



## PUBLIC MINUTES

### STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Monday, August 9, 2021, 2:00 p.m.**

**Via Teleconference Hosted in the Council Chamber, Saskatoon City Hall**

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

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

#### 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

1. That the letter requesting to speak and presentation from Julia Harding and Steve Wolowich, OUTFRONT Media Canada, dated August 6, 2021 be added to item 6.1.1;
2. That the following letters be added as item 6.1.5;
  1. Request to Speak
    1. Brad Stratychuk - Roadside Responders' Association of Saskatchewan Inc., dated July 30, 2021 and August 6, 2021; and

2. Geoff Roller - Roadside Responders' Association of Saskatchewan Inc., dated August 6, 2021;
3. That the letter submitting comments from Kelly Harrington, dated August 6, 2021, be added to item 7.1.6;
4. That the letter submitting comments from Sherry Tarasoff, dated August 9, 2021 be added to item 7.1.8;
5. That the letter submitting comments from Brendan Groat, dated August 5, 2021 be added to item 9.1;
6. That the following item with a speaker be moved up on the agenda to be considered immediately following Unfinished Business;
  1. Item 6.1.1 - Julia Harding and Steve Wolowich
  2. Item 6.1.4 - Jennifer Heroux
  3. Item 6.1.5
    1. Brad Stratychuk
    2. Geoff Roller
7. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Mayor Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved By:** Councillor Donauer

That the minutes of the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation meeting held on June 7, 2021 be adopted.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Mayor Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **6. COMMUNICATIONS (requiring the direction of the Committee)**

### **6.1 Delegated Authority Matters**

#### **6.1.1 Julia Harding - OUTFRONT Media Canada - Existing Commercial Billboards on City Right-of-Way Property [File No. CK. 6280-1 x4225-1]**

A letter submitting comments from Julia Harding of OUTFRONT Media Canada, dated July 3, 2021 and request for her and Steve Wolowich to speak dated August 6, 2021 with a presentation was provided.

Steve Wolowich, OUTFRONT Media Canada provided a PowerPoint and addressed questions of the Committee.

Julia Harding, OUTFRONT Media Canada provided a presentation to the Committee.

Director of Transportation Magus provided background information and addressed questions of the Committee.

Solicitor Kowalski addressed questions of the Committee.

**Moved By:** Mayor Clark

That the matter be referred to the Administration to provide a report outlining options for other solutions regarding billboards on City right-of-way property.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Mayor Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Moved By:** Councillor Kirton

That the Administration include accident statistics near the area of the subject billboards in comparison to other billboards in the reporting.

In Favour: (3): Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, and Councillor Kirton

Against: (3): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gough, and Mayor Clark

**DEFEATED ON A TIED VOTE**

Item 6.1.4 was considered next.

**6.1.2 Request for Sole Concessionaire Rights - Downtown  
Saskatoon 2nd Avenue Sidewalk Sale, August 12-14, 2021 [File  
No. CK 205-1]**

A letter from Sarah Marchildon, MarCom & Program Director,  
Downtown Saskatoon dated July 6, 2021 was provided.

General Manager, Community Services Lacroix addressed  
questions on the process.

**Moved By:** Councillor Kirton

That permission be granted to Downtown Saskatoon to be the sole  
agent for the allocation of vending and concession locations at the  
2nd Avenue Sidewalk Sale, August 12-14, 2021.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor  
Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Mayor Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Item 7.1.1 was considered next.

**6.1.3 James Kreuger - Traffic Noise and Loud Vehicles [File No. CK.  
375-2]**

A letter from James Kreuger, dated July 1, 2021 was provided.

**Moved By:** Councillor Donauer

That the information be received and referred to the Administration  
to respond to the writer.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor  
Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Mayor Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Item 6.1.2 was considered next.

**6.1.4 Jennifer Heroux - Heroux Investments - Street Paving [File No.  
CK. 6315-1]**

A letter requesting to speak from Jennifer Heroux, Heroux Investments, dated June 8, 2021 was provided.

Jennifer Heroux provided a presentation to the Committee.

General Manager, Transportation and Construction Schmidt together with Director of Major Projects & Preservation Willems addressed questions of the Committee.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

That the Administration report back with an update to the 2018 Gravel Street Upgrades report including options for consideration during 2022/2023 Business Plan and Budget deliberations.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Mayor Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.1.5 Request to Speak - Brad Stratyчук - Roadside Responders' Association of Saskatchewan Inc. - Towing Industry [File No. CK. 6120-6]**

A letter requesting to speak from Brad Stratyчук, Roadside Responders' Association of Saskatchewan Inc., dated July 30, 2021 and Geoff Roller, Roadside Responders' Association of Saskatchewan Inc., dated August 6, 2021, were provided.

Brad Stratyчук, Roadside Responders' Association of Saskatchewan Inc., provided a presentation to the Committee.

It was noted that Geoff Roller withdrew his request to address the Committee.

Director of Community Standards Richter addressed questions of the Committee.

**Moved By:** Councillor Donauer

That the letter be referred to the Administration and joined to the file.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Mayor Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Item 6.1.3 was considered next.

**6.2 Matters Requiring Direction**

**6.3 Requests to Speak (new matters)**

**7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

**7.1 Information Reports**

**Moved By:** Councillor Donauer

That the reports contained in Items 7.1.1 to 7.1.8 be received as information.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Mayor Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.1.1 2020-2021 Winter Road Maintenance Summary [File No. CK. 6290-1 x270-8]**

A report of the General Manager, Transportation & Construction was provided.

General Manager, Transportation & Construction Schmidt presented the report.

The Committee recessed at 3:51 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 4:01 p.m. with all members in attendance.

**7.1.2 2022 - 2023 Budget Recommendation for Saskatoon Transit Service Increases [File No. CK. 116-2, x7300-1, x1700-1]**

A report of the General Manager, Transportation & Construction was provided.

General Manager, Transportation & Construction Schmidt presented the report.

Director of Saskatoon Transit McDonald addressed questions of the Committee.

**7.1.3 Asset Management Plan Update - Bridges and Structures [File No. CK. 1295-1 x 6050-1]**

A report of the General Manager, Transportation & Construction was provided.

General Manager, Transportation and Construction Schmidt presented the report and together with Director of Major Projects & Preservation Willems addressed questions of the Committee.

**7.1.4 Asset Management Plan Update – Saskatoon Transit [File No. CK. 1295-1 x 1402-1]**

A report of the General Manager, Transportation & Construction was provided.

General Manager, Transportation & Construction Schmidt presented the report.

Chief Public Policy & Government Relations Officer Jordan and Director of Saskatoon Transit McDonald responded to questions of the Committee.

**7.1.5 Asset Management Plan Update - Roadways and Sidewalks [File No. CK. 6315-1]**

A report of the General Manager, Transportation & Construction was provided.

General Manager, Transportation & Construction Schmidt presented the report.

**7.1.6 Traffic Noise Sound Attenuation Monitoring – August 2021 Update [File No. CK. 375-0]**

A report of the General Manager, Transportation & Construction was provided along with a letter submitting comments from Kelly Harrington, dated August 6, 2021.

General Manager, Transportation & Construction Schmidt presented the report.

Director of Transportation Magus addressed questions of the Committee.

**7.1.7 Central Business District Neighbourhood Traffic Review [File No. CK. 6320-1]**

A report of the General Manager, Transportation & Construction was provided.

General Manager, Transportation & Construction Schmidt presented the report.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

That the report be forwarded to City Council for information.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Mayor Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **7.1.8 Tabled Report – Residential Speed Limit Review – Speed Limit and Eligible Streets [File No. CK. 6320-1]**

A report of the General Manager, Transportation & Construction was provided along with a letter submitting comments from Sherry Tarasoff, dated August 9, 2021.

General Manager, Transportation & Construction Schmidt presented the report.

Director of Transportation Magus provided further information and addressed questions of the Committee.

Councillor Gersher excused herself from the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

### **7.2 Approval Reports**

#### **7.2.1 Proposed Council Policy – Pedestrian and Cyclist Accommodation in Work Zones and Detours [File No. CK. 6000-0]**

A report of the General Manager, Transportation & Construction was provided.

General Manager, Transportation & Construction Schmidt presented the report.

Director of Transportation Magus addressed questions of the Committee.

**Moved By:** Councillor Donauer



That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council

1. That Council Policy C07-032, Pedestrian and Cyclist Accommodation in Work Zones and Detours, be approved; and
2. That the City Clerk be requested to adopt Council Policy C07-032, Pedestrian and Cyclist Accommodation in Work Zones and Detours as outlined in this report.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Mayor Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **7.2.2 Proposed Legislative Amendments to The Traffic Safety Act – August 2021 [File No. CK. 127-1 x 5300-0]**

A report of the General Manager, Transportation & Construction was provided.

General Manager, Transportation & Construction Schmidt presented the report.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council:

1. That the Administration be endorsed and directed to lobby Saskatchewan Government Insurance to amend *The Traffic Safety Act* to incorporate the following:
  1. Require drivers to yield to pedestrians that are indicating an intention to cross the street at legal crossings;
  2. Permit cyclists to use their right arm to indicate a right turn; and
  3. Permit cyclists to ride their bicycle when a cross-ride is provided at legal crossings.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Mayor Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.3 Decision Reports**

**8. URGENT BUSINESS**

**9. MOTIONS (Notice Previously Given)**

**9.1 Councillor H. Gough - Formalized Pedestrian Crossing Near 19th Street [File No. CK. 6320-1]**

Councillor Gough provided the following Notice of Motion in accordance with section 65(1)(b) of Bylaw No. 9170, *The Procedures and Committee Bylaw, 2014*:

"Whereas desire lines between 19th Street West and Ave N South, resident feedback, and the engagement results of the Neighbourhood Traffic Review for the Gordie Howe Management, West Industrial and Southwest Industrial Areas have demonstrated significant demand for a formalized crossing at/near this location for improved safety and access;

Be it resolved:

That the Administration approach CP Rail on the formalization of a pedestrian crossing near to 19th Street West and report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation."

A letter submitting comments from Brendan Groat, dated August 5, 2021 was provided.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

Whereas desire lines between 19th Street West and Ave N South, resident feedback, and the engagement results of the Neighbourhood Traffic Review for the Gordie Howe Management, West Industrial and Southwest Industrial Areas have demonstrated significant demand for a formalized crossing at/near this location for improved safety and access;

Therefore be it resolved:

That the Administration approach CP Rail on the formalization of a pedestrian crossing near to 19th Street West and report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer,  
Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Mayor Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10. GIVING NOTICE**

**11. IN CAMERA SESSION (If Required)**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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Councillor B. Dubois, Chair

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S. Bryant, Deputy City Clerk