



MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

**Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall**

PRESENT: Her Worship, Mayor C. Block, in the Chair
Councillor T. Davies
Councillor R. Donauer
Councillor S. Ford
Councillor Z. Jeffries
Councillor H. Kelleher
Councillor K. MacDonald
Councillor J. Parker
Councillor R. Pearce
Councillor S. Timon

ABSENT: Councillor B. Dubois

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. Tittermore
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 Davies

Seconded By: Councillor Donauer

1. That the letter from Simon Kilback, DEDicated to Elms - Student Group, dated March 23, 2025, be added to Item 8.1.3;
2. That the letter submitting comments from Sherry Tarasoff, dated March 24, 2025, be added to Item 8.2.1;
3. That the following letters be added to Item 8.3.2:
 - Requesting to Speak
 - Jan Shadick, Living Sky Wildlife Rehabilitation, dated March 21, 2025;
 - Submitting Comments
 - Diane Cross, dated March 21, 2025;
 - Emma Volk, dated March 21, 2025;
 - Mercy Harris, dated March 23, 2025;
 - David Forbes, Saskatoon Nature Society, dated March 24, 2025;
 - Candace Savage, Wild About Saskatoon, dated March 24, 2025;
 - Derek Cameron, dated March 24, 2025;
4. That the letter submitting comments from Sherry Tarasoff, dated March 24, 2025, be added to Item 8.4.3;
5. That the following letters be added to Item 8.5.1:
 - Requesting to Speak
 - Blake Tait, dated March 21, 2025;
 - Elise Pallagi, dated March 21, 2025;
 - Eli Hartman, dated March 21, 2025;
 - Niko Nelson, dated March 23, 2025;

- Memphis Ramsden-Enns, dated March 24, 2025;
- Jennifer Barrett, dated March 24, 2025;
- Tasnim Jaisee, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee, dated March 24, 2025;
- Lee Mayta, dated March 24, 2025;
- Submitting Comments
 - Ollie Coates, dated March 21, 2025;
 - Giulia Del Pop, dated March 23, 2025;
 - Tasnim Jaisee, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee, dated March 24, 2025;
 - Caissa Egerton-Lowe, dated March 24, 2025;
 - Emma Eaton, dated March 24, 2025;
- 6. That the letter submitting comments from Anne-Marie Cey, Broadway Business Improvement District, dated March 24, 2025 be added to Item 9.2.1;
- 7. That the following letters submitting comments be added to Item 9.4.2;
 - Jason Aebig, Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce, dated March 24, 2025;
 - Keith Moen, NSBA, dated March 24, 2025;
- 8. That the following letters requesting to speak be added to Item 10.3.1:
 - Mathieu Gaudet, Metis Nation - Saskatchewan, dated March 19, 2025;
 - Mike Scott, dated March 20, 2025;
 - J. Robert LaFontaine, Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership, dated March 21, 2025;
 - Kelly Tokarchuk, Saskatchewan Health Authority, dated March 24, 2025;
- 9. That the letter submitting comments from Sherry Tarasoff, dated March 24, 2025, be added to Item 10.6.1;
- 10. That the items with speakers be considered immediately following consideration of the Consent Agenda:

- 8.3.2
 - Jan Shadick, Living Sky Wildlife Rehabilitation;
- 8.5.1
 - Blake Tait;
 - Elise Pallagi;
 - Eli Hartman;
 - Niko Nelson;
 - Memphis Ramsden-Enns;
 - Jennifer Barrett;
 - Tasnim Jaisee, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee;
 - Lee Mayta;
- 10.3.1
 - Mathieu Gaudet, Metis Nation - Saskatchewan;
 - Mike Scott;
 - J. Robert LaFontaine, Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership;
 - Kelly Tokarchuk, Saskatchewan Health Authority;

11. That Item 10.9.1 be considered following Item 10.3.1; and

12. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

In Favour: (10): Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Ford, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Parker, Councillor Pearce, and Councillor Timon

Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

3.1 Councillor K. MacDonald - 2025 Budget Approval - Business Improvement Districts [FI2025-0301]

Councillor MacDonald declared a conflict of interest on the above item due to owning and operating a business in the 33rd Street Business Improvement District.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Councillor Timon

Seconded By: Councillor Parker

That the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of City Council held on February 26, 2025, be approved.

In Favour: (10): Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Ford, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Parker, Councillor Pearce, and Councillor Timon

Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

5. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

5.1 In Remembrance of Bruce Harmon

Mayor Block recognized the passing of Bruce Harmon and spoke regarding his time at the City of Saskatoon. She acknowledged the family, friends and co-workers of Bruce.

5.2 Council Members

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

Mayor Block

Mayor Block acknowledged those on the front line of the overdose crisis in the City.

Mayor Block noted March is Race Relations Month and March 21st was International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Mayor Block gave a shoutout to the Transit workers, March 18th was Transit Appreciation Day.

Mayor Block congratulated the Huskies women's basketball team, Huskies men's hockey team and Huskies men's volleyball.

6. QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Pearce - Bear Spray

Councillor Pearce asked about bear spray incidents, what is happening with it and how can we address it?

City Solicitor Yelland responded that Administration is actively working on the issue, met with the Saskatoon Police to discuss and a report will be coming forward in the future.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Items 8.3.2, 8.4.1 and 8.5.1 were removed from the Consent Agenda.

Item 8.4.1 was considered next.

Moved By: Councillor Davies

Seconded By: Councillor Ford

That the Committee recommendations contained in Items 8.1.1 to 8.1.4; 8.2.1; 8.3.1, 8.3.3 to 8.3.6; 8.4.2 to 8.4.10; and 8.5.2 to 8.5.4 be adopted as one motion.

In Favour: (10): Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Ford, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Parker, Councillor Pearce, and Councillor Timon

Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Item 8.3.2 was considered next.

8.1 Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services

8.1.1 Proposed Amendments to The Waste Bylaw, 2022 [CCB2023-1108 GPC2023-0813]

1. That the proposed amendments to Bylaw No. 9844, *The Waste Bylaw, 2022*, as outlined in the March 4, 2025 report of the Utilities and Environment Division, be approved; and
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to make the necessary amendments to Bylaw No. 9844, *The Waste Bylaw, 2022*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.1.2 Natural Resource Canada Commercial and Institutional Building Sector Funding [EUCS2025-0301]

1. If the application for the NRCan ISO 50001 in the Commercial and Institutional Buildings Sector Fund is approved, City Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Agreement under the Corporate Seal;
2. If required, the Senior Financial Business Partner be granted delegated authority to sign and submit progress reports and financial claims related to the program;
3. If the application is successful, Capital Project P.10004 Energy Management Program be increased by \$100,714 to incorporate NRCan funding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.1.3 Elm Wood Disposal Initiative Next Steps [EUCS2023-0202]

A letter submitting comments from Simon Kilback, DEDicated to Elms - Student Group, dated March 23, 2025, was provided.

1. That the 2025 proper elm wood disposal plan be approved as outlined in the report of the Utilities and Environment Division dated March 4, 2025;
2. That the Administration prepare the 2026/2027 business plan and budget without revenues for entrance and tipping fees for all loads of elmwood, along with any other operating or capital requirements to support DED prevention, for City Council's consideration;
3. That the establishment of capital project DED Response, in the amount of \$100,000, be funded from the Urban Forestry and Pest Management Capital Reserve; and
4. That the City Solicitor's Office be requested to amend Bylaw No. 9844, *The Waste Bylaw, 2022*, as outlined in the March 4, 2025, report of the Utilities and Environment Division.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.1.4 Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee - 2025 Work Plan [ADV2025-0301]

That the 2025 Work Plan for the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Standing Policy Committee Transportation

8.2.1 22nd Street and Confederation Drive Intersection Improvements – March 2025 Update [TS2024-0802]

A letter submitting comments from Sherry Tarasoff, dated March 24, 2025, was provided.

That Option 3 – A New Fairlight Crescent Right turn out Access, Changing the Existing Fairmont Drive Access from a Right turn out to a Right turn in, and Fairmont Drive and Fairlight Drive Intersections Upgrades for the 22nd Street West and Confederation Drive Intersection Improvements Functional Design be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development & Community Services

8.3.1 Proposed Amendments to Bylaw 7860, The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999 [PDCS2024-0105]

1. That proposed amendments to Bylaw No. 7860, *The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999*, be approved; and
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to make the necessary amendments to Bylaw No. 7860, *The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3.2 Coyote and Feeding of Wildlife Update [CC2024-0607]

The following letters were provided:

Requesting to Speak

- Jan Shadick, Living Sky Wildlife Rehabilitation, dated March 21, 2025.

Submitting Comments

- Diane Cross, dated March 21, 2025;
- Emma Volk, dated March 21, 2025;
- Mercy Harris, dated March 23, 2025;
- David Forbes, Saskatoon Nature Society, dated March 24, 2025;
- Candace Savage, Wild About Saskatoon, dated March 24, 2025; and
- Derek Cameron, dated March 24, 2025.

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Councillor Davies introduced the item as Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services.

Council heard from Jan Shadick who responded to questions of Council.

Director of Parks Hoang also responded to questions of Council.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

Seconded By: Councillor Kelleher

1. That Administration be directed to proceed as outlined in the report of the Community Services Division, dated March 5, 2025; and
2. That the City Solicitor's Office be instructed to draft a bylaw to prohibit the feeding of wildlife, as outlined in the report of the Community Services Division, dated March 5, 2025.

In Favour: (10): Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Ford, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Parker, Councillor Pearce, and Councillor Timon

Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Item 8.5.1 was considered next.

**8.3.3 2024 Annual Report - Public Art Advisory Committee
[ADV2025-0103]**

That the information be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3.4 2024 Annual Report - Development Appeals Board [PDCS2025-0302]

That the information be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8.3.5 2024 Annual Report - Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee
[ADV2025-0102]**

That the information be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8.3.6 2025 Work Plan - Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee
[ADV2025-0201]**

That the information be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Standing Policy Committee on Finance

**8.4.1 2025 Budget Approval – Business Improvement Districts
[FI2025-0301]**

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Councillor MacDonald declared a conflict of interest on this item due to owning and operating a business in the 33rd Street Business Improvement District. She excused herself from discussion and voting on the matter and left the meeting.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

Seconded By: Councillor Davies

1. That the 2025 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 2025 Business Improvement District Levy Bylaws for submission to City Council for consideration at the same meeting that the Mill Rate Bylaws are presented.

In Favour: (9): Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Ford, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor Parker, Councillor Pearce, and Councillor Timon

Conflict (1): Councillor MacDonald

Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9 to 0)

Councillor MacDonald re-entered the meeting.

Item 8 was considered next.

8.4.2 2025 Reassessment Appeal Contingencies [FI2025-0302]

1. That an appeal contingency of \$40,000 be added to the property tax levy for the residential property class for 2025;
2. That an appeal contingency of \$250,000 be added to the property tax levy for the multi-residential property sub-class for 2025; and

3. That an appeal contingency of \$3,000,000 be added to the property tax levy for the commercial/industrial property class for 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4.3 Preliminary Year-End Results – December 31, 2024 [FI2025-0305 GPC2023-0503]

A letter submitting comments from Sherry Tarasoff, dated March 24, 2025, was provided.

1. That \$158,798.02 of the year-end surplus be transferred to the Printing and Mail Equipment Replacement Reserve;
2. That the City Solicitor be directed to prepare a Bylaw Amendment for an exemption to allow the printer savings in 2024 and also savings expected for 2025 to be transferred to Printing and Mail Equipment Replacement Reserve;
3. That \$414,528 of the year-end surplus be transferred to the Self-Insured Retention Reserve; and
4. That the remainder of the 2024 year-end surplus be transferred to the Fiscal Stabilization Reserve in the amount of \$11,698,989.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4.4 Budget Adjustment – Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Funding [FI2025-0306]

That the projects outlined in the March 5, 2025, report of the Corporate Financial Services be adjusted for funding received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities under the Green Municipal Funding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4.5 Creation of Capital Project for Repair and Maintenance of Downtown Event and Entertainment District Auxiliary Properties [DEED2023-01]

That Capital Project P.10115 (DEED Auxiliary Properties - Repair and Maintenance) be approved and funded through a transfer of \$225,000 from the Property Realized Reserve (PRR).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4.6 Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund and Deep Retrofits Accelerator Initiative Funding Applications [CC2024-1202]

1. That City Council approve and direct Administration to submit applications to the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund and the Deep Retrofit Accelerator Initiative;
2. That if the applications are successful, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement(s) 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(s).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4.7 Lease Extension for Existing SaskTel Cell Tower in Churchill Park [FI2024-0805]

1. That Administration be authorized to enter into a 10-year lease agreement with SaskTel for the exiting cell tower in Churchill Park at 1015 Wilson Crescent on ISC Surface Parcel No.120042931, Parcel A Plan G921, as per the terms outlined in the March 5, 2025, report of the Corporate Financial Services Division; and
2. That Her Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement under the Corporate Seal.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4.8 Acquisition of Land for Joint High School / East Side Leisure Centre Site in the Holmwood [PDCS2024-0504]

1. That the Administration be authorized to purchase a 13-acre portion of ISC Parcel No. 203232259 from Dream Asset Management Corporation for \$10,842,000 on the terms identified within the March 5, 2025, report of the Corporate Financial Services Division; and
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to have the agreement executed by Her Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk under the Corporate Seal.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4.9 Notice of Annual General Meeting - Saskatchewan Place Association Inc. [FI2025-0310]

That the City of Saskatoon, being a member of the Saskatchewan Place Association Inc., appoint Mayor Cynthia Block, or in her 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 17th day of April, 2025, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4.10 Notice of Annual General Meeting - Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium & Convention Centre Corporation [FI2025-0308]

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 Cynthia Block, or in her absence, Councillor Bev Dubois or Councillor Holly Kelleher 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, 2025, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Governance and Priorities Committee

8.5.1 Blake Tait – Denounce 1 Million March 4 Children GPC2023-1103

The following letters were provided:

Requesting to Speak

- Blake Tait, dated March 21, 2025;
- Elise Pallagi, dated March 21, 2025;
- Eli Hartman, dated March 21, 2025;
- Niko Nelson, dated March 23, 2025;
- Memphis Ramsden-Enns, dated March 24, 2025;
- Jennifer Barrett, dated March 24, 2025;
- Tasnim Jaisee, Chair, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee, dated March 24, 2025; and
- Lee Mayta, dated March 24, 2025.

Submitting Comments

- Ollie Coates, dated March 21, 2025;
- Giulia Del Pop, dated March 23, 2025;
- Tasnim Jaisee, Chair, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee, dated March 24, 2025;
- Caissa Egerton-Lowe, dated March 24, 2025; and
- Emma Eaton, dated March 24, 2025.

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Deputy Mayor Pearce introduced the item as Chair of the Governance and Priorities Committee.

Council heard from the following:

- Blake Tait;
- Eli Hartman;

- Niko Nelson;
- Memphis Ramsden-Enns;
- Jennifer Barrett;
- Tasnim Jaisee, Chair, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee, who responded to questions of Council; and
- Lee Mayta.

City Solicitor Yelland also responded to questions of Council.

Moved By: Councillor Pearce

Seconded By: Councillor Parker

As the City of Saskatoon is a place where all people deserve to live with dignity, safety and respect, no matter their gender identity or expression, that Saskatoon be declared a safe city for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

In Favour: (10): Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Ford, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Parker, Councillor Pearce, and Councillor Timon

Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

The meeting recessed 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 11:06 a.m. with all members of Council in attendance with the exception of Councillor Dubois.

Item 10.3.1 was considered next.

8.5.2 Appointment – Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

That Jamie Harder be appointed as an agency representative of the Meewasin Valley Authority to the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee to the end of 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5.3 Appointment – Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee

That Susan Mulligan be appointed as an agency representative for Council on Aging to the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee to the end of 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5.4 Appointment – Council Representatives – SUMA Cities Caucus and SUMA Board of Directors

1. That Councillor Bev Dubois be appointed to the SUMA Cities Caucus for 2025; and
2. That Councillor Randy Donauer be appointed to the SUMA Board of Directors for 2025.

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 Broadway Community Patio – Temporary Reserve Parking Program Background [TS2025-0301]

The supplemental information that was requested at the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation meeting was provided as part of the Committee Report.

A letter submitting comments from Anne-Marie Cey, Broadway Business Improvement District, dated March 24, 2025, was also provided.

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

Moved By: Councillor Davies

Seconded By: Councillor Pearce

That the parking fee be reduced from \$11,975 to \$4,622 per year over five years.

In Favour: (10): Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Ford, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Parker, Councillor Pearce, and Councillor Timon

Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

9.3 Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development & Community Services

9.4 Standing Policy Committee on Finance

9.4.1 2025 Property Tax Phase-in Plan [FI2025-0304]

Councillor Jeffries introduced the item as Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance.

The meeting recessed at 12:17 p.m. and reconvened at 12:27 p.m. with all members of Council present with the exception of Councillor Dubois.

City Clerk Tittlemore responded to questions of Council.

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

Seconded By: Councillor Donauer

1. That the City of Saskatoon proceed with Option 2:
 - a. That the tax impact of the 2025 provincial reassessment for the multi-residential subclass and the non-residential classes be phased-in equally over a four-year period; and
 - b. That there be a two-year phase-in of property tax changes for the remainder of the residential property class; and
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the 2025 Property Tax Phase-in Plan Bylaw for submission to City Council for consideration at the same meeting that the Mill Rate Bylaws are presented.

IN AMENDMENT

Moved By: Councillor Pearce

1. That the City of Saskatoon proceed with Option 2:
 - a. That the tax impact of the 2025 provincial reassessment for the multi-residential subclass and the non-residential classes be phased-in equally over a four-year period; and
 - b. That there be no phase-in of property tax changes for the remainder of the residential property class; and
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the 2025 Property Tax Phase-in Plan Bylaw for submission to City Council for consideration at the same meeting that the Mill Rate Bylaws are presented.

There was no seconder, therefore the motion was not considered.

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

Seconded By: Councillor Donauer

3. That the City of Saskatoon proceed with Option 2:
 - a. That the tax impact of the 2025 provincial reassessment for the multi-residential subclass and the non-residential classes be phased-in equally over a four-year period; and
 - b. That there be a two-year phase-in of property tax changes for the remainder of the residential property class; and
4. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the 2025 Property Tax Phase-in Plan Bylaw for submission to City Council for consideration at the same meeting that the Mill Rate Bylaws are presented.

In Favour: (9): Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Ford, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Parker, and Councillor Timon

Against: (1): Councillor Pearce

Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED (9 to 1)

9.4.2 Municipal Tax Policy – Distributing the Non-Residential to Residential Municipal Property Tax Burden, 2025-2029 [FI2025-0309]

The following letters submitting comments were provided:

- Jason Aebig, Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce, dated March 24, 2025; and
- Keith Moen, NSBA, dated March 24, 2025.

Councillor Jeffries introduced the item as chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance.

City Clerk Titemore and Chief Financial Officer Hack responded to questions of Council.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

Seconded By: Councillor Pearce

That City Council set the non-residential to residential tax ratio in accordance with Option 3, the previous policy ratio of 1.75 to 1, effective for the 2025 to 2029 period.

In Favour: (3): Councillor Donauer, Councillor Ford, and Councillor Pearce

Against: (7): Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Parker, and Councillor Timon

Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

DEFEATED (3 to 7)

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

Seconded By: Councillor Kelleher

That City Council set the non-residential to residential tax ratio in accordance with Option 1, the proposal ratio of 1.88, effective for the 2025 to 2029 period.

In Favour: (10): Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Ford, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Parker, Councillor Pearce, and Councillor Timon

Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Item 10.5.1 was considered next.

9.5 Governance and Priorities Committee

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.1 Transportation & Construction

10.2 Utilities & Environment

10.3 Community Services

**10.3.1 Potential Roles and Responsibilities for the City of Saskatoon
– Saskatoon Homelessness Action Plan [CC2025-0105]**

The following letters requesting to speak were provided:

- Mathieu Gaudet, Metis Nation - Saskatchewan, dated March 19, 2025;
- Mike Scott, dated March 20, 2025;
- J. Robert LaFontaine, Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership, dated March 21, 2025; and
- Kelly Tokarchuk, Saskatchewan Health Authority, dated March 24, 2025.

General Manager, Community Services Anger introduced the item and Housing Manager King presented the report with a PowerPoint.

Council heard from the following:

- Mathieu Gaudet, Metis Nation - Saskatchewan;
- Mike Scott, who responded to questions;

- J. Robert LaFontaine, Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership, who responded to questions; and
- Kelly Tokarchuk, Saskatchewan Health Authority, who responded to questions.

Housing Manager King also responded to questions of Council.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

Seconded By: Councillor Ford

That the information be received.

In Favour: (10): Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Ford, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Parker, Councillor Pearce, and Councillor Timon

Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Item 10.9.1 was considered next.

10.4 Saskatoon Fire

10.5 Corporate Financial Services

10.5.1 Short Term Rental Enforcement Fund Budget Adjustment [CC2025-0302]

Chief Financial Officer Hack presented the report.

Moved By: Councillor Parker

Seconded By: Councillor Ford

That Capital Project P.10116 Short Term Rental Enforcement be increased by \$380,000 to be funded through Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada Short Term Rental Enforcement Fund.

In Favour: (10): Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Ford, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Parker, Councillor Pearce, and Councillor Timon

Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

10.6 Strategy & Transformation

**10.6.1 2026-2029 Strategic Plan – City Council Priority Areas
[CC2025-0304]**

A letter submitting comments from Sherry Tarasoff, dated March 24, 2025, was provided.

City Manager Jorgenson introduced the item and Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer Phillips presented the report.

City Manager Jorgenson responded to questions of Council.

Moved By: Councillor Davies

Seconded By: Councillor MacDonald

1. That City Council adopt City Council's Priority Areas for the 2026-2029 Strategic Plan, along with the Council-designated Leads for each area, as outlined in the March 26, 2025, report of the Strategy and Transformation Division; and
2. That City Council approve the revisions to *Council Policy C01-029 – City Council Strategic Priority & Leadership Initiative* as attached to the March 26, 2025, report of the Strategy and Transformation Division.

In Favour: (10): Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Ford, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Parker, Councillor Pearce, and Councillor Timon

Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Item 14.1 was considered next.

10.7 Human Resources

10.8 Public Policy & Government Relations

10.9 City Manager's Office

**10.9.1 Terms of Reference – Council Subcommittee on Homelessness
[CC2025-0105]**

City Manager Jorgenson presented the report. Together with Director of Communications and Public Engagement Blumers they responded to questions of Council.

Moved By: Councillor Ford

Seconded By: Councillor Jeffries

1. That City Council approve the Terms of Reference for the Council Subcommittee on Homelessness; and
2. That Capital Project P.02609 Council Strategic Priority Areas be used to support the engagement activities required for the Subcommittee to carry out its mandate with total funding of \$80,000, of which \$29,000 is existing funding within that project, and an increase of \$51,000 is made to P.02609 funded by the Reserve for Capital Expenditures.

In Favour: (10): Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Ford, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Parker, Councillor Pearce, and Councillor Timon

Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

Item 9.2.1 was considered next.

11. LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

11.1 Office of the City Clerk

11.2 Office of the City Solicitor

12. OTHER REPORTS

13. INQUIRIES

14. MOTIONS (NOTICE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN)

14.1 Councillor S. Timon - Temporary Reserved Parking (TRP) Program [CC2025-0303]

The City Clerk reported that in accordance with Section 65 of *The Procedures and Committees Bylaw, 9170*, Councillor Timon provided the following Notice of Motion:

"Whereas the City of Saskatoon administers the Temporary Reserved Parking (TRP) Program in cases where pay parking spaces are being used for construction purposes or other non-standard uses.

Whereas TRP fees are intended to encourage the return of pay parking spaces back to standard use and recoup foregone parking revenue.

Whereas some projects, through site access and right-of-way alterations result in allowances for additional pay parking spaces with there being no Policy provisions for TRP fee reductions.

Therefore, I move that Administration be directed to report back no later than May 2025 on policy considerations to facilitate TRP fee reductions for construction projects, that upon completion, result in allowances for additional pay parking spaces, including analysis on financial implications for the City, financial risk and potential process."

Councillor Timon introduced the item.

Moved By: Councillor Timon

Seconded By: Councillor Davies

That Administration be directed to report back no later than May 2025 on policy considerations to facilitate TRP fee reductions for construction projects, that upon completion, result in allowances for additional pay parking spaces, including analysis on financial implications for the City, financial risk and potential process.

In Favour: (10): Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Ford, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Parker, Councillor Pearce, and Councillor Timon

Absent: (1): Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)

15. URGENT BUSINESS

16. GIVING NOTICE

17. IN CAMERA SESSION (OPTIONAL)

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk