public interest in increasing urban agriculture city-wide. The <i>Junction Improvement Strate</i> practices in redevelopment projects. Food deserts are also a priority area.	egy recomn	nends improving fo	ood security and u	urban growing	
3.1: Update policies to improve urban agriculture outcomes and community or regional partnerships.	3		P&D, Parks, Community Development, Indigenous Initiatives	Caskataan	
3.2: Work with partners to develop a comprehensive food strategy, including implementation of the Saskatoon Regional Food System Assessment and Action Plan.	2	Sustainability		Saskatoon Food Council, CHEP Good Food, SFBLC, Meewasin	
3.3: Work with and support partners to incorporate food and fruit production or traditional food systems into high priority urban areas.	2				
3.4 Identify potential sites and partners to develop a food forest pilot project.	1				
*Phases: proposed initiation of actions. 1: near term (within 2 years); 2: medium term (within 3 to 9 years); 3: lo	ong term (c	over 10 year).			

### Summary of Governance Actions

	Dhace*	Responsibility		
Governance Actions	Phase*	Primary	Secondary	Partners
Action 4: Invest in the Green Network within the City of Saskatoon. Action 4 should take place throughout the Gre	en Netwo	rk.		
4.1: Improve Green Network planning by updating City work plans, policies, and initiatives to increase green infrastructure across Saskatoon.	3		P&D       All       Sustainability       All       Parks	
4.2: Compile City-wide data sets for more effective data management and create data sharing agreements with other agencies.	1			Meewasin, many others
4.3: Adopt an ethical space and triple bottom line approach to Green Network governance, planning the Green Network through sustainability, inclusion, and equity frameworks.	1	Sustainability		Local First Nations
4.4: Define an appropriate service level and associated funding for the Green Network to prioritize future investments.	3			
4.5: Evaluate the ecosystem services of the Green Network through the Natural Capital Asset Valuation process.	3			Meewasin
<b>Action 5: Develop a cooperative governance approach to Green Network provision and management.</b> Action 5 should take place throughout the Green Network.				
5.1: Work with research and education institutions such as the University of Saskatchewan and school divisions, conservation agencies, landowners, and other stakeholders on green space management and education.	1		Saskatoon Water, P&D	U of S
5.2: Work with regional partners to coordinate Green Network development and management in urban areas that intersect with the region.	3			P4G, Meewasin
5.3: Work with Wanuskewin to conserve their viewshed and support management of Opimihaw Creek.	1	Sustainability	Indigenous Initiatives	WHP, P4G, Meewasin
5.4: Partner with Indigenous communities and organizations to explore traditional land management and governance models for the Green Network.	3			Many
Action 6: Redefine the partnership with Meewasin to achieve collective goals related to conservation, education, a take place in significant natural areas and partnership areas of interest.	and devel	opment in the Gre	e <b>en Network.</b> Act	ion 6 should
6.1: Establish regular meetings to review plans and priorities to strategically align mutual work.	1		P&D, Parks, Saskatoon Water	
6.2: Collaborate on conservation, naturalization, and the development of trails, interpretive infrastructure, and amenities in areas of interest.	2	Sustainability and Community Services		
6.3: Leverage and support Meewasin's educational and public outreach programming and volunteer base to increase conservation, ecology, and natural and cultural resource awareness.	1			Meewasin
6.4: Seek opportunities to collaborate on external funding.	1			
6.5: Update the Meewasin-City service agreement and other documents as needed to reflect the above initiatives.	1			
*Phases: proposed initiation of actions. 1: near term (within 2 years); 2: medium term (within 3 to 9 years); 3: long	term (ovei	r 10 year).		

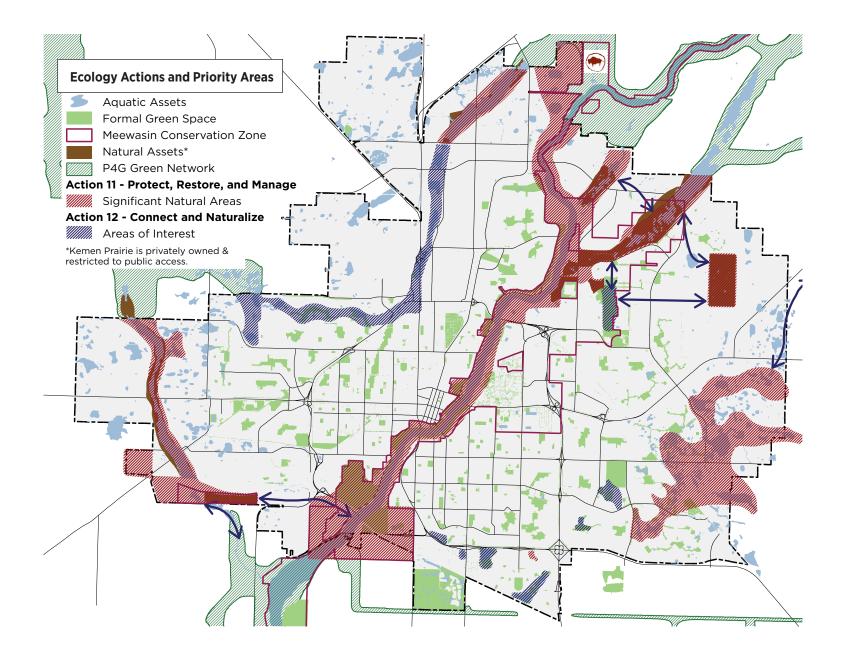
### Summary of Open Space Actions

nen Snace Actions		Responsibility		
Open Space Actions	Phase*	Primary	Secondary	Partners
<b>Action 7: Renew formal and informal green space in the Green Network to meet citizen needs.</b> Action 7 should t process. The Pierre Radisson Park complex has been identified as one opportunity.	ake place i	n areas determinec	through the Par	ks prioritization
7.1: Identify high priority formal and informal green spaces to upgrade or redevelop.	2	Parks	Sustainability	Meewasin
7.2: Increase coordination within the City, and with the community, to encourage informal green space renewal.	2	Sustainability	Parks	Community groups
7.3: Implement park upgrade plans starting in high priority areas.	3	Parks, Facilities	RCD, Sustainability	
Action 8: Expand the Green Network by creating new publicly available green space or increasing green infrast nfrastructure distribution.	tructure. A	ction 8 should take	e place in areas w	ith low green
3.1: Identify green infrastructure opportunities outside the existing Green Network.	3		Community Services, Parks, Saskatoon Land, Saskatoon Water	
3.2: Secure key sites through purchase, donation, or partnership with other land owners, stakeholders, or citizen groups.	3	- Sustainability		Meewasin, other green space owners and managers
8.3: Design and implement green infrastructure expansion in areas of interest.	3	Sustainability		
Action 9: Increase walkability and active transportation throughout the Green Network. Action 9 should take pla	ace throug	hout the Green Net	work.	
9.1: Identify and address accessibility and connectivity barriers to and within the Green Network.	2		Sustainability, Parks	Meewasin
9.2: Increase access to and within the Green Network, with an emphasis on walkability and multi-modal transportation.	2	Transportation		
Action 10: Protect and grow the urban forest. Action 10 should take place in priority areas as determined by the	Urban For	est Management Pl	an.	
IO.1: Ensure existing trees are protected, including through policy and bylaw updates.	1			
0.2: Review and improve existing programs related to tree watering, maintenance, inventory, and planting techniques.	1		Sustainability, P&D Sustainability	
IO.3: Continue to trial new tree species and increase biodiversity.	3	1		Meewasin
0.4: Design sustainable tree planting sites to ensure adequate soil volume, quality, and space for trees.	2	Parks		
IO.5: Develop community education and outreach programs to increase public awareness, stewardship, and partnerships.	1			SOS Elms, Friends of the Afforestation Areas



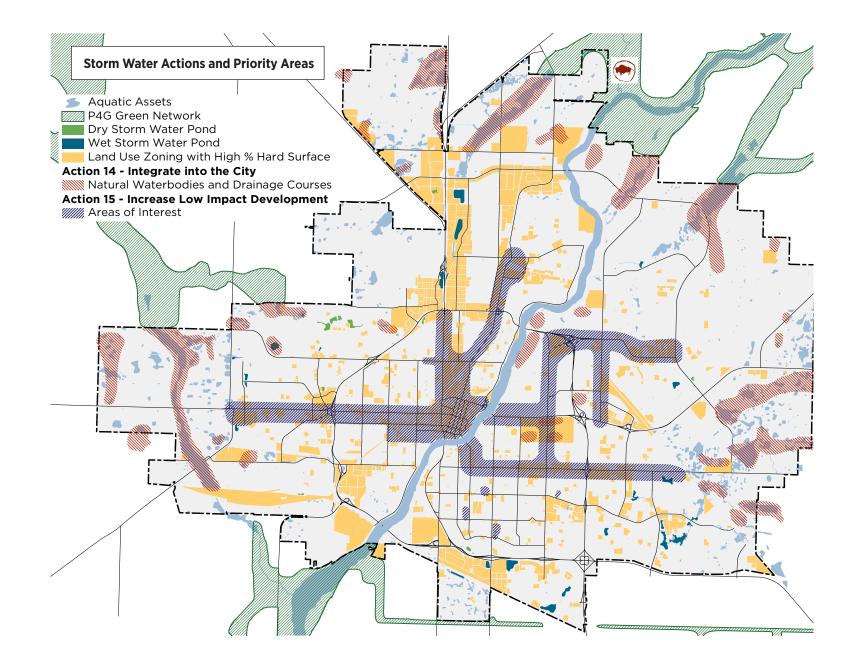
### Summary of Ecology Actions

		Responsibility			
Ecology Actions	Phase*	Primary	Secondary	Partners	
<b>Action 11: Protect, restore, and manage significant natural areas.</b> Action 11 should take place in significant natural areas identified in the <i>Natural Areas Inventory</i> .					
11.1: Identify natural areas and make management decisions for these sites regarding avoidance, minimization, or compensation.	2	Sustainability, P&D		U of S, Meewasin	
11.2: Protect significant natural areas using a variety of available protection tools.	1	Ραυ			
11.3: Integrate natural assets into the urban fabric while conserving ecosystem function.	3		P&D, Saskatoon Water	Meewasin	
11.4: Develop and implement site-specific management plans, including restoration of natural areas when required.	1	Sustainability	Parks		
11.5: In partnership with landowners, direct development in a way that helps retain and protect high quality arable land connecting to the regional agricultural network.	3		P&D, Saskatoon Land	U of S, P4G, Meewasin	
<b>Action 12: Connect and naturalize the Green Network in built-up areas.</b> Action 12 should take place where Netw Inventory and in green spaces identified by the Parks Naturalization program.	vork conne	ectivity gaps are id	entified in the Natu	ral Areas	
12.1: Naturalize parks, storm water infrastructure, and other open space where appropriate.	2	Sustainability, Parks	Saskatoon Water	Meewasin	
12.2: Purchase or acquire land in strategic areas to enhance biodiversity outcomes and increase connectivity.	3	Sustainability, P&D	Saskatoon Land		
12.3: Increase the City's use of native species in restoration and naturalization work.	3	Parks, Sustainability			
12.4: Coordinate with regional partners to connect the City's Green Network to the Regional Green Network whenever possible.	3	Sustainability, P&D	Saskatoon Water	P4G	
<b>Action 13: Improve biodiversity and ecosystem health throughout the Green Network.</b> Action 13 should take place throughout the Green Network. Wildlife friendly retrofits should be prioritized adjac	cent to nat	ural areas.			
13.1: Develop dark sky and low noise zones, prioritizing sites to reduce ecological stress.	2		P&D, SL&P	Meewasin	
13.2: Develop and integrate wildlife friendly standards into development, including bird friendly standards in highly built-up areas.	1	Custainahilitu	P&D, C&D, Transportation, Parks, Facilities	BIRDS, Meewasin	
13.3: Reduce point and non-point source pollution to natural assets.	2	Sustainability	Saskatoon Water	Meewasin, PFSRB	
13.4: Establish ongoing biodiversity monitoring and reporting with partners.	1		Darlin	Meewasin, U of S, UWIN	
13.5: Improve management of the City's soil assets.	2	Parks, Sustainability	– Parks	U of S	
*Phases: proposed initiation of actions. 1: near term (within 2 years); 2: medium term (within 3 to 9 years); 3: lo	ng term (o	over 10 year).			



### Summary of Storm Water Actions

Phase*		Responsibility	
m Water Actions Phase*	Primary	Secondary	Partners
3	P&D, Saskatoon Water	Sustainability	Meewasin
3	Saskatoon Water, Sustainability		U of S
3	Saskatoon	Sustainability, Parks	Meewasin
3	- Water	Sustainability	Meewasin, many
igh percentag	ge of hard surface; are	as along key corridor	rs, downtown, and
2	Sustainability,	P&D	U of S
2	Saskatoon Water	Parks	U of S, PFSRB, Meewasin, MOST
2	Sustainability, P&D	Saskatoon Water	
2	Saskatoon Water, Sustainability		Businesses
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# Green Infrastructure Strategy Initiatives by Phase

Work is prioritized based on how well it aligns with the Green Infrastructure Strategy Guiding Principles, other strategies, plans, and corporate goals; how it builds on work already underway; feasibility of the work; opportunities to coordinate with partners; the requirements for resourcing; and community and stakeholder feedback.

Phase	Initiative	Theme	Lead
Near-term 1-2 years	1.3: Continue meaningful engagement with affected groups to design the Green Network through an equity and inclusion lens.	Community	Sustainability
	2.1: Develop and provide education materials about the Green Network to citizens to increase community awareness and ownership.	Community	Sustainability
	2.2: Seek opportunities to incentivize green infrastructure in private and commercial areas.	Community	Sustainability
	2.3: Develop a program and funding model to support community-led green infrastructure projects, citizen science, and bio-cultural management.	Community	Sustainability
	3.4: Identify potential sites and partners to develop a food forest pilot project.	Community	Sustainability
	4.2: Compile City-wide data sets for more effective data management and create data sharing agreements with other agencies.	Governance	Sustainability
	4.3: Adopt an ethical space and triple bottom line approach to Green Network governance, planning the Green Network through sustainability, inclusion, and equity frameworks.	Governance	Sustainability
	5.1: Work with research and education institutions such as the University of Saskatchewan and school divisions, conservation agencies, landowners, and other stakeholders on green space management and education.	Governance	Sustainability
	5.3: Work with Wanuskewin to conserve their viewshed and support management of Opimihaw Creek.	Governance	Sustainability
	6.1: Establish regular meetings with Meewasin to review plans and priorities to strategically align mutual work.	Governance	Sustainability
	6.3: Leverage and support Meewasin's educational and public outreach programming and volunteer base to increase conservation, ecology, and natural and cultural resource awareness.	Governance	Sustainability and Community Services

	6.4: Seek opportunities to collaborate on external	Governance	Sustainability
	<ul><li>funding with Meewasin.</li><li>6.5: Update the Meewasin-City service agreement and other documents as needed to reflect the</li></ul>	Governance	Community
	redefined partnership.	Governance	Services
	10.1: Ensure existing trees are protected, through policy and bylaw updates.	Open Space	Parks
	10.2: Review and improve existing programs related to tree watering, maintenance, inventory, and planting techniques.	Open Space	Parks
	10.5: Develop community education and outreach programs to increase public awareness, stewardship, and partnerships regarding the urban forest.	Open Space	Parks
	11.2: Protect significant natural areas using a variety of available protection tools.	Ecology	Sustainability and Planning & Development
	11.4: Develop and implement site-specific management plans, including restoration of natural areas when required.	Ecology	Sustainability
	13.2: Develop and integrate wildlife friendly standards into development, including bird friendly standards in highly built-up areas.	Ecology	Sustainability
	13.4: Establish ongoing biodiversity monitoring and reporting with partners.	Ecology	Sustainability
Medium- term 3-9 years	1.1: Complete an Intangible Cultural Heritage Assessment to better understand community uses of the Green Network.	Community	Sustainability
	1.2: In partnership with the community, complete a Traditional Land Use and Traditional Knowledge assessment to identify cultural elements in the Green Network, and establish ways to conserve, honour, and revitalize these elements.	Community	Sustainability and Indigenous Initiatives
	1.4: Work with the community to tell the story of Saskatoon's Green Network from many voices through public art, interpretive features, and other mediums.	Community	Recreation and Community Development
	3.2: Work with partners to develop a comprehensive food strategy, including implementation of the Saskatoon Regional Food System Assessment and Action Plan.	Community	Sustainability

3.3: Work with and support partners to incorporate food and fruit production or traditional food systems into high priority urban areas.	Community	Sustainability
6.2: Collaborate with Meewasin on conservation, naturalization, and the development of trails, interpretive infrastructure, and amenities in areas of interest.	Governance	Sustainability and Community Services
spaces to upgrade.	Open Space	Parks and Sustainability
7.2: Increase coordination within the City, and with the community, to encourage informal green space renewal.	Open Space	Sustainability
9.1: Identify and address accessibility and connectivity barriers to and within the Green Network.	Open Space	Transportation
9.2: Increase access to and within the Green Network, with an emphasis on walkability and multi-modal transportation.	Open Space	Sustainability and Transportation
10.4: Design sustainable tree planting sites to ensure adequate soil volume, quality, and space for trees.	Open Space	Parks
11.1: Identify natural areas and make management decisions for these sites regarding avoidance, minimization, or compensation.	Ecology	Sustainability and Planning & Development
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	4.4: Define an appropriate service level and associated funding for the Green Network to prioritize future investments.	Governance	Sustainability
	4.5: Evaluate the ecosystem services of the Green Network through the Natural Capital Asset Valuation process.	Governance	Sustainability
	5.2: Work with regional partners to coordinate Green Network development and management in urban areas that intersect with the region.	Governance	Sustainability
	5.4: Partner with Indigenous communities and organizations to explore traditional land management and governance models for the Green Network.	Governance	Sustainability and Indigenous Initiatives
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	8.1: Identify green infrastructure opportunities outside the existing Green Network.	Open Space	Community Services and Sustainability
	8.2: Secure key sites through purchase, donation, or partnership with other land owners, stakeholders, or citizen groups.	Open Space	Sustainability
	8.3: Design and implement green infrastructure expansion in areas of interest.	Open Space	Sustainability
	10.3: Continue to trial new tree species and increase biodiversity.	Open Space	Parks
	11.3: Integrate natural assets into the urban fabric while conserving ecosystem function.	Ecology	Sustainability

11.5: In partnership with landowners, direct development in a way that helps retain and protect high quality arable land connecting to the regional agricultural network.	Ecology	Sustainability
12.2: Purchase or acquire land in strategic areas to enhance biodiversity outcomes and increase connectivity.	Ecology	Sustainability and Planning & Development
12.3: Increase the City's use of native species in restoration and naturalization work.	Ecology	Parks and Sustainability
12.4: Coordinate with regional partners to connect the City's Green Network to the Regional Green Network whenever possible.	Ecology	Sustainability and Planning & Development
14.1: As the City expands, incorporate wetlands and natural drainage paths into the storm water network in greenfield development areas.	Storm Water	Planning & Development, Saskatoon Water
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Green Infrastructure Strategy Engagement Summary





# Green Infrastructure Strategy

*Engagement Summary* January 29, 2020



### **Engagement Summary**

The purpose of the Green Infrastructure Strategy is to establish the vision, actions, and implementation framework to enhance Saskatoon's Green Network by integrating green infrastructure into land use planning and asset management.

Engagement for the Strategy included 3 phases:

- Phase 1: Seed Our Current Situation
  - The <u>Green Infrastructure Strategy Baseline Inventory Report</u> was published in May 2018 and outlined 10 Guiding Principles and 25 Key Findings (vulnerabilities) in the current green network.
- Phase 2: Growth
  - The engagement goals for this phase were to provide opportunities for participants to acknowledge and understand the Strategy, the Guiding Principles and Emerging Priorities, and to inform development of a vision and identification and selection of actions to help address some of the green network key findings.
- Phase 3: Bloom
  - This phase includes planning and implementation of the selected actions that comprise the Strategy.

This engagement summary includes the activities and results that informed the Phase 2: Growth engagement goals. A total of 699 participants took part in engagement activities (including education campaign, meetings, workshops, surveys and pop-ups) between October 2018 and November 2019. Overall, participants expressed support for the Green Infrastructure Strategy actions and initiatives.

A summary of engagements goals, intended audience, activities, dates, participation rates and detailed engagement results are provided in the <u>Green Infrastructure Strategy Comprehensive</u> <u>Engagement Report</u>.

Engagement results from all activities that informed each goal are summarized below.

#### Acknowledge & Understand the Strategy & Guiding Principles

Acknowledgement and understanding of the Strategy and guiding principles was informed using input from participants from all engagement activities. A total of 144 residents, natural area users and key stakeholder groups provided input during the following activities which were designed specifically to inform this goal:

- Education Campaign
- Pop-up Events
- Meetings

Participants throughout all engagement activities demonstrated varying degrees of understanding regarding how the Guiding Principles were meant to be used and what the Strategy would aim to accomplish. The majority of comments received were focused on specific Strategy components or topics relevant to the participant and it was unclear if the public understands the purpose of the Strategy as a whole.



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A list of recurring themes and areas for improvement related to public understanding included:

- Clear Language Usage
  - Several components or terms used early in engagement were either too vague or may have a different meaning to different people in different situations. These included words like "biodiversity", "natural" and "heritage".
  - Overly technical or complex language or concepts (such as Low Impact Development and natural capital asset valuation for example) also caused concern, indicating that participants were not confident that they fully understood the Guiding Principles or Emerging Priorities.
- Level of Impact
  - Because the actions and initiatives were introduced at a "strategy level" it was challenging for some participants to determine if and how they may be impacted by the Strategy.
- What it means to be "Green"
  - Some participants thought the Strategy would include discussion of all things "Green", meaning sustainable or environmentally friendly, and questioned why single use plastics, composting and active transportation were not included.
- Concurrent Initiatives
  - Several comments reflected topics related to other concurrent initiatives at the City of Saskatoon that were featured in the media around the same time. These include budget deliberations, curbside waste discussions, bike lanes, single-use plastics, Low Emissions Community and Bus Rapid Transit.

At the conclusion of the engagement program, during the Our Green Network Event, questions asked during the presentation suggested that, while participants support the recommended actions of the Strategy, there is concern regarding the perceived level of influence or "teeth" the Strategy would have in future decision making processes. Participants felt that a "Strategy" would not achieve the same level of influence that a Policy or Standard could achieve.

#### Vision and Actions Identification and Selection

Identification and selection of the green network vision and actions were informed using input from 491 participants as part of the following engagement activities:

- Green Strategy Workshop 2
- Shaping a Natural Community Workshop
- Green Strategy Options Identification Survey
- Growing a NatureCity Workshops
- Meetings
- Our Green Network Event

Stakeholder groups engaged to inform this goal included:

- Subject Matter Experts
- Residents and Natural Area Users
- Key Stakeholder Groups
- Technical Advisory Groups



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Engagement results, summarized below, informed identification of green network baseline conditions (Our Current Situation), visioning and mapping, and identification and selection of preferred actions.

#### **Our Current Situation**

The 64 participants from Green Strategy Workshop 2 were invited to review the Natural Areas mapping and provide comments or corrections related to boundaries, current land uses and missing green spaces that should be designated as Natural Areas.

#### Visioning and Mapping

Input from 300 participants from Green Strategy Workshop 2, Shaping a Natural Community, Growing a NatureCity and meetings with the Indigenous Technical Advisory Group, Meewasin, University of Saskatchewan and Wanuskewin helped to inform visioning and mapping.

Recurring themes related to values and gaps in the green network related to visioning and mapping are summarized below.

#### Socio-cultural Value

In addition to ecological and economic indicators, socio-cultural indicators are also important components of the vision for the green network and should be infused in planning and implementation of the Strategy.

#### Definition and Clarity

The Strategy should provide standardized definitions for key subjective terms to set clear expectations, goals and targets that cannot not be left to interpretation.

#### Urban Agriculture

Some participants urged for community gardens, private gardens and edible forests to be considered part of the green network and inquired how the Strategy would support urban agriculture initiatives. Other were not supportive of including urban agriculture in the Strategy.

#### Soil Health

For emerging priorities like afforestation, naturalization and biodiversity to be successful, we need to ensure that there is adequate soil health enhancement and maintenance in addition to access to sufficient clean water.

#### Connectivity

Connectivity is important and was described in terms of wildlife and plant connectivity as well as human connectivity including access to natural areas, connection to nature and sense of place.

#### Economic Sustainability

Financial implications for taxpayers as a result of the Strategy must be considered, however, monetary value should not be the only consideration in green network visioning. Actions that would be relatively low cost or no cost were preferred in comparison to other more costly alternatives. However, participants appeared to be more willing to invest in actions with high impact or those that would address the largest gaps.



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#### Sustainable Governance

There is a general mistrust in the City's decision-making processes, including the influence of competing City initiatives and ability of the project team to create change given current governance models. Participants suggested that City Council and Senior Management must adopt and mandate infusion of the vision into all aspects of decision making across the City. Participants identified a need for the alignment or prioritization of the City's Strategic Goals, noting that the following goals conflict the City's Environmental Leadership goals:

- Recreation facilities/park space per capita
- Implement strategies to encourage downtown and infill development, including development process initiatives and financial incentives.
- Proactively prepare concept plans for urban development including a new sector plan with the University of Saskatchewan.
- Storm water management needs were also identified as a potential conflict with protection of natural wetlands.

#### Distribution

Participants noted a lack of green space and natural areas in the west and northwest portion of the city and recommended that resources are allocated to improve distribution in this region through conservation of existing natural areas within and outside City boundaries (West Swale for example) and exploration of opportunities to add new green spaces.

#### Identification and Selection of Preferred Actions

A total of 28 participants from the Shaping a Natural Community workshop and Options Identification Survey in addition to participants from internal engagement activities were asked to identify possible and preferred actions to implement as part of the green strategy. A list of over 150 potential actions was compiled and analysed by the project team for themes or "Emerging Priorities". The emerging priorities were shared with the Indigenous Technical Advisory Group, and 388 participants from the Growing a NatureCity workshops and Emerging Priorities Survey for feedback. Participants indicated some additional actions or considerations in response to the emerging priorities. Results of both the actions identification and emerging priorities activities are provided below.

#### Identified and Preferred Actions

Actions were identified by participants to address the key findings from the Baseline Inventory Report as part of the Shaping a Natural Community Workshop and Options Identification Survey. A complete list of identified actions is available in the Green Infrastructure Strategy Engagement Report. Participants were asked to identify their preferred actions from the list they provided. Preferred actions categorized into key finding themes are listed below.

#### Governance

- Formalize Administration and Council's commitment to protect or enhance the green network for the next 50 years through a resolution or similar.
- Develop acceptable limits for all pollution including light, noise, air and water to ensure the health of residents and wildlife.
- Improve protection of the urban forest by developing a private tree inventory, private tree bylaw and tree protection policy including post construction monitoring.

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#### Land Allocation

- Design parks or green spaces with designated space for naturalized areas, conservation, source water and wetland protection in addition to active development space in a way that meets the needs of both adults and children.
- Develop a natural areas inventory for designation consideration.

#### Green Network

- Improve or maintain wildlife connectivity by installing wildlife or green bridges, corridors, culverts, green roofs and wildflower plantings in ditches, alleys and boulevards.
- Enhance connectivity and access between parks, schools, places of work, business areas and out of city trail systems and allow use of small electric vehicles in green spaces. Improve public transportation to green spaces and natural areas.
- Educate public about the importance of wetlands and all three swales
- Protect the urban forest by developing a tree inventory, increasing afforestation, and reducing stressors on trees to improve survival rates and preference pests.

#### Storm Water Servicing

- Reduce use of impermeable surfaces and increase use permeable surfaces.
- Conserve treated water by implementing simple grey water systems in residential /community areas that take advantage of the landscape to allow water infiltration, explore technologies for water conservation and reuse, treat only water intended for drinking, and collect and store storm water.

#### Heritage and Culture

- Protect built heritage in the core from unnecessary demolition.
- Develop or promote place based and experiential learning opportunities.

#### *Emerging Priorities Feedback*

Participants from the Growing a NatureCity Workshops, Indigenous Technical Advisory Group and Emerging Priorities Survey suggested actions that should be included or considered as opportunities to help achieve the objectives of each emerging priority area. These suggestions are summarized below under the relevant emerging priority.

#### **Biodiversity Action Plan**

Participants envision the Biodiversity Action Plan as a tool to guide and monitor implementation of initiatives, however questioned what definition, tools and criteria would be used to measure biodiversity. Connectivity of natural areas was noted an important aspect of a Biodiversity Action Plan and participants mentioned that no space is too small when it comes to protecting biodiversity. Participants enjoy seeing a variety of birds and mammals, however protection of bee species appears to be a priority for many participants. Participants also want to see Indigenous knowledge, educational opportunities and protection/establishment of culturally important species incorporated into the biodiversity action plan.

#### Afforestation

Participant recognized the benefits that trees provide like shade and heat mitigation. They would like to see more native and fruiting species planted with a focus on parks, new areas, commercial and industrial areas, berms, and a buffer around the city. Participants would like to see more



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communities of trees planted instead of rows. In order to increase planting, participants suggested that any development must be designed with spaces saved for trees. They would like to see more community volunteer opportunities created and suggested shifting the community tree planting program from an "opt in" service to an "opt out" service. In order to ensure the success of the program, participants also mentioned need for additional funding and maintenance. To promote tree planting on private property, participants also suggested incentives such as a free civic pass for every 10 trees planted.

#### Park Naturalization

Participant expressed support for connecting natural spaces by naturalizing medians, planting more native species and creating micro wildlife corridors for pollinators. They would like to see more protection and planting of flowers, fruiting trees, and shrubs in park spaces to attract wildlife and bees and create opportunities to connect with nature. Participants would like to see more naturalization in Beaver Creek and Brevoort Park specifically and protection of the Meewasin Trail.

While many participants supported a shift away from grass in parks and reduced maintenance needs it was noted that caution should be exercised with anti-grass messaging as more and more residents are shifting to alternatives like paving and artificial turf for landscaping.

Participants would like to see the introduction of natural play-scapes designed to integrate nature and recreation and mentioned opportunities to facilitate biocultural conservation models.

#### Bird Friendly Standards

Participants were supportive of both protecting and attracting birds, bats and pollinating insects to green spaces in the city and requested a ban on bio-accumulating pesticides. Adding bird and bat houses, feeders and nesting areas around green spaces were suggested along with back yard chicken coops. Participants would like to see more bird identification and protection information shared such as species information and bird strike prevention techniques for new and existing buildings.

#### Create New Open Spaces

Overall participants were supportive of creating new open spaces. Participants would like to see more green spaces that are connected with green corridors. More community gardens both indoors and outdoors were also suggested and vacant lots restored to green space to improve community safety and parking lots restored to green space to help encourage active transportation. Green spaces should include resilient plantings and there should be planting mandated on boulevards and easements.

Some participants felt that before creating more open space, the City needs to better maintain existing green spaces. Garbage, dog waste and lack of use of existing irrigation systems were mentioned as areas for improvement.

Participants identified the opportunity for Indigenous groups to both govern and provide land management of new open spaces. Lands could be managed using an approach consistent with the Indigenous Circle of Experts "we rise together" pathway document.

#### Renew Green Space

Participants acknowledged that some green spaces are deteriorating or underutilized. More watering in dry years was suggested along with additional funding for increased maintenance.



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Participants suggested that green spaces should have purpose, such as areas for children to play, wildlife areas, organic gardens, and picnic areas and should incorporate trees, native grasses, bushes, flowers and naturalized areas that bring joy to people and support wildlife and pollinators. Green spaces should be connected to each other with naturalized corridors

Green space should remain or become affordable, accessible, safe and welcoming to all residents regardless of income level. The inner city was identified as an area where green spaces require attention.

Participants would like to see green spaces renewed in areas where people, especially children and Indigenous women, do not feel safe. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design is one approach to improving feelings of safety in green spaces.

#### Natural Capital Asset Valuation

Participants suggested that components of the Natural Capital Asset Valuation could include a tree inventory and maps and valuation of wetlands services like biodiversity and water filtration.

Participants also felt that undertaking the valuation has the potential to be a very high cost and complex project. Participants questioned which value indicators would be used to make the valuation and suggested that they must respect all world views. Participants also expressed some concern regarding treating the land as an "asset" instead of a shared resource.

#### Tree Protection Update

Participants felt it was important to protect local species and aspen stands, and only remove trees that need to be removed for safety and pest management. Participants suggested that the city could make topiaries and should provide more information about tree planting programs for newcomers. While protection of trees was important to people, participants felt that development of a private tree bylaw would infringe too much on property rights. Participant suggested consideration of tree teachings, ceremony and tree spirits into tree protection.

#### Lighting Policy Update

Participants were supportive of the concept of putting light where it needs to be and suggested using interesting and artistic lighting, new technologies, solar lighting and warm colored or red LEDs to reduce light pollution, mitigate health impacts and improve the feeling of a space.

#### Urban Agriculture Plan

Participants would like to see more community gardens in underserved areas as they bring joy, nutrition, education opportunities and help to improve food security. They expressed interest in exploring more underused garden locations such as rooftops, boulevards, and apartment windows. To accommodate more urban agriculture, zoning rules would need to change to allow for backyard greenhouses and opportunities to sell what is grown. Participants asked for more fruiting trees in the city, especially native varieties. This would require removal of current barriers preventing fruiting trees and food forests.

While urban agriculture is important, some participants explain that community gardens and food forests are not enough and urge the City to develop a comprehensive local food strategy of which the Urban Agriculture Plan is a component.



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#### Low Impact Development Implementation

Participants suggested that we should stop developing new neighbourhoods in swamps, use more bio-swales, and collect, store and use storm water for irrigation and fountains instead of using treated water for these purposes. Participants also suggested providing education around water filtration could be helpful. Soil management, water run-off and established, regulated wetland buffers were also listed as considerations.

#### Integrate Green Storm Water Infrastructure

Participants expressed concerns about flooding and suggested we stop directing rainwater into the sewer. Participants suggested that we design better water collection and drainage systems and develop policies and incentives to encourage green roofs, rain tanks and cisterns.

Where new infrastructure is required, retrofit it into existing developed areas and incorporate artistic designs into the infrastructure. If using storm ponds, ensure they are safe and if possible, where appropriate add in a solar pump and introduce fish to the pond.

Participants also identified a need for environmental impact assessment with storm water infrastructure developments or transparency when impact assessment is not used.

#### Strengthen Partnerships

Participants commented on the beauty of Wanuskewin and suggested educational initiatives to strengthen partnerships.

Participants explained that restoration needs to happen with Indigenous stewardship and suggested the City designate the Northeast Swale as an Indigenous Protected Conservation Area with assistance from Wanuskewin to help with biocultural restoration, conservation and protection.

Existing plans like Moriyama Plans and Meewasin were mentioned as partnerships or plans already in place that are working well and should continue and be recognized for their contributions.

Participants explained that partnerships are critical and suggested that exploring opportunity for partnership should be considered mandatory for all aspects of the Strategy. Others felt that the Strategy could be led by community partnerships, with the City contributing oversight only.

Participants also referenced the need to partner with residents and suggested there should be a consultation process for design of specific places.

#### Intangible Cultural Heritage Inventory

Participants enjoy participating in activities and community events in spaces like River Landing and would like to see more opportunities organized. They would like to see park and gathering spaces designed for cultural use and suggested exploring use of less structured parks with more "organic" elements.

#### Heritage, Culture and Reconciliation

Participants would like to see First Nations rights to enter land for fishing and hunting protected. They suggested working with elders and knowledge keepers to learn about how best to care for the land and documenting current land uses like berry picking and harvesting.

Participants appreciate the Moose Jaw Trail and suggested seeking more opportunities to incorporate stories of diverse peoples and their relationship to the land and space.



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Participants from several engagement activities, but most notably the Indigenous Technical Advisory Group, suggested a different approach to discussion around connection, culture, heritage and reconciliation that is based in Story Telling.

The term "heritage" was rejected by several participants along with the concepts of "past and current culture". Participants explained that culture is always evolving with no "then" and "now" so to only value or share culture based on historical events is not enough. Participants suggested framing heritage and culture discussions around telling the stories of how we all came to be here from several different perspectives told by and in the language of the story holders. Pieces of the story could then be told in and about our green spaces, natural areas and notable sites.

#### Emerging Priority Preference

A total of 187 participants responded to the Emerging Priorities for Saskatoon's Future Green Network Survey to inform selection of preferred emerging priorities. Participants were asked to identify which of the Emerging Priorities were important to them as residents.

Most important: Afforestation, Park Naturalization, Low Impact Development Implementation, Biodiversity Action Plan and Integrate Green Storm Water Infrastructure were important to the greatest number of respondents with 86% to 90% respondents indicating that they these Emerging Priorities are important to them.

Least Important: Heritage, Culture and Reconciliation and Intangible Cultural Heritage Inventory were considered important by only 55% and 63% of respondents respectively. Heritage, Culture and Reconciliation was considered Not Important by 30% of respondents and 16% were unsure. Intangible Cultural Heritage Inventory saw nearly equal responses for Not Important (19%) and Not Sure (18%) indicating that additional information may be required regarding what this Emerging Priority would entail.

Emerging Priorities Survey and Growing a NatureCity participants were asked to select the 5 priorities they would most like to see implemented as part of the Green Strategy.

A total of 265 residents and green space users participated in prioritization exercises.

At least 40% of participants would like to see the following emerging priorities implemented:

- Biodiversity Action Plan
- Afforestation
- Park Naturalization
- Green Space Renewal
- Urban Agriculture Plan

Less than 25% of participants would like to see these emerging priorities implemented:

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- Heritage, Culture and Reconciliation
- Natural Capital Asset Valuation
- Strengthen Partnerships
- Intangible Cultural Heritage Inventory



While Low Impact Development Implementation and Green Storm Water Infrastructure were considered important by more than 86% of Emerging Priority Survey respondents, when asked to prioritize initiatives, these two Emerging Priorities were selected by fewer than 26% of participants.

Heritage, Culture and Reconciliation and Intangible Cultural Heritage Inventory were considered important to the fewest number of Emerging Priority Survey participants and were also selected as priorities by fewer than 26% of participants.

When asked to explain why they selected the 5 Priorities they did, participants shared their decision-making process and justification for their selections which included consideration of:

- Greatest Impact
- Climate Change Mitigation or Adaptation
- Prerequisites that should be undertaken first to lead the way for other initiatives
- Balance between social, economic and ecological considerations.
- Low cost
- Immediate results
- Ease of implementation
- Focus on existing spaces in a way that maximizes maintenance of existing spaces
- Gaps that need to be addressed

The Emerging Priorities selected by participants who indicated use of specific decision-making indicators were counted. The Emerging Priorities selected by the most participants based on each decision-making indicator were also noted.

Biodiversity Action Plan was among the emerging priorities that received the largest number of selections in relation to the greatest number (5) decision making indicators which included greatest impact, prerequisite, immediate results, easy and focus on existing space. Park Naturalization and Urban Agriculture Plan were each among the highest number of selections for three decision making indicators including prerequisite, easy and focus on open space.

#### **Consideration of results**

The vision of Saskatoon's green network is to provide sustainable habitat for people and nature. To achieve this vision, the Strategy identifies a combination of actions initiatives for future implementation categorized under five broad themes including community, governance, open space, ecology and storm water. Public engagement informed selection of the actions and initiatives in each theme in the following ways:

#### Community

We heard from the Indigenous Technical Advisory Group that stories, including the way we write and share them, are important. Initiative 1.4 "Work with the community to tell the story of Saskatoon's Green Network from many voices through public art, interpretive features, and other mediums" was added to reflect what we heard.

During all engagement activities, the need for consideration of equity and inclusion in all Green Network design was expressed. Initiative 1.3 "Continue meaningful engagement with affected groups to design the Green Network through an equity and inclusion lens" was added specifically to address this need.

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The Saskatoon Food Council, among other groups, has recommended the need for a city-wide food strategy which we have captured in Initiative 3.2 "Work with partners to develop a comprehensive food strategy, including implementation of the Saskatoon Regional Food System Assessment and Action Plan".

Several engagement participants urged the City to provide support and resources to community groups or organizations who are already managing and enhancing aspects of the green network effectively. Action 2 "Inspire citizen-driven transformation of the Green Network" was added to address this opportunity.

#### Governance

Many stakeholders expressed concern that data pertaining to green network planning wasn't transferrable across multiple groups. Initiative 4.4 "Compile data sets across the City of Saskatoon for more effective data management, and create data sharing agreements with other agencies" was added to help address this barrier.

We heard that co-management of natural areas with Indigenous groups was an opportunity we should explore further so we added initiative 5.4 "Partner with Indigenous communities and organizations to explore traditional land management and governance models for the Green Network".

We heard from Wanuskewin that establishment and conservation of the park's view shed, captured in initiative 5.3 "Work with Wanuskewin to conserve their viewshed and support management of Opimihaw Creek", was important for many reasons.

Action 6 "Redefine the partnership with Meewasin to achieve collective goals related to conservation, education, and development in the Green Network" and its initiatives were designed in partnership with Meewasin. Support for more collaboration with Meewasin was expressed by participants in several engagement activities.

#### **Open Space**

Action 9 "Increase walkability and active transportation throughout the Green Network" was added to address stakeholder concerns related to accessibility and connectivity barriers in the green network specifically around active transportation. The need for protection and growth in the urban forest (Action 10) was mentioned by several participants in all engagement activities.

#### Ecology

We heard in all engagement activities that protection of natural areas was important to participants. Action 11 "Protect, restore, and manage significant natural areas" initiatives explore protection of natural areas through various approaches. We also heard that development of a biodiversity action plan should be a priority for the Strategy. As such, it was included as a function of Actions 11 to 13.

In all engagement activities, participants noted the importance and benefits of incorporating native species into plantings, especially in relation to creating pollinator habitat. This was captured in Initiative 12.3 "Increase the City's use of native species in restoration and naturalization work".

#### Storm Water

Stakeholders expressed a need for engagement with local organizations to identify natural and heritage resources as part of storm water planning. Initiative 14.4 "Consult with affected



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organizations when designing storm water infrastructure to mitigate impacts to natural areas and cultural assets within the watershed" formalizes this request.

We heard that some of the City bylaws contradict green infrastructure objectives, making it more difficult to add or retrofit with green infrastructure. Initiative 15.3 "Update bylaws and regulations to allow more permeable surfaces" would address this issue.



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# Meewasin Valley Authority Goals & Objectives 2019-2024

Created in 1979 under an act of provincial legislation, the Meewasin Valley Authority serves to maintain and upgrade the health of the river valley system and reinforce the river and its valley as a natural feature and a focus for community activity. Population surrounding the Meewasin corridor has grown by nearly 100,000 people since that time, with use, interest and pride in the river evolving commensurately. To reflect this growth and to continue to steward the health of the river valley corridor, Meewasin commits to three key themes:

# Healthy & Vibrant

Inform, lead and add value to land management decisions affecting the natural and cultural interests of the river valley corridor.

• By 2024, propose and secure appropriate amendments to Meewasin's jurisdictional boundary to reflect urban growth and meet regional demand.

Maintain and upgrade the health of the river valley corridor to benefit our growing population and sustain biodiversity for future generations.

- Research and design a standardized valley-wide monitoring framework by 2020 to quantify health of the conservation zone. (This would be the annual "State of the Valley" report)
- Annually enhance and/or restore no less than 25% of property in the defined Meewasin corridor.
- Annually feature and introduce a stewardship strategy for at least one new priority site under Meewasin's jurisdiction.
- Establish a native seed bank and increase internal capacity to propagate native plant species by 3X by 2024.

## Sense of Community

Coordinate and endorse a broad range of seasonal opportunities for citizens and visitors to connect with the river valley, learn about its history and significance and enhance its use.

- Develop Trail Design Guidelines by the end of calendar 2020 and improve trail linkages and capacity for three key areas by 2024:
  - o Circle Drive North to Crocus Prairie "North East";
  - o Spadina link to Holiday Park & Gordie Howe "Southwest"; and
  - o Upgrades from Shakespeare to River Landing "Downtown"
- In partnership with key agencies and organizations, revise, update and expand strategic programming to increase Meewasin's capacity to deliver K-12 curriculum, land management and tourism outreach by 2024.
- By Spring 2020, develop strategy to deliver year-round education and tourism programming, with implementation to begin no later than Fall 2020.
- Implement robust engagement & trail ambassador plan by 2021 to recruit volunteer capacity equivalent to 70 full-time employees annually in support of Meewasin's strategy

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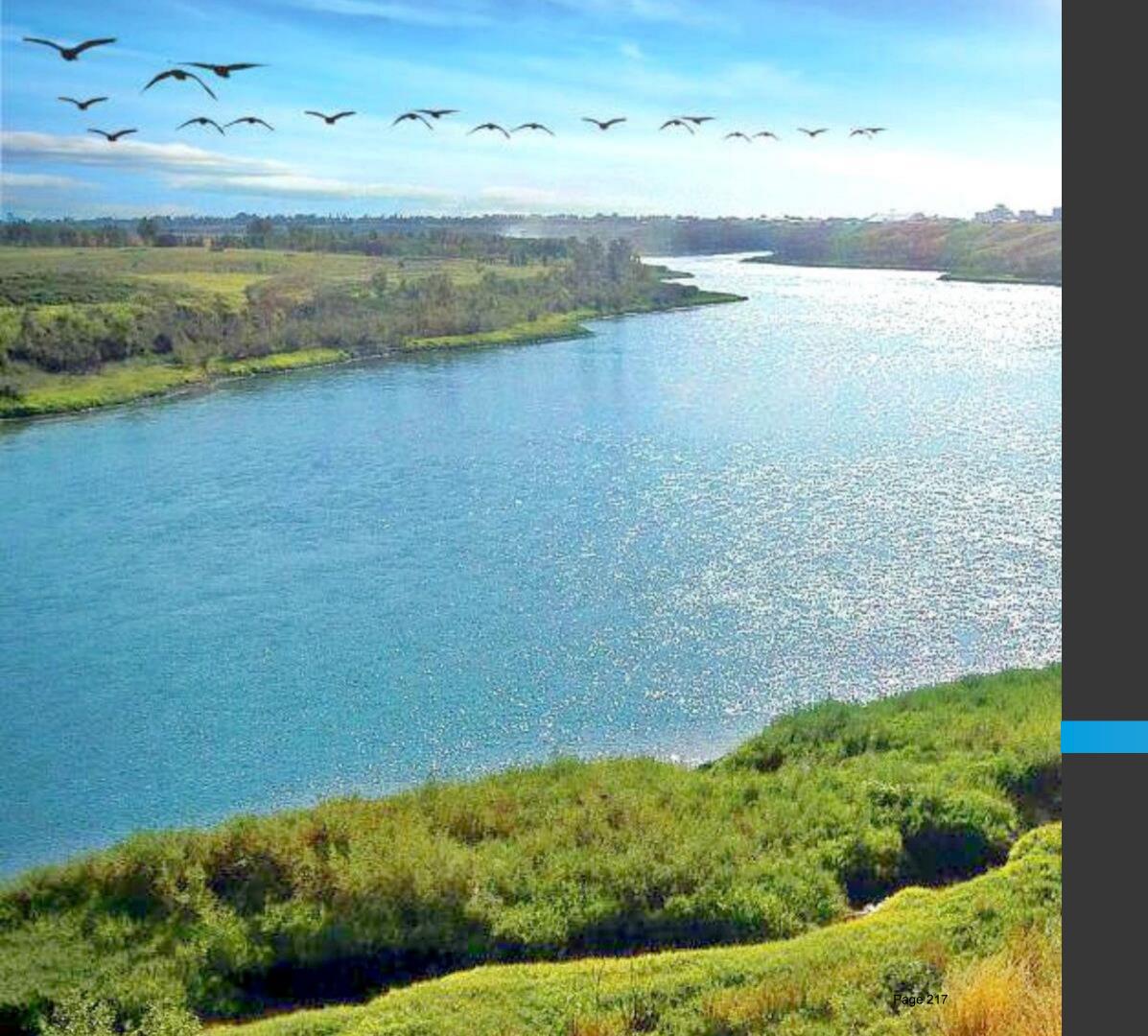
### **Protect the Legacy**

Furthering the relationships, innovation, expertise, advocacy and reconciliation necessary to steward the river valley corridor.

- Engage perimeter communities, the RM of Corman Park, First Nations and Métis in Meewasin's work at least 2X annually to develop relationships and interest in future partnership.
- By Spring 2020, renew agreements with all Meewasin funding partners to ensure alignment of interests for the long-term stewardship of the river valley corridor.
- Pursue 10 new research relationships by 2024 with interested post-secondary institutions to further study of river valley ecosystem and develop local expertise.
- Successfully showcase Meewasin mission and strategy to complete a capital campaign in 2020/21.
- By 2021, finalize changes to governance and internal frameworks to support a model workplace and growth for the future.
- Annually partner with no fewer than 25 external organizations whose mandates align with Meewasin and support stated goals and objectives.
- Grow the value of charitable gifts and sponsorships and number of prospects by 15% year over year.



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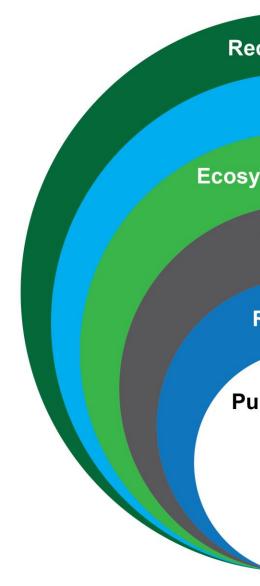


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## Development

# Meewasin Provides Ecosystem Leadership

- Conservation and stewardship in natural and cultural assets
- Design, development, land securement and trail development
- Education, research and experiences in ecosystems
- Leveraging of funding 5:1
- Strong governance and external partnerships



## Reconciliation

Habitat

**Ecosystem Services** 

Utilities

Research

Public Access

## Reconciliation

Secure cultural history in site design and amenities to honor history

## Habitat

Terrestrial and Aquatic Ecosystems Vegetation and Wildlife People

## **Ecosystem Services**

Carbon Sequestration Flood Mitigation Climate Regulation

#### Utilities

Drinking Water Storm Water Storage/Handling Energy Production

#### Research

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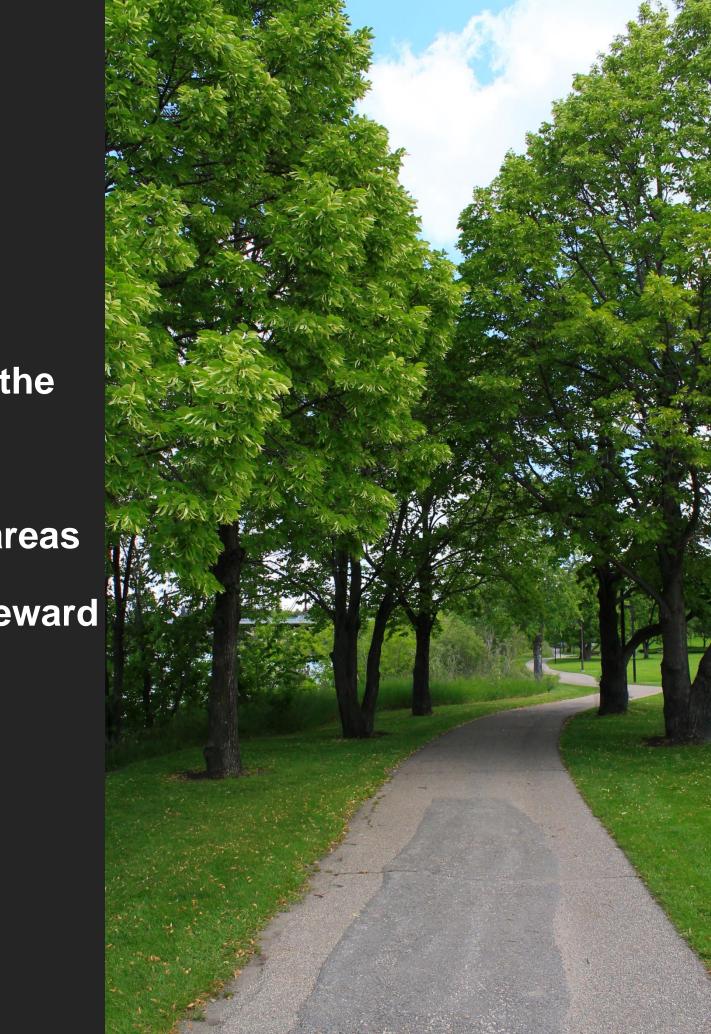
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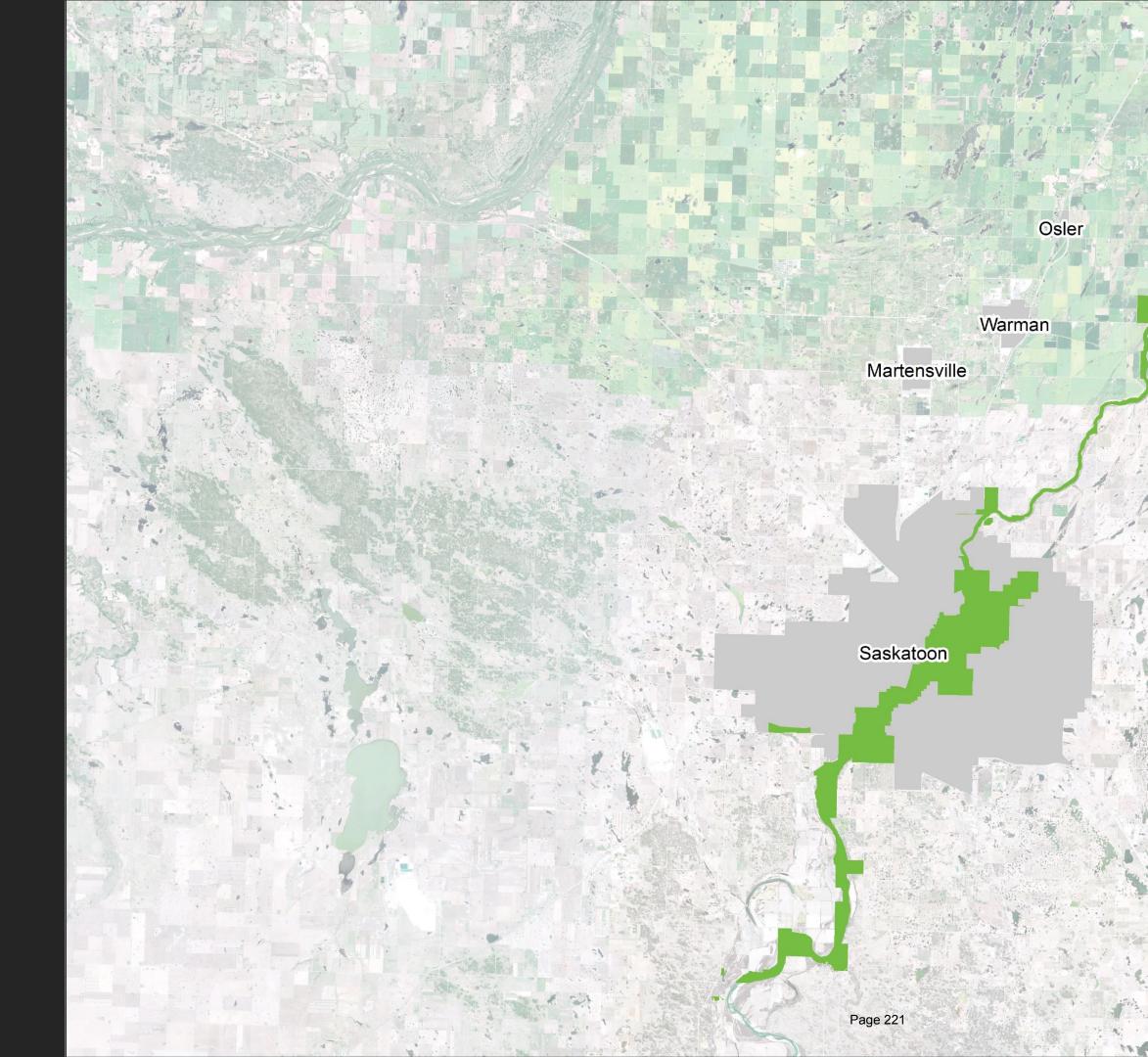
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# **Meewasin and the Green Infrastructure Strategy**

Meewasin can collaborate with the city on implementation of the Green Infrastructure Strategy through:

- Resource management of significant natural and cultural areas
- Development of amenities to provide public access and steward these important areas
- Delivery of interpretive programming at these sites
- Policy development
- Leverage funding via grants, sponsorships and donations

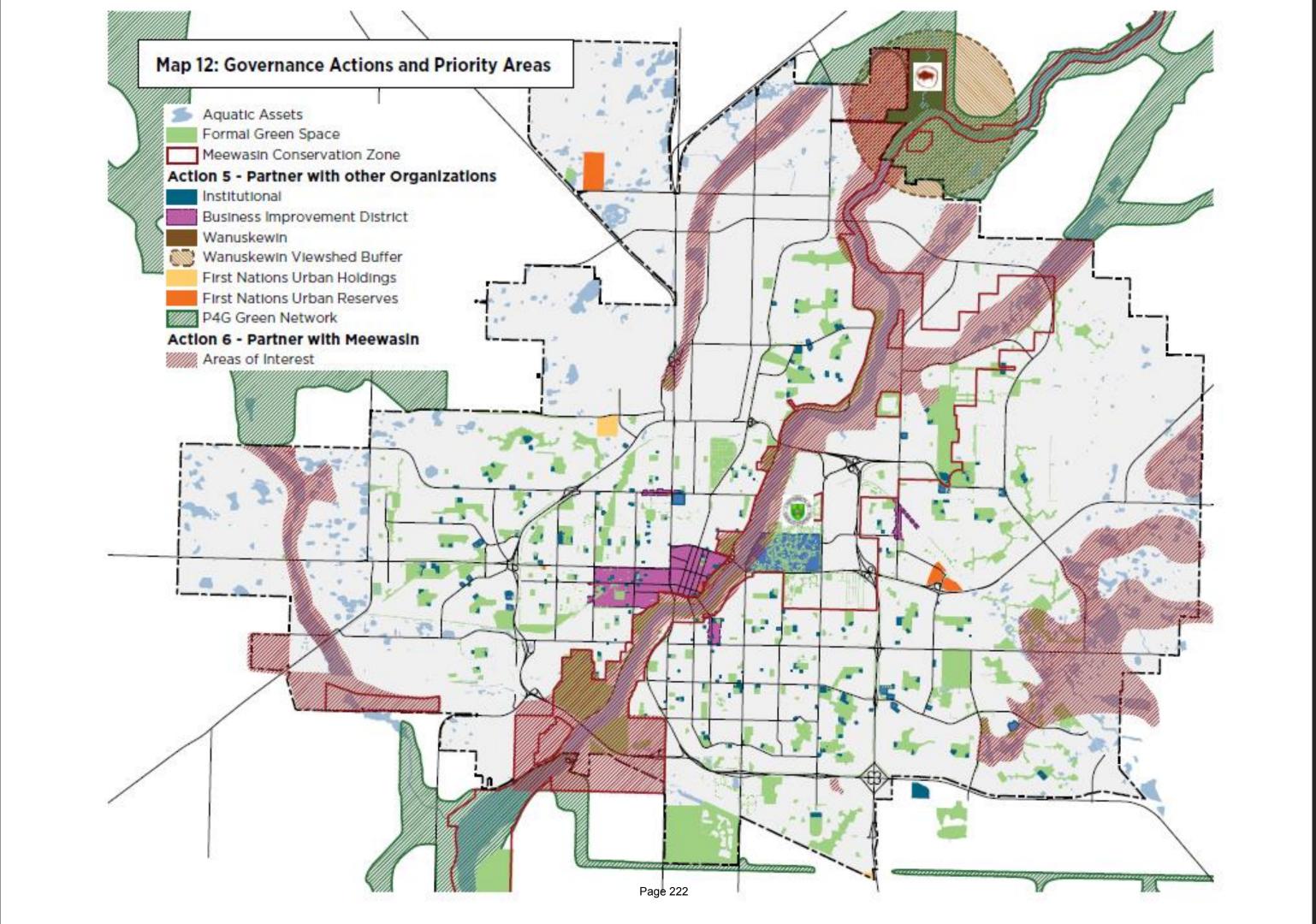






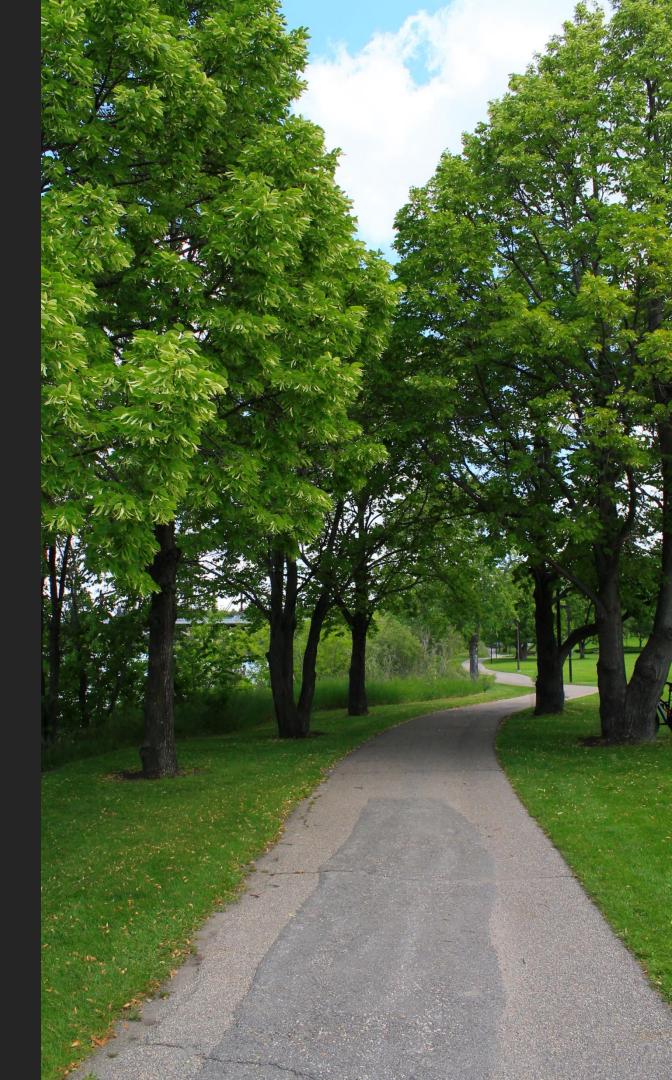


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## **Potential Funding Opportunities**

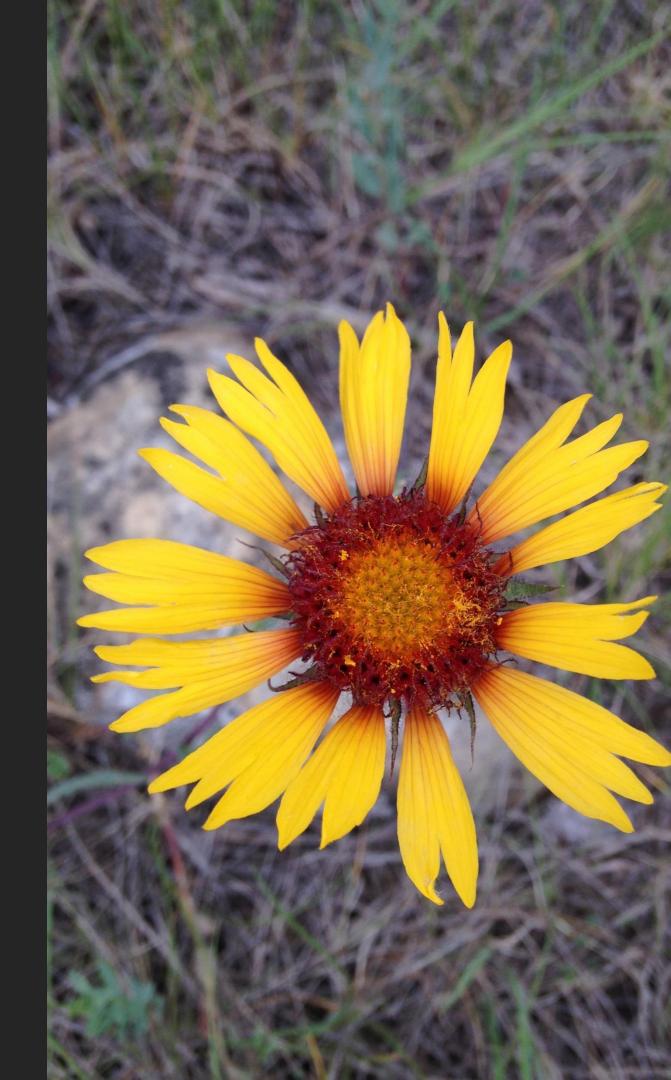
- Federal Government has established "protected areas" targets for the country along with funding opportunities
- Federal funding opportunities that demonstrate regional partnership are given priority
- Meewasin is working with the City and other partners like CPAWS, Ducks Unlimited, and NCC to put together a potential joint project to access these funds
- Presently, we are looking at funding opportunities



# Goals & Objectives 2019-2024

The Green Infrastructure Strategy aligns with Meewasin's Strategic Plan:

- Healthy & Vibrant
- Sense of Community
- Protect the Legacy





# Questions?



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Meeting (if known) SPC on EUC Monday January 10 at 9 a.m.

Comments

The Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc. would like to submit the attached letter of support in regards to the The Green Infrastructure Strategy: Towards an Interconnected Green Network being presented at SPC on EUC Monday January 10 at 9 a.m.

Thank you kindly

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Councillor Councillor S. Gersher, chair and members of the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services

It is our pleasure to write to the *Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services* to express our support for your attention to sustainability and the interconnected green network for both current and future generations. The new 2020 report being presented by Angela Gardiner, General Manager, Utilities & Environment, entitled; *The Green Infrastructure Strategy: Towards an Interconnected Green Network* is a milestone accomplishment for the city's well-being and quality of life.

The Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc. is a non-profit incorporation formed with a mission to conserve the public afforestation areas which we love. The creation of safe green spaces enables place-based learning experiences which are so necessary in this digital age, especially for youth. It will enhance the quality of life for all citizens when they can connect with the rich natural, cultural and geological history of these naturalized, semi-wilderness spaces. Their aesthetic, scientific, and spiritual heritage enhances our civic cultural experience and can expand tourism.

The work that YXE Green Infrastructure Strategy and the City of Saskatoon Department of Sustainability is doing is wellintentioned, well-researched, and articulates the positive effect it will have for the City of Saskatoon in providing this vision of "a sustainable habitat for both people and nature."

The Green Infrastructure Strategy: Towards an Interconnected Green Network was created through engagement, collaboration, and understanding the needs of a wide cross-section of community members. The City of Saskatoon, by approving this report, is indeed, showing commitment to its strategic goal of environmental leadership. By promoting this vision, our city is better prepared for wetter, wilder and warmer weather anticipated with climate change. This report, by acknowledging the value and benefits of natural assets, is a catalyst to improve our way of life, our economy and our environment. Environmental initiatives do, indeed provide a great many tangible and intangible benefits, and do have a strong positive impact for a city with long-range plans towards metropolis status.

In Saskatoon, the interconnected green network is of tremendous importance if we want to create a city in which all people can thrive. Implementing this report helps our vision of becoming a city with engaged citizens who have a strong sense of community and place.

We, the Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc, look forward to working with the City of Saskatoon in identifying further specific actions and policies to promote this green vision.

Kind Regards

Julia Adamson

on behalf of the board of directors

for the Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc.

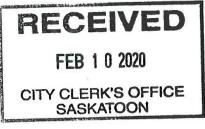
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Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services City Hall, Saskatoon, SK

To: Councillor S. Gersher, chair and members of the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services

RE: Agenda Item 7.1.1 of the Meeting of February 10, 2020

I would like to extend my thanks and congratulations to the City of Saskatoon for initiating the Green Infrastructure Strategy and to the Green Strategy's Project Team and Steering Committee, for taking the steps in developing and producing this comprehensive and thorough report.

As a citizen of Saskatoon, I am pleased to see that this report provides the framework and the actions needed to protect and enhance the natural areas in our city and to develop a truly green network consisting of connected natural and naturalized areas, parks, recreational areas, urban forest, urban agriculture sites and city neighbourhoods. The recommended goals and actions are more than pretty window dressing that make our city a nice place to live; they are in fact necessary for our continued well-being and survival in this place. Implementing the Green Infrastructure Strategy will help to mitigate the effects of climate change, by providing natural carbon sinks, reducing the heat island effect of cities and by helping to provide resilience in the wake of climate extremes such as drought and overland flooding.

Most importantly, following its guidelines will help conserve and support biodiversity, that is the life of the many living plants and creatures with whom we humans share this place, whose numbers are falling at alarming rates and whose existence is threatened by many of our current practices. The wetlands, grasslands, riparian areas, trees, animals, birds, insects – all need our protection and support.

It is my hope that the City will see the wisdom of implementing the Green Infrastructure Strategy and will wholeheartedly support it, and not allow its objectives to be watered down. I look forward to the City's continued engagement with the community in identifying and implementing specific actions and projects.

Sincerely,

Joanne Blythe

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Dear Ms. Sackmann

I would like to express my support for the City of Saskatoon in developing and implementing the Green Infrastructure Strategy. The Strategy is a forward-looking document that will assist city planners in land-use planning to deliver multiple benefits to its citizens; increased mental and physical health, quality of life, increase citizen's connection with to green and natural spaces, protect biodiversity and inter-connectedness of natural areas, and help us in our quest to mitigate and adapt to challenges brought by the changing climate. I would like to stress the importance that the Green Strategy is implemented and referred to in any future city land use planning and development. Sincerely,

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## STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, UTILITIES & CORPORATE SERVICES

## Accessibility Considerations for Curbside Solid Waste Collection

## **Recommendation of the Committee**

- 1. That the Administration proceed with Option 3 to initiate a project to identify alternatives to expand the accessible City-wide curbside (single-family household) solid waste collection service, report back on the feasibility of each, and recommend an alternative for implementation;
- 2. That the values identified in the March 2018 engagement session (Accessible Waste Collection workshop) be included in the Administration's evaluation of accessible solid waste collection alternatives, along with legal, financial, and labour relations considerations; and
- 3. That the report of the General Manager, Utilities & Environment Department dated January 13, 2020, be forwarded to the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee, with a specific request to propose a new name for the Special Needs Garbage Collection Service.

## History

At the February 10, 2020 Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services meeting, a report from the General Manager, Utilities & Environment dated February 10, 2020 was considered.

#### Attachment

February 10, 2020 report of the General Manager, Utilities & Environment.

## Accessibility Considerations for Curbside Solid Waste Collection

## ISSUE

Relocating residential solid waste roll-out containers to, and from, the street or alley for collection can be problematic or impossible for residents with disabilities. The City currently offers a closed program to a limited number of residents, which improves service accessibility for single-family household (curbside) collections. Saskatoon residents who are not currently part of the program have expressed the desire and need for a similar service.

## BACKGROUND

## 2.1 History

Since 2007, the City has delivered a service to enhance the accessibility of curbside solid waste collections; previously referenced in reports as the Special Needs Garbage Collection Service. For those residents included in the program, their roll-out solid waste containers (or 'carts') are retrieved from their property, the contents collected, and then returned to the same location on the property by collection crews.

This program, which was intended to be phased out, was established along with the project which replaced the 300 gallon communal back lane garbage containers with household-specific carts. The service was initially extended as a one-time offer to residents who met pre-defined criteria in affected areas. Since the initial intake, the program has remained closed to new applicants.

City Council at its meeting held on October 23, 2017, considered the Special Needs Garbage Collection Service report and resolved, in part:

"That the Administration report at 2018 budget deliberations outlining the potential for and impact of accepting new applicants to the Special Needs Garbage Collection Service for the interim term prior to the results of the Waste Utility consultation and resulting updated Waste Management and Services implementation."

The Options for Expanding Special Needs Garbage Collection report was received as information in support of the Recommended Changes to Waste Management in Saskatoon report at the November 20, 2017 meeting of City Council. City Council also resolved to forward the report to the waste consultations.

The aforementioned 'waste consultations' was a reference to a curbside residential waste community engagement campaign that was planned and executed in 2018 to inform recommended changes to waste management in Saskatoon. Applicable information is summarized within the 'Public Engagement' section of this report.

At its regular business meeting held on March 25, 2019, City Council resolved:

"That the Administration report back with options and implications of special-needs collection services (waste, recycling and organics). As previously directed, Administration should engage with relevant stakeholders such as senior and disability services organizations, as well as the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee, to address accessibility needs as well as any updates required to the Special Needs Garbage Collection Service."

## 2.2 Current Status

The Special Needs Garbage Collection Service continues to be offered to those residents in the program until they leave their current home. Unless program or service level changes are mandated by City Council, the program will eventually have no participants. This service is currently provided for the black (garbage) and blue (recycling) carts.

In 2017, a marketing campaign was launched, promoting neighbours helping neighbours roll their carts to the street or alley on collection days.

## 2.3 **Public Engagement**

On March 6, 2018, the Administration hosted the Accessible Waste Collection workshop. Prior to the workshop, the Administration presented to the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee at their February 9, 2018 meeting. Engagement opportunities were highlighted with respect to accessibility and curbside waste collection. Invitees for the March 6, 2018 engagement workshop were also discussed.

Results of the March 6, 2018 workshop were presented in the Changes to Waste Management in Saskatoon - Engagement Results report to City Council at its meeting on June 25, 2018. At that time, City Council resolved that the report be received as information in support of the Recommended Changes to Waste Management in Saskatoon report.

An attachment of the June 25, 2018 report is also appended to this report as Appendix 1. Barriers and challenges of the current state were presented, along with opportunities for the future. In short, a desire for improvements to the limitations of the City's current program were expressed by workshop participants. The following key values were proposed, for the design and delivery of a potential future program:

- Transparency and openness of program offered;
- Fairness of eligibility, access;
- Equity in level of service and cost (comparative to regular household program);
- Affordability conscious of constrained incomes (old age pensions, disability); and
- Coordination between service providers.

Results of other waste-related engagement activities, reported in June 2018, also indicated a desire for accessible solid waste collection services by some residents.

## 2.5 **Approaches in Other Jurisdictions**

The Administration contacted other Canadian municipalities to identify whether they offered a dedicated program to enhance the accessibility of solid waste collection services. Of the eleven municipalities that responded, eight offered such programs. Answers to a series of program-related questions are included in Appendix 3, which will inform future service level investigations for Saskatoon.

## OPTIONS

## Option 1: Status Quo – Do Not Change the Service Level of the Existing Special Needs Garbage Collection Service

Should this option be approved, the City would continue to deliver the existing service, until such time as all the residents in the program vacated their households. Eventually, the service would cease to exist.

There would be a gradual increase in the capacity of collection staff and equipment. This would be offset by City growth, and therefore there would be a minimal reduction in annual operating expenditures.

This option is not supported by feedback from previous public engagement.

#### **Option 2: Cancel the Existing Special Needs Garbage Collection Service**

Should this option be approved, all residents, including those in the current Special Needs Garbage Collection Service, would be required to relocate their carts to the front curb or back alley for collection. The City would cease to provide a service which enhances the accessibility of curbside solid waste collections, after appropriate communication had been delivered.

There would be an immediate increase in the capacity of collection staff and equipment. There may be a reduction in annual operating expenditures.

This option is not supported by feedback from previous public engagement.

## Option 3: Initiate a Project to Develop and Evaluate Alternatives to Expand the Existing Program

Should this option be approved, the Administration would initiate a project to explore the feasibility of alternatives to expand and alter the existing Special Needs Garbage Collection Service. Appropriate community engagement would be completed once the details of each alternative were developed. The goal would be to provide City Council with a report containing a recommendation which ensures equitable access to curbside solid waste collection services, for residents with a disability, to the best of the City's ability.

Factoring in the 2020 and 2021 multi-year budget, the timeframe for the report would be targeted to allow for an operationalized program at some point in 2022.

The 'Rationale' section of this report highlights the short term financial implications of this option. The information outlined within the 'Additional Implications/Considerations' section would be factored in to the evaluation of potential alternatives.

This option is supported by feedback from previous public engagement.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services recommend to City Council that:

- 1. The Administration proceed with Option 3 to initiate a project to identify alternatives to expand the accessible City-wide curbside (single-family household) solid waste collection service, report back on the feasibility of each, and recommend an alternative for implementation;
- 2. The values identified in the March 2018 engagement session (Accessible Waste Collection workshop) be included in the Administration's evaluation of accessible solid waste collection alternatives, along with legal, financial, and labour relations considerations; and
- 3. The report of the General Manager, Utilities & Environment Department dated January 13, 2020, be forwarded to the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee, with a specific request to propose a new name for the Special Needs Garbage Collection Service.

## RATIONALE

The information in Appendices 1 and 2 support the recommendation, from a community engagement and a legal standpoint, respectively. In addition, the information in Appendix 3 demonstrates that other Canadian municipalities offer City-wide curbside accessible solid waste collection services.

In order to provide City Council with a comprehensive evaluation of options for altering the current program, additional work is required to refine the list of alternatives, and explore the feasibility of each. This work would include an evaluation of opportunities for accessible solid waste collection services offered by both City staff or a third party. An open, fair, and transparent process would be utilized to obtain the third-party information.

This work was initially included in the scope of the 2017-2018 capital project which evaluated curbside solid waste collection as a utility. As the scope of the utility project changed, the work on accessible collections was put on hold. This work will be completed using existing resources, which may have a slight impact on the timing of other priorities.

## ADDITIONAL IMPLICATIONS/CONSIDERATIONS

The exploration of expanding the accessible solid waste collection service is not only isolated to curbside garbage collection. The curbside recycling contract is also a factor, as is the pending City-wide curbside organics program.

City staff provide the existing service for curbside garbage, and the contracted recycling collection provider delivers the service for curbside recycling. The legal and logistical implications of engaging another third party to deliver the accessible curbside solid waste collection service must be explored. In addition, Requests for Information to prospective third party service providers must adhere to the City's Purchasing Policy (C02-045) and applicable processes.

Other considerations of a future program include the following, in addition to those outlined in previous engagement sessions:

- Resources;
- Costs;
- Eligibility and access;
- Level of service and cost compared to "regular" household program;
- Clear eligibility criteria; and
- Possible streams for temporary and permanent disabilities.

## **COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES**

Administration will report back to City Council once the feasibility of future service alternatives have been explored.

## APPENDICES

- 1. Accessible Waste Collection Workshop Summary
- 2. Confidential Solicitor/Client Privilege
- 3. Municipal Benchmarking Results

## **REPORT APPROVAL**

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Approved by:	Angela Gardiner, General Manager, Utilities & Environment

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**Appendix 1** 





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Accessible Waste Collection Workshop Summary - saskatoon.ca/engage March 2018



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## 1 Background

The Special Needs Garbage Collection Service has been the topic of several City Council reports and motions. In fall 2017, City Council requested that Administration consult with stakeholders to discuss accessibility considerations and the future of the Service as part of the larger Saskatoon Talks Trash: Curbside community engagement activities.

Some Saskatoon residents, including seniors and people with mobility challenges or disabilities, have challenges physically maneuvering waste carts or accessing other waste services.

While a Special Needs Garbage Collection Service exists to provide assistance with collection carts, the program has not accepted new registrations since its inception and was originally intended to be a short-term measure. However, Administration continues to receive requests for new applicants.

Costs to provide this service are estimated at \$490 per household in the program, funded through property taxes. In the interim, the Cart Crusaders campaign was launched as a way of encouraging neighbours to help neighbours in need by rolling out their carts on collection day - similar to the Snow Angels campaign for snow shoveling.

## 2 Engagement Strategy

The "Accessible Waste Collection" workshop was held on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 9:30am-11:30am at the Saskatoon Field House.

The workshop was open to stakeholders and organizations that serve or represent older adults and/or other residents who are physically challenged by the task of managing a waste cart. Direct invitations were sent to a list of over 30 organizations, and the workshop was also publicized on the project's Engagement website.

## 2.1 Engagement Objectives

The goals of this workshop were to:

- Better understand the challenges and opportunities with curbside collection from an accessibility lens;
- o Discuss preferred options for design and delivery of a special collections service;
- Assess the three scenarios used in the broader engagement exercise from an accessibility lens; and
- Build relationships with key stakeholders.

## 2.2 Participants

8 participants attended the workshop, representing a variety of organizations:

- 1. Spinal Cord Injury Saskatchewan
- 2. Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission



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- 3. Sarcan Recycling
- 4. Saskatoon Services for Seniors
- 5. Saskatoon Council on Aging
- 6. Crocus Cooperative
- 7. Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee
- 8. Kenderdine Court Condo Association

## 3 What We Heard

## 3.1 Barriers and Challenges

Participants shared a range of challenges with the current waste collection program, including: the size, height, and weight of bins; difficulty maneuvering in snowy and icy conditions; and difficulty disposing of bulky items and hazardous waste.

They emphasized that difficulties are experienced by both people with physical limitations and people with mental health challenges (for example, with hoarding behaviours). One service provider noted that they have assisted with many yard clean-ups do to the storing or piling of waste as a result of the above difficulties.

Participants were disappointed with the current limitations on Special Needs Garbage Collection, and noted the need for an updated name to reflect current language (not special needs). They emphasized that neighbourliness approaches like the Snow Angels or Cart Crusaders campaigns are insufficient and unreliable solutions for waste management. These approaches were also critiqued from a human rights perspective, as residents are not receiving an equitable level of service from the City.

The participants also shared feedback on the fines from Environmental Protection Officers, stating that the Officers and the tone of the letters have been intimidating or scary to older residents and people with mental health challenges. They urged a more educational tone, greater sensitivity, and friendliness related to fining, and to customer service in general.

## 3.2 **Opportunities**

We heard that it would be important to take a values-based approach in the design and delivery of a future program. Key values include:

- Transparency and openness of program offered
- Fairness of eligibility, access
- Equity in level of service and cost (comparative to regular household program)
- Affordability conscious of constrained incomes (old age pensions, disability)
- Coordination between service providers



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The group also identified that a future program should have a threshold for eligibility with clear criteria, and streams for temporary versus permanent physical impairments. There was strong support for inviting community proposals for the delivery of the service, while the City would retain overall strategy, oversight, and communications. One service provider noted that it is much easier for them to collect bags than to move carts. Participants also stressed that residents in the program not be double-charged for the service.

It was noted that having smaller garbage cart options in a waste utility would be helpful for many who struggle with the size and weight of current standard carts.

## 4 Next Steps

January 2020 update:

- The results from this work were intended to inform future decisions on solid waste collection and management in Saskatoon.
- This appendix was first presented to City Council on June 25, 2018, in the Changes to Waste Management in Saskatoon - Engagement Results report. At that time, significant changes to curbside (single-family household) solid waste collection were being explored by the City, including a pay-as-you-throw utility model for garbage and a City-wide organics collection program. Program decisions made in late 2018 resulted in the accessible solid waste collection scope becoming decoupled from the project which is ultimately pursuing a City-wide curbside organics collection program.

## 4.1 Consideration of results

January 2020 update:

• The results of this engagement work will be used to inform any future work related to curbside solid waste collection accessibility.



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## Appendix A: Full Results

Question 1: What are residents and/or clients telling us about the barriers and challenges they encounter with our curbside collection program?

- Bins are too large and heavy as individual carts, cannot maneuver or struggle to move them
  - Have heard that carts are too high to deposit larger/heavier bags or materials into them
  - Back alley collection seems to be more accessible-friendly due to lack of curb
- Weather challenges; pulling the carts through snow, or snow accumulating on flat tops of carts
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Getting bins to the streets when snow pile is high
- There is a broad spectrum of need, including:
  - Mental health challenges and waste hoarding leading to residents feeling threated or worrying about eviction
  - Physical disability or mobility limitations leading to being physically unable to get waste out of the house or to the cart
  - Some have homecare providers or support agencies who do the disposal
  - Some hire service providers, if they have money to afford this
- Dealing with bulky items is an added challenge
- Attitude to City or feeing of civic pride may not be as positive for some of these groups – ex. Seeing messy yards; not everyone is conscientious or concerned about it
  - Crocus Co-op and Saskatoon Services for Seniors both provide yard clean-up services for clients and are often thanked by neighbours for their services
- Symptom of these barriers may lead to waste accumulating outside the door or in yard (because unable to get it to the carts) to the point where it becomes overflowing or too heavy to deal with
  - Providers like Services for Seniors have been stuck with waste they cannot dispose of for their clients, and no solutions offered by City in these cases
- Services in the community exist but are not coordinated and there is a lack of awareness among residents of who to contact for what
- Residents experiencing difficulties do not know who to call and have felt dissatisfied by City response
  - Frustrated that they may have heard of this "magic program" (Special Needs Collection Service) but cannot get into it
- "Neighbourliness" approaches are not reliable
  - We are too large with insufficient community spirit to achieve this;
     connections between neighbours are not necessarily strong or may not exist



- What happens when people move away or their life circumstances change?
- Could there be an incentive in exchange for helping a neighbour?
- Some people work together and use each other's bins for excess waste
  - Idea raised of a civic incentive for sharing waste bins (i.e. a 2% reduction on your bill)
- Fine system is a point of concern
  - Notice letters (i.e. educational warnings to move bin back onto property) have been disturbing to some residents, especially if economically challenged and with a disability
  - "military-like" approach of Environmental Protection Officers (EPOs) can provoke emotional responses from residents who need special consideration re: accessibility
    - Police-like uniforms were mentioned as distressing to some
  - Public perception of being policed by EPOs and the cost of EPO staff leads some to wonder about investing more in a more conversational and educational approach using phone calls, mailers, news media, etc.
  - Overloaded carts people don't know that the lids are not supposed to be open at all; also lack of knowledge of the right of way bylaw, as discussed prior
- Customer Service considerations increase sensitivity and responsiveness, awareness of differing needs and abilities

## Question 2: What are the advantages and disadvantages of these scenarios from an accessibility lens? Why?

Scenario 1

- Concern about lifting bags of yard waste would need smaller bags
- Small food cart might still be large for a senior may not fill it at all, and just contaminate black cart instead. Scenario 3 could help with that situation.
- Like the small garbage options across all scenarios
- Some people may still need largest size carts AND be unable to move them

## Scenario 2

- 1 cart for organics seems easiest, compared to Scenario 1
- Some desire for more frequent collection than every 2 weeksq

## Scenario 3

- Need a simple solution green and black bags seem complicated for education and use
- Challenges getting the bags are even more challenging for people with disabilities would need distribution not just pick-up



- Need clarity around materials going into/out of garbage and organics especially for Opti-Bag
- Could be good for people with limited garbage/organic waste in one cart vs. hauling out another cart
- Would like smaller blue cart options as well

General comments

- Concerns about (organics) compliance in any scenario
- Need variable sizes for ALL carts makes sense given variability of need, household size and type
- Bagging options can help service providers to the pick-up (can't manage large, full carts at this point)
- 1 size doesn't fit all
  - The word "mandatory" rubs people the wrong way
  - Describe the benefits in terms of costs not just environmental angle, especially when thinking about fixed income and low income residents
  - Note house design how to integrate organics collection in kitchen?
  - Perhaps carrying bags out to stationary carts is easier
    - Could consider special program where folks can do this instead of using carts; get special bags for pickup
  - What about residents who generate medical waste penalizing this by variable rate pricing?

Looking beyond the scenarios, how might we adapt our collection program to be more accessible for more people?

- Recycling if I don't generate much, why have the largest bin
- Education take less punitive approach, less judgemental, more informative
- Seniors reaching folks via 6:00 and 12:00 News is best, not via social radio
- Be clearer in communication not just about what's permitted/not but the next step (ex. If plastic film not allowed, what to do with it?)
- More accessible options for Household Hazardous Waste pick-up
- We need to expect that our demand will increase with an aging population

Question 3: Preferred models for special collection – what do you see as the advantages/disadvantages of a City-delivered or 3<sup>rd</sup> party-contracted approach? What are the critical success factors for this kind of service?

- Must be open to the public, with criteria for eligibility
  - Could involve Health Region, Occupational Therapy to do home visit assessment
- Fairness as a key principle
- Would like to see smaller cart options in the general service stream, for those who do have the ability to manage smaller carts



- Find a supplier who can do it
- Don't make people feel bad or like the have to beg to access the service
- Invite community proposals to procure the service include a clear scope of demand and expectations
  - o Might be cheaper than City-run program
    - Affordability is important, especially if on disability pay or lowincome
    - Sense of already being financially penalized for a condition that is beyond a person's control
  - May need to have some consideration of different agency constraints and abilities – ex. Crocus Cooperative workers have a limit on their hours per week for disability payments
  - Could be a component of a broader suite of service offerings, like snow removal help
  - Could Cosmo or another group drive around day prior to collection & within 24h after to pull out/in the carts for special service recipients?
- People may want the City to be involved, at the very least in a promotion and advocacy role and to answer questions/deal with concerns from residents – "more likely to call the City than a contractor"
- Suggestion that at the end of the day, City is likely to play a significant role even with 3<sup>rd</sup> party delivery managing the contracts, providing education, etc.
- One person suggested the option of allowing folks to opt-out of city collection and manage their own special procurement rather than perception of paying twice
- No double-charging or being punished for age or ability
- Equitable service is required; not necessarily the same service
- Must remove barriers and stop limiting the program in current fashion this is a problem from a Human Rights perspective
- Must have a threshold for accessing the service consider a one to two page form like other cities
- Aging in place is a priority in our community and that relates to waste collection
- Change language away from "Special Needs" service outdated and not fully accurate
- Timelines must move on this sooner than later
  - A Human Rights complaint would become an issue for the City of Saskatoon
- Recommend an incremental change approach, similar to Human Rights Commission's work with transportation
- Human Rights Commission doesn't necessarily care how the service is delivered, but emphasized that neighbour-based program likely would not work

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- Need temporary and permanent service options for different types of challenges (ex. Recovery from hip surgery vs. a permanent condition)
- Likely cheaper for a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to deliver the actual service
- Would this be part of a user pay model or reflected in the mill rate need to prioritize equity
- From rights perspective, any program would have to be the same costs for those on special services and those on regular service (could be a challenge to work into a Waste Utility)
- At the end of the day, collection is a public good
  - This is about being a better, more inclusive community
  - Waste collection is a public good like parks and libraries



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## CONFIDENTIAL SOLICITOR/CLIENT PRIVILEGE

Re: Accessibility Considerations for Curbside Solid Waste Collection

The Office of the City Solicitor provided confidential, Solicitor/Client Privilege information to Members of City Council regarding this matter. The information will remain *In Camera* pursuant to section 21 of *LAFOIPP*.

## Municipal Benchmarking

The City of Saskatoon is a member of the National Solid Waste Benchmarking Initiative (NSWBI). As advertised on their website, "The NSWBI was created as a tool that enables municipalities and regional governments to spot program differences, assess common performance indicators, and to develop language and definitions consistent for all programs."

The Administration contacted NSWBI members and non-members to solicit feedback on how their municipalities address accessibility challenges with curbside (single-family household) residential solid waste collection. A total of 11 municipalities responded to a series of questions; 8 in Western Canada, 2 in Ontario, and 1 in the Maritimes. As a member of the NSWBI, the City of Saskatoon (City) is bound to a Confidentiality Agreement which requires information destined for the public forum to be scrubbed so that individual communities cannot be identified by name. The following is the compilation of responses received.

- 1. Does your municipality operate a program to enhance, in any way, curbside (singlefamily household) solid waste collection accessibility?
  - 8 Yes
  - 3 No

The balance of the questions only pertain to those municipalities who offered a related program.

- 2. What is the name or title of the program?
  - Special collection
  - Assisted waste collection program
  - Backyard collection / Special collection assignment
  - Special needs program
  - Walk-up collection service
  - Set-out service
  - Walk-up program
  - Carry-out program
- 3. What is the service delivery method?
  - 4 → Roll-out carts for waste containers. Collection truck operators or their passenger (depending on the type of collection truck) exit their vehicle, retrieve the roll-out cart from the property, collect, and return the cart to the property.
  - 1 → Roll-out carts for waste containers. However, either a dedicated service technician in a half ton truck, or the regular collection truck operators exit their vehicle, retrieve the roll-out cart from the property, collect, and return the cart to the property.
  - 2 → Combination of roll-out carts and bagged waste, depending on the waste stream (garbage, recycling, or organics). Collection truck operators or their passenger (depending on the type of collection truck) exit their vehicle, retrieve

the roll-out cart or bag from the property, collect, and return the cart to the property.

- 1 → Bags. However, they are switching to carts. Waste collection attendant collects from the front door.
- Note: 6 of the 8 municipalities incorporated these accessible collection services within their regular collection routes.
- 4. Percentage of program participants compared to the total number of curbside households serviced.
  - Ranged from 0.03-0.85%
  - Mean (Average) of 0.27%
  - Median of 0.20%
  - Note: for reference, the City's current program collects from approximately 0.4% of the total number of curbside households serviced.
- 5. What is the application process for the program?
  - In all cases, the application is initiated by the resident.
  - 7 of the 8 municipalities required an application form to be completed by the resident.
  - 6 of the 8 municipalities confirmed that a qualified City representative performs a site visit to the residence as part of the application process. Cart/bag placement confirmation, assessment of any specific needs, and verification of information are examples of the reason for the visit.
  - 3 of 8 municipalities require a medical professional to verify the requirement for service.
- 6. What is the frequency of follow-up with each program participant, if any?
  - $3 \rightarrow$  Annually.
  - $1 \rightarrow$  Every two years.
  - 1 → After 7 years. They found that an annual follow-up was an administrative burden.
  - $3 \rightarrow$  None. They expect residents to contact them for any program changes.
- 7. Are there any expectations for the residents in the program?
  - Compliance with waste-related bylaws.
  - The waste container must remain in the agreed-upon location on their property.
  - The path must be clear of snow.
  - Ensure that collections staff do not have to interact with dogs.
  - The street address must be clearly visible from the front street or back alley (depending on collection location).
- 8. What are the administrative requirements to operate the program?
  - Varied greatly depending on the program design. The specific feedback will be referenced should the City proceed to expand the existing program or develop a new program.

Additional lessons learned and feedback included the following:

- Solid waste collections staff may not have the knowledge or ability to confirm program eligibility. In cases where they are expected to assess a resident's need, they consider factors such as whether they live with another individual who is able to relocate their cart.
- If contracting waste collection services, consider the very detailed instructions and information which are required to successfully deliver this program.
- Consider the cost to the residents if the program requires medical notes or information.



## STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, UTILITIES & CORPORATE SERVICES

## FCM Sustainable Communities Award – Letter of Support

## **Recommendation of the Committee**

- 1. That the attached Letter of Support for inclusion in the FCM Sustainable Communities Award application for the City of Saskatoon's Triple Bottom Line initiative, be approved; and
- 2. That the Triple Bottom Line initiative be acknowledged as deserving of recognition.

#### History

At the February 10, 2020 Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services meeting, a report from the General Manager, Utilities & Environment dated February 10, 2020 was considered.

#### Attachment

February 10, 2020 report of the General Manager, Utilities & Environment.

## FCM Sustainable Communities Award – Letter of Support

#### ISSUE

The Sustainability Division is interested in submitting an application for the 2020 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) <u>Sustainable Communities Awards</u>. As part of the application process, applicants must include a letter of support from City Council.

#### BACKGROUND

#### <u>History</u>

Since 2001, FCM's Sustainable Communities Awards have celebrated the most innovative environmental initiatives in Canadian cities and communities of all sizes. In the early 2000s, the City of Saskatoon (City) won two awards through this awards program: one for the Pleasant Hill Local Area Plan, and one for the Downtown Housing and Development Action Program.

#### Current Status

The application is due on March 31, 2020, and winners will be notified at the end of May or early June, with a public announcement by FCM in late June. The awards ceremony will take place at FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference on October 20-22, 2020. The Administration is proposing that an application be submitted for the Triple Bottom Line initiative. A draft of the application we propose to submit to FCM is included as Appendix 1 – Draft Application.

The award application requires that a letter of support from municipal council be included in the application (see Appendix 2 – Letter of support).

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services recommend to City Council that it:

- Approve the attached Letter of Support for inclusion in the FCM Sustainable Communities Award application for the City of Saskatoon's Triple Bottom Line initiative; and
- 2. Acknowledge the Triple Bottom Line initiative as deserving of recognition.

#### RATIONALE

The FCM Sustainable Communities Awards "honour those sustainability projects that demonstrate environmental responsibility and excellence, and take an integrated approach to yielding social and economic benefits for their communities". The City's Triple Bottom Line (TBL) initiative is very well aligned with the award criteria, given that it integrates environmental health and integrity, social equity and cultural well-being, economic prosperity and fiscal responsibility, and good governance into City decision-making. The TBL initiative has also resulted in a progressive Triple Bottom Line Council

Policy, as well as a one-of-a-kind Decision Making Tool, which may be of value and interest to other municipalities from across Canada.

The City's Triple Bottom Line approach, while still in its early stages, has already shown great success due to its research-driven and collaborative approach, with direct involvement from 13 different divisions/departments from across the corporation. The Sustainability Division would like to recognize the excellent work that has been done by those leading and supporting the initiative by nominating the Triple Bottom Line initiative for FCM's Sustainable Communities Award in the <u>Asset Management</u> category.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If successful, one city representative would be sent to the FCM Sustainable Communities Conference in St. John's, NL, to accept the award and present at the conference. Cost estimates for travel expenses would come to approx. \$2,500 (the conference registration fee would be waived for the representative who will be accepting the award on behalf of the City). Funding is available in the Triple Bottom Line Capital Project and Sustainability Operating cost centres.

#### **COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES**

If successful, the City would be recognized by FCM through an official announcement and a letter to Mayor and City Council. The City would also make its own public announcement.

Applicants would also receive narrative coaching from FCM to deliver a presentation in October at FCM's awards ceremony.

#### **APPENDICES**

- 1. Draft Application
- 2. Letter of Support

#### **REPORT APPROVAL**

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# DRAFT 2020 FCM Sustainable Communities Award Application – Asset Management Category

Deadline: March 31, 2020

# In plain language, briefly describe your initiative and the main actions taken to date to realize it, including relevant research, development and implementation steps. \*Limit 400 words.

Saskatoon City Council adopted a Triple Bottom Line (TBL) Council Policy in 2019, which came into effect on Jan 1, 2020. As such, all City of Saskatoon (City) staff are now expected to apply a TBL approach when planning, implementing, evaluating, and reporting on initiatives.

A corresponding TBL Decision Making Tool (Tool) was developed to assist City staff when planning new initiatives or re-evaluating existing initiatives. The Tool provides a comprehensive framework to identify opportunities to achieve multiple corporate goals and cobenefits, while also meeting specific sustainability success criteria. The objective is to (a) assist in the implementation of the TBL Council Policy; (b) consider how to integrate as many TBL Indicators as possible into City initiatives, while avoiding trade-offs, negative impacts, and significant adverse effects; and (c) achieve the City's strategic priorities in a more complete, transparent, and systematic fashion.

The Tool functions similarly to a scored evaluation matrix, whereby values are assigned to a list of sustainability principles, indicators, and success measures based on the positive and negative impacts of an initiative. The objective is to achieve Net Sustainability Gains, whereby an initiative achieves positive TBL scores in each of the four principle areas: environmental health and integrity; social equity and cultural wellbeing; economic prosperity and fiscal responsibility; and good governance. Good Governance is considered a key factor for the delivery, uptake, and success of sustainability outcomes; adding this pillar creates what some refer to as a Quadruple Bottom Line approach.

In early 2019, research was conducted to determine:

- how TBL is understood and taken up by various organizations/municipalities, especially within an urban context;
- common themes and trends related to TBL principles, indicators, values, and approaches; and
- critiques that exist (and suggestions to improve) past and current TBL definitions and models.

Other outcomes to date include:

- the Council Report template was updated with a section that asks report writers to include the TBL implications of their initiative/recommendation;
- 23 pilots were conducted to test implementation of the tool;
- Steering and Advisory Committees with representatives from across the corporation were formed to help guide this work;
- resources, including a full-time staff person, were secured to operationalize TBL over the next two-year budget period; and
- development of a 2020-21 Implementation Plan.

# In plain language, describe why your municipality decided to integrate climate or sustainability considerations into your asset management initiative. What need(s) does the initiative address in your municipality? \*Limit 400 words.

The Triple Bottom Line initiative stems back to a City Councillor inquiry in 2018 regarding how Administration could better apply a sustainability lens to City decision-making and become a responsibility of the entire organization, whereby each division and each employee has a role to play in ensuring its success.

While the TBL initiative may have been sparked by a Councillor inquiry, the broader background is that the City already has a number of plans, strategies, and policies in place that support sustainability, such as the Strategic Plan, the Official Community Plan (where Sustainability initiatives will be further strengthened in the newest update), the Environmental Policy, the annual Service Savings and Sustainability Report, the newly approved Purchasing Policy, the City's support for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action, amongst others. Adopting a TBL approach was seen as a way to support what the City is already doing, while also integrating our sustainability objectives into a more cohesive and intentional framework so that the TBL principles are applied in the same way across the corporation.

It was also felt that applying a TBL approach to City decision-making would:

- drive better project outcomes. By highlighting opportunities for co-benefits, the tool can lead to improvements to infrastructure, facilities, service levels, programs, policies, and delivery models by meeting multiple objectives through the initiatives and services we deliver;
- inform the City's guiding documents, strategies, business plans, budget deliberations, and financial decision making;
- encourage an interdisciplinary approach and, as such, result in customer service improvements, as many services delivered by the City intersect social, economic, environmental, and governance dimensions;
- facilitate collaboration between various disciplines, divisions, and areas of expertise;
- spark innovative and creative outcomes, both internally and by our partners, suppliers, and contractors;
- help staff better understand the linkages between the City's various business lines, as well as the true cost of doing business; and
- improve the quality of our decision-making, and as a result, improve the quality of our work.

# In plain language, describe how council, management and staff are involved in sustainable asset management. \*Limit 400 words.

A TBL Advisory Committee and Steering Committee were formed in 2019 to help inform this work. The committees were represented by 13 different divisions/departments, the members of whom had diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise.

The Steering Committee was re-formed in early 2020 to guide the implementation of the City's TBL approach and the delivery of a corporate-wide roll out. It is made up primarily of management- and Director-level decision makers.

The draft TBL Decision Making Tool was created in 2019 and was piloted with 23 project teams representing 11 different divisions. The diversity of initiatives that completed TBL evaluations ranged from transit shelters, utility corridors, and IT systems, to neighbourhood master plans, a new downtown library, and strategies focused on water conservation, waste reduction, renewable energy, and climate adaptation. Pilot participants, Steering and Advisory committee members, and other City staff provided input into the Tool, which enhanced the content and features. After integrating employee feedback, the Tool is now ready for corporate-wide roll out in 2020.

City Council has supported the TBL initiative since it was first presented by the City's Director of Public Policy and Government Relations to the Governance and Priorities Committee in December of 2018. That report laid out what a Triple Bottom Line Policy Framework might look like for the City, and included a statement that Administration would provide another report in 2019, to address what this policy framework would encompass. When Administration returned to City Council in Sept. 2019, with a Triple Bottom Line Council Policy and draft Decision Making Tool, it was approved with unanimous support. The policy applies to City Council and all City departments and offices.

Now that the policy is in place and the Tool is available for use by all staff, it is expected that the TBL implications of initiatives -- especially for those that are presented to Council through Decision Reports and/or where various options or alternatives exist -- are identified by project teams and communicated to City Council and other City decision makers so that anticipated TBL impacts are factored into decision making.

It is especially important for staff to use the Tool when:

- project, program, or policy options have competing views and/or impacts;
- there is a need to articulate trade-offs;
- the outcome(s)/direction may be controversial;
- the issue being explored/addressed is complex, has unclear effects, and/or has significant impacts or costs; and
- multiple stakeholders and/or viewpoints are involved.

# In plain language, describe what data or information is being used to support effective sustainable asset management and decision-making. \*Limit 400 words.

The City's TBL approach is based on research and best practice. The TBL Council Policy and Decision Making Tool incorporate findings from a number of different sources, including:

- peer reviewed articles and books;
- industry led reports;
- publications by other municipalities and regions;
- international policy documents; and
- strategic documents by the City of Saskatoon.

For example, the 4 Principles, 32 Indicators, and 114 Success Measures that are included in the Tool are based on themes and findings from the research.

Within each Principle, there are a variety of Indicators that have been well-established as best practices in the field of sustainability. Because these indicators are very well aligned with the City's existing goals, including them in the Tool will enable the City to achieve and align both its strategic priorities and sustainability objectives.

To provide an even greater level of clarity and detail, a series of Success Measures are included within each Indicator. These Success Measures represent specific outcomes that could be tracked or verified through qualitative or quantitative measures. They were developed based on findings from the research, and then refined with input from staff. The Steering Committee is currently discussing ways to link the Success Measures to the City's reporting and tracking processes in the future.

The City of Saskatoon has recently adopted the World Council on City Data ISO 37120: 2018 approach, which includes a number of sustainability-related tracking metrics. There may be a possibility to connect the City's TBL approach to its involvement in the World Council on City Data.

The Tool shows what the City is tracking and the areas the City has made commitments to. For example, the Tracking column lists what the City is monitoring at a strategic level (i.e. from the strategic plan, corporate performance targets, environmental dashboard, or the City's data directory). This information signals the types of data that the project team may be able to access and/or the types of data that they should potentially consider gathering. The Guiding Documents column shows key resources, policies, and strategies that correspond to each Success Measure to highlight where some progress is already being made. This column is meant to help staff identify how their initiatives are supporting or impacting existing priority areas.

# In plain language, describe what policies and governance measures are in place to support sustainable asset management practices. \*Limit 400 words.

A Triple Bottom Line Council Policy (C08-001) was presented to City Council in September 2019, which outlines the City's commitment to sustainability and the expectation that a TBL approach is to be applied to all City decision making. This policy was passed unanimously.

Specifically, the purpose of the TBL Policy is as follows:

- to support and advance the vision and goals of City of Saskatoon's Official Community Plan;
- to incorporate a sustainable decision-making approach to the way in which the City of Saskatoon governs;
- to integrate a Triple Bottom Line perspective into the City of Saskatoon's policies, plans, projects, programs, services and actions; and
- to achieve multiple objectives and maximize benefits for the community through integrated decision making.

As one of its objectives, the City of Saskatoon's existing Environmental Policy (C02-036) specifically states: "3.2.2 To ensure asset and financial sustainability through life cycle accountability, risk management, and responsible environmental management."

Section 9: Economic, Environmental and Social Sustainability of the City of Saskatoon's new Purchasing Policy (C02-045) states that the City will consider "sustainability criteria for products and services, which may relate to production, manufacturing and operational processes, distribution, use of the product or service, and replacement or disposal of products or materials."

# In plain language, describe how sustainability and/or climate change is being integrated into your municipality's investment planning and decision-making as a result of your asset management initiative. \*Limit 400 words.

The Tool specifically includes environmental, social, economic, and governance indicators that were identified in the research as being part of a sustainability lens. As such, the Tool as a whole presents a holistic sustainability decision making matrix.

"Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation" is listed as a specific Indicator, with two corresponding Success Measures:

- reduce and/or sequester greenhouse gas emissions; and
- implement solutions that allow individuals and our community to adapt to the current and anticipated impacts of climate change.

For example, when reviewing the proposed new central library, the project team identified that:

- Green House Gas (GHG) measurement and verification could be conducted on both the existing building (as a baseline), and the new building (upon construction); and
- that learnings from The City of Saskatoon's Adaptation Strategy could be integrated into their new facility (i.e. a climate adaptation lens could be applied to the building design, operations, procedures, and programming).

The climate change section of the Tool also prompted some preliminary discussions amongst a project team exploring a new Sector Plan for the City.

The City's new Waste Diversion Plan (which is currently in development) also identified that there are multiple intersections between waste management and climate adaptation (i.e. extreme events can lead to the generation of excess demolition waste and deadfall, due to damaged property, infrastructure, and urban forest). This was highlighted as something that would need to be considered and managed in future City planning and initiatives.

# In plain language, describe how you have evaluated, or will evaluate, the impacts of your asset management initiative. How will this influence the initiative? \*Limit 400 words.

To ensure the City's TBL approach remains flexible and adaptable in terms of its use, the Tool can be completed or reviewed at different stages of an initiative. For example, it can be filled out during the planning phases of a new initiative or the re-design of an existing initiative to provide a baseline evaluation. It could also be used to scope out an initiative, inform business case development, or used at project closure to determine whether the desired TBL objectives were met. Ultimately, the short-term goal is for the Tool to guide thinking throughout the development of a program, project, policy, strategy, or service, rather than deliver an objective

sustainability "grade" for each City initiative. As we build capacity for this type of work, the City will decide how to integrate the TBL approach into its evaluation processes.

The 2020 Implementation Plan identifies the following initiatives (amongst others):

#### Develop an "Audit" Committee to Review TBL Tool Results:

The purpose of this sub-committee would be to annually review a certain percentage of projects that have completed a TBL evaluation (i.e. one initiative from each division) to ensure compliance and completeness of the Decision Making Tool. The committee could also assess which divisions seem to have capacity for this work and where more resources might be required. They could also flag knowledge gaps and/or opportunities for further education for those filling out the Tool.

#### Target Alignment and Gap Analysis:

The purpose of this initiative is to:

- identify targets and data the City is already measuring related to each of the TBL areas;
- link existing (and relevant) City data and targets to the TBL Decision Making Tool;
- identify whether additional data and/or targets should be considered. Assess where TBL data and target gaps exist; and
- determine how TBL links to / supports existing plans and reports.

#### Link TBL to World Council on City Data:

The purpose of this approach is to add World Council on City Data (ISO 37120) metrics to the TBL Tool and/or determine how to link the ISO standard with the City's TBL approach.

#### Develop a TBL Annual Reporting System:

The purpose is to work with corporate stakeholders and the Steering Committee to determine how best to report on the City's TBL outcomes on a corporate-wide basis. There may be an opportunity to link this work to the existing Service Savings and Sustainability Report.

# In plain language, please describe the current or projected primary environmental outcomes of this initiative and summarize how these outcomes will be or have been met. \*Limit 400 words.

The Tool outlines a number of environmental Success Measures (below), which will see benefits as more and more initiatives begin utilizing the Tool in their planning and decision making processes.

When using the Tool, not only are project teams required to select how their initiative impacts each TBL Success Measure (impacts range from Significant Benefit to Significant Adverse Effect), the TBL Guidelines also direct staff to improve scores by:

- reducing Negative Impacts and eliminating Significant Adverse Effects;
- deepening the positive impacts of existing work;
- supporting a greater breadth of TBL Success Measures to increase co-benefits; and
- reconsidering activities that have or will have a Significant Adverse Effect, unless all alternatives are worse.

Environmental Health and Integrity Success Measures include:

- support renewable energy;
- conserve indoor and/or outdoor water use;
- conserve energy;
- reduce and/or sequester greenhouse gas emissions;
- implement solutions that allow individuals and our community to adapt to the current and anticipated impacts of climate change;
- support the construction of green buildings;
- maintain indoor air quality;
- reduce development on greenfield locations, especially on natural areas or prime farmland; and/or support infill and density;
- utilize building and infrastructure deconstruction techniques and/or adaptive re-use (instead of demolition);
- design buildings and/or neighbourhoods for solar access;
- support initiatives/infrastructure that enable active transportation;
- support initiatives/infrastructure that improve transit;
- support initiatives that decrease fuel use;
- support electric vehicles and infrastructure;
- protect or enhance nature and greenspace in our city;
- support wildlife health and abundance;
- support efforts to reduce Heat Island Effect;
- preserve the integrity of wetlands and watersheds, as well as the surrounding buffer lands;
- reduce light pollution;
- reduce environmental nuisances;
- protect the air, water, and/or soil from pollution;
- provide a dependable supply of clean, potable water;
- maintain a safe and adequate sanitary system;
- reduce the use of chemicals in gardening, agriculture, and/or pest management practices;
- support the responsible management, redevelopment and/or remediation of contaminated, abandoned, vacant, derelict, or underutilized properties;
- divert waste from landfills through prevention, reduction, reuse, exchange, sharing, repurposing, recycling, and/or composting initiatives;
- reduce litter and the improper disposal and/or dumping of waste materials;
- reduce the quantity and/or improve the quality of storm water run-off; and
- support healthy, local, and/or sustainable food production.

# (Optional – for bonus points) In plain language, please describe any current or projected secondary environmental outcomes of this initiative and summarize how these outcomes will be or have been met. Both qualitative and quantitative answers are encouraged. Please limit your response to 250 words. Point form answers are acceptable.

As the TBL process begins to influence the City's initiatives, procurement documents, strategies, and policies, it may encourage (or require) our partners, suppliers, and contractors to deliver their work in a more sustainable fashion.

# In plain language, please describe the current or projected social outcomes of this initiative and summarize how these outcomes will be or have been met. \*Limit 400 words.

The Tool outlines a number of social Success Measures, which will see benefits as more and more initiatives begin utilizing the Tool in their planning and decision making processes.

Social Equity and Cultural Wellbeing Success Measures include:

- support policies/practices that advance equity and/or address discrimination;
- take actions that support people from all cultures; and/or take actions that address racism;
- support Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action, the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and/or initiatives that support the rights of Indigenous peoples;
- take actions that support people of all ages; and/or address discrimination based on age;
- take actions that support people regardless of their sex or gender; and/or address sexism;
- take actions that support gender-diverse individuals and the 2SLGBTQ community, and/or address discrimination based on gender, gender expression and/or sexual orientation;
- take actions that support people of all abilities, and/or address discrimination based on ability;
- take actions that support people of all incomes, and/or address discrimination based on income;
- support actions that enable residents from a wide range of economic levels, household sizes, and age groups to live in the same neighbourhood;
- support and celebrate diversity within the community at large;
- support a diverse and representative workforce;
- anticipate and respond to demographic changes in the community;
- support opportunities to preserve, cultivate, celebrate, and/or restore cultural heritage;
- celebrate and/or build awareness of local history;
- advance actions that ensure all people have affordable and stable access to housing;
- support actions that address poverty;
- support actions that lead to a higher quality of life for all;
- support actions that reduce hunger and malnutrition;
- assist people to feel well and stay healthy;
- improve safety of people and/or their possessions;
- utilize Crime Prevention through Environmental Design;
- help prevent essential service disruptions, utility disruptions, and/or intermittent power supply;
- provide and enact security protocols to protect people and infrastructure during emergencies;
- take actions to protect privacy/confidentiality of individuals, institutions, businesses, and/or the City;
- improve voter turnout;
- support volunteering;

- support community-led efforts;
- support actions that provide a variety of community spaces close to work and home that facilitate civic engagement;
- support actions that provide a variety of passive and active recreation/leisure opportunities;
- maintain an attractive city, year-round; and
- maintain a vibrant, lively city.

# In plain language, please describe the current or projected economic outcomes of this initiative and summarize how these outcomes will be or have been met. \*Limit 400 words.

The Tool outlines a number of economic Success Measures, which will see benefits as more and more initiatives begin utilizing the Tool in their planning and decision making processes.

Economic Benefits Success Measures include:

- support opportunities for innovation, leadership, learning, and creativity to emerge;
- support decisions that attract and retain sustainable businesses and industries in the city;
- support suppliers, contractors, businesses, and industries that have strong sustainability practices and/or mandates;
- include Triple Bottom Line criteria in Procurement Documents;
- support Diverse and Indigenous Suppliers;
- support processes that uphold financial accountability and transparency;
- consider the life-cycle costs and implications of services, investments, infrastructure, and assets when establishing budgets and resource needs;
- identify and secure adequate resourcing;
- support efforts to reduce operational and/or maintenance costs;
- find ways to generate revenue and/or recover costs;
- take advantage of grants and/or available funding opportunities;
- if borrowing, determine how the initiative will impact the City's debt limit and whether the initiative is part of the City's borrowing plan;
- calculate the implications of carbon pricing, where applicable;
- provide value to citizens at a reasonable cost;
- stimulate the local/regional economy by supporting job creation and/or removing barriers to business development;
- assist and/or provide incentives for businesses to transition to more sustainable ways of operating;
- support a diversity of industries and economic sectors;
- support actions that allow businesses and entrepreneurial ventures to access banking, insurance, financing, and other financial services;
- engage with Business Improvement Districts and local business associations;
- support tourism;
- avoid the development of stranded assets;
- support infrastructure and assets that are multi-use, achieve co-benefits, and/or provide value above and beyond their primary use;

- prevent the removal, demolition, damage, or degradation of existing infrastructure and assets that are not yet at the end of their useful life;
- ensure connectivity to existing and/or planned infrastructure, services, and assets;
- build and maintain quality, lasting infrastructure and assets;
- increase the number of people who have relevant skills and education for employment, decent jobs, and/or entrepreneurship;
- collaborate with academic, vocational, or other institutions to provide educational and training opportunities;
- support Occupational Health and Safety outcomes;
- support fair wages and/or secure employment;
- support actions that improve quality of life at work; and
- support actions that improve employment rates and/or access to employment.

#### In plain language, please outline the initiative's most significant challenges, successes and lessons learned to date. If relevant, describe any challenges you anticipate with the initiative and the steps you are taking toward addressing them. \*Limit 400 words.

#### Lessons

- 1) Specify how much time a project team may need to complete the Tool so it can be built into a project schedule.
- 2) Extra support may be required for operational divisions who may not have much time for planning/strategy.
- 3) Employees value filling in the Tool with a small group because it spurs thinking/questions. Having a facilitator was seen as extremely useful.
- 4) Integrate TBL into existing procedures, processes, reporting mechanisms, and initiatives to avoid duplicate efforts.
- 5) The limitations of the Tool need to be clearly communicated (it doesn't lead to quantitative outcomes, generate objective sustainable grades, evaluate budget implications).

#### Challenges

Challenges were minimal. Policy and Tool development was done in collaboration with many divisions, including employees representing different positions; this helped create a sense of buy-in and co-ownership. Support from the City Manager and City Council helped guide the project forward.

#### Potential Challenges

- Some Success Measures may be seen as incongruent with certain initiatives / work plans. Some staff may be concerned that using TBL could significantly impact/harm their work or increase costs. This will require ongoing conversation/negotiation, as well as an acknowledgement that transitioning an organization that was not created on the foundations of sustainability to an organization that values/integrates TBL will require time, creativity, and collaboration.
- 2) Each division, project team, and employee will have varying capacities to take up this work. Allowing time to adjust, build capacity, and secure resources will be required.
- 3) The new approach may be seen as "one more thing". It will be important that the value of TBL is communicated well, championed by leadership, and modelled by colleagues.

4) Efforts will be needed to ensure TBL is taken up consistently. This will be done by monitoring progress/uptake to understand how TBL is being applied by various divisions, while education / capacity building opportunities will be made available to staff.

#### <u>Successes</u>

- 1) Advisory and Steering Committees were collaborative, effective, and supportive.
- 2) Policy passed unanimously by City Council.
- 3) Tool was developed, piloted, and well-received.
- 4) Pilot feedback:

"The TBL pilot showed us that we were falling short regarding social outcomes. We are now modifying our approach so our initiative is more inclusive/accessible."

"It allowed us to apply some lenses that we would have otherwise missed."

"We have embedded TBL as a recommended action in our Strategy."

"It's pretty easy to pick up and work on."

"It helped to explain gut feelings about what option was better in a more quantified, explained manner."



## LETTER OF SUPPORT

Date: February/March XX, 2020

City of Saskatoon 222 3rd Avenue North Saskatoon SK S7K 0J5

#### Re: Letter of Support for Sustainable Communities Awards Application

To the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Sustainability Awards Committee:

This letter is to confirm that Saskatoon City Council is aware that the Sustainability Division (Shannon Dyck) is applying for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Sustainable Communities Award for the City of Saskatoon's Triple Bottom Line (TBL) Initiative and considers the TBL initiative deserving of recognition. Saskatoon City Council, at its meeting held on February 24, 2020, adopted a recommendation of its Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities, and Corporate Services supporting the application from the Sustainability Division.

Yours sincerely,

[City Clerk's Office (or designate)]

Signature



# STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, UTILITIES & CORPORATE SERVICES

## **Recovery Park Revised Funding Plan**

#### **Recommendation of the Committee**

- 1. That the Recovery Park and Saskatoon Regional Waste Management Centre Project (Capital Project No. 2050) be adjusted to reflect a total cost of \$31.1M;
- 2. That the additional expenditures be funded from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program and the revised funding plan within this report;
- 3. That if the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program funding is not confirmed, the full additional amount of \$7.7M be funded by borrowing subject to a Public Notice Hearing for Borrowing; and
- 4. That if the funding is approved from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute and deliver the contribution agreement for Capital Project No. 2050.

#### History

At the February 10, 2020 Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services meeting, a report from the General Manager, Utilities & Environment dated February 10, 2020 was considered.

#### Attachment

February 10, 2020 report of the General Manager, Utilities & Environment.

## **Recovery Park Revised Funding Plan**

#### ISSUE

The estimated cost for the revised Recovery Park project is \$31.1M. The current budget allocates \$23.4M for Landfill infrastructure replacement and Recovery Park site design and construction. This report presents a funding plan for the additional cost for the project based on the option that was approved by City Council in December 2019.

#### RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Recovery Park and Saskatoon Regional Waste Management Centre Project (Capital Project No. 2050) be adjusted to reflect a total cost of \$31.1M;
- 2. That the additional expenditures be funded from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program and the revised funding plan within this report;
- 3. That if the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program funding is not confirmed, the full additional amount of \$7.7M be funded by borrowing subject to a Public Notice Hearing for Borrowing; and
- 4. That if the funding is approved from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute and deliver the contribution agreement for Capital Project No. 2050.

#### BACKGROUND

On December 16, 2019, City Council resolved the following for the Landfill Infrastructure Replacement and Recovery Park Design Options:

"That Option 3: Additional Recovery, Scaled and Non-Scaled, be approved for the Recovery Park site design, and that the Administration report back with a funding plan for the revised project costs."

#### DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The previous approved funding plan for the Recovery Park Project (Capital Project No. 2050) as approved at City Council on August 27, 2018, is for \$23.4M of which \$12.8M is funded through borrowing. The remainder is funded from various City of Saskatoon (City) reserves, operating contributions, and reallocated funds. Since that report, the timing of the project has been extended, which results in additional property tax phase-in dollars earmarked for borrowing being available for the project resulting in less borrowing being required. The property tax phase-in to fund the revised \$10.6M in borrowing is \$865,000, which was added to the operating budget in 2019, and an additional \$86,100 is to be added in 2022 (total of \$951,100).

As resolved by City Council on December 16, 2019, the approved option (Option 3) will add costs of \$7.7M to the project. There are two funding plans outlined in this report to cover these additional costs. The first assumes receiving funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), and the second assumes that the ICIP funding will not be approved in time for the project to continue and therefore relies on the borrowing of a larger amount.

#### Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Funding Plan

The Administration has submitted a portion of this project to the federal and provincial governments for consideration under the ICIP. The portion submitted is for work that could be delayed until late 2020 or early 2021 to allow for the funding agreement to be put in place. It is anticipated that announcements of approved funding could be made by June 2020. If approved, approximately \$9.4M in funding would be received by the City. This would result in a total borrowing requirement of \$8.9M. The property tax phase-in plan, which was approved and started in 2019 to fund the borrowing, could remain at \$865,000 with the money being allocated to the project costs until borrowing is required.

#### Funding Plan without Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Funding

If ICIP approval is not received by the time the project needs to be tendered in late 2020, increased project funding through borrowing would be required. In this case, the total borrowing requirement would be \$18.3M. The property tax phase-in to fund the repayment of the borrowing will require an additional \$779,000 to be added in the 2022 budget (total of \$1.64M).

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Table 1 details the amounts of the borrowing and property tax phase-in of the original budget approval, the revised Option 3 with ICIP funding, and Option 3 without ICIP funding.

#### Table 1:

	Reserves or Operating Contribution	Borrowing	ICIP	Total	Property Tax Phase- in Required	Additional Property Tax Increase Required in 2022
Original Project Approval	\$12.8	10.6	-	\$23.4	\$0.95	0.04%
Revised with ICIP Funding	\$12.8	8.9	9.4	\$31.1	\$0.87	0.00%
Revised without ICIP Funding	\$12.8	18.3	-	\$31.1	\$1.64	0.32%

#### **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

There are no privacy, legal, social, or environmental implications identified.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

*The Cities Act* and The Public Notice Policy Bylaw No.8171 require that City Council give public notice before borrowing money. On August 27, 2018, a public notice was given for a borrowing amount of \$12.8M; therefore, if additional borrowing is approved a public notice will be required for the revised amount.

The Administration will report back on the outcome of the ICIP application for funding.

#### **REPORT APPROVAL**

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 Bryan Zerebeski, Special Projects Manager, Technical Services
 Reviewed by: Rob Frank, Interim Director of Technical Services, Transportation & Construction
 Kerry Tarasoff, Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Financial Services
 Approved by: Angela Gardiner, General Manager, Utilities & Environment

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# STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

### Bicycle Bylaw Update – Proposed Revisions – February 2020 Update

#### Recommendation of the Committee

- 1. That Bylaw No. 6884, The Bicycle Bylaw be amended to include:
  - a. That cyclists do not have to remain in the bicycle lane when one is available;
  - b. That children under the age of 14 be permitted to cycle on sidewalks; and
- 2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate amendment to Bylaw No. 6884, The Bicycle Bylaw.

#### History

At the February 10, 2020 Standing Policy Committee on Transportation meeting, a report of the General Manager, Transportation and Construction dated February 10, 2020 was considered.

Your Committee also received two letters submitting comments which are attached.

#### Attachment

- 1. February 10, 2020 report of the General Manager, Transportation and Construction
- 2. February 6, 2020 letter from Yvonne Langen
- 3. February 10, 2020 letter from Dale Gallant

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#### ISSUE

This report discusses and recommends the following amendments to Bylaw No. 6884, The Bicycle Bylaw (the Bylaw) for City Council's consideration.

#### BACKGROUND

#### History

City Council, at its Regular Business Meeting held on November 18, 2019, considered the Bicycle Bylaw Update – Proposed Revisions report and resolved, in part:

- \*2. That the Administration report back on maintaining Section 13 in the Bylaw (want bicycles to remain in the bicycle lane when one is available); and
- 3. That the Administration report back on limiting cyclists riding on sidewalks in BID areas and the industrial area."

#### **Current Status**

#### Exclusive Bicycle Lane Use

Section 13 of The Bicycle Bylaw states:

"13. In any location where an exclusive lane for the passage of bicycles has been established and is so designated by traffic signs and pavement markings, every person operating a bicycle shall utilize such lane only, except that any such person may depart from the exclusive bicycle lane when approaching an intersection and indicating an intention to turn by giving the required signal to that effect."

For clarification, the above section was written prior to protected bike lanes. The reference to 'exclusive bicycle lane' referred to painted bike lanes, for example that exist on Preston Avenue between 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Research Drive.

#### Riding on Sidewalks

The policy framework provided in November 2019 to City Council recommended that sidewalk riding be allowed for children under the age of 14. At 14 years of age, children are high school aged and on the cusp of being eligible to receive learner driver's licenses and should be confident and capable to ride on the street.

#### **Public Engagement**

#### Exclusive Bicycle Lane Use

The Bike Bylaw review invited 14 stakeholder organizations and two City of Saskatoon Advisory Committees to comment on the current bylaw and to submit considerations for a new bylaw. The organizations included: Biketrix, Canadian Paediatric Society, City of Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee, City of Saskatoon Traffic Safety Committee, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, Meewasin Valley Authority, Saskatchewan Cycling Association, Saskatchewan Government Insurance, Saskatchewan Health Authority, Saskatchewan Prevention Institute, Saskatoon and District Safety Council, Saskatoon Council on Aging, Saskatoon Cycles, Saskatoon Public Schools, and Walking Saskatoon.

The Saskatchewan Healthy Authority and Saskatoon Cycles specifically recommended removing the requirement for people riding bicycles to use only the exclusive bicycle lane. The other stakeholders supported the initial recommendation at a roundtable meeting held on September 26, 2019.

#### Riding on Sidewalks

The initial recommendation to allow children under the age of 14 to be able to ride on the sidewalk was specifically recommended by Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, Saskatoon Public Schools, Saskatchewan Healthy Authority, Saskatoon Cycles, and Walking Saskatoon. The other stakeholders supported the initial recommendation at a roundtable meeting held on September 26, 2019.

Saskatoon's Business Improvement Districts (BID) were asked for their opinion on revising the Bylaw to explicitly allow children under the age of 14 to ride on sidewalks in the BID. Feedback received is summarized below:

- Downtown BID did not support revising the Bylaw.
- Riversdale BID narrowly supports revising the Bylaw.
- Sutherland BID did not support or oppose revising the Bylaw, but requested additional enforcement on the west side of Central Avenue (the east side is designated multi-use path).
- Broadway BID supports revising the Bylaw.
- 33<sup>rd</sup> Street BID was undecided.

#### City of Saskatoon's Current Approach

#### Exclusive Bicycle Lane Use

Protected bike lanes, raised cycle tracks and shared paths are all considered part of Saskatoon's All Ages and Abilities (AAA) cycling network. AAA facilities provide separation between people driving and people cycling to ensure safety and comfort for both. AAA facilities provide a level of protection from motor vehicles that is welcoming to cyclists of all skill levels. Nevertheless, people cycling who are comfortable riding with traffic and are able to sustain higher travel speeds may choose to ride in the traffic lanes with motor vehicles.

#### Riding on Sidewalks

The current practice is to not ticket children under the age of 12, but no age limit is clearly included in the existing Bylaw.

#### Approaches in Other Jurisdictions

#### Exclusive Bicycle Lane Use

Other jurisdictions such as Calgary, AB; Edmonton, AB; Ottawa, ON; Regina, SK; Toronto, ON; Vancouver, BC; Victoria, BC; and Winnipeg, MB have repealed similar requirements from their bylaws in recent years. The only Canadian city found to retain the requirement is Kelowna, BC where people cycling "must, ride as near as practical to the right side of a highway, within a bicycle path if available."

#### Riding on Sidewalks

Some jurisdictions specify a maximum allowable age or specify a maximum wheel diameter. A comparison of jurisdictions is provided in the table below:

Jurisdiction	Ages allowed on sidewalk	Wheel diameter	Bicycle Type
Calgary, AB	14		
Edmonton, AB	Not specified	Less than 50 cm	
Kelowna, BC	12		Non-chain driven 3 or 4 wheeled cycle
Manitoba	Not specified	Less than 41 cm	
Ottawa, ON	Not specified		
Vancouver, BC	16		

#### OPTIONS

#### Exclusive Bicycle Lane Use

#### Option 1 – Do not require cyclists to use bicycle lane when one is available

Advantages (as identified by stakeholders):

- Transportation equity is maintained.
- People cycling who are confident riding with traffic and are able to sustain higher travel speeds may choose to ride in the traffic lanes with motor vehicles.
- Cycling mobility is maintained by providing easier left-turn movement at intersections and mid-block locations (lanes, commercial access).
- Cyclists will not be trapped in a bike lane when a vehicle is blocking the cycling facility.
- Prior to snow and debris being removed / cleaned from a cycling facility, cyclists have options to ride elsewhere.
- Not segregating different modes of travel facilitates education for all road users on how to share the public right-of-way. The more people that cycle, the better compliance to rules of the road among all users is achieved, as sharing the public right-of-way becomes the norm.

Disadvantages:

• Occasionally impeded vehicular traffic flow.

#### **Option 2 – Require cyclists to use bicycle lane when one is available**

The advantages and disadvantages are the reverse of Option 1.

Riding on Sidewalks in the BID and Industrial Areas

#### Option 1 – That children under the age of 14 are permitted to cycle on sidewalks

Advantages:

- Children are provided a safer place to ride their bike. They are considered a vulnerable road user due to their level of awareness, control, and agility, as well as their reduced visibility.
- Children travel at lower speeds and lesser distances.
- Promotes cycling as a transportation choice at an earlier age.

Disadvantages:

• Perceived risk of pedestrian injury.

#### Option 2 – Nobody is permitted to cycle on sidewalks

Advantage:

• Reduced potential of a collision between pedestrian and cyclist.

Disadvantages:

- Children riding with vehicular traffic are more vulnerable.
- Children will not ride their bicycle.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council:

- 1. That Bylaw No. 6884, The Bicycle Bylaw be amended to include:
  - a) That cyclists do not have to remain in the bicycle lane when one is available;
  - b) That children under the age of 14 be permitted to cycle on sidewalks; and
- 2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate amendment to Bylaw No. 6884, The Bicycle Bylaw.

#### RATIONALE

#### Exclusive Bicycle Lane Use

As discussed and supported by the stakeholder group, the above recommendation was provided primarily in consideration for people cycling who are comfortable riding with traffic and are able to sustain higher travel speeds may choose to ride in the traffic lanes with motor vehicles. For this reason, it is the predominate practice not to legislate that cyclists use exclusive bike lanes only.

#### Riding on Sidewalks in the BID and Industrial Areas

As discussed and supported by the stakeholder group, the above recommendation was provided primarily in consideration for protecting vulnerable road users.

#### ADDITIONAL IMPLICATIONS/CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial implications.

Legal implications that deal with the enforceability of the new requirements under the bylaw are yet to be determined. Social implications, outside of safety, were not

reviewed. Environmental benefits gained by increasing active transportation have not been quantified.

#### **COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES**

A communication plan will be ready for implementation following the adoption of any updates to the Bylaw. One key element will be revisions to the BYXE campaign to educate residents about all changes. A news conference and additional advertising outside of the campaign may also be required.

Report Approval	
Written by:	Marina Melchiorre, Senior Transportation Engineer
Reviewed by:	David LeBoutillier, Engineering Manager, Transportation
	Jay Magus, Director of Transportation
Approved by:	Terry Schmidt, General Manager, Transportation & Construction
	Department
Approved by:	Jeff Jorgenson, City Manager

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Submitted on Thursday, February 6, 2020 - 10:19

Submitted by anonymous user: 174.2.0.151

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Date Thursday, February 06, 2020 To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council First Name Yvonne Last Name Langen Email Address Main Street City Saskatoon Province Saskatchewan Postal Code S7N Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) Subject Bicycle bylaw Meeting (if known) Comments I do not wish to speak at the meeting. I propose that seniors over the age of 65, be allowed to ride on sidewalks. Many youngsters ride with less care and more speed than seniors, who are very cautious and usually riding at a slower speed. It is safer for seniors to ride on the sidewalk and often the sidewalks do not have pedestrians.

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Submitted on Monday, February 10, 2020 - 07:45

Submitted by anonymous user: 174.90.223.251

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Date Monday, February 10, 2020 To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council First Name Dale Last Name Gallant Email Address -33rd St W. City Saskatoon Province Saskatchewan Postal Code S7L Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) Subject Cycling Meeting (if known) Comments I think people of any age should be allowed to ride on sidewalks in most areas of Saskatoon with just a few restrictions.

Riding on sidewalks should only be prohibited in retail areas, such as downtown, Broadway, Riversdale, and Mayfair.

People riding on sidewalks should have to stop or move to the road when meeting pedestrians, and move to the road when overtaking pedestrians.

This would allow cyclists to be safe in unsafe areas, and allow older or more timid cyclists to ride with out fear of being hit by a car.

Dale Gallant Attachments

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

From: Sent: To: Subject: anne hanson Monday, February 10, 2020 11:39 AM City Council Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council

Submitted on Monday, February 10, 2020 - 11:38

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Date Monday, February 10, 2020 To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council First Name anne Last Name hanson Email McCormack Road Address City saskatoon Province Saskatchewan Postal Code Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) Subject biking Meeting (if known) Comments please consider allowing riding on the sidewalk, as other progressive cities allow. and to be told that we should be cycling in the crappy lanes that do exist, perhaps people should take a look at the condition. troy davies, for one. they are for the most part impassable in the winter, for example, and they aren't kept up that well in the summer either Attachments

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments: Ingrid Larson < The second sec



Submitted on Friday, February 21, 2020 - 08:46

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Date Friday, February 21, 2020 To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council First Name Ingrid Last Name Larson Email Address 14th Street East City Saskatoon Province Saskatchewan Postal Code S7H Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) Saskatoon Cycles Subject Bike Bylaw Meeting (if known) City Council Meeting February 24, 2020 Comments Please find attached correspondence regarding City Council Regular Business meeting of February 24, 2020, Agenda Item 8.4.1. We ask that it be provided to the Mayor and Councillors for discussion at that meeting. Saskatoon Cycles also requests to speak to Council on the matter. Our representative at the meeting will be Jim Arnold, Saskatoon Cycles Board member. Thank you. Attachments sc sidewalk letter cos feb 2020.pdf

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February 13, 2020

Mayor and Council City of Saskatoon

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our concerns regarding a recommendation of the Transportation Committee on the Bicycling Bylaw.

We have grave concerns about the recommendation going forth to Council regarding the universal rule regarding cycling on sidewalks except, as proposed, for those under age 14. We provide extensive commentary on this concern, submitted in brief to the City during the consultation process.

Our recommendation to Council is as follows:

Remove the blanket prohibition against cycling on sidewalks and replace this with:

- either area and behavioural restrictions as to where and how cycling on sidewalks can be safely conducted; and
- allow people to ride bikes on sidewalks at pedestrian speed if the street is or has become hazardous

We appreciate that the City is aligning its bylaws with other Canadian municipalities making it legal for people under 14 to ride on sidewalks. This should be extended to all cyclists with the provisions above.

You will note that in the consultation process the Saskatchewan Health Authority had a similar recommendation as did Walk Saskatoon.

Unlike other North American cities, where protected bike infrastructure is being extensively installed, there is virtually no protected infrastructure in the City of Saskatoon creating hazardous conditions for cyclists, forcing them, in many instances, to ride on sidewalks for personal safety. There are many very busy roadways where the only option for safety is to ride on the sidewalk. In the winter, icy and unsafe roadways also cause the cyclist to use sidewalks for their life and safety.

We strongly urge the City to generally allow cycling on sidewalks subject to explicit restrictions, for example cycling on sidewalks could be are limited, as in one jurisdiction, to prohibitions

against: (a) suddenly leaving the curb and entering the path of vehicle that is close enough to constitute an immediate hazard; (b) not giving an audible warning before overtaking or passing a pedestrian and not yielding the right of way to all pedestrians on a sidewalk; (c) cycling in a careless manner that is likely to endanger a person or property; (d) cycling at a speed greater than an ordinary walk when approaching or entering a crosswalk, approaching or crossing a curb or pedestrian ramp when a motor vehicle is approaching.

Such prohibitions could also be paired with area restrictions against cycling on sidewalks along designated streets where there is a higher likelihood of pedestrian-cyclist collisions, such as areas where pedestrians are regularly entering and exiting buildings (for example, along Broadway, 20th or in the downtown core).

In absence of these restrictions more multi-use pathways should be designated. The following streets need particular attention to ensure safe passage by cyclists; others could be considered with further consultation:

- 8th street
- Clarence Avenue
- 25th Street
- College Avenue
- 22nd Street
- Idylwyld Drive
- 11th Street

The above streets have a high concentration of work sites, high density housing, educational institutions and shops. Cyclists need safe passage to these locations; currently it is very unsafe to ride on these thoroughfares.

Until Saskatoon is able to embrace a truly connected and convenient cycling network that acknowledges transportation equity the bylaws do not match the reality of the difficulty of cycling in this City. Your rules are continuing to force law abiding citizens to abandon their desire to cycle or face the possibility of receiving a fine. We believe this is not the intention of the Active Transportation plan that you approved several years ago.

In the spirit of making a decision that is ethical, equitable and empathetic we hope you will consider our recommendation.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors, Saskatoon Cycles

5300-5-2

From: Sent: To: Subject: Randy Pshebylo <randy@riversdale.ca> Monday, February 24, 2020 7:55 AM City Council Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



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Date Monday, February 24, 2020 To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council First Name Randy Last Name Pshebylo Email randy@riversdale.ca Address 344 20th Street West City Saskatoon Province Saskatchewan Postal Code S7M 0X2 Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) Riversdale Business Improvement District Subject Bicycle Bylaw Update Meeting (if known) City Council February 24, 2020 Comments The Executive Director of the Riversdale Business Improvement District respectfully requests to speak to item 8.4.1 Bicycle Bylaw Update - Proposed Revisions - February 2020 Update [File No. CK 5300-5-2] at the City Council meeting on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 1:00 pm. Attachments

The results of this submission may be viewed at:



# GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

## **City Council Travel and Training Expenses - 2019**

#### Recommendation of the Committee

- 1. That the report of the City Clerk dated February 18, 2020, be received as information; and
- 2. That the Administration report back on updating Policy No. C01-023, City Councillors' Travel and Training, with respect to Council Members' Strategic Priority Areas.

#### History

The Governance and Priorities Committee, at its meeting held on February 18, 2020, considered a report of the City Clerk regarding the above.

#### Attachment

Report of the City Clerk dated February 18, 2020

## **City Council Travel and Training Expenses - 2019**

#### ISSUE

This report provides a summary of Councillors' Travel and Training expenses for 2019. The Mayor's summary is also provided.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the report of the City Clerk dated February 18, 2020 be forwarded to City Council for information.

#### DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Section 3.4 of Policy No. C01-023, "City Councillors' Travel and Training", states that the City Clerk will, on an annual basis, prepare a report listing the total cost of each Councillor's Common and Individual Travel and Training. Upon approval of the Councillors, the report is to be submitted to City Council, as information.

Also included are Councillors' other travel and training expenses that were either budgeted outside of the regular travel budget (i.e. pension training for those Councillors that do not sit on a pension board) or were paid from other sources (i.e. Board of Police Commissioners, Pension Boards, etc.)

#### Individual Travel and Training

Each Councillor is allotted funds annually for general travel and training, such as attendance at the annual SUMA convention and FCM conference. The total amount budgeted for 2019 for all Councillors was \$35,000.00. For 2019 the total expenditures, less GST, were \$17,371.78. Appendix 1 sets out the details for each individual Councillor.

#### Common (Appointed) Travel and Training

A Common Travel and Training Budget is provided in order for Councillors to attend annual conferences or board meetings of any organization on which they are appointed as an official representative of the City of Saskatoon, or as a Board member, such as the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association or FCM Boards and Committees. The total amount budgeted for Common Travel and Training in 2019 was \$24,000.00. For 2019, the total expenditure, less GST, is \$33,778.61. Appendix 2 sets out the details for each individual Councillor.

#### Pension (Non-Appointed) and Other Travel and Training

There are various Boards that Councillors are either appointed to or have a vested interest in that fall outside of the above travel and training budgets. A \$7,000 budget was approved for 2019 for those Councillors that <u>do not</u> sit on a pension board to obtain pension training. For 2019, the total expenditure, less GST, is \$3,968.13. Appendix 3 sets out the details for each individual Councillor.

Travel and training expenditures are also included for those Councillors who sit on Boards which are paid from other sources. For example, if a Councillor is a Trustee on a pension board, those expenses are paid for from the Plan. Appendix 4 sets out the details for each individual Councillor as well as the source of funds.

Included as Appendix 5, is a summary of travel expenses for Mayor Clark for 2019. The total amount budgeted for 2019 for the Mayor's Office (including staff) was \$32,000.00. For 2019 the total expenditures of the Mayor only (or designate), less GST, was \$9,912.51. It should be noted the attached summary for Mayor Clark lists car allowance which is the subject of a separate report.

City Council's former Executive Committee, at its meeting held on September 7, 2010, considered the matter of posting the expenses of all members of City Council, including the Mayor, on the City's website and resolved that the information be posted on the City's website annually in order to demonstrate City Council's commitment to transparency.

Further, at its meeting held on January 29, 2018, City Council resolved that in accordance with City Council's commitment to transparency, the annual posting of car allowance expenditures and travel and training expenditures for members of City Council to the City's website for 2017 and going forward be to the same level of detail as currently provided for in City Council's Communications and Constituency Relations Allowance. Redacted receipts and related information will be posted accordingly.

#### APPENDICES

- 1. Individual Travel and Training 2019 Councillors
- 2. Common (Appointed) Travel and Training 2019 Councillors
- 3. Pension (Non-Appointed) Travel and Training 2019 Councillors
- 4. Other Travel and Training 2019 Councillors
- 5. Travel Expenses 2019 Mayor Clark

#### **Report Approval**

Written by: Reviewed and Approved by: Janice Hudson, Committee Assistant Joanne Sproule, City Clerk

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#### 2019 Individual Councillors' Travel and Training Expenses

Travel Date	Purpose		Location	Actual
BLOCK, Cynthia	3			
May 30 - June 2	Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference Note: Additional \$291.19 (including taxes) due to flight cancellation and additiona \$179.36 (including taxes) due to registration error		Quebec City QC	3,300.24
		Total	_	3,300.24
DAVIES, Troy				
N/A		Total		0.00
DONAUER, Ran	dy			
	Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference	Total	Quebec City QC	2,775.04 <b>2,775.04</b>
DUBOIS, Bev				
N/A		Total		0.00
GERSHER, Sari	na			
	Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference		Quebec City QC	2,497.28
Oct 16 & 17	Wicihitowin - Indigenous Engagement Conference		Saskatoon SK	200.00
		Total	-	2,697.28
GOUGH, Hilary				
Feb 3 - 6	Sask. Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) Annual Conference		Saskatoon SK	325.00
May 30 - June 2	Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference		Quebec City QC	1,873.73
Oct 16 & 17	Wicihitowin - Indigenous Engagement Conference		Saskatoon SK	250.00
Oct 19	Our Voice Our Province Empowering SK Women Conference		Moose Jaw SK	69.05
		Total		2,517.78
HILL, Darren				
N/A		Total		0.00
IWANCHUK, An	n			
N/A		Total		0.00
JEFFRIES, Zach	1			
May 30 - June 2	Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference		Quebec City QC	2,438.85
Nov 14 & 15	Advocate! 2019 Conference		Calgary AB	754.63
		Total	-	3,193.48
LOEWEN, Mairii	n			
	Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference		Quebec City QC	2,773.91
Aug 21	Saskatchewan Urban Muncipalities Assoc. (SUMA) Recycling Webin	ar	Saskatoon SK	45.00
Oct 19	Our Voice Our Province Empowering SK Women Conference		Moose Jaw SK	69.05
		Total	-	2,887.96

## 2019 Common (Appointed) Councillors' Travel and Training Expenses

Travel Date	Purpose		Location	Actual
BLOCK, Cynthi	a			
N/A		Total		0.0
DAVIES, Troy				
Sept 10 & 11	VenuesNow Conference		New York City NY	4,494.24
	7	Total		4,494.24
DONAUER, Rar	ndy			
Feb 3 - 6	Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Assoc. (SUMA) Convention no charge due to Board member		Saskatoon SK	0.00
Feb 22	South Saskatchewan Watershed Board Meeting		Kyle SK	224.27
	7	Total		224.27
DUBOIS, Bev				
Mar 27	Sask. Assessment Mgmt Agency (SAMA) City Advisory Cmte Meeting		Regina SK	330.87
Nov 20	SAMA City Advisory Committee Meeting		Regina SK	496.34
Oct 7 & 8	Intelligent Cities Summit		Toronto ON	1,497.44
	7	Total	-	2,324.65
GERSHER, Sar	ina			
May 14 - 16	Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) 2019 Spring Syposium		St. John's NL	2,409.82
Nov 10	CUTA Transit Board Members Committee Meeting		Calgary AB	876.47
	1	Total		3,286.29
GOUGH, Hilary				
March 12 - 15	Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board & Committee Meetings		Penticton BC	970.93
April 2 - 4	Cdn Housing & Renewal Assoc.Congress on Housing & Homelessness	5	Victoria BC	1,447.44
Sept 10 - 12	Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board & Committee Meetings		Kitchener ON	1,041.36
			-	3,459.73
HILL, Darren				
Feb 3 - 6	Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Assoc. (SUMA) Convention		Saskatoon SK	0.00
	no charge due to Executive Board member			
Feb 4 - 5	FCM Partners Municipal Innovation in Local Econ. Development PMI-LE	ED	Toronto ON	80.00
Feb 18 - 22	Federation of Canadian Municipalities Global Partners Group Mtg PMI-LE	ED	Ottawa ON	187.62
March 12 - 15	Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board & Committee Meetings		Penticton BC	1,932.40
June 18 - 19	Federation of Canadian Municipalities Executive Table Officer Meetings	S	Ottawa ON	65.95
May 30 - June 2	Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference		Quebec City QC	4,516.64
Oct 28 - 30	International Downtown Association (IDA) Conference		Baltimore MD	4,613.80
Nov 26 - 29	Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Advocacy Days		Ottawa ON	2,182.86
			-	13,579.27
IWANCHUK, An	in and the second se			
Dec 13 & 14	Tour of Edmonton District including Rogers Arena		Edmonton, AB	1,576.35
		Total	-	1,576.35
JEFFRIES, Zacl	h			
Oct 27 - 30	International Downtown Association (IDA) Conference		Baltimore MD	2,547.04
	7	Total	-	2,547.04
LOEWEN, Mairi	n			
March 12 - 15		ngs	Penticton BC	1,201.23
Sept 10 - 12	Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board & Committee Meetir	•	Kitchener ON	1,085.54
-		Total	-	2,286.77
2019 Budget	24,000.00			

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2019 Actual

33,778.61

#### 2019 Councillors' Pension Training / Conference

#### IFEPB - International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans

Travel Date		Description	Location	Budget	Actual
	Opening Balance			7,000.00	
BLOCK, Cyr	nthia				
					0.00
DAVIES, Tro	V				
,	,				0.00
DONAUER,	Randy				
					0.00
DUBOIS, Be	v				
July 25 - 27		Igmt Standards Training administrative Iit applied to 2019 and taken in 2019)	e charg Halifax NS		50.00
GERSHER, S	Sarina				
July 25 - 27	IFEBP Foundations of Trust N	/anagement Standards (FTMS) Trainin	g		3,918.13
GOUGH, Hila	ary				
					0.00
HILL, Darren	n				
					0.00
IWANCHUK,	Ann				
					0.00
JEFFRIES, Z	lach				
					0.00

2019 Budget 7,000.00 2019 Actual 3,968.13

### 2019 Councillors' Other Travel and Training Expenses

IFEPB - International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans

Travel Date	Purpose	Location	Amount
BLOCK, Cyr	Ithia		
N/A			0.00
DAVIES, Tro	y .		
N/A			0.00
DONAUER,	Randy		
Aug 8 - 11	Canadian Association of Police Governance Conference Paid by the Saskatoon Board of Police	Calgary AB	1,106.88
DUBOIS, Be	v		
July 25 - 27	IFEBP Foundations of Trust Management (FTMS) Pension Training Paid from Fire Pension Plans	Halifax NS	3,116.58
GERSHER, S	Sarina		
N/A			0.00
GOUGH, Hila	ary		
N/A			0.00
HILL, Darrer	1		
Nov 23 - 24	IFEBP Master of Trust Management (MTMS) Pension Training - registration paid from Police Pension Plans ** cancelled November 2019; credit applied to 2020	San Francisco CA	2,285.00
IWANCHUK,	Ann		
N/A			0.00
JEFFRIES, Z	Zach		
N/A			0.00
LOEWEN, M	airin		
Aug 8 - 11	Canadian Association of Police Governance Conference Paid for by the Saskatoon Board of Police	Calgary AB	1,232.55

#### MAYOR CHARLIE CLARK January 1 to December 31, 2019

#### WITHIN CANADA - TRAVEL EXPENSES

Destination	Date	Purpose	Amount			GST		GST		otal Cost
Ottawa ON	Jan 24 - 25	BCMC Meeting <b>*Trip Cancelled</b> (\$758 credit was applied to the cost of the flight to the BCMC/FCM Conference in Quebec City)	\$	840.90	\$	40.65	\$	800.25		
London ON	Mar 16 - 18	JUNO Awards (Flight paid for by Tourism Saskatoon)	\$	1,250.90	\$	88.46	\$	1,162.44		
Regina SK	Mar 20	Provincial Budget Address	\$	94.25	\$	4.40	\$	89.85		
Vancouver BC	May 1 - 5	Urban Project Meeting	\$	502.61	\$	24.19	\$	478.82		
Quebec City QC	May 29 - June 2	BCMC/FCM Conference	\$	2,880.84	\$	221.80	\$	2,659.04		
Toronto ON	Sept 7 - 10	NACTO Conference Canadian Urban Mayors' Caucus	\$	2,280.84	\$	115.66	\$	2,164.59		
Regina SK	Oct 17	City Mayor's Caucus Meeting	\$	330.14	\$	79.46	\$	314.90		
Ottawa ON	Nov 28 - 29	WEST Meeting	\$	1,466.57	\$	124.99	\$	1,341.58		
TOTAL			\$	9,647.05	\$	699.61	\$	9,011.47		

FCM - Federation of Canadian Municipalities

**BCMC - Big City Mayors Caucus** 

NACTO - National Association of City Transportation Officials

WEST - Western Economic Solutions Taskforce

#### TRAVEL PERFORMED BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

#### ON BEHALF OF THE MAYOR

Destination	Date	Purpose	А	mount	GST	To	tal Cost
Estevan	May 15	City Mayor's Caucus (Councillor Randy Donauer)	\$	696.13	\$ 32.53	\$	663.60
TOTAL			\$	696.13	\$ 32.53	\$	663.60

#### OUTSIDE OF CANADA TRAVEL EXPENSES

Destination	Date	Purpose	A	mount	G	ST	Tot	al Cost
Washington DC	Oct 26 - 30	Bloomberg Harvard - Mayor's Innovation City Lab (Flight and accommodation paid by Aspen Institute)	\$	239.54	\$	2.10	Ş	237.44
TOTAL			\$	239.54	\$	2.10	\$	237.44

#### CAR ALLOWANCE

Mayor's Expenses:

1,650.03

\$

Total Travel and Car Allowance Expenses: \$ 11,562.54



### City Council Car Allowance - 2019

#### **Recommendation of the Committee**

That the report of the City Clerk dated February 18, 2020, be received as information.

#### History

The Governance and Priorities Committee, at its meeting held on February 18, 2020, considered a report of the City Clerk regarding the above.

#### Attachment

Report of the City Clerk dated February 18, 2020

### **City Council Car Allowance - 2019**

#### ISSUE

This report provides a summary of car allowance expenses for Councillors and the Mayor for 2019.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the report of the City Clerk dated February 18, 2020 be forwarded to City Council for information.

#### DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

At its meeting of June 13, 2005, City Council resolved in part that, effective July 1, 2005, Councillors be reimbursed for use of their personal vehicle for City business, based on a per kilometre reimbursement equal to the automobile allowance rates set by the Canada Revenue Agency for tax-exempt allowances for the use of personal vehicles. The rate for 2019 was \$.58/km for the first 5,000 kilometers driven and \$.52/km driven thereafter.

The following are the car allowance expenditures for 2019 for each Councillor, less GST.

Total Amount Budgeted Total Amount Spent	\$ \$	15,000.00 12,331.96
Individual Councillor Expenditures		
C. Block	\$	396.06
T. Davies	\$	1,408.57
R. Donauer	\$	1,523.26
B. Dubois	\$	3,257.64
S. Gersher	\$	1,160.67
H. Gough	\$	0.00
D. Hill	\$	2,764.56
A. Iwanchuk	\$	0.00
Z. Jeffries	\$	1,821.20
M. Loewen	\$	0.00

Also provided is the following summary from the Mayor's Office for 2019:

Total Amount Budgeted:	\$ 11,000.00
(for Mayor's Office, including staff)	
Total Amount Spent (Mayor only):	\$ 1,650.03

The above summaries will be posted on the City's website.

In addition, at its meeting held on January 29, 2018, City Council resolved that in accordance with City Council's commitment to transparency, the annual posting of car allowance expenditures and travel training expenditures for members of City Council to the City's website for 2017 and going forward be to the same level of detail as currently provided for City Council's Communications and Constituency Relations Allowance. Detailed car allowance claim forms will be posted accordingly.

#### Report Approval

Written by:	Janice Hudson, Committee Assistant
Reviewed and Approved by:	Joanne Sproule, City Clerk

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### Appointments – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee

#### **Recommendation of the Committee**

That the following be appointed to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee:

- Superintendent Dave Haye, Saskatoon Police Service representative, to the end of 2020; and
- Pamela Beaudin, Métis Community representative, to the end of 2021.

#### History

The Governance and Priorities Committee, at its meeting held on February 18, 2020, considered two appointments to the above Committee.



### Appointment – Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee

#### **Recommendation of the Committee**

That Dao Duong be appointed to the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee (Youth representative) to the end of 2021.

#### History

The Governance and Priorities Committee, at its meeting held on February 18, 2020, considered an appointment to the above Committee.



### **Appointments – Municipal Planning Commission**

#### **Recommendation of the Committee**

That Jenn Penny and Alexis Bourassa be appointed to the Municipal Planning Commission to the end of 2021.

#### History

The Governance and Priorities Committee, at its meeting held on February 18, 2020, considered appointments to the above Commission.



# Appointment – Social Services Subcommittee – Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program

#### Recommendation of the Committee

That Emily Martell be appointed to the Social Services Subcommittee – Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program (Board of Education for Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools representative) for 2020.

#### History

The Governance and Priorities Committee, at its meeting held on February 18, 2020, considered an appointment to the above Committee.

# 2019 Contract Negotiations (2019 – 2023) – The Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local No. 59

#### ISSUE

The purpose of this report is to provide information in respect of collective bargaining with The Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local No. 59 and seek approval of a four and one-half year agreement, expiring June 30, 2023.

#### RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the proposed changes set out in the revision to the Collective Agreement with respect to the 2017 2018 Collective Agreement with The Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local No. 59 be approved; and
- 2. That His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the revised contract under the Corporate Seal.

#### BACKGROUND

- 1. The City and CUPE Local 59 have reached a tentative Memorandum of Agreement, ratified by the Union on February 4, 2020.
- 2. The proposed wage adjustments fall within the mandate provided by City Council.

#### DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Negotiations between the City and CUPE Local 59 started on July 10, 2019 and a Memorandum of Agreement was reached on January 24, 2020. The term of the agreement is for four and one-half (4  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) years. The term is for the period January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2023. The Union ratified the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement on February 4, 2020.

Terms of the new Collective Agreement include:

- The following wage adjustments will be applied:
  - July 1, 2019 1.75%
  - April 1, 2020 1.60%
  - January 1, 2021 1.60%
  - January 1, 2022 1.95%
- Improvements to shift differential and superior duty pay.
- Pilot projects to support employee wellness in relation to Medical Appointments and Leisure Pass Subsidies.
- Working groups to discuss Diversity and Inclusion and Career Pathing.

Attachment 1, The Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local No. 59, Revisions to the Collective Agreement dated January 24, 2020, identifies the wage adjustments and other Collective Agreement changes in more detail.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The recommendation falls within the fiscal mandate approved by City Council for the renewal of its collective agreements with City of Saskatoon Unions and Associations.

#### **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

There are no public and/or stakeholder involvement, policy, environmental, Privacy, or CPTED implications or considerations.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

No follow-up is required.

#### APPENDICES

1. The Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local No. 59, Revisions to the Collective Agreement dated January 24, 2020

#### **Report Approval**

Written by:	Marno McInnes, Director, Labour Relations
Reviewed by:	Sarah Cameron, Chief Human Resources Officer
Approved by:	Jeff Jorgenson, City Manager

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### The Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local No. 59

#### **Revisions to the Collective Agreement**

#### January 24, 2020

Negotiations between the City and CUPE Local 59 started on July 10, 2019 and a Tentative Agreement was reached on January 24, 2020. The contract is for a term of four and one-half  $(4 \frac{1}{2})$  years from January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2023.

#### 1. Wages

The following wage adjustments will be applied:

July 1, 2019	1.75%
April 1, 2020	1.60%
January 1, 2021	1.60%
January 1, 2022	1.95%

#### <u>2. Term</u>

The term of the agreement is for four and one-half  $(4 \frac{1}{2})$  years. The term is for the period January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2023.

#### 3. Collective Agreement Changes

#### a) Article 12 – Grievance Procedure

The parties agreed to make improvements to the grievance procedure submission and response timelines. The most significant change is the time between an alleged infraction occurring and the date for the initial grievance meeting which increased from twenty-one (21) days to thirty (30) days. In addition, the amount of time a department head has to respond following a grievance meeting has been reduced from twenty-one (21) days to ten (10) days.

#### b) Article 13 – Discipline

The parties agreed that where an employee requests a written reprimand be removed from their employee file following a discipline free period of two (2) years, the Employer will respond to the employee's request within thirty (30) days. The request for removal will not be unreasonably denied by the Employer.

#### c) Article 16 – Seniority

The parties agreed to clarify the difference between a probationary period and a trial period. The probationary period is the first six (6) months that an individual is employed with the Employer, whereas the trial period is the first six (6) months that an existing employee works in a new or different position with the Employer. The changes also provide more clarity on when employees can exercise seniority while in a probationary or a trial period.

Where an employee accepts a position outside of the bargaining unit, the parties agreed to increase the period of retained seniority rights from one (1) year to eighteen (18) months.

#### d) Article 18 – Probationary Period and Trial Period

Additional language has been added to clarify that the probationary period will follow an employee from one position to another if the probationary period has not been completed.

In addition, language has been added to clarify that an employee's trial period is inclusive of certain types of absences such as an absence due to sick. In the case of a probationary period the six (6) month period is based on actual time at work.

#### e) Article 19 – Layoff and Recall

The parties agreed to change the Layoff and Recall provisions to enable the Employer to use email and other electronic methods to replace the current method of using register mail to recall employees for seasonal employment.

#### f) Article 26 – Shift Differential

The parties agreed to improvements to shift differential compensation.

Effective at the start of the first pay period, thirty days after July 1, 2021, the shift differential will increase by fifteen cents (\$0.15) per hour to one dollar and thirty-five cents (\$1.35 per hour), up from one dollar and twenty cents (\$1.20 per hour).

Effective at the start of the first pay period, thirty days after July 1, 2022, the shift differential will increase by another fifteen cents (\$0.15) per hour from one dollar and thirty-five cents (\$1.35 per hour) to one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50 per hour).

#### g) Article 28 - Superior Duty Pay

The parties agreed to improve superior duty pay compensation as well as adding clarification when superior duty compensation is to be paid. Effective July 1,

2021, employees who are assigned task(s) that fall outside their scope of responsibility shall be paid a premium of seventy-five cents (\$0.75) per hour while performing the pre-approved task(s). This is an increase of fifteen cents (\$0.15) per hour over the current premium of sixty cents (\$0.60) per hour.

Additional language has been added to confirm that the current supervisory premium only applies when supervision is not considered to already fall within the employees' scope of responsibility.

Changes have also been made to the premium that is paid when employees are substantially performing the duties of a higher position. The provision now requires the employee to actually replace another employee in the higher position and not just substantially perform duties of the higher position. When an employee is assigned to replace another employee in a higher paid position the employee will be paid at one of the steps of the higher paid position. This premium must be at the lowest step of the higher paid position that provides for at least a 5% increase to their current salary.

New language has also been added to the premium for special project work. This provision now requires the project to have clearly defined goals, objectives, responsibilities, timelines, expected outcomes, and be related to a division goal in order for an employee to be eligible for the special project premium. The amount of the premium is dependent upon the complexity of the work and will be no less than 5% of their current salary.

#### h) Article 30 – Vacations

Employees who are not on probation and who carry a positive vacation balance may now use vacation credits as they are earned. Vacation approval is subject to operational requirements.

#### i) Article 32 – Parenting Leave

The parties have made changes to the parental leave provision to align with changes to the *Saskatchewan Employment Act* and the *Employment Insurance Act* in relation to maternity and parental leave entitlements. The waiting period has changed from two (2) weeks to one (1) week and the duration of the maternity leave has changed from eighteen (18) weeks to nineteen (19) weeks.

The supplemental benefit entitlement has also changed to reflect the change in the waiting period for Employment Insurance Benefits. The Employer will now pay ninety-five percent (95%) of the employee's regular salary for the one week waiting period and will pay the difference between the employee's Employment Insurance benefit and ninety-five percent (95%) of the employee's regular salary for an additional fourteen (14) weeks.

Previously, the Employer paid ninety-five percent (95%) of the employee's regular salary for the two week waiting period and paid the difference between the employee's Employment Insurance benefit and ninety-five percent (95%) of the employee's regular salary for a period of thirteen (13) weeks.

The provision has also been changed to align with the legislative changes associated with parental leave. An employees who is eligible for maternity or adoption leave shall be entitled to parental leave, without pay, for a period of up to fifty-nine (59) consecutive weeks which is an increase from the current thirty-four (34) weeks. An employee who has not taken maternity or adoption leave shall be entitled to parental leave, without pay, for a period of up to sixty-three (63) consecutive weeks which is an increase from the current thirty seven (37) weeks.

# j) Letter re. Utilization of Sick Leave for Medical Appointments During Regular Working Hours Pilot

The Utilization of Sick Leave for Medical Appointments During Regular Working Hours Pilot has been extended whereby employees who are unable to schedule a medical appointment outside of their work time are granted time off during work with pay. This pay is drawn from the employee's available sick leave credits and for the term of this pilot, such time off cannot exceed a total of:

Calendar Period	Full-Time	Part-Time Seasonal
January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020	8 hours	4 hours
January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021	10 hours	5 hours
January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022	10 hours	5 hours
January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023	5 hours	2.5 hours

During the period of this pilot, when an employee reports sick during a regular work day, deduction from that employee's sick leave shall be on an hour for hour basis.

#### k) Letter of Intent re. Leisure Pass Discount

The parties agreed to extend the Leisure Pass Discount Pilot. The pilot allows CUPE 59 members fifty percent (50%) discount for Individual and Family Leisure passes.

#### I) Career Pathing Working Group

The parties agreed to continue the Career Pathing Working Group with the goal of finding improvements within the collective agreement that will enhance

promotion, transfer, and career pathing opportunities for employees and improve operational efficiencies.

#### m) Diversity and Inclusion Working Group

The parties agreed to continue the Diversity and Inclusion Working Group to discuss challenges and opportunities related to diversity and inclusion.

#### 4. Housekeeping and Administrative Changes

Housekeeping changes in relation to the amendment of statutory titles and department titles.

### Governance Review – Saskatchewan Place Association Inc. – Amendment to Bylaw No. 1 – Membership of Board of Directors

#### ISSUE

This report submits an amendment to Saskatchewan Place Association Inc.'s Bylaw No. 1 (the "Bylaw") for City Council's consideration and recommends that City Council authorize its representative to execute a resolution of the Member approving the amendment. The Bylaw implements City Council's direction to change the membership of the Board of Directors to require the appointment of only two City Councillors to the Board of Directors, in addition to the citizen representatives, as opposed to two City Councillors and the Mayor.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That City Council authorize its representative to execute a resolution of the Member of Saskatchewan Place Association Inc. approving an amendment, as drafted by the City Solicitor, to Saskatchewan Place Association Inc.'s Bylaw No. 1 to change the membership of the Board of Directors.

#### BACKGROUND

The City of Saskatoon is reviewing the governance structures and processes for its Controlled Corporations. A series of reports have been considered by City Council. The latest report of the Governance and Priorities Committee was considered by City Council at its Regular Business Meeting held on November 18, 2019. City Council resolved, in part:

"Board of Directors of Controlled Corporations (Appendix 2): ...

2. That two City Councillors be appointed to the Board of each Controlled Corporation; ..."

#### DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

At present, the City's representation on the Boards of the Controlled Corporations is mixed and inconsistent. The Art Gallery of Saskatchewan Inc. (the "Remai") Board of Directors includes two City Councillors. The Centennial Auditorium & Convention Centre Corporation ("TCUP") Board of Directors includes the Mayor, two City Councillors and the City Manager. The Saskatchewan Place Association Inc. ("SaskTel Centre") Board of Directors currently includes the Mayor and two City Councillors.

The Bylaw for SaskTel Centre is prescriptive in requiring the appointment of two City Councillors and the Mayor. Therefore, in order to implement City Council's direction that only two City Councillors be appointed to the SaskTel Centre Board of Directors, an

amendment to the Bylaw is necessary. With regard to membership of the SaskTel Centre Board of Directors, the relevant provisions of the Bylaw currently read, in part:

"The Corporation shall have twelve (12) Directors, and, unless the Members by special resolution at the meeting resolve otherwise, the Directors shall be chosen as follows:

- a) The Mayor of The City of Saskatoon shall be a Director;
- b) Two Councillors of The City of Saskatoon shall be Directors;
- c) No more than nine residents of the City of Saskatoon who are not Councillors of The City of Saskatoon shall be Directors.

...

Unless the members by special resolution resolve otherwise, the Directors shall be chosen as follows:

At least two Directors shall be current members of City Council for The City of Saskatoon and the balance shall be at large residents of the City of Saskatoon who are not members of City Council, a councillor's family member or a closely connected person as defined in the *Cities Act*."

The proposed amendment will change the provisions to read:

"Until changed in accordance with the Act, the board shall consist of not fewer than the minimum number and not more than the maximum number of Directors provided in the articles.

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Unless the members by special resolution resolve otherwise, the Directors shall be chosen as follows:

At least two Directors shall be current members of City Council for The City of Saskatoon and the balance shall be at large residents of the City of Saskatoon who are not members of City Council, a councillor's family member or a closely connected person as defined in the *Cities Act*."

This change mirrors the language contained in the current Bylaws for the TCUP Board of Directors and the Remai Board of Directors. This language is more flexible and therefore a bylaw amendment to implement City Council's direction that only two City Councillors be appointed to the TCUP Board is not required.

While a number of bylaw amendments for all of the Controlled Corporations will be forthcoming as a result of City Council's direction, this one was brought forward in an effort to effect this change quickly and align all of the Controlled Corporations in terms of the composition of City Council members on the Boards.

As the City is the sole Member of SaskTel Centre, it appears that the prudent course is for the City to amend the Bylaw by written resolution (in lieu of a meeting), pursuant to section 132 of *The Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995*. The resolution would take effect upon signing; there would be no need for the Directors to take action, or for the Bylaw to be discussed further at a subsequent meeting. Once the Member Resolution is executed, the Mayor would be permitted to resign from the SaskTel Centre Board at his convenience. Attached at Appendix 1 is the draft Resolution of the Member, City of Saskatoon, including the draft Bylaw No. 8 for City Council's consideration.

#### NEXT STEPS

The SaskTel Centre Board of Directors will be provided with notice of the amendment to the Bylaw once the Resolution of the Member is executed.

#### APPENDICES

1. Draft Resolution of the Member including Schedule "A", Bylaw No. 8, "[a] bylaw relating to the membership of the Board of Directors of the Saskatchewan Place Association Inc.".

Report Approval

Written by:	Christine G. Bogad, Director of Legal Services
Reviewed by:	Joanne Sproule, City Clerk
	Mike Jordan, Chief Public Policy & Government Relations Officer
	Jeff Jorgenson, City Manager
Approved by:	Cindy Yelland, City Solicitor

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### **Province of Saskatchewan**

The Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995

Saskatchewan Place Association Inc.

#### Resolution of the Member Bylaw No. 8

The undersigned, being the sole member (the "Member") of Saskatchewan Place Association Inc. (the "Corporation"), pursuant to section 132 of *The Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995,* hereby passes the following resolution:

Whereas the Member deems it desirable to amend Bylaw No. 1 with respect to the membership of the Board of Directors of the Corporation;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

1. Bylaw No. 1 be amended in the manner set forth in Bylaw No. 8, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule "A".

Confirmed by the Member of the Corporation this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

Secretary/Clerk of the Member

#### Schedule "A"

The Province of Saskatchewan

The Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995

Saskatchewan Place Association Inc.

#### Bylaw No. 8

A bylaw of Saskatchewan Place Association Inc. to amend Bylaw No. 1, entitled, "A Bylaw relating to the membership of the Board of Directors of Saskatchewan Place Association Inc."

Be it enacted as a bylaw of Saskatchewan Place Association Inc. as follows:

- 1. Paragraph 3.01 of Bylaw No. 1 of Saskatchewan Place Association Inc. is repealed and the following substituted:
  - "3.01 Until changed in accordance with the *Act*, the board shall consist of not fewer than the minimum number and not more than the maximum number of directors provided in the articles."
- 2. This Bylaw shall come into force and effect upon the date of the Member's Resolution approving the same.

Confirmed by the Member of the Corporation this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary/Clerk of the Member

### Workplace Transformation – Provision of Legal Services Policy

#### ISSUE

The Administration was directed to prepare a City Council policy incorporating protocols for the provision of legal services at the City of Saskatoon. The proposed *Provision of Legal Services Policy* is attached for approval.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That City Council approve the *Provision of Legal Services Policy* attached to this report as Appendix 1.

#### BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on March 25, 2019, City Council resolved, in part:

- "……
- 4. That City Council direct the Administration to prepare a Council Policy that incorporates the protocols outlined in the body of this report."

For ease of reference, the report referred to above may be found <u>here</u>.

#### DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The Administration was directed to prepare a policy that reflects the following protocols:

- "1. The Mayor and Councillors recognize the City Manager as their principal advisor and will expect a report or comment from the City Manager on all matters on the agenda;
- 2. On matters of legal significance to the City (as determined by the City Manager and/or the City Solicitor) the Mayor and Councillors will expect to receive a legal briefing from the City Solicitor that is unfettered by the City Manager;

- 3. On such legal matters, and out of courtesy, the City Solicitor will ensure that the City Manager is briefed in advance of City Council, except for those briefings that pertain to the employment of the City Manager (i.e., contractual/agreement matters). In this case, the legal briefing would flow directly to City Council;
- 4. Where the City Manager believes that the City Solicitor may be in error, the City Manager may wish to provide Council with access to the advice of specialist legal counsel in the matter under discussion. Such independent advice, out of respect for the City Solicitor, should be made available as well to the City Solicitor; and
- 5. Notwithstanding the foregoing, there is nothing to prohibit the City Manager and City Solicitor from jointly determining that the Mayor and Councillors would benefit from receiving independent legal counsel. Such a report would flow to the Mayor and Councillors based on which branch the City initiated the request with advance copy and consultation with the other branch of the City."

The proposed *Provision of Legal Services Policy* attached to this report reflects the requested protocols and recognizes the legal and professional obligations of the City Solicitor's Office. The implementation of this Policy will finalize the new reporting structure of the City Solicitor's Office.

#### **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial, privacy, legal social or environmental implications identified.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

No additional action is required.

#### **APPENDICES**

1. Proposed *Provision of Legal Services Policy* 

Report ApprovalWritten & Approved by:Cindy Yelland, City SolicitorReviewed by:Jeff Jorgenson, City Manager

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#### POLICY STATEMENT

Provision of legal advice is a critical role at the City of Saskatoon. Ensuring that all branches of the City have access to impartial independent legal advice is an important component in ensuring good governance at the City. Bylaw No. 8174, *The City Administration Bylaw, 2003* outlines the reporting structure of the Administration at the City. This Policy is intended to provide more detail regarding the reporting structure and complement the provisions of the Bylaw.

#### 1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to identify the processes and parameters for the provision of legal services to:

- a) The City Manager and the Administration;
- b) Council and Council Committees; and
- c) Such Boards, agencies and other organizations as may be approved by Council.

#### 2.0 **DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1 "Administration" means the City Clerk and employees accountable to the City Manager.
- 2.2 "Boards" means the boards of directors of the City's Controlled Corporations and the Saskatoon Public Library Board.
- 2.3 "City Clerk" means the person appointed as City Clerk pursuant to Section 85 of *The Cities Act.*

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- 2.4 "City Manager" means the person appointed as the administrative head of the City of Saskatoon pursuant to Section 84 of *The Cities Act*.
- 2.5 "City Solicitor" means the person appointed as the full-time city solicitor for the City of Saskatoon.
- 2.6 "Council Committee(s)" means a committee established by Council pursuant to *The Procedures and Committees Bylaw, 2014*, comprised of Council members only, and includes:
  - a) The Governance and Priorities Committee; and
  - b) All Standing Policy Committees.
- 2.7 "Council" means the Council of the City of Saskatoon.

#### 3.0 PRINCIPLES

- 3.1 <u>Providing Legal Services</u>
  - a) The City Solicitor shall:
    - i) Provide legal services to the City Manager and the Administration.
    - ii) Provide legal services to Council and Council Committees including attending the meetings of Council and Council Committees.
  - b) The City Solicitor may provide legal services to Boards, agencies and other organizations as may be approved by Council or through mutual agreement with the Boards. In the event of a conflict as determined by the City Solicitor, the City Solicitor shall provide legal services only to the City Manager, Administration and Council or Council Committee.

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#### 3.2 <u>Reporting Structure</u>

The City Solicitor's primary reporting relationship will be to the City Manager and the City Solicitor shall also provide legal services directly to Council and Council Committees in accordance with this Policy.

#### 3.3 <u>Report Process</u>

- a) Reports from the City Manager and Administration:
  - i) The City Manager and Administration shall provide reports to the City Solicitor for review when the General Manager of the relevant Department or the City Manager has determined legal review is required. As determined by the City Solicitor, or the City Manager, situations may arise where it is necessary for the City Solicitor to directly provide *In Camera* legal advice to Council and Council Committees in relation to a report from the City Manager or the Administration. The City Solicitor shall also provide the same *In Camera* legal advice to the City Manager and Administration so the City Manager and the Administration are aware of the position of the City Solicitor. The legal advice may be in the form of a report or it may be provided verbally to Council and Council Committees.
  - ii) The City Manager may also provide advice to Council and Council Committees in response to the legal advice of the City Solicitor. This advice may be in the form of a report or it may be provided verbally to Council and Council Committees. The City Solicitor shall be provided with a copy of the report or briefed on advice to be provided verbally in advance of the meeting at which the matter is to be considered.
  - iii) When presenting a recommendation to Council and Council Committees that is contrary to the legal advice provided by the City Solicitor, the City Manager or Administration shall include in its report to Council and Council Committees the reasons or rationale for the recommendation and detail how the City Solicitor's advice was considered. The City Solicitor

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shall be provided a copy of any report in advance of the meeting at which the matter is to be considered.

- b) Reports from the City Solicitor:
  - The City Solicitor shall provide legal advice directly to Council and Council Committees with respect to any matter of legal significance as determined by the City Solicitor or City Manager. The legal advice may be in the form of a report or it may be provided verbally to Council and Council Committees.
  - ii) Subject to Subsection 3.3b)(iii), the City Solicitor shall provide the report to the City Manager in a timely manner or brief the City Manager on the legal advice to be provided verbally to allow for comments from the City Manager and the City Solicitor shall incorporate the comments of the City Manager, but only to the extent that they do not affect the independent, unfettered nature of the legal advice as outlined in Sections 3.4 and 3.5.
  - iii) The City Solicitor shall not provide the report to the City Manager in circumstances where it would be inappropriate for the City Manager to have access to the report from the City Solicitor, as determined by the City Solicitor. These circumstances may include the employment of the City Manager, labour grievances where the City Manager was the last decision maker, or other similar circumstances.
  - iv) The City Manager may also provide advice to Council and Council Committees in response to the legal advice of the City Solicitor. This advice may be in the form of a report or it may be provided verbally to Council and Council Committees. The City Solicitor shall be provided with a copy of the report or briefed on advice to be provided verbally in advance of the meeting at which the matter is to be considered.

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#### 3.4 <u>Professional Conduct and Independence</u>

- a) The City Solicitor shall provide legal services to the City Manager and the Administration in accordance with the *Code of Professional Conduct* established by the Law Society of Saskatchewan. The legal services provided by the City Solicitor shall be independent and unfettered by inappropriate political or administrative influences.
- b) The City Solicitor shall provide legal services to Council and Council Committees in accordance with the *Code of Professional Conduct* established by the Law Society of Saskatchewan. The legal services provided by the City Solicitor shall be independent and unfettered by inappropriate political influences, administrative influences or the City Manager.

#### 3.5 <u>Prosecutorial Discretion</u>

Without limiting the generality of Section 3.4, the City Solicitor shall exercise prosecutorial independence in the same manner as such independence is exercised by the Attorney General of the Province of Saskatchewan. This principle recognizes that the City Solicitor or designate is appointed as agent of the Attorney General by the Ministry of Justice for the Government of Saskatchewan and undertakes to only lay charges where there is a reasonable likelihood of conviction and the charges brought will not be contrary to public interest. The prosecutorial responsibilities of the City Solicitor or designate shall be based on objective legal criteria, independent of any political influence, or administrative influence, and includes the discretion to bring, pursue, continue or cease the prosecution of any matter for which the City Solicitor or designate has been appointed to prosecute.

#### 3.6 Services of External Legal Counsel

- a) City Manager:
  - The City Manager may obtain an external legal opinion on any matter. If requested to do so by the City Manager, the City Solicitor will assist the City Manager in obtaining an external legal opinion. Any legal opinion obtained by the City Manager shall be provided to the City Solicitor in advance of the Council or Council Committee

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meeting at which the matter is to be considered except if the City Solicitor has a conflict of interest.

- b) Other Situations:
  - i) The City Manager and the City Solicitor may jointly determine that external legal advice, or external legal services are appropriate for a specific matter. External legal services may be retained in the event of a professional conflict with the City Solicitor, the requirement for specialized services, or other circumstances as determined by the City Manager and the City Solicitor. The City Solicitor shall obtain the external legal advice. External legal advice may be shared with Council and Council Committees when necessary after consultation with the City Manager. In the event of the need for external legal services, the City Solicitor shall retain the external legal services, act as a liaison to the external legal service provider and monitor their performance.

#### 4.0 DELEGATION

The City Solicitor may delegate functions and responsibilities under this Policy to other lawyers or staff in the Office of the City Solicitor.

#### 5.0 THE LOCAL AUTHORITY FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT

Documents created in accordance with this Policy are subject to the provisions of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

#### 6.0 **RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### 6.1 <u>City Solicitor</u>

The City Solicitor is responsible to:

a) Provide legal services in accordance with this Policy; and

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- b) Recommend updates to this Policy.
- 6.2 City Manager

The City Manager is responsible to:

- a) Respond as required to legal advice provided by the City Solicitor in accordance with this Policy;
- b) Protect the role of the City Solicitor to provide independent, unfettered legal advice and uphold the prosecutorial discretion of the City Solicitor; and
- c) Consider updates to this Policy.
- 6.3 <u>Council</u>

Council is responsible to:

- a) Protect the role of the City Solicitor to provide independent, unfettered legal advice and uphold the prosecutorial discretion of the City Solicitor; and
- b) Approve changes to this Policy.