



s Committee
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PUBLIC MINUTES

GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 16, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall

PRESENT:

- Deputy Mayor D. Kirton, Chair
- His Worship Mayor C. Clark
- Councillor C. Block
- Councillor T. Davies
- Councillor R. Donauer
- Councillor B. Dubois, via teleconference
- Councillor S. Gersher
- Councillor H. Gough
- Councillor D. Hill
- Councillor Z. Jeffries, at 9:39 a.m.
- Councillor M. Loewen

ALSO PRESENT:

- City Manager J. Jorgenson
- City Solicitor C. Yelland
- City Clerk A. Tittlemore
- Deputy City Clerk S. Bryant

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

Absent (1): Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Councillor Davies

That the minutes of the following meetings of the Governance and Priorities Committee be adopted:

- Regular Meeting - June 14, 2023
- Special Meeting - June 22, 2023
- Special Meeting - July 25, 2023

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

Absent (1): Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REQUESTS TO SPEAK (new matters)

7. COMMUNICATIONS (requiring the direction of the Committee)

8. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

8.1 Decision Reports

8.1.1 2024 – 2035 Major Capital Funding Plan [GPC2023-0307]

A report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

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

Councillor Jeffries entered the meeting at 9:39 a.m. during discussion of this matter.

Moved By: Councillor Gough

That the Governance and Priorities Committee approve in principle the 2024 – 2035 Major Capital Funding Plan as presented (Option 1).

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.1.2 Regulation of Municipal Lobbying [GPC2023-0803]

A report of the City Solicitor's Office was provided.

City Solicitor Yelland presented the report.

Moved By: Councillor Block

That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend to City Council that Option 1 – Status Quo be approved.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Approval Reports

8.3 Information Reports

Moved By: Councillor Hill

That the reports submitted as Items 8.3.1 to 8.3.4 be received as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3.1 2024/2025 Business Plan and Budget Options [GPC2023-0809]

A report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

Director of Finance Smith presented the report and responded to questions along with Strategy and Transformation Officer Anger, Director of Information Technology Bell and General Manager, Utilities and Environment Gardiner.

8.3.2 2022 Snow Response Financial Information [GPC 2023-0101, GPC 2023-0617 and CC 2023-0203]

A report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

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

8.3.3 Downtown Event and Entertainment District – Update on Upcoming Reports and Decision Milestones (August 2023) [DEED2023-01]

A report of the Transportation and Construction Division was provided.

Director of Major Projects and Preservation Willems presented the report and responded to questions of Committee.

8.3.4 Council Communication and Constituency Relations Allowance - Update January 1 to June 30, 2023 [GPC2023-0805]

A report of the City Clerk's Office was provided.

City Clerk Tittlemore presented the report.

9. MOTIONS (notice previously given)

10. URGENT BUSINESS

11. GIVING NOTICE

11.1 Councillor M. Loewen - Saskatoon's Business Tax Ratio and Other Related Business Property Tax Measures [GPC 2023-0810]

Councillor Loewen gave the following Notice of Motion:

"TAKE NOTICE that at the next meeting of the Governance & Priorities Committee, I will move the following motion:

'That the Administration provide a report to the special budget meeting process regarding Saskatoon's business tax ratio and any other related business property tax measures, including comparisons to other jurisdictions."

Moved By: Councillor Gough

That Notice be waived.

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

Against (1): Councillor Hill

In accordance with Section 129 (3) of *The Procedures and Committee Bylaw*, there was not unanimous consent of the members present and therefore Notice was not waived.

12. VERBAL UPDATES

12.1 Council Members - His Worship the Mayor, FCM/SUMA, Boards, Committees and Commissions

Mayor C. Clark

Mayor Clark updated the Committee on his plans to attend the *Implementing Healthy Urban Policy Workshop* in Copenhagen, Denmark, September 2023 put on by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.1 Provincial Household and Paper Stewardship Program Plan - Update

[In Camera - Economic/Financial and Other Interests - Section 17 of LAFOIP]

13.2 Legal Matter

[In Camera - Solicitor/Client Privilege - Section 21 of LAFOIP]

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 of LAFOIP]*

13.4 Appointments - Boards, Commissions and Committees [CK 225-4-3]

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

**13.4.1 Resignation - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory
Committee**

**13.4.2 Appointment - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory
Committee**

13.4.3 Downtown Saskatoon - Board of Management Appointments

**13.4.4 Composition - Collaborative Assessment of Budget
Recommendations Team [GPC2023-0605]**

14. RISE AND REPORT

The Committee convened *In Camera* at 10:49 a.m. The following were in attendance as noted:

- All Committee members (Councillor Dubois virtual)
- City Manager Jorgenson
- City Solicitor Yelland
- City Clerk Titemore
- Deputy City Clerk Bryant
- Chief Financial Officer Hack
- A/General Manager, Transportation and Construction Magus
- General Manager, Environment and Utilities Gardiner
- General Manager, Community Services Lacroix
- Chief of Saskatoon Fire Hackl
- Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer Anger
- Chief of Staff Beveridge (virtual)
- Chief of Public Policy and Government Relations Officer Jordan
- The following were present for item 13.1 only:
 - Director of Sustainability South
 - Director of Water and Waste Stream Lemke
 - Environmental Projects & Protection Manager Gauthier
 - Education and Environmental Performance Manager Burns (virtual)

All members of Administration were excused following item 13.3.2.1, with the exception of the City Solicitor, City Manager, City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk.

Councillor Dubois excused herself from the meeting at 12:46 p.m.

The Committee moved to rise and report. The *In Camera* portion of the meeting recessed at 1:09 p.m.

Committee reconvened publicly, and reported as follows:

13.1 Provincial Household and Paper Stewardship Program Plan - Update

[In Camera - Economic/Financial and Other Interests - Section 17 of LAFOIP]

Moved By: Councillor Block

1. That the information and discussion remain *In Camera* under Section 17 of *LAFOIP*; and
2. That Mayor Clark and Councillors Dubois and Donauer be authorized to share the *In Camera* report with the SUMA City Mayors Caucus and SUMA in confidence.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.2 Legal Matter

[In Camera - Solicitor/Client Privilege - Section 21 of LAFOIP]

Moved By: Councillor Block

That the information and discussion remain *In Camera* under Section 21 of *LAFOIP*.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.3 Verbal Updates

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

Moved By: Councillor Block

That the information and 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 Kirton, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen

Absent (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.3.2.1 City Manager Updates

Moved By: Councillor Block

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

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

Absent (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.4 Appointments - Boards, Commissions and Committees [CK 225-4-3]

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

13.4.1 Resignation - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee

Moved By: Councillor Block

1. That the information be received and 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 Kirton, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen

Absent (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.4.2 Appointment - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee

Moved By: Councillor Block

1. That Tasnim Jaisee be appointed as a civic representative to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee to the end of 2025; and

2. That the information be received and remain *In Camera* under Sections 16(1)(b) and (d) and 28 of *LAFOIP*.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.4.3 Downtown Saskatoon - Board of Management Appointments

Moved By: Councillor Block

That Gord Burgess, Caswell's and George McQuitty, Colliers International be appointed to the Downtown Saskatoon Board of Management and the information and discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 16(1)(b) and (d) and 28 of *LAFOIP*.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.4.4 Composition - Collaborative Assessment of Budget Recommendations Team [GPC2023-0605]

Moved By: Councillor Block

That the information be received and remain *In Camera* under Sections 16(1)(b) and (d) and 28 of *LAFOIP*.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Deputy Mayor D. Kirton

City Clerk A. Tittlemore