



PUBLIC MINUTES
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Monday, November 9, 2015, 9:00 a.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall

PRESENT: Councillor C. Clark, Chair
Councillor R. Donauer, Vice-Chair
Councillor D. Hill
Councillor M. Loewen at 9:02 a.m.
His Worship the Mayor (Ex-Officio)

ABSENT: Councillor T. Davies

ALSO PRESENT: General Manager Transportation and Utilities J. Jorgenson
Solicitor D. Kowalski
Deputy City Clerk D. Kanak
Committee Assistant J. Fast

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor

1. That the letters from the following requesting to speak be added to Item 7.2.3:
 - a. Carlo Triolo, United Group dated November 6, 2015
 - b. Kelly Frie, dated November 8;
2. That the letters from the following requesting to speak be added to Item 7.2.7:
 - a. Paul Buffel, dated November 5, 2015
 - b. Catherine Folkersen, Nutana Community Association, dated November 6, 2015;
3. That the letter from Robert Clipperton, Bus Riders of Saskatoon, dated November 8, 2015 requesting to be speak be added to Item. 7.2.8;

4. That the report of the General Manager, Transportation & Utilities regarding Extension of Owner's Engineering Services for the Circle Drive South Project be added as Item 7.2.11; and
5. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Councillor Hill

That the minutes of regular meeting of Standing Policy Committee on Transportation held on October 13, 2015 be adopted.

In Favour: Councillor Clark, Councillor Donauer, 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)

6.3.1 High School Bus Passes - Tammy Jensen [File No. CK. 7312-1]

Pursuant to an earlier resolution, a request to speak from Tammy Jensen was considered with this item.

Councillor Loewen entered the meeting at 9:02 a.m. during consideration of this matter.

Ms. Tammy Jensen stated she started attending Nutana Collegiate at age 36, and although she is technically a high school student with a high school ID card, she is unable to obtain a student bus pass. Ms. Jensen noted that many adults would like the opportunity to go back to school to receive their high school diploma but cannot afford to go by bus. In her opinion, this discriminates against the mature high school student.

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor

That the matter be referred to the Administration for a report and follow-up as to where the matter stands with regard to potential bus pass agreements with the School Boards.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Delegated Authority Matters

7.2 Matters Requiring Direction

7.2.1 Update on the Development of the Active Transportation Plan [Files CK. 6330-1 and PL. 6330-6]

Long Range Planning Manager Cook introduced the consultant for the project, Mr. Bryan Patterson, Senior Community Transportation Planner from Urban Systems Ltd.

Mr. Patterson provided a progress update on the Active Transportation Plan, and noted that this was the halfway checkpoint to inform the Committee what has been done so far and what remains to be completed. The Plan provides for a long-term vision for walking, cycling, and other forms of active transportation. There will be a series of public events on November 25, 2015 to present the draft long-term Active Transportation Plan.

Discussion followed regarding the status of the Active Transportation Plan revenue to the end of 2015. It was noted that contributions are at the maximum of \$.5 million.

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor

That the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated November 9, 2015, be forwarded to City Council as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.2 Transportation Infrastructure Priorities - Update [Files CK. 6330-1, x1700-1, x6001-1 and PL. 6330-1]

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor

That the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated November 9, 2015, be forwarded to the 2016 Budget and Business Plan deliberations for information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.3 Taxi Regulation Section [Files CK. 307-4 and AF. 307-1]

Pursuant to an earlier resolution, requests to speak from Carlo Triolo, United Group and Kelly Frie, Comfort Cabs, were considered with this item.

Director of Corporate Revenue Sutherland reviewed the report and answered questions of the Committee. Ms. Sutherland advised that the plan is to change the structure internally and increase license fees. Ms. Sutherland noted that when speaking with the

management of the taxi companies, although there was acknowledgement that there is a cost to enforcement, they did not specifically ask whether the taxi companies were in agreement with the increase.

Mr. Carlo Triolo, United Group, stated the proposal is a 40% increase to administer 210 plates and suggested looking at selling taxi license plates, beginning with the seasonal plates, as an additional source of income. Mr. Triolo also suggested penalties or a fine for unregulated vehicles operating in Saskatoon.

Mr. Kelly Frie, Comfort Cabs, questioned what the City was providing for the increase (i.e. better training) and noted it was a large jump from previous years. Mr. Frie questioned if there could be a different alternative to generate revenue rather than through business licenses in this way.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

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

1. That the annual taxi license be increased to \$525 effective January 1, 2016; and
2. That the information be received.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.4 Amendments to Bylaw No. 7200, The Traffic Bylaw – Speed Limit Changes [File No. CK. 6320-1]

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

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

1. That a speed limit of 60 kph on Range Road 3060 from the north City Limit south to highway 16 be established;
2. That a speed limit of 60 kph on Wanuskewin Road between 51st Street to a point 450 metres north of Adilman Drive be established;
3. That a speed limit of 70 kph on Wanuskewin Road from a point 450 metres north of Adilman Drive to a point 370 metres north of 71st Street be established;
4. That a speed limit of 80 kph on Range Road 3055 from 71st Street West to the north City Limit be established;
5. That a speed limit of 90 kph on Wanuskewin Road from a point 370 metres north of 71st Street to the north City Limit be established;
6. That a speed limit of 90 kph on 71st Street West from Thatcher Avenue west to the City Limits be established;
7. That a speed limit of 100 kph on Highway 11 from a point 470 meters south of Circle Drive East to the south City Limit be established; and
8. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate bylaw amendment to Bylaw No. 7200, The Traffic Bylaw to go into effect February 1, 2016.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.5 Accessible Pedestrian Signals – Award of Contract [Files CK. 6150-3, x1000-1 and TS. 6250-5]

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor

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

1. That the City enter into an agreement with AstroGraphic Industries Ltd. for the supply of Accessible Pedestrian Signal equipment at a total cost of \$215,872.80 (including GST and PST) over a three year period;

2. 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; and
3. That the report be provided to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.6 2014 – 2015 Street Maintenance Towing - Request for Change Order [Files CK. 6120-6 and PW. 6315-3]

General Manager, Transportation & Utilities reviewed the report and answered questions of the Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

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

That a change order in the amount of \$132,881.50 (taxes included) for Purchase Order No. 351617 with Always Towing Ltd. for the 2014-2015 Street Maintenance Towing be approved.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.7 Neighbourhood Traffic Review Process – Updated Process [Files CK. 6320-1 and TS. 6320-1]

Pursuant to an earlier resolution, requests to speak from Paul Buffel and Catherine Folkersen were considered with this item.

General Manager, Transportation & Utilities Jorgenson reviewed the report and answered questions of the Committee.

Mr. Paul Buffel spoke in support of the recommendation and noted the recommendation allows for the opportunity to strengthen the public consultation process.

Ms. Catherine Folkersen, Director-at-Large, Nutana Community Association stated the Association attended the meetings and actively participated and enjoyed the community aspect, and felt the meetings came to many solutions for the community.

Discussion followed regarding the need for a clear and consistent approach to resolving neighborhood traffic issues. It was noted that this is an active process and Council has the ultimate authority to approve changes being recommended.

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

That the Administration report back to the Committee with recommendations on a clear policy regarding the endorsement of a final Neighbourhood Traffic Review, including a process outlining alternatives where some elements of a Neighbourhood Traffic Review may not be acceptable to Council.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That the Administration report back with a recommendation on whether the final decision making authority of Neighborhood Traffic Reviews should be delegated to the Administration or some other body.

In Favour: Councillor Donauer and His Worship the Mayor

Against: Councillor Clark, Councillor Hill and Councillor Loewen

DEFEATED

The Committee recessed at 11:29 a.m. and reconvened at 11:38 a.m.

7.2.8 8th Street Transit Corridor Review [Files CK. 7310-1 and TR. 7300-1]

Pursuant to an earlier resolution, a request to speak from Robert Clipperton, Bus Riders of Saskatoon was considered with this item.

General Manager, Transportation & Utilities Jorgenson reviewed the report and noted the Administration is not seeking permission today to implement this, but that the recommendation would give the Administration the ability to further develop the concept.

Director of Saskatoon Transit McDonald provided a powerpoint presentation and noted that the proposal uses existing resources to develop a five-to-ten minute frequency down 8th Street. This frequency would change for Sundays and holidays. The intent is to look at the rest of the system in the future.

His Worship the Mayor excused himself from the meeting at 11:51 a.m. during consideration of the matter.

Mr. Robert Clipperton, Bus Riders of Saskatoon, spoke in support of the recommendation and applauded the leadership of Saskatoon Transit for thinking outside the box, and for its commitment to community consultation prior to implementation.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

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

1. That Saskatoon Transit be directed to further develop the service along 8th Street as outlined in the report of the General Manager, Transportation & Utilities Department dated November 9, 2015, and conduct public consultations and community engagement; and
2. That the Administration report back by April 2016, so that City Council can decide whether or not to implement changes in July of 2016.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.9 Building Better Roads – 2015 Year End Review [Files CK. 6315-1, CS. 6315-1 and CS. 1500-1]

Moved By: Councillor Hill

That the report of the General Manager, Transportation & Utilities Department dated November 9, 2015, be forwarded to City Council for information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.10 Sidewalk Snow Clearing Enforcement Process - Implementation [Files CK. 6290-1 and PL. 6120-1]

Community Standards Director Hildebrandt reviewed the report and answered questions of the Committee. Mr. Hildebrandt provided a powerpoint presentation and noted that the overall goal of the Bylaw is to provide clear sidewalks. Mr. Hildebrandt provided information regarding the enforcement of the Bylaw, including timelines and the process for subsequent offences.

Discussion followed regarding compliance and the need for the City to lead by example.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

That the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated November 9, 2015, be forwarded to City Council for information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.11 Extension of Owner's Engineering Services for the Circle Drive South Project [Files CK. 6050-9 and TS. 6005-47]

General Manager, Transportation & Utilities Jorgenson reviewed the report and noted an additional \$600,000 of work is required to complete the project.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

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

1. That the extension for \$600,000 for the Owner's Engineering Services from Stantec Consulting Ltd. for the Circle Drive South Project be approved; and
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to amend 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 Clark, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill and Councillor Loewen

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Councillor C. Clark, Chair

D. Kanak, Deputy City Clerk