



PUBLIC MINUTES

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Monday, February 7, 2022, 2:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall**

PRESENT: Councillor B. Dubois, Chair
Councillor Z. Jeffries, Vice Chair
Councillor R. Donauer
Councillor D. Hill
Councillor D. Kirton

ABSENT: His Worship Mayor C. Clark (Ex-Officio)

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

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 Donauer

1. That the letter from Minister Don Morgan, SGI, dated January 24, 2022 be added to item 7.3.3;
2. That Snow Clearing of Windrows on Medians and Bridges be added as Urgent Business; and
3. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (1): 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 Kirton

That the minutes of regular meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation held January 10, 2022 be adopted.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (1): Mayor Clark

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 Travis Neufeld - Inclusion Saskatchewan - Accessible Parking in Downtown Saskatoon [File No. CK. 6120-4]

A letter from Travis Neufeld - Inclusion Saskatchewan, dated February 1, 2022, was provided.

General Manager, Transportation & Construction Schmidt introduced the matter.

Director of Community Standards Grazier responded to questions of the Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

1. That the Administration report to SPC Transportation on the details associated with completing the Disabled Parking Permit Review project. Please include scope, timelines, financial impact, proposed engagement strategy, and best practices and lessons learned in other jurisdictions. The report should also include an audit of existing accessible parking stalls; and
2. That the matter be referred to the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee for review.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (1): Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That the Administration respond to the writer.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (1): Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Requests to Speak (new matters)

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Information Reports

Moved By: Councillor Hill

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

In Favour: (5): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (1): Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1.1 17th Street Extension Project Review [File No. CK. 6000-1]

A report from the Administration was provided.

Director of Transportation Magus introduced the matter and addressed questions.

Moved By: Councillor Kirton

That the Administration report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation on funding requirements for the Transportation Division to collaborate with the Planning Department, in reviewing this project to ensure that future plans align with the west industrial local area plan and needs of residents and stakeholders in the area, including any funding requirements to engage with the West Industrial and Pleasant Hill residents and the Riversdale BID.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1.2 2021 Summer Road Maintenance Summary [File No. CK. 6315-1]

A report from the Administration was provided.

General Manager, Transportation & Construction Schmidt introduced the matter and along with Director of Roadways, Fleet and Support Services Saric responded to questions of the Committee.

7.1.3 Central Industrial Area Traffic Review Follow-Up [File No. CK. 6320-1]

A report from the Administration was provided.

Senior Transportation Engineer Baudais introduced the matter and along with City Manager Jorgenson responded to questions of the Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

That the matter be referred to City Council for information.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (1): Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1.4 Neighbourhood Traffic Review Program Summary [File No. CK. 6320-1]

A report from the Administration was provided.

Senior Transportation Engineer Baudais introduced the matter and responded to questions of the Committee.

The public meeting recessed at 4:10 p.m. and reconvened at 4:20 p.m.

7.2 Approval Reports

7.3 Decision Reports

7.3.1 City of Saskatoon Impound Lot Business Model [File No. CK. 6120-6]

The Deputy City Clerk reported that the SPC on Transportation, at its meeting held on December 6, 2021, considered the following item and resolved that the matter be deferred to the February 7th meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation for further consideration and that the Administration provide an information report addressing the questions related to the Cities Act and how it would affect a city run operation vs a third party run operation, and include information related to the City of Edmonton experience.

A report containing the additional information requested was provided.

Director of Community Standards Grazier introduced the item and along with General Manager, Community Services Lacroix addressed questions of the Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

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

1. That Option #1 – Business as Usual (that the current Impound Lot operates business as usual with an increased focus on identifying operational efficiencies), be approved with further reporting to be provided after two full years of operation, post-pandemic; and
2. That the Mayor write a letter to the Minister of Justice seeking an amendment to The Summary Offences Procedure Regulations to permit Cities to adopt by bylaw a late payment charge that may exceed the amount provided by section 14(2) of the regulations.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (1): Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3.2 Councillor D. Kirton - Collision History on Circle Drive Between College Drive and Attridge Drive [File No. CK. 6001-1 x 6320-5]

A report from the Administration was provided.

Director of Transportation Magus introduced the matter and responded to questions of the Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Kirton

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

1. That the detailed design of a median barrier on Circle Drive between College Drive and Attridge Drive be added as a project to the Transportation Infrastructure List for future prioritization (Option 3);
2. That the installation of a median barrier on Circle Drive between College Drive and Attridge Drive be added as a project to the Transportation Infrastructure List for future prioritization (Option 3); and

3. That a policy or guideline be developed for retrofitting median barriers on high-speed roadways (expressways and freeways) (Option 3).

In Favour: (5): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (1): Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3.3 Vehicle Noise Mitigation Study Final Report [File No. CK. 375-2]

A report from the Administration was provided along with a letter from Minister Don Morgan, SGI, dated January 24, 2022 was provided.

Senior Transportation Engineer Baudais introduced the matter and along with Solicitor Kowalski and Director of Transportation Magus responded to questions of the Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

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

1. That the vehicle noise information be reviewed and updated for the future 311 Customer Service System (Recommendation 3);
2. That it pursue stronger legislative and regulatory penalties for street racing, stunt driving infractions (Recommendation 14); by advocating to the Minister responsible for SGI;
3. That the Administration implement Option 2 and prioritize based on City Council providing a ranking of each recommendation; and
4. That the Administration add the prioritized recommendations to the options portion be presented for 2023 budget consideration.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (1): Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. URGENT BUSINESS

8.1 Snow Clearing of Windrows on Medians and Bridges

Pursuant to earlier resolution, this matter was added as Urgent Business. Councillor Kirton spoke to the urgency of snow clearing during snow events and the current height of the windrows.

General Manager, Transportation & Construction Schmidt responded to questions of the Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Kirton

That the Administration report back on the effectiveness and costs, as soon as possible, on the following proposed recommendation:

“That Priority 1 Streets be cleared of snow within 12 hours, with no exceptions.

That priority 2 streets be cleared of snow within 36 hours except when windrows become dangerously high. In that case, administration will assign existing crews to (a) clear roads and (b) remove windrows on medians and bridges.

That priority 3 streets be cleared of snow within 72 hours except when windrows become dangerously high. In that case, administration will assign existing crews to (a) clear roads and (b) remove windrows on medians and bridges.”

In Favour: (5): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (1): Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. MOTIONS (Notice Previously Given)

10. GIVING NOTICE

11. IN CAMERA AGENDA ITEMS

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Councillor B. Dubois, Chair

Deputy City Clerk S. Bryant