



PUBLIC MINUTES
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING,
DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Tuesday, September 8, 2015, 9:00 a.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall

PRESENT: Councillor D. Hill, Chair
Councillor T. Davies, Vice-Chair
Councillor Z. Jeffries
Councillor P. Lorje
Councillor T. Paulsen @ 9:04 a.m.
His Worship Mayor D. Atchison (Ex-Officio)

ALSO PRESENT: General Manager Community Services R. Grauer
Solicitor C. Yelland
Deputy City Clerk D. Kanak
Committee Assistant J. Lorenz

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Hill called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor

1. That the following requests to speak be added and that they be heard during item 7.2.2:
 - Letter dated September 2, 2015 from Chief Clive Weighill;
 - Letter dated September 3, 2015 from Brent Penner;
 - Letter dated September 3, 2015 from Sarah Marchildon;
 - Letter dated September 8, 2015 from Randy Pshebylo;
2. That the letter dated September 6, 2015 from Douglas Jamieson be added as communications to item 7.2.2; and
3. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

In Favour: Councillor Hill, Councillor Davies, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Lorje and His Worship the Mayor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Davies

That the speakers for items 6.3.1 and 6.3.2. be heard.

In Favour: Councillor Hill, Councillor Davies, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Lorje and His Worship the Mayor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

That the minutes of Regular Meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services held on August 17, 2015 be approved.

In Favour: Councillor Hill, Councillor Davies, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Lorje and His Worship the Mayor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. COMMUNICATIONS (requiring the direction of the Committee)

6.1 Delegated Authority Matters

6.2 Matters Requiring Direction

6.2.1 Mayor, City of Hamilton - Request for Financial Contribution (File CK. 277-1)

The Deputy City Clerk reported that Mr. Fred Eisenberger, Mayor, City of Hamilton submitted an email requesting financial contribution to appeal Ontario's Superior Court decision regarding the City of Hamilton's Roads-Equipment Installation Bylaw

regulating the installation of equipment on, in and under its road allowance, including the community mailboxes being installed by Canada Post as it eliminates home delivery.

General Manager, Community Services Grauer spoke to this item and advised that a report would be forthcoming in October or November regarding the general issue of community mailboxes in existing areas and how that process would unfold. There is an existing collaborative approach for locating community mailboxes in new areas of the city.

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor
That the information be received.

In Favour: Councillor Hill, Councillor Davies, Councillor Jeffries,
Councillor Lorje and His Worship the Mayor
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2.2 Request for Short-Term Parking Spaces - Canada Post Location - Fourth Avenue (File CK. 6145-1)

Councillor Paulsen entered the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

The Committee considered an email from Ron and Marilyn Garnett, AirScapes International Inc., regarding the above.

General Manager of Community Services, Grauer spoke to the matter and answered questions with respect to short-term parking costs and Flex Parking payment options.

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor
That the letter be referred to the Administration to be reported on when the next Flex Parking system report comes forward.

In Favour: Councillor Hill, Councillor Davies, Councillor
Jeffries, Councillor Lorje, Councillor Paulsen and
His Worship the Mayor
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Requests to Speak (new matters)

6.3.1 Aqua Terra Condominium Corporation #101186274 - Inspection Services - Building Standards Division (File CK. 530-1)

Mr. Robert Sigstad, Aqua Terra Condominium Corporation #101186274 was in attendance and spoke to this item. He also circulated documents related to his presentation.

Building Standards Director, Kara Fagnou answered questions addressing current service level and how this service level is applied through the building permit process.

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor
That the matter be referred to the Administration for a report.

In Favour: Councillor Hill, Councillor Davies, Councillor Jeffries,
Councillor Lorje, Councillor Paulsen and His Worship
the Mayor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3.2 Prairie Plant Systems Inc. and CanniMed Ltd. - Medical Cannabis Regulations (File CK. 4350-1)

General Manager, Community Services Grauer introduced this item and noted that this material would be added to the file and included in future reporting from Administration.

Mr. Brent Zettl, President and CEO, Prairie Plant Systems Inc. and CanniMed Ltd. addressed the Committee regarding Medical Cannabis Regulations and provided information regarding access, delivery times, and further details of their customer service provisions.

Moved By: Councillor Davies
That the information be joined to the file on this matter regarding the request for a report from the Administration.

In Favour: Councillor Hill, Councillor Davies, Councillor Jeffries,
Councillor Lorje, Councillor Paulsen and His Worship
the Mayor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Delegated Authority Matters

7.1.1 Land Use Applications Received by the Community Services Department for the period between July 30, 2015 to August 20, 2015 (Files CK. 4000-5, PL. 4350-1, 4355-D and PL. 4300)

General Manager, Community Services Grauer answered
questions of the Committee.

Director of Planning and Development Wallace answered questions
of the Committee regarding garage suite applications.

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor
That the information be received.

In Favour: Councillor Hill, Councillor Davies, Councillor Jeffries,
Councillor Lorje, Councillor Paulsen and His Worship
the Mayor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1.2 City Centre Recreation Facility - Feasibility Study (Files CK. 610-11 and RS. 610-25)

General Manager, Community Services Grauer introduced the
matter and Director of Community Development Lacroix reviewed
the report and answered questions of the Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Davies
That the information be received.

In Favour: Councillor Hill, Councillor Davies, Councillor Jeffries,
Councillor Lorje, Councillor Paulsen and His Worship
the Mayor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7.1.3 Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and
Community Services Outstanding (File CK. 225-76)**

General Manager, Community Services Grauer reviewed the
submitted report with the Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Davies
That the information be received.

In Favour: Councillor Hill, Councillor Davies, Councillor Jeffries,
Councillor Lorje, Councillor Paulsen and His Worship
the Mayor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Matters Requiring Direction

**7.2.1 Vacant Lot and Adaptive Reuse Incentive Program - 518
Avenue G South (Files CK. 4110-45 and PL. 4110-71-54)**

General Manager, Community Services Grauer reviewed the
submitted report with the Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Lorje

That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and
Community Services recommend to City Council:

1. That a five-year tax abatement, equivalent to 82% of the
incremental taxes, for the development of 518 Avenue G South,
be approved;
2. That the five-year tax abatement take effect in the next taxation
year following completion of the project; and

3. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate agreement, and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement, under the Corporate Seal.

In Favour: Councillor Hill, Councillor Davies, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Lorje, Councillor Paulsen and His Worship the Mayor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.2 Community Support Program Pilot Project - Review for Permanent Status (Files CK. 5605-3 and PL. 5400-125)

Director of Planning and Development Wallace presented the report and answered questions regarding funding for the program, office location, area covered by patrols and coordination between Community Support Officer and the Saskatoon Police Service to reduce duplication of services.

Police Chief, Weighill spoke in support of the Community Support Program and discussed how they work together to fill different roles. He answered questions of the Committee.

Mr. Brent Penner, Executive Director, Downtown Business Improvement District, spoke in support of the Community Support Program with the preferred funding option to be from general revenues rather than the Streetscape Business Improvement District Reserve. Mr. Penner addressed questions about the program.

Ms. Sarah Marchildon, Executive Director, Broadway Business Improvement District, spoke in support of the Community Support Program with funding from general revenues rather than the Streetscape Reserve, and answered questions.

Mr. Randy Pshebylo, Executive Director, Riversdale Business Improvement District reviewed the history of funding of the pilot project and the need for a different approach in dealing with public intoxication and expressed opposition to funding through the Streetscape Reserve.

Written comments from Mr. Douglas Jamieson were considered with this item.

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor

1. That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services recommend to City Council that the Administration be directed to make the Community Support Program Pilot Project a permanent program.

In Favour: Councillor Hill, Councillor Davies, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Lorje and His Worship the Mayor

Against: Councillor Paulsen

CARRIED

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor

2. That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services recommend to City Council that the funding for the Community Support Program, up to \$450,000 annually, continue to be drawn from the Streetscape Business Improvement District Reserve.

In Favour: Councillor Hill, Councillor Davies, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Paulsen and His Worship the Mayor

Against: Councillor Lorje

CARRIED

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor

3. That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services recommend to City Council that the Downtown Business Improvement District continue to manage the program.

In Favour: Councillor Hill, Councillor Davies, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Lorje, Councillor Paulsen and His Worship the Mayor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor

4. That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services recommend to City Council that the Street Activity Steering Committee continue to oversee the program.

In Favour: Councillor Hill, Councillor Davies, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Lorje, Councillor Paulsen and His Worship the Mayor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor

5. That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services recommend to City Council that the City Solicitor be requested to update the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Saskatoon and the Saskatoon Downtown Business Improvement District until December 31, 2018, including detailed budget allocations.

In Favour: Councillor Hill, Councillor Davies, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Lorje, Councillor Paulsen and His Worship the Mayor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor

6. That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services recommend to City Council that the City Clerk's Office be requested to extend the term and support of the Street Activity Steering Committee on a permanent basis.

In Favour: Councillor Hill, Councillor Davies, Councillor Jeffries,
Councillor Lorje, Councillor Paulsen and His Worship
the Mayor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor

7. That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services recommend to City Council that the Street Activity Steering Committee report to City Council on an annual basis through the Community Services Department, including a comprehensive Community Support Program review in the fall of 2018.

In Favour: Councillor Hill, Councillor Davies, Councillor Jeffries,
Councillor Lorje, Councillor Paulsen and His Worship
the Mayor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor

8. That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services recommend to City Council that the City Administration contact the Provincial Government regarding the opportunity for provincial funding for the Community Support Officers.

In Favour: Councillor Hill, Councillor Davies, Councillor Jeffries,
Councillor Lorje, Councillor Paulsen and His Worship
the Mayor

CARRIED

Moved By: Councillor Lorje

9. That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services recommend to City Council that the matter of public intoxication in Saskatoon be referred to the Board of Police Commissioners and Safe Streets Commission for a review.

In Favour: Councillor Hill, Councillor Davies, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Lorje, Councillor Paulsen and His Worship the Mayor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Davies

10. That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services recommend to City Council that the matter of the possibility of locating the Community Support Program head office in the Lighthouse be referred to the Administration to review with the Business Improvement Districts and the Lighthouse.

In Favour: Councillor Hill, Councillor Davies, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Paulsen and His Worship the Mayor

Against: Councillor Lorje

CARRIED

Moved By: Councillor Paulsen

11. That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services recommend to City Council that the Board of Police Commissioners be requested to report on an annual basis regarding efficiencies and any cost savings identified by the Saskatoon Police Service through the creation of the Community Support Program.

In Favour: Councillor Hill, Councillor Davies, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Lorje, Councillor Paulsen and His Worship the Mayor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.3 Natural Areas and Wetlands Policy (Files CK. 4110-38 and PK. 4205-11)

General Manager, Community Services Grauer reviewed the submitted report with the Committee and answered questions.

Councillor Davies left the meeting at 11:21 a.m. and was not present for this vote.

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor

That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services recommend that the following recommendations be referred to City Council for consideration at the time of the 2016 Business Plan and Budget Review:

1. That the scope of Capital Project CP2390 (Wetland Policy Project) be amended as outlined in the report of the General Manager, Community Services dated September 8, 2015;
2. That the revised Capital Project CP2390 be funded as follows:
 - i) \$65,000 – remaining budget in CP2390;
 - ii) \$25,000 – funding from CP2263 (Watershed Protection);
 - iii) \$10,000 – funding from Community Services Capital; and
3. That a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services dated September 8, 2015 be forwarded to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee for information.

In Favour: Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Lorje,
Councillor Paulsen and His Worship the Mayor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. MOTIONS (notice previously given)

9. GIVING NOTICE

The Chair called a five minute recess and Committee reconvened at 11:33 a.m.

Councillor Lorje gave the following notice of motion:

Take notice that at the next meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services, I will move the following motion: That the Administration be requested to report on the practices, programs, and policies, regarding provisions for support of refugees settled in Saskatoon including funding available for assisting organizations such as the Mennonite Central Community, Global Gathering Place and Saskatoon Open Door Society to secure sponsorship of Syrian refugees and the possibility of Saskatoon transit providing no cost transit passes for the first year of refugee settlement in Saskatoon to assist them in finding employment in the city.

General Manager, Community Services Grauer spoke to the City's role of welcoming refugees. He outlined that while the City of Saskatoon does not have a direct financial role, the primary role is one of education and awareness.

Director of Community Development Lacroix answered questions of the Committee.

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor
That the notice of motion be waived.

In Favour: Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Lorje, Councillor Paulsen and His Worship the Mayor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Lorje

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In Favour: Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Lorje, Councillor Paulsen and His Worship the Mayor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. URGENT BUSINESS

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Councillor D. Hill, Chair

D. Kanak, Deputy City Clerk