

INQUIRIES and NOTICES OF MOTIONS as of JANUARY 18, 2021

Title	Meeting Date	Councillor	Division	File No.	Inquiry Resolution	Comments/Update
Inquiry - Maintenance of Trees in Back Lanes	9/4/2012	Former Councillor Lorje	Community Services	CK. 4139-4, BF 073-15	"Will the Administration please review the current procedures, authority, funding and staffing with respect to the maintenance of trees that are growing into the back alleys? Bylaw No. 8175, The Property Maintenance Bylaw, speaks to dead or hazardous trees but there appears to be some disagreement about who bears the responsibility for general tree overgrowth into the City's alleys. Saskatoon Light and Power quite properly deals with trees that grow into the power lines but my concern is the more general tree growth that impedes traffic in the alleys. Therefore, will the Administration please report on what we would need to put in place in order to have property owners themselves trim their trees that encroach upon the alleys."	Report anticipated Q1 2021.
Inquiry - Policy - Book of Condolences Available at City Hall	12/16/2013	Councillor Loewen	Leadership Team Governance Subcommittee	CK 150-1	"Would the Administration report back with recommendations for a policy regarding circumstances where a book of condolences might be made available at City Hall."	To be addressed in next phase of protocol policy - 2021.
Inquiry - Digital Billboards	4/25/2016	Councillor Jeffries	Community Services	CK 4350-13, BF 015-16	"Can the Administration please report back on the following items related to digital billboards: 1. Do digital buillboards comply with dark sky principles and if not, what can be done to improve billboard performance; and 2. What can be done to regulate the intensity of the light given off by digital billboards."	Report anticipated Q2 2021.
Inquiry - Ticketing of Over-Length Vehicles	10/22/2018	Councillor Hill	Community Services	CK 5301-1, BF 051-18	"Recognizing that we have received some information on the issue of late night / early morning ticketing of over-length vehicles, I would like to incorporate some of that information, as well as some additional details in a public report. Would the Administration report on the number of tickets that have been issued since March 2018, with respect to vehicles that exceed 6 meters in length in accordance with the bylaw. Please separate the offences by neighbourhood, date, time the ticket was issued, who issued the ticket, and if the ticket was issued as a result of complaint or the initiative of the ticketing officer. This information should be presented with supporting data to show a comparison to the previous year for the same time frames. Please provide any information if a shift in policy or procedure, resulted in the tickets. This inquiry is not questioning the validity of each individual ticket, but rather what may have transpired that resulted in the significant rise in ticket numbers. The report should also highlight the difference between a complaint driven policy and a ticketing agent initiated ticketing policy, and explain when and where each of those policies are applied."	Report anticipated Q2 2021.
Inquiry - Report on Maintenance Plan for Fire Hydrants	6/29/2020	Councillor Donauer	Utilities & Environment	CK 7558-1	Would the Administration please report on the current maintenance plan for fire hydrants so the public can be assured that our hydrants are in good working order and that they are being checked regularly.	Report anticipated for March 1, 2021 EUCS.
Motion - Two-Year Assessment Cycle	10/23/2017	Councillor Block	Mayor's Office	CK. 1616-1	Whereas the province's reassessment process has seen wide swings in property assessment contributing to large tax increases in some areas of our city, including but not limited to Nutana, Varsity View, Riversdale and Downtown, therefore be it resolved that His Worship, Mayor Clark, send a letter on behalf of City Council including the file to the Province (Minister of Government Relations and Premier) with a copy provided to SAMA, SUMA, and City Mayors' Caucus, to request a two-year reassessment cycle province-wide, and if that isn't possible, to allow the City of Saskatoon to implement a two-year reassessment cycle on its own.	The February 2, 2021 SPC Finance meeting will receive a report explaining the implications to the City of moving to a shorter assessment cycle.
Motion - Land Lease Program	3/26/2018	Councillor Jeffries	Corporate Financial Services	CK. 4225-1	That Administration report back about the opportunity to create a land lease program for community or religious groups to construct new facilities. This could be modeled on the industrial land lease program currently available through Saskatoon Land or work done in other cities to help not-for-profit organizations create new spaces that benefit the community.	Report anticipated June 2021.
Motion - Dogs on Leashes in Riverbank Parks and along Meewasin Trail	8/26/2019	Councillor Block	Community Services	CK. 152-1	That the Administration report back to the appropriate SPC on the feasibility of allowing dogs on leashes in all riverbank parks and along Meewasin Trail.	Report anticipated Q3 2021.

					<p>...that the Administration report on leveling the business licensing and renewals to one fee, for both processes, for all businesses. The report should be based on actual business licensing and renewal costs, actual revenue, and number of businesses licensed and renewed annually. The report should also include how the stabilization reserve would be applied when required;</p> <p>... that the Administration include extensive collaboration and consultation with the business community, which would also include what the business community would like to see in annual reporting with respect to business licensing and renewal revenue and costs associated with business licensing, in addition to operation efficiencies realized with a streamlined licensing fee and renewal fee; and</p>	
Motion - Equaling of Business Licensing and Renewal Fees	9/30/2019	Councillor Hill	Community Services	CK. 300-1	That this be in effect for the 2021 consultation.	Report anticipated Q3 2021.
Motion - Possible Changes to Walkway Policy	10/28/2019	Councillor Donauer	Transportation & Construction	CK. 6295-0	That the Administration report in the first quarter of 2020 on possible changes to our walkway policy or other policies that addresses maintenance, graffiti, vandalism, crime and enhancing the overall feeling of safety in our neighbourhoods including the data of all existing files.	Report anticipated Q2 2021.
Motion - Process for Introducing or Expanding Transit within New and Developing Neighbourhoods	1/13/2020	Councillor Gersher	Transportation & Construction	CK. 7300-1 x 116-2	That the 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.	Report anticipated Q1 2021.
Motion - Representation at Meetings from Controlled Corporations and Other External Entities	8/17/2020	Councillor Loewen	Leadership Team Governance Subcommittee	CK. 175-1	That the Administration report back regarding the possibility of refining Committee procedures in order to ensure that when necessary, representatives from controlled corporations and other external entities with business before a City Committee are available to answer questions of Committee. This could be achieved either by indicating committee's wishes prior to the meeting regarding attendance, making attendance a standard requirement, or through other mechanisms. In progress.	
Motion - Advisory Committees, Boards, and Commissions - Options to Improve the Reach and Accessibility of Efforts for Recruitment	9/28/2020	Councillor Loewen	City Clerk's Office	CK. 175-1 and 225-1	Whereas City Council wishes to identify and address elements of systemic racism that exist in the work of the City of Saskatoon; Whereas the City of Saskatoon recently undertook a governance review of advisory committees and controlled corporations, and through this process City Council prioritized diverse representation on advisory committees; Therefore, be it resolved that the City Clerk's Office seek out options to improve the reach and accessibility of efforts to invite residents to participate on Council-appointed advisory committees, boards, and commissions. These actions should have specific emphasis on underserved and underrepresented populations in the community, and should be based on advice from community organizations with linkages to underrepresented populations.	Report anticipated Q1 2021, led by S&T.

					<p>Whereas City Council wishes to identify and address elements of systemic racism that exist in the work of the City of Saskatoon;</p> <p>Whereas City Council recently passed the Public Engagement Policy that, among other things, seeks to: "Facilitate public participation and input to decision-making through effective and efficient consultation, involvement, collaboration and empowerment processes," that entrenches as guiding principles: "engagement processes are designed in a way that promote and allow for adequate community contributions while building relationships with a diverse group of stakeholders" and "the importance of relationship building rooted in mutual trust and respect," and that provides City Council with the responsibility to: "Support the increasing capacity of the organization in designing and executing useful, efficient, and innovative public participation activities over time;" and</p> <p>Whereas public engagement with residents significantly influences the directions undertaken by Council and administration; and</p> <p>Whereas gaps and barriers in the City's engagement and subsequent policy-creation processes lead to the potential for inequity and unforeseen shortcomings in city policies and practices; and</p> <p>Whereas there are known barriers to participating in public engagement, and these barriers are exacerbated for marginalized communities, including racialized, Indigenous, newcomer, lower-income, gender-diverse, disabled, trans, Two-Spirit, and queer persons;</p> <p>Therefore, be it resolved that the Administration report back on a strategy to identify and address systemic barriers that prevent residents from accessing, taking part in, and providing feedback within public engagement conducted by the City, with a specific emphasis on underserved and underrepresented populations in the community. This strategy should be informed by best practices from other cities.</p>	Report anticipated Q1 2021, led by S&T.
Motion - Community Engagement - Strategy to Identify and Address Systemic Barriers	9/28/2020	Councillor Loewen	Strategy & Transformation	CK. 372-1		
Motion - Human Resources - Identify and Address Systemic Barriers in Recruitment and Retention of Diverse Employees of the City of Saskatoon	9/28/2020	Councillor Loewen	Human Resources	CK. 4500-1	<p>Whereas City Council wishes to identify and address elements of systemic racism that exist in the City of Saskatoon;</p> <p>Whereas the City of Saskatoon has adopted workforce diversity targets in line with the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission goals for employment equity partners in Saskatchewan, and the City wishes to improve its performance in meeting those goals;</p> <p>Whereas the City of Saskatoon's Strategic Plan, 2018-2021 states as a goal that "Our workforce is representative of the local population;" and</p> <p>Whereas the demographic makeup of Saskatoon is increasingly diverse with growing numbers of racialized and Indigenous residents.</p> <p>Therefore, be it resolved that the Administration report back on a process to collaboratively and cross-departmentally identify and address systemic barriers in the recruitment and retention of diverse employees. This should include processes and/or models that have been successfully deployed in other municipalities and other major employers in the public or private sector. This report should also comment on whether or not the existing process for self-identification represents best practices.</p>	Report anticipated Q1 2021, led by S&T.
Motion - Foxtail Seed Strategy	9/28/2020	Councillor Jeffries	Community Services	CK. 4200-2	<p>Whereas during 2020 foxtail was a significant concern for residents of Saskatoon, especially for those in developing neighbourhoods;</p> <p>Whereas foxtail seeds can be dangerous to animals when ingested;</p> <p>Therefore, be it resolved that the Administration report back with a strategy for a coordinated foxtail response in the upcoming growing season. This may include working with land developers, lot owners, Parks Division, Community Standards Division, and the Fire Department to ensure that the many sources of foxtail can be dealt with proactively in 2021.</p>	Report anticipated Q1 2021.
Motion - Accessibility Standards - New Parks and Playground Structures	11/30/2020	Councillor Jeffries	Community Services	CK. 4205-0	<p>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;</p> <p>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.</p>	Report anticipated Q2 2021.
Motion - Water Rates - Condominiums - Irrigation Use	11/30/2020	Councillor Jeffries	Utilities & Environment	CK. 1905-2	<p>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.</p>	Report scheduled for February 2021 GPC.