



MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

**Wednesday, July 31, 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
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
General Manager, Community Services C. Anger
General Manager, Transportation & Construction T. Schmidt
City Clerk A. Tittlemore
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 Dubois

Seconded By: Councillor Gough

1. That the following letters be added to Item 8.5.2;
 - Paul Dornstauder, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, dated July 24, 2024;
 - Trevor Bothorel, CBC/Radio-Canada, dated July 29, 2024;
 - Derek Watson, SikPics Productions, dated July 29, 2024; and
2. 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 (11 to 0)

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

3.1 Councillor S. Gersher - The Vehicles for Hire Amendment Bylaw, 2024 (No. 2) - Proposed Bylaw No. 10018 [TS2024-0602]

Councillor Gersher declared a conflict of interest on the above item due to her family in business with something that can be perceived to be in conflict with the taxi and TNC industry.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Councillor Kirton

Seconded By: Councillor Gersher

That the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of City Council held on June 26, 2024, 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 (11 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

- Acknowledged the passing of Lyle Stewart, he shared condolences with his family and colleagues and recognized his contributions to the province.
- Recognized Rylan Wiens from Saskatoon who got one of the first medals at the Olympics in Paris for synchronized diving. He also acknowledged all athletes who have traveled or have a connection from Saskatoon, Anicka Newell, Savannah Sutherland, Blake Tierney, Margo Erlam, Trey Lyles, and Michelle Harrison.

Councillor Hill

- Also acknowledged the passing of Lyle Stewart.
- Acknowledged the passing of Phyllis Regier, noting she was a great community member and offered condolences to the family.

A moment of silence was held for Lyle and Phyllis.

6. QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Hill - Shaw Centre

Councillor Hill asked about the electronic timing system at the Shaw Centre, if it can be replaced ahead of schedule and if it will meet the standards for the upcoming international competition.

General Manager, Community Services Anger responded that they have been in communication with the swim clubs and Sport Development Swim Canada and have confirmed the electronic timing system is sufficient. She also noted it is too tight of a timeframe and will not be replaced ahead of the competition.

Councillor Dubois - Public Washrooms and Drinking Water

Councillor Dubois asked for an update on the public washroom and drinking water decisions that were made at the May 29, 2024, City Council Regular Business meeting.

Director of Emergency Management Organization Goulden-McLeod responded that the water distribution has started and is distributed to community partners to hand out. For the washrooms, the trailer has been purchased and anticipated to open in August.

Councillor Dubois also asked about the washrooms at the Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan site.

Director of Recreation and Community Development Roberts responded that they are open to the public but they are experiencing challenges with vandalism.

Councillor Hill - Kinsmen Park

Councillor Hill asked if the security at Kinsmen Park has been increased to alleviate reported inappropriate behaviour within the park.

Director of Recreation and Community Development Roberts responded that they have not received any reports of activity and will follow up with the onsite staff.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

Seconded By: Councillor Davies

That the Committee recommendations contained in Items 8.5.1 to 8.5.3 be adopted as one motion.

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 (11 to 0)

Item 10.1.1 was considered next.

8.1 Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services

8.2 Standing Policy Committee Transportation

8.3 Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development & Community Services

8.4 Standing Policy Committee on Finance

8.5 Governance and Priorities Committee

8.5.1 Bus Rapid Transit Branding, Wayfinding and Marketing Development [GPC2023-0309]

That the Bus Rapid Transit brand name, *Link*, and its visual identity, be approved.

8.5.2 Operation of Remotely Piloted Aircrafts in Saskatoon – Changes to Process for Permission - Commercial Operators [GPC2024-0701]

The following letters were provided:

Submitting Comments

- Derek Watson, SikPics Productions, dated July 29, 2024.

Available to Answer Questions

- Paul Dornstauder, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, dated July 24, 2024; and
- Trevor Bothorel, CBC/Radio-Canada, dated July 29, 2024.

That the request by Administration to modify the process for permission, for Commercial Operators only, to operate remotely piloted aircraft in Saskatoon, as outlined in the July 17, 2024, report of the Community Services Division, be approved.

8.5.3 Appointments - Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee [CK 225-4-3]

That Erica Maier be appointed as an agency representative for Meewasin Valley Authority to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee to the end of 2026, effective immediately.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS (not on Consent Agenda)

9.1 Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services

9.2 Standing Policy Committee Transportation

9.3 Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development & Community Services

9.4 Standing Policy Committee on Finance

9.5 Governance and Priorities Committee

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.1 Transportation & Construction

10.1.1 Downtown Event and Entertainment District - Updated Timing for Funding Strategy and Private Partner Reports [DEED2023-01]

Director of Technical Services Willems presented the report and responded to questions of Council.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

Seconded By: Councillor Kirton

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 (11 to 0)

10.2 Utilities & Environment

10.3 Community Services

10.4 Saskatoon Fire

10.4.1 Budget Adjustment Request – Fire Uniforms [CC2024-0701]

Fire Chief Wegren presented the report and together with City Manager Jorgenson they responded to questions of Council.

Moved By: Councillor Davies

Seconded By: Councillor Donauer

1. That a budget increase to Capital Project P.02509 Fire-Uniforms, for the purchase of station wear and winter jackets in the amount of \$340,000 be approved; and
2. That the budget adjustment be funded from the Fire Department Uniforms Reserve for \$19,000 and Fire Department Capital Reserve for \$321,000.

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 (11 to 0)

10.5 Corporate Financial Services

10.5.1 Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Adaptation in Action Program [CC2024-0702]

Chief Financial Officer Hack presented the report. Director of Sustainability South responded to questions of Council.

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

Seconded By: Councillor Block

1. That the Administration be directed to submit the applications outlined in this report to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Adaptation in Action Program;
2. That if the applications are successful, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreements under the Corporate Seal; and
3. That if required, the Senior Financial Business Partner be granted delegated authority to sign and submit progress reports and financial claims related to the projects.

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 (11 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 Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 2024 (No. 4) - Proposed Bylaw No. 10027 [TS2024-0604]

City Solicitor Yelland presented the report and together with General Manager, Transportation and Construction Schmidt they responded to questions of Council.

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

Seconded By: Councillor Block

That permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 10027, *The Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 2024 (No. 4)*, and give same its FIRST reading.

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 (11 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

Seconded By: Councillor Dubois

That Bylaw No. 10027 now be read a SECOND time.

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 (11 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

Seconded By: Councillor Gersher

That permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 10027 read a third time at this meeting.

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 (11 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

Seconded By: Councillor Loewen

That Bylaw No. 10027 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: (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 (11 to 0)

**11.2.2 The Vehicles for Hire Amendment Bylaw, 2024 (No. 2) -
Proposed Bylaw No. 10018 [TS2024-0602]**

Councillor Gersher declared a conflict of interest on this item due to her family being in business that could be seen to be in conflict with the taxi and TNC industry and excused herself from the discussion and voting on the matter and left the meeting.

City Solicitor Yelland presented the report.

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

Seconded By: Councillor Dubois

That permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 10018, *The Vehicles for Hire Amendment Bylaw, 2024 (No. 2)*, and give same its FIRST reading.

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

Conflict (1): Councillor Gersher

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

Seconded By: Councillor Donauer

That Bylaw No. 10018 now be read a SECOND time.

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

Conflict (1): Councillor Gersher

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

Seconded By: Councillor Dubois

That permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 10018 read a third time at 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

Conflict (1): Councillor Gersher

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

Seconded By: Councillor Block

That Bylaw No. 10018 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: (10): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Conflict (1): Councillor Gersher

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Councillor Gersher re-entered the meeting.

11.2.3 The Code of Ethical Conduct Amendment Bylaw, 2024 - Proposed Bylaw No. 10028 [GPC2023-1101]

City Solicitor Yelland presented the report.

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

Seconded By: Councillor Donauer

That permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 10028, *The Code of Ethical Conduct Amendment Bylaw, 2024*, and give same its FIRST reading.

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 (11 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

Seconded By: Councillor Dubois

That Bylaw No. 10028 now be read a SECOND time.

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 (11 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

Seconded By: Councillor Gersher

That permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 10028 read a third time at this meeting.

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 (11 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

Seconded By: Councillor Kirton

That Bylaw No. 10028 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: (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 (11 to 0)

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

Seconded By: Councillor Donauer

1. Instruct the City Clerk to repeal Council Policy C01-025, City of Saskatoon Anti-Harassment Policy and Investigative Procedures for Members of City Council and Senior Administration; and
2. Amend the Personnel Subcommittee Terms of Reference as outlined in the July 31, 2024, report of the City Solicitor's Office.

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 (11 to 0)

12. OTHER REPORTS

13. INQUIRIES

13.1 Councillor D. Hill - North Park and Richmond Heights Neighbourhood Traffic Review - Deficient Sidewalks [CC2024-0704]

Councillor Hill made the following inquiry:

This inquiry is in response to a package full of dozens of letters from elementary students at North Park Wilson and Ecole St Paul that highlight their safety concerns walking to and from school and walking around their neighbourhood.

Would the Administration please report on the North Park and Richmond Heights Neighbourhood Traffic Review that was completed in 2018. The focus of the report is to be on deficient sidewalks, their locations, and the timelines for having them.

13.2 Councillor D. Hill - Edmonton Avenue Sidewalks [CC2024-0705]

Councillor Hill made the following inquiry:

Would the Administration report on the timelines to install the sidewalk along Edmonton Avenue from 33rd St to Avenue P. In October 2020, a senior member of the transportation administration attended a meeting with representatives from the Senior complex, Villa Royal, and at that time, confirmed that the sidewalk would be constructed in 2021. It has yet to be constructed.

14. MOTIONS (NOTICE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN)

14.1 Councillor R. Donauer - Urban Wildlife Best Practices [CC2024-0607]

Councillor Donauer provided the following Notice of Motion at City Council's Regular Business Meeting held on June 26, 2024.

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

That the Administration report on best practices regarding wildlife in the city, specifically aggressive coyotes, with options to keep our residents and wildlife safe from harm. Provide options for how residents can precipitate an elevated response when safety concerns become more significant."

Councillor Donauer introduced the item.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer
Seconded By: Councillor Davies

That the Administration report on best practices regarding wildlife in the city, specifically aggressive coyotes, with options to keep our residents and wildlife safe from harm. Provide options for how residents can precipitate an elevated response when safety concerns become more significant.

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 (11 to 0)

14.2 Councillor R. Donauer - Feeding of Wildlife [CC2024-0703]

In accordance with Section 65 of *The Procedures and Committees Bylaw, 9170*, TAKE NOTICE that Councillor Donauer provided the following Notice of Motion:

"That the Administration report back on a bylaw to ban or restrict the feeding of wildlife within the City of Saskatoon."

Councillor Donauer introduced the item. Together with City Manager Jorgenson and City Solicitor Yelland they responded to questions of Council.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer
Seconded By: Councillor Block

That the Administration report back on a bylaw to ban or restrict the feeding of wildlife within the City of Saskatoon.

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 (11 to 0)

15. URGENT BUSINESS

16. GIVING NOTICE

**16.1 Councillor D. Hill - Community Grants Program Application Cycle
[CC2024-0706]**

Councillor Hill gave the following Notice of Motion:

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

Whereas the community grants programs administered by the City are issued on an annual basis,

Whereas the pressures on NGOs, Not-For-Profits, Charitable organizations, and other community organizations to apply for the annual grants demand tremendous internal resources for each group,

Whereas the City of Saskatoon's internal Administration requires a review process of each grant application,

Whereas the City of Saskatoon has realized the benefits of a multi-year budget cycle and understands how that can also benefit our community partners,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Administration report back on the possibility of changing the grant application cycle from an annual process to a two or three-year application process.

It is further resolved that the Administration report on what administrative procedures would be relaxed with a multi-year application process and where those resources could be allocated to benefit the community."

17. IN CAMERA SESSION (OPTIONAL)

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Mayor

City Clerk