



MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Monday, November 30, 2020, 1:00 p.m.

Via Teleconference Hosted in the Council Chamber, Saskatoon City Hall

PRESENT:

- His Worship, Mayor C. Clark, in the Chair
- Councillor C. Block
- Councillor T. Davies
- Councillor R. Donauer
- Councillor B. Dubois
- Councillor S. Gersher
- Councillor H. Gough
- Councillor D. Hill
- Councillor Z. Jeffries
- Councillor D. Kirton
- Councillor M. Loewen

ALSO PRESENT:

- City Manager J. Jorgenson
- City Solicitor C. Yelland, in Council Chamber
- General Manager, Community Services L. Lacroix
- Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Financial Services K. Tarasoff
- General Manager, Transportation & Construction T. Schmidt
- General Manager, Utilities & Environment A. Gardiner
- City Clerk J. Sproule, in Council Chamber
- Deputy City Clerk S. Bryant, in Council Chamber

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. He confirmed attendance via teleconference.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

Seconded By: Councillor Donauer

1. That the letter requesting to speak from Darcy Pederson, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 615, dated November 26, 2020, be added to item 10.1.2;
2. That the letter from Randy Pshebylo, Riversdale Business Improvement District, dated November 30, 2020 be added to item 10.3.1;
3. That a COVID update be added as Urgent Business;
4. That the following items with speakers be considered following consideration of the Consent Agenda:
 - Item 10.1.2 - Darcy Pederson; and
5. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

In Favour: (11): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (11 to 0)

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

Seconded By: Councillor Kirton

That the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of City Council held on September 28, 2020, the Inaugural Meeting of City Council held on November 16, 2020 and the Special Meeting of City Council held on November 23, 2020, be adopted.

In Favour: (11): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (11 to 0)

5. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

5.1 Local 80 I.A.F.F. / City of Saskatoon Scholarship - 2020 [File No. CK. 150-5]

Mayor Clark acknowledged Hannah Brossart as the recipient of the Local 80 I.A.F.F. / City of Saskatoon 2020 Scholarship.

5.2 CUPE 59 / City of Saskatoon Scholarship - 2020 [File No. CK. 150-5]

Mayor Clark acknowledged Riti Nawroz and Kaleb Afseth as the recipients of the CUPE 59 / City of Saskatoon 2020 Scholarships.

5.3 Acknowledgement - Condolences for Elders Fred Sasakamoose and Michael Maurice

Mayor Clark acknowledged the accomplishments and contributions of the late Fred Sasakamoose and Michael Maurice and expressed condolences on behalf of City Council.

Councillor Hill also offered additional comments regarding the late Elder Michael Maurice.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. QUESTION PERIOD

7.1 Councillor S. Gersher - 2021 Budget Review Process

Councillor Gersher inquired as to the process for the 2021 Budget Review being that it is the second year of a two-year cycle.

Chief Financial Officer Tarasoff outlined the process at a high level.

7.2 Councillor B. Dubois - Architect - Saskatoon Public Library

Councillor Dubois noted that the architect hired for the new Public Library project is the same as for the Remai Modern and asked if conversation was held between the City and Library during the RFP process.

City Manager Jorgenson indicated he would undertake to find out what conversations were held and will ensure that people involved on the City side of the Remai project have shared knowledge with Library staff.

7.3 Councillor D. Hill - Award of Contracts - Saskatoon Public Library

Councillor Hill inquired regarding the award of contract process for the new Public Library.

City Manager Jorgenson indicated that under the governance model and legislation, the Library Board is separate and distinct from the City and it runs all of its own operations and projects.

7.4 Councillor D. Hill - Election 2020 - Candidate Ethics

Councillor Hill inquired if the upcoming report regarding the 2020 Election will address the potential for a possible ethics commissioner or similar for candidates.

City Clerk Sproule indicated that the report is expected in the first quarter of the New Year and will ask the Returning Officer if this matter can be addressed in the report.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Items 8.5.2, supplementary item 8.5.2.1 and 8.5.5 were removed from the Consent Agenda.

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

Seconded By: Councillor Block

That the Committee recommendations contained in Items 8.5.1, 8.5.3 and 8.5.4 be adopted as one motion.

In Favour: (11): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (11 to 0)

Item 10.2.1 was considered next.

8.1 Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development & Community Services

8.2 Standing Policy Committee on Finance

8.3 Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services

8.4 Standing Policy Committee Transportation

8.5 Governance and Priorities Committee

8.5.1 2021 Appointments of Deputy Mayor (CK 255-3)

That the 2021 appointments of Deputy Mayor, as described in the report of the City Clerk dated November 23, 2020, and detailed in Appendix 1, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5.2 2021 City Council and Committee Meeting Schedule (CK 255-1)

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Clark introduced the item and noted that Item 8.5.2.1 is supplementary to this matter.

Moved By: Councillor Block

Seconded By: Councillor Davies

That the 2021 Council and Committee meeting calendar, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report of the City Clerk dated November 23, 2020, be approved.

IN AMENDMENT

Moved By: Councillor Block

Seconded By: Councillor Donauer

1. That beginning in January 2021, Governance and Priorities Committee meetings begin at 9:30 a.m., and end no later than 5:30 p.m.;
2. That beginning in January 2021, all morning Standing Policy Committee meetings begin at 9:30 am.
3. That the City Solicitor prepare the appropriate bylaw amendments.

In Favour: (11): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (11 to 0)

IN AMENDMENT

Moved By: Councillor Gough

Seconded By: Councillor Block

That beginning in January 2021, all afternoon Standing Policy Committee meetings end at 5:30 p.m.

In Favour: (11): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (11 to 0)

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED

In Favour: (11): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (11 to 0)

8.5.3 2021 Appointments – Members of City Council to Standing Policy Committees (225-4-3)

1. That all members of City Council be appointed to the Governance and Priorities Committee for 2021; and
2. That the following appointments of members of City Council to each Standing Policy Committee (SPC) for 2021, be approved:

SPC Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services

Councillor T. Davies

Councillor S. Gersher
Councillor H. Gough
Councillor D. Hill
Councillor M. Loewen

SPC on Transportation

Councillor R. Donauer
Councillor B. Dubois
Councillor H. Gough
Councillor Z. Jeffries
Councillor D. Kirton

SPC on Planning, Development and Community Services

Councillor C. Block
Councillor T. Davies
Councillor S. Gersher
Councillor D. Hill
Councillor M. Loewen

SPC on Finance

Councillor C. Block
Councillor R. Donauer
Councillor B. Dubois
Councillor Z. Jeffries
Councillor D. Kirton

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5.4 2021 Appointments – Personnel Subcommittee (CK 225-81)

That Mayor C. Clark and Councillors T. Davies, R. Donauer, and B. Dubois be appointed to the Personnel Subcommittee for 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5.5 2021 Appointments – Boards, Commissions and Committees (CK 225-1 x 175-1)

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

Seconded By: Councillor Donauer

That the recommended appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees and any further direction, as noted by the City Clerk and attached to this report, be approved.

IN AMENDMENT

That the appointments to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee be deferred to the December 2020.

In Favour: (11): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (11 to 0)

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED.

In Favour: (11): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (11 to 0)

Item 10.1.1 was considered next.

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

10.1.1 Snowstorm 2020 Local Roadway Snow Removal Initiative [File No. CK. 6290-1]

An information report was provided.

General Manager, Transportation and Utilities Schmidt reviewed the report and along with Director of Roadways, Fleet and Service Saric and Director of Technical Services Willems responded to questions of Council.

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

Seconded By: Councillor Gough

That the hour of the meeting be extended beyond 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

In Favour: (11): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (11 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Gough

Seconded By: Councillor Dubois

That the information be received.

In Favour: (11): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (11 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Kirton

Seconded By: Councillor Donauer

With the current COVID-19 situation, and efforts by the City and Tourism Saskatoon to get people to enjoy Saskatoon's winter and not just endure it, could Administration provide a report at the December Council meeting on the cost and ramifications of a one-time clearing of secondary paths in the City's parks.

In Favour: (11): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (11 to 0)

Item 10.3.1 was considered next.

10.1.2 Transit Operator Barrier Retrofit and Addition to Bus Specifications [File No. CK. 1402-1 x 270-7]

An information report was provided along with a request to speak from Darcy Pederson, President, ATU.

General Manager, Transportation and Utilities Schmidt reviewed the report.

Darcy Pederson spoke in support of safety barriers for the drivers.

Director of Saskatoon Transit McDonald responded to questions of Council.

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

Seconded By: Councillor Donauer

1. That Administration be directed to take the necessary steps to allocate \$500,000 of available reallocated gas tax funds to a driver safety barrier phase-in program in 2021, and;
2. That Administration report back, prior to Council's 2022 budget deliberations, on the results of the phase-in program and a funding strategy for retrofitting the remaining fleet with operator safety barriers.

In Favour: (11): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (11 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Hill

Seconded By: Councillor Davies

That Administration report back at the appropriate time on more detail on the 28 locations of the assaults on operators identified in the report. To not create an unnecessary sense of concern, the locations do not have to be route specific and can be reported as Downtown Terminal, Downtown Route, Confed Terminal, 22nd St Route, etc.

In Favour: (6): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (5): Councillor Block, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED (6 to 5)

Moved By: Councillor Hill

Seconded By: Councillor Davies

That Administration report at the appropriate time on data on any other assaults or negative interactions with operators that have happened.

In Favour: (11): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (11 to 0)

The meeting recessed at 3:04 p.m. and reconvened at 3:20 p.m. with all members of City Council in attendance.

Item 8.5.2 was considered next.

10.2 Utilities & Environment

10.3 Community Services

10.3.1 Suspension of Saturday Pay Parking Requirements [File No. CK. 6120-3]

An information report and letter from Randy Pshebylo, Riversdale Business Improvement District, dated November 30, 2020 was provided.

General Manager, Community Services Lacroix reviewed the report.

The meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m. and reconvened following the Public Hearing meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Moved By: Councillor Block

Seconded By: Councillor Dubois

1. That the City suspend paid parking on Saturdays from December 12, 2020 through April 24, 2021 as outlined in the report; and
2. That the cost for December 2020 be covered as identified in the report, and that the 2021 impact be sent to budget deliberations.

In Favour: (6): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Against: (5): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6 to 5)

10.4 Saskatoon Fire

10.5 Corporate Financial Services

10.6 Strategy & Transformation

10.7 Human Resources

10.7.1 2020 Contract Negotiations (2020-2023) Amalgamated Transit Union No. 615 [File No. CK. 4720-2]

Director of Labour Relations McInnes reviewed the report.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

Seconded By: Councillor Jeffries

1. That the proposed changes set out in the Revision to the Collective Agreement (Appendix 1) with respect to the 2017-2019 Collective Agreement with the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local No. 615 be approved; and

2. That His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the revised contract under the Corporate Seal.

In Favour: (11): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (11 to 0)

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 Electric Light and Power Amendment Bylaw, 2020 - Proposed Bylaw No. 9728 [File No. CK. 1905-3]

City Solicitor Yelland presented the report.

Moved By: Councillor Davies

Seconded By: Councillor Dubois

That permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 9728, *The Electric Light and Power Amendment Bylaw, 2020* and give same its FIRST reading.

In Favour: (11): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (11 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Davies

Seconded By: Councillor Jeffries

That Bylaw No. 9728 now be read a SECOND time.

In Favour: (11): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (11 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Davies

Seconded By: Councillor Gough

That permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 9728 read a third time at this meeting.

In Favour: (11): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (11 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Davies

Seconded By: Councillor Gersher

That Bylaw No. 9728 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: (11): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (11 to 0)

12. OTHER REPORTS

13. INQUIRIES

14. MOTIONS (NOTICE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN)

14.1 Councillor Z. Jeffries - Water Rates - Condominiums - Irrigation Use[File No. CK. 1905-2]

Councillor Jeffries provided the following Notice of Motion at the Regular Business Meeting of City Council held on September 28, 2020.

"That Administration report back regarding water rates charged to condos with water meters that are deemed to serve more than four units as a result of irrigation use. Please include information about the history and rationale behind the policy and options to change this policy along with associated impacts."

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

Seconded By: Councillor Kirton

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In Favour: (11): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (11 to 0)

14.2 Councillor Z. Jeffries - Accessibility Standards - New Parks and Playground Structures [File No. CK. 4205-0]

Councillor Jeffries provided the following Notice of Motion at the Regular Business Meeting of City Council held on September 28, 2020.

"Whereas some parks and playgrounds in developing neighbourhoods are being built to a higher accessibility standard than is currently mandated for new parks and playgrounds in Saskatoon.

That Administration report back about opportunities and potential policy changes to ensure that new parks and playground structures are built to a higher standard of accessibility in our city."

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

Seconded By: Councillor Block

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In Favour: (11): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (11 to 0)

15. GIVING NOTICE

15.1 Councillor R. Donauer - Councillor R. Donauer - Development of a Response to Extreme or Unusual Snow Events

Councillor Donauer gave the following Notice of Motion:

"TAKE NOTICE that at the next Regular Business Meeting of City Council, I will move the following motion:

'That the Administration please report on the ability to develop a response to extreme or unusual snow events that shut down the city and create a safety issue for our residents, and the potential cost. The intent is to have a plan for city-wide snow clearing and/or removal after extreme events, to determine in advance what the trigger is for such action, and to address funding such as a reserve specifically for extreme events.'"

15.2 Councillor D. Kirton - Creation of Task Force or Committee - Operations and Governance of City

Councillor Kirton gave the following Notice of Motion:

"TAKE NOTICE that at the next Regular Business Meeting of City Council, I will move the following motion:

'With concerns about a lack of engagement many residents in Saskatoon have with the City, could Administration (or Leadership Team Governance Subcommittee) report on the creation of a task force or committee to seek ways in which the operations and governance of the city become more

accessible to the public. This committee should comprise of representatives from the administration, city council, citizens, and media."

16. URGENT BUSINESS

Director of Emergency Management Organization Goulden-McLeod provided an update with respect to COVID-19.

General Manager, Community Services Lacroix provided an update on the City's leisure facilities and operations as it relates to COVID-19.

Members of City Council and City Manager Jorgenson each expressed congratulations and appreciation to Joanne Sproule, City Clerk on her retirement.

17. IN CAMERA SESSION

City Council went *In Camera* to consider the following matter.

17.1 Personnel Matter

18. RISE AND REPORT

Deputy Mayor Davies advised that while *In Camera* Council dealt with a Personnel Matter.

Moved By: Councillor Davies

Seconded By: Councillor Dubois

That the Administration proceed as directed and that the discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 16 (1) (c) and (d) and 28 of *LAFOIP*.

In Favour: (11): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (11 to 0)

19. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Business meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk