



PUBLIC MINUTES

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall

PRESENT: Councillor T. Davies, Chair
Councillor Z. Jeffries, Vice-Chair, at 9:32 a.m.
Councillor C. Block
Councillor H. Gough
Councillor M. Loewen
His Worship, Mayor C. Clark (Ex-Officio), at 9:43 a.m.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor B. Dubois, via teleconference
General Manager, Community Services L. Lacroix
Solicitor J. Manastyrski
Deputy City Clerk S. Bryant
Committee Assistant M. Lasby

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order on Treaty 6 Territory and the Traditional Homeland of the Métis People and confirmed roll call.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Councillor Block

1. That the following letters be added to Item 7.1.1:
 - Requests to Speak:
 - Bertrand Bartake, dated November 29, 2023
 - Karen Kobussen, Strong Towns YXE, dated December 4, 2023
 - Nicole Burgess, Saskatoon Home Builders, dated December 4, 2023
 - Heather Ryan, dated December 4, 2023
 - Comments:
 - Mike Winter, Walking Saskatoon, dated December 3, 2023

- Noah Koh-Steadman, dated December 4, 2023
 - Ryan Fredrickson and Shannon Friesen, Saskatoon Construction Association, dated December 4, 2023
 - Cameron Choquette, Saskatchewan Landlord Association, dated December 4, 2023
 - Keith Moen, NSBA Saskatoon's Business Association, dated December 4, 2023
2. That the letter submitting comments from Nicole Burgess, Saskatoon Home Builders, dated December 4, 2023, be added to Item 7.2.1;
 3. That the letter from Joel Lloyd, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, and Stan Laba, Saskatoon Public Schools, dated October 17, 2023, be added to Item 7.2.3;
 4. That the letter requesting to speak from Stephanie Clovechok, Discover Saskatoon, dated December 1, 2023, be added to Item 7.2.5;
 5. That the items with speakers be considered immediately following Unfinished Business:
 - 6.1.1 - Nicole Hein
 - 7.1.1
 - Bertrand Bartake
 - Karen Kobussen
 - Nicole Burgess
 - Heather Ryan
 - 7.2.5 - Stephanie Clovechok
 6. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Davies, Councillor Block, Councillor Gough, and Councillor Loewen

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

That the minutes of Regular Meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services held on November 2, 2023, be approved.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Davies, Councillor Block, Councillor Gough, and Councillor Loewen

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Jeffries entered the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. COMMUNICATIONS (requiring the direction of the Committee)

6.1 Requests to Speak (new matters)

6.1.1 Nicole Hein - The State of Repair of the Buildings at Marquis Downs [PDCS2023-1205]

A letter requesting to speak from Nicole Hein, dated November 20, 2023, was provided, and introduced by General Manager, Community Services Lacroix.

The Committee heard from Nicole Hein on the matter. General Manager, Community Services Lacroix responded to questions of Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Gough

That the information be received.

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

Absent: (1): Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Delegated Authority Matters

6.3 Matters Requiring Direction

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Decision Reports

7.1.1 Options for the Review of Minimum Parking Regulations [MPC2023-0502]

The Deputy City Clerk reported that a report of the Community Services Division was tabled at the November 2, 2023 meeting for consideration at the December 6, 2023 meeting. A copy of the report is provided.

The following letters were also provided:

- Requests to Speak:
 - Bertrand Bartake, dated November 29, 2023
 - Karen Kobussen, Strong Towns YXE, dated December 4, 2023
 - Nicole Burgess, Saskatoon Home Builders, dated December 4, 2023
 - Heather Ryan, dated December 4, 2023
- Comments:
 - Mike Winter, Walking Saskatoon, dated December 3, 2023
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 - Keith Moen, NSBA Saskatoon's Business Association, dated December 4, 2023

Director of Planning and Development Anderson presented the report with slides and responded to questions of Committee, along with General Manager, Community Services Lacroix.

Mayor Clark entered the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

The Committee heard from the following speakers:

- Bertrand Bartake (with slides)
- Karen Kobussen, Strong Towns YXE
- Nicole Burgess, Saskatoon Home Builders
- Heather Ryan

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services recommend to City Council that Administration undertake the work to pursue Option 3 – Remove Minimum Parking Requirements.

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

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

CARRIED

The meeting recessed at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened at 11:20 a.m. with all members of the Committee in attendance. Councillor Dubois was also in attendance.

Item 7.2.5 was considered next.

7.2 Approval Reports

7.2.1 2023 Adjusted and 2024 Preliminary Prepaid Servicing Rates (Direct and Offsite) [PDCS2023-1204]

A report of the Transportation and Construction Division was provided, along with a letter from Nicole Burgess, Saskatoon Home Builders, dated December 4, 2023.

General Manager, Transportation and Construction Schmidt presented the report.

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services recommend to City Council:

1. That an adjustment be approved to the 2023 Prepaid Service Rates, as submitted under Appendix 1; and

2. That the Preliminary 2024 Rates be set at the 2023 rates and adjusted in late 2024 based on actual 2024 contract costs.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.2 Servicing Agreement - SaskEnergy Incorporated [PDCS2023-1207]

A report of the Transportation and Construction Division was provided and presented by General Manager, Transportation and Construction Schmidt.

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services recommend to City Council:

1. That the Servicing Agreement with SaskEnergy Incorporated for a regulator station site within the Holmwood Development Area to cover Parcel B in Section 28, Township 36, Range 4, West of the 3rd Meridian be approved; and
2. That His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Servicing Agreement under the corporate seal.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.3 Parks and Recreation Levy and Community Centre Levy – 2023 Rates [PDCS2023-1201]

A report of the Community Services Division was provided, along with a letter from Stan Laba, Saskatoon Public Schools, and Joel Lloyd, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, dated October 17, 2023.

It was noted that Joel Lloyd and Ryan Martin, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, and Stan Laba, Saskatoon Public Schools, were in attendance.

General Manager, Community Services Lacroix presented the report and responded to questions of Committee, along with Joel Lloyd, Chief Financial Officer, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools.

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services recommend to City Council:

1. That adjustments to the 2023 Parks and Recreation Levy rate, as outlined in the December 6, 2023 report of the Community Services Division, be approved;
2. That the 2023 Community Centre Levy rates for each developing neighbourhood, as outlined in the December 6, 2023 report of the Community Services Division, be approved;
3. That the Community Centre Levy be renamed to the School Land Levy; and
4. That beginning in 2024, the School Land Levy be based on the year-to-year cost of acquiring 10 acres of potential elementary school-site property in each developing neighbourhood.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.4 Vacant Lot and Adaptive Reuse Incentive Program – Proposed Policy Amendments [PDCS2023-1206]

A revised report of the Community Services Division was provided and presented by Director of Planning and Development Anderson, who responded to questions of Committee.

Mayor Clark temporarily excused himself from the meeting at 12:26 p.m.

Moved By: Councillor Block

That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services recommend to City Council:

1. That the proposed amendments to Council Policy C09-035, the Vacant Lot and Adaptive Reuse Incentive Program Policy, as outlined in the December 6, 2023 report of the Community Services Division, be approved; and
2. That the City Clerk be requested to make necessary amendments to Council Policy C09-035, the Vacant Lot and Adaptive Reuse Incentive Program Policy.

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

Absent: (1): Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 7.3.1 was considered next.

7.2.5 Conference Bid - Federation of Canadian Municipalities - FCM 2026, 2027 or 2028 [PDCS2023-1208]

A report of the Community Services Division was provided, along with a request to speak from Stephanie Clovechok, Discover Saskatoon, dated December 1, 2023.

General Manager, Community Services Lacroix presented the report.

Stephanie Clovechok, Discover Saskatoon, addressed the Committee.

Moved By: Mayor C. Clark

That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services recommend to City Council:

1. That City Council endorse the bid to host the FCM Conference and Trade Show in either 2026, 2027 or 2028; and
2. That City Council approve an exception to Policy C03-007, Special Events and approve a maximum financial commitment of \$300,000 for the event.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 7.2.1 was considered next.

7.3 Information Reports

7.3.1 Intangible Cultural Heritage – Review Considerations [MHAC2023-1001]

A report of the Community Services Division was provided, along with a letter from the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, dated November 15, 2023.

Director of Planning and Development Anderson presented the report and responded to questions of Committee.

Mayor Clark re-entered the meeting at 12:34 p.m.

Councillor Dubois excused herself from the meeting at 12:36 p.m.

Moved By: Councillor Block

That the report be received as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3.2 Current Actions to Support Sustainable Neighbourhood Development [PDCS2023-1203]

A report of the Community Services Division was provided and presented by General Manager, Community Services Lacroix. Together with Director of Planning and Development Anderson, they responded to questions of Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Block

That the report be received as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3.3 2023 Growth Monitoring Report [PDCS2023-1202]

A report of the Community Services Division was provided and presented by General Manager, Community Services Lacroix.

Moved By: Councillor Block

That the report be received as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

That the report be forwarded to City Council as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. MOTIONS (notice previously given)

9. URGENT BUSINESS

10. GIVING NOTICE

11. IN CAMERA SESSION (if required)

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

Councillor T. Davies, Chair

S. Bryant, Deputy City Clerk