



**PUBLIC MINUTES
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Tuesday, June 2, 2015, 9:00 a.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall**

PRESENT: Councillor C. Clark, Chair
Councillor R. Donauer, Vice-Chair
Councillor T. Davies
Councillor D. Hill
His Worship the Mayor (Ex-Officio)

ABSENT: Councillor M. Loewen

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor P. Lorje
General Manager Transportation and Utilities J. Jorgenson
Solicitor B. Rossmann
Deputy City Clerk S. Bryant
Committee Assistant J. Fast

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Clark called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Councillor Hill

1. That the Request to Speak from Troy Larmer, representing United Cabs, be added to Item 7.2.1 and Item 7.2.2 and that the speaker be heard;
2. That the Request to Speak from Andy Livingston, Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission, be added to Item 7.2.1 and that the speaker be heard;
3. That the Request to Speak from Malik Draz, Comfort Cabs USW Local 2014 be added to Item 7.2.1 and the speaker be heard;
4. That the Request to Speak from Mark Gill, Comfort Cabs USW Local 2014 be added to Item 7.2.1 and the speaker be heard;
5. That the Request to Speak from Ken Achs, President, Mid-West Development (2000) Corp be added to Item 7.2.3 and the speaker be heard;
6. That the Request to Speak from Robert Clipperton, Bus Riders of Saskatoon, be added to Item 7.2.6 and the speaker be heard; and
7. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

In Favour: Councillor Clark, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Davies, Councillor Hill and His Worship the Mayor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor

That the minutes of regular meeting of Standing Policy Committee on Transportation held on May 11, 2015 be adopted.

In Favour: Councillor Clark, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Davies, Councillor Hill 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

6.3 Requests to Speak (new matters)

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Delegated Authority Matters

**7.1.1 Request for Encroachment Agreement - 120 2nd Avenue North
[File No. CK. 4090-2]**

General Manager, Transportation & Utilities Jorgenson reviewed the report.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

1. That the proposed encroachment at 120 2nd Avenue North, Lot 44 INCL Block 150, Plan 99SA32572, be recognized;
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate encroachment agreement, making provision to collect the applicable fees; and

3. That His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement under the Corporate Seal and in a form that is satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

In Favour: Councillor Clark, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Davies, Councillor Hill and His Worship the Mayor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1.2 Update on the Comprehensive Downtown Parking Strategy [Files CK. 6120-5 and PL. 4130-22-7]

Senior Planner Whitenect reviewed the report and answered questions of the Committee.

It was noted that page 2 of Attachment 1 contained an error and should read 7,089 off-street parking spaces were "occupied" in the Downtown core.

Discussion followed regarding the boundaries of the downtown parking strategy, the number of parking stalls reserved in the downtown, and whether a comparison of the downtown parking capacity in relation to shopping centres would be appropriate.

His Worship the Mayor excused himself from the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That the information be received.

In Favour: Councillor Clark, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Davies and Councillor Hill

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Matters Requiring Direction

7.2.1 Accessible Taxi Service - 2014 Annual Report [Files CK. 307-4 and AF. 307-1]

Pursuant to an earlier resolution, Requests to Speak from Troy Larmer, United Cabs; Andy Livingston, Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission; Malik Draz, Comfort Cabs USW Local 2014; and Mark Gill, Comfort Cabs USW Local 2014, were considered

with this item.

Director of Corporate Revenue Sutherland reviewed the report and answered questions of the Committee.

Discussion followed regarding the type of training companies provide to their drivers, and ownership of the licenses which currently are allocated to companies based on fleet size.

Mr. Troy Larmer, General Manager, United Group, spoke in support of the recommendation.

Mr. Andy Livingston, Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission, spoke in support of the recommendation and continuing work with the Administration to make improvements, particularly for those with disabilities.

Mr. Malik Draz, President, USW Local 2014, spoke on behalf of Radio Cabs and Comfort Cabs and requested the Administration to consider allocating the accessible taxi licenses directly to the drivers instead of the taxi company. Mr. Draz provided a petition with over 70 signatures in this regard.

Mr. Mark Gill, USW Local 2014, spoke in favor of giving the licenses directly to the drivers and noted this would improve service with respect to wait times.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council that an increase to the cap on temporary accessible taxi licences by five (5) to twenty-one (21) be approved.

In Favour: Councillor Donauer, Councillor Davies and Councillor Hill

Against: Councillor Clark

CARRIED

7.2.2 Seasonal Taxis [Files CK. 307-4 and AF. 307-1]

Pursuant to an earlier resolution a Request to Speak was considered with this item from Troy Larmer.

Director of Corporate Revenue Sutherland presented the report and answered questions of the Committee.

Mr. Troy Larmer, General Manager, United Group, spoke in support of the recommendations contained in the report and noted that all stakeholders were included in an effort to make the process simpler.

Discussion followed regarding the potential of changing the time period from two years to five years for previous owner of a plate, as well as what sanctions are in place with respect to circumventing rules. Director of Corporate Revenue Sutherland advised this could be addressed in an upcoming report.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

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

1. That a total of twenty-four (24) seasonal licences be approved for distribution to drivers for the September to June months of 2015/16, 2016/17, and 2017/18 by lottery using criteria as outlined in Part VI of Bylaw 9070, The Taxi Bylaw, 2014;
2. That the seasonal licence fee be equal to the annual licence fee of \$375; and
3. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate Bylaw amendments.

In Favour: Councillor Clark, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Davies and Councillor Hill

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.3 Communications to Council – Mid West Development (2000) Corp. (October 30, 2008) – Parking in the Broadway Area [File No. CK. 6120-1]

Pursuant to an earlier resolution, the Request to Speak from Ken Achs, President, Mid-West Development (2000) Corp was considered with this item.

General Manager, Transportation and Utilities Jorgenson reviewed the report.

Mr. Ken Achs, President, Mid-West Development (2000) Corp

spoke in support of angle parking remaining on the North side of 9th Street.

Discussion followed regarding safety concerns and it was noted that this issue arose during the public consultation. General Manager, Transportation & Utilities Jorgenson noted that transportation engineers have studied the site and it is a technical recommendation as the street is not configured for angle parking.

Councillor Lorje excused herself from the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

Moved By: Councillor Davies

That the matter be referred back to the Administration for further review and report.

In Favour: Councillor Clark, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Davies and Councillor Hill

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.4 Crash Attenuator – Award of Contract – Blanket Purchase Order [Files CK. 1000-1 and TS. 1000-13]

Moved By: Councillor Davies

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

1. That the City enter into an agreement with Guardian Traffic Services Ltd. to provide maintenance services for crash attenuators over a three year period at an upset cost of \$78,750 (including taxes) in the first year; and
2. That Purchasing Services issue the appropriate purchase order.

In Favour: Councillor Clark, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Davies and Councillor Hill

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.5 Corridor Study Selection Process AND Inquiry Councillor Olauson-Traffic Conditions McKercher-8th Street to Boychuk [Files CK. 6320-1 and TS. 6320-1]

General Manager, Transportation and Utilities Jorgenson reviewed the report.

Moved By: Councillor Davies

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

1. That the Administration be directed to draft a policy pertaining to the selection of corridors requiring transportation functional planning studies based on the selection process outlined in this report; and
2. That the policy be reviewed upon approval of City Council of the Active Transportation Master Plan and Growing Forward! Shaping Saskatoon Plan (Growth Plan).

In Favour: Councillor Clark, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Davies and Councillor Hill

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.6 Saskatoon Transit Fleet Renewal Strategy [Files CK. 1402-1 and TU. 7300-1]

Pursuant to an earlier resolution, the Request to Speak from Robert Clipperton, Bus Riders of Saskatoon, was considered with this item.

A/Director of Saskatoon Transit Bell presented the report and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Robert Clipperton, Bus Riders of Saskatoon, spoke in support of the recommendation and the need to attract more people to transit ridership.

Discussion followed regarding the post budget allocation, and it was noted that the funds came from unallocated gas tax money.

Moved By: Councillor Davies

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

1. That Saskatoon Transit set as its target an average fleet age of 7 years to be achieved by 2020 in order to meet the current Canadian industry average, and;
2. That funding in the amount of \$4,950,000 be made from available gas tax funds and be transferred to Capital Project

583 – TR-Replace/Refurb Buses for the purchase of 10 new low-floor buses.

In Favour: Councillor Clark, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Davies and Councillor Hill

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

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That the meeting be adjourned.

In Favour: Councillor Clark, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Davies and Councillor Hill

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Councillor C. Clark, Chair