



**PUBLIC MINUTES**  
**GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, July 16, 2025, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Council Chamber, City Hall**

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Z. Jeffries, Chair  
Councillor R. Donauer  
Councillor B. Dubois  
Councillor S. Ford  
Councillor H. Kelleher  
Councillor K. MacDonald  
Councillor J. Parker  
Councillor R. Pearce  
Councillor S. Timon

**ABSENT:** Mayor C. Block  
Councillor T. Davies

**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 Donauer

1. That the request to speak from Shawna Nelson, Downtown Business Improvement District, dated July 14, 2025 be added to Item 6.2.1; and
2. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

In Favour (9): Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Ford, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Parker, Councillor Pearce, and Councillor Timon

Absent (2): Mayor Block, and Councillor Davies

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

That the minutes of meeting of the Governance and Priorities Committee dated June 11, 2025, be adopted.

In Favour (9): Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Ford, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Parker, Councillor Pearce, and Councillor Timon

Absent (2): Mayor Block, and Councillor Davies

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATIVE REPORTS**

**6.1 Decision Reports**

**6.2 Approval Reports**

**6.2.1 Saskatoon Homelessness Action Plan – Proposed Action Items for City of Saskatoon [CC2025-0105]**

A report of the Community Services Division was provided along with a request to speak from Shawna Nelson, Downtown Business Improvement District, dated July 14, 2025.

Director of Planning and Development Anderson presented the report with a PowerPoint.

Shawna Nelson spoke in support of the proposal and responded to questions of Committee.

Director Anderson responded to questions of Committee along with City Manager Jorgenson and City Solicitor Yelland.

Discussion followed.

Councillor Pearce excused himself from the meeting at 10:49 a.m. during consideration of this item.

**Moved By:** Councillor Kelleher

That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That the proposed leadership role for the City of Saskatoon in specific actions of the Saskatoon Homelessness Action Plan, as outlined in the Community Services Division report, dated July 16, 2025, be approved; and
2. That Administration, with support from other partners, bring back the final plan to City Council as part of its endorsement.

In Favour (8): Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Ford, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Parker, and Councillor Timon

Absent (3): Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Pearce

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### MOTION ARISING

WHEREAS we know social services are the responsibility of the Province of Saskatchewan, and

WHEREAS we also know Saskatoon has an urgent need for increased services to connect homeless people with supports, shelters, and housing.

**Moved By:** Councillor Kelleher

1. That the Mayor's Office be requested to write a letter to the Ministers of Social Services and Health requesting a

meeting between respective Administrations to discuss the potential for a navigation hub in Saskatoon, and

2. That Administration report back, by October 2025, with regards to:
  - The results of the Navigation Hub Feasibility Study that was part of the City of Saskatoon's Community Encampment Response Plan and referred to in Appendix 2 of the approval Report
  - Options for site locations to support a potential navigation hub or hubs and design concept
  - Options for funding models including how fundraising could be incorporated for both operating and capital components; in addition to government funding
  - Opportunities to fast-track/expedite the development of a navigation hub(s), including implications for the City of Saskatoon and potential next steps.

In Favour (8): Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Ford, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Parker, and Councillor Timon

Absent (3): Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Pearce

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting recessed at 10:53 a.m. and reconvened at 11:06 a.m. with all members in attendance with the exception of Mayor Block, Councillors Davies and Pearce.

## **6.3 Information Reports**

### **6.3.1 Council Communications and Constituency Relations Allowance – Update (January 1 – June 30, 2025) [GPC2025-0405]**

A report of the City Clerk's Office is provided.

City Clerk Tittermore introduced the item.

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

That the information be received.

In Favour (8): Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Ford, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Parker, and Councillor Timon

Absent (3): Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Pearce

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**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 Tammy Sweeney, TCU Place - TCU Place Budget Request [GPC2025-0702]**

A request to speak from Tammy Sweeney, TCU Place, dated June 16, 2025 was provided.

Tammy Sweeney, Executive Director, TCU Place provided a PowerPoint and responded to questions of Committee.

**Moved By:** Councillor Dubois

That the Civic Administration report back on the implications, including possible financial savings, of a potential merger of SaskTel Centre and TCU Place. In preparing the report, the Administration will consult with both the boards and respective administrations of both controlled corporations.

In Favour (8): Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Ford, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Parker, and Councillor Timon

Absent (3): Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Pearce

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**12. COMMUNICATIONS (requiring the direction of the Committee)**

**13. IN CAMERA SESSION**

**Moved By:** Councillor MacDonald

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

In Favour (8): Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Ford, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Parker, and Councillor Timon

Absent (3): Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Pearce

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The public portion of the meeting recessed at 11:24 a.m.

**13.1 Saskatoon North Partnership for Growth Update**

*[In Camera - Economic/Financial - Land - Sections 17(d) and (e)]*

**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,  
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 Appointment - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory  
Committee**

### **13.4 Orientation - Governance Check-In**

*[In Camera - Section 94(4) of The Cities Act]*

### **13.5 Strategic Planning**

*[In Camera - Section 94(4) of The Cities Act]*

## **14. RISE AND REPORT**

Committee convened *In Camera* at 11:27 a.m. The following were in attendance as noted:

- All Committee members, with the exception of Mayor Block and Councillors Davies and Pearce
- City Manager Jorgenson
- General Manager, Community Services Anger
- General Manager, Environment and Utilities Gardiner
- General Manager, Transportation and Construction Schmidt
- Chief Financial Officer Hack
- Chief Saskatoon Fire Wegren
- Strategy and Transformation Officer Phillips
- Director of Planning and Development Anderson
- Long Range Planning Manager McShane, for item 13.1
- Long Range Planner Il Sick, for item 13.1
- Director of Water and Wastewater Treatment Munro (virtual), for item 13.1
- Regional Services Manager Heinrichs (virtual), for item 13.1
- Chief of Staff Cormack (virtual)
- City Solicitor Yelland
- City Clerk Titemore
- Deputy City Clerk Bryant

All Administration, with the exception of the City Solicitor, City Manager, City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk excused themselves from the meeting for consideration of 13.3 and 13.4.

The Committee moved to rise and report. The *In Camera* portion of the meeting recessed 12:28 p.m.

Committee reconvened publicly, and reported as follows:

### **13.1 Saskatoon North Partnership for Growth Update**

*[In Camera - Economic/Financial - Land - Sections 17(d) and (e)]*

**Moved By:** Councillor Kelleher

That the information and the discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 17(d) and (e) of LAFOIP.

In Favour (8): Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Ford, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Parker, and Councillor Timon

Absent (3): Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Pearce

**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 Kelleher

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 Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Ford, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Parker, and Councillor Timon

Absent (3): Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Pearce

**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 Kelleher

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 Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Ford, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Parker, and Councillor Timon

Absent (3): Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Pearce

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **13.3 Appointments - Boards, Commissions and Committees**

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

**Moved By:** Councillor Kelleher

That the recommended appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees and any further direction, as noted by the City Clerk, be reported to the July 30, 2025 Regular Business meeting.

In Favour (8): Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Ford, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Parker, and Councillor Timon

Absent (3): Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Pearce

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **13.4 Orientation - Governance Check-In**

*[In Camera - Section 94(4) of The Cities Act]*

**Moved By:** Councillor Kelleher

That the information and the discussion remain *In Camera* under Section 94(4) of *The Cities Act*.

In Favour (8): Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Ford, Councillor Kelleher, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Parker, and Councillor Timon

Absent (3): Mayor Block, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Pearce

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **13.5 Strategic Planning**

*[In Camera - Section 94(4) of The Cities Act]*

The Committee held strategic planning following adjournment of the meeting.

## **15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

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Deputy Mayor Z. Jeffries

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City Clerk A. Tittlemore