

INQUIRIES and NOTICE OF MOTIONS as of January 21, 2019

Title	Meeting Date	Councillor	Department	File No.	Inquiry Resolution	Comments/Update
Inquiry - Maintenance of Trees in Back Lanes	2012/09/04	Former Councillor Lorje	Community Services	CK. 4139-4, BF 073-15	"Will the Administration please review the current procedures, authority, funding and staffing with respect to the maintenance of trees that are growing into the back alleys? Bylaw No. 8175, The Property Maintenance Bylaw, speaks to dead or hazardous trees but there appears to be some disagreement about who bears the responsibility for general tree overgrowth into the City's alleys. Saskatoon Light and Power quite properly deals with trees that grow into the power lines but my concern is the more general tree growth that impedes traffic in the alleys. Therefore, will the Administration please report on what we would need to put in place in order to have property owners themselves trim their trees that encroach upon the alleys."	To be determined.
Inquiry - Posting Daily Report Card on Transit Reliability	2013/10/07	Former Councillor Paulsen	Transportation & Construction	CK 7300-1	"The Toronto Transit Commission posts a daily report card on its website showing transit riders how reliable their service is. The information provides a quick snapshot to transit users to evaluate how punctual or reliable the service was for that day in a way that is easy to read and understand. With the upgraded technology we are now using in our transit buses, could the Administration please report on whether it is possible to communicate with out clients in a similar fashion."	Report anticipated 2019 Q2.
Inquiry - Updates - Councillor Inquiries	2013/12/02	Councillor Jeffries	City Clerk's Office	CK 255-6	"Could the Administration please report on the feasibility of providing a regular update on the status of Councillor enquiries, including estimated dates for answers to be provided."	Sharepoint solution implemented effective December 2018. Information communicated via email to members of City Council. <i>Recommend removal from list.</i>
Inquiry - Policy - Book of Condolences Available at City Hall	2013/12/16	Councillor Loewen	Leadership Team Governance Subcommittee	CK 150-1	"Would the Administration report back with recommendations for a policy regarding circumstances where a book of condolences might be made available at City Hall."	January 2019 update - to be addressed in protocol policy.
Inquiry - Monthly Ridership Statistics - Saskatoon Transit	2014/05/05	Former Councillor Paulsen	Transportation & Construction	CK. 435-9	"It is my understanding that, through technology, Saskatoon Transit now has the ability to track ridership by neighbourhood. Could the Administration please report on the monthly ridership statistics on a neighbourhood-by-neighbourhood basis."	Report anticipated 2019 Q2.
Inquiry - Expansion of Public Notification Process for Zoning Bylaw Matters to include Business Improvement Districts	2016/03/21	Former Councillor Lorje	Community Services	CK. 255-2-1, BF 005-16	"Will the Administration please report on the possibility of expanding the public notification process for various Zoning Bylaw matters so that the appropriate Business Improvement District (BID) board and/or BID Executive Director is notified in a manner similar to the Community Associations when a Zoning Bylaw matter requiring public notification in the respective area is being considered (i.e. when zoning changes are contemplated in the Riversdale area, the Riversdale BID would be informed, etc.)"	December 14, 2018 update: Director of Planning and Development recommending removal from list - "This process was in place at the time of inquiry and has been used since."
Inquiry - Digital Billboards	2016/04/25	Councillor Jeffries	Community Services	CK 4350-13, BF 015-16	"Can the Administration please report back on the following items related to digital billboards: 1. Do digital billboards comply with dark sky principles and if not, what can be done to improve billboard performance; and 2. What can be done to regulate the intensity of the light given off by digital billboards."	To be determined.
Inquiry - B1B Zoning District - Square Footage Restriction - Retail and Restaurant Development	2016/06/27	Councillor Iwanchuk	Community Services	CK. 4350-1, BF 024-16	"Would the Administration, in consultation with the development community, review the B1B Zoning District, including the square footage restriction for retail and restaurant developments."	Report anticipated February 2019.
Inquiry - City of Saskatoon's Public Notice Policy	2016/07/21	Councillor Hill	Strategy & Transformation	CK. 255-2-1	"Based on results of civic survey It has identified that people want to receive their information differently than what we have been doing in the past. Would the administration please report back on reviewing the City Of Saskatoon public notification policy. Please ensure that the review includes a discussion with the Saskatoon Council on aging for input. Please ensure current audited circulation numbers, readership, and/or listening audience numbers are reviewed for all media considered."	Was with the Solicitor's Office, moved to Communications - 07/16/18 verbal update. Email from Corporate Perf. Sept. 19/18 requesting the inquiry be marked complete. Reasons outlined below: EU&CS - March 13, 2017 Agenda Item - 7.2.4 - City Page Weekly Public Notice Advertising On March 13, 2017, a report to EU&CS requesting approval to award the City Page contract to the StarPhoenix. This went without issue but then went to City Council. The report included the following information under Other Considerations/Implications: The current Policy directs that, public notice shall be published in The StarPhoenix, on the Saturday at least seven days immediately prior to the meeting, at which City Council will initially consider the matter. If City Council does not approve the recommendation in this report, Public Policy C01-021 will require changes to remove reference to The Star Phoenix and consider how to satisfactorily address public notice requirements with acceptable methods of giving notice. City Council - March 27, 2017 Following discussion at the meeting City Council resolved: 1. That the report proposal submitted by the Saskatoon StarPhoenix for the administration, production, and distribution of the "City Page/Weekly Public Notice Advertising" for 2017 be approved; and 2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate agreement and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement under the Corporate Seal. 3. That the Administration review the Public Notice Policy and Communications Strategy. 4. That the Administration review the Public Notice Policy and report back with criteria for assessing RFPs for public advertising that is non-specific to a particular vendor; and 5. That the Administration be directed to issue an RFP for 2018 for the City Page/Weekly Public Notice Advertising PD&CS - December 4, 2017 Solicitors took a report to PD&CS that generally addressed items 3 and 5 from the March 27, 2017 Council meeting. It outlined the elements that would be included in an RFP to ensure we considered all the important aspects of circulation and readership. The Public Notice Policy removed the reference to the Star Phoenix but it still remained that the communications tool would be a newspaper. City Council - December 18, 2017 The above report was approved by City Council PD&CS - March 5, 2018 The final related report was the actual award of the City Page advertising to the StarPhoenix. EU&CS - As a result of this we took a report to EU&CS on the RFP in advance. This report noted what we would include as part of the RFP review (readership, circulation, etc.). City Council - March 26, 2018 City Council approved the award of the contract. <i>Recommend removal from list.</i>
Inquiry - Regulation of Kennels	2016/09/19	Councillor Hill	Community Services	CK. 4350-65, BF 028-18	"In response to the tragic occurrence at "Playful Paws Pet Centre" in Saskatoon, where 14 dogs died, a number of Saskatoon Citizens have enquired about regulation of Kennels. Would the Administration please review what exists for kennel regulation in other municipalities and provinces and provide a report on what could be considered for Saskatoon and/or Saskatchewan. Please ensure the review considers any/all factors such as zoning, business licensing, <i>The Animal Protection Act</i> , and other roles municipalities and provinces play in Canada. Included in the report should be reference to the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association's document titled: 'A Code of Practice for Canadian Kennel Operations'."	Report anticipated February 2019.

					<p>"Recognizing that we have received some information on the issue of late night / early morning ticketing of over-length vehicles, I would like to incorporate some of that information, as well as some additional details in a public report.</p> <p>Would the Administration report on the number of tickets that have been issued since March 2018, with respect to vehicles that exceed 6 meters in length in accordance with the bylaw.</p> <p>Please separate the offences by neighbourhood, date, time the ticket was issued, who issued the ticket, and if the ticket was issued as a result of complaint or the initiative of the ticketing officer. This information should be presented with supporting data to show a comparison to the previous year for the same time frames.</p> <p>Please provide any information if a shift in policy or procedure, resulted in the tickets.</p> <p>This inquiry is not questioning the validity of each individual ticket, but rather what may have transpired that resulted in the significant rise in ticket numbers.</p>	
Inquiry - Ticketing of Over-Length Vehicles	2018/10/22	Councillor Hill	Community Services	CK 5301-1, BF 051-18	The report should also highlight the difference between a complaint driven policy and a ticketing agent initiated ticketing policy, and explain when and where each of those policies are applied."	Report anticipated March 2019.
Inquiry - Reconsideration of Defeated Motions	2018/10/22	Councillor Hill	Leadership Team Governance Subcommittee	255-2	"Would the Administration clarify what determines a significant enough change to reconsider content of a previous motion that had been defeated by Council."	In progress.
					<p>"Would the Administration please report back on refining the definition of "amendment" as well as clarifying rules for "amending a motion" in our Council procedures.</p> <p>Attention should be paid to the point that amending a motion is done when you want to change the wording of the motion under consideration, but not the intent of the motion. Amending a motion can be used to make a good idea better or a bad idea more palatable. It should be noted that amendments are key to the process of perfecting motions before a final vote is called.</p> <p>Please note that amendments are not just as simple as changing words, but that an amendment must be relevant (germane) to the motion it seeks to amend, meaning the amendment cannot change the intent of the original motion.</p> <p>Another important rule to remember is that an amendment that does nothing but make the motion a rejection of the original motion is not proper and not in order.</p> <p>Amendments should enable you to affect changes to pending questions in the following four ways: By inserting or adding, words, sentences, or paragraphs; By striking out words, sentences, or paragraphs; By striking out and inserting words (with the words inserted replacing the words struck out); and By amending by substitution (a form of strike out and insert applied to paragraphs or entire motions)."</p>	
Inquiry - Definition of 'Amendment' and Rules for Amending a Motion	2018/10/22	Councillor Hill	Leadership Team Governance Subcommittee	255-2		In progress.
					<p>That the Administration prepare a report on using City Park as a test neighbourhood for the Residential Parking Permit Program in 2017 and/or 2018. This report should highlight:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that City Park is the only neighbourhood that meets the requirements for full neighbourhood RPP implementation at this time • should also reference the utilization of current IT potential that is not being realized • the potential for decreased administration costs • new strategies that may include address/property tax location tied to license plate recognition • review of permitting process • possibility of annual online renewal • best practices/lessons learned in other municipalities • potential to tie the license plate recognition software for this pilot to City of Saskatoon outstanding fines/warrants • plus any other recommendations from the administration. 	Will fold this into the TOR for residential parking permit review; a capital project for 2019 was approved and will encompass this request - Report Anticipated December 2019.
Motion - Residential Parking Permit Test	2016/12/12	Councillor Hill	Community Services	6120-4-4		
					Whereas the province's reassessment process has seen wide swings in property assessment contributing to large tax increases in some areas of our city, including but not limited to Nutana, Varsity View, Riversdale and Downtown, therefore be it resolved that His Worship, Mayor Clark, send a letter on behalf of City Council including the file to the Province (Minister of Government Relations and Premier) with a copy provided to SAMA, SUMA, and City Mayors' Caucus, to request a two-year reassessment cycle province-wide, and if that isn't possible, to allow the City of Saskatoon to implement a two-year reassessment cycle on its own.	Administration to submit a report (re: Issues and Options) with respect to property assessment for Council's consideration before a letter is written. Report anticipated March/April 2019.
Motion - Two-Year Assessment Cycle	2017/10/23	Councillor Block	Mayor's Office	1616-1		
					That Administration report back about the opportunity to create a land lease program for community or religious groups to construct new facilities. This could be modeled on the industrial land lease program currently available through Saskatoon Land or work done in other cities to help not-for-profit organizations create new spaces that benefit the community.	Report anticipated April 2019.
Motion - Land Lease Program	2018/03/26	Councillor Jeffries	Corporate Financial Services	4225-1		
Motion - Meeting Schedule for Council, Governance and Priorities and the Standing Policy Committees	2018/06/25	Councillor Hill	Leadership Team Governance Subcommittee	255-2	Would the Administration please report on the current meeting schedule for Council, Governance and Priorities Committee and the Standing Policy Committees. Please address: 1. The possibility of establishing a prioritized agenda for all meetings; and 2. The possibility of ending GPC at 8:00 p.m. each meeting	In progress.
Motion - Maintenance of Centre Medians	2018/08/27	Councillor Block	Transportation & Construction	6220-1	That Administration report back on options to improve maintenance of centre medians.	Service review underway, report expected 2019 Q4.
Motion - Vacant Sites in New Developments - Signage	2018/10/22	Councillor Jeffries	Community Services	CK 4110-45, BF 048-18	That Administration report back about how vacant sites in new developments can be appropriately signed to better communicate future land uses identified in neighbourhood concept plans.	To be determined.
Motion - Improving Solid Waste Systems	2018/11/06	Councillor Loewen	Utilities & Environment	7830-1	That the SPC on EUCS refer the report entitled "Cutting the Waste: How to save money while improving our solid waste systems" from Canada's Ecofiscal Commission to the Admin for a report in response to the recommendations and info contained in the report.	Report anticipated April 2019.