

## **GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

# Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO) and its Pandemic Research Centre Proposal – Issues for Consideration

#### **Recommendation of the Committee**

That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend to City Council:

- 1. that it support the VIDO proposal;
- 2. that the City's financial contribution to the project not exceed \$250,000;
- that such support is conditional on the project receiving federal and provincial support; and
- 4. that the Administration negotiate the terms of conditions of the financial support including the funding source, the duration of payment, and report back to City Council at the appropriate time.

### **History**

The Governance and Priorities Committee, at its meeting held on February 16, 2021, considered a report from the Administration regarding the above. The Committee also received letters of support, and heard from Dr. Paul Hodgson on behalf of VIDO-InterVac, and Dr. Peter Stoicheff, President of the University of Saskatchewan.

#### **Attachments**

- Report of the City Manager dated February 16, 2021
- Letter from Downtown Saskatoon dated January 20, 2021
- Letter from Saskatoon Chamber, dated January 27, 2021
- Letter from SREDA dated February 2, 2021