



## PUBLIC MINUTES

### STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, UTILITIES AND CORPORATE SERVICES

**Monday, November 6, 2017, 9:00 a.m.  
Council Chamber, City Hall**

PRESENT: Councillor M. Loewen, Chair  
Councillor T. Davies, at 9:04 a.m.  
Councillor S. Gersher  
His Worship, Mayor C. Clark (Ex-Officio)

ABSENT: Councillor H. Gough, Vice-Chair  
Councillor D. Hill

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Z. Jeffries, at 9:21 a.m.  
Councillor C. Block, at 11:10 a.m.  
A/General Manager, Corporate Performance J. Jorgenson  
Solicitor C. Bogad  
Deputy City Clerk S. Bryant  
Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

#### 2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

1. That the following letter be added to Item 7.2.2:
  - a. Request to Speak:
    - i. Jason Praski, Installations Committee Chair, SES Solar Co-op, dated November 4, 2017;
2. That the following request to speak be added to Item 7.2.3
  - a. Jennifer Kerr, dated November 6, 2017;
3. That the following letter be added to Item 7.2.4:
  - a. Submitting Comments:
    - i. Cheryl Loadman, Executive Director, Saskatoon Services for Seniors, dated November 6, 2017;
4. That the following letter be added to Item 7.2.7:

- a. Request to Speak:
  - i. Peter Prebble, Saskatchewan Environmental Society, dated November 5, 2017; and
5. That the agenda be confirmed as amended and the speakers be heard.

In Favour: (3): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Gersher, and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Councillor Gersher advised that she no longer owns shares in the SES Solar Co-op, therefore, no conflict of interest exists related to these matters.

### **4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved By:** Mayor C. Clark

That the minutes of meeting held October 10, 2017, be adopted.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gersher, and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **6. COMMUNICATIONS (requiring the direction of the Committee)**

#### **6.1 Delegated Authority Matters**

#### **6.2 Matters Requiring Direction**

#### **6.3 Requests to Speak (new matters)**

##### **6.3.1 Gord Enns - Saskatoon Food Council [CK. 5700-1]**

A request to speak from Gord Enns, Executive Director, Saskatoon Food Council, dated October 3, 2017 was provided, including a letter dated September 1, 2017 from the Saskatoon Food Council attaching materials in support of his presentation.

Mr. Enns addressed the Committee on behalf of the Food Council regarding food security in the community and supporting a City of

Saskatoon Food Systems Committee. A handout was also circulated for City Councillors.

Also provided was a letter dated October 18, 2017 from Kathleen Aikens, Chair, Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee, recommending that the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services explore means of effectively supporting the work of the Food Policy Council, including developing stronger ties between this organization and the City of Saskatoon.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

That the Administration report back on the requests from the Saskatoon Food Council on food systems.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gersher, and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **6.3.2 Mary-Jo Devine - Saskatoon Light and Power Superstructure Installation [CK. 2000-1]**

A request to speak from Mary-Jo Devine, dated October 22, 2017, was provided.

Councillor Jeffries entered the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

The Deputy City Clerk reported that at its meeting held on October 30, 2017 the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services received a presentation from Ms. Devine. The presentation was provided. The Committee resolved:

1. That the information be received and forwarded to Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services for consideration;
2. That Saskatoon Light and Power be present at the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services meeting; and
3. That the Administration provide a report on additional information requested, including the status of the project, what is remaining, and the cost estimates relating to the options.

Ms. Devine addressed the Committee on behalf of concerned City Park residents expressing concerns over Saskatoon Light & Power superstructure project on Spadina Crescent and Queen Street, Kinsmen Park. She also provided a handout for circulation.

Mr. Trevor Bell, Director of Saskatoon Light & Power provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the River Crossing Upgrade.

**Moved By:** Councillor Davies

That the information be received.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gersher, and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

Councillor Jeffries excused himself from the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

### **7.1 Delegated Authority Matters**

### **7.2 Matters Requiring Direction**

#### **7.2.1 Approval to Extend Contract - Facility Maintenance Service for the Transition Period at Remai Modern Art Gallery of Saskatchewan [CK. 5800-5 and AF. 4130-3]**

**Moved By:** Mayor C. Clark

That the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services recommend to City Council:

That the Administration be authorized to extend a sole source contract with Black & McDonald until November 30, 2017 for a total cost of \$44,726.52 (excluding applicable taxes).

In Favour: (4): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gersher, and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **7.2.2 Utility Scale Solar Power Plant [CK. 2000-5 and SLP. 2000-10-7]**

A request to speak from Jason Praski, Installations Committee Chair, SES Solar Co-op, dated November 4, 2017, was added to this item.

Mr. Praski on behalf of the SES Solar Co-op spoke in favor of the proposed options and incentives for expanded solar power production in Saskatoon as presented in the report of the Acting General Manager, Corporate Performance, dated November 6, 2017.

**Moved By:** Mayor C. Clark

That the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services recommend to City Council:

1. That Parcel M, Plan No. 102221525 (a 13 acre undeveloped parcel located along Circle Drive South near Montgomery Place) be set aside for a solar power plant;
2. That Administration proceed with community engagement and report back to City Council with options to finance, build, and operate the solar power plant; and
3. That the options be referred to SREDA for evaluation of benefits to the economy.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gersher, and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

1. That Administration report back on opportunities for Virtual Net Metering or Feed-in Tariff programs as an opportunity within this program; and
2. That the report of the Acting General Manager, Corporate Performance, dated November 6, 2017, be forwarded to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee for information.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gersher, and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.2.3 Storm Water Flood Resiliency [CK. 7820-2, x 7560-1 and TS. 7820-1]**

Consideration of this item was deferred to after Item 7.2.7.

**7.2.4 Options for Expanding Special Needs Garbage Collection Service [CK. 7830-3 and PW. 7830-1]**

A letter submitting comments from Cheryl Loadman, Saskatoon Services for Seniors was added to this item.

**Moved By:** Councillor Davies

That the report of the Acting General Manager, Corporate Performance Department, dated November 6, 2017, be forwarded to City Council for information; and that the matter be forwarded to the Waste Consultations.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gersher, and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.2.5 Congested Front Street Collection Level of Service [CK. 116-2, x 7830-3 and PW. 7831-1]**

Councillor Jeffries re-entered the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

The Deputy City Clerk reported that at its meeting held on June 12, 2017, the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services deferred consideration of the Options for Collection - Front Street Garbage and Recycling on Streets with Significant Parking report and to be brought back prior to discussions on the 2018 Business Plan and Preliminary Budget. The deferred report was also provided.

**Moved By:** Councillor Davies

That the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services recommend to City Council:

That the matter of level of service for congested front street collection be deferred to the 2018 public engagement and discussion on the expanded waste utility business model.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gersher, and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Loewen advised that she will need to excuse herself temporarily from the meeting and an Acting Chair will need to be appointed in the absence of Chair and Vice-Chair.

**Moved By:** Councillor Davies

That Councillor Gersher be appointed Acting Chair of this meeting when required.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gersher, and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.2.6 Request for Permission to Exceed 25% of Contract - Wheel Loader/Tandem Truck and Operators for Compost Depots [CK. 7830-4-2 and PW. 7832-2]**

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

That the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services recommend to City Council:

1. That the Administration be given approval for Contract No. 16-0142, Wheel Loader/Tandem Truck and Operators for Compost Depots with Wozniak & Sons to exceed 25% of the contract value and be extended by \$84,000, including GST; and
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to amend the appropriate agreement.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gersher, and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Loewen excused herself temporarily from the meeting at 10:33 a.m. and Councillor Gersher assumed the Chair.

**7.2.7 Facilitating Solar Energy Opportunities in Saskatoon [CK. 752-2, x 375-4 and CP. 0753-005]**

A request to speak from Angie Bugg and Brian Sawatzky, Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee, dated October 30, 2017, was provided.

Ms. Bugg and Mr. Sawatzky addressed the Committee on behalf of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee expressing support for the City moving forward with solar energy opportunities as presented in the report of the Acting General Manager, Corporate Performance, dated November 6, 2017.

A request to speak from Peter Prebble, Saskatchewan Environmental Society, dated November 5, 2017, was added to this item.

Mr. Prebble addressed the Committee on behalf of the Saskatchewan Environmental Society expressing support for the project and outlined various requests as outlined in his submission.

Councillor Loewen re-entered the meeting at 10:54 a.m. during consideration of this item and resumed the Chair.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

That the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services recommend to City Council:

1. That the report of the Acting General Manager, Corporate Performance Department, dated November 6, 2017, be received as information;
2. That Administration report back in 2018 on developing solar projects on civic lands, buildings and city-owned properties, such as rights-of-way and under-utilized sites;
3. That Administration report back in 2018 on addressing barriers to solar uptake and facilitating solar opportunities including: green revolving funds, lack of protection for solar access,



- insufficient rooftop strength, building permits, virtual metering and policy implications;
4. That Administration append the Saskatchewan Environmental Society's (SES) letter to this file for comments to be incorporated in further reporting; and
  5. That the report of the Acting General Manager, Corporate Performance, dated November 6, 2017, be forwarded to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee for information.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gersher, and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Moved By:** Councillor Davies

That the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services recommend to City Council:

That Administration report on how the City will address the potential impacts of protection of solar access for both residential and commercial properties.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gersher, and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Moved By:** Mayor C. Clark

That the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services recommend to City Council:

1. That letters be sent to SUMA, SaskPower and relevant Ministers advocating for amendments to *The Cities Act* to allow for PACE and other financing options that can facilitate renewable energy development in Saskatchewan;
2. That these reports be sent to SaskPower and invite them into a dialogue about how to work together to overcome the obstacles and maximize opportunities for Solar Power development in Saskatoon; and
3. That this file be attached to the previous report on Solar Power and be forwarded to SREDA.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gersher, and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting recessed at 10:58 a.m. and resumed at 11:10 a.m.

**7.2.3 Storm Water Flood Resiliency [CK. 7820-2, x 7560-1 and TS. 7820-1]**

Councillor Block entered the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

A request to speak from Jennifer Kerr, dated November 6, 2017 was provided. Ms. Kerr addressed the Committee regarding flood barriers and provided a youtube video link regarding flood barrier options.

Ms. Angela Schmidt, Manager of Storm Water Utility, provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee and responded to questions.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

That the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services recommend to City Council:

1. That a Home Flood Protection Program pilot project be developed for high flood risk areas in 2018;
2. That \$200,000 be allocated in 2018 from the Storm Water Capital Reserve to fund the pilot Home Flood Protection Program; and
3. That the Administration refine infrastructure options with funding strategies and report back by mid-2018.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gersher, and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Moved By:** Councillor Davies

That the Administration approach the Province through its Provincial Disaster Program to partner in this opportunity.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gersher, and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Due to the hour of the meeting, the Committee moved to consider Item 7.2.12 at this time.

**7.2.12 Winter City Strategy Update [CK. 5600-001, x 1700-1 and CP. 5600-002]**

Councillor Block excused herself from the meeting at 11:51 a.m.

**Moved By:** Councillor Davies

That the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services recommend to City Council:

That the report of the Acting General Manager, Corporate Performance Department, dated November 6, 2017, be forwarded to City Council for information.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gersher, and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.2.8 Integrating the Recovery Park Project with Required Saskatoon Regional Waste Management Centre Projects [CK. 7830-4-2 and CP. 7838-005]**

**Moved By:** Mayor C. Clark

That the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services recommend to City Council:

That the Administration continue with preparation and planning for the Recovery Park project and defer procurement until a comprehensive funding plan is in place for the Landfill Capital Investments as outlined in the report of the Acting General

Manager, Corporate Performance Department, dated November 6, 2017.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies, Councillor Hill, and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.2.9 Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional (ICI) Waste Diversion Opportunities [CK. 7830-1, x 1702-1 and CP. 7542-006]**

His Worship Mayor C. Clark excused himself from the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

That the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services recommend to City Council:

1. That \$156,000 be transferred from the Waste Minimization Reserve to Capital Project #2184 - Waste Characterization for the development of the Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Waste Diversion Strategy; and
2. That the report of the Acting General Manager, Corporate Performance, dated November 6, 2017, be forwarded to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee for information.

In Favour: (3): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Gersher

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.2.10 Next Steps in City-Wide (Mandatory) Organics and Waste Utility Program Development [CK. 7830-1 and CP. 7838-010]**

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

1. That the report of the Acting General Manager, Corporate Performance Department, dated November 6, 2017, be forwarded to City Council for information; and
2. That the report of the Acting General Manager, Corporate Performance, dated November 6, 2017, be forwarded to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee for information.

In Favour: (3): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Gersher

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.2.11 Closure of Capital Project #2186 - Waste Management  
Strategic Plan [CK. 7830-1, x 1702-1 and CP. 7837-002]**

**Moved By:** Councillor Davies

That the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services recommend to City Council:

1. That \$408,000 be transferred from the Recycling Stabilization Reserve to Capital Project #2186 – Waste Management Strategic Plan to bring the account balance to zero, and that the Capital Project be closed; and
2. That \$45,000 from the Recycling Stabilization Reserve be transferred to Capital Project #2184 - Waste Characterization to support waste diversion planning studies.

In Favour: (3): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Gersher

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8. OTHER**

**8.1 2018 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget**

City Council, at its Regular Business Meeting held on October 23, 2017, resolved that the meeting agendas for the Standing Policy Committees leading up to City Council's Budget Deliberations include "2018 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget" as a standing agenda item to allow for discussion and comment.

**9. MOTIONS (NOTICE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN)**

**10. GIVING NOTICE**

**11. URGENT BUSINESS**

**12. IN CAMERA SESSION (OPTIONAL)**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

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Councillor M. Loewen, Chair

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S. Bryant, Deputy City Clerk