



PUBLIC MINUTES

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, UTILITIES AND CORPORATE SERVICES

Tuesday, April 6, 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 T. Davies
Councillor M. Loewen at 9:32 a.m.
His Worship, Mayor C. Clark (Ex-Officio)

ABSENT: Councillor D. Hill

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 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 Gough

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Davies, and Mayor C. Clark

Absent (2): Councillor Hill and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

Councillor Loewen joined the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Councillor Gough

That the minutes of the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services meeting held on March 1, 2021 be approved.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Hill

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 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 at the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services held on February 1, 2021:

"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."

Moved By: Mayor C. Clark

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.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Hill

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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)

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Information Reports

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

That the reports contained under Items 7.1.1 to 7.1.4 be received as information.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Loewen

Absent (2): Councillor Hill, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1.1 Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action Update – April 2021 [CK 5615-1]

General Manager, Utilities and Environment Gardiner introduced the report.

Director of Indigenous Initiatives Cote provided an overview of the report and responded to questions of the Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Gough

That the report be forwarded to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee for information.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Hill

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1.2 Climate Action Plan – Progress Report 2020 [CK 375-4]

General Manager, Utilities and Environment Gardiner introduced the report.

Manager of Climate, Strategy, and Data with Sustainability Weckworth provided a PowerPoint on the 2020 Progress Report on the Climate Action Plan highlighting current greenhouse gas emissions with respect to the City's targets, the status of each action identified in the strategies, barriers to completing the actions, and recommended next steps and along with Director of Sustainability South responded to questions of the Committee.

Hi Worship Mayor C. Clark excused himself from the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Moved By: Councillor Gough

That the report be forwarded to City Council and the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee for information.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Loewen

Absent (2): Councillor Hill, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

That the Administration report back on the feasibility of implementing the City of Edmonton's carbon budgeting approach.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Loewen

Absent (2): Councillor Hill, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1.3 Saskatchewan Household Packaging and Paper Review and Engagement [CK 7830-5]

General Manager, Utilities and Environment Gardiner introduced the report.

The Chair advised that there was no PowerPoint presentation as noted on the agenda.

7.1.4 Update on Asset Management Funding Plan for Saskatoon Light & Power: Building a Better Electric Utility [CK 1295-1 x 2000-1]

General Manager, Utilities and Environment Gardiner introduced the report.

Director of Saskatoon Light & Power Bell provided a PowerPoint on the matter highlighting financial information on the Asset Management Funding Plan for Saskatoon Light & Power along with scenarios for reducing the funding gap and subsequently responded to questions of the Committee. The following corrections to the report were noted: Scenario 3 – the mill rate impact will not be 0.28%. It will instead be 0.2% in 2022 and 0.1% thereafter and Scenario 4 – the mill rate impact will not be 0.5%. It will instead be 0.4% in 2022 and 0.3% thereafter.

City Manager Jorgenson and Chief Financial Officer Tarasoff provided clarification regarding budget packages at time of budget review.

The meeting recessed at 11:10 a.m. and resumed at 11:25 a.m. with all members of Committee in attendance with the exceptions of Councillor Hill and His Worship Mayor C. Clark.

7.2 Approval Reports

7.3 Decision Reports

7.3.1 Boulevard Gardening and Maintenance Guidelines Update and Program Expansion Options [CK 4110-38 x 1860-1]

General Manager, Utilities and Environment Gardiner introduced the report.

Director of Sustainability South provided a PowerPoint on the matter highlighting background information on the existing 2015 Guidelines and rationale for the 2020-2021 review, definitions of applicable terms, public engagement results summary, content of the 2021 Guidelines and program expansion options and subsequently responded to questions of the Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Gough

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

1. That Option 2 be approved: Expand program to include centre medians and a centre median application process, subject to approval of \$50,000 in operating funding for 2022 onwards, to be brought forward to the 2022-2023 Business Plan and Budget deliberations; and
2. That a \$60,000 capital funding request for the development of a Feasibility Study and community engagement, to further expand the garden program, be brought forward to the 2022-2023 Business Plan and Budget deliberations.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Loewen

Absent (2): Councillor Hill, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. MOTIONS (NOTICE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN)

9. GIVING NOTICE

10. URGENT BUSINESS

11. IN CAMERA AGENDA ITEMS

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Councillor S. Gersher, Chair

S. Bryant, Deputy City Clerk