



PUBLIC MINUTES

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Monday, April 11, 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 via teleconference at 2:03 p.m.
Councillor D. Kirton
His Worship Mayor C. Clark (Ex-Officio) via teleconference

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor C. Block via teleconference
General Manager, Transportation & Construction T. Schmidt
Solicitor D. Kowalski
Deputy City Clerk S. Bryant
Committee Assistant H. Thompson

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.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

1. That the letter submitting comments from Bert Bartake, Walking Saskatoon, dated April 10, 2022, be added to item 7.1.1;
2. That item 7.1.2 Noise Mitigation at the City of Saskatoon Snow Management Sites be withdrawn;
3. That the request to speak from Cary Tarasoff, dated April 10, 2022, be added to item 7.1.4;
4. That item 7.3.1 Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study - Phase 1 Endorsement Request be moved under Unfinished Business as item 5.1; and
5. That the item with a speaker be heard following Unfinished Business:

- 7.1.4 - Cary Tarasoff;

6. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill, 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 Jeffries

That the minutes of regular meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation held on March 7, 2022 be adopted.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study – Phase 1 Endorsement Request [File No. CK. 6000-1]

Deputy City Clerk Bryant reported that the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation, at its meeting held on March 7, 2022, deferred this matter to this meeting due to time constraints. A report of the General Manager, Transportation and Construction, dated March 7, 2022 was provided.

In addition, City Council, at its meeting held on November 22, 2021 considered a general project update and resolved:

1. *That His Worship the Mayor send a letter to the Minister of Highways documenting the need and importance of completing Phase 3 of the Saskatoon Freeway planning and requesting that the Province reconsider the decision to cancel the planning work for Phase 3 of the Saskatoon Freeway project;*

2. *That the Mayor's Office consult with Reeve Harwood and/or the RM of Corman Park regarding the possibility of issuing a joint letter, signed by the Mayor and the Reeve;*
3. *That the letter be copied to the Premier and all Saskatoon area Government MLA's; and*
4. *That the letter from the Mayor ask the Minister to clarify the current direction and the expected timeframe for Phase 3 to be started.*

The letter from Reeve Judy Harwood, R.M. of Corman Park with Mayor Charlie Clark, City of Saskatoon, dated February 16, 2022 to Minister of Highways and response letter from Minister Fred Bradshaw, Minister of Highways, Government of Saskatchewan, dated March 10, 2022 were provided for information.

General Manager, Transportation & Construction Schmidt introduced the matter and along with Director of Transportation Magus responded to questions related to the timing of the project.

Geoffrey Meinert, Senior Project Manager, Government of Saskatchewan was also present virtually to respond to questions of the Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council that City Council endorse the Saskatoon Freeway Functional Planning Study – Phase 1 Functional Design Report and supporting appendices with the exceptions outlined in this report (Option 3).

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 7.1.4 was considered next.

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 Jeffries

That the reports contained in Items 7.1.1 and 7.1.3 be received as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1.1 Sweeping of Pedestrian Walkways on Bridges, Cycle Tracks, and Multi-Use Pathways [File No. CK. 6315-3]

A report from the Administration was provided along with a letter submitting comments from Bert Bartake, Walking Saskatoon, dated April 10, 2022.

General Manager, Transportation and Construction Schmidt presented the report and along with Director of Roadways, Fleet and Support Saric responded to questions of the Committee.

Moved By: Mayor Clark

1. That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to Council that option 1A, as outlined in the report, be approved for 2022; and
2. That the Administration report back on options for criteria to trigger service level enhancement for spring sweeping of pedestrian walkways on bridges, multiuse pathways and raised cycle pathways.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1.2 Noise Mitigation at City of Saskatoon Snow Management Sites [File No. CK. 600-29 x 375-2]

This matter was withdrawn.

7.1.3 Options to Collect on Unpaid Parking Tickets [File No. CK. 5301-1]

A report from the Administration was provided.

Director of Community Standards Grazier presented the report and responded to questions related to the options to collect.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

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

1. That the Administration pursue all feasible and/or cost-effective ways to obtain outstanding parking ticket revenue; and
2. That the Administration report back within two years regarding the success of these initiatives, and whether Administration recommends lobbying the province for legislative change at that time.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1.4 Investigation of Service Disruptions in Saskatoon Transit [File No. CK. 7300-1]

A report from the Administration was provided along with a request to speak from Cary Tarasoff, dated April 10, 2022.

General Manager, Transportation and Construction Schmidt presented the report and along with City Internal Auditor Saleem responded to questions of the Committee.

The Committee heard from Cary Tarasoff regarding the matter.

Moved By: Councillor Kirton

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council that option 2 as outlined in the report be approved.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 7.1.1 was considered next.

7.2 Approval Reports

7.2.1 Budget Adjustment Request – Capital Project P.01361 – V&E Fuel Stations [File No. CK. 600-4 x 1702-1]

A report from the Administration was provided.

General Manager, Transportation and Construction Schmidt presented the report.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

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

1. That a budget adjustment increase to Capital Project P.01361 - V&E Fuel Stations, in the amount of \$545,000 be approved; and
2. That the budget adjustment be funded from the Civic Vehicles and Equipment Replacement Reserve.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.2 Traffic Bylaw Amendment – New Parking App [File No. CK. 6120-3]

A report from the Administration was provided.

Director of Community Standards Grazier presented the report and along with General Manager of Community Services Lacroix responded to questions related to the communication plan for the app transition.

Solicitor Kowalski responded to questions related to the proposed bylaw amendment.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

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

1. That any parking app approved by the City of Saskatoon be an acceptable method to pay parking fees under The Traffic Bylaw.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

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

2. That authority to approve future parking apps be delegated to the General Manager of Community Services.

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

Against: (1): Councillor Hill

CARRIED

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

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

3. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the proposed amendments to Bylaw No. 7200, The Traffic Bylaw.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee recessed at 4:13 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m. with all members of Committee present, with the exception of Mayor Clark.

7.2.3 Veteran Parking Program [File No. CK. 6120-0]

A report from the Administration was provided.

Director of Community Standards Grazier presented the report.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

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

1. That a 15-month pilot program which permits any driver with a valid SGI Veteran license plate to park in Saskatoon pay parking zones free-of-charge within the posted time restrictions, be approved; and
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare proposed amendments to Bylaw No. 7200, Traffic Bylaw, 1991, effective November 1, 2022.

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

Absent (1): Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Decision Reports

8. URGENT BUSINESS

9. MOTIONS (Notice Previously Given)

10. GIVING NOTICE

11. IN CAMERA AGENDA ITEMS

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Councillor B. Dubois, Chair

Deputy City Clerk S. Bryant