



PUBLIC MINUTES

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, UTILITIES AND CORPORATE SERVICES

Monday, February 1, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

Via Teleconference Hosted in the Council Chamber, Saskatoon City Hall

PRESENT: Councillor S. Gersher, Chair
Councillor H. Gough, Vice Chair
Councillor D. Hill
Councillor M. Loewen
His Worship, Mayor C. Clark (Ex-Officio)

ABSENT: Councillor T. Davies

ALSO PRESENT: General Manager, Utilities & Environment A. Gardiner
Solicitor B. Bleakney
Deputy City Clerk S. Bryant, in Council Chamber
Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order on Treaty 6 Territory and the Traditional Homeland of the Métis people and confirmed roll call of the members in attendance via teleconference.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Councillor Hill

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Loewen, and Mayor C. Clark

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 Hill

That the minutes of the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services meeting held on January 11, 2021 be approved.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Loewen, and Mayor C. Clark

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. COMMUNICATIONS (requiring the direction of the Committee)

6.1 Delegated Authority Matters

6.2 Matters Requiring Direction

6.2.1 2021 Work Plan - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee [CK 225-83]

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee 2021 Work Plan was provided.

Moved By: Councillor Gough

That the 2021 Work Plan of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee be received as information and forwarded to City Council for information.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Loewen, and Mayor C. Clark

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Requests to Speak (new matters)

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Information Reports

7.1.1 Environmental Sustainability Reserve Implementation Update [CK 1815-1]

General Manager, Utilities and Environment Gardiner provided an overview of the report.

Director of Sustainability South responded to questions of the Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

1. That the information be received; and
2. That the report be forwarded to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee for information.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Loewen, and Mayor C. Clark

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Approval Reports

7.3 Decision Reports

7.3.1 Options for the Design of a Home Energy Loan Program [CK 1870-1 x 1860-1]

General Manager, Utilities and Environment Gardiner introduced the report.

Director of Sustainability along with Green House Gas Controls Specialist Carlson provided a PowerPoint on home Energy Loan Program options for Program Design highlighting background about financing programs like HELP, program benefits, design process and design elements being recommended along with outlining financial implications of the program and options and subsequently responded to questions of the Committee.

Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Financial Services Tarasoff noted that options for developing a consistent framework to address equity and accessibility to City Administered programs could be pursued.

Councillor Hill excused himself from the discussion at 10:15 a.m. and rejoined at 10:50 a.m.

Moved By: Mayor C. Clark

That the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services recommend to City Council:

The Home Energy Loan Program design elements as set out in *Table 1, Home Energy Loan Program – Base Design Elements in All Options*, plus *Option 3: Administration fee charged to all participants*, be authorized for implementation in accordance with *The Cities Act*,

The City Solicitor be directed to develop a bylaw to establish the Home Energy Loan Program;

Capital Project P1956 – Property Assessed Clean Energy Financing Program be increased by \$352,750, funded from the existing FCM grant of \$102,750 and \$250,000 from the Environmental Sustainability Reserve;

Internal borrowing in the amount of \$2,500,000 be allocated, subject to public notice and an intent to borrow report, for capital loans for the participants of the Home Energy Loan Program; and

The Administration complete an application for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Community Efficiency Financing program, which if approved, would be utilized for the Home Energy Loan Program set out in this report, including up to \$10,000,000 of borrowing for loan capital from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (borrowing will be subject to public notice and an intent to borrow report).

IN AMENDMENT

Moved By: Councillor Gough

That Option 2: Administration fee waived for income-qualified residents replace Option 3 above.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Loewen, and Mayor C. Clark

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED

In Favour: (5): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Loewen, and Mayor C. Clark

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Gough

That the report be forwarded to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee's February meeting for comment to City Council's February 22, 2021 meeting.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Loewen, and Mayor C. Clark

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. MOTIONS (NOTICE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN)

9. GIVING NOTICE

9.1 His Worship Mayor C. Clark - Options for the Design of a Home Energy Loan Program [CK 1870-1 x 1860-1]

His Worship Mayor C. Clark gave the following Notice of Motion:

"TAKE NOTICE that at the next regular meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services, I will move the following motion:

'That the Administration report to the appropriate committee on options for developing a consistent framework to address equity and accessibility to City Administered programs in place or in development such as Lead Service Line Replacements, Home Energy Loan Program, Property Tax-Deferral Program for Low Income Seniors, etc.'"

10. URGENT BUSINESS

11. IN CAMERA AGENDA ITEMS

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Councillor S. Gersher, Chair

S. Bryant, Deputy City Clerk