

PUBLIC MINUTES
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Monday, December 2, 2019, 2:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall

PRESENT: Councillor B. Dubois, Vice-Chair
Councillor Z. Jeffries, at 2:20 p.m.
Councillor C. Block
Councillor R. Donauer
Councillor S. Gersher
His Worship Mayor C. Clark (Ex-Officio), at 2:03 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT: General Manager, Transportation & Construction T. Schmidt
Solicitor D. Kowalski
Deputy City Clerk S. Bryant
Committee Assistant J. Fast

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis people. She noted that she would be chairing the meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

1. That the following letters be added to Item 7.1.2:
 1. Requesting to Speak:
 1. Robert Clipperton, dated November 29, 2019;
 2. Bruce Stone, dated November 30, 2019;
 3. Darren Inglis-McQuay, dated November 30, 2019;
 2. Submitting Comments:
 1. Kearney Healy, dated November 29, 2019;
 2. Peter Brown, dated November 30, 2019;
 3. Bernie McLane, dated November 30, 2019;
 4. Shaun Murphy, dated November 30, 2019;
 5. Paul Buffel, dated December 1, 2019
 6. Franny Rawlyk, dated December 1, 2019
 7. Lucinda Presse, dated December 1, 2019;
2. That items with speakers be heard first following consideration of Unfinished Business; and

3. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, and Councillor Gersher

Absent (2): Councillor Jeffries, and Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

3.1 Councillor Gersher - Incentives for Wheelchair Accessible Taxis [File No. CK 307-4]

Councillor Gersher declared a conflict of interest on this matter due to her family being involved in a business that could be seen to be in conflict with the Taxi and TNC industries.

3.2 Councillor Gersher - Taxi Industry - Cleaning Fees Annual Review [File No. CK 307-1]

Councillor Gersher declared a conflict of interest on this matter due to her family being involved in a business that could be seen to be in conflict with the Taxi and TNC industries.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Councillor Block

That the minutes of regular meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation held on November 4, 2019 be adopted.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, and Councillor Gersher

Absent (2): Councillor Jeffries, and Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Incentives for Wheelchair Accessible Taxis [File No. CK 307-4]

Councillor Gersher declared a conflict of interest on this item due to her family being involved in a business that could be seen to be in conflict with

the taxi and TNC industry. She was not present in the Council Chamber during consideration of this matter.

Mayor Clark entered the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

The Deputy City Clerk reported that at its meeting held on August 6, 2019 the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation considered the above-noted report and resolved, in part, that the decision with regard to the incentive program be deferred until December 2019, at which time more substantive data will be available.

Appendix 3, the Administration's response to the request for additional data, was provided.

Director of Transportation and Construction Schmidt presented the report.

Licensing and Permitting Manager Wilson provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Moved By: Mayor Clark

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council that Option 2 to provide incentives to wheelchair accessible vehicle owners, as outlined in the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated July 23, 2019, be adopted.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, and Mayor Clark

Absent (1): Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Gersher re-entered the Council Chamber.

Pursuant to earlier resolution, Items 6.3.1 and 7.1.2 were brought forward and considered.

6. COMMUNICATIONS (requiring the direction of the Committee)

6.1 Delegated Authority Matters

6.1.1 Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee - Request for Information Regarding Snow Clearing Bylaw Enforcement Within the Business Improvement Districts [File No. CK 6290-1]

A letter from JD McNabb, Chair, Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee dated November 25, 2019 was provided.

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

That the Administration provide the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee information regarding the bylaw enforcement for snow clearing within the Business Improvement Districts.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, and Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Matters Requiring Direction

6.3 Requests to Speak (new matters)

6.3.1 Zubair Ahmad - Current Condition of the City of Saskatoon [File No. CK 150-1]

An email from Zubair Ahmad dated November 22, 2019 was provided.

It was noted that Zubair Ahmad was not present in the gallery.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That the information be received.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, and Mayor Clark

Absent (1): Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Information Reports

7.1.1 Taxi Industry - Cleaning Fees Annual Review [File No. CK 307-1]

Councillor Gersher declared a conflict of interest on this item due to her family being involved in a business that could be seen to be in conflict with the taxi and TNC industry. She was not present in the Council Chamber.

General Manager, Transportation & Construction Schmidt presented the report.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That the report of the General Manager, Transportation & Construction be received as information.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, and Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Gersher re-entered the Council Chamber.

7.1.2 9th Street Directional Closure Trial Project Follow-Up [File No. CK 6320-1]

The following letters were provided:

Requesting to Speak:

1. Robert Clipperton, dated November 29, 2019
2. Bruce Stone, dated November 30, 2019
3. Darren Inglis-McQuay, dated November 30, 2019

Submitting Comments:

1. Kearney Healy, dated November 29, 2019
2. Peter Brown, dated November 30, 2019
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7. Lucinda Presse, dated December 1, 2019

Director of Transportation & Construction Schmidt presented the report.

Robert Clipperton stated the freeway access should be closed permanently not only to increase quality of life, but for safety of everyone concerned.

Councillor Jeffries entered the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Bruce Stone requested the Committee recommend a permanent closure and stated a directional closure has shown to be successful.

Darren Inglis-McQuay stated the directional closure has long been recommended by residents and asked that the closure be made permanent.

Moved By: Councillor Block

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council that the Administration prepare a report to permanently close the right turn lane from 9th Street to the freeway, and that the pilot project remain in place until the public hearing takes place.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, and Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Approval Reports

7.2.1 Rail Whistle Cessation at Marquis Drive Crossing [Files CK 375-2, x6171-1]

General Manager, Transportation & Construction Schmidt presented the report.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

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

1. That the City of Saskatoon is in agreement with train whistling not being used at the Marquis Drive crossing, known as CN Warman Subdivision, Mile 8.50; and
2. That the Administration provide the City Council resolution to Canadian National Railway and Transport Canada's Rail Safety Directorate headquarters.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, and Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Decision Reports

8. URGENT BUSINESS

9. MOTIONS (Notice Previously Given)

10. GIVING NOTICE

10.1 Councillor S. Gersher - Process for Introducing or Expanding Transit within New and Developing Neighbourhoods [File No. CK 7300-1, x116-2]

Councillor Gersher gave the following Notice of Motion:

"TAKE NOTICE that at the next meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation, I will move the following motion:

'That Administration report on the process for introducing or expanding transit within new and developing neighbourhoods. Information for inclusion includes the process of bringing in service to a neighbourhood, the mechanism for funding established service levels and the information provided to residents on the expectation for establishing service.'"

11. IN CAMERA AGENDA ITEMS

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Councillor B. Dubois, Vice-Chair

S. Bryant, Deputy City Clerk