

Proposed Protocol Agreement with the Saskatoon Tribal Council

ISSUE

The City of Saskatoon and the Saskatoon Tribal Council share a common objective in improving the quality of life for all people that reside in Saskatoon. The purpose of this report is to receive City Council approval to develop a Protocol Agreement with the Saskatoon Tribal Council, providing a framework for a common path forward to improve the quality of life for First Nations' citizens.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Administration collaborate with the Saskatoon Tribal Council to establish a Protocol Agreement as outlined in this report.

BACKGROUND

On June 22, 2015, City Council directed the Administration to identify responses and financial implications of the TRC Calls to Action. At the same time, City Council declared July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, the Year of Reconciliation. The Administration was directed to work with the Office of the Treaty Commissioner (OTC), and other community groups, leaders, and institutions in Saskatchewan to promote reconciliation.

The Administration reported on October 19, 2015, and was directed to provide regular updates outlining successes, as well as outstanding items, along with an update of events recognizing the Year of Reconciliation in Saskatoon. The Administration was also directed to report with a plan for increased professional development and training for employees, with a long-term target of 100 percent participation.

On August 28, 2017, City Council resolved that the City Solicitor prepare a Memorandum of Understanding with the Saskatoon Tribal Council for the purpose of studying the financial feasibility of a hydropower project at the Saskatoon weir, and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding under the Corporate Seal.

The 2018-2021 Strategic Plan focuses on delivering services that help build an increasingly prosperous, safe and sustainable community. In discussions, both Saskatoon Tribal Council and City of Saskatoon are interested in pursuing a more formalized arrangement between the orders of government.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The primary goal of the Protocol Agreement will be to establish foundational principles and meeting protocols that will lead to the development of a common work plan over the next five years. In doing so, the agreement will provide a mutually beneficial joint course of action with each party taking responsibility for achieving a productive working relationship.

More specifically, the intent is that senior political and administration members who have been tasked with the advancement of the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action will provide input into the development of a framework of symbiotic actions to improve the quality of life for First Nations people living in Saskatoon.

IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial or budgetary implications specifically resulting from the approval to proceed with development of a proposed Protocol Agreement. Once the Agreement has been finalized for consideration by City Council, the financial impact of the Agreement will be known and included in the report package at that time. Future initiatives related to the Agreement will be considered by City Council during their annual budget process.

NEXT STEPS

The Administration will collaborate with the Saskatoon Tribal Council to develop the Protocol Agreement. It is anticipated that the Administration will report back to the Governance and Priorities Committee in the fall of 2019 to seek approval of the Protocol Agreement.

Report Approval

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