

## Additional Decision Background

At its Regular Business Meeting held on September 28, 2015, City Council considered the following item Inquiry – Councillor M. Loewen (October 11, 2011) Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and resolved:

- “1. That the report of the General Manager, Corporate Performance Department dated September 14, 2015 be received as information.
2. That the Administration report back as soon as possible with the following information:
  - Steps for implementing systems in key departments which would evaluate new infrastructure and projects (and retrofits to existing infrastructure/projects) to ensure adequate performance in a variety of weather conditions including extreme events; and
  - Additional information speaking to the adequacy of current funding approaches to dealing with possible change weather conditions and their impacts on civic assets and services.”

In November 2015, the City became a signatory to the Compact of Mayors, now known as the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, which commits the City of Saskatoon (City) to address climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and creating a climate change adaptation action plan.

- The Paris Agreement’s central aim is to limit global temperature rise this century to well below 2<sup>0</sup> C above pre-industrial (1850-1900) levels and to pursue additional efforts to further reduce warming to below 1.5<sup>0</sup> C<sup>i</sup>.

The Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services at its meeting held on March 8, 2016, received further information about the City’s preparedness to address climate change impacts to protect key infrastructure.

The Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services, at its meeting held on June 12, 2017, received communication from Administration that Capital Project No. 2183 would leverage funding for a Corporate Adaptation Strategy pending approved grant funding to address Climate Change Mitigation and Natural Capital Asset Valuation, both of which have been approved for grant funding through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

The Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services, at its meeting held on September 11, 2017, received a report outlining how \$80,000 would be used to develop a plan for a corporate-wide Environmental Management System. Administration has identified an opportunity for efficiencies by aligning the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy with this initiative.

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<sup>i</sup> United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. (2019). The Paris Agreement. Retrieved from <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/the-paris-agreement>.