



**PUBLIC MINUTES
GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

**Monday, September 20, 2021, 9:35 a.m.
via Teleconference Hosted in the Council Chamber, Saskatoon City Hall**

PRESENT: Councillor T. Davies, Chair
His Worship Mayor C. Clark
Councillor C. Block
Councillor R. Donauer
Councillor B. Dubois
Councillor S. Gersher
Councillor H. Gough
Councillor D. Hill
Councillor Z. Jeffries
Councillor D. Kirton
Councillor M. Loewen

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager J. Jorgenson
City Solicitor C. Yelland, in the Chamber
City Clerk A. Tittlemore, in the Chamber
Committee Assistant J. Hudson, in the Chamber

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis People. He acknowledged September 20, 2021, as federal election day.

Roll call was taken.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Councillor Hill

1. That an email submitting comments from Sherry Tarasoff dated September 16, 2021, be considered with Item 8.1.1.;
2. That a follow-up email from Philip Chilibeck dated September 13, 2021, be included with Item 8.2.3 and the matter be considered following adoption of the minutes;
3. That an information report of the Fire Chief entitled 'Community Emergency Readiness Plan' be added as *In Camera* Item 13.7; and
4. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

In Favour (11): Councillor Davies, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Gersher declared a conflict of interest with respect to *In Camera* Item 13.1 due to a potential perception of conflict with a family member's business.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

That the minutes of the following Governance and Priorities Committee meetings be adopted:

- regular meeting held on August 23, 2021; and
- special meeting held on August 26, 2021

In Favour (11): Councillor Davies, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 8.2.3 was considered next.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. COMMUNICATIONS (requiring the direction of the Committee)

7. REQUESTS TO SPEAK (new matters)

8. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

8.1 Information Reports

8.1.1 Research Junction Program Update (CK 220-9 x 1700-1)

A report from the Administration was provided, along with the following:

- a letter of support dated September 8, 2021 from Peter Stoicheff, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Saskatchewan; and

- an email submitting comments dated September 16, 2021 from Sherry Tarasoff

Galen Heinrichs, in his role as City of Saskatoon Research Junction liaison, presented the report.

Moved By: Mayor Clark

That the report of the General Manager, Transportation & Construction Division dated September 20, 2021, be received as information.

In Favour (11): Councillor Davies, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.1.2 Growth Plan to Half a Million Implementation – Transition to Operating Funding (CK 4110-2 x 1700-1)

A report from the Administration was provided.

Lesley Anderson, Director of Planning & Development, presented the report.

Moved By: Councillor Block

That the report of the General Manager, Community Services Division dated September 20, 2021, be received as information.

In Favour (11): Councillor Davies, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Approval Reports

8.2.1 2022 Appointments of Deputy Mayor (CK 255-3)

A report of the City Clerk was provided.

City Clerk Tittlemore presented the report.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That a report be submitted to City Council's Organizational meeting, as part of the September 27, 2021, Regular Business meeting, recommending approval of the 2022 appointments of Deputy Mayor, as described in the report of the City Clerk dated September 20, 2021, and detailed in Appendix 1.

In Favour (11): Councillor Davies, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2.2 2022 City Council and Committee Meeting Schedule (CK 255-1)

A report of the City Clerk was provided.

City Clerk Tittmore presented the report.

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend to City Council at its organizational meeting to be held on September 27, 2021, that the 2022 Council and Committee meeting calendar, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report of the City Clerk dated September 20, 2021, be approved.

In Favour (11): Councillor Davies, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2.3 Framework for Measures to Mitigate the Transmission of COVID-19 in Saskatoon (CK 270-7)

A report from the Administration was provided, along with a follow-up email from Philip Chilibeck dated September 13, 2021.

Dr. Simon Kapaj, Medical Health Officer, Saskatchewan Health Authority, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

Mike Jordan, Chief Public Policy & Government Relations Officer, and Pamela Goulden-McLeod, Director of Emergency Management Organization presented the Administration's report with PowerPoint

slides and answered questions of Committee along with other members of the Administration.

Moved By: Councillor Gough

That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend to City Council the approval of the proposed COVID-19 Mitigation Framework as proposed in Appendix 2 to the report of the Administration dated September 20, 2021.

In Favour (11): Councillor Davies, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed at 12:02 p.m. and reconvened at 12:15 p.m.

Item 8.1.1 was considered next.

8.3 Decision Reports

8.3.1 Deferred Recommendation - Leave of Absence Policy (CK 4690-0)

Report of the City Clerk:

"The Governance and Priorities Committee, at its [August 23, 2021 meeting](#) deferred consideration of the following recommendation (#4 in the Administration's report), to the September meeting pending consideration of information from the City Clerk's Office with respect to Councillors' Assistants levels of support.

'4. That the leave of absence policy provide that each member of Council prepare a written plan setting out the details of how the member's duties will be covered during the leave and submit the plan to the Mayor and City Manager, in the case of members of Council, and, in the case of the Mayor, the City Manager for review and feedback (Recommendation 5 of the SMRC);"

City Solicitor Yelland answered questions of Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Gough

1. That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend to City Council that the leave of absence policy provide that each

member of Council prepare a written plan setting out the details of how the member's duties will be covered during the leave and submit the plan to the Mayor and City Manager, in the case of members of Council, and, in the case of the Mayor, the City Manager for review and feedback; and

2. That the Administration be requested to prepare a draft plan to be appended to the future policy.

In Favour (11): Councillor Davies, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3.2 Governance Review – Board of Revision – Recruitment and Evaluating Performance (CK 175-6)

A report of the City Solicitor was provided.

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

That the report of the City Solicitor dated September 20, 2021, be tabled, for consideration at the October 18, 2021 meeting.

In Favour (11): Councillor Davies, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. MOTIONS (notice previously given)

10. GIVING NOTICE

11. URGENT BUSINESS

12. VERBAL UPDATES

12.1 Council Members - His Worship the Mayor, FCM/SUMA, Boards, Committees and Commissions

Councillor Kirton provided an update, on behalf of Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership's Board of Directors recruitment committee, that Priscilla Johnstone is the new Executive Director.

Mayor Clark advised that a Big City Mayors' Caucus meeting is scheduled for October 12 in Ottawa. He spoke to recent meetings of the SUMA working group on mental health and addictions.

12.2 Administration

13. IN CAMERA SESSION

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

That the Committee move *In Camera* to consider the following items.

13.1 Land Negotiations Update (CK 4130-14)

*[In Camera - Economic/Financial - Land - Section 17(1)(d) and (e)
LAFOIP]*

13.2 2022 Appointments - Members of City Council to Standing Policy Committees (CK 225-4-3)

[In Camera - Consultations/Deliberations - Section 16(1)(b) LAFOIP]

13.3 2022 Appointments - Members of City Council to Personnel Subcommittee (CK 225-81)

[In Camera - Consultations/Deliberations - Section 16(1)(b) LAFOIP]

13.4 Resignation - Board of Revision / Licence Appeal Board (CK 175-6 and 175-56)

[In Camera - Consultations/Deliberations; Personal Information - Sections 16(1)(b) and (d) and 28 LAFOIP]

13.5 Council Code of Conduct - Complaint (CK 255-17)

[In Camera - Solicitor/Client Privilege; Personal Information; Investigation - Sections 14, 16(1)(b), and 21 LAFOIP]

13.6 Verbal Updates

13.6.1 Council Members - His Worship the Mayor; FCM/SUMA; Boards, Committees & Commissions; Personnel Subcommittee (if required)

13.6.2 Administration

13.6.2.1 City Manager

[Sections 13, 14(1), 15(1), 16(1), 17(1), 18(1), 19 and 20 LAFOIP]

13.7 Community Emergency Readiness Plan (CK 270-1)

[In Camera - Danger to Health or Safety - Section 20 LAFOIP]

In Favour (11): Councillor Davies, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public meeting recessed at 12:48 p.m.

14. RISE AND REPORT

The Committee convened *In Camera* at 12:48 p.m. with the following in attendance via teleconference:

- All Committee members
- City Manager Jorgenson and Members of the Executive Leadership Team
- For Item 13.1 - Director of Saskatoon Land, Frank Long; Director of Technical Services, Dan Willems; and Real Estate Manager, Keith Pfeil
- For Item 13.5 – Ann Iwanchuk and Integrity Commissioner, Randy Langgard
- For Item 13.7 - Pamela Goulden McLeod, Director of Emergency Management Organization; and Assistant Chief, Yvonne Raymer

City Clerk Tittlemore, City Solicitor Yelland, and Committee Assistant Hudson were in attendance in the Council Chamber.

As per earlier public declaration of conflict of interest, Councillor Gersher recused herself from the *In Camera* discussion of Item 13.1.

The meeting recessed from 1:42 to 2:18 p.m.

Only Committee Members, the City Clerk, City Solicitor, City Manager, Ms. Iwanchuk, and the Integrity Commissioner were in attendance for Item 13.5.

A motion to extend the meeting beyond 5:30 p.m. was passed.

The Committee moved to rise and report at 7:00 p.m. and reconvened publicly immediately thereafter to reports as follows:

Item 13.1 - Land Negotiations Update (CK 4130-14)

Director of Saskatoon Land, Frank Long; Director of Technical Services, Dan Willems; and Real Estate Manager, Keith Pfeil were in attendance In Camera for the matter.

Councillor Gersher declared a conflict of interest on this matter and left the meeting.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

That the information be received and the submitted report and discussion remain *In Camera* under Section 17(1)(d) and (e) of *LAFOIP*.

In Favour (10): Councillor Davies, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Gersher re-joined the meeting.

Item 13.2 – 2022 Appointments – Members of City Council to Standing Policy Committees (CK 225-4-3)

Moved By: Councillor Hill

1. That the 2022 appointments of Members of City Council to the Governance and Priorities Committee and Standing Policy Committees as follows, be submitted to City Council's organizational meeting to be held as part of its Regular Business meeting on September 27, 2021:

GPC

All members of City Council

SPC on EU&CS

Councillors Davies, Gersher, Gough, Hill, and Loewen

SPC on Transportation

Councillors Donauer, Dubois, Hill, Jeffries, and Kirton

SPC on PD&CS

Councillors Block, Davies, Gersher, Gough, and Loewen

SPC on Finance

Councillors Block, Donauer, Dubois, Jeffries, and Kirton; and

2. That the discussion remain *In Camera* under Section 16(1)(b) of *LAFOIP*.

In Favour (11): Councillor Davies, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 13.3 – 2022 Appointments – Members of City Council to Personnel Subcommittee (CK 225-81)

Moved By: Councillor Hill

1. That a report be submitted City Council's organizational meeting to be held as part of its Regular Business meeting on September 27, 2021 recommending that Mayor Clark and Councillors Davies, Donauer and Dubois be reappointed to the Personnel Subcommittee for 2022; and
2. That the discussion remain *In Camera* under Section 16(1)(b) of *LAFOIP*.

In Favour (11): Councillor Davies, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 13.4 – Resignation – Board of Revision / Licence Appeal Board (CK 175-6 and 175-56)

Moved By: Councillor Hill

That the information be received and the submitted documentation and discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 16(1)(b) and (d) and 28 of *LAFOIP*.

In Favour (11): Councillor Davies, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 13.5 – Council Code of Conduct – Complaint (CK 255-17)

Ann Iwanchuk and Integrity Commissioner, Randy Langgard were in attendance In Camera for the matter.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

That the information be received and the circulated documentation and discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 14, 16(1)(b) and 21 of *LAFOIP*.

In Favour (11): Councillor Davies, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 13.6.2. – Verbal Updates – Council Members and Administration

Moved By: Councillor Hill

That the verbal updates of Council Members and the City Manager be received as information and that the discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21 and 28 of *LAFOIP*.

In Favour (11): Councillor Davies, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 13.7 – Community Emergency Readiness Plan (CK 270-1)

Pamela Goulden McLeod, Director of Emergency Management Organization; and Assistant Chief, Yvonne Raymer were in attendance In Camera for the matter.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

That the information be received and the submitted report and discussion remain *In Camera* under Section 20 of *LAFOIP*.

In Favour (11): Councillor Davies, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Councillor T. Davies, Chair

A. Tittlemore, City Clerk