



PUBLIC MINUTES
GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

Monday, April 10, 2017, 1:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall

PRESENT: His Worship Mayor C. Clark, Chair
Councillor C. Block
Councillor T. Davies at 1:09 p.m.
Councillor R. Donauer
Councillor B. Dubois
Councillor S. Gersher
Councillor H. Gough
Councillor D. Hill
Councillor A. Iwanchuk
Councillor Z. Jeffries
Councillor M. Loewen

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager M. Totland
City Solicitor P. Warwick
City Clerk J. Sproule
Committee Assistant J. Hudson

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Councillor Hill

1. That item 7.2.2 be considered before item 7.2.1, and renumbered as item 7.1.1 under Delegated Authority;
2. That the letter submitting comments from Shane Prpich dated April 8, 2017, be added to item 7.2.1; and
3. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

In Favour Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Iwanchuk declared a conflict of interest related to the portion of item 7.2.1 dealing with employee wages because of her employment with CUPE.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes - March 20, 2017

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Governance and Priorities Committee held on March 20, 2017, be adopted.

In Favour Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 City Council Strategic Priorities for 2016 - 2020 Term (File No. CK. 116-1)

His Worship the Mayor provided background information and presented a report on behalf of City Council.

Councillor Davies entered the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

Moved By: Councillor Gough

That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That the 10 priority areas, as outlined in the report of the Mayor dated April 10, 2017, be set;
2. That each priority area have a Council Member Lead and that the Council Members Leads be as identified in the report;
3. That Council Member Leads be empowered to take a leadership role in citizen and stakeholder engagement in the 10 priority areas; and

4. That the Administration be directed to prepare a draft policy which sets the parameters for Council Member Leads and which includes the following:
- The role and limits of authority for the Council Member Lead;
 - The requirements to report back to City Council; and
 - The possibility of special working groups including make-up and mandate

In Favour Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. COMMUNICATIONS (requiring the direction of the Committee)

6.1 Delegated Authority Matters

6.1.1 Letter - S. Wasylenko, Chair, Sutherland BID dated March 21, 2017 re: 2017 Board of Management (File No. CK. 175-50)

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That the information be received.

In Favour Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Matters Requiring Direction

6.2.1 Letter - A. Buettner, Chair, SaskTel Centre Board of Directors re: Board Member Recruitment and Retention Strategy (File No. CK. 175-31)

Ms. Buettner and Ms. Mubarka Butt, Total Rewards Manager, City of Saskatoon, presented a progress report on SaskTel Centre's Board Member Recruitment and Retention Strategy and answered questions of the Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Davies

That a report be forwarded to City Council recommending that the information be received and forwarded to the Leadership Team Governance Subcommittee for inclusion in its Governance Review of Boards, Commissions and Committees.

In Favour Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Requests to Speak (new matters)

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Delegated Authority Matters

7.1.1 Provincial Downloading and Transfer Payments to the City of Saskatoon and Community Organizations (File No. CK. 1700-3)

City Manager Totland presented the report.

Mr. Mike Jordan, Director of Government Relations provided a supplementary PowerPoint presentation and answered questions of the Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

That the information be received.

In Favour Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Matters Requiring Direction

7.2.1 Options to Address 2017 Provincial Budget Impact (File No. CK. 1700-3)

Copies of the following communications were provided:

- Request to speak from Frank Regier dated March 29, 2017; and
- Letters submitting comments from:
 - Paul Ruck dated March 25, 2017
 - Audrey Hinz dated March 27, 2017
 - Don Scott dated March 27, 2017
 - Darcy Wiebe dated March 27, 2017
 - Jeff Ewen dated March 28, 2017
 - Michael LaFreniere dated March 29, 2017
 - Roy Kreuzweiser dated March 30, 2017
 - Dylan Morin dated April 4, 2017
 - Shane Prpich dated April 8, 2017

City Manager Totland presented the report and reviewed the Administration's recommendations and options for expenditure reductions, revenue increases, and a property tax increase.

Mr. Frank Regier spoke to the Committee.

Councillor Iwanchuk declared a conflict of interest for the portion of the discussion and vote dealing with employee wages because of her employment with CUPE.

Moved By: Councillor Gough

That a report be forwarded to City Council recommending that the Snow and Ice Levy phase-in contribution be deferred for one year (2017 only).

In Favour Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

That a report be forwarded to City Council recommending that fuel expenditures be reduced by \$500,000 and energy management be reduced by \$250,000.

In Favour Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That a report be forwarded to City Council recommending that Return on Investment from Water/Wastewater utilities be increased (advancement of phase-in of ROI).

In Favour Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That a report be forwarded to City Council recommending that parking ticket violations be increased from \$20 to \$30 effective July 1, 2017.

In Favour Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries and Councillor Loewen
Against Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies and Councillor Gersher

CARRIED

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

That a report be forwarded to City Council recommending that \$35,550.24 for the TransCanada Yellowhead Highway Association membership (not renewed), be removed, and not be reallocated.

In Favour Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

That a report be forwarded to City Council recommending that the Administration be requested to review and report on the School Site Service Agreements with a view to halting the agreements at their respective current stages until further direction is received.

In Favour Mayor Clark, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk and Councillor Jeffries
Against Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

That a report be forwarded to City Council recommending that the property tax increase be identified separately on the property tax bill.

In Favour Mayor Clark, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries and Councillor Loewen
Against Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher and Councillor Gough

CARRIED

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

That a report be forwarded to City Council recommending that the Administration report back at the appropriate time regarding opportunities to accelerate the continuous improvement work with a view to identifying ongoing operational savings.

In Favour Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Jeffries and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Further to item 3 on the agenda, Councillor Iwanchuk declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 5:27 p.m. She did not return for the remainder of the meeting.

Councillor Iwanchuk was not present for the following vote.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That a report be forwarded to City Council recommending that the allowance included in the 2017 budget for staff salary inflationary increases be removed.

In Favour Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Dubois

That a report be forwarded to City Council recommending that Property Taxes be increased by an additional 0.93%.

In Favour Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

8.1 Delegated Authority Matters

8.2 Matters Requiring Direction

8.2.1 Inquiry - Councillor R. Donauer (July 21, 2016) - Whistle Blower Policy (File No. CK. 4500-0)

City Solicitor Warwick presented her report and answered questions of the Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend to City Council that the City Solicitor be directed to draft a Whistleblower Policy.

In Favour Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. URGENT BUSINESS

10. MOTIONS (Notice Previously Given)

11. GIVING NOTICE

12. VERBAL UPDATES

12.1 Council Members - His Worship the Mayor, FCM/SUMA, Boards and Commissions

Councillor Hill reported that in light of the provincial budget impact, himself and Councillor Donauer will be participating in weekly SUMA Board conference calls.

12.2 Administration

13. IN CAMERA AGENDA ITEMS

Moved By: Councillor Hill

That the Committee move *In Camera* to consider items 13.1 to 13.4.

In Favour Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.1 Board Appointment

[In Camera - Personal Information - Sections 16(1)(d) and 28 - LAFOIPP]

13.2 Board Resignation

[In Camera - Personal Information - Sections 16(1)(b) and 28 - LAFOIPP]

13.3 Legal Matter

[In Camera - Solicitor-Client Privilege - Section 21 - LAFOIPP]

13.4 Verbal Updates

**13.4.1 Council Members - His Worship the Mayor, FCM/SUMA,
Boards and Commissions (if required)**

13.4.2 Administration

13.4.2.1 City Manager

*[Sections 13, 14(1), 15(1), 16(1), 17(1), 18(1), 19, 20,
and 21 - LAFOIPP]*

14. RISE AND REPORT

The Committee convened *In Camera* at 5:58 p.m. in Committee Room A, City Hall with all members of Council present with the exception of Councillor Iwanchuk. Also present were the following members of the Administration:

- City Manager Totland
- City Solicitor Warwick
- City Clerk Sproule
- General Manager, General Manager, Asset and Financial Management Tarasoff

- General Manager, Community Services Grauer
- General Manager, Transportation and Utilities Jorgenson
- General Manager, Corporate Performance Gryba
- Director of Government Relations Jordan

Councillor Loewen excused herself from the meeting at 6:37 p.m. and Councillor Block excused herself from the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Administration was excused at 8:00 p.m. and the Committee convened with the City Clerk.

Councillor Hill was excused at 8:17 p.m.

The *In Camera* meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The Committee reconvened publicly at 8:25 p.m. in the Council Chamber and resolved as follows:

Agenda Item 13.1 – Board Appointment – Library Board (File No. CK. 175-19)

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

1. That the Library Board be requested to provide input;
2. That the matter be considered further at the next meeting of the Governance and Priorities Committee; and
3. That the submitted documentation and discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 16(1)(d) and 28 of LAFOIPP.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agenda Item 13.2 – Board Resignation (File No. CK. 1700-3)

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

That a report be forwarded to City Council recommending that the appropriate advertising and recruitment be undertaken to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors of SaskTel Centre and that the submission remain *In Camera* under Sections 16(1)(d) and 28 of LAFOIPP.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agenda Item 13.3 - Legal Matter (File No. CK. 281-1)

The City Solicitor provided a report.

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

That the information be received and the report and discussion remain *In Camera* under Section 21 of LAFOIPP.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agenda Item 13.4 – Verbal Updates – Council Members and Administration

The Committee received verbal updates of members of Council, the City Manager, the City Solicitor, and the Personnel Subcommittee. The City Clerk was updated on a personnel matter.

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

That the information be received and the discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 13, 16(1), 17(1), 18, 21 and 28 of LAFOIPP.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

His Worship, Mayor C. Clark, Chair

J. Sproule, City Clerk