



PUBLIC MINUTES
GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor K. MacDonald, Chair
Mayor C. Block
Councillor T. Davies
Councillor R. Donauer
Councillor S. Ford
Councillor Z. Jeffries, via teleconference
Councillor H. Kelleher
Councillor R. Pearce
Councillor S. Timon

ABSENT: Councillor B. Dubois
Councillor J. Parker

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager J. Jorgenson
City Solicitor C. Yelland
City Clerk A. Titemore
Deputy City Clerk S. Bryant

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Councillor Kelleher

1. That the letter submitting comments from Sherry Olson, dated May 11, 2025 be added to Item 6.1.1;
2. That Appointment - Albert Community Centre Management Committee be added as Item 13.3.8; and
3. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

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

Absent (2): Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Parker

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Councillor Timon

That the minutes of meeting of the Governance and Priorities Committee dated April 9, 2025, be adopted.

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

Absent (2): Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Parker

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

6.1 Decision Reports

6.1.1 Priority Based Budgeting Follow Up [GPC2025-0502]

A report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided along with a letter submitting comments from Sherry Olson, dated May 11, 2025.

Chief Financial Officer Hack presented the report with a PowerPoint and together with Director of Sustainability South responded to questions of Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Pearce

That the Governance and Priorities Committee:

1. Approve option 3, implementation of a Priority Based Budgeting tool for the 2027 budget cycle; and
2. Direct the Administration to remove the requirement for the Climate Budget to include GHG Additions starting in 2026-2027.

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

Absent (2): Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Parker

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Mayor Block

That Administration report back with options to ensure transparency around greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as we transition to priority-based budgeting. The report should include ways to track and report GHG emissions related to programs and services.

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

Absent (2): Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Parker

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Approval Reports

6.3 Information Reports

Moved By: Councillor Ford

That the reports submitted as Items 6.3.1 to 6.3.3 be received as information.

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

Absent (2): Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Parker

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3.1 Delivering on the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan – 2024 Progress Report [GPC2024-0502]

A report of the Strategy and Transformation Division was provided.

Strategy and Transformation Officer Phillips presented the report with a PowerPoint. He responded to questions of Committee along with Chief Financial Officer Hack and City Manager Jorgenson.

6.3.2 2024 Report on Service, Savings and Sustainability (SSS) [GPC2025-0503]

A report of the Strategy and Transformation Division was provided.

Strategy and Transformation Officer Phillips presented the report with a PowerPoint and video.

6.3.3 Corporate Asset Management Reporting Framework [GPC2025-0505]

A report of the Utilities and Environment Division was provided.

General Manager, Environment and Utilities Gardiner presented the report with a PowerPoint.

7. MOTIONS (notice previously given)

8. URGENT BUSINESS

9. GIVING NOTICE

10. VERBAL UPDATES

10.1 Council Members - Her Worship the Mayor, FCM/SUMA, Boards, Committees and Commissions

10.2 Administration

11. REQUESTS TO SPEAK (new matters)

11.1 Saskatoon Board of Revision Appointment Terms [GPC2025-0504]

A letter from Cameron Choquette, Board Chair and June Bold, Board Vice-Chair, Board of Revision, dated April 28, 2025 was provided.

Cameron Choquette spoke requesting that Council consider making the term length for the Board of Revision to be two years and eliminate the requirement for the self-evaluation.

Moved By: Councillor Ford

That the information be received.

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

Absent (2): Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Parker

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. COMMUNICATIONS (requiring the direction of the Committee)

12.1 Opimihaw Creek Watershed Association - City of Saskatoon Membership [GPC2025-0506]

A letter from Abe Quiring, Chair, Opimihaw Creek Watershed Association, dated May 2, 2025 was provided.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That the matter be referred to the Administration for a report.

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

Absent (2): Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Parker

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.2 Sherry Tarasoff - Format of Administrative Reports [GPC2025-0507]

A letter from Sherry Tarasoff, dated May 6, 2025, is provided.

City Manager Jorgenson responded to a question of Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Davies

That the information be received.

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

Absent (2): Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Parker

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. IN CAMERA SESSION

Moved By: Councillor Timon

That the Committee move *In Camera* to consider the following items.

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

Absent (2): Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Parker

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public portion recessed at 10:33 a.m.

13.1 Solicitor/Client Privilege

[In Camera - Solicitor/Client Privilege - Section 21 of LAFOIP]

13.2 Verbal Updates

**13.2.1 Council Members - Her Worship the Mayor; FCM/SUMA;
Boards, Committees & Commissions; Personnel
Subcommittee (if required)**

13.2.2 Administration

13.2.2.1 City Manager Updates

[In Camera - Sections 13, 14(1), 15(1), 16(1), 17(1), 18(1), 19, 20 and 21 of LAFOIP]

13.3 Appointments - Boards, Commissions and Committees [CK 225-4-3]

In Camera - Consultations/Deliberations; Personal Information - Sections 16(1)(b) and (d) and 28 of LAFOIP]

13.3.1 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee

13.3.2 Council Representative - Research Junction Grant Adjudication Committee

13.3.3 Appointment - Meewasin Valley Authority Appeal Board

13.3.4 Resignation - Public Art Advisory Committee

13.3.5 Resignation - Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee

13.3.6 Resignation - Art Gallery of Saskatchewan Board of Directors (Remai Modern)

13.3.7 Appointment and Resignation - Saskatoon Public Library

13.3.8 Appointment - Albert Community Centre Management Committee

14. RISE AND REPORT

The Committee convened *In Camera* at 10:45 a.m. The following were in attendance as noted:

- All Committee members (with the exception of Councillors Dubois and Parker)
- City Manager Jorgenson
- General Manager, Community Services Anger
- General Manager, Environment and Utilities Gardiner
- General Manager, Transportation and Construction Schmidt
- Public Policy and Government Relations Officer Jordan (virtual)
- Chief Financial Officer Hack
- Strategy and Transformation Officer Phillips

- Deputy City Solicitor Rankine, for item 13.1
- Fire Chief Wegren
- Chief of Staff Cormack (virtual)
- City Solicitor Yelland
- City Clerk Tittermore
- Deputy City Clerk Bryant

Public Policy and Government Relations Officer Jordan and Chief of Staff Cormack excused themselves from the meeting during consideration of item 13.2.2.1.

Mayor Block excused herself from the meeting during a portion of consideration of 13.2.2.1 and 13.3.

Chief of Staff Cormack rejoined the meeting during consideration of item 13.3.

All Administration, with the exception of the City Solicitor, City Manager, City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk excused themselves from the meeting prior to consideration of 13.3.

Councillor Jeffries excused himself from the meeting during consideration of item 13.3.

The Committee moved to rise and report. The *In Camera* portion of the meeting recessed at 12:51 p.m.

Committee reconvened publicly, and reported as follows:

13.1 Solicitor/Client Privilege

[In Camera - Solicitor/Client Privilege - Section 21 of LAFOIP]

Moved By: Councillor Pearce

That the information and the discussion remain *In Camera* under Section 21 of LAFOIP.

In Favour (8): Councillor MacDonald, Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Ford, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor Pearce, and Councillor Timon

Absent (3): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Parker

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.2 Verbal Updates

13.2.1 Council Members - Her Worship the Mayor; FCM/SUMA; Boards, Committees & Commissions; Personnel Subcommittee

Moved By: Councillor Pearce

That the information and the discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 13, 14(1), 15(1), 16(1), 17(1), 18(1), 19, 20 and 21 of *LAFOIP*.

In Favour (8): Councillor MacDonald, Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Ford, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor Pearce, and Councillor Timon

Absent (3): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Parker

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.2.2 Administration

13.2.2.1 City Manager Updates

[In Camera - Sections 13, 14(1), 15(1), 16(1), 17(1), 18(1), 19, 20 and 21 of LAFOIP]

Moved By: Councillor Pearce

That the information and the discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 13, 14(1), 15(1), 16(1), 17(1), 18(1), 19, 20 and 21 of *LAFOIP*.

In Favour (8): Councillor MacDonald, Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Ford, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor Pearce, and Councillor Timon

Absent (3): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Parker

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.3 Appointments - Boards, Commissions and Committees [CK 225-4-3]

In Camera - Consultations/Deliberations; Personal Information - Sections 16(1)(b) and (d) and 28 of LAFOIP]

Moved By: Councillor Pearce

That the recommended appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees and any further direction, as noted by the City Clerk, be reported to the May 21, 2025 Regular Business meeting.

In Favour (8): Councillor MacDonald, Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Ford, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor Pearce, and Councillor Timon

Absent (3): Councillor Dubois, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Parker

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Deputy Mayor K. MacDonald

City Clerk A. Tittermore