



PUBLIC MINUTES
GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

Monday, July 18, 2022, 9:30 a.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall

PRESENT: Councillor R. Donauer, Chair
Councillor T. Davies, via teleconference at 2:00 p.m.
His Worship Mayor C. Clark
Councillor C. Block, via teleconference
Councillor B. Dubois, via teleconference
Councillor S. Gersher
Councillor H. Gough
Councillor D. Hill, via teleconference
Councillor Z. Jeffries
Councillor D. Kirton
Councillor M. Loewen

ALSO PRESENT: A/City Manager L. Lacroix
City Solicitor C. Yelland
City Clerk A. Tittlemore
Deputy City Clerk S. Bryant

1. CALL TO ORDER

As Deputy Mayor Davies was not in attendance until the *In Camera* session, Councillor Donauer Chaired the meeting. He 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 Gersher

1. That the presentation from Depesh Parmar be included with item 8.2.2;
2. That the following letters be included with item 8.3.1:
 1. Requests to Speak

1. Brent Penner, Executive Director, Downtown Saskatoon, dated July 15, 2022;
2. Randy Pshebylo, Executive Director, Riversdale BID, dated July 17, 2022;
2. Comments - DeeAnn Mercier, Executive Director, Broadway BID, dated July 17, 2022;
3. That the items with speakers be heard following Adoption of Minutes:
 1. 7.1 - Jay Protz;
 2. 8.2.2 - Depesh Parmar;
 3. 8.3.1 - Brent Penner and Randy Pshebylo; and
4. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

In Favour (10): Councillor Donauer, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, 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 a portion of agenda item 13.2 due to a potential conflict related to 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 approved:

- regular meeting held on June 20, 2022; and
- special meeting held on June 22, 2022.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. COMMUNICATIONS (requiring the direction of the Committee)

7. REQUESTS TO SPEAK (new matters)

7.1 Jay Protz - Saskatoon Firefighters, Local 80 - Saskatoon Firefighters Donation for Ukraine

A request to speak from Jay Protz, Executive Member, Saskatoon Firefighters, Local 80, dated June 24, 2022 was provided.

Jay Protz provided an update to Committee on the Sister City of Chernivtsi and what the donations were used for. Committee requested that a list of the items be made available publicly. Post-meeting the following information was obtained:

“As far as what Saskatoon Firefighters donated using the money donated from the City of Saskatoon (\$10 000) it was:

25 portable radios (reprogrammed to European Standards)

1 mobile

1 base

2 Satellite phones (Programed to be used in Europe)

This totaled the \$10 000”

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

That the information be received.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 8.2.2 was considered next.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

8.1 Information Reports

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

That the reports submitted as Items 8.1.1 to 8.1.5 be received as information.

In Favour (9): Councillor Donauer, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Absent (2): Councillor Davies, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.1.1 Rapid Housing Initiative – Considerations for Future Funding [File No. CK 750-4]

A report from the Administration was provided and presented by Director of Planning and Development Anderson.

The Committee recessed at 11:20 a.m. and reconvened at 11:30 a.m. with all members in attendance with the exception of Councillor Davies.

Discussion continued.

Moved By: Councillor Gough

1. That Committee endorse full City participation and support of the future RHI investments in our community and that, as required, administration bring back internal resource requirements in order to avoid impacting the work plan and development of the Housing Business plan.
2. That Administration report back on options for a city capital funding allocation toward the next round of RHI.
3. That Administration, led by Saskatoon Land, investigate and bring back options for appropriate land acquisitions in support of potential future projects and any consideration of publicly owned lands in partnership with other orders of Government.

In Favour (9): Councillor Donauer, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against (1): Councillor Hill

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

CARRIED

Moved By: Councillor Gough

4. That Administration investigate potential measures to overcome land use designation challenges associated with potential sites.

In Favour (9): Councillor Donauer, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against (1): Councillor Hill

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

CARRIED

Moved By: Mayor Clark

That the report be forwarded to Minister Hussen and appropriate contacts at CMHC and FCM.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.1.2 2021 Report on Service, Savings and Sustainability [File No. CK 430-75]

A report from the Administration was provided and presented by Strategy and Transformation Officer Anger. She responded to questions of Committee together with Chief Financial Officer Hack and Director of Organizational Strategy Execution Okochi.

Moved By: Councillor Kirton

That this report be sent to the Combined Business Group for distribution to members.

In Favour (9): Councillor Donauer, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against (1): Councillor Hill

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

CARRIED

8.1.3 Update on Animal Cruelty Investigations in Saskatoon [File No. CK 151-13]

A report from the Administration was provided and presented by A/City Manager Lacroix. She responded to questions of Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

That Administration reach out to the Province to explore options to provide enforcement beyond the current level of service for the Animal Protection Act for after-hours and weekend service.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Gough

That the City request the Province ensure the shelter agreement they negotiate for receiving animals in Saskatoon is available all hours from any authorized Animal Protection Officer.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.1.4 Inquiry - Councillor M. Loewen - Representation at Meetings from Controlled Corporations and Other External Entities [File No. CK 175-1]

A report of City Clerk Tittlemore was provided and presented by him. He responded to questions of Committee.

Councillor Jeffries excused himself from the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

That the report be forwarded to City Council for information.

In Favour (9): Councillor Donauer, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Absent (2): Councillor Davies, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.1.5 Council Communications and Constituency Relations Allowance - Update to June 30, 2022 [File No. CK 230-4]

A report of City Clerk Tittlemore was provided and presented by him.

8.2 Approval Reports

8.2.1 2024 – 2035 Major Capital Prioritization Process [File No. CK 430-72, x1700-1, x611-3]

A report from the Administration was provided.

Chief Financial Officer Hack presented the report and responded to questions of Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

That the Administration be directed to develop and bring forward a 2024 – 2035 Capital Project Prioritization Process based on the approach outlined in the July 18, 2022 report of the Chief Financial Officer.

In Favour (9): Councillor Donauer, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Absent (2): Councillor Davies, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 8.2.3 was considered next.

8.2.2 Ideas Inc. Lease Renewal [File No. CK 4129-22]

A report from the Administration was provided along with a request to speak from Depesh Parmar, Ideas Inc., dated July 4, 2022.

A/City Manager Lacroix introduced the report.

Depesh Parmar spoke to the matter and presented slides.

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That the Lease and Operating Agreement between the City of Saskatoon and Ideas Inc., respecting 420 Avenue B South, be approved; and
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate agreement and that His Worship, the Mayor, and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement under the corporate seal.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 8.3.1 was considered next.

8.2.3 City Agency Recruitment and Evaluation Committee Terms of Reference [File No. CK 225-87]

A report of City Solicitor Yelland was provided and presented by her. She responded to questions of Committee.

Committee was interested in amending the proposed Terms of Reference composition of two (2) to three (3) members of Council.

Moved By: Mayor Clark

That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend to City Council that the attached Terms of Reference (amended to be a composition of two (2) to three (3) members of Council) for the new City Agency Recruitment and Evaluation Committee be approved.

In Favour (8): Councillor Donauer, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against (1): Councillor Hill

Absent (2): Councillor Davies, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED

Item 13 was considered next.

8.3 Decision Reports

8.3.1 The Business Improvement Districts Bylaw, 2022 [File No. CK 175-0]

A report of the City Solicitor was provided.

Requests to Speak

- Brent Penner, Executive Director, Downtown Saskatoon, dated July 15, 2022
- Randy Pshebylo, Executive Director, Riversdale BID, dated July 17, 2022

Comments

- DeeAnn Mercier, Executive Director, Broadway BID, dated July 17, 2022

City Solicitor Yelland presented the report and responded to questions of Committee.

Brent Penner and Randy Pshebylo were in attendance to speak to the matter and addressed questions of Committee.

In order for the BID Boards to have an opportunity to review the Bylaw once presented, it was moved that the Bylaw be brought back to City Council's October 2022 meeting.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

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

1. The following changes be made to the proposed consolidated Bylaw:
 - a. That clause 11(3)(d), Board Member Responsibilities, be amended to read “advise an officer of the board or designated staff person if they are unable to attend a board meeting or general meeting”;
 - b. That a subsection 3 be added to section 14, Role of the Chair and Vice-Chair, saying that “the chair may delegate any of the actions mentioned in clauses 1(b) through (e) to a board member or district staff person, as appropriate, but remains responsible to ensure that any delegated actions are taken;
 - c. That section 19, Annual General Meeting, be amended so that the requirement for a BID to hold an Annual General Meeting be within a six month period following its most recent fiscal year rather than four months;
 - d. That section 20, Authority of the City Manager, be deleted;
 - e. That section 28, Insurance, be deleted, and that the City Solicitor’s Office shall continue to work with the BIDs regarding any insurance issues;
 - f. That the BIDs be required to provide their annual report to Council by June 30 of each year;
 - g. That no change be made to clause 5(a), Purpose of Districts;
 - h. That no changes be made to clause 2(c) and section 24 regarding the levies except to clarify that the levy is to be paid by the tenant to the landlord and the landlord to the City;

- i. That subsection 11(4) remain as currently drafted (Option 3 – Board Member Responsibilities – City Council Appointments);
 - j. That subsection 18(2) remain as currently drafted to allow for notice of an annual general meeting or a general meeting to be at least 15 days (Option 1 – Annual General Meetings);
 - k. That section 8 be amended to allow for the appointment of two “at large” members of the board rather than non-profit corporate appointments (Option 2 – Eligibility for Appointments);
 - l. That subsection 25(3) be amended to allow for the BIDs to incur indebtedness of up to five years for the lease of office space or the lease of office equipment but limit indebtedness to the current year for other reasons but allow for exceptions on application to and approval by the Standing Policy Committee on Finance (Option 3 – Expenditures by Board);
 - m. That subsection 33(3) be amended to provide that any surplus be used to support an initiative or project in the area of the former BID (Option 2 – Disestablishment of a District); and
2. That the City Solicitor be instructed to bring forward the updated version of The Business Improvement Districts Bylaw, 2022 to City Council's October 2022 for its consideration.

In Amendment

Moved By: Councillor Kirton

That section 8 be amended to allow for the appointment of “at large” members of the board but business owners shall constitute the majority and quorum of a BID Board.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Vote on Main Motion as Amended:

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

Absent (1): Councillor Davies

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 8.1.1 was considered next.

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

12.2 Administration

13. IN CAMERA SESSION

Moved By: Councillor Gough

That the Committee move *In Camera* to consider items 13.1 to 13.5.

In Favour (9): Councillor Donauer, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Absent (2): Councillor Davies, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.1 Verbal Updates

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

13.1.2 Administration

13.2 City Manager Updates

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

13.3 Appointment - Development Appeals Board (DAB) [File No. CK 175-21]

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

13.4 Resignation - Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee (SEAC) [File No. CK 175-9]

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

13.5 Resignation - Remai Modern Art Gallery of Saskatchewan (The Art Gallery of Saskatchewan Inc.) and Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation Board of Trustees [File No. CK 175-27]

[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 2:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:

- All Committee members (Councillors Block, Davies, Dubois, and Hill, via teleconference), with the exception of Councillor Jeffries
- A/City Manager Lacroix, excused for a portion of 13.1.1
- City Clerk Tittmore
- Solicitor Yelland, excused for a portion of 13.1.1
- Deputy City Clerk Bryant, excused for a portion of 13.1.1
- City Manager J. Jorgenson for a portion of 13.2
- Solicitor D. Kowalski for 13.1.1 and a portion of 13.2
- Director of Major Projects & Preservation D. Willems for 13.1.1 and a portion of 13.2
- General Manager, Transportation and Construction T. Schmidt for 13.1.1 and a portion of 13.2

- Director of Recreation and Community Development Roberts for a portion of 13.2

Councillor Gersher declared a conflict of interest for a portion of item 13.2 and recused herself from the discussion.

The Committee moved to rise and report. The *In Camera* portion of the meeting recessed at 3:57 p.m.

Committee reconvened publicly and reported as follows:

13.1 Verbal Updates

13.1.1 Council Members - His Worship the Mayor; FCM/SUMA; Boards, Committees & Commissions; Personnel Subcommittee

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

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 Davies, Councillor Donauer, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Absent (1): Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.1.2 Administration

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

1. That the verbal updates of the Administration 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 Davies, Councillor Donauer, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Absent (1): Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.2 City Manager Updates

Councillor Gersher recused herself from discussion and voting on this matter.

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

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

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

Conflict (1): Councillor Gersher

Absent (1): Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.3 Appointment - Development Appeals Board (DAB) [File No. CK 175-21]

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

1. That a report be submitted to City Council recommending that Nick Sackville be appointed to the Development Appeals Board to the end of 2024, effectively immediately;
2. That the City Clerk continue to advertise for the one remaining vacancy; and
3. That the submitted information and discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 16(1)(b) and (d) and 28 of *LAFOIP*.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**13.4 Resignation - Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee (SEAC)
[File No. CK 175-9]**

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

1. That the submitted information and discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 16(1)(b) and (d) and 28 of *LAFOIP*; and
2. That the City Clerk advertise for the vacancy.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.5 Resignation - Remai Modern Art Gallery of Saskatchewan (The Art Gallery of Saskatchewan Inc.) and Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation Board of Trustees [File No. CK 175-27]

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

1. That the submitted information and discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 16(1)(b) and (d) and 28 of *LAFOIP*; and
2. That the City Clerk advertise for the vacancy.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Councillor R. Donauer, Chair

City Clerk A. Tittlemore