



**PUBLIC MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING
GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, August 31, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall**

PRESENT: His Worship Mayor C. Clark
Councillor C. Block
Councillor T. Davies, via teleconference
Councillor B. Dubois
Councillor S. Gersher, via teleconference
Councillor H. Gough
Councillor D. Hill, via teleconference
Councillor Z. Jeffries
Councillor D. Kirton
Councillor M. Loewen

ABSENT: Councillor R. Donauer

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 Dubois

1. That the letter from Peter and Verna Gallen be added to Item 4.3.6;
2. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

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

Absent: (1): Councillor Donauer

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Gersher declared a conflict of interest on the portion of item 4.3.8 Utilities Business Line Information as it relates to discussion respecting Option 5a as she is a customer of the net metering program with Saskatoon Light and Power.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

4.1 2024/2025 Budget Information Update – August 31, 2023 [GPC2023-0815]

A report of the Corporate Financial Services Division is provided.

Chief Financial Officer Hack introduced the report.

Moved By: Councillor Gough

That the information be received.

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

Absent: (1): Councillor Donauer

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

4.2 Recommended Business Plan Options [GPC2023-0812]

A report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

Chief Financial Officer Hack introduced the report. Committee considered each of the Options outlined in Appendix 1 of the report with applicable administration responding to questions, resulting in the following resolutions.

That the Governance and Priorities Committee direct Administration to include the following options in the 2024/2025 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget:

Moved By: Councillor Block

Environmental Health – Option 1 Closure of East Compost Depot -
\$132,000 in 2024

In Favour: (8): Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies,
Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton,
and Councillor Loewen

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

Absent: (1): Councillor Donauer

CARRIED (8 to 2)

MOTION ARISING

Moved By: Councillor Hill

With the closure of the east compost site there will be increased traffic to
the west compost site. Would the administration report on additional
traffic safety measures for the intersection of 11th Street and Highway 7.

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

Absent: (1): Councillor Donauer

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Block

Environmental Health – Option 2 - Adjust Operating hours at the Landfill
and MRC - \$150,000 for 2024

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

Absent: (1): Councillor Donauer

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

Environmental Health – Option 3 – Eliminate Skunk Inspection, Trapping and Relocation Service for Private Residential Properties – \$25,000 for 2024.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

Against: (4): Mayor Clark, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Absent: (1): Councillor Donauer

CARRIED (6 to 4)

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

Environmental Health – Option 4 – Reduce Mosquito Control Treatment Area - \$30,000 for 2024

In Favour: (6): Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Against: (4): Councillor Davies, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, and Councillor Loewen

Absent: (1): Councillor Donauer

CARRIED (6 to 4)

MOTION ARISING

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

That the Administration pursue conversations with regional partners about cost-sharing regional pest control strategies.

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

Absent: (1): Councillor Donauer

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Kirton

Arts, Culture & Event Venues – Option 1 - Defer the Remain CBCM Phase-in - \$41,000 for 2024

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

Absent: (1): Councillor Donauer

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Block

Taxation & General Revenues – Option 1 – Phase out of the \$100,000 Interest Stabilization Support over two years - \$50,000 for 2024 (\$50,000) for 2025

In Favour: (8): Mayor Clark, Councillor Davies, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Against: (2): Councillor Block, and Councillor Loewen

Absent: (1): Councillor Donauer

CARRIED (8 to 2)

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

Taxation & General Revenues – Option 2 – An Increase of \$5.00 for the Manual Tax Certificate Tax Search Fees and a \$10 Increase for Online Tax Certificate/Tax Search Fees - \$282,000 for 2024

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

Absent: (1): Councillor Donauer

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

Taxation & General Revenues – Option 3 – A 0.25% Increase in the City's Current and Arrears monthly Property Tax Penalty Rate - \$424,000 for 2024

IN AMENDMENT

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

That the increase be amended to 0.5%.

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

Absent: (1): Councillor Donauer

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED

Taxation & Gen Rev – Option 3 – A 0.5% Increase in the City's Current and Arrears monthly Property Tax Penalty Rate ~~– \$424,000~~ for 2024

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

Absent: (1): Councillor Donauer

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

The meeting recessed at 11:03 a.m. and reconvened at 11:17 a.m., with all members in attendance with the exception of Councillor Donauer.

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

Taxation & General Revenues – Option 4 – An Increase to Parking Ticket Penalty Amounts of \$50 to \$70 for late pay penalties.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, and Councillor Hill

Against: (5): Mayor Clark, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Absent: (1): Councillor Donauer

DEFEATED ON A TIE VOTE (5 to 5)

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

Taxation & General Revenues - Option 4 - \$30 to \$35 for the reduced penalty rate for parking offences related to parking in a pay parking area where purchased time has expired.

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

Absent: (1): Councillor Donauer

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

Taxation & General Revenues – Option 4 – An Increase to Parking Ticket Penalty Amounts of \$50 to \$60 for late pay penalties.

IN AMENDMENT

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

That the amounts be amended to \$50 to \$65 for late pay penalties.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Block, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, and Councillor Hill

Against: (6): Mayor Clark, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Absent: (1): Councillor Donauer

DEFEATED (4 to 6)

Councillor Dubois temporarily excused herself from the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION

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

Absent: (2): Councillor Donauer, and Councillor Dubois

CARRIED (9 to 0)

Councillor Dubois returned to the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

Moved By: Councillor Block

Land Development – Option 1 – Increased Lease Revenue - \$200,000 for 2024

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

Absent: (1): Councillor Donauer

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Block

Recreation & Culture – Option 1 – Reduce Budget for Program Research and Design - \$50,000 for 2024

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

Absent: (1): Councillor Donauer

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

Recreation & Culture – Option 2A – Defer Playground & Youth Centre
Training FTE - \$19,300 for 2024 and \$14,200 for 2025

In Favour: (7): Mayor Clark, Councillor Davies, Councillor Dubois,
Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor
Loewen

Against: (3): Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, and Councillor Gough

Absent: (1): Councillor Donauer

CARRIED (7 to 3)

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

Recreation & Culture – Option 2B – Defer Outdoor Special Event
Organizer - \$15,400 for 2024

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

Against: (1): Councillor Gough

Absent: (1): Councillor Donauer

CARRIED (9 to 1)

MOTION ARISING

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

That the Administration report back prior to budget deliberations on costs
associated with mill rate funded outdoor special events.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Dubois, and
Councillor Hill

Against: (6): Mayor Clark, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough,
Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Absent: (1): Councillor Donauer

DEFEATED (4 to 6)

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

Recreation & Culture – Option 3 – Redirect one time Savings from HBAC Closure in 2024 and 2025 - \$250,000 for 2024 \$250,000 for 2025

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

Against: (1): Councillor Gersher

Absent: (1): Councillor Donauer

CARRIED (9 to 1)

Moved By: Councillor Kirton

Urban Planning – Option 1 – Reduction to Corridor Planning Operations Funding - \$40,000 for 2024

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

Absent: (1): Councillor Donauer

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

The meeting recessed at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened at 2:40 p.m. with all members present with the exception of Councillors Donauer, Davies and Gersher.

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

Corporate Governance & Finance – Option 1 – Reduce the Payroll Expenses Estimate by \$200,000 in 2024 and re-evaluate in future years

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, and Councillor Gersher

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

Corporate Governance & Finance – Option 2 – Reduce the Fusion Operating Phase-In by \$250,000 in 2024 and 2025 and Continue to Rely on Reserves for the Fusion/SAP Program

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, and Councillor Gersher

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Gough

Corporate Government & Finance – Option 3 - \$185,000 in 2024 and \$90,000 in 2025 Deferral/Exemption for the City from the Storm Charge

In Favour: (7): Mayor Clark, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (1): Councillor Block

Absent: (3): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, and Councillor Gersher

CARRIED (7 to 1)

Moved By: Councillor Block

Corporate Government & Finance – Option 4 – 50% or \$55,500 Deferral of Information Technology Reserve Increases

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, and Councillor Gersher

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

Corporate Asset Management – Option 1 – Reduced Snow Removal at Civic Facilities

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, and Councillor Gersher

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

Councillor Block excused herself from the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

MOTION ARISING

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

That the Administration conduct a ranking of the remaining options via email and the full ranking come forward to the September 13 GPC meeting (most highly ranked/requested options to be dealt with first).

In Favour: (7): Mayor Clark, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Absent: (4): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, and Councillor Gersher

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7 to 0)

4.3 Business Line Reports

4.3.1 Environmental Health Business Line Information [GPC2023-0701]

The City Clerk reported that due to time constraints at the August 15, 2023 Governance and Priorities Committee Special meeting, this matter was deferred to the August 31, 2023 special meeting.

A report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided along with the following letters:

- Submitting Comments
 - Mackenzie Burnett and Ines Sanchez-Rodriguez, Saskatoon Climate Hub, dated July 24, 2023
 - Nancy Howse, dated August 10, 2023;
 - Tim Quigley, dated August 11, 2023;
 - Glen Wright, dated August 12, 2023;
 - Mark Bigland - Pritchard, dated August 12, 2023;
 - Mary Uzelman, dated August 12, 2023;
 - Brenda MacDonald, dated August 13, 2023;
 - Carroll Chubb, dated August 13, 2023;
 - Julia Boughner, dated August 13, 2023;
 - Joanne Blythe, Chad Hammond and Candace Savage, Wild About Saskatoon, dated August 14, 2023;
 - Caylin Lee, dated August 14, 2023; and
 - Peter and Verna Gallen, dated August 14, 2023.
 - Ines Sanchez Rodriguez, dated August 14, 2023;
 - Jason Hanson, dated August 14, 2023;
 - Jody Busch, dated August 14, 2023;
 - Joel Van Impe, dated August 14, 2023;
 - John Krowina, dated August 14, 2023;
 - Justin Fisher, dated August 14, 2023;
 - Romualdo Zwolinski, dated August 14, 2023;
 - Margret Asmuss, Bob Halliday, Glenn Wright, Saskatchewan Environmental Society, dated August 14, 2023;
 - Gayvin Franson, dated August 14, 2023;

- Steven Kaszab, dated August 15, 2023.

Due to further time constraints, this matter was deferred to the September 20 Governance and Priorities Committee special meeting.

4.3.2 Taxation and General Revenues Business Line Budgetary Information [GPC2023-0615]

The City Clerk reported that due to time constraints at the July 25, 2023 Governance and Priorities Committee Special meeting, this matter was deferred to the August 15, 2023 special meeting.

A revised report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided along with a letter submitting comments from DeeAnn Mercier, Broadway Business Improvement District, Brent Penner, Downtown Saskatoon and Randy Pshebylo, Riversdale Business Improvement District, dated July 24, 2023.

Due to further time constraints, this matter was deferred to the September 20 Governance and Priorities Committee special meeting.

4.3.3 Land Development Business Line Information [GPC2023-0702]

The City Clerk reported that due to time constraints at the August 15, 2023 Governance and Priorities Committee Special meeting, this matter was deferred to the August 31, 2023 special meeting.

A report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

Due to further time constraints, this matter was deferred to the September 20 Governance and Priorities Committee special meeting.

4.3.4 Arts, Culture and Events Venues Business Line Budgetary Information [GPC2023-0614]

The City Clerk reported that due to time constraints at the August 15, 2023 Governance and Priorities Committee Special meeting, this matter was deferred to the August 31, 2023 special meeting.

A revised report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

Due to further time constraints, this matter was deferred to the September 20 Governance and Priorities Committee special meeting.

4.3.5 Recreation and Culture Business Line Information [GPC2023-0807]

The City Clerk reported that due to time constraints at the August 15, 2023 Governance and Priorities Committee Special meeting, this matter was deferred to the August 31, 2023 special meeting.

A report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

Due to further time constraints, this matter was deferred to the September 20 Governance and Priorities Committee special meeting.

4.3.6 Urban Planning and Development Business Line Information [GPC2023-0806]

The City Clerk reported that due to time constraints at the August 15, 2023 Governance and Priorities Committee Special meeting, this matter was deferred to the August 31, 2023 special meeting.

A report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided along with a letter from Peter and Verna Gallen, dated August 25, 2023.

Due to further time constraints, this matter was deferred to the September 20 Governance and Priorities Committee special meeting.

4.3.7 Corporate Governance and Finance Business Line [GPC2023-0811]

A report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

Due to time constraints, this matter was deferred to the September 20 Governance and Priorities Committee special meeting.

4.3.8 Utilities Business Line Information [GPC2023-0813]

A report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

Due to time constraints, this matter was deferred to the September 20 Governance and Priorities Committee special meeting.

4.3.9 Corporate Asset Management Business Line Budgetary Information [GPC2023-0814]

A report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

Councillor Gersher declared a conflict of interest on the portion of item 4.3.8 Utilities Business Line Information as it relates to discussion respecting Option 5a as she is a customer of the net metering program with Saskatoon Light and Power.

Due to time constraints, this matter was deferred to the September 20 Governance and Priorities Committee special meeting.

4.4 Information Reports

4.4.1 Full-Time Equivalent Municipal Comparison [GPC2023-0605]

The City Clerk reported that due to time constraints at the August 15, 2023 Governance and Priorities Committee Special meeting, this matter was deferred to the August 31, 2023 special meeting.

A report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

Due to further time constraints, this matter was deferred to the September 20 Governance and Priorities Committee special meeting.

4.4.2 Impacts of Hiring Freeze or Not Adding Future Staff [GPC2023-0605]

The City Clerk reported that due to time constraints at the August 15, 2023 Governance and Priorities Committee Special meeting, this matter was deferred to the August 31, 2023 special meeting.

A report of the City Manager's Office was provided along with a letter submitting comments from Neil McDonald, dated August 18, 2023.

Due to further time constraints, this matter was deferred to the September 20 Governance and Priorities Committee special meeting.

4.4.3 Temporary Workforce Report [GPC2023-0704]

The City Clerk reported that due to time constraints at the August 15, 2023 Governance and Priorities Committee Special meeting, this matter was deferred to the August 31, 2023 special meeting.

A report of the Human Resources Division was provided.

Due to further time constraints, this matter was deferred to the September 20 Governance and Priorities Committee special meeting.

4.4.4 Comparing the Growth in Federal, Provincial, and Municipal Operating Budgetary Expenditures 2017 - 2023 [CC2023-0604]

The City Clerk reported that due to time constraints at the August 15, 2023 Governance and Priorities Committee Special meeting, this matter was deferred to the August 31, 2023 special meeting.

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

Due to further time constraints, this matter was deferred to the September 20 Governance and Priorities Committee special meeting.

5. IN CAMERA SESSION (If Required)

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Mayor C. Clark, Chair

City Clerk A. Tittlemore