



## **PUBLIC MINUTES**

### **STREET ACTIVITY STEERING COMMITTEE**

**November 15, 2017, 12:00 p.m.**

**Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall**

**PRESENT:** Mr. B. Penner (Downtown Saskatoon), Chair  
Ms. D. Mercier (Broadway Business Improvement District)  
Mr. R. Pshebylo (Riversdale Business Improvement District)  
Senior Planner E. Miller (Neighbourhood Planning, Community Services Department)

**ABSENT:** Ms. V. Charles (Saskatoon Anti-Poverty Coalition)  
Inspector R. Huisman (Saskatoon Police Service)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Community Support Program Supervisor L. Prefontaine  
Staff Sergeant D. Pringle (Saskatoon Police Service)  
Staff Sergeant B. Pellerin (Saskatoon Police Service)  
Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order.

Staff Sergeant Blair Pellerin was welcomed to the Committee. Staff Sergeant Darren Pringle is moving position effective November 19, 2017, he was thanked for his time in Central Division.

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

**Moved By:** R. Pshebylo

1. That Funding Discussion Item be added as Item 13; and
2. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

**CARRIED**

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

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved By:** B. Penner

That the minutes of regular meeting of the Street Activity Steering Committee held on September 20, 2017 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6. REQUEST TO AMEND PANHANDLING BYLAW, 1999, NO. 7850 [File No. CK. 5000-1]**

Consideration of this item was deferred to after Item 9.

**7. REPORT OF THE CHAIR [File No. CK. 225-74]**

The Chair had no report; however, noted that Ms. Vanessa Charles, Saskatoon Anti-Poverty Coalition has advised she will be filing her letter of resignation, the letter hasn't yet been received.

**8. REPORT OF PROGRAM MANAGER [File No. CK. 225-74]**

The Chair noted that over the course of his role as program manager he has attempted to flag information that's prudent to the Committee along with routinely sending monthly financials, and advised he would continue to do this.

**Moved By:** R. Pshebylo

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**9. GOVERNANCE REVIEW - ADVISORY COMMITTEES - GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE [Files CK. 225-1 and 175-1]**

The Committee Assistant submitted a report of the Leadership Team Governance Subcommittee regarding the above. The attachment to the report was provided in electronic format due to size.

The Governance Subcommittee, in part, is recommending to City Council that the Street Activity Steering Committee be dissolved and disbanded effective January 1, 2019; and that a new Advisory Committee on Community Wellness and Safety be created.

The Committee expressed concern over its notification regarding the above mentioned report being presented at the Governance & Priorities Committee's meeting held November 14, 2017; it would have liked to have had a bit more time in order to prepare comments and request to speak. The Committee was advised that Advisory Committee Chairs were contacted by email in August 2017 for interview consultations. The Committee hopes that its focus and efforts since its inception are not lost with the creation of a new advisory. The above-mentioned report will be going to City Council on November 20, 2017, this provides the Committee a further opportunity to speak or submit letters regarding its concerns.

City Solicitor Warwick entered the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

**Moved By:** D. Mercier

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**6. REQUEST TO AMEND PANHANDLING BYLAW, 1999, NO. 7850 [File No. CK. 5000-1]**

The Committee Assistant submitted an excerpt from the minutes of meeting of the Street Activity Steering Committee held on September 20, 2017, regarding the above.

City Solicitor Warwick was in attendance and provided a synopsis regarding the matter along with answering questions of the Committee. In 2015 changes to the Bylaw were put forward to the Planning, Development and Community Services Committee, a tie vote at the time stopped the process from moving forward. On June 26, 2017 amendments to the *Panhandling Bylaw, 1999, No. 7850 - Proposed Bylaw No. 9459*, which implemented City Council's decisions to expand existing restrictions to include theatres, performing arts venues and public parking pay stations were put forth to City Council. A motion to give the Bylaw first reading failed on a tie vote. City Solicitor Warwick noted that currently there are no time restrictions to when a member of Council can request to have the matter brought back for consideration. The Committee discussed coercive/aggressive panhandling and that there are options through expansion of regulatory provisions under the Bylaw to deal with this; however, it was also noted that enforcement of such actions can be difficult. The Committee expressed concern over its lack of notification regarding the matter going to City Council. City Solicitor Warwick volunteered to provide the Bylaw regulations to the Committee. In addition, the Committee was also advised that a working group has been established to look at right-of-ways in order to revise the outdated Bylaw, this should be completed in 2018.

Staff Sergeant Pringle and Staff Sergeant Pellerin excused themselves from the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

**Moved By:** R. Pshebylo

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**10. TERMS OF REFERENCE [File No. CK. 225-74]**

The Committee Assistant submitted a *draft* Terms of Reference of the Street Activity Steering Committee for the Committee's review and approval. The Committee noted that the Terms of Reference could possibly change in 2019 with the dissolution and disbandment of the Committee. It was also noted that in light of Ms. Charles', Saskatoon Anti-Poverty Coalition resignation the Committee will take under advisement any names put forward by her for membership consideration.

**Moved By:** D. Mercier

1. That the *draft* Terms of Reference for the Street Activity Steering Committee be accepted as circulated; and
2. That the Administration be invited to a future meeting of the Committee.

**CARRIED**

**11. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2018 [File No. CK. 225-74]**

The following is a proposed schedule of meetings for 2018 (12 noon):

- Wednesday, March 21, 2018
- Wednesday, June 20, 2018
- Wednesday, September 19, 2018
- Wednesday, December 19, 2018

The Committee noted that it typically meets six times a year, but its 2018 schedule consists of four meeting dates. It was also noted that if the Committee deems it necessary to meet prior to its scheduled March 2018 meeting it can call a special meeting.

**Moved By:** R. Pshebylo

That the meeting dates for the Street Activity Steering Committee for 2018 be approved.

**CARRIED**

## 12. COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

### 12.1 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 of September to October 2017.

Community Support Program Supervisor Prefontaine noted the following:

- Strategic plan for 2018.
- Bylaw enforcement tickets issued in 2016 totaled 30 for the entire year. In 2017, 65 tickets have already been issued. These are increasing year by year, which is indicative of the program's success.
- The program's business community connections are growing.
- The database went live November 15, 2017.
- There were some meeting issues with the cold challenge working group.
- Community Support Officers and their capacity to connect people-in-need in the community to further resources can be challenging at times.

Discussion ensued.

**Moved By:** R. Pshebylo

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

### 12.2 Community Support Program - 5 Years and Growing [File No. CK. 5605-3]

An article written by Senior Planner Miller, which was published in the latest issue of *Planning + Design*, a City of Saskatoon semi-annual publication from Planning & Development was previously provided by the Committee Assistant.

Senior Planner Miller circulated hard copies of the publication in its entirety to the members in attendance.

**Moved By:** B. Penner

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**13. FUNDING DISCUSSION [File No. CK. 5605-3]**

The Committee in the past has requested an update on funding regarding the Community Support Program. To date there has been no progress for alternative funding for this program, for the Community Support Officers. The Committee expressed concerns regarding the future of the Support Officers if the Committee is rolled into another Advisory Committee in time to come. Funding is required in order to continue the work being done on the streets by the program/officers.

**Moved By:** R. Pshebylo

That the Street Activity Steering Committee request an update from the General Manager, Community Services Department regarding any alternative funding sources for the Community Support Program.

**CARRIED**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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Mr. B. Penner, Chair

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Ms. D. Sackmann, Committee Assistant