



MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

**Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
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, via teleconference at 2:32 p.m.
Councillor H. Gough
Councillor D. Hill, via teleconference
Councillor Z. Jeffries, via teleconference
Councillor D. Kirton
Councillor M. Loewen

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager J. Jorgenson
City Solicitor C. Yelland
Chief Financial Officer C. Hack
General Manager, Community Services L. Lacroix
General Manager, Transportation & Construction T. Schmidt
General Manager, Utilities & Environment A. Gardiner
City Clerk A. Tittmore
Committee Assistant H. Janzen

1. NATIONAL ANTHEM AND 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 Gough

Seconded By: Councillor Davies

1. That the following letters requesting to speak be added to Item 8.2.1;
 - Muhammad Mirza, dated March 23, 2024;
 - Ahsan Kamboh, dated March 23, 2024;
 - Azhar Randhawa, Captain Taxi, dated March 23, 2024;
 - Adnan Ahmad, Riide, dated March 24, 2024;
 - Shafqat Cheema, dated March 24, 2024;
 - Ray Bourner, Riide Holdings Inc., dated March 25, 2024;
 - Gurvinder Singh, Captain Cab, dated March 25, 2024;
 - Abbas Akram, dated March 25, 2024;
 - Malik Draz, USW Union, dated March 25, 2024;
 - Asif Shahzad, dated March 25, 2024;
 - Zuhaib Jahangir, dated March 25, 2024;
 - Furqan Ali, Saskatoon Radio Cabs, dated March 26, 2024;
2. That the following letters be added to Item 9.2.1;
 - Requesting to Speak
 - Candace Savage, Swale Watchers, dated March 21, 2024;
 - Jan Norris, dated March 24, 2024;
 - John Paul Wasan, Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee, dated March 25, 2024;
 - Joanne Blythe, Wild About Saskatoon, dated March 25, 2024;
 - Monika Kinner, dated March 25, 2024;
 - Submitting Comments

- Sherry Forsyth, Saskatchewan Alliance for Water Sustainability, dated March 19 2024;
- Julia Adamson, dated March 20, 2024;
- Anna Slusarczyk, dated March 21, 2024;
- Keith Moen, NSBA - Saskatoon's Business Association, dated March 22, 2024;
- Julia Adamson, Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc., dated March 22, 2024;
- Keith Bell, dated March 22, 2024;
- Jennifer Poliakov, dated March 23, 2024;
- Karen Wood, dated March 23, 2024;
- Aidan Akhtar, dated March 23, 2024;
- Taya Koob, dated March 24, 2024;
- Dianne Miller, dated March 24, 2024;
- Laura Lacey, dated March 24, 2024;
- Brendan Lapointe, dated March 24, 2024;
- Marcia Main, dated March 24, 2024;
- Tom Steele, dated March 24, 2024;
- Kathlin Simpkins, dated March 24, 2024;
- Gavin Robertson, dated March 25, 2024;
- Robin Karpan, dated March 25, 2024;
- Lois Keller, dated March 25, 2024;
- Wilma Groenen, dated March 25, 2024;
- Lindsey Beeching, dated March 25, 2024;
- Garret Gartner, dated March 25, 2024;
- Susan Cross, dated March 25, 2024;
- Jane McPhee, dated March 25, 2024;
- Mackenzie Burnett, dated March 25, 2024;

- Kristi Fedoroff, dated March 25, 2024;
 - Jory Cadman, dated March 25, 2024;
 - Tannara Yelland, dated March 25, 2024;
 - Dianne Miller, dated March 25, 2024;
 - Iva Henry, dated March 25, 2024;
 - Margret Asmuss, dated March 25, 2024;
 - Zack Mayoh, dated March 25, 2024;
 - John Krowina, dated March 25, 2024;
 - Kyler Nyhagen, dated March 25, 2024;
 - Carmen Holmes, dated March 25, 2024;
 - Heather Ward, dated March 25, 2024;
 - Martha Carter, dated March 25, 2024;
 - Stewart Coles, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - SK Chapter, dated March 25, 2024;
 - Angela Sykes, dated March 25, 2024;
3. That the following letters be added to Item 9.4.1;
- Requesting to Speak
 - Karen Kobussen, Strong Towns YXE, dated March 25, 2024;
 - Submitting Comments
 - Kristen Thoms, Quint Development Corporation, dated March 25, 2024;
4. That the items with speakers be considered immediately following consideration of the Consent Agenda;
- 8.2.1
 - Muhammad Mirza;
 - Ahsan Kamboh;
 - Azhar Randhawa, Captain Taxi;
 - Adnan Ahmad, Riide, ;

- Shafqat Cheema;
- Ray Bourner, Riide Holdings Inc.;
- Gurvinder Singh, Captain Cab;
- Abbas Akram;
- Malik Draz, USW Union;
- Asif Shahzad;
- Zuhaib Jahangir;
- Furqan Ali, Saskatoon Radio Cabs;
- 9.2.1
 - Candace Savage, Swale Watchers;
 - Jan Norris;
 - John Paul Wasan, Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee;
 - Joanne Blythe, Wild About Saskatoon;
 - Monika Kinner;
- 9.4.1
 - Karen Kobussen, Strong Towns YXE; and

5. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

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

Absent: (1): Councillor Gersher

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Gough

Seconded By: Councillor Davies

That City Council suspend its practice of standing while speaking during this meeting.

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

Absent: (1): Councillor Gersher

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest during this time, however Councillor Gersher later joined the meeting and declared a conflict on item 8.2.1, noted within that section of the minutes.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Councillor Donauer
Seconded By: Councillor Davies

That the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of City Council held on February 28, 2024, be approved.

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

Absent: (1): Councillor Gersher

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

5. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

5.1 Council Members

This is a standing item on the agenda in order to provide Council Members an opportunity to provide any public acknowledgements.

Mayor Clark

Mayor Clark recognized the passing of Leslie Dubé, he acknowledged the significance he had in the Community and shared condolences with his wife Irene Dubé and the family followed by a moment of silence.

Mayor Clark acknowledged Fire Chief Hackl on his upcoming retirement on March 29, 2024. He congratulated him on 36 and 1/2 years in the Fire Department and all that Fire Chief Hackl has accomplished.

Councillor Davies

Councillor Davies congratulated the Saskatoon Blades on a great season and on receiving the 2024 Scotty Munro Memorial Trophy. He wished them the best in their upcoming playoff run.

Councillor Dubois

Councillor Dubois attended and spoke at the first ever Black Business Expo at Prairieland Park on March 23, 2024.

Councillor Hill

Councillor Hill acknowledged Prairie Lily Curling league out of the Nutana Curling Club that sent two teams to the 2024 Canadian Pride Curling Championships, with one returning home with a silver.

6. QUESTION PERIOD

6.1 Councillor R. Donauer - Snow Removal [CK 6290-1]

Councillor Donauer asked if we are analyzing the latest snow event with an effort to improve in the future.

General Manager, Transportation and Construction Schmidt responded that the roadways team is in the process of conducting an after-action review.

6.2 Councillor R. Donauer – Permits [CK 300-1]

Councillor Donauer asked about permits, the use of police services and if there is a requirement to have a police escort.

General Manager, Community Services Lacroix responded that special events permits go through City Council to approve a budget for civic services.

General Manager, Transportation and Construction also responded that moving a building is a large undertaking and as a requirement of that police escorts are required.

6.3 Councillor B. Dubois - Curbside Organics Green Bin [CK 7830-7]

Councillor Dubois inquired about an update on the report will be coming forward regarding green bins, potential budget savings and cutbacks on pick-ups.

General Manager, Utilities and Environment Gardiner responded that the report will be tentatively coming forward in June.

6.4 Councillor D. Hill - City Assessors Office [CK 1615-1]

Councillor Hill asked about the changes and how the public will interact with the City Assessor's Office.

Chief Financial Officer Hack responded that the City of Assessor's Office is changing how they will interact with the public to an appointment only approach at City Hall rather than the Assessment Office.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Items 8.2.1 and 8.4.7 were removed from the Consent Agenda.

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

Seconded By: Councillor Block

That the Committee recommendations contained in Items 8.1.1 to 8.1.3; 8.3.1 to 8.3.4; 8.4.1 to 8.4.6; and 8.5.1 to 8.5.7 be adopted as one motion.

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

Absent: (1): Councillor Gersher

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Item 8.2.1 was considered next.

8.1 Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services

8.1.1 Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee - 2024 Work Plan [ADV2024-0302]

That the 2024 Work Plan for the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.1.2 Community Energy Loan Programs [EUCS2024-0301]

1. That up to \$25 M of internal borrowing be allocated, subject to public notice and an internal borrowing report, to implement a program incorporating all 3 sectors (residential, multi and commercial); and
2. That Administration be directed to submit an application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Green Municipal Fund – Net Zero Transformation Pilot Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8.1.3 Home Energy Loan Program Annual Status Update 2024
[EUCS2024-0302]**

That the “Proposed HELP Rebate Values” provided in Table 2 be approved. If approved, the new rebate values will come into effect on April 1, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Standing Policy Committee Transportation

8.2.1 Temporary Taxi Licence Review [TS2024-0303]

Councillor Gersher declared a conflict of interest on this matter during consideration of Item 9.2.1 due to her family being involved in a business that could be seen to be in conflict with the Taxi and TNC industries. Councillor Gersher was not present for consideration of this matter.

The following letters requesting to speak were provided:

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2. Ahsan Kamboh, dated March 23, 2024;
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4. Adnan Ahmad, Riide, dated March 24, 2024;
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8. Abbas Akram, dated March 25, 2024;
9. Malik Draz, USW Union, dated March 25, 2024;
10. Asif Shahzad, dated March 25, 2024;
11. Zuhaib Jahangir, dated March 25, 2024;
12. Furqan Ali, Saskatoon Radio Cabs, dated March 25, 2024.

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Councillor Dubois introduced the item as Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation.

Council heard from the following:

- Muhammad Mirza, who also responded to questions;
- Ahsan Kamboh;
- Ray Bourner, Riide Holdings Inc., who also responded to questions;
- Gurvinder Singh, Captain Cab, who also responded to questions;
- Abbas Akram, who also responded to questions;
- Malik Draz, USW Union, who also responded to questions;

The meeting recessed at 11:20 a.m. and reconvened at 11:36 a.m. with all members of Council in attendance with the exception of Councillor Gersher.

- Asif Shahzad;
- Zuhaib Jahangir, who also responded to questions;
- Furqan Ali, Saskatoon Radio Cabs, who also responded to questions; and
- Adnan Ahmad, Riide, who also responded to questions.

Licensing and Permitting Manager Wilson responded to questions of Council.

The meeting recessed at 12:58 p.m. and reconvened at 1:47 p.m. with all members of Council in attendance with the exception of Councillor Davies and Councillor Gersher.

Councillor Davies joined the meeting at 1:59 p.m.

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

Seconded By: Councillor Davies

That the City Solicitor be requested to prepared amendments to Bylaw No. 9651, The Vehicles for Hire Bylaw, 2019, to:

1. Renew the terms for the existing 21 temporary wheelchair accessible taxis until June 30, 2032; and
2. Implement Option 2: Grant Eight Enterprise Taxi Licenses and Six Additional Temporary Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Licenses.

IN AMENDMENT

Moved By: Councillor Gough

Seconded By: Councillor Kirton

That motion 2 be amended to be 16 Enterprise Taxi Licenses.

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

Against: (1): Councillor Donauer

Absent: (1): Councillor Gersher

CARRIED (9 to 1)

IN AMENDMENT

Moved By: Councillor Gough

Seconded By: Councillor Kirton

That motion 2 be amended to add “and 14 Additional Temporary Wheelchair Accessible Licenses”.

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

Absent: (1): Councillor Gersher

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED

That the City Solicitor be requested to prepared amendments to Bylaw No. 9651, The Vehicles for Hire Bylaw, 2019, to:

1. Renew the terms for the existing 21 temporary wheelchair accessible taxis until June 30, 2032;

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

Absent: (1): Councillor Gersher

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED

That the City Solicitor be requested to prepared amendments to Bylaw No. 9651, The Vehicles for Hire Bylaw, 2019, to:

2. Implement Option 2: Grant 16 Enterprise Taxi Licenses and 14 Additional Temporary Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Licenses.

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

Against: (1): Councillor Donauer

Absent: (1): Councillor Gersher

CARRIED (9 to 1)

MOTION ARISING

Moved By: Councillor Kirton

Seconded By: Councillor Dubois

That the City Solicitor be instructed to amend *The Vehicle for Hire Bylaw* to allow current enterprise taxi license holders to participate in the next lottery but maintain the other rules for participation in the lottery.

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

Absent: (1): Councillor Gersher

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

MOTION ARISING

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

Seconded By: Councillor Block

That the Administration report back to the appropriate committee within 12 months regarding the KPI of achieving the maximum wait time of 15 minutes for accessible rides 90% of the time. That this include any relevant information and trends related to the license usage and any tools related to incentivizing accessible trips.

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

Absent: (1): Councillor Gersher

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Item 9.2.1 was considered next.

8.3 Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development & Community Services

8.3.1 Friends of the Bowl Foundation Inc. - Approval of Board of Directors for 2024 [PDCS2024-0301]

1. That the Board of Directors for Friends of the Bowl Foundation Inc., as noted in the March 6, 2024 report of the Community Services Division, be approved;
2. That the City of Saskatoon, being a member of the Board of Directors of Friends of the Bowl Foundation Inc., appoint Andrew Roberts or his designate, as its proxy, to vote on its behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the members of Friends of the Bowl Foundation Inc., to be held on April 25, 2024, or at any adjournment(s) thereof; and
3. That His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the appropriate documents under the Corporate Seal as prepared by the City Solicitor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8.3.2 Lighthouse Supported Living Inc. Tax Abatement 2023
[PDCS2023-0502]**

That City Council reduce the 2023 tax abatement for Lighthouse Supported Living Inc. by 50% for a total of \$24,051.54, for the 5-6 months of operation of programs and services, in 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3.3 Housing Accelerator Fund Budget Adjustments [GPC2023-0503]

1. That Capital Project P.10103 be established with initial funding of \$41,325,000, funded from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation – Housing Accelerator Fund;
2. That exemptions to Council Policy C09-002, Innovative Housing Incentives Policy, be granted as outlined in the March 6, 2024 report of the Community Services Division, to support Affordable Housing projects funded through the Housing Accelerator Fund; and
3. That if required, the Senior Financial Business Partner be granted delegated authority to sign and submit progress reports and financial claims to the program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3.4 Housing Accelerator Fund – Neighbourhood Character Protection [GPC2023-0503]

That the information be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Standing Policy Committee on Finance

8.4.1 2023 Board of Revision Annual Report [ADV2024-0301]

That the 2023 Annual Report for the Board of Revision be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4.2 Notice of Annual General Meeting - Saskatchewan Place Association Inc. [FI2024-0307]

That the City of Saskatoon, being a member of the Saskatchewan Place Association Inc., appoint Mayor Charlie Clark, or in his absence, Councillors Troy Davies or Randy Donauer, of the City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the members of the Saskatchewan Place Association Inc., to be held on the 4th day of April, 2024, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4.3 Notice of Annual General Meeting - Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium and Convention Centre Corporation [FI2024-0305]

That the City of Saskatoon, being a member of both the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium Convention Centre Corporation Board of Directors and the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium Foundation Board of Directors appoint Mayor Charlie Clark, or in his absence, Councillor David Kirton or Councillor Mairin Loewen of the City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual General Meetings of the members of the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium Convention Centre

Corporation and the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium Foundation, to be held on the 25th day of April, 2024, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4.4 Notice of Annual General Meetings - The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation and The Art Gallery of Saskatchewan Inc. [FI2024-0310]

1. That the City of Saskatoon, being a member of both The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation and The Art Gallery of Saskatchewan Inc., appoint Mayor Charlie Clark, or in his absence, Councillor Bev Dubois or Councillor Mairin Loewen of the City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual General Meetings of the members of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation and The Art Gallery of Saskatchewan Inc. to be held on the 30th day of April 2024, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof; and
2. That the City of Saskatoon, being a member of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, appoint Mayor Charlie Clark, or in his absence, Councillor Bev Dubois or Councillor Mairin Loewen of the City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Special Meeting of the members of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation to be held on the 30th day of April 2024, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4.5 2024 Budget Approval – Business Improvement Districts [FI2024-0301]

1. That the 2024 budget submissions from the Downtown Saskatoon Business Improvement District, Broadway Business Improvement District, Riversdale Business Improvement District, Sutherland Business Improvement

District, and 33rd Street Business Improvement District be approved; and

2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the 2024 Business Improvement District Levy Bylaws for submission to City Council for consideration at the same meeting that the Mill Rate Bylaws are presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4.6 Proposed Amendments to Bylaw No. 6774, Capital Reserve Bylaw [FI2024-0309]

That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate bylaw amendments to Bylaw No. 6744, as outlined in the report of the Corporate Financial Services dated March 6, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4.7 Preliminary Year-End Results - December 31, 2023 [FI2024-0312]

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Councillor Donauer introduced the Item as Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance.

Chief Financial Officer Hack responded to questions of Council.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

Seconded By: Councillor Block

1. That \$5,746,794 of the surplus be transferred to the Snow and Ice Management Contingency Reserve; and
2. That the remaining surplus of \$4,198,484 be transferred to the Fiscal Stabilization Reserve to balance the budget.

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

Item 10.4.1 was considered next.

8.5 Governance and Priorities Committee

8.5.1 Saskatoon Municipal Review Commission – Future Path [GPC2024-0302]

1. The Saskatoon Municipal Review Commission be disbanded, and a new Compensation Review Committee be struck on an eight-year cycle (option 2(b));
2. The City Solicitor take the necessary steps to repeal Bylaw No. 9242, *The Saskatoon Municipal Review Commission Bylaw, 2014*; and
3. The City Solicitor bring forward a new bylaw creating a Council Compensation Review Committee for City Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5.2 Registration of City's Coat of Arms and Flag [GPC2024-0303]

1. That the City apply to the Canada Heraldic Authority to register the City's coat of arms and flag; and
2. That the City Clerk's Office lead the application process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5.3 Amendment to The Procedures and Committees Bylaw, 2014 [GPC2024-0304]

That Schedule "C" of Bylaw No. 9170, *The Procedures and Committees Bylaw, 2014* be amended as outlined in the March 13, 2024 report of the City Solicitor's Office.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5.4 2024 Municipal and School Board Elections - Amendments to Bylaw No. 8191, The Election Bylaw, 2012 [GPC2023-0502]

That the City Solicitor be instructed to amend Bylaw No. 8191, *The Election Bylaw, 2012*, as outlined in the report of the City Clerk dated March 13, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5.5 Appointments – Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee [CK 225-4-3]

That Gary Zacharias be appointed as a citizen representative to the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee to the end of 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5.6 Appointments – Albert Community Centre Management Committee [CK 225-4-3]

That the following be (re)appointed to the Albert Community Centre Management Committee to the end of 2024:

- Josh Cormack - citizen representative; and
- Kira Epp, Nutana Community Association – agency representative.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5.7 Appointments – The Art Gallery of Saskatchewan Inc. (Remain Modern) Board [CK 225-4-3]

That the City's representative be instructed to vote the City's proxy at the 2024 Annual General Meetings for the appointment of the following to the Art Gallery of Saskatchewan Inc. Board of Directors and Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation Board of Trustees throughout a term expiring at the conclusion of the 2026 Annual General Meetings:

- Robin Chapman
- Sean Makahonuk
- Kristi Ross

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS (not on Consent Agenda)

9.1 Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services

9.2 Standing Policy Committee Transportation

9.2.1 Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study – Phase 2 Endorsement Request [TS2024-0205]

The following letters were provided:

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5. Monika Kinner, dated March 25, 2024.

Submitting Comments

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2. Lesa Giesbrecht, dated March 12, 2024;
3. Alexa Arnyek, dated March 12, 2024;
4. Alicia Higney, dated March 12, 2024;
5. Hanna Ulmer, dated March 12, 2024;
6. Caleb Smith, dated March 12, 2024;
7. Fay Minifie, dated March 12, 2024;
8. Geoffrey Svenkeson, dated March 13, 2024;
9. Katie Salmers, dated March 14, 2024;
10. Darcy Maatman, dated March 15, 2024;

11. Melanie Cole, dated March 16, 2024;
12. Berold Baijius, dated March 18, 2024;
13. Angela Spence, Chair, Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee, dated March 18, 2024;
14. Sherry Forsyth, Saskatchewan Alliance for Water Sustainability, dated March 19 2024;
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23. Taya Koob, dated March 24, 2024;
24. Dianne Miller, dated March 24, 2024;
25. Laura Lacey, dated March 24, 2024;
26. Brendan Lapointe, dated March 24, 2024;
27. Marcia Main, dated March 24, 2024;
28. Tom Steele, dated March 24, 2024;
29. Kathlin Simpkins, dated March 24, 2024;
30. Gavin Robertson, dated March 25, 2024;
31. Robin Karpan, dated March 25, 2024;
32. Lois Keller, dated March 25, 2024;
33. Wilma Groenen, dated March 25, 2024;
34. Lindsey Beeching, dated March 25, 2024;

35. Garret Gartner, dated March 25, 2024;
36. Susan Cross, dated March 25, 2024;
37. Jane McPhee, dated March 25, 2024;
38. Mackenzie Burnett, dated March 25, 2024;
39. Kristi Fedoroff, dated March 25, 2024;
40. Jory Cadman, dated March 25, 2024;
41. Tannara Yelland, dated March 25, 2024;
42. Dianne Miller, dated March 25, 2024;
43. Iva Henry, dated March 25, 2024;
44. Margret Asmuss, dated March 25, 2024;
45. Zack Mayoh, dated March 25, 2024;
46. John Krowina, dated March 25, 2024;
47. Kyler Nyhagen, dated March 25, 2024;
48. Carmen Holmes, dated March 25, 2024;
49. Heather Ward, dated March 25, 2024;
50. Martha Carter, dated March 25, 2024;
51. Stewart Coles, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - SK Chapter, dated March 25, 2024; and
52. Angela Sykes, dated March 25, 2024.

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Councillor Gersher joined the meeting at 2:32 p.m. She declared a conflict of interest on Item 8.2.1 as she was not present during consideration of that matter.

Councillor Dubois introduced the item as Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation.

Council heard from the following:

- Candace Savage, Swale Watchers;
- Jan Norris, who also responded to questions;

- John Paul Wasan, Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee;
- Joanne Blythe, Wild About Saskatoon; and
- Monika Kinner.

Director, Design Delivery - Regina, Ministry of Highways Brent Miller was in attendance and responded to questions of Council.

Councillor Hill excused himself from the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

The meeting recessed at 3:35 p.m. and reconvened at 3:48 p.m. with all members of Council in attendance with the exception of Councillor Hill.

General Manager, Transportation and Construction Schmidt, Director of Sustainability South, General Manager, Community Services Lacroix, Director of Transportation Magus, City Manager Jorgenson, City Solicitor Yelland, Director of Planning and Development Anderson and City Clerk Tittmore also responded to questions of Council.

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

Seconded By: Councillor Donauer

That City Council endorse the Saskatoon Freeway Functional Planning Study – Phase 2 Functional Design Report and supporting appendices (Option 2).

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

Seconded By: Councillor Donauer

That the hour of the meeting be extended beyond 5:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

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

Absent: (1): Councillor Hill

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

Seconded By: Councillor Block

That the Regular Business meeting be extended to continue after completion of the Public Hearing meeting, provided it the hearing is completed prior to 9:00 p.m..

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

Absent: (1): Councillor Hill

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

The meeting recessed at 5:16 p.m. and reconvened at 6:48 p.m. following the Public Hearing Meeting with all members of Council in attendance with the exception of Councillor Hill.

IN DEFERRAL

Moved By: Councillor Block

Seconded By: Councillor Gough

That City Council ask Mayor Clark to send a letter to the provincial government requesting guiding principles for how the environmental mitigation opportunities in the Phase 2 Functional Design Final Draft Report and the Biological Assessment, as well as the future environmental impact assessment will be implemented, prior to voting on the proposed alignment of phase 2 of the Saskatoon Freeway project, and the province be asked to do this work as soon as possible to provide certainty for the future development in and around the Saskatoon Region.

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

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

Absent: (1): Councillor Hill

CARRIED (6 to 4)

The main motion was not voted on due to the deferral motion passing.

Moved By: Councillor Block

Seconded By: Councillor Dubois

That future reporting bypass the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation and go directly to City Council.

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

Absent: (1): Councillor Hill

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Councillor Jeffries excused himself from the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

MOTION ARISING

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

Seconded By: Councillor Loewen

That the City of Saskatoon request follow up information as soon as it becomes available from the Province of Saskatchewan and Saskatoon Freeway project related to:

- Results of the Environmental Impact Assessment once it is completed;
- Information related to long term and short term monitoring for the marl bog, swales, sharp-tail grouse leks, wildlife corridors, invasive species and functional assessments for impacted wetlands;
- That clarity be provided regarding responsibility for monitoring and management of invasive species during and after construction;
- Monitoring related to planned roadway drainage into the wetlands; and

- Information related to any related mitigation measures for protection of the Northeast Swale, Small Swale and the river valley/crossing.

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

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

Absent: (2): Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6 to 3)

Councillor Gersher excused herself from the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Item 9.4.1 was considered next.

9.3 Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development & Community Services

9.4 Standing Policy Committee on Finance

9.4.1 Housing Accelerator Fund – Development of City-Owned Land [FI2024-0308]

The following letters were provided:

Requesting to Speak

1. Karen Kobussen, Strong Towns YXE, dated March 25, 2024.

Submitting Comments

1. Kristen Thoms, Quint Development Corporation, dated March 25, 2024.

Councillor Donauer introduced the Item as Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance.

Council heard from Karen Kobussen, Strong Towns YXE, who also responded to questions.

Director of Planning and Development Anderson, Director of Saskatoon Land Long, City Clerk Tittlemore, Chief Financial Officer Hack, City Manager Jorgenson, and City Solicitor Yelland also responded to questions of Council.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer
Seconded By: Councillor Dubois

That Administration be directed to proceed with Option 1.

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

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Councillor
Jeffries

DEFEATED (3 to 5)

MOTION ARISING

Moved By: Councillor Block
Seconded By: Councillor Gough

1. That Administration be authorized to consider all of the options presented in the report based on the final sites selected and the incentives developed for affordable housing on city owned land under the Housing Accelerator Program.
2. That Administration be directed to expedite bringing forward a proposal for consideration of sale of one site for no cost for affordable housing subject to the applicable council reporting and approval process including financial implications.
3. That Administration report further on the preferred option for all sites including financial implications to the appropriate Standing Policy Committee.

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Councillor
Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Gough

Seconded By: Councillor Loewen

That the Administration develop the policy framework for the development of City-owned land with a focus on affordable housing, including, but not limited to, sites that are shovel ready, underutilized City-owned land and other City-owned sites and buildings appropriate for additional development. This policy frameworks should include the long-term-lease option for future sites.

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

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED (5 to 3)

Councillor Loewen moved a motion with respect to item 10.5.2 which is reflected with that item.

Item 8.4.7 was considered next.

9.5 Governance and Priorities Committee

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.1 Transportation & Construction

10.2 Utilities & Environment

10.3 Community Services

10.4 Saskatoon Fire

10.4.1 Budget Adjustment Request - Fire Major Apparatus Replacement and New Fire Stations [CC2024-0303]

A report of the Saskatoon Fire Department was provided and presented by Assistant Chief Wegren. Chief Financial Officer Hack responded to questions of Council.

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

Seconded By: Councillor Gough

1. That a budget increase to Capital Project P.02379.04 Fire-Major Apparatus Replacement, for the two replacement fire pumps, in the amount of \$1,620,000, to be funded from the Fire Apparatus Reserve, be approved;
2. That a budget increase to Capital Project P.10074.01 New Fire Stations and Upgrades, in the amount of \$1,860,000, to be funded from the Major Capital Prioritization Funding Plan be approved for the earlier than anticipated purchase of one fire pumper; and
3. That a corresponding reduction in the 2025 Capital Plan in the amount of \$1,860,000 for P.10074.01 New Fire Stations and Upgrades be considered at the 2025 budget deliberations meeting.

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Block

Seconded By: Councillor Loewen

That the hour of the meeting be extended beyond 9:00 p.m.

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

10.5 Corporate Financial Services

10.5.1 Acquisition of Lands for Future Employment Development and Potential Civic Use [CC2024-0302]

Director of Saskatoon Land Long presented the report and responded to questions of Council.

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

Seconded By: Councillor Kirton

1. That the Administration be authorized to acquire ISC Parcel Numbers: 135907656, 118975371, 135805967, 135805978, 135805989, 203290376, 203290387, 203543793, 203543838, 203543849, 203543861, 131676880 being approximately 419.96 acres from L&L Gravel & Ranching Co. Ltd. for \$4,034,500.00 as per the terms outlined in this report; and
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to have the appropriate agreements executed by His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk under the Corporate Seal.

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

Item 11.2.1 was considered next.

10.5.2 Public Right-of-Way Billboards [TS2024-0307]

The Standing Policy Committee on Transportation, at its meeting held on March 5, 2024, referred this matter to City Council for consideration due to time constraints.

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

Seconded By: Councillor Dubois

That item 10.5.2 "Public Right-of-Way Billboards" be referred back to the April 2, 2024, Standing Policy Committee on Transportation meeting as a late item for consideration.

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

10.6 Strategy & Transformation

10.7 Human Resources

10.8 Public Policy & Government Relations

11. LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

11.1 Office of the City Clerk

11.2 Office of the City Solicitor

11.2.1 The Cannabis Business Licence Amendment Bylaw, 2024 - Proposed Bylaw No. 9961 [PDCS2024-0204]

City Solicitor Yelland presented the report.

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

Seconded By: Councillor Block

That permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 9961, and give same its FIRST reading.

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

Seconded By: Councillor Donauer

That Bylaw No. 9961 now be read a SECOND time.

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Dubois
Seconded By: Councillor Kirton

That permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 9961 read a third time at this meeting.

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Dubois
Seconded By: Councillor Block

That Bylaw No. 9961 now be read a THIRD time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

**11.2.2 The Private Sewer and Water Service Connection Amendment
Bylaw, 2024 - Proposed Bylaw No. 9962 [EUCS2024-0202]**

City Solicitor Yelland presented the report.

Moved By: Councillor Dubois
Seconded By: Councillor Kirton

That permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 9962, and give same its FIRST reading.

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

Seconded By: Councillor Donauer

That Bylaw No. 9962 now be read a SECOND time.

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

Seconded By: Councillor Kirton

That permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 9962 read a third time at this meeting.

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

Seconded By: Councillor Block

That Bylaw No. 9962 now be read a THIRD time, that the bylaw be passed, and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

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

Absent: (3): Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 to 0)

- 12. **OTHER REPORTS**
- 13. **INQUIRIES**
- 14. **MOTIONS (NOTICE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN)**
- 15. **URGENT BUSINESS**
- 16. **GIVING NOTICE**
- 17. **IN CAMERA SESSION (OPTIONAL)**
- 18. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk