



## **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

### **REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2014, COUNCIL CHAMBER**

#### **2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

##### **Recommendation**

That the agenda for today's meeting be amended by adding the following report as Item 12.1 as outlined in this document:

#### **12. URGENT BUSINESS**

##### **12.1 Purchase of New Buses for Saskatoon Transit (File No. CK. 1402-1)**

##### **Recommendation**

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### Topic and Purpose

The Administration is recommending the advancement of purchase of ten new Nova buses. Council approval is required due to the funding strategy proposed.

### Report Highlights

1. Saskatoon Transit's fleet strategy has included both used and new bus purchases.
2. Saskatoon Transit's fleet requires constant renewal and upgrades. Bus replacements were included in the August 18, 2014, financial strategy report of the CFO/General Manager, Asset and Financial Management Department.
3. Given the fleet issues recently experienced, combined with the extended lead time required to procure new buses, Saskatoon Transit is recommending the immediate purchase of ten new Nova buses.

### Strategic Goal

The recommendations in this report support the strategy to reduce the gap in the funding required to rehabilitate and maintain our infrastructure.

### Report

In recent years, Saskatoon Transit has been able to supplement its fleet with used buses purchased from other municipalities. This approach resulted in significant cost savings for the City. For example, Saskatoon Transit recently purchased a 2008 Nova Articulating Bus for \$60,000, which has approximately 90% of its service life remaining. The cost of a new articulating bus is approximately \$750,000. In comparison, a new conventional bus costs approximately \$450,000. Other municipalities have also adopted this approach, which has resulted in fewer good used buses available for Saskatoon to purchase.

In order to maintain a fleet with a 9 year median age, or an 18 year maximum bus life, an average of 9.3 new buses annually are required. At this replacement rate, it would take 18 years to renew the City's fleet. Saskatoon Transit currently purchases four to five new buses per year.

## **Purchase of New Buses for Saskatoon Transit**

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In December of 2013, Saskatoon Transit closed a multi-year tender for the procurement of up to 12 new conventional buses. Nova Bus was the successful bidder, and Saskatoon Transit has ordered five buses which are expected to be delivered in the coming weeks. There are seven buses remaining on the tender amount, which can be expanded to ten buses. Buses are ordered as funding becomes available.

Saskatoon Transit Administration have discussed options with Nova, and Nova has committed that they could fast-track an order for Saskatoon as long as the purchase is confirmed in September of 2014. The buses would be delivered in approximately May of 2015. If Transit were to wait until the 2015 budget were approved and order at that time, new buses may not be delivered until spring of 2016.

The Administration is recommending that Saskatoon Transit issue an order to Nova for the purchase of ten new conventional low-floor buses. This purchase will enable Saskatoon Transit to retire ten of its oldest buses, some of which have in excess of 1.5 million kilometres and are 20 years old.

The fundamental elements of Saskatoon Transit will be changing over the coming years. Saskatoon Transit will operate from a world-class facility at the Civic Operations Centre, which will be opened in late 2016. The route system is currently being re-envisioned as part of the GrowingForward! initiative, and is expected to include a significant Bus Rapid Transit component which utilizes both conventional and articulating buses. Fleet renewal will be required, and buses purchased today will benefit both existing customers, as well as customers of the new Saskatoon Transit. The bus purchases recommended in this report support transit customers in both the short and long term.

### **Options to the Recommendation**

Council could choose to not purchase the buses as outlined in this report or could purchase a different number of buses.

### **Public and/or Stakeholder Involvement**

There is no public and/or stakeholder involvement required.

### **Communication Plan**

Website updates and a news release will be coordinated as necessary.

### **Financial Implications**

At its meeting on August 21, 2014, City Council received a New Building Canada Fund and Federal Gas Tax Fund report. At the same meeting City Council further resolved that the capital projects identified in the August 18, 2014, report of the CFO/General Manager, Asset and Financial Management Department, be approved for submission to the appropriate authorities for funding from the New Building Canada Fund or the Gas Tax Fund.

## Purchase of New Buses for Saskatoon Transit

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Under the Gas Tax Fund portion of the report Administration identified that, in an effort to maximize the funding potential, Water and Wastewater Capital projects that are fully funded by the Water Capital Reserve or Wastewater Capital Reserve would be submitted for approval under this funding. In return for any Water Utility projects that receive funding, an equivalent amount will be paid from the Utility to the City's General Revenue, thus making this funding available for re-allocation to other capital projects. This approach will not have any effect on the Utility rates charged to the customer for these services.

Administration is recommending that up to \$5.0 M for the purchase of ten new buses be funded by the Gas Tax equivalent amount from the Water Utility. This is sufficient funding to purchase the buses, and fit them to be road-ready.

### **Environmental Implications**

One full bus trip reduces greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 29 equivalent length car trips.

### **Other Considerations/Implications**

There are no policy, privacy, or CPTED implications or considerations.

### **Due Date for Follow-up and/or Project Completion**

A follow up report is not required.

### **Public Notice**

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

### **Report Approval**

Written and

Approved by: Jeff Jorgenson, General Manager, Transportation & Utilities  
Department

Council JJ - Purchase of New Buses for Saskatoon Transit



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### **PUBLIC HEARING MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2014, COUNCIL CHAMBER**

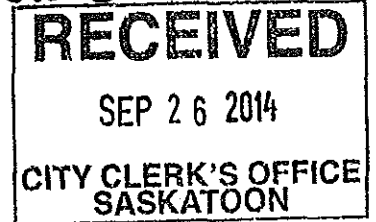
#### **2. Confirmation of Agenda**

##### **Recommendation**

That the agenda for today's meeting be amended by adding the following matters for consideration as outlined in this document:

1. Letter submitting comments – Kim Ellert and Rhonda Leier - Public Hearing Item 4.1.1;
2. Letter submitting comments – Mark Loeppky, President & CEO, FFUN Enterprises – Public Hearing Item 4.1.2;
3. Request to Speak – Fr. Jon Hansen, St. Mary's Church – Public Hearing Item 4.1.6; and
4. Request to Speak – Jeff Kratky, Saskatoon Co-operative Association Limited – Public Hearing Item 4.1.7.

4355-014-006  
add 4.1.1



September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014

To the City of Saskatoon

ATTENTION: MR. DANIEL McLAREN

RE: Discretionary Use Application – PL 4350 D2/14

This letter is in response to a third request by the City of Saskatoon for our input on the above-noted Discretionary Use Application.

As we have **stated as strongly as possible** on the past two occasions that we were approached with this issue, as owners of the property directly across the street from 101 – 27<sup>th</sup> Street West, we **very much are opposed to the opening of a bed and breakfast at this location.**

We understand that the Applicant has indicated that he will provide parking in the backyard for guests. Having said that, the parking situation on this street is at a premium, even at the best of times. There is rarely, if ever, a place to park a vehicle in front of our property.

Adding a bed and breakfast will only add to this already crucial situation.

As well, we do not feel that this is the best area of town to be welcoming out-of-town or businesspeople or tourists to our city. It really is not the most appealing location, especially given the clientele at the hotel across the street.

Things can get pretty 'colourful' at all times of the day and night around there. Ask anyone who lives in the neighbourhood. The activities and goings-on really doesn't put the city in a positive light, in our respectful submission.

Again, we wish to reiterate our opposition to the opening of this proposed endeavor.

Sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is "Kim Wm. Ellert" and the second is "Ms. Rhonda J. Leier".

Mr. Kim Wm. Ellert and Ms. Rhonda J. Leier

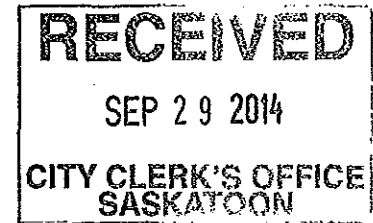
Owners, 102 – 27<sup>th</sup> Street West

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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From: CityCouncilWebForm  
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Subject: Write a Letter to City Council



TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL.

FROM:

Mark Loepky  
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Saskatoon, Saskatchewan  
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ml@ffun.com

COMMENTS:

September 29, 2014

His Worship the Mayor and Members  
of City Council,  
c/o City Clerk's Office  
City Hall  
Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5

Proposed Rezoning from IL1 (H) to IL1  
And Discretionary Use Application - Shopping Centre  
105 71st Street East  
(File No. CK. 4355-014-007)

Dear Mayor and City Council,

This letter is in support of the above referenced rezoning and discretionary use of the property located at the southeast corner of 71st and Idylwyld Service Road. As you know, my company, FFUN Enterprises, owns this approximate 25-acre tract of land. It is our intention to develop this property in the immediate future as a commercial development. We have been working closely with city staff to ensure the project follows appropriate procedures and meets everyone's needs including the general public.

Over the course of the past year we have gone through the process of master planning the project that included a traffic impact study, a due diligence study featuring a detailed survey, geotechnical report, environmental analysis and an in-depth civil engineering alternatives analysis of our total infrastructure program. We have recently completed our final engineering drawings for the project and expect to break ground on this unique corporate complex next month. Through every step of the project we have worked with city planning and engineering staff to ensure the project meets our vision

while meeting city development requirements. From our standpoint it has been both informative as well as an enjoyable process. Our entire corporate family of 650 employees is excited to see this project move forward toward fruition.

FFUN Enterprises asks that you approve the above rezoning and discretionary use that will allow our master development plan to proceed without undue schedule setbacks. We appreciate the opportunity to address this issue.

Respectfully Yours,

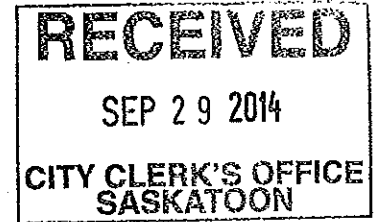
Mark Loeppky, President & CEO  
FFUN Enterprises



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TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL.

FROM:

Jon Hansen  
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COMMENTS:

I am the pastor of St. Marys Church on Avenue O South. I am requesting the opportunity to speak to agenda item 4.1.6 of the public hearing of city council, September 29, 2014. Specifically I would like to address the recommendation that the administration be requested to invest in the development of a storm water diversion plan for the property in question.

The property of St. Marys Church will be directly affected by this decision.

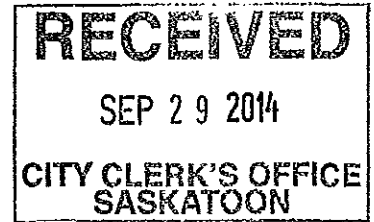
Thank you

Fr. Jon

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TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL.

FROM:

Jeff Kratky The Saskatoon Co-operative Association Limited  
503 Wellman Crescent  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan  
S7T OJ1

EMAIL ADDRESS:

j.kratky@fcl.ca

COMMENTS:

On behalf of Saskatoon Co-op, I shall make a presentation to Council for at the Public Hearing scheduled for 6 p.m. on the 29-Sep-2014 regarding the Proposed Boundary Adjustment being City of Saskatoon File No. PL-4060-14. This form was completed at the request of City staff.