



**PUBLIC MINUTES
STREET ACTIVITY STEERING COMMITTEE**

**November 16, 2016, 12:05 p.m.
Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall**

PRESENT: Mr. B. Penner (Downtown Saskatoon), Chair
Inspector R. Huisman (Saskatoon Police Service)
Mr. R. Pshebylo (Riversdale Business Improvement District)
Senior Planner E. Miller (Neighbourhood Planning, Community Services Department)

ABSENT: Ms. V. Charles (Saskatoon Anti-Poverty Coalition)
Broadway Business Improvement Representative

ALSO PRESENT: Staff Sergeant D. Pringle (Saskatoon Police Service)
Community Support Program Supervisor L. Prefontaine
Committee Assistant J. Fast

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: R. Pshebylo

1. That Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership be added to the agenda as Item 9; and
2. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: R. Pshebylo

1. That the last sentence on Page 2 read "Urban Design Streetscape Reserve" instead of Streetscape Business Improvement District Reserve; and
2. That the minutes of regular meeting of the Street Activity Steering Committee held on September 21, 2016 confirmed as amended.

CARRIED

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

6. REPORT OF PROGRAM MANAGER

7. COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

7.1 Community Support Program Supervisor's Report [File No. CK. 5605-3]

The Committee Assistant submitted a report of the Supervisor, Community Support Program, for the reporting period September and October 2016.

Community Support Program Supervisor Prefontaine summarized the information contained in her report and the following was noted:

- Increased number of new people being encountered on the streets (37 in October up from 15-20 previous months).
- Increased intoxication by drug use among the individuals on the street which poses a unique set of challenges as a result of the lack of sufficient services for individuals who are high on drugs that stimulate and/or cause hallucinations versus depressants that have the opposite effect.
- Cold weather strategy will take effect soon – linkage is improved and will be more user-friendly.
- Recent changes to The Lighthouse programs in September included a decrease in options for transport during daytime hours between 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Community Support Program Supervisor Prefontaine answered questions of the Committee and discussion followed regarding how to address the needs of people with drug addictions, and how to best capture the statistics in order to move forward to achieve the supports needed.

Moved By: R. Pshebylo

That the information be received.

CARRIED

8. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2017 [File No. CK. 225-74]

The Committee Assistant submitted the following proposed schedule of meetings for 2017:

Wednesday, January 18
Wednesday, March 15
Wednesday, May 17
Wednesday, July 19
Wednesday, September 20
Wednesday, November 15

Moved By: R. Pshebylo

That the meeting dates for the Street Activity Steering Committee for 2017 be approved.

CARRIED

9. SASKATOON HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP [File No. CK. 225-74]

Community Support Program Supervisor Prefontaine introduced Shaun Dyck, Executive Director and Dionne Miazdyck-Shield, Program Coordinator, Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership. Mr. Dyck provided an overview of the organization and its vision to create solutions to affordable housing and homelessness in Saskatoon. Discussion followed and Mr. Dyck and Ms. Miazdyck-Shield answered questions of the Committee.

Moved By: R. Pshebylo

That the information be received.

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT [File No. CK. 225-74]

It was noted prior to adjournment that the Committee had not received an update regarding an alternative source of funding for the program. Senior Planner Miller advised that a report is being prepared and likely will be submitted to the January 2017 meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services.

Senior Planner Miller also noted that a report regarding The Panhandling Bylaw and Streets Use Bylaw will be going to the December 5 meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services.

Moved By: R. Pshebylo

That the information be received.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Mr. B. Penner, Chair

Ms. J. Fast, Committee Assistant