



MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Monday, August 29, 2022, 1:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, City Hall

PRESENT:

His Worship, Mayor C. Clark, in the Chair
Councillor R. Donauer
Councillor B. Dubois
Councillor S. Gersher
Councillor H. Gough
Councillor D. Hill
Councillor D. Kirton
Councillor M. Loewen

ABSENT:

Councillor C. Block
Councillor T. Davies
Councillor Z. Jeffries

ALSO PRESENT:

City Manager J. Jorgenson
City Solicitor C. Yelland
Chief Financial Officer C. Hack
General Manager, Community Services L. Lacroix
General Manager, Transportation & Construction T. Schmidt
General Manager, Utilities & Environment A. Gardiner
City Clerk A. Tittlemore
Deputy City Clerk S. Bryant

1. NATIONAL ANTHEM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order on Treaty 6 Territory and the Traditional Homeland of the Métis People followed by the National Anthem. He confirmed roll call.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

Seconded By: Councillor Donauer

1. That the letter submitting comments from Ryan Martin, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, dated August 27, 2022 be added to item 8.2.1; and
2. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

3.1 Councillor Gersher - Downtown Event & Entertainment District - Event Centre/Arena Site Options & Public Engagement [File No. CK 4130-14]

Councillor Gersher declared a potential conflict of interest related to a family member's business.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

Seconded By: Councillor Kirton

That the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of City Council held on July 25, 2022, be adopted.

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

5. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

5.1 In Remembrance of Vernon Ireland

Mayor Clark expressed condolences on behalf of Council on the recent passing of Vernon Ireland who was an employee with Recreation and Community Development. Mayor Clark spoke to Mr. Ireland's contributions to the City.

5.2 Council Members

Mayor Clark expressed condolences on behalf of Council on the recent passing of Michael Bone, husband to Councillor Cynthia Block. Mayor Clark spoke to Mr. Bone's contributions to the community.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. QUESTION PERIOD

7.1 Councillor Kirton - Compostable Packaging [File No. CK 7830-7]

Councillor Kirton noted that compostable packaging is presently not accepted in the green nor the blue bins in Saskatoon and asked what possible measures could be taken for the City to accept that material.

General Manager, Utilities and Environment Gardiner noted that the typical compostable packaging material takes a significant amount of time to break down, and is considered a contaminant. She confirmed however that the City accepts Biodegradable Products Institute [BPI] certified compostable packaging. She suggested that most municipalities promote awareness and education to the community and retailers as the strategy to increase selection of the accepted BPI packaging.

7.2 Councillor Dubois - Foxtails in City [File No. CK 4200-2]

Councillor Dubois noted the presence of foxtails in Rosewood, and asked what measures the City is taking in regards to foxtails. Additionally she asked if there has been extra mowing in the area.

General Manager, Community Services Lacroix confirmed that there is an awareness campaign, that the weed inspectors are working with property owners in the area. She noted that regular and frequent mowing and monitoring is the best practice to control foxtails.

7.3 Councillor Hill - Off-Leash Dog Park Bylaw & Visiting Dogs [File No. CK 4205-1 x 151-15]

Councillor Hill asked for clarification on the City's off-leash dog park bylaw regarding licensed dogs from outside Saskatoon.

Director of Recreation and Community Development Roberts gave clarification on the bylaw and advised that the Administration will address an amendment.

7.4 Councillor Hill - Issued Parking Tickets [File No. CK 5301-1]

Councillor Hill asked how many tickets were issued to vehicles in the area surrounding Rotary Park during the Ukrainian Day in the Park Festival.

General Manager, Community Services Lacroix advised that the information was not readily available and will follow up.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Item 8.1.2 was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

Seconded By: Councillor Dubois

That the Committee recommendations contained in Items 8.1.1; 8.2.1; 8.3.1 to 8.3.5; 8.4.1 to 8.4.5; and 8.5.1 be adopted as one motion.

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

Item 8.1.2 was considered next.

8.1 Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services

8.1.1 Update on the 'I am the Bridge' Campaign to Ending Racism in Partnership with Saskatchewan Sport Organizations [CK. 100-10]

That the information be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.1.2 Proposed September 2022 and April 2023 Electrical Rate Increases [CK. 1905-3]

The related proposed bylaw is contained in item 11.2.1.

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda. Councillor Gough introduced the item as Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services.

General Manager, Utilities and Environment Gardiner responded to questions of Council.

Moved By: Councillor Gough

Seconded By: Councillor Hill

1. That the proposed September 1, 2022, and April 1, 2023, electrical rate increases be approved for Saskatoon Light & Power as outlined within this report; and
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate bylaw amendments to Bylaw No. 2685, *The Electric Light and Power Bylaw, 1940*.

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

Item 9.5.1 was considered next.

8.2 Standing Policy Committee Transportation

8.2.1 School Zone Snow Removal Enhancements [CK. 6290-1 x 116-2]

A letter submitting comments from Ryan Martin, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, dated August 27, 2022 was provided.

That the option for a pilot project for the enhanced services be approved within the 2022 and 2023 budgets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development & Community Services

8.3.1 Civic Naming Committee – Second Quarter Report 2022 [CK. 6310-1]

That the information be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3.2 Civic Naming Committee - Potential Shakamohtaa Street Renaming [CK. 6310-1]

1. That the request to rename Shakamohtaa Street be approved and that Administration apply a name from the Names Master List to this street;
2. That Administration work with the Métis community to identify an appropriate name to recommend for addition to the Names Master List and subsequent application to a new street; and
3. That the City Solicitors Office be directed to prepare the appropriate bylaw for the street name change.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3.3 Urban Planning and Development Program Enhancements Budget Adjustment – Enforcement Workflows [CK. 261-15, x1702-1]

That an additional \$343,000 in funding be allocated to Capital Project 2169 Urban Planning and Development Program Enhancements and be funded as outlined in the August 15, 2022 report of the General Manager, Community Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3.4 Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership – Proposed Service Contract – Implementation of Saskatoon’s Homelessness Action Plan [CK. 750-6]

1. That the City of Saskatoon enter into a 16-month service contract, beginning September 1, 2022, with the Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership to continue implementation of Saskatoon’s Homelessness Action Plan; and
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to draft the necessary agreement with the Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement, under the Corporate Seal.
3. That following execution of the contract and within 6 months, Administration report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services outlining more specifically the evaluation framework for the contract including specific key performance indicators with emphasis on implementation of the Homelessness Action Plan and any updates about learnings from coordinated access implementation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3.5 Budget Adjustment Request – Capital Project P.02379 Fire – Major Apparatus Replacement Aerial [CK. 1400-1 x 1702-1]

1. That a budget increase to Capital Project P.02379 Fire-Major Apparatus Replacement, for an Aerial, in the amount of \$161,000 be approved; and
2. That the budget adjustment be funded from the Fire Apparatus Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3.6 Lease to Manage the Farmers’ Market Building [CK. 4129-22, x600-3]

THIS ITEM WAS MOVED TO THE AUGUST 29, 2022 PUBLIC HEARING MEETING.

8.4 Standing Policy Committee on Finance

8.4.1 Meewasin Valley Authority - March 31, 2022 Financial Statements [CK. 1870-10]

That the Meewasin Valley Authority Financial Statements dated March 31, 2022, be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4.2 Indigenous Procurement Update and Next Steps [CK. 1000-5]

That a 5% Indigenous spend target be established and that the Administration report back on the time and path to achieve that.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4.3 Incentive Application – Crestline Coach Ltd. [CK. 3500-13]

1. That the application from Crestline Coach Ltd. for a five-year tax abatement on the incremental portion of taxes at 126 Wheeler Street, as a result of its development in 2022, be approved as follows:
 - a. 100% in Year 1
 - b. 80% in Year 2
 - c. 70% in Year 3
 - d. 60% in Year 4
 - e. 50% in Year 5
2. That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the appropriate agreements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4.4 Incentive Application – Vital Metals Canada Ltd. [CK. 3500-13]

1. That the application from Vital Metals Canada Ltd. for a five-year tax abatement on the incremental portion of taxes at 2950 Miners Avenue, as a result of its development in 2022, be approved as follows:

1. 100% in Year 1
 2. 80% in Year 2
 3. 70% in Year 3
 4. 60% in Year 4
 5. 50% in Year 5
2. That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the appropriate agreements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4.5 Acquisition of Additional Land for Intersection at Neault Road/33rd Street West [CK. 4020-1]

1. That Administration be authorized to purchase a 0.01-acre portion of ISC Parcel No. 203746686 from Khalsa School Inc. for \$52.50; and
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to have the agreements executed by His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk under the Corporate Seal.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Governance and Priorities Committee

8.5.1 Options for Inclusion of the Transit Service Model within Indicative Budget [CK. 7300-1, x1700-1]

That Option 3 – Inclusion of a Phased-In Transit and other Step Growth amounts be included within the Indicative Budget in each Budget Year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services

9.2 Standing Policy Committee Transportation

9.3 Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development & Community Services

9.4 Standing Policy Committee on Finance

9.5 Governance and Priorities Committee

9.5.1 Saskatoon Municipal Review Commission – 2022 Municipal Code of Conduct Committee Report [CK. 255-17]

Councillor Gersher introduced the matter as chair of the Governance and Priorities Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

Seconded By: Councillor Dubois

1. That Bylaw No. 9537, *The Code of Ethical Conduct for Members of City Council Bylaw*, 2019 be amended as follows:
 - a. That Section 16 be amended to include language that a member of Council must attend conflict of interest training, code of ethical conduct training and respectful workplace and anti-harassment training within 60 days following a general election;
 - b. That Section 38(h) be amended in part by changing “tickets to meals, banquets, receptions, sporting events, or other similar activities” to “admission or tickets to meals, banquets, receptions, community events, business events, sporting events, charitable or fund-raising events, professional theatre events, concerts or other similar events (Option 2 – Amend the Code in Part as Per the SMRC Recommendation);
 - c. That a conflict of interest section be added to refer to the provisions of The Cities Act in the Code as the rules to avoid creating situations where the Code is in conflict with The Cities Act and that the ability of members of Council to obtain external legal advice with respect to a possible conflict of interest be included;
 - d. That the Support for Charities Section be moved to the new conflict of interest section;

- e. That Section 70 be amended to make it clear that existing Councillor websites, social media, email and phone numbers do not need to be deleted during an election period;
 - f. That Section 64 be amended to remove reference to October 31st and instead reference “until after election day in a general election year”;
 - g. That Clause 84(k) be amended to provide a more fulsome description of what may be contained within the Integrity Commissioner’s annual report;
 - h. That Section 84 be amended to suggest procedures for addressing complaints and seeking resolution informally, including the addition of language allowing the Integrity Commissioner to refer a complaint to mediation or a third party upon consent of both parties;
 - i. That Schedule “A” Complaint Form be amended so that it includes a notice of privacy rights;
 - j. That Subsection 91 be amended to include language clarifying that the Integrity Commissioner has the ability, in their sole discretion, to amend the report after consideration of the matter at the Governance and Priorities Committee and before it is presented to City Council
 - k. *Removed*
 - l. That “supplies and resources to perform a Councillors’ duties” be added to section 38(a) to clarify whether office equipment, transit passes, and parking passes are considered gifts, or things necessary to perform the duties of a Councillor; and
2. That the City Solicitor be instructed to bring forward the updated version of Bylaw No. 9537, *The Code of Ethical Conduct for Members of City Council Bylaw, 2019* to City Council for its consideration; and
 3. That the Administration review the City of Saskatoon Anti-Harassment Policy and Investigative Procedures for

Members of City Council and Senior Administration Policy and that the Administration report back to the Governance and Priorities Committee with any recommended amendments upon conclusion of that review.

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Hill

Seconded By: Councillor Donauer

1. That Bylaw No. 9537, *The Code of Ethical Conduct for Members of City Council Bylaw, 2019* be amended as follows:

- k. That Sections 86-94 be amended to grant the Integrity Commissioner up to an additional 30 days (120 days) regarding communication and reporting time requirements;

In Favour: (6): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (2): Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Gersher

Absent: (3): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED (6 to 2)

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.1 Transportation & Construction

10.1.1 Downtown Event and Entertainment District – Event Centre/Arena Site Options and Public Engagement [File No. CK 4130-14]

A report of the Administration was provided.

Councillor Gersher declared a declared a potential conflict of interest related to a family member's business. She recused herself from discussion and voting on the matter and left the Council Chamber.

Director of Major Projects and Preservation Willems presented the report and responded to questions of Council along with City Manager Jorgenson and Director of Communications and Public Engagement Blumers.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

Seconded By: Councillor Hill

That the Administration proceed with public engagement to solicit feedback on the opportunities and challenges associated with the two feasible site options for a future Downtown event centre/arena, and report back with a decision report to City Council for a final decision on the site location.

In Favour: (6): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (1): Councillor Dubois

Conflict (1): Councillor Gersher

Absent: (3): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED (6 to 1)

Councillor Gersher returned to the meeting.

10.2 Utilities & Environment

10.3 Community Services

10.4 Saskatoon Fire

10.4.1 COVID 19 Reporting Update [File No. CK 270-7]

A report of the Administration was provided.

Director of Emergency Planning Goulden-McLeod presented the report and responded to questions of Council.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

Seconded By: Councillor Kirton

That the information be received.

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

10.5 Corporate Financial Services

10.5.1 Request for Lease 123 Auditorium Avenue to Biktrix Enterprises Inc. [CK. 600-3]

A report of the Administration was provided.

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

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

Seconded By: Councillor Dubois

1. That a lease agreement for 123 Auditorium Avenue, located on ISC Parcel No. 120285873, with Biktrix Enterprises Inc. for a term of 5 years, upon the terms detailed within the August 29, 2022 report of the Chief Financial Officer, be approved; and
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to have the necessary agreement executed by His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk, under the Corporate Seal.

In Favour: (7): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (1): Councillor Hill

Absent: (3): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED (7 to 1)

10.5.2 Natural Resource Canada – Toward Net-Zero Homes and Communities [CK. 752-2]

A report of the Administration was provided.

Director of Sustainability South presented and responded to questions of Council.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

Seconded By: Councillor Gough

That Administration be directed to submit the proposed projects outlined in the August 29, 2022 report of the Chief Financial Officer to the Natural Resource Canada – Toward Net-zero Homes and Communities program.

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

10.5.3 2021 Audited Financial Statements and Financial Reports [File No. CK 1895-3]

Since release of the agenda, a revised report of the Administration was provided.

Director of Finance Smith presented the report and responded to questions of Council.

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

Seconded By: Councillor Gersher

That the information be received.

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

10.6 Strategy & Transformation

10.7 Human Resources

10.8 Public Policy & Government Relations

11. LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

11.1 Office of the City Clerk

11.2 Office of the City Solicitor

11.2.1 Proposed 2022 Electrical Rate Increase - Proposed Bylaw 9840 [CK. 1905-3]

A report of the City Solicitor was provided.

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

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

Seconded By: Councillor Dubois

That permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 9840, *The Electric Light and Power Amendment Bylaw, 2022*, and give same its FIRST reading.

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

Seconded By: Councillor Gough

That Bylaw No. 9840 now be read a SECOND time.

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

Seconded By: Councillor Donauer

That permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 9840 read a third time at this meeting.

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

Seconded By: Councillor Kirton

That Bylaw No. 9840 now be read a THIRD time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

11.2.2 Governance Review – Controlled Corporations – Quorum at Director’s Meetings – Repeal and Replacement of Bylaw No. 1 – Member Resolution [CK. 175-0]

A report of the City Solicitor was provided.

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

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

Seconded By: Councillor Gersher

1. That City Council authorize the City Clerk as its representative to execute a resolution of the Member of The Art Gallery of Saskatchewan Inc. approving the repeal and replacement of The Art Gallery of Saskatchewan Inc.'s Bylaw No. 1 as attached to the August 29, 2022 report of the City Solicitor;
2. That City Council authorize the City Clerk as its representative to execute a resolution of the Member of Saskatchewan Place Association Inc. approving the repeal and replacement of Saskatchewan Place Association Inc.'s Bylaw No. 1 as attached to the August 29, 2022 report of the City Solicitor; and
3. That City Council authorize the City Clerk as its representative to execute a resolution of the Member of The Centennial Auditorium & Convention Centre Corporation approving the repeal and replacement of The Centennial Auditorium & Convention Centre Corporation's Bylaw No. 1 as attached to the August 29, 2022 report of the City Solicitor.

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

12. OTHER REPORTS

13. INQUIRIES

14. MOTIONS (NOTICE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN)

- 15. GIVING NOTICE**
- 16. URGENT BUSINESS**
- 17. IN CAMERA SESSION (OPTIONAL)**
- 18. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 pm.

Mayor

City Clerk