

Follow-up Information for the Temporary Lease of City-owned Parking Lot to Saskatchewan Health Authority for a Park N' Ride – South Caswell Hill Report

At the September 6, 2023 Standing Policy Committee Meeting on Finance, the Committee resolved:

“That the item be referred to City Council for decision and that the Administration be directed to attend the upcoming Caswell Community Association meeting to provide information and answer questions about the proposed temporary lease and its alignment to the South Caswell Redevelopment project.”

Also at the September 6, 2023 Standing Policy Committee Meeting on Finance, the Committee resolved:

“That in the process of finalizing an agreement for Park and Ride solution to address parking issues at City Hospital and St. Paul’s Hospital that the Administration further engage the Saskatchewan Health Authority on finding a similar park and ride model to address parking pressures around the Royal University Hospital and the Jim Pattison Children’s Hospital.”

Using the 232/240 Avenue C lot as a Park N' Ride for an estimated 84 stalls would not impact the planned **South Caswell Redevelopment project** at 321 Avenue C North. The purchaser of 321 Avenue C North is aware of the potential use and has no concerns. Use of the site as a park and ride is temporary and will be discontinued when the site is required for future development.

On September 12, 2023, members of Administration attended the Caswell Community Association. As a result of the meeting with the Caswell Community Association and further conversations with SHA, the following additional information is being provided:

The Caswell Community Association brought up concerns regarding idling, hours of operation and a potential Park N' Ride increasing neighbourhood traffic. Through conversations with the SHA, if approved, the Administration would work with SHA to address the following Community Association Concerns:

1. **Shuttle times** are planned to be every 15 minutes M-F between the hours of 6AM and 9AM and then the shuttle is planned to run once an hour until 6PM when it would then run every 15min till 9PM. One shuttle would make a trip to both St. Paul’s and City Hospital then return to the lot for the next trip.
2. The **use of the proposed Park N' Ride** is planned to end at 9PM and will not operate on weekends.
3. The SHA would be open to having “**no idling**” signs placed on the site fronting 24th St and up against the residential apartment to the east. Cost of the signs would be the responsibility of City with a cost estimate of \$250 for the signs.

Additional details surrounding the proposed Park N' Ride operations and responses to several of the questions the Standing Policy Committee on Finance had can be found below:

It is planned that the **shuttle provider** would be a company that is already located within a two-block radius of the proposed Caswell Hill Park N' Ride.

At this time, it is undetermined what **shuttle routes** the company would use while traveling between St. Paul's and City Hospitals.

In conjunction with planned improvements to the **lighting**, SHA has plans to install **security cameras**.

\$5,000 is confirmed as the estimated cost to replace 6 light fixtures and repair electrified plugs for each space that is currently nonoperational.

SHA will be responsible for the **maintenance and utility costs** (including electrical plug power usage) associated with use of the parking lot.

SHA is open to working with their **snow clearing** contractor on:

- a. Emergency situations aside, snow clearing between 7AM and 9PM.
- b. Minimal use of equipment with back-up beepers.

In conversation with SHA representatives regarding parking options for **Royal University Hospital**, it has been noted that the SHA is currently operating a 600 stall Park N' Ride on University of Saskatchewan lands and that there are plans for an additional 500 stalls to be added to the Royal University Hospital Park N' Ride program.

In addition to Park N' Ride offerings, the SHA also provides a **Transit Eco Pass** where the SHA offers to cover 50% of the cost of a pass for SHA employees.