



**PUBLIC MINUTES
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Tuesday, December 5, 2017, 2:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall**

PRESENT: Councillor R. Donauer, Chair
Councillor Z. Jeffries, Vice-Chair at 2:04 p.m.
Councillor C. Block
Councillor S. Gersher
Councillor A. Iwanchuk
His Worship Mayor C. Clark (Ex-Officio)

ALSO PRESENT: A/General Manager Transportation and Utilities A. Gardiner
Solicitor J. Manastyrski
Deputy City Clerk S. Bryant
Committee Assistant J. Fast

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Councillor Iwanchuk

1. That the letter from Gary Haywood, dated November 22, 2017 requesting to speak be added as Item 6.3.1;
2. That the letters from the following requesting to speak be added to Item 7.2.2:
 - Dale Gallant, dated December 1, 2017
 - Carlo Triolo, dated December 1, 2017
 - Shondra Boire, dated December 1, 2017
 - Kelly Frie, dated December 1, 2017
 - Malik Umar Draz, President USW Local 2014, dated December 4, 2017
 - Marwan Bardouh, dated December 4, 2017
 - Wes Cameron, dated December 4, 2017
 - Fatih Ayalp, dated December 5, 2017; and
3. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Donauer, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Iwanchuk, and Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

3.1 Taxi Service Proposals and Regulation of Transportation Network Companies [Files CK 7000-1, x 307-4]

Councillor Gersher declared a conflict of interest on the above item due to her family's involvement in the business.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Councillor Iwanchuk

That the minutes of regular meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation held on November 6, 2017 be adopted.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Donauer, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Iwanchuk, and Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. COMMUNICATIONS (requiring the direction of the Committee)

6.1 Delegated Authority Matters

6.1.1 Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee - Complete Streets Design and Policy Guide [Files CK 6330-1 and TS 6330-1]

A letter dated November 21, 2017 from the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee was provided.

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

That the Administration engage the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee in future stakeholder discussion related to the Complete Streets Design and Policy Guide.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Donauer, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Iwanchuk, and Mayor Clark

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6.2 Matters Requiring Direction

6.3 Requests to Speak (new matters)

6.3.1 Gary Haywood - Traffic Situation on Central Avenue [File CK 6315-1]

An email from Gary Haywood dated November 22, 2017 requesting to speak was provided.

Councillor Jeffries entered the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

Gary Haywood spoke regarding the congestion on Central Avenue, specifically the southbound portion going from the north end of the city to Attridge Drive, and requested that the barricades be removed.

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

Whereas the southbound lanes of Central Avenue north of Attridge Drive have previously been opened to traffic;
Whereas significant congestion over the winter has been experienced on this stretch of roadway;
Therefore the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation requests that the Administration again requests that Graham Commuter Partners open the southbound lanes for the winter to alleviate traffic issues.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Donauer, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Iwanchuk, and Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Delegated Authority Matters

7.1.1 33rd Street – Boulevard Removal – Parking and Traffic Operations Update [Files CK 6320-1 and TS 6320-1]

Moved By: Councillor Block

That the report of the General Manager, Transportation & Utilities Department dated December 5, 2017, be received as information.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Donauer, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Iwanchuk, and Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1.2 Stonebridge Neighbourhood Traffic Review – Assessment of Interventions near School Site [Files CK 6320-1 and TS 6280-3]

Moved By: Councillor Block

That the report of the General Manager, Transportation & Utilities Department dated December 5, 2017, be received as information.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Donauer, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Iwanchuk, and Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1.3 Transit IT Roadmap Update – December 2017 [Files CK 7300-1 and CP 7300-1]

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

That the report of the Acting General Manager, Corporate Performance Department, dated December 5, 2017, be received as information.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Donauer, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Iwanchuk, and Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Matters Requiring Direction

7.2.1 Transit – Intelligent Transportation System Software Upgrade – Award of Contract [Files CK 261-2, x 7300-1 and TR 7301-12]

Moved By: Councillor Iwanchuk

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council:

1. That the City enter into an agreement with Trapeze Software Incorporated for the upgrade from Trapeze Novus Intelligent Transportation System to Trapeze TransitMaster for a total cost of \$1,347,202 (including applicable taxes); and
2. That Purchasing Services issue the appropriate purchase order.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Donauer, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Iwanchuk, and Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.2 Taxi Service Proposals and Regulation of Transportation Network Companies [Files CK 7000-1, x 307-4]

Councillor Gersher declared a conflict of interest on the above item due to her family's involvement in the business and left the Council Chamber.

The following requests to speak were added to this item:

- Dale Gallant, dated December 1, 2017
- Carlo Triolo, dated December 1, 2017
- Shondra Boire, dated December 1, 2017
- Kelly Frie, dated December 1, 2017
- Malik Umar Draz, President, USW Local 2014, dated December 4, 2017
- Marwan Bardouh, dated December 4, 2017
- Wes Cameron, dated December 4, 2017
- Fatih Ayalp, dated December 5, 2017

Director of Corporate Revenue Sutherland together with Solicitor Kowalski reviewed the report and answered questions of the Committee.

Dale Gallant stated that Transportation Network Companies should be regulated the same as taxis, and requested a level playing field for small businesses in Saskatoon.

Carlo Triolo, General Manager, United Group of Companies, stated a level playing field means the same regulations for all and noted that Transportation Network Companies should be required to have a City business licence.

Shondra Boire, SK Taxi Cab Association and Operations Manager of Comfort Cabs, spoke regarding a made-in-Saskatchewan

approach in an effort to curb impaired driving, and also would only put vehicles for hire on the road when there is public demand.

Kelly Frie requested that the City ensure taxis and Transportation Network Companies are regulated on a level playing field, and noted public safety should be a priority, as well as criminal record checks by the Saskatoon Police Service should be required. Mr. Frie provided additional information which was distributed to the Committee.

Malik Umar Draz, President, USW Local 2014 requested that Transportation Network Companies follow the same set of rules as the taxi industry has been following for many years, and noted that affordability is a concern which was raised during discussions.

Marwan Bardouh requested that the City consider selling plates rather than giving the plates away which would protect the taxi drivers who have invested a lot of money to purchase plates. Mr. Bardouh noted at this time there is an opportunity to enter into a level playing field which could save taxpayers money and save the taxi industry from collapse.

Wes Cameron noted the negative elements with regard to Uber in other cities around the world and requested that civic and community ownership be retained in transportation.

Fatih Ayalp stated that standards should not be lowered in order for Transportation Network Companies to operate in Saskatoon, and that instead they operate at the same standard as the taxi industry.

The Committee recessed at 4:00 p.m., and re-convened at 4:10 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the Committee seeing the proposed amendments and options for the proposed Bylaws prior to the bylaws being prepared.

Moved By: Councillor Block

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council:

1. That the Administration report on the creation of a comprehensive vehicle for hire bylaw including contents and

- options of same and a stand-alone bylaw for TNCs with consequential amendments to the Taxi Bylaw;
2. That the Administration be directed to report back concerning:
 - a. Amending The Taxi Bylaw to allow the implementation of part-time Flex Service licenses, issued to qualified drivers, to meet demand in peak periods;
 - b. Amending The Taxi Bylaw to allow for the replacement of seasonal licenses with full-time plates, issued to qualified drivers, reflecting the Sask Plates proposal;
 - c. Reviewing the current taxi meter fare structure and develop options to improve affordability; and
 - d. Reviewing regulations applicable to the taxi industry to support a 'level playing field' should development of regulations for transportation network companies be approved by City Council.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Donauer, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Block, Councillor Iwanchuk, and Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Mayor Clark

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council:

1. That the Administration provide a further report on mechanisms to evaluate the impacts of ridesharing, taxis, and autonomous vehicles on Transit and congestion, as well as the opportunity for utilizing data generated from taxi industry and potentially ridesharing to help evaluate this; and
2. That the Administration provide a further report on the current levels of service to people requiring accessible service, and the potential impacts of the incorporation of ridesharing on Accessibility services.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Donauer, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Block, Councillor Iwanchuk, and Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Gersher re-entered the Council Chamber.

**7.2.3 Inquiry – Councillor Z. Jeffries (September 25, 2017)
Installation of East-West Crosswalk on Lowe Road [Files CK
6150-1 and TS 6150-1]**

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council:

That the Administration consult with the group at 331 Lowe Road before making any changes to the parking situation area; additionally that the Administration work with the organization to investigate other opportunities to improve crossing safety.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Donauer, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Iwanchuk, and Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7.2.4 Roadway Preventative Maintenance Strategy [Files CK 6315-1
and PW 6315-1]**

Moved By: Councillor Iwanchuk

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council:

That a budget adjustment of \$50,000 to Capital Project #1356 – V&E Additional Vehicles and Equipment funded from the Paved Roadways Infrastructure Reserve be approved to fund the acquisition of a rubberized crack filling machine.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Donauer, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Iwanchuk, and Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7.2.5 West Material Handling Facility – 2017 Budget Adjustment
Request [Files CK 600-29, x 1702-1 and PW 600-1]**

Moved By: Councillor Iwanchuk

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council:

That a budget adjustment of \$383,000 to Capital Project #2259 - TU-PW Satellite Yards funded from the Reserve for Capital Expenditures be approved to purchase land for a West Material Handling Facility.

In Favour: (6): Councillor Donauer, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Iwanchuk, and Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 8. URGENT BUSINESS**
- 9. OTHER**
- 10. MOTIONS (Notice Previously Given)**
- 11. GIVING NOTICE**
- 12. IN CAMERA AGENDA ITEMS**
- 13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Councillor R. Donauer, Chair

S. Bryant, Deputy City Clerk