

May 11, 2020

City Clerk  
Governance & Priorities Committee

Dear Your Worship and Councillors:

**Re: Advisory Committees, Civic Naming Committee, and Street Activity  
Subcommittee – Suspension of Meeting Procedures  
(File No. CK. 225-1)**

The Advisory Committees and other public committees such as the Civic Naming Committee and the Street Activity Subcommittee have been unable to meet in light of the City of Saskatoon closing its facilities to the public including City Hall following the provincial government declaration of a public emergency for COVID-19.

City Council, at its meeting held on April 27, 2020, approved for the Municipal Planning Commission to meet via teleconference for the immediate future during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The City Clerk's Office has been asked by other public facing committees if they could also meet via teleconference should the need arise.

I respectfully request that the Governance & Priorities Committee recommend to City Council that the relevant provisions of Bylaw No. 9170 be suspended to provide for member attendance at meetings of Council Committees via teleconference, for the immediate future during the current COVID-19 Pandemic. Additionally, that the measures remain in place until recognized public international, federal, or provincial health authorities advise that the pandemic is no longer a threat to public safety and the social distancing protocols have been lifted.

The City Clerk's Office would work closely with administration and the committees wishing to hold a virtual meeting in terms of timing so that it can be conducted in a manner that the public can participate and/or view the meetings remotely.

Yours truly,

**Shellie Bryant**  
Deputy City Clerk