



PUBLIC MINUTES GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

**Monday, July 20, 2020, 1:00 p.m.
Via Teleconference Hosted in the Council Chamber, City Hall**

PRESENT: His Worship Mayor C. Clark, Chair
Councillor C. Block
Councillor R. Donauer
Councillor B. Dubois
Councillor S. Gersher
Councillor H. Gough
Councillor D. Hill
Councillor A. Iwanchuk
Councillor Z. Jeffries
Councillor M. Loewen

ABSENT: Councillor T. Davies

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager J. Jorgenson
City Solicitor C. Yelland
City Clerk J. Sproule
Committee Assistant J. Hudson

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis People.

Roll call was taken.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

1. That the request to speak from Colleen Christopherson-Cote, Saskatoon InterAgency response to COVID19, dated July 16, 2020, be added to Item 8.2.1;
2. That the request to speak from Dean Dodge, Saskatoon Family YMCA, dated July 16, 2020, be added to Item 8.2.2;
3. That the above items with speakers be considered following adoption of minutes; and
4. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

That the minutes of the following Governance and Priorities Committee meetings be adopted:

- Regular meeting held on June 22, 2020; and
- Special/Joint meeting held on June 24, 2020

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Items with speakers, 8.2.1 and 8.2.2, were considered next.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. COMMUNICATIONS (requiring the direction of the Committee)

6.1 Police Services - Calls to Action (CK 1711-2)

Report of the City Clerk:

"The following correspondence addressed to City Council will also be forwarded to the Board of Police Commissioners for further handling at its meeting on August 27, 2020. Copies are being provided to the Governance & Priorities Committee.

- Amielle Christopherson, dated June 25, 2020;
- Colleen Miller, dated July 8, 2020;
- D.W. Mario, dated July 10, 2020; and

- Jillian Pavlin, dated July 14, 2020"

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That the information be received and included in the file.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. REQUESTS TO SPEAK (new matters)

8. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

8.1 Information Reports

8.1.1 New Saskatoon North Partnership for Growth Planning District – Joint Public Hearing (CK 4250-2)

A report from the Administration was provided. Lesley Anderson, Director of Planning and Development, presented the report and answered questions of Committee.

8.1.2 2019 Report on Service, Savings and Sustainability (CK 430-75)

A report from the Administration was provided, and introduced by City Manager Jorgenson. Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer Anger presented the report.

8.1.3 Council Communications and Constituency Relations Allowance - Update to June 30, 2020 (CK 230-4)

A report of the City Clerk was provided, and presented by City Clerk Sproule.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That the reports contained in Items 8.1.1 to 8.1.3 be received as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 8.2.3 was considered next.

8.2 Approval Reports

8.2.1 Canadian Medical Association Foundation – COVID 19 Community Response Fund for Vulnerable Populations (CK 1860-1 X 270-7)

A report from the Administration was provided. General Manager, Community Services Department Lacroix presented the report and answered questions of the Committee.

Colleen Christopherson-Cote, Saskatoon InterAgency Response to COVID-19, was in attendance via teleconference to address Committee in support of the recommendations, and answer questions.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That the grant from Canadian Medical Association Foundation be directed to the InterAgency Response Group for use in their efforts to support the vulnerable populations in Saskatoon, and used in a manner consistent with the terms and conditions outlined in Appendix 1;
2. That the Office of the City Solicitor receive and review the appropriate Federation of Canadian Municipalities funding agreement and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Saskatoon; and
3. That the Inter-Agency Response Group, be required to provide a summary report on the use of the funding, in due course.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2.2 Joint Use Facility Site Study – East Side High School – Leisure Centre Update (CK 606-1)

A report from the Administration was provided. Andrew Roberts, Director of Community Development, presented the report and answered questions of Committee, along with General Manager, Community Services Department Lacroix.

Dean Dodge, YMCA of Saskatoon, was in attendance via teleconference to speak to Committee regarding the association's interest in the project. He answered questions and committed to providing reports referenced in his presentation.

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

That the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated July 20, 2020, be forwarded to City Council recommending:

1. That the Administration be directed to continue discussions with the Saskatoon Public School Division and the Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Division related to the planning of an integrated Leisure Centre with the two new high schools being planned for the Holmwood Suburban Centre; and
2. That the Administration be directed to report back on funding options for the project.

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

3. That the Administration be directed to continue discussions with the Saskatoon YMCA related to the planning of an integrated Leisure Centre being planned for the Holmwood Sector, and report back.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee returned to Item 5 to complete the remainder of the agenda in order.

8.2.3 Multi-Unit Residential Recycling Agreement - Corporate Recycling Services (CK 7830-5)

A report from the Administration was provided. General Manager, Utilities and Environment Department Gardiner presented the report and answered questions of Committee, along with City Manager Jorgenson and City Solicitor Yelland.

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

That the Committee move *In Camera* to receive legal advice.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee moved *In Camera* at 2:46 p.m. and reconvened publicly at 3:14 p.m. to continue consideration of the matter. The Mayor reported that while *In Camera*, the Committee received legal advice from the City Solicitor exempt under Section 21 of *LAFOIP*.

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend to City Council that the Administration be directed to proceed with negotiations with Cosmo to amend Schedule 9 of the MURR Agreement.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed at 3:17 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

8.2.4 Municipal Economic Enhancement Program – Reallocation Prioritization List (CK 1860-1 x 1702-1)

A report from the Administration was provided, along with a letter dated July 11, 2020, from Walking Saskatoon submitted by Bertrand Bartake.

City Manager Jorgenson and Chief Financial Officer Tarasoff introduced the report and outlined the process for Committee to reallocate \$12.13M from the pool by reviewing Table 1 to formulate the Final Reallocation List for submission to City Council.

The Administration answered questions of Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Block

That an amount of \$11.8 Million for the following projects 1.1 to 1.7, as outlined in Table 1 of the report of the Chief Financial Officer dated July 20, 2020, be recommended for consideration under the Final Reallocation List:

1.1 Vehicle Noise Mitigation Study	\$0.05M
1.2 Active Transportation – Sidewalk Expansion	\$3.00M
1.3 Sidewalk Repair and Maintenance	\$5.00M
1.4 Public Wi-Fi Pilot – City-wide Wi-Fi for Citizens	\$0.25M
1.5 Parks Asset Management Plan	\$1.60M
1.6 Pedestrian and Cyclist Rail Crossing	\$0.50M
1.7 West Central Multi-Use Corridor	\$1.40M

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

That the remaining unallocated amount of approximately \$330,000 be held in contingency.

Councillor Iwanchuk excused herself from the meeting at 3:58 p.m., and was not present for any of the following votes on this matter.

Vote on Items 1.1 - 1.7 as moved above (\$11.8M)

In Favour (9): Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen
Absent (2): Councillor Davies, and Councillor Iwanchuk

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Vote on contingency motion above (approx. \$330,000)

In Favour (5): Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, and Councillor Jeffries
Against (4): Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Loewen
Absent (2): Councillor Davies, and Councillor Iwanchuk

CARRIED

Moved By: Councillor Block

That a report be submitted to City Council recommending that the budget allocations as shown in the Final Reallocation List be approved; and that the Administration be directed to take appropriate action to deliver the initiatives.

In Favour (9): Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen
Absent (2): Councillor Davies, and Councillor Iwanchuk

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Block

That the \$5.0M in project 1.3 (Sidewalk Repair and Maintenance) of the Final Reallocation List be allocated as follows:

1. \$1.0M to program 3) Pedestrian Accessible Curb Ramp
Program for missing ramps within the City based on the criteria that Admin has created in terms of need; and
2. \$4.0M to program 2) Sidewalk Preservation Program

The Committee recessed twice between 4:40 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. before voting separately on the above specified allocations.

Vote on allocation motion a. (\$1.0M to Pedestrian Accessible Curb Ramp Program)

In Favour (8): Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen
Against (1): Councillor Hill
Absent (2): Councillor Davies, and Councillor Iwanchuk

CARRIED

Vote on allocation motion b. (\$4.0M to Sidewalk Preservation Program)

In Favour (6): Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen
Against (3): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, and Councillor Hill
Absent (2): Councillor Davies, and Councillor Iwanchuk

CARRIED

8.2.4.1 Existing Sidewalk Programs and Options for Potential Injection of Municipal Economic Enhancement Program Funding (CK 6220-1 x 1860-1)

A complementary information report from the Administration was provided.

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

That the report of the General Manager, Transportation and Construction Department dated July 20, 2020, be received as information.

In Favour (9): Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen
Absent (2): Councillor Davies, and Councillor Iwanchuk

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8.2.5 2020 Local Government Elections – Mail-in Ballot Procedure
(CK 265-2020-6)**

A report of the City Clerk was provided and introduced by City Clerk Sproule.

Councillor Iwanchuk re-joined the meeting via teleconference at 5:16 p.m.

Scott Bastian, Returning Officer, was in attendance via teleconference to present the report and answer questions of Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That the proposed amendments to Bylaw No. 8191, *The Election Bylaw, 2012*, as outlined in the report of the City Clerk dated July 20, 2020, be approved; and
2. That the City Solicitor's Office be directed to amend Bylaw No. 8191, *The Election Bylaw, 2012*.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Decision Reports

9. **MOTIONS (notice previously given)**
10. **GIVING NOTICE**
11. **URGENT BUSINESS**

12. VERBAL UPDATES

12.1 Council Members - His Worship the Mayor, FCM/SUMA, Boards, Committees and Commissions

Mayor Clark provided an update on his recent and ongoing discussions with the provincial and federal government, Big City Mayors' Caucus, West Economic Solutions Task Force, and the community.

12.2 Administration

12.2.1 Covid-19 Update (CK 270-7)

City Manager Jorgenson and General Manager, Community Services Department Lacroix provided an update on the City's response to Covid-19, particularly the reopening of certain civic services and facilities, and answered questions of Committee.

13. IN CAMERA SESSION

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

That the Committee move *In Camera* to consider the following items.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.1 Verbal Updates (if required)

13.1.1 Council Members - His Worship the Mayor; FCM/SUMA; Boards, Committees & Commissions; Personnel Subcommittee

13.1.2 Administration

13.2 Personnel Matter (CK 4510-1)

[In Camera - Personnel Matter - Section 16(1)(c) and (d) LAFOIP]

The public meeting recessed at 5:47 p.m.

14. RISE AND REPORT

The Committee convened *In Camera* at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Clark, City Clerk Sproule, City Solicitor Yelland and Committee Assistant Hudson in attendance in the Council Chamber. The following were in attendance via teleconference:

- All Committee members with the exception of Councillor Davies
- City Manager Jorgenson
- General Manager, Community Services Department Lacroix
- Sarah Cameron, Chief Human Resources Officer and Therese Bruyere, Talent Acquisition and Workforce Planning Manager, Human Resources

The Committee moved to rise and report at 7:45 p.m. and reconvened publicly immediately thereafter to report as follows:

Agenda Item 13.1 – Verbal Updates - Council Members (13.1.1) and Administration - City Manager (13.1.2)

Moved By: Councillor Gough

That the verbal updates of the Members of Council and City Manager be received as information and that the discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 13, 16(1) and 28 of *LAFOIP*.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agenda Item 13.2 – Personnel Matter (CK 4510-1)

Only Committee members, City Manager, City Solicitor, City Clerk and HR representatives present In Camera for this matter.

Moved By: Councillor Gough

That the information be received, the Personnel Subcommittee proceed as recommended, and that the discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 16(1)(b) and (d) and 28 of *LAFOIP*.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Mayor C. Clark, Chair

J. Sproule, City Clerk