



## **MINUTES**

### **CITY COUNCIL – 2024/25 PRELIMINARY BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET**

**Tuesday, November 28, 2023, 9:30 a.m.**

**Continued on November 29, 30 and December 1, 2023**

**Council Chamber, City Hall**

**PRESENT:**

His Worship, Mayor C. Clark, in the Chair  
Councillor C. Block  
Councillor T. Davies  
Councillor R. Donauer  
Councillor B. Dubois  
Councillor S. Gersher  
Councillor H. Gough  
Councillor D. Hill  
Councillor Z. Jeffries  
Councillor D. Kirton  
Councillor M. Loewen

**ALSO PRESENT:**

City Manager J. Jorgenson  
City Solicitor C. Yelland  
Chief Financial Officer C. Hack  
Director of Finance K. Smith  
Corporate Budget Manager J. Nechiporenko  
Senior Financial Business Partner J. Meinema  
General Manager, Community Services L. Lacroix  
General Manager, Transportation & Construction T. Schmidt  
General Manager, Utilities & Environment A. Gardiner  
City Clerk A. Tittlemore  
Deputy City Clerk S. Bryant

## 1. NATIONAL ANTHEM AND CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order of Treaty 6 Territory and the Traditional Homeland of the Metis People. He confirmed roll call, and the National Anthem was played.

## 2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

**Moved By:** Councillor Donauer

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gough

1. That Items 7.3.1.2 and 7.3.1.3 be added to the agenda as late items;
2. That the following letters submitting comments be added to Item 4.1;
  - Jason Aebig, Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce, dated November 24, 2023;
  - Jason Hanson, dated November 24, 2023;
3. That the following letters be added to Item 5.1.1;
  - Requesting to Speak
    - Jesse Tiefenback, Saskatoon Destination Marketing Hotels, dated November 24, 2023;
  - Submitting Comments
    - Andrea Lafond, Meewasin Valley Authority, dated November 21, 2023;
4. That the following letters submitting comments be added to Item 5.1.2;
  - Gordon Holtslander, Saskatoon Cycles, dated November 21, 2023;
  - Stephanie Clovechok, Discover Saskatoon, dated November 23, 2023;
  - Samantha Cowan, dated November 26, 2023;
  - Samantha Cowan (2), dated November 26, 2023;
  - Sonja Vrinten, dated November 27, 2023;
  - Adrian Werner, Hope Moon, dated November 27, 2023;
5. That the request to speak from Robert Clipperton, Bus Riders of Saskatoon, dated November 24, 2023, be added as Item 5.1.8;

6. That the request to speak from Keith Moen, NSBA, Saskatoon's Business Association, dated November 24, 2023, be added as Item 5.1.9;
7. That the following letters submitting comments be added as Item 5.2.4;
  - Murray McLellan, Grace Fellowship, dated November 21, 2023;
  - Trevor Jacek, Mid-West Group of Companies, dated November 21, 2023;
  - Blue Clegg, dated November 21, 2023;
  - Crystal Dahl, Empire Barbering & Beauty Co., dated November 22, 2023;
  - Syed Amjad Rafiquie, Rafigui Enterprises Ltd., dated November 22, 2023;
  - Kris Kembel, Momentum Martial Arts, dated November 22, 2023;
  - Terry Neefs, dated November 27, 2023;
  - Dr. Shawn Smit, Idylwyld Medical Centre, dated November 25, 2023;
  - Fraser Hiebert, NextGen Automotive Installation, dated November 27, 2023;
  - Bonnie Ethier, E-Clips Hair Studio Inc., dated November 27, 2023;
8. That the letter submitting comments from Sherry Tarasoff, dated November 27, 2023, be added to Item 6.1;
9. That the letter submitting comments from Nicole Hein, dated November 27, 2023, be added to Item 6.3;
10. That the following letters submitting comments be added to Item 7.2.3;
  - Adam Cole, dated November 21, 2023;
  - Sonja Vrinten, dated November 23, 2023;
  - Samantha Cowan, dated November 26, 2023;
  - Cristian Pereira, dated November 27, 2023;
11. That the letter submitting comments from Sean Dexter, Gridlock Signs, dated November 21, 2023, be added to Item 7.2.4;

12. That the letter submitting comments from Sherry Tarasoff, dated November 27, 2023, be added to Item 7.2.5;
13. That the letter submitting comments from Sherry Tarasoff, dated November 27, 2023, be added to Item 7.2.8;
14. That the letter submitting comments from Sherry Tarasoff, dated November 27, 2023, be added to Item 7.2.9;
15. That the following letters submitting comments be added to Item 7.2.10;
  - Kelly Boes, Saskatoon Minor Hockey Association, dated November 24, 2023;
  - Travis Cole, PAVED Arts, dated November 24, 2023;
  - Cora Janzen, Collective of Nonprofit Agencies, dated November 27, 2023;
  - Breanne Harmon, Persephone Theatre, dated November 21, 2023;
  - Bruce McKay, La Troupe du Jour, dated November 27, 2023;
  - Jen Budney, Ukrainian Museum of Canada, dated November 27, 2023;
  - Rowan Pantel, On The Boards Staging Company, dated November 27, 2023;
  - Yulissa Campos, Gordon Tootosis Nikaniwin Theatre, dated November 27, 2023
16. That the following letters submitting comments be added to Item 7.3.1.3;
  - Jason Hanson, Saskatoon Cycles, dated November 21, 2023;
  - Jason Hanson, Saskatoon Cycles, dated November 27, 2023; and
17. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

**3.1 Councillor Gersher - Utilities 2024-2025 Business Plan and Budget  
CCB2023-1108 GPC2023-0813**

Councillor Gersher declared a conflict of interest on the portion of this item that deals with net metering as she is a customer of the program.

**3.2 Councillor Gersher - Urban Planning and Development 2024-2025  
Business Plan and Budget CCB2023-1109 GPC2023-0806**

Councillor Gersher declared a conflict of interest on the portion of this item that deals with vehicles for hire as her family is in a business that could be perceived to be in conflict with the industry.

**4. BUDGET INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW**

**4.1 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget Update CCB2023-1120**

An information report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

In addition, the following letters submitting comments were also provided:

- Jason Aebig, Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce, dated November 24, 2023; and
- Jason Hanson, dated November 24, 2023.

Mayor Clark and City Manager Jorgenson provided opening remarks.

Chief Financial Office Hack presented the report with a PowerPoint and responded to questions.

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

**Seconded By:** Councillor Davies

That the information be received.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

## 5.1 REQUESTS TO SPEAK

The speakers were given an opportunity to address Council during this portion or they could wait until the item is addressed.

### 5.1.1 Discover Saskatoon [CK 1870-10]

The following letters were provided:

Requesting to Speak:

- Stephanie Clovechok, Discover Saskatoon, dated November 21, 2023
- Jesse Tiefenbach, Saskatoon Destination Marketing Hotels, dated November 24, 2023;

Submitting Comments:

- Keith Moen, Executive Director, NSBA, dated November 7, 2023;
- Adam Peterson, Saskatoon Destination Marketing Hotels Inc., dated November 21, 2023;
- Peter Stoicheff, Ph.D., President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Saskatchewan, dated November 21, 2023;
- Mark Arcand, Saskatoon Tribal Council, dated November 21, 2023; and
- Andrea Lafond, Meewasin Valley Authority, dated November 21, 2023.

Stephanie Clovechok spoke in support of reinstatement of the Cost of Living increase in the Fee for Service Agreement for Discover Saskatoon.

Jesse Tiefenbach spoke in support of reinstating the Cost of Living increase to the Fee for Service Agreement for Discover Saskatoon.

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

**Seconded By:** Councillor Davies

That the information be received.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **5.1.2 Meewasin Valley Authority [CK 1700-1]**

The following letters were provided:

#### Requests to Speak

- Andrea Lafond, Meewasin Valley Authority, dated November 20, 2023;
- Angela Bedard-Haughn, Meewasin Valley Authority, dated November 20, 2023;

#### Submitting Comments

- Peter Stoicheff, Ph.D., President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Saskatchewan, dated November 9, 2023;
- Kelvin Kelly, Tree Canada, dated November 13, 2023;
- Linda Moskalyk, SOS Trees Coalition, dated November 15, 2023;
- Candace Savage, Wild About Saskatoon, dated November 16, 2023;
- Mike Winter, dated November 16, 2023;
- Michael van Grondelle, The SKAL Club of Saskatoon, dated November 17, 2023;
- Meghan Mickelson, Swale Watchers, dated November 18, 2023;
- Jerry Helfrich, Kiwanis Club of Saskatoon, dated November 18, 2023;
- James Lee, Saskatoon Nature Society, dated November 18, 2023;

- Peggy Clark, Saskatoon Rotary Club, dated November 19, 2023;
- Peter Goode, Saskatoon Road Runners Association, dated November 19, 2023;
- DeeAnn Mercier, Broadway Business Improvement District, dated November 20, 2023;
- Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A - Metis Association Inc., dated November 20, 2023;
- Mark Arcand, Saskatoon Tribal Council, dated November 20, 2023;
- Randy Pshebylo, Riversdale Business Improvement District, dated November 21, 2023;
- Julia Adamson, Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc., dated November 21, 2023;
- Keith Moen, NSBA - Saskatoon's Business Association, dated November 21, 2023;
- Gordon Holtlander, Saskatoon Cycles, dated November 21, 2023;
- Stephanie Clovechok, Discover Saskatoon, dated November 23, 2023;
- Samantha Cowan, dated November 26, 2023;
- Samantha Cowan (2), dated November 26, 2023;
- Sonja Vrinten, dated November 27, 2023; and
- Adrian Werner, Hope Moon, dated November 27, 2023.

Angela Bedard-Haughn, Meewasin Valley Authority Board Chair, requested that the CPI increase in funding be reinstated. She responded to questions along with Andrea Lafond.

Andrea Lafond indicated she wished to address Council at the time this matter is considered.



**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

**Seconded By:** Councillor Davies

That the information be received.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.1.3 Shane Partridge - Saskatoon Police Services Budget - Addition of AROs to Pleasant Hill [CK 430-72 x1700-1]**

A request to speak from Shane Partridge, Pleasant Hill Community Association, dated October 25, 2023, was provided.

Shane Partridge spoke on behalf of the Pleasant Hill Community Association regarding additional ARO's in Pleasant Hill.

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

**Seconded By:** Councillor Davies

That the information be received.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.1.4 Lee Fuller - Remail Modern Budget Deliberations [CK 430-72 x1700-1]**

A request to speak and letter from Lee Fuller, dated October 28, 2023, was provided.

Lee Fuller spoke regarding the operations of the Remail Modern.

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

**Seconded By:** Councillor Davies

That the information be received.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.1.5 Candace Savage, Wild About Saskatoon - Street Sweeping/Soft Medians [CK 1700-1]**

A letter from Candace Savage, Wild About Saskatoon, dated November 17, 2023, was provided indicating that Joanne Blythe and Chad Hammond will be in attendance to speak to the matter.

Joanne Blythe and Chad Hammond provided suggestions to Council regarding sweeping of soft medians and streets.

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

**Seconded By:** Councillor Davies

That the information be received.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.1.6 Jory Vermette, Saskatoon Climate Hub and It's Coalition Partners - Budget Submission [CK 1700-1]**

A letter from Jory Vermette, Saskatoon Climate Hub and its coalition partners, dated November 17, 2023, was provided indicating that Aisha Adelah will be in attendance to speak to the matter.

Aisha Adelah spoke on behalf of the Saskatoon Climate Hub and its coalition partners, regarding the climate crisis. She responded to questions along with Jory Vermette.

Council recessed at 11:16 a.m. and reconvened at 11:30 a.m. with all members in attendance.

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

**Seconded By:** Councillor Davies

That the information be received.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.1.7 Clara Ewert Fisher, Climate Action Group - Climate Change Impacts [CK 1700-1]**

A request to speak from Clara Ewert Fisher, Climate Action Group, dated November 20, 2023, was provided.

Brenda McDonald spoke on behalf of Clara Ewert Fisher regarding climate change impacts. She responded to questions.

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

**Seconded By:** Councillor Davies

That the information be received.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.1.8 Robert Clipperton, Bus Riders of Saskatoon - Transit [CK 1700-1]**

A letter requesting to speak from Robert Clipperton, Bus Riders of Saskatoon, dated November 24, 2023, was provided.

Robert Clipperton spoke regarding child fares, transit support officers, new bus purchases and base fare maintenance. He responded to questions.

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

**Seconded By:** Councillor Davies

That the information be received.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **5.1.9 Keith Moen, NSBA - Budget Deliberations [CK 1700-1]**

A letter requesting to speak from Keith Moen, NSBA, dated November 24, 2023, was provided.

Keith Moen spoke to his submitted letter and responded to questions.

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

**Seconded By:** Councillor Davies

That the information be received.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **5.2 COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING DIRECTION**

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

**Seconded By:** Councillor Davies

That items 5.2.1 to 5.2.4 be received as information.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.2.1 Jason Aebig, the Chamber - Support for Enhancing Capacity of Independent City Auditor - Continuous Assurance Audit [CK 1600-1]**

A letter submitting comments from Jason Aebig, CEO, the Chamber, dated October 18, 2023, was provided.

**5.2.2 Peter and Verna Gallen - Budget Submission [CK 1700-1]**

A letter submitting comments from Peter and Verna Gallen dated November 10, 2023, was provided.

**5.2.3 Michael Klein - 2024-2025 Budget Deliberations [CK 1700-1]**

A letter submitting comments from Michael Klein, dated November 10, 2023, was provided.

**5.2.4 Property Taxes [CK 1700-1]**

The following letters submitting comments were provided:

- Murray McLellan, Grace Fellowship, dated November 21, 2023;
- Trevor Jacek, Mid-West Group of Companies, dated November 21, 2023;
- Blue Clegg, dated November 21, 2023;
- Crystal Dahl, Empire Barbering & Beauty Co., dated November 22, 2023;
- Syed Amjad Rafiguie, Ragigui Enterprises Ltd. dated November 22, 2023;
- Kris Kembel, Momentum Martial Arts, dated November 22, 2023;
- Terry Neefs, dated November 27, 2023;
- Dr. Shawn Smit, Idylwyld Medical Centre, dated November 25, 2023;

- Fraser Hiebert, NextGen Automotive Installation, dated November 27, 2023; and
- Bonnie Ethier, E-Clips Hair Studio Inc., dated November 27, 2023.

## 6. CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND STATUTORY BOARDS BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

### 6.1 Saskatoon Police Service 2024-2025 Business Plan and Budget CCB2023-1106 GPC2023-0605

*[Budget Book page 9] Policing*

An approval report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

A letter submitting comments from Sherry Tarasoff, dated November 27, 2023, was also provided.

Jo Custead, Chair of the Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners, congratulated Chief Cooper on his upcoming retirement. She presented the Saskatoon Police Service Budget along with Vice-Chair, Kearny Healy with a PowerPoint. Saskatoon Police Chief Cooper and Chief Financial Officer Warwick responded to questions.

**Moved By:** Councillor Davies

**Seconded By:** Councillor Donauer

1. That the Saskatoon Police Service Business Line Operating Budget for 2024 totalling \$134,455,700 in expenditures and \$12,862,400 in revenues be approved;
2. That the Saskatoon Police Service Business Line operating plan for 2025 totalling \$141,438,400 in expenditures and \$12,996,300 in revenues be approved;
3. That the 2024 Capital Budget totalling \$3,643,000 be approved;  
and
4. That the 2025 Capital Plan totalling \$2,908,000 be approved.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting recessed at 1:39 p.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m. with all members in attendance.

**6.2 Saskatoon Public Library 2024-2025 Business Plan and Budget  
CCB2023-1115 GPC2023-0605**

*[Budget Book page 39] Library Property Levy; Saskatoon Public Library*

An approval report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

Carol Cooley, Executive Director, Saskatoon Public Library, presented the Library budget with a PowerPoint along with the Chair of the Saskatoon Public Library Board, Jim Siemens. She responded questions along with the following Saskatoon Library representatives:

- Scott Gregor, Director, Finance
- Janna Sampson, Director, Communications & Strategy
- Beth Cote, Director, Public Services

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gersher

1. That the Saskatoon Public Library Business Line Operating Budget for 2024 totalling \$32,978,200 in expenditures and \$32,978,200 in revenues be approved;
2. That the Saskatoon Public Library Business Line Operating Plan for 2025 totalling \$34,345,300 in expenditures and \$34,345,300 in revenues be approved;
3. That the 2024 Capital Budget totalling \$200,000 be approved; and
4. That the 2025 Capital Plan totalling \$200,000 be approved.

In Favour: (6): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Against: (5): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Loewen

**CARRIED**

The meeting recessed at 4:16 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m. with all members in attendance.

**6.3 Arts, Culture and Events Venues 2024-2025 Business Plan and Budget CCB2023-1111 GPC2023-0614**

*[Budget Book page 49] Rемаi Modern Art Gallery; SaskTel Centre; TCU Place*

An approval report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

A letter submitting comments from Nicole Hein, dated November 27, 2023, was also provided.

Aileen Burns, Co-Chief Executive Director, Rемаi Modern, presented the Rемаi Modern budget with a video and responded to questions.

**Moved By:** Councillor Hill

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gough

That the Rемаi Operating Budget and Operating Plan for 2024 and 2025 respectively be approved as presented, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

John Howden, Executive Director, and Todd Grychowski, Chief Financial Officer, SaskTel Centre presented the SaskTel budget with a PowerPoint and responded to questions.

**Moved By:** Councillor Davies

**Seconded By:** Councillor Donauer



That the SaskTel Centre Operating Budget and Operating Plan for 2024 and 2025 respectively be approved as presented, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Moved By:** Councillor Kirton

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gough

That the hour of the meeting be extended beyond 5:30 p.m. to complete consideration of the TCU Place item, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda.

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

Against: (1): Councillor Hill

In accordance with Section 13 (1) of *The Procedures and Committee Bylaw*, there was not unanimous consent of the members present and therefore the hour of the meeting was not extended.

The meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m. and reconvened on November 29, 2023, at 9:35 a.m. with all members of Council in attendance, with the exception of Councillor Davies.

Tammy Sweeney, Chief Executive Officer and Lisa Mulvaney, Director of Finance, TCU Place, presented the TCU Place budget with a PowerPoint and responded to questions.

Councillor Davies entered the meeting during consideration of this item.

**Moved By:** Councillor Davies

**Seconded By:** Councillor Kirton

That the TCU Place Operating Budget and Operating Plan for 2024 and 2025 respectively be approved as presented.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **7. REPORTS**

### **7.1 GENERAL REPORTS**

#### **7.1.1 Inflation and Construction A Review of Data CCB2023-1121 TS2023-0605**

An information report of the City Manager's Office was provided.

Chief Public Policy & Government Relations Officer Jordan presented the report with a PowerPoint and responded to questions.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

**Seconded By:** Councillor Dubois

That the information be received.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **7.1.2 City of Saskatoon's Business Property Taxes in Comparative Perspective CCB2023-1112 GPC2023-0810**

An information report of the City Manager's Office was provided.

Chief Public Policy and Government Relations Officer Jordan presented the report with a PowerPoint and responded to questions.

**Moved By:** Councillor Loewen

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gough

1. That the current tax ratio percentage be shifted from 1.59 to 1.75.

In Favour: (2): Councillor Gough, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (9): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

**DEFEATED**

**Moved By:** Councillor Loewen

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gough

2. That the Administration report back regarding the potential to create a small business taxation sub-class and potential tools to mitigate impacts on small businesses.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Moved By:** Councillor Block

**Seconded By:** Councillor Loewen

That Administration report back on business tax ratios and their impact on economic indicators, including data from our city and a jurisdictional analysis.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

**Seconded By:** Councillor Dubois

That the information be received.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

An information report of the City Manager's Office was provided.

The City Clerk reported that the Governance & Priorities Committee, at its meeting held on September 13, 2023, deferred consideration of this matter to the 2024/2025 Business Plan and Budget deliberations through the typical business line process.

Chief Public Policy & Government Relations Officer Jordan presented the report with a PowerPoint and responded to questions.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

**Seconded By:** Councillor Dubois

That the information be received.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.1.4 Funding Plans Update – 2024/2025 Business Plan and Budget CCB2023-1117**

An information report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

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

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

**Seconded By:** Councillor Dubois

That the information be received.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.1.5 Capital Reserve Contribution Reductions CCB2023-1119  
CC2023-0901**

An information report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

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

The meeting was recessed briefly.

Discussion continued.

**Moved By:** Councillor Donauer

**Seconded By:** Councillor Hill

That there be a 3% reduction of contributions to all capital reserves impacting the mill rate, with the exception of Saskatoon Fire and Roadways Preservation, for 2024.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Against: (5): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, and Councillor Loewen

**CARRIED**

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

**Seconded By:** Councillor Dubois

That the information be received.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.1.6 2024-2025 FTE Budget Overview CCB2023-1118 GPC2023-0605**

An information report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

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

The meeting recessed at 1:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:45 p.m. with all members in attendance with the exception of Councillor Gersher who returned at at 1:49 p.m. Councillor Block attended virtually briefly.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

**Seconded By:** Councillor Dubois

That the information be received.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.1.7 Full-Time Equivalent Municipal Comparison [GPC2023-0605]**

An information report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

The City Clerk reported that the Governance & Priorities Committee, at its meeting held on September 13, 2023, deferred consideration of this matter to the 2024/2025 Business Plan and Budget deliberations through the typical business line process.

Chief Financial Officer Hack presented the report.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

**Seconded By:** Councillor Dubois

That the information be received.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

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

The City Clerk reported that the Governance & Priorities Committee, at its meeting held on September 13, 2023, deferred consideration of this matter to the 2024/2025 Business Plan and Budget deliberations through the typical business line process.

City Manager Jorgenson presented the report and responded to questions.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

**Seconded By:** Councillor Dubois

That the information be received.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.1.9 Temporary Workforce Report [GPC2023-0704]**

A report of the Human Resources Division was provided.

The City Clerk reported that the Governance & Priorities Committee, at its meeting held on September 13, 2023, deferred consideration of this matter to the 2024/2025 Business Plan and Budget deliberations through the typical business line process.

Chief Human Resources Officer McInnes presented the report and responded to questions.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

**Seconded By:** Councillor Dubois

That the information be received.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **7.2 BUSINESS LINE REPORTS**

### **7.2.1 Land Development 2024-2025 Business Plan and Budget CCB2023-1107 GPC2023-0702**

*[Budget Book page 409] Saskatoon Land; Land Development-Capital*

An approval report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

Chief Financial Officer Hack presented the Business Line with a PowerPoint and responded to questions.

**Moved By:** Councillor Kirton

**Seconded By:** Councillor Dubois

1. That the Land Development Business Line Operating Budget for 2024 totalling \$10,043,700 in expenditures and \$10,043,700 in revenues be approved, which includes adjustments made through the 2023 special budget meetings as outlined in Appendix 1; subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;



2. That the Land Development Business Line Operating Plan for 2025 totalling \$9,362,800 in expenditures and \$9,362,800 in revenues be approved, which includes adjustments made through the 2023 special budget meetings as outlined in Appendix 1; subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
3. That the 2024 Capital Budget totalling \$67,726,000 be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda; and
4. That the 2025 Capital Plan totalling \$93,892,000 be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda.

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Donauer

**Seconded By:** Councillor Dubois

Option 3 - Additional billboard locations - 2024 (\$200,000)

In Favour: (6): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Against: (5): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Loewen

**CARRIED**

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.2.2 Utilities 2024-2025 Business Plan and Budget CCB2023-1108  
GPC2023-0813**

*[Budget Book page 93] Saskatoon Light & Power; Storm Water Management; Waste Services Utility; Water Utility; Wastewater Utility*

An approval report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

Councillor Gersher declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor Gersher declared a conflict of interest on the portion of this item that deals with net metering as she is a customer of the program. ;)

General Manager, Utilities and Environment Gardiner presented the Business Line with a PowerPoint and responded to questions along with Director of Water and Waste Stream Lemke.

Councillor Gersher provided a brief explanation why she no longer has a conflict of interest on this item.

**Moved By:** Councillor Hill

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gough

1. That the Utilities Business Line Operating Budget for 2024 totalling \$436,659,800 in expenditures and \$436,659,800 in revenues be approved, which includes adjustments made through the 2023 special budget meetings as outlined in Appendix 1; subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
2. That the Utilities Business Line Operating Plan for 2025 totalling \$460,949,600 in expenditures and \$460,949,600 in revenues be approved, which includes adjustments made through the 2023 special budget meetings as outlined in Appendix 1; subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
3. That the 2024 Capital Budget totalling \$114,512,600 be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
4. That the 2025 Capital Plan totalling \$87,809,300 be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;

5. That the proposed 2024 and 2025 water and wastewater rate changes, as outlined in Appendix 3, and included in the 2024/2025 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget, be approved effective January 1 of each year;
6. That the 2024 and 2025 infrastructure rate change, as outlined in Appendix 3, be approved effective January 1 of each year;
7. That the City Solicitor be instructed to draft the appropriate amendments to Bylaw No. 7567, The Waterworks Bylaw, and Bylaw No. 9466, The Sewer Use Bylaw;
8. That the proposed 2024 and 2025 Waste Service Utility Rates, as outlined in Appendix 4, and included in the 2024/2025 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget, be approved;
9. That the 2025 cart exchange fee of \$30 per applicable exchange be approved effective January 1, 2025;
10. That the General Manager be granted authority within Bylaw No. 9844, The Waste Bylaw, 2022, to substitute roll-out carts at any dwelling unit where they deem the current cart size is of insufficient volume;
11. That section 1 of Schedule "E" of Bylaw No. 9844, The Waste Bylaw, 2022, be amended to exclude curbside residential garbage customers; and That the City Solicitor be instructed to draft the appropriate amendments to Bylaw No. 9844, The Waste Bylaw, 2022.

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Hill

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gough

Option 1 - Eliminate New Street Lighting Investment - 2024  
(\$150,000)

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

**CARRIED**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Hill

**Seconded By:** Councillor Kirton

Option 2 - Update Schedule of Fees Bylaw - 2024 (\$60,000)

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

**CARRIED**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Jeffries

**Seconded By:** Councillor Donauer

That the \$150,000 from main motion 1 be directed to the mill rate via return on investment.

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

**CARRIED**

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.2.3 Environmental Health 2024-2025 Business Plan and Budget  
CCB2023-1103 GPC2023-0701**

*[Budget Book page 61] Sustainability; Urban Biological Services;  
Urban Forestry; Waste Handling Service; Waste Reduction*

An approval report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

In addition, the following letters were provided:

- 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;
- 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;
- Lyndon Stoll, dated October 12, 2023;
- Kelsey Knoblauch, dated November 10, 2023;
- Linda Moskalyk, dated November 14, 2023;
- Chris Schmidt-Watt, dated November 16, 2023;
- Rachel Malena-Chan, Eco-Anxious Stories, dated November 16, 2023;
- Claire Card, dated November 16, 2023;
- Melody Neufeld, dated November 20, 2023;
- Linda Moskalyk, SOS Trees Coalition, dated November 20, 2023;
- Julia Adamson, Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc., dated November 20, 2023;
- John Paul Wasan, Chair, Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee, dated November 20, 2023;
- Clara Ewert Fisher, Climate Action Group, dated November 21, 2023;
- Adam Cole, dated November 21, 2023;
- Sonja Vrinten, dated November 23, 2023;
- Samantha Cowan, dated November 26, 2023; and
- Cristian Pereira, dated November 27, 2023.

General Manager, Utilities and Environment Gardiner presented the Business Line with a PowerPoint and together with members from

her team, responded to questions during consideration of the Business Line and various amendments put forward.

**Moved By:** Councillor Loewen

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gersher

1. That the Environmental Health Business Line Operating Budget for 2024 totalling \$21,504,700 in expenditures and \$8,941,200 in revenues be approved, which includes adjustments made through the 2023 special budget meetings as outlined in Appendix 1; subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
2. That the Environmental Health Business Line Operating Budget for 2025 totalling \$22,024,600 in expenditures and \$8,796,900 in revenues be approved, which includes adjustments made through the 2023 special budget meetings as outlined in Appendix 1; subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
3. That the 2024 Capital Budget totalling \$13,228,000 be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda; and
4. That the 2025 Capital Plan totalling \$2,148,000 be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda.

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Loewen

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gough

Option 5 - Discontinue Christmas Tree Drop-off - 2024 (\$25,000)

In Favour: (8): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (3): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

**CARRIED**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Donauer

**Seconded By:** Councillor Davies

Option 8 – Extension of Tree Pruning Cycle - 2024 (\$90,000)

In Favour: (2): Councillor Davies, and Councillor Donauer

Against: (9): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

**DEFEATED**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Donauer

**Seconded By:** Councillor Davies

Option 11 – End Student Action for a Sustainable Future program continuation - 2024 (\$40,000)

In Favour: (7): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (4): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Hill

**CARRIED**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

**Seconded By:** Councillor Davies

Option 10 – Eliminate Healthy Yards and Boulevard Garden Program advertising and support - 2024 (\$11,600)

In Favour: (7): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Against: (4): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, and Councillor Loewen



**CARRIED**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Donauer

**Seconded By:** Councillor Hill

Eliminate the 11 FTEs for the Material Recovery Centre.

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

Against: (7): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

**DEFEATED**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Jeffries

**Seconded By:** Councillor Dubois

That the staffing levels remain status quo for the Material Recovery Centre and that the funding source be adjusted to mill rate, which consists of removal of 4 FTEs from the proposed business line.

Consideration of this motion was deferred to the following day.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

**Seconded By:** Councillor Loewen

That the hour of the meeting be extended beyond 5:30 p.m. to complete consideration of this item.

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

Against: (1): Councillor Dubois

**CARRIED**

In accordance with Section 13 (1) of *The Procedures and Committee Bylaw*, there was not unanimous consent of the members present and therefore the hour of the meeting was not extended.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

**Seconded By:** Councillor Loewen

In the event that budget proceedings are not completed on Thursday, November 30, that Council reconvene at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, December 1.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting recessed at 5:37 p.m. on November 29 and reconvened on November 30 at 9:30 a.m. with all members in attendance with the exception of Councillors Gough and Kirton.

Mayor Clark provided comments. Councillor Gough joined the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Chief Financial Officer Hack provided an update with the changes voted on so far.

Councillor Kirton joined the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Discussion continued on the motion regarding staffing levels for the Material Recovery Centre.

**VOTE ON AMENDMENT MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JEFFRIES,  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR LOEWEN**

*That the staffing levels remain status quo for the Material Recovery Centre and that the funding source be adjusted to mill rate, which consists of removal of 4 FTEs from the proposed business line.*

In Favour: (6): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (5): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Kirton

**CARRIED**

**Moved By:** Councillor Loewen  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Block

That the Administration report in advance of the 2025 budget deliberations about the first year of operations at the Material Recovery Centre and any related operational needs.

In Favour: (7): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (4): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Hill

**CARRIED**

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED

In Favour: (6): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (5): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Kirton

**CARRIED**

The meeting recessed at 11:12 a.m. and reconvened at 11:35 a.m. with all members in attendance.

**7.2.4 Urban Planning and Development 2024-2025 Business Plan and Budget CCB2023-1109 GPC2023-0806**

*[Budget Book page 183] Attainable Housing; Building and Plumbing Permits & Standards; Business Improvement Districts; Bylaw Compliance; Development Review; Licenses & Permits; Long Range Planning; Neighbourhood Planning; Planning Project Services; Regional Planning; Research & Mapping; Urban Design*

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

- Peter and Verna Gallen, dated August 25, 2023; and
- Sean Dexter, Gridlock Signs, dated November 21, 2023.

Councillor Gersher declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor Gersher declared a conflict of interest on the portion of this item that deals with vehicles for hire as her family is in a business that could be perceived to be in conflict with the industry.)

General Manager, Community Services Lacroix presented the Business Line with a PowerPoint and responded to questions.

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gough

1. That the Urban Planning and Development Business Line Operating Budget for 2024, totalling \$18,625,700 in expenditures and \$10,624,100 in revenues be approved, which includes adjustments made through the 2023 special budget meetings as outlined in Appendix 1; subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
2. That the Urban Planning and Development Business Line Operating Plan for 2025, totalling \$19,094,800 in expenditures and \$10,931,600 in revenues be approved, which includes adjustments made through the 2023 special budget meetings as outlined in Appendix 1; subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
3. That the 2024 Capital Budget totalling \$50,000 be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
4. That the 2025 Capital Plan totalling \$50,000 be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;

5. That the proposed Building Standards program fees for 2024 and 2025, as outlined in Appendix 3 and included in the 2024-2025 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget, be approved;
6. That the City Solicitor be instructed to draft the appropriate amendments to Bylaw No. 9455, Building Bylaw, 2017; Bylaw No. 6583, The Plumbing Permits Bylaw, 1985; and Bylaw No. 7981, Swimming Pool Bylaw, 2000;
7. That the proposed Development Review Program rates and fees for 2024 and 2025, as outlined in Appendix 4 and included in the 2024/2025 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget, be approved;
8. That the City Solicitor be instructed to draft the appropriate amendments to Bylaw No. 9724, the Development Applications Fee Amendment Bylaw, 2020;
9. That the City Solicitor be instructed to draft the appropriate bylaw amendments to facilitate the licence application fees, as outlined in Appendix 5, relating to Bylaw No. 9011, The Adult Services Licensing Bylaw; Bylaw No. 9525, The Cannabis Business Licence Bylaw; Bylaw No. 9651, The Vehicles for Hire Bylaw; and Bylaw No. 9746, The Business Licence Bylaw; and
10. That the City Solicitor be instructed to draft the appropriate amendments to the portable sign licence application fee and the permanent sign permit fees, as outlined in Appendix 6, relating to Bylaw No. 9724, Development Applications Fee Bylaw, 2020, and as included in the proposed 2024 and 2025 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget.

**IN AMENDMENT**

**Moved By:** Councillor Loewen

**Seconded By:** Councillor Block

Option 3 - Portable sign license fee increase - 2024 (\$24,000)

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MOTION ARISING

**Moved By:** Councillor Loewen

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gough

That Administration report back in 2024 regarding Option 4 and the implications of achieving 100% cost recovery for all applications, including any impacts for the 2025 budget.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTE ON PORTION OF MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED

*Main Motions 1 to 8 and 10.*

In Favour: (7): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (4): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Hill

**CARRIED**

VOTE ON PORTION OF MAIN MOTION

Councillor Gersher previously declared a conflict of interest on this matter and recused herself from discussion and voting and left the Council Chamber.

*Main Motion 9.*

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

Against: (1): Councillor Hill

Conflict (1): Councillor Gersher

**CARRIED**

### **7.2.5 Recreation and Culture 2024-2025 Business Plan and Budget CCB2023-1114 GPC2023-0807**

*[Budget Book page 249] Albert Community Centre; Community Partnerships; Forestry Farm Park & Zoo; Golf Courses; Gordon Howe Campground; Indoor Rinks; Leisure Centres-Program; Leisure Centres-Rentals; Marketing Services; Marr Residence; Nutrien Playland; Outdoor Pools; Outdoor Sports Fields; Parks Maintenance & Design; Playground & Recreation Areas; Program Research & Design; River Landing; Spectator Ballfields; Community Partnerships; Targeted Programming*

An approval report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

A letter submitting comments from Sherry Tarasoff, dated November 27, 2023, was also provided.

General Manager, Community Services Lacroix presented the Business Line with a PowerPoint and responded to questions.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

**Seconded By:** Councillor Block

1. That the Recreation and Culture Business Line Operating Budget for 2024 totalling \$66,304,700 in expenditures and \$26,972,300 in revenues be approved, which includes adjustments made through the 2023 special budget meetings as outlined in Appendix 1; subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
2. That the Recreation and Culture Business Line Operating Plan for 2025 totalling \$67,966,000 in expenditures and \$28,104,700 in revenues be approved, which includes

adjustments made through the 2023 special budget meetings as outlined in Appendix 1; subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;

3. That the 2024 Capital Budget totalling \$7,317,000 be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
4. That the 2025 Capital Plan totalling \$11,724,000 be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
5. That the rates for indoor arenas for 2024 and 2025, effective October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2026, as included in the 2024/2025 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget, be approved;
6. That rates and fees for Charge for Use sport fields for 2024 and 2025, effective January 1, 2024, as included in the 2024/2025 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget, be approved;
7. That the Nutrien Playland at Kinsmen Park (Nutrien Playland) admission rates and group rental rates for 2024 and 2025, effective January 1, 2024, as included in the 2024/2025 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget, be approved;
8. That the Special Event Application Fee for 2024 and 2025, effective January 1, 2024, as included in the 2024/2025 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget, be approved;
9. That the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo (SFFPZ) 2024 and 2025 rates and 2024 to 2026 rental fees, as included in the 2024/2025 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget, be approved;
10. That the Gordon Howe Campground rates and fees for 2024 and 2025, effective January 1, 2024, as included in the 2024/2025 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget, be approved;
11. That the Indoor Leisure Centres and Outdoor Pools rental rates for the period of September 1, 2024 to August 31,



2026, as included in the 2024/2025 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget, be approved;

12. That the Indoor Leisure Centres and Outdoor Pools rates for Registered Programs and Admissions for the period of April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2026, as included in the 2024/25 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget, be approved; and

13. That the golf course rates and fees for the three City of Saskatoon municipal golf courses, effective April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2026, as included in the 2024/2025 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget, be approved.

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Donauer

**Seconded By:** Councillor Hill

Option 13 – Deferral of new property tax funded park positions - 2024 (\$197,100)

In Favour: (5): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Against: (6): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, and Councillor Loewen

**DEFEATED**

The meeting recessed at 1:01 p.m. and reconvened at 1:50 p.m. with all members in attendance.

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Donauer

**Seconded By:** Councillor Hill

Option 10 - Deferral of new property tax funded positions at Forestry Farm - 2024 (\$48,000) 2025 (\$22,700)

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

Against: (8): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

**DEFEATED**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Hill

**Seconded By:** Councillor Dubois

Option 12A – Reducing the trimming component of grass maintenance service levels by 50% - 2024 (\$200,000)

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

Against: (7): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

**DEFEATED**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Jeffries

**Seconded By:** Councillor Kirton

That the trimming component of grass maintenance service levels be reduced by 25% - 2024 (\$100,000)

In Favour: (6): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Against: (5): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, and Councillor Loewen

**CARRIED**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

**Seconded By:** Councillor Hill

Option 8B – Eliminate the Skateboard Program, Traveling Sports Van Program and Arts Centre program - 2024 (\$48,700)

In Favour: (1): Councillor Dubois

Against: (10): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

**DEFEATED**

Option 4C – Reduce the operating hours of all indoor leisure centres by one hour per day - 2024 (\$296,000)

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

Against: (7): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

**DEFEATED**

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

**Seconded By:** Councillor Donauer

Option 11 – Implement \$1 service fee for online registrations - 2024 (\$11,500)

In Favour: (7): Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Against: (4): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gersher, and Councillor Loewen

**CARRIED**

MOTION ARISING

**Moved By:** Councillor Davies

**Seconded By:** Councillor Dubois

That the Administration report back in advance of 2025 budget deliberations on credit card charges and fees at leisure centres and potential options for cost recovery.

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

Against: (1): Councillor Jeffries

**CARRIED**

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED

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

Against: (3): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, and Councillor Dubois

**CARRIED**

#### **7.2.6 Corporate Asset Management 2024-2025 Business Plan and Budget CCB2023-1102 GPC2023-0814**

*[Budget Book page 331] City Accommodation; Facilities Management; Fleet Services*

An approval report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

General Manager, Utilities and Environment Gardiner presented the Business Line with a PowerPoint and responded to questions along with General Manager, Transportation and Construction Schmidt.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gersher

1. That the Corporate Asset Management Business Line Operating Budget for 2024 totalling \$16,929,800 in expenditures and \$237,700 in revenues be approved, which includes adjustments made through the 2023 special budget

meetings as outlined in Appendix 1; subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;

2. That the Corporate Asset Management Business Line Operating Plan for 2025 totalling \$18,379,500 in expenditures and \$237,700 in revenues be approved, which includes adjustments made through the 2023 special budget meetings as outlined in Appendix 1; subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
3. That the 2024 Capital Budget totalling \$13,851,700 be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda; and
4. That the 2025 Capital Plan totalling \$19,104,700 be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda.

**IN AMENDMENT**

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

**Seconded By:** Councillor Donauer

Option 2 – Transfer of external lease savings - 2024 (\$202,200)  
2025 (\$84,400)

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**IN AMENDMENT**

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

**Seconded By:** Councillor Donauer

Option 4C – Deferral of custodial support for Recovery Park - 2024  
(\$133,600)

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Hill

**Seconded By:** Councillor Donauer

Option 4D – Deferral of custodial support for City Yards - 2024  
(\$53,500) 2025 (\$53,500)

In Favour: (6): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Against: (5): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, and Councillor Loewen

**CARRIED**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Hill

**Seconded By:** Councillor Donauer

Option 4F – Defer trades position - 2024 (\$99,400)

In Favour: (6): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Against: (5): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, and Councillor Loewen

**CARRIED**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Hill

**Seconded By:** Councillor Donauer

Option 4B – Deferral of police mechanic and civic vehicles mechanic positions - 2025 (\$95,200)

In Favour: (7): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Against: (4): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gough, and Councillor Loewen

**CARRIED**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Hill

**Seconded By:** Councillor Donauer

Option 4E – Defer building operator position 2024 (\$85,200)

In Favour: (8): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (3): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Gersher, and Councillor Gough

**CARRIED**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Hill

**Seconded By:** Councillor Donauer

Option 4G – Defer radio shop coordinator - 2024 (\$62,000)

In Favour: (7): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Against: (4): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, and Councillor Loewen

**CARRIED**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Hill

**Seconded By:** Councillor Donauer

Option 4A – Deferral of fleet mechanic - 2024 (\$50,800)

In Favour: (8): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (3): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Gough, and Councillor Jeffries

**CARRIED**

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED

In Favour: (7): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (4): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Hill

**CARRIED**

The meeting recessed at 4:00 p.m. and reconvened at 4:10 p.m. with all members in attendance.

**7.2.7 Corporate Governance and Finance 2024-2025 Business Plan and Budget CCB2023-1116 GPC2023-0811**

*[Budget Book page 347] Assessment & Taxation; City Clerk's Office; City Manager's Office; City Solicitor's Office; Corporate Support; Debt Servicing; Financial Services; General Services; Legislative; Revenue Services; Service Saskatoon*

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

- Amanda Guthrie, Chair, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee, dated November 13, 2023; and



- Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee, dated November 21, 2023.

Chief Financial Officer Hack presented the Business Line and responded to questions along with Strategy and Transformation Office Anger and Director of Information Technology Bell.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

**Seconded By:** Councillor Loewen

1. That the Corporate Governance and Finance Business Line Operating Budget for 2024 totalling \$90,040,500 in expenditures and \$9,050,600 in revenues be approved, which includes adjustments made through the 2023 special budget meetings as outlined in Appendix 1; subject to any adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
2. That the Corporate Governance and Finance Business Line Operating Plan for 2025 totalling \$94,618,500 in expenditures and \$8,759,500 in revenues be approved, which includes adjustments made through the 2023 special budget meetings as outlined in Appendix 1; subject to any adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
3. That the 2024 Capital Budget totalling \$1,486,100 be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda; and
4. That the 2025 Capital Plan totalling \$1,686,000 be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda.

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gersher

Option 5C – Defer staff accountant position – Corporate Support - 2024 (\$91,700)

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

Against: (1): Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gersher

Option 5I – Defer the IT GIS Programmer Analyst - 2025 (\$97,500)

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Hill

**Seconded By:** Councillor Dubois

Option 5D – Defer staff accountant position – Fire 2025 (\$91,700 )

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

Against: (5): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

**CARRIED**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Hill

**Seconded By:** Councillor Dubois

Option 5F – Defer staff accountant position – Corporate Revenue 2025 (\$93,900)

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

Against: (7): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

**DEFEATED**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Hill

**Seconded By:** Councillor Dubois

Option 5J – Defer the IT project manager position - 2024 (\$137,000)

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

**DEFEATED**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Hill

**Seconded By:** Councillor Dubois

Option 5E – Defer the customer service representative in Corporate Revenue (total cost of \$77,200 of which most is funded through utilities) - 2024 (\$32,300)

In Favour: (1): Councillor Hill

Against: (10): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

**DEFEATED**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Hill

**Seconded By:** Councillor Dubois

5G – Defer the Access and Privacy Office position to 2025  
(\$102,700)

In Favour: (9): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor  
Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough,  
Councillor Hill, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (2): Mayor C. Clark, and Councillor Jeffries

**CARRIED**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Hill

**Seconded By:** Councillor Dubois

5H – Defer the IT Applications Coordinator - 2024 (\$137,000)

In Favour: (2): Councillor Hill, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (9): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies,  
Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher,  
Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

**DEFEATED**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Hill

**Seconded By:** Councillor Dubois

Option 5M – Defer Administrative Coordinator position - 2025  
(\$29,500)

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

Against: (7): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher,  
Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and  
Councillor Loewen

**DEFEATED**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Hill

**Seconded By:** Councillor Dubois

Option 5A – Defer Assessment Appraiser position - 2024  
(\$100,300)

In Favour: (5): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor  
Donauer, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Kirton

Against: (6): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher,  
Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen

**DEFEATED**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Loewen

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gough

That there be a reduction of \$30,000 to Legislative Services based  
on 50% of the 2022 surplus and to reflect the historical  
underspending of the Councillors budgets.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Jeffries

**Seconded By:** Councillor Davies

That fuel cost estimates be adjusted downward in the amount of  
\$.10/L based on fuel price trends for savings of \$600,000.

In Favour: (7): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Against: (4): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, and Councillor Loewen

**CARRIED**

A motion was put forward to defer the cybersecurity positions and advice was provided that Council would need to go *In Camera* to receive information due to sensitivity of the matter.

**Moved By:** Councillor Donauer

**Seconded By:** Councillor Loewen

That Council move *In Camera* to consider the motion on deferral of the cybersecurity positions.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m. on November 30 and reconvened *In Camera* on December 1 at 9:30 a.m.

City Council moved to rise and report at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened publicly immediately thereafter.

City Council reported as follows:

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gough

**Agenda Item 7.2.7 Corporate Governance and Finance 2024-2025 Business Plan and Budget – Deferral of the Cybersecurity Positions**

That the discussion and information be received and remain *In Camera* under Sections 16(1) e of *LAFOIP*.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Discussion followed and the motion regarding deferring the cybersecurity positions was subsequently withdrawn.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED

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

Against: (3): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, and Councillor Hill

**CARRIED**

MOTION ARISING

**Moved By:** Councillor Jeffries

**Seconded By:** Councillor Davies

That Administration report back about the following:

- changing utility billing defaults from paper to eBill
- charging a monthly fee for paper utility bills. Include information about the possibility of some people receiving paper bills at no charge upon request including customers who self-identify as persons with disabilities, customers without home Internet access or mobile data services, and seniors aged 65 or older.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.2.8 Saskatoon Fire 2024-2025 Business Plan and Budget  
CCB2023-1105 GPC2023-0618**

*[Budget book page 21] Emergency Management; Fire Services;  
Community Risk Reduction*

An approval report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

A letter submitting comments from Sherry Tarasoff, dated November 27, 2023, was also provided.

Saskatoon Fire Chief Hackl presented the Business Line and responded to questions.

**Moved By:** Councillor Block

**Seconded By:** Councillor Loewen

1. That Saskatoon Fire Business Line Operating Budget for 2024 totalling \$61,966,800 in expenditures and \$1,267,300 in revenues be approved, which includes adjustments made through the 2023 special budget meetings as outlined in Appendix 1; subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
2. That the Saskatoon Fire Business Line Operating Plan for 2025 totalling \$64,190,100 in expenditures and \$1,278,000 in revenues be approved, which includes adjustments made through the 2023 special budget meetings as outlined in Appendix 1; subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
3. That the 2024 Capital Budget totalling \$3,971,000 be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda; and



4. That the 2025 Capital Plan totalling \$16,776,000 be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda.

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

Against: (1): Councillor Hill

**CARRIED**

### **7.2.9 Transportation - 2024-2025 Business Plan and Budget CCB2023-1101 GPC2023-0703**

*[Budget Book page 129] Access Transit; Bridges & Structures; Engineering; Impound Lot; Parking; Road Maintenance; Snow & Ice Management; Street Cleaning & Sweeping; Street Lighting; Transit Operations; Transportation Services*

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

- Mike Winter, dated November 16, 2023; and
- Sherry Tarasoff, dated November 27, 2023.

General Manager, Transportation and Construction Schmidt presented the Business Line and responded to questions.

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

**Seconded By:** Councillor Loewen

1. That the Transportation Business Line Operating Budget for 2024 totalling \$171,680,300 in expenditures and \$25,368,100 in revenues be approved, which includes adjustments made through the 2023 special budget meetings as outlined in Appendix 1; subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
2. That the Transportation Business Line Operating Plan for 2025 totalling \$181,869,800 in expenditures and \$26,003,400 in revenues be approved, which includes

adjustments made through the 2023 special budget meetings as outlined in Appendix 1; subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;

3. That the 2024 Capital Budget totalling \$155,414,000 be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
4. That the 2025 Capital Plan totalling \$167,310,600 be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
5. That the proposed parking rate and impoundment fees included in the 2024/2025 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget be approved;
6. That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare appropriate amendments to Bylaw No. 7200, Traffic Bylaw, 1991 (Traffic Bylaw), and Bylaw No. 8640, the Impounding Bylaw, 2007 (Impounding Bylaw); and
7. That Administration expand pay parking zones, as identified in Appendix 2 and 2A of this report.

#### IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

**Seconded By:** Councillor Block

Reallocate \$250,000 of the estimated \$1M of transit fares to the general revenues (mill rate).

#### SUB-AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Jeffries

**Seconded By:** Councillor Davies

That the amount be amended to \$600,000.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Against: (6): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, and Councillor Loewen

**DEFEATED**

VOTE ON INITIAL AMENDMENT

*Reallocate \$250,000 of the estimated \$1M of transit fares to the general revenues (mill rate).*

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

Against: (2): Mayor C. Clark, and Councillor Gersher

**CARRIED**

VOTE ON PORTION OF MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED

*Main Motion 1 to 6.*

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

Against: (3): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, and Councillor Hill

**CARRIED**

VOTE ON PORTION OF MAIN MOTION

*Main Motion 7.*

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

Against: (1): Councillor Gersher

**CARRIED**

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

A report of the Governance & Priorities Committee was provided.

City Manager Jorgenson and General Manager, Transportation and Construction Schmidt responded to questions.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gough

That City Council direct implementation of fare elimination for children beginning in September 2024 with no impact to Saskatoon Transit 2024 revenue budget. Prior to implementation, Administration report back on:

- a. operational details/implementation plan for the elimination of child fares; and
- b. engagement with stakeholders.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **7.2.10 Community Support 2024-2025 Business Plan and Budget CCB2023-1104 GPC2023-0616**

*[Budget Book page 225] Animal Services; Cemeteries; Community Development; Community Investments & Supports*

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

- Kelly Boes, Saskatoon Minor Hockey Association, dated November 24, 2023;
- Travis Cole, PAVED Arts, dated November 24, 2023;
- Cora Janzen, Collective of Nonprofit Agencies, dated November 27, 2023;

- Breanne Harmon, Persephone Theatre, dated November 27, 2023;
- Bruce McKay, La Troupe du Jour, dated November 27, 2023;
- Jen Budney, Ukrainian Museum of Canada, dated November 27, 2023;
- Rowan Pantel, On The Boards Staging Company, dated November 27, 2023; and
- Yulissa Campos, Gordon Tootoosis Nikaniwin Theatre, dated November 27, 2023.

General Manager, Community Services Lacroix presented the Business Line and responded to questions.

Andrea Lafond, CEO of Meewasin, addressed Council requesting that the CPI increase in funding be reinstated and responded to questions.

**Moved By:** Councillor Loewen

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gersher

1. That the Community Support Business Line Operating Budget for 2024 totalling \$21,763,700 in expenditures and \$2,979,100 in revenues be approved, which includes adjustments made through the 2023 special budget meetings as outlined in Appendix 1; subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
2. That the Community Support Business Line Operating Plan for 2025 totalling \$21,747,100 in expenditures and \$3,092,000 in revenues be approved, which includes adjustments made through the 2023 special budget meetings as outlined in Appendix 1; subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
3. That the proposed 2024 and 2025 rates and fees for Pet Licensing, as outlined in Appendix 2 and included in the 2024-2025 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget be approved;

4. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary amendments to Bylaw No. 7860, Animal Control Bylaw, 1999 and Bylaw No. 8176, The Dangerous Animals Bylaw, 2003;
5. That the proposed Woodlawn Cemetery fee increase for services provided for 2024-2025, as outlined in Appendix 3 and included in the 2024-2025 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget, be approved;
6. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary amendments to Bylaw No. 6453, Cemeteries Bylaw, 1984; and
7. That the 2024 Capital Budget totalling \$50,000 be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda.

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

Against: (3): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, and Councillor Hill

**CARRIED**

#### **7.2.11 Taxation and General Revenues 2024-2025 Business Plan and Budget CCB2023-1118 GPC2023-0615**

*[Budget Book page 389] Fines and Penalties; General Revenues; Grants in Lieu of Taxes; Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant; Other Levies; Property Levy*

An approval report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

Chief Financial Officer Hack presented the Business Line.

The meeting recessed at 11:26 a.m. and reconvened at 11:43 a.m. with all members in attendance.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

**Seconded By:** Councillor Block

1. That the Taxation and General Revenues Business Line Operating Budget for 2024 totalling \$5,706,200 in expenditures and \$520,548,400 in revenues be approved, subject to adjustments under the Property Levy Service Line required to balance the 2024 budget from decisions impacting the levy;
2. That the Taxation and General Revenues Business Line Operating Plan for 2025 totalling \$6,491,300 in expenditures and \$547,775,600 in revenues be approved, subject to adjustments under the Property Levy Service Line required to balance the 2025 budget from decisions impacting the levy; and
3. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare amendment(s) to Bylaw No. 7200, the Traffic Bylaw, 1991 (Traffic Bylaw), to increase penalty amounts on parking tickets for violations involving unpaid parking or failing to properly display a ticket in pay parking areas, as follows:
  - a. Amend the early penalty payment, the payment made within 14 days from the date of parking ticket issuance, from \$30.00 to \$35.00; and
  - b. Amend the specified penalty amount, the payment after 14 days from date of parking ticket issuance, from \$50.00 to \$60.00.

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Loewen

**Seconded By:** Councillor Block

That there be a .75 percent increase for the tax arrears interest rate.

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

Against: (2): Councillor Davies, and Councillor Donauer

**CARRIED**

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED

In Favour: (7): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (4): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Hill

**CARRIED**

### **7.3 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET OPTIONS**

#### **7.3.1 2024-2025 Business Plan and Budget – Operating and Capital Options CCB2023-1110 GPC2023-1002**

A report of the Corporate Financial Services was provided.

Chief Financial Office Hack presented the report and together with General Manager, Utilities and Environment responded to questions.

**Moved By:** Councillor Kirton

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gough

That the capital projects as identified in Table 1 in the report of the Chief Financial Officer dated November 28, 2023 be approved.

In Favour: (7): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (4): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Hill

**CARRIED**

RECONSIDERATION

**Moved By:** Councillor Kirton

**Seconded By:** Councillor Hill



That the motion on the operating grants to community organizations. \$85,700 for 2024 and \$211,300 for 2025 be reconsidered.

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

Against: (1): Councillor Jeffries

**CARRIED**

#### RECONSIDERATION

**Moved By:** Councillor Kirton

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gersher

That the motion on a reducing a Communications Consult for Fire \$115,700 be reconsidered.

In Favour: (7): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (4): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Hill

**CARRIED**

**Moved By:** Councillor Loewen

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gough

That the school zone snow removal enhancement Option 2 \$34,000 be added to the consideration list.

In Favour: (6): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (5): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, and Councillor Hill

**CARRIED**

**Moved By:** Councillor Block

**Seconded By:** Councillor Loewen

That the Urban Forest Reserve \$100,000 in 2024 and \$150,000 in 2025 be added to the consideration list.

In Favour: (7): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (4): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Hill

**CARRIED**

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

**Seconded By:** Councillor Kirton

That the Housing Operating Program option \$240,000 in 2024 and \$125,000 in 2025 be added to the consideration list.

In Favour: (7): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (4): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Hill

**CARRIED**

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gersher

That the continuation of public Wi-Fi pilot \$5,000 be added to the consideration list.

In Favour: (7): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (4): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Hill

**CARRIED**

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

**Seconded By:** Councillor Block

That riverbank washrooms \$100,000 2024 \$5,000 2025 be added to the consideration list.

In Favour: (7): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (4): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Hill

**CARRIED**

**Moved By:** Councillor Block

**Seconded By:** Councillor Loewen

That the Road Safety Audit \$100,000 be added to the consideration list.

In Favour: (7): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (4): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Hill

**CARRIED**

**Moved By:** Councillor Block

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gough

That the Spring sweep of pedestrian walkways on bridges \$70,000 in 2025 be added to the consideration list.

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gersher

That the Saskatoon Transit Targeted Support Worker Program \$278,600 2024 \$204,000 2025 be added to the consideration list.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Clark left the Chair in order to put forward a motion. Deputy Mayor Councillor Gersher took the Chair.

**Moved By:** Mayor C. Clark

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gough

That the Indigenous Public Engagement Consultant II \$113,400 be added to the consideration list.

In Favour: (7): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (4): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Hill

**CARRIED**

**Moved By:** Mayor C. Clark

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gough

That the Indigenous Technical Advisory Group \$50,850 be added to the consideration list.

In Favour: (7): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (4): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Hill

**CARRIED**

The Mayor resumed the Chair.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gersher

That the Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion positions \$122,100 in 2025 be added to the consideration list.

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

Against: (3): Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Hill

**CARRIED**

The meeting recessed at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with all members in attendance.

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

**Seconded By:** Councillor Kirton

That the Saskatoon Transit Targeted Support Worker Program \$278,600 2024 \$204,000 2025 be approved

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

Against: (1): Councillor Jeffries

**CARRIED**

**Moved By:** Councillor Loewen

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gough

That the Housing Operating Program option \$240,000 in 2024 and \$125,000 in 2025 be approved.

In Favour: (7): Councillor Block, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (4): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, and Councillor Hill

**CARRIED**

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

**Seconded By:** Councillor Kirton

That the Communications Consult for Fire \$115,700 be approved.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (6): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Hill

**DEFEATED**

**Moved By:** Councillor Kirton

**Seconded By:** Councillor Block

That the Indigenous Public Engagement Consultant II \$113,400 be approved.

In Favour: (6): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (5): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

**CARRIED**

**Moved By:** Councillor Kirton

**Seconded By:** Councillor Block

That the Urban Forest Reserve \$100,000 in 2024 and \$150,000 in 2025 be approved.

In Favour: (6): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (5): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

**CARRIED**

**Moved By:** Councillor Loewen

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gough

That the increase in riverbank washroom checks \$100,000 2024  
\$5,000 2025 be approved.

In Favour: (6): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor  
Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor  
Loewen

Against: (5): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor  
Dubois, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

**CARRIED**

**Moved By:** Councillor Block

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gough

That the Road Safety Audit \$100,000 be approved.

In Favour: (6): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor  
Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor  
Loewen

Against: (5): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor  
Dubois, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

**CARRIED**

**Moved By:** Councillor Kirton

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gough

That the operating grants to community organizations. \$85,700 for  
2024 and \$211,300 for 2025 be approved.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor  
Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (5): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Davies, Councillor  
Donauer, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Jeffries

**CARRIED**

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Gough

That the Indigenous Technical Advisory Group \$50,850 be approved.

In Favour: (5): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (6): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

**DEFEATED**

**Moved By:** Councillor Loewen  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Jeffries

That the school zone snow removal enhancement Option 2 \$34,000 be approved.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (5): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Hill

**CARRIED**

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Loewen

That the continuation of public Wi-Fi pilot \$5,000 be approved.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (5): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Hill

**CARRIED**



**Moved By:** Councillor Block

**Seconded By:** Councillor Loewen

That the Spring sweep of pedestrian walkways on bridges \$70,000 in 2025 be approved.

In Favour: (3): Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (8): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

**DEFEATED**

Consideration of the Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion positions was withdrawn.

**7.3.1.1 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee – 2024 Proposed Budget and Support Letter [EUCS2023-1107]**

A report of the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services was provided.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

**Seconded By:** Councillor Dubois

That the information be received.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.3.1.2 Garbage Receptacles and Trail Side Amenities on Multi Use Pathways [CC2023-1106]**

The City Clerk reported that City Council, at its Regular Business Meeting held on November 22, 2023, considered this matter and resolved that garbage receptacles for multi-use pathways every 1.5

kilometers be directed to the 2024-25 budget process. A copy of the report of the Community Services Division is provided.

**Moved By:** Councillor Block

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gough

That Administration report be referred to the appropriate Standing Policy Committee for further consideration.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (6): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Kirton

**DEFEATED**

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

**Seconded By:** Councillor Dubois

That the information be received.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.3.1.3 Assiniboine Drive CN Rail Pedestrian Crossing – November 2023 Update [CC2023-1103]**

The City Clerk reported that City Council, at its Regular Business Meeting held on November 22, 2023, considered this matter along with a letter from Steve Janzen dated November 20, 2023 and resolved that the Assiniboine Drive CN Rail Pedestrian Crossing project be forwarded to the 2024/2025 budget deliberations for funding consideration within the Capital Business Plan Options.

The following letters submitting comments were also provided:

- Steve Janzen, dated November 20, 2023;
- Jason Hanson, Saskatoon Cycles, dated November 21, 2023; and
- Jason Hanson, Saskatoon Cycles, dated November 27, 2023.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

**Seconded By:** Councillor Dubois

That the information be received.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting recessed at 3:11 p.m. and reconvened at 3:21 p.m. with all members in attendance.

## **8. BUDGET SUMMARY - VERBAL REPORT**

A spreadsheet of the approved changes was displayed and presented by Chief Financial Hack.

**Moved By:** Councillor Hill

That the overall budget be reduced by \$2M.

There was no seconder and therefore the motion was not considered or voted on.

RECONSIDERATION

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

**Seconded By:** Councillor Jeffries

That the motion regarding the reallocation of \$250,000 of the estimated \$1M of transit fares to the general revenues (mill rate) be reconsidered.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Against: (5): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, and Councillor Loewen

**CARRIED**

IN AMENDMENT

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

**Seconded By:** Councillor Jeffries

That amount of reallocation of the estimated \$1M of transit fares to the general revenues (mill rate) be \$600,000.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Against: (5): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, and Councillor Loewen

**CARRIED**

VOTE ON MOTION AS AMENDED

*That the reallocation of \$600,000 of the estimated \$1M of transit fares to the general revenues (mill rate) be approved.*

In Favour: (6): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Against: (5): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, and Councillor Loewen

**CARRIED**

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

**Seconded By:** Councillor Loewen

That the overall budget as amended be approved.

In Favour: (7): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (4): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Hill

**CARRIED**

Chief Financial Officer Hack provided a budget summary at the conclusion of deliberations. Council approved a property tax increase of 6.04% for 2024 and 5.64% for 2025. In general terms, a homeowner with a single-family detached home with an average assessed value of \$344,000 would have a municipal property tax increase of \$10.47 per month or \$125.62 per year.

FINAL BUDGET SUMMARY TABLE

Operating				
Business Line	2024 Revenue	2024 Expenses	2025 Revenue	2025 Expenses
Arts, Culture and Events Venues	-	9,873,100	-	10,155,600
Community Support	(2,979,100)	21,844,600	(3,092,000)	22,039,300
Corporate Asset Management	(237,700)	16,146,100	(237,700)	17,392,800
Corporate Governance and Finance	(9,050,600)	89,765,450	(8,759,500)	94,353,700
Environmental Health	(8,881,200)	21,120,800	(8,736,900)	21,770,500
Land Development	(10,243,700)	10,243,700	(9,562,800)	9,562,800
Recreation and Culture	(26,972,300)	66,072,200	(28,104,700)	67,830,400
Saskatoon Fire	(1,267,300)	62,231,800	(1,278,000)	64,659,100
Saskatoon Police Service	(12,862,400)	134,455,700	(12,996,300)	141,438,400
Taxation and General Revenues	(517,672,350)	5,506,200	(545,414,100)	6,291,300
Transportation	(25,368,100)	170,121,000	(26,003,400)	180,250,800
Urban Planning and Development	(10,648,100)	18,802,200	(10,955,600)	19,396,300
Utilities	(436,719,800)	436,719,800	(461,009,600)	461,009,600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(1,062,902,650)</b>	<b>1,062,902,650</b>	<b>(1,116,150,600)</b>	<b>1,116,150,600</b>

Saskatoon Public Library	(32,978,200)	32,978,200	(34,345,300)	34,345,300
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Capital		
Business Line	2024	2025
Arts, Culture and Events Venues	-	-
Community Support	522,500	542,500
Corporate Asset Management	13,851,700	19,104,700
Corporate Governance and Finance	1,771,100	1,991,000
Environmental Health	13,650,000	2,713,000
Land Development	67,726,000	93,892,000
Recreation and Culture	7,317,000	11,724,000
Saskatoon Fire	3,971,000	16,776,000
Saskatoon Police Service	3,643,000	2,908,000
Taxation and General Revenues	-	-
Transportation	155,814,000	167,635,600
Urban Planning and Development	215,000	575,000
Utilities	114,512,600	87,809,300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>382,993,900</b>	<b>405,671,100</b>

Saskatoon Public Library	200,000	200,000
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**9. INQUIRIES**

**10. MOTIONS (NOTICE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN)**

**11. URGENT BUSINESS**

**12. GIVING NOTICE**

**12.1 Councillor B. Dubois - Credit Card Processing Fees CCB2023-1122**

Councillor Dubois gave the following Notice of Motion:

"TAKE NOTICE that I will move the following motion at the next Regular Business Meeting of City Council:

"Whereas the City of Saskatoon allows payments for programs and services via credit card.

Whereas the City of Saskatoon is charged processing fees by credit card companies

Now Therefore I make the following motion:

That the Administration report on back to City Council and/or the appropriate Committee prior to the 2025 Budget adjustment process on (a) the average annual cost to the City for all credit card processing fees and (b) a potential approach to recover those costs."

**13. IN CAMERA SESSION (OPTIONAL)**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk