



**PUBLIC MINUTES**  
**GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Council Chamber, City Hall**

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

**ABSENT:** Councillor C. Block

**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. She acknowledged Indigenous Veterans Day.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

**Moved By:** Councillor Hill

1. That the following be added to Item 6.1:
  - Request to Speak
    - Miki Mappin, dated November 5, 2023
  - Submitting Comments

- Blake Tait, dated November 6, 2023 (including petition);
- 2. That the request to speak from Darcy Pederson, ATU Local 615 Saskatoon, be added to Item 8.3.2;
- 3. That the items with speakers be considered immediately following Adoption of Minutes:
  - 6.1
    - Blake Tait
    - Miki Mappin
  - 8.3.2
    - Darcy Pederson; and
- 4. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Block

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

### **4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

That the minutes of meeting of the Governance and Priorities Committee dated October 11, 2023 be adopted.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Block

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6. REQUESTS TO SPEAK (new matters)**

**6.1 Blake Tait - Denounce '1 Million March 4 Children' [GPC2023-1103]**

A letter from Blake Tait, dated October 11, 2023 was provided along with the following:

- Miki Mappin, dated November 5, 2023, requesting to speak
- Blake Tait, dated November 6, 2023 (petition)

Blake Tait spoke in support of this matter and responded to questions.

Miki Mappin spoke in support of this matter.

Discussion followed.

**Moved By:** Councillor Loewen

1. That the information be received;
2. That the applicable requests be forwarded to the Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners for consideration;
3. That the request be forwarded to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee for comment;
4. That the request be forwarded to the Administration for consideration and inclusion within future applicable reporting.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Block

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Moved By:** Councillor Hill

That the Administration report back on the request to declare Saskatoon a 2SLGBTQ+ Sanctuary City.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Block

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Item 8.3.2 was considered next.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS (requiring the direction of the Committee)**

**8. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATIVE REPORTS**

**8.1 Decision Reports**

**8.1.1 Use of Civic Square – Protocol Policy [GPC2023-0501]**

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

City Solicitor Yelland presented the report and responded to questions.

Councillor Hill re-entered the meeting at 11:22 a.m. during the presentation of this item.

Discussion followed.

**Moved By:** Councillor Donauer

That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That Option 2 – Balanced Event Application Requirements exempting the time restrictions be approved;
2. That the Use of Civic Square Protocol attached at Appendix 3 be included in the comprehensive Protocol Policy; and
3. That the City Solicitor be instructed to amend Bylaw No. 7767, *The Recreation Facilities and Parks Usage Bylaw, 1998* as outlined in the November 8, 2023 report of the City Solicitor.

In Favour (6): Mayor Clark, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen

Against (4): Councillor Gough, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Hill,  
and Councillor Kirton

Absent (1): Councillor Block

**CARRIED**

## **8.2 Approval Reports**

### **8.2.1 Review of Council Policy No. C01-025 - City of Saskatoon Anti-Harassment Policy and Investigative Procedures for Members of City Council and Senior Administration [GPC2023-1101]**

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

City Solicitor Yelland presented the report and responded to questions along with City Manager Jorgenson.

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

That Governance and Priorities Committee recommend to City Council that:

1. The City Solicitor be instructed to amend Bylaw No. 9537, *The Code of Ethical Conduct for Members of City Council Bylaw, 2019* as required; and
2. The City Solicitor be instructed to review the Personnel Subcommittee Terms of Reference and bring forward any amendments as required.

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

Against (1): Councillor Hill

Absent (1): Councillor Block

**CARRIED**

## **8.3 Information Reports**

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

That the reports submitted as Items 8.3.1 and 8.3.2 be received as information.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Block

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **8.3.1 COS USask Research Junction Update [GPC2023-1102]**

A report of the Utilities and Environment Division was provided along with a letter from Peter Stoicheff, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Saskatchewan, dated September 7, 2023.

General Manager Gardiner presented the report and responded to questions.

### **8.3.2 Impacts of Elimination of Child Fare on Saskatoon Transit [GPC2023-0703]**

A report of the Transportation and Construction Division was provided along with a request to speak from Darcy Pederson, ATU Local 615 Saskatoon,

General Manager Schmidt presented the report.

Darcy Pederson, President of ATU, discussed experiences of other municipalities that have implemented a variation of reduced child fares.

Discussion followed.

**Moved By:** Councillor Loewen

1. That the implementation of fare elimination for children be considered at the 2024/25 budget deliberations for implementation in September of 2024 with no impact to Saskatoon Transit 2024 revenue budget and if an impact is realized in 2024 that it be brought forward to future budget deliberation;

2. Prior to implementation Admin report back on a) operational details/implementation plan for the elimination of child fares, and b) engagement with stakeholders.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Block

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Moved By:** Councillor Hill

That the Administration attach the future comprehensive transit fare review to the work plan of these two motions. The implementation date of any new fares would not automatically be implemented in September 2024 / like the 12 and under fare. The Administration would make recommendation on dates for any new fare implementation dates.

In Favour (3): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, and Councillor Hill

Against (7): Councillor Gough, Mayor Clark, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Absent (1): Councillor Block

**DEFEATED**

The Committee recessed at 11:11 a.m. and reconvened at 11:20 a.m., with all members in attendance with the exception of Councillors Block and Hill.

Item 8.1.1 was considered next.

### **8.3.3 The Garbage Receptacles and Trail Side Amenities for Multi-use Pathways**

This matter was withdrawn from the agenda.

## **9. MOTIONS (notice previously given)**

**10. URGENT BUSINESS**

**11. GIVING NOTICE**

**12. VERBAL UPDATES**

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

**12.2 Administration**

**13. IN CAMERA SESSION**

**Moved By:** Councillor Donauer

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

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

Absent (1): Councillor Block

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The public portion of the meeting recessed at 12:40 p.m.

**13.1 Housing Accelerator Fund Update**

*[In Camera - Negotiations - Section 16]*

**13.2 Land Matter**

*[In Camera - Economic/Financial - Land - Section 17(1)(d) and (e)]*

**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 LAFOIP]*

**13.4 2024 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 Advisory Committees**

- 13.4.1.1 2024 Appointments - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee**
- 13.4.1.2 2024 Appointments - Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee**
- 13.4.1.3 2024 Appointments - Public Art Advisory Committee**
- 13.4.1.4 2024 Appointments - Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee**
- 13.4.1.5 2024 Appointments - Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee**

#### **13.4.2 Other Civic Boards, Committees and Commissions**

- 13.4.2.1 2024 Appointments - Albert Community Centre Management Committee**
- 13.4.2.2 2024 Appointments - Downtown Event and Entertainment District Advisory Group**
- 13.4.2.3 2024 Appointments - Marr Residence Management Board**
- 13.4.2.4 2024 Appointments - Municipal Planning Commission**
- 13.4.2.5 2024 Appointments - Municipal Review Commission**
- 13.4.2.6 2024 Appointments - Social Services Sub-committee – Assistance to Community Groups – Cash Grants Program (SSS)**

#### **13.4.3 Appeal Boards**

- 13.4.3.1 2024 Appointments - Board of Revision (Licence Appeal Board)**

**13.4.3.2 2024 Appointments - City Mortgage Appeal Board (Access Transit Appeal Board)**

**13.4.3.3 2024 Appointments - Development Appeals Board**

**13.4.3.4 2024 Appointments - Property Maintenance Appeal Board (Environmental Management Appeal Board, Fire Appeal Board and Private Swimming Pools Appeal Board)**

#### **13.4.4 Statutory Boards and Controlled Corporations**

**13.4.4.1 2024 Appointments - Council Representative - Board of Police Commissioners**

**13.4.4.2 2024 Appointments - Councillor Representatives - Remai Modern Art Gallery of Saskatchewan**

**13.4.4.3 2024 Appointments - Councillor Representatives - Saskatoon Public Library Board**

**13.4.4.4 2024 Appointments - Councillor Representatives - SaskTel Centre Board of Directors**

**13.4.4.5 2024 Appointments - Councillor Representatives - TCU Place Board of Directors (Centennial Auditorium and Convention Centre Corporation)**

#### **13.4.5 External Boards**

**13.4.5.1 2024 Appointments- Councillor Representative - 33rd Street Business Improvement District Board of Management**

**13.4.5.2 2024 Appointments - Councillor Representative - Broadway Business Improvement District Board of Management**

**13.4.5.3 2024 Appointments - Councillor Representative - Downtown Business Improvement District Board of Management**

**13.4.5.4 2024 Appointments - Councillor Representative - Riversdale Business Improvement District Board of Management**

- 13.4.5.5 2024 Appointments - Councillor Representative - Sutherland Business Improvement District Board of Management**
- 13.4.5.6 2024 Appointments - Councillor Representative - Canadian Urban Transit Association Board (CUTA)**
- 13.4.5.7 2024 Appointments - Councillor Representative - Federation of Canadian Municipalities National Board of Directors and Standing Committees (FCM)**
- 13.4.5.8 2024 Appointments - Councillor Representative - International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives - Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI)**
- 13.4.5.9 2024 Appointments - Councillor Representative - Leadership in Brownfield Renewal Program (LiBRe)**
- 13.4.5.10 2024 Appointments - Councillor Representatives - Meewasin Valley Authority**
- 13.4.5.11 2024 Appointments - City Representative - Partners for the Saskatchewan River Basin**
- 13.4.5.12 2024 Appointments - Councillor Representative - Regional Oversight Committee**
- 13.4.5.13 2024 Appointments - City and Councillor Representatives - Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA): City Advisory Committee**
- 13.4.5.14 2024 Appointments - City and Councillor Representatives - Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) Board of Directors**
- 13.4.5.15 2024 Appointments - Councillor Representative - Saskatoon Airport Authority - Community Consultative Committee**

- 13.4.5.16 2024 Appointments - Councillor Representative - Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP)**
- 13.4.5.17 2024 Appointments - Councillor Representatives - Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority (SREDA)**
- 13.4.5.18 2024 Appointments - Councillor Representative - South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards Inc.**
- 13.4.5.19 2024 Appointments - Councillor Representative - Discover Saskatoon Board of Directors**
- 13.4.5.20 2024 Appointments - Councillor Representative - Wanuskewin Heritage Park Board of Directors**

#### **13.4.6 Pension Plans**

- 13.4.6.1 2024 Appointments - Defined Contribution Plan for Seasonal and Non-Permanent Part-Time Employees - Board of Trustees**
- 13.4.6.2 2024 Appointments - General Superannuation Plan - Board of Trustees**
- 13.4.6.3 2024 Appointments- Firefighters' Pension Fund Trustees (Original)**
- 13.4.6.4 2024 Appointments - Saskatoon Fire Fighters' Pension Plan - Board of Trustees (New)**
- 13.4.6.5 2024 Appointments - Pension Benefits Commission**

#### **14. RISE AND REPORT**

The Committee convened *In Camera* at 1:30 p.m. The following were in attendance as noted:

- All Committee members (Councillor Davies virtual), with the exception of Councillor Block
- City Manager Jorgenson
- City Solicitor Yelland
- City Clerk Titemore
- Deputy City Clerk Bryant

- Chief of Staff Beveridge (virtual)
- Chief Public Policy & Government Relations Officer Jordan (virtual)
- Chief Financial Officer Hack (virtual)
- General Manager, Community Services Lacroix (virtual)
- General Manager, Environment & Utilities Gardiner, for items 13.1, 13.2 and portion of 13.3.2.1
- Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer Anger, at 1:37 p.m., for items 13.1 and 13.2
- Fire Chief Hackl, for items 13.1 and 13.2
- Director of Planning & Development Anderson, for items 13.1 and 13.2
- Senior Project Planner Gutmann, for item 13.1
- Director of Saskatoon Land Long, for items 13.1 and 13.2
- Director of Communications & Engagement Blumers, for item 13.2

The meeting recessed at 3:28 p.m. and reconvened at 3:35 p.m. with same members in attendance.

All administration were excused following item 13.3.2, with the exception of the City Solicitor, City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk.

Councillors Hill and Jeffries excused themselves from the meeting at 4:00 p.m. and 4:59 p.m. respectively.

The Committee moved to rise and report. The *In Camera* portion of the meeting recessed at 5:21 p.m.

Committee reconvened publicly, and reported as follows:

### **13.1 Housing Accelerator Fund Update**

*[In Camera - Negotiations - Section 16]*

**Moved By:** Councillor Kirton

That the information and discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 16 of *LAFOIP*.

In Favour (7): Councillor Gough, Mayor Clark, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Absent (4): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **13.2 Land Matter**

*[In Camera - Economic/Financial - Land - Section 17(1)(d) and (e)]*

**Moved By:** Councillor Kirton

1. That the information and discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 17(1)(d) and (e) of *LAFOIP*; and
2. That future public comment on the report be permitted as outlined within.

In Favour (7): Councillor Gough, Mayor Clark, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Absent (4): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **13.3 Verbal Updates**

### **13.3.1 Council Members - His Worship the Mayor; FCM/SUMA; Boards, Committees & Commissions; Personnel Subcommittee**

**Moved By:** Councillor Kirton

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 (7): Councillor Gough, Mayor Clark, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Absent (4): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **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 LAFOIP]*

**Moved By:** Councillor Kirton

That the information 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 (7): Councillor Gough, Mayor Clark, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Absent (4): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

**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]*

**Moved By:** Councillor Kirton

That the recommended appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees and any further direction, as noted by the City Clerk and reports, be reported to the November 22, 2023 Regular Business meeting.

In Favour (7): Councillor Gough, Mayor Clark, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Absent (4): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

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Deputy Mayor, Councillor H. Gough

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A. Tittlemore, City Clerk

