



**PUBLIC MINUTES
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Monday, February 1, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
Via Teleconference Hosted in the Council Chamber, Saskatoon City Hall**

PRESENT: Councillor Z. Jeffries, Vice Chair
Councillor R. Donauer
Councillor H. Gough
Councillor D. Kirton
His Worship Mayor C. Clark (Ex-Officio)

ABSENT: Councillor B. Dubois, Chair

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor S. Gersher
Councillor D. Hill
General Manager, Transportation & Construction T. Schmidt
Solicitor D. Kowalski
Deputy City Clerk S. Bryant, in the Council Chamber
Committee Assistant J. Fast

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order on Treaty 6 Territory and the Traditional Homeland of the Métis people.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Councillor Gough

1. That the additional information provided by Benjamin Quattrini, dated January 31, 2021, be added to Item 6.3.1;
2. That the email from Robert Clipperton, Bus Riders of Saskatoon dated January 28, 2021, requesting to speak, be added to Item 7.1.1;
3. That the email from Mahmood Shafqat dated January 31, 2021, submitting comments, be added to Item 7.1.2;
4. That the email from Peter Gallen dated January 30, 2021, submitting comments, be added to Item 7.2.1;
5. That the following be added to Item 7.2.2:
 1. Submitting Comments:
 1. Email from Norma Briskar dated January 28, 2021;
 2. Email from Jan Norris dated January 31, 2021;
6. That the following be added to Item 7.3.1:
 1. Requesting to Speak:

1. Email from Kelly Frie dated January 29, 2021;
2. Email from Yanique Williams, Public Policy Manager, Uber Canada dated January 29, 2021;
3. Email from Katherine Luneng dated January 30, 2021;
2. Submitting Comments:
 1. Letter from Khodr Bardouh received January 29, 2021, rescinding request to speak and replacing with comments;
 2. Email from Mark Gill, Executive Director, Captain Taxi Ltd., dated January 31, 2021;
 3. Email from Scott Suppes, President, Riide Inc., dated February 1, 2021;
7. That the items with speakers be considered immediately following Unfinished Business:
 1. Item 6.3.1;
 2. Item 7.1.1;
 3. Item 7.3.1; and
8. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Mayor Clark

Absent (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

3.1 Councillor Gersher - Vehicles for Hire Bylaw - Taxi and TNC Parity Review [File No. CK 7000-1]

Councillor Gersher advised that although she was not a member of the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation, she was participating in the meeting today and would leave the call for Item 7.3.1. Councillor Gersher therefore declared a conflict of interest for Item 7.3.1, 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 Donauer

That the minutes of the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation meeting held on January 11, 2021 be approved.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough,
Councillor Kirton, and Mayor Clark

Absent (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. COMMUNICATIONS (requiring the direction of the Committee)

6.1 Delegated Authority Matters

6.2 Matters Requiring Direction

6.3 Requests to Speak (new matters)

6.3.1 Email - Benjamin Quattrini - Micro Mobility Sharing [File No. CK 7000-1]

A letter from Benjamin Quattrini dated January 11, 2021 was provided, along with additional information dated January 31, 2021.

Benjamin Quattrini addressed the Committee regarding his proposal to bring e-scooters to Saskatoon as a means of efficient and cost-effective transportation. Mr. Quattrini asked the Committee for municipal approval to develop the framework for the City of Saskatoon.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That the Administration provide a report on the viability of a framework, outlining how a complete pilot project can be delivered, and that the Administration continue to engage with SGI and appropriate provincial counterparts for necessary steps to allow e-scooters in communities in Saskatchewan.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Mayor Clark

Absent (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Information Reports

7.1.1 Process for Introducing or Expanding Transit within New and Developing Neighbourhoods [File No. CK 7300-1]

A request to speak from Robert Clipperton, Bus Riders of Saskatoon, dated January 28, 2021 was added to this item.

General Manager, Transportation and Construction Schmidt presented the report.

Robert Clipperton, Bus Riders of Saskatoon, spoke in support of the report to move transit development forward.

General Manager, Transportation and Construction Schmidt together with Director of Saskatoon Transit McDonald answered questions of the Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Gough

That enhanced reporting around Transit service levels be included in annual reporting to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation including predictability for new neighbourhood service and options and status around non-neighbourhood service level improvements.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Mayor Clark

Absent (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee recessed at 4:02 p.m., and reconvened at 4:10 p.m.

Item 7.3.1 was considered following Item 7.1.1.

7.1.2 Sidewalks Infill Accelerated Implementation Program – February 2021 Follow Up [File No. CK 6220-1]

Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to the next meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation.

7.2 Approval Reports

7.2.1 Saskatoon Transportation Master Plan – Final Report [File No. CK 7000-1]

Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to the next meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation.

7.2.2 14th Street East Bikeway, Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Improvement Project [File No. CK 6000-5]

The hour of the meeting was 5:30 p.m., and therefore Committee referred this matter directly to the February 22, 2021 Regular Business meeting of City Council.

Moved By: Councillor Gough

That Item 7.2.2 be forwarded to City Council for consideration.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Mayor Clark

Absent (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Decision Reports

7.3.1 Vehicles for Hire Bylaw – Taxi and TNC Parity Review [File No. CK 7000-1]

A report of the General Manager, Community Services was provided, along with a request to speak from Khodr Bardouh dated January 25, 2021.

The following communications were added to this item:

Requesting to Speak:

- Email from Kelly Frie dated January 29, 2021;
- Email from Yanique Williams, Public Policy Manager, Uber Canada dated January 29, 2021;

- Email from Katherine Luneng dated January 30, 2021;

Submitting Comments:

- Letter from Khodr Bardouh, Hey Taxi, received January 29, 2021, rescinding request to speak and replacing with comments;
- Email from Mark Gill, Executive Director, Captain Taxi Ltd., dated January 31, 2021; and
- Email from Scott Suppes, President, Riide Inc., dated February 1, 2021.

Councillor Gersher previously 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. Councillor Gersher was not present on the call.

Licensing and Permitting Manager Wilson reviewed the report and provided a PowerPoint.

Committee heard from the following speakers:

- Kelly Frie, Riide
- Yanique Williams, Public Policy Manager, Uber Canada
- Katherine Luneng

Licensing and Permitting Manager Wilson responded to questions of the Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Gough

1. That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare an amendment to the Vehicles for Hire Bylaw in order to implement Option 9, to align maximum vehicle age, as outlined in the report of the General Manager, Community Services dated February 1, 2021;
2. That the Administration report back on the implications and options of pursuing option 5; and
3. That the Administration report back on wait times and other available data from the Taxi and TNC industries that resulted from bylaw amendments made in past.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Mayor Clark

Absent (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Items 7.2.2, 7.1.2 and 7.2.1 were considered following Item 7.3.1.

- 8. URGENT BUSINESS**
- 9. MOTIONS (Notice Previously Given)**
- 10. GIVING NOTICE**
- 11. IN CAMERA AGENDA ITEMS**
- 12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Councillor Z. Jeffries, Vice-Chair

S. Bryant, Deputy City Clerk