



**PUBLIC MINUTES  
GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 9:30 a.m.  
via teleconference, hosted from Council Chamber, Saskatoon City Hall**

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

**ABSENT:** Councillor T. Davies

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager J. Jorgenson  
City Solicitor C. Yelland  
City Clerk A. Tittlemore  
Committee Assistant J. Hudson

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. on Treaty 6 Territory; traditional territory of the Cree, Dene, Nakota, Saulteaux, and Ojibwe, and the Homeland of the Métis Nation. Roll call was taken.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

1. That the following emails dated February 17, 2022, be added to Item 8.1.2:
  - request to speak from Robert Clipperton on behalf of Bus Riders of Saskatoon; and
  - comments from Darcy Pederson, President, ATU Local 615;
2. That the matter of an appointment to the Riversdale Business Improvement District Board of Management be added as agenda Item 13.7;
3. That Items 12.2.1 and 8.1.2 be considered in that order, immediately following adoption of the minutes; and
4. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

In Favour (10): Councillor Hill, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen  
Absent (1): Councillor Davies

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Councillor Gersher declared a conflict of interest with respect to agenda Item 13.3.2.1 due to a potential conflict related to a family member's business.

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

That the minutes of the Governance and Priorities Committee meeting held on January 24, 2022, be adopted.

In Favour (10): Councillor Hill, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen  
Absent (1): Councillor Davies

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Item 12.2.1 was considered next.

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

**6.1 Sexual Discrimination Regarding Proposed Library Design (CK 650-1)**

An email from Cary Tarasoff dated January 24, 2022, was provided. Councillor Gough confirmed the Library Board has issued a response to the writer.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

That the information be received.

In Favour (10): Councillor Hill, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen  
Absent (1): Councillor Davies

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.2 Saskatoon North Partnership for Growth (P4G) - 2021 Annual Report (CK 4250-1)**

The above-noted document was provided.

**Moved By:** Councillor Donauer

That the Saskatoon North Partnership for Growth (P4G) 2021 Annual Report be received and forwarded to City Council for information.

In Favour (10): Councillor Hill, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen  
Absent (1): Councillor Davies

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting recessed from 11:00 a.m. to 11:15 p.m.

**7. REQUESTS TO SPEAK (new matters)**

**8. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATIVE REPORTS**

**8.1 Information Reports**

**8.1.1 Council Communications and Constituency Relations Allowance - 2021 (CK 230-4)**

A report of the City Clerk was provided.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

That the report of the City Clerk dated February 22, 2022, be received as information.

In Favour (10): Councillor Hill, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen  
Absent (1): Councillor Davies

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Item 8.2.1 was considered next.

### **8.1.2 Mask Enforcement on Saskatoon Transit (CK 270-7)**

A report from the Administration was provided, along with the following emails dated February 17, 2022:

- request to speak from Robert Clipperton on behalf of Bus Riders of Saskatoon; and
- comments from Darcy Pederson, President, ATU Local 615

General Manager, Transportation & Construction Division Schmidt presented the report.

Robert Clipperton spoke on behalf of Bus Riders of Saskatoon in support of continued mandatory masking on Saskatoon Transit.

The Administration responded to questions of Committee.

**Moved By:** Councillor Kirton

That the report of the General Manager, Transportation and Construction Division, dated February 22, 2022, be received as information.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Moved By:** Mayor Clark

That that a report be submitted to City Council recommending the Administration implement Option 4 for mask enforcement as outlined in the report of the General Manager, Transportation & Construction Division, dated February 22, 2022.

In Favour (7): Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen

Against (3): Councillor Hill, Councillor Donauer, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

**CARRIED**

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

That a report be submitted to City Council recommending that operational updates regarding rates of compliance and negative interactions related to masking on Transit be provided to members of City Council weekly beginning in March until mandatory masking is lifted. That these updates be provided in whatever manner is most suitable to the Administration.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Item 6.1 was considered next.

## **8.2 Approval Reports**

### **8.2.1 Governance Review – Advisory Committees – Review of Terms of Reference (CK 225-1 x 255-2)**

At its December 13, 2021 meeting, the Governance and Priorities Committee tabled the above report of the City Solicitor for consideration at the February 22, 2022 meeting.

The following were also provided:

- letter dated February 15, 2022, from the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee; and
- letter dated February 15, 2022 from the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

City Solicitor Yelland presented the report and responded to questions of Committee, along with the City Clerk.

The Chair of the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee, Chelsea Wisser, was in attendance for questions and comments.

**Moved By:** Councillor Block

That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend to City Council that:

1. Amendments to the Advisory Committee Terms of Reference be approved to:
  - a) Permit flexibility in the conduct of meetings to allow for virtual participation;

- b) Include a statement regarding the role of Agency Representatives;
  - c) Update the Advisory Committee composition language contained in the Terms of Reference as provided in the report;
  - d) Change the meeting schedule for the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee from the second Thursday of the month to the third Wednesday of the month;
  - e) Change the language in bullet 4 of the Terms of Reference for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee to reflect the Committee's role to support the provision of education and training rather than provide it; and
  - f) Remove the Ministry of Environment as an Agency Representative from the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee Terms of Reference and make any other consequential amendments;
2. A recruitment committee be established, including representatives of the City Clerk's Office and members of City Council to review applications for civic boards and committees and make appointment recommendations to the Governance and Priorities Committee; and
  3. The City Solicitor's Office prepare the appropriate amendments to *The Procedures and Committees Bylaw, 2014* to reflect the changes identified in this report.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **8.2.2 City Council Travel and Training Expenses - 2021 (CK 1970-1)**

A report of the City Clerk was provided.

**Moved By:** Councillor Donauer

That the Governance and Priorities Committee:

1. approve the allocation of travel and training expenditures for 2021; and
2. forward this report to City Council for information, in accordance with Council Policy No. C01-023, *City Councillors' Travel and Training*.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **8.2.3 City Councillors' Travel and Training Policy – Inclusion of Strategic Priority Areas (CK 1970-0)**

A report of the City Clerk was provided.

Shellie Bryant, Deputy City Clerk, Administrative Services, was in attendance to present the report and respond to questions.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That Policy No. C01-023 be amended to include a provision for travel and training pertaining to the Councillors' Strategic Priority Areas and any housekeeping amendments as outlined in this report; and
2. That the City Clerk be instructed to update Policy No. C01-023 City Councillors' Travel and Training Policy.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **8.2.4 City Council Car Allowance - 2021 (CK 1970-1)**

A report of the City Clerk was provided.

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

That the Governance and Priorities Committee:

1. approve the allocation of car allowance expenditures for 2021; and
2. forward this report to City Council for information, in accordance with Council Policy No. C01-023, *City Councillors' Travel and Training*.

In Favour (10): Councillor Hill, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen  
Absent (1): Councillor Davies

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **8.3 Decision Reports**

#### **8.3.1 Guidelines for Reviewing Requests for Resolutions (CK 1870-1)**

A report of the City Solicitor was provided.

The City Clerk advised that similar to the request for a journalism-support motion noted within under background, the Governance and Priorities Committee considered at its [January 24, 2022](#) meeting, an email dated December 12, 2021, from Austin Lafond requesting a motion to endorse Petition e-3636, and resolved “that the information be received; and that the matter be included with the report back from the Administration regarding requests for resolutions of support.”

Further emails from Mirko Petricevic dated January 30, 2022, and Austin Lafond dated February 11, 2022, were also provided.

City Solicitor Yelland presented the report.

**Moved By:** Councillor Donauer

That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend to City Council that Council Policy C01-028, *The Flag and Proclamations Policy*, be renamed the *Protocol Policy* and expanded in accordance with Option 4 as outlined in the report of the City Solicitor dated February 22, 2022.

In Favour (10): Councillor Hill, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen  
Absent (1): Councillor Davies

**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 Donauer provided a SUMA update, that Randy Goulden has been appointed interim President until convention; and that proof of vaccination will no longer be required to attend convention (as previously advertised) to align with the province's lifting of public health orders.

**12.2 Administration**

**12.2.1 Covid-19 Update (CK 270-7)**

Pamela Goulden-McLeod, Director of Emergency Management Organization, provided an update on the community and corporate status of Covid-19. City Manager Jorgenson spoke to the targeted mask enforcement for staff effective February 28, 2022.

Director of EMO Goulden-McLeod and Trevor Bell, Acting General Manager, Utilities & Environment Division, answered questions of Committee.

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois  
That the information be received.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Item 8.1.2 was considered next.

**13. IN CAMERA SESSION**

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois  
That the Committee move *In Camera* to consider the following items.

In Favour (10): Councillor Hill, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen  
Absent (1): Councillor Davies

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**13.1 Consideration of Funding Tools for the City's Proposed Entertainment District Project (CK 4130-14 x 1910-2)**

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

**13.2 Initial Strategies to Support Funding the Downtown Event and Entertainment District Project (CK 4130-14)**

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

**13.3 Verbal Updates**

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

**13.3.2 Administration**

**13.3.2.1 City Manager**

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

**13.4 Appointments - Sutherland Business Improvement District - 2022 Board of Management (CK 175-50)**

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

**13.5 Appointment - Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee (SAAC) (CK 225-70)**

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

**13.6 Appointment - Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) (CK 175-58)**

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

**13.7 Appointment - Riversdale Business Improvement District Board of Management (CK 175-49)**

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

#### 14. RISE AND REPORT

The Committee convened *In Camera* at 11:52 a.m. with the following in attendance via teleconference:

- All Committee members, except Councillor Davies
- City Manager Jorgenson and members of the Executive Leadership Team
- For Items 13.1 and 13.2 – Dan Willems, Director of Technical Services

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

The meeting recessed from 1:14 p.m. to 1:44 p.m.

As per earlier public resolution, Councillor Gersher declared a conflict of interest with respect to Item 13.3.2.1 and recused herself from the related discussion.

The Committee moved to rise and report at 2:49 p.m. and reconvened publicly immediately thereafter to reports as follows:

##### **Agenda Item 13.1 - Consideration of Funding Tools for the City's Proposed Entertainment District Project (CK 4130-14 x 1910-2)**

*Director of Technical Services Willems was in attendance for the In Camera discussion.*

**Moved By:** Councillor Jeffries

That the information be received and the submitted report and discussion remain *In Camera* under Section 16(1)(b) of *LAFOIP*.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

##### **Agenda Item 13.2 - Initial Strategies to Support Funding the Downtown Event and Entertainment District Project (CK 4130-14)**

*Director of Technical Services Willems was in attendance for the In Camera discussion.*

**Moved By:** Councillor Jeffries

That the information be received and the submitted report and discussion remain *In Camera* under Section 16(1)(b) of *LAFOIP*.

In Favour (10): Councillor Hill, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen  
Absent (1): Councillor Davies

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Agenda Item 13.3.1 - Verbal Updates - Council Members**

**Moved By:** Councillor Jeffries

1. That the verbal updates of the members of Council be received as information; and
2. That the discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 13, 14(1), 15(1), 16(1), 17(1), 18(1), 19, 20, and 21 of *LAFOIP*.

In Favour (10): Councillor Hill, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen  
Absent (1): Councillor Davies

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Agenda Item 13.3.2 - Verbal Updates – Administration (Item 13.3.2.1 – City Manager)**

*Councillor Gersher declared a conflict of interest with respect to this item and recused herself from the following vote.*

**Moved By:** Councillor Jeffries

1. That the verbal updates of the City Manager be received as information; and
2. That the discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 13, 14(1), 15(1), 16(1), 17(1), 18(1), 19, 20, and 21 of *LAFOIP*.

In Favour (9): Councillor Hill, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen  
Absent (1): Councillor Davies

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Agenda Item 13.4 – Appointments - Sutherland Business Improvement District - 2022 Board of Management (CK 175-50)**

**Moved By:** Councillor Jeffries

1. That a report be submitted to City Council recommending approval of the appointments to the Sutherland Business Improvement District Board of Management for 2022;

2. That the letter from the Board Chair dated January 25, 2022, be appended to the public minutes; and
3. That the discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 16(1)(b) and (d) and 28 of *LAFOIP*.

In Favour (10): Councillor Hill, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen  
Absent (1): Councillor Davies

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Agenda Item 13.5 - Appointment - Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee (SAAC) (CK 225-70)**

**Moved By:** Councillor Jeffries

1. That a report be submitted to City Council recommending Paul Benson be appointed the Saskatoon Council on Aging representative on the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee to the end of 2022; and
2. That the submitted information and discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 16(1)(b) and (d) and 28 of *LAFOIP*.

In Favour (10): Councillor Hill, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen  
Absent (1): Councillor Davies

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Agenda Item 13.6 - Appointment - Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) (CK 175-58)**

**Moved By:** Councillor Jeffries

1. That a report be submitted to City Council recommending that Brandi Gartner be appointed to the Public Art Advisory Committee to the end of 2023; and
2. That the submitted information and discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 16(1)(b) and (d) and 28 of *LAFOIP*.

In Favour (10): Councillor Hill, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen  
Absent (1): Councillor Davies

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Agenda Item 13.7 - Appointment - Riversdale Business Improvement District Board of Management (CK 175-49)**

**Moved By:** Councillor Jeffries

1. That a report be submitted to City Council recommending that the appointment of James Frost to the Riversdale Business Improvement District Board of Management be approved;
2. That the letter from the Executive Director dated January 24, 2022, be appended to the public minutes; and
3. That the discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 16(1)(b) and (d) and 28 of *LAFOIP*.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

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Councillor D. Hill, Chair

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A. Tittlemore, City Clerk