



PUBLIC MINUTES

GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

Monday, December 12, 2022, 9:30 a.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall

PRESENT: Councillor D. Hill, Chair
His Worship Mayor C. Clark
Councillor C. Block
Councillor T. Davies, via teleconference at 9:50 a.m.
Councillor R. Donauer
Councillor B. Dubois, via teleconference
Councillor S. Gersher
Councillor H. Gough
Councillor Z. Jeffries
Councillor D. Kirton
Councillor M. Loewen, via teleconference at 9:32 a.m.

ALSO PRESENT: Acting City Manager A. Gardiner
City Solicitor C. Yelland
City Clerk A. Tittlemore
Committee Assistant P. Walter

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 from Sherry Tarasoff, dated December 8, 2022, be added to Item 8.1.1;
2. That Reappointment - Albert Community Centre Management Committee - Lisa Kirkham be added as Item 13.4.8;
3. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

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

Absent (2): Councillor Davies, and Councillor Loewen

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 meeting of the Governance and Priorities Committee dated November 14, 2022, be adopted.

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

Absent (2): Councillor Davies, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. COMMUNICATIONS (requiring the direction of the Committee)

7. REQUESTS TO SPEAK (new matters)

7.1 Dr. Paul D. Hodgson - Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization - Update on Canada's Centre for Pandemic Research [CK 270-7]

A letter from Dr. Paul D. Hodgson, Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization dated December 2, 2022, was provided.

Dr. Hodgson provided a presentation regarding the matter and requested an increase in the City's investment by \$50,000. Dr. Hodgson responded to questions of the Committee along with Mr. Doug Richardson.

Councillor Loewen entered the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Councillor Davies entered the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Acting City Manager Gardiner responded to questions of the Committee along with City Clerk Titemore.

Moved By: Councillor Block

That the Administration report on options to fund \$50,000 for the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization as requested.

In Favour (11): Councillor Hill, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

8.1 Information Reports

8.1.1 City Council Strategic Priority and Leadership Initiative – 2022 Q4 Update [CK 116-1]

A report of the City Clerk was provided along with a letter from Sherry Tarasoff, dated December 8, 2022.

City Clerk Titemore presented the report.

Councillor Gough provided an update on the Community Safety and Wellbeing (CSWB) framework for the City of Saskatoon. A copy of the update was provided and attached to the minutes.

Councillor Block provided an update on the downtown area and the upcoming 2023 financial plan.

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

That the information be received.

In Favour (11): Councillor Hill, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.1.2 Ward Boundary Variance Jurisdictional Review [CK 265-2024]

A report of the City Clerk was provided.

City Clerk Tittlemore presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Block

1. That the Mayor provide a letter along with a copy of the information report to City of Prince Albert and City of Regina, Big City Mayors' Caucus, and Ministry of Government Relations; and
2. That the Mayor write a letter to the Minister of Government Relations proposing amendments to *The Cities Act* to change the ward boundary variances to a higher threshold variance of +/- 15-25%.

In Favour (11): Councillor Hill, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Approval Reports

8.3 Decision Reports

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

Mayor Clark spoke on the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet held on December 11, 2022.

Mayor Clark spoke to discussions at the recent Big City Mayors' Caucus meeting and meetings with Prime Minister Trudeau and Ministers LeBlanc and Hussen regarding reconciliation, housing affordability and homelessness, climate adaptation and an assessment presentation from SAMA.

12.2 Administration

13. IN CAMERA SESSION

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That the Committee move *In Camera* to consider the following items.

In Favour (11): Councillor Hill, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed at 10:45 a.m.

13.1 Downtown Event and Entertainment District Advisory Group - Strategic Considerations [CK 4130-14]

[In Camera - Consultations/Deliberations; Third Party Information - Sections 16(1)(b) and 18 LAFOIPP]

13.2 Land Negotiations Update [CK 4020-1]

[In Camera - Consultations/Deliberations; Third Party Information - Sections 16(1)(b) and 18 LAFOIPP]

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 Updates

[In Camera - Sections 13, 14(1), 15(1), 16(1), 17(1), 18(1), 19 and 20 LAFOIPP]

13.3.2.2 City Clerk Update

[In Camera - Information From Other Governments - Section 13 of LAFOIPP]

13.4 2023 Annual Appointments - Boards, Commissions and Committees [CK 225-1]

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

13.4.1 Appointments - Board of Police Commissioners

13.4.2 Appointments - Remai Modern Art Gallery of Saskatchewan and Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation (Mendel Art Gallery) Board of Trustees

13.4.3 Appointments - Saskatoon Public Library

13.4.4 Appointments - Sasktel Centre Board of Directors

13.4.5 Appointments - TCU Place (Centennial Auditorium & Convention Centre Corporation) Board of Directors

13.4.6 Appointments - Saskatoon Airport Authority

13.4.7 Resignation - Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) - Josh Delainey

13.4.8 Reappointment - Albert Community Centre Management Committee - Lisa Kirkham

14. RISE AND REPORT

The Committee convened *In Camera* at 11:00 a.m. with the following in attendance:

- All Committee members (Councillors Davies, Dubois and Loewen via teleconference)
- Acting City Manager Gardiner

- City Solicitor Yelland
- City Clerk Tittlemore
- General Manager, Community Services Lacroix (via teleconference)
- Chief Public Policy and Government Relations Officer Jordan (via teleconference)
- Chief of Staff Beveridge (via teleconference)
- Committee Assistant Walter

The following were in attendance for Items 13.1 and 13.2:

- General Manager, Transportation & Construction Schmidt
- Director of Major Projects & Preservation Willems
- Director of Saskatoon Land Long

Councillor Loewen was excused from the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

All administration, with the exception of City Solicitor Yelland, City Clerk Tittlemore and Committee Assistant Walter, were excused from the meeting for consideration of Item 13.4.

The Committee moved to rise and report. The *In Camera* portion of the meeting recessed at 12:42 p.m.

Committee reconvened publicly and reported as follows:

13.1 Downtown Event and Entertainment District Advisory Group - Strategic Considerations [CK 4130-14]

Moved By: Councillor Block

That the submitted information and discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 16(1)(b) and 18 *LAFOIPP*.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.2 Land Negotiations Update [CK 4020-1]

Moved By: Councillor Block

That the submitted information and discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 16(1)(b) and 18 *LAFOIPP*.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.3.2.1 City Manager Updates

Moved By: Councillor Block

1. That the verbal updates 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 *LAFOIPP*.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.3.2.2 City Clerk Update

Moved By: Councillor Block

1. That the verbal updates be received as information; and
2. That the discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 13 of *LAFOIPP*.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.4 2023 Annual Appointments - Boards, Commissions and Committees [CK 225-1]

Moved By: Councillor Block

That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend to City Council that the recommended appointments and any further direction, as noted by the City Clerk, be forwarded to City Council's December regular business meeting for approval and the submitted information remain *In Camera* under Sections 16(1)(b) and (d) and 28 of *LAFOIPP*.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

Councillor D. Hill, Chair

A. Tittlemore, City Clerk