



PUBLIC MINUTES
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Wednesday, August 9, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall

PRESENT: Councillor C. Block, Chair
Councillor R. Donauer, Vice Chair
Councillor Z. Jeffries
Councillor D. Kirton, via teleconference

ABSENT: Councillor B. Dubois
His Worship Mayor C. Clark (Ex-Officio)

ALSO PRESENT: A/Chief Financial Officer K. Smith
Solicitor B. Bleakney
Deputy City Clerk S. Bryant
Committee Assistant H. Janzen

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

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (2): Councillor Dubois, and Mayor C. 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 Finance held on June 7, 2023, be adopted.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (2): Councillor Dubois, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. COMMUNICATIONS (requiring the direction of the Committee)

6.1 Delegated Authority Matters

6.2 Matters Requiring Direction

6.2.1 Meewasin Valley Authority - March 31, 2023, Financial Statements [FI2023-0804]

A letter dated June 28, 2023, from Andrea Lafond, Chief Executive Officer, Meewasin Valley Authority, providing the Meewasin Valley Authority Financial Statements, March 31, 2023, was provided.

A/Chief Financial Officer Smith introduced the item.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That the Meewasin Valley Authority Financial Statements dated March 31, 2023, be received and forwarded to City Council for information.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (2): Councillor Dubois, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Requests to Speak (new matters)

6.3.1 W Kirk Ready - Wentworth at the Willows Condominium Corporation [FI2023-0803]

A letter requesting to speak from W Kirk Ready, Wentworth at the Willows Condominium Corporation, dated June 22, 2023, was provided.

The Committee heard from Jim Newton. He responded to questions of Committee.

City Solicitor Yelland also responded to questions of Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That the matter be referred to the Administration for a report.

In Favour: (3): Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, and Councillor Kirton

Against: (1): Councillor Jeffries

Absent (2): Councillor Dubois, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Decision Reports

7.2 Approval Reports

7.2.1 Acquisition of Land for Future Development – Kensington Neighbourhood [FI2023-0613]

A report of the Corporate Financial Services was provided and presented by Director of Saskatoon Land Long. He responded to questions of Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Kirton

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

1. That Administration be authorized to purchase ISC Parcel No. 202873271 (35.08 acres), ISC Parcel No. 203954597

(15.57 acres), and ISC Parcel No. 203954474 (23.69) acres from Launch Equities Corporation for \$4,460,400.00; 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.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (2): Councillor Dubois, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Information Reports

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That the report contained in Item 7.3.1 be received as information.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (2): Councillor Dubois, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3.1 Business Improvement Districts' 2022 Financial Statements [FI2023-0801]

A letter submitting comments from Brent Penner, Executive Director, Downtown Saskatoon, dated July 5, 2023, was provided.

A report of the Corporate Financial Services was provided and presented by A/Chief Financial Officer Smith. She responded to questions of Committee.

8. MOTIONS (notice previously given)

8.1 Councillor C. Block - City Auditor - FTE Review [FI2023-0805]

In accordance with Section 129 of *The Procedures and Committees Bylaw, 9170*, Councillor Block provided the following Notice of Motion:

“TAKE NOTICE that I will move the following motion:

‘That the Independent Office of the City Auditor review and assess the ratio of FTEs to management positions and the cost of supervisors per FTE (overall and by each department) over the last five years and in comparison with other cities and best standard metrics, if available. The report should be presented to Council prior to the November 2024-25 multi-year budget.’”

Vice Chair Donauer assumed the Chair.

Councillor Block introduced the item. City Clerk Tittlemore responded to questions of Committee on behalf of City Auditor Saleem.

Moved By: Councillor Block

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In Favour: (4): Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (2): Councillor Dubois, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Block reassumed the Chair.

9. URGENT BUSINESS

10. GIVING NOTICE

11. IN CAMERA SESSION

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That the following items be considered *In Camera*.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (2): Councillor Dubois, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.1 External Auditor Matter

[In Camera - Audits and Tests, Section 19 of LAFOIP]

11.2 City Auditor Updates

[In Camera - Audits and Tests, Section 19 of LAFOIP]

An *In Camera* session was not required.

12. RISE AND REPORT

The Standing Policy Committee on Finance convened *In Camera* at 2:40 p.m. in the Council Chamber with all members of Committee present with the exception of Mayor Clark and Councillor Dubois (Councillor Kirton via teleconference).

Also present were:

- A/Chief Financial Officer Smith
- Director of Legal Services Bleakney
- Financial and Reporting Manager Macfarlane
- City Manager Jorgenson
- Deputy City Clerk Bryant
- Committee Assistant Janzen
- Matt Hladun, Deloitte
- Christine Beaubier, Deloitte

The *In Camera* portion of the meeting concluded at 3:07 p.m.

The Committee reconvened publicly at 3:10 p.m. with all members of Committee present with the exception of Mayor Clark and Councillor Dubois (Councillor Kirton via teleconference).

The Committee reported further as follows:

11.1 External Auditor Matter [CK 1610-19]

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That the information and the discussion remain *In Camera* under Section 19 of *LAFOIP*.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (2): Councillor Dubois, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Councillor C. Block, Chair

S. Bryant, Deputy City Clerk