



PUBLIC MINUTES

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 2:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall**

PRESENT: Councillor B. Dubois, Chair
Councillor S. Ford, Vice Chair
Councillor R. Donauer
Councillor K. MacDonald
Councillor R. Pearce
Mayor C. Block (Ex-Officio)

ALSO PRESENT: General Manager, Transportation & Construction T. Schmidt
Deputy City Solicitor D. Kowalski
Deputy City Clerk S. Bryant
Committee Assistant H. Thompson

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

City Council, at its meeting held on November 27, 2024, made the following appointments for 2025:

Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

- Councillor R. Donauer
- Councillor B. Dubois
- Councillor S. Ford
- Councillor K. MacDonald
- Councillor R. Pearce

The Committee was requested to appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2025.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That Councillor Dubois be appointed Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation for 2025.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Ford, Councillor Donauer, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Pearce, and Mayor Block

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor MacDonald

That Councillor Ford be appointed Vice Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation for 2025.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Ford, Councillor Donauer, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Pearce, and Mayor Block

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Dubois took the Chair.

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

1. That the following be added to item 7.1.1:
 - Submitting Comments
 - Derek Cameron, Strong Towns YXE, dated January 11, 2025;
 - Robert Clipperton - Bus Riders of Saskatoon, dated January 12, 2025;
 - Jory Vermette, dated January 13, 2025;
2. That the following be added to item 7.1.2:
 - Request to Speak
 - Isaac Ransom, Neuron Mobility, dated January 10, 2025
 - Submitting Comments
 - Derek Cameron, dated January 11, 2025;
 - Jason Hanson, Saskatoon Cycles, dated January 13, 2025;

3. That the following letters be added to item 7.2.1:
 - Submitting Comments
 - Mike Winter, Walking Saskatoon, dated January 12, 2025;
 - Jason Hanson, Saskatoon Cycles, dated January 13, 2025;
 - Stephan Belanger, dated January 12, 2025;
4. That the letter submitting comments from Robert Clipperton, Bus Riders of Saskatoon, dated January 12, 2025 be added to item 7.2.2;
5. That the item with a speaker be considered immediately following unfinished business:
 - 7.1.2
 - Isaac Ransom
6. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Ford, Councillor Donauer, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Pearce, and Mayor Block

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Councillor Pearce

That the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 10, 2024, of the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation, be adopted.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Ford, Councillor Donauer, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Pearce, and Mayor Block

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 7.1.2 was considered next.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. ADMINISTRATION AND LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

7.1 Decision Reports

7.1.1 Saskatoon Transit 2025 Fleet Renewal Request [TS2025-0103]

A report of the Transportation and Construction Division was provided.

The following letters were also provided:

Submitting Comments

- Derek Cameron, Strong Towns YXE, dated January 11, 2025; and
- Robert Clipperton - Bus Riders of Saskatoon, dated January 12, 2025; and
- Jory Vermette, dated January 13, 2025.

General Manager, Transportation & Construction Schmidt presented the report with a PowerPoint and along with Chief Financial Officer Hack responded to questions of Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Pearce

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council:

1. That the 2025 Saskatoon Transit Fleet Replacement request provided in Option 1 – Purchase Fixed Route Diesel Buses and Access Transit Gas Buses be approved, funded from \$23.5M of city contribution borrowing approved in the 2024 and 2025 budget;
2. That Capital Project P.00583 Transit Replacement Buses be increased by \$23,900 funded from the Transit Vehicles Replacement Reserve; and
3. That \$923,900 of borrowing be removed from Capital Project P.00583 Transit Replacement Buses and transferred to P.02095 Access Transit Bus Replacement, subject to public notice.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Ford, Councillor Donauer, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Pearce, and Mayor Block

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 7.2.1 was considered next.

**7.1.2 Shared Electric Kick Scooter Program Pilot – 2025 Update
[TS2025-0104]**

A report of the Transportation and Construction Division was provided.

The following letters were also provided:

Request to Speak

- Isaac Ransom, Neuron Mobility, dated January 10, 2025;

Submitting Comments

- Derek Cameron, dated January 11, 2025; and
- Jason Hanson, Saskatoon Cycles, dated January 13, 2025.

Director of Transportation Magus presented the report with a PowerPoint and responded to questions of Committee.

Isaac Ransom, Neuron Mobility, spoke in support of the Program with a PowerPoint and responded to questions of Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council:

1. That Option 1 – Permit shared e-scooters on the public right-of-way be approved;
2. That shared e-scooters be permitted under Bylaw 7200, *The Traffic Bylaw, 1991*, and that vendors be acquired through a competitive procurement process to a maximum of two qualified vendors; and
3. That the City Solicitor's Office be requested to amend Bylaw 7200, *The Traffic Bylaw, 1991*, as outlined in the report of

the Transportation and Construction Division, dated January 14, 2025.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Ford, Councillor Donauer, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Pearce, and Mayor Block

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 7.1.1 was considered next.

7.2 Approval Reports

7.2.1 Infrastructure Canada – Active Transportation Fund 2025 [TS2025-0102]

A report of the Transportation and Construction Division was provided.

The following letters were also provided:

Submitting Comments

- Mike Winter, Walking Saskatoon, dated January 12, 2025;
- Jason Hanson, Saskatoon Cycles, dated January 13, 2025;
and
- Stephan Belanger, dated January 12, 2025.

Director of Transportation Magus presented the report and responded to questions of Committee.

Moved By: Councillor MacDonald

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council:

1. That Administration be directed to submit the proposed projects outlined in this report to the Active Transportation Fund;
2. That if successful, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement with Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada 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 program.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Ford, Councillor Donauer, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Pearce, and Mayor Block

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.2 McKercher Drive Extension Update – January 2025 [TS2025-0105]

A report of the Transportation and Construction Division was provided along with a letter submitting comments from Robert Clipperton, Bus Riders of Saskatoon, dated January 12, 2025.

Director of Transportation Magus presented the report and responded to questions of Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council:

1. That the future extension of McKercher Drive to Berini Drive be abandoned;
2. That a portion of the lands be allocated for street right-of-way for the intersection of McKercher Drive and 105th Street as outlined in the report of the Transportation and Construction Division, dated January 14, 2025;
3. That a portion of the lands in Parcel B allocated for the extension adjacent to the Muskeg Lake Cree Nation property be offered for sale to the Muskeg Lake Cree Nation as set out in the report of the Transportation and Construction Division, dated January 14, 2025; and
4. Proceeds from the sale of lands previously allocated for right-of-way be placed into the Dedicated Roadway Reserve.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Ford, Councillor Donauer, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Pearce, and Mayor Block

Against: (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED

7.3 Information Reports

7.3.1 Committee Referrals – Standing Policy Committee on Transportation – January 2025 [TS2025-0101]

A report of the Transportation and Construction Division was provided.

General Manager, Transportation & Construction Schmidt presented the report.

Moved By: Councillor Ford

That the information be received.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Ford, Councillor Donauer, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Pearce, and Mayor Block

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. MOTIONS (Notice Previously Given)

9. URGENT BUSINESS

10. GIVING NOTICE

10.1 Councillor K. MacDonald - Snow Clearing on Neighbourhood Bikeways [TS2025-0106]

Councillor MacDonald gave the following Notice of Motion:

"TAKE NOTICE that at the next Standing Policy Committee on Transportation, I will move:

Whereas residents have expressed concerns about safety regarding snow clearing operations on the Neighborhood Bikeways (formerly referred to as 'A Bike Boulevard') throughout the city.

Therefore, be it resolved that Administration report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation with options and costs to include snow clearing on Neighbourhood Bikeways in the service levels for snow and ice management for consideration in the 2026/2027 Multi-Year Business Planning and Budget deliberations. "

11. **REQUEST TO SPEAK (new matters)**
12. **COMMUNICATIONS (requiring the direction of the Committee)**
13. **IN CAMERA SESSION**
14. **RISE AND REPORT**
15. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Councillor B. Dubois, Chair

Deputy City Clerk S. Bryant