



PUBLIC MINUTES
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 9:00 a.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall

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

ABSENT: Councillor T. Davies

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor P. Lorje
Councillor Z. Jeffries, at 12:44 p.m.
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: Councillor Hill

1. That the letters from the following requesting to speak be added to Item 7.1.3:
 - Randy Pshebylo, Riversdale BID, dated March 7, 2016;
 - Mike LoVecchio, Canadian Pacific, dated March 7, 2016;

2. That the letters from the following requesting to speak be added to Item 7.1.4:
 - Dale Gallant, dated March 7, 2016;
 - Malik Umar Draz, dated March 7, 2016;
 - Carlo Triolo, dated March 7, 2016;
 - Kelly Frie, dated March 7, 2016;
 - Jay Robertson, dated March 7, 2016;

- Marwan Bardouh, dated March 8, 2016;
 - Tony A. Rosina, dated March 8, 2016;
3. That the comments submitted from Carlo Triolo and Kelly Frie be added to Item 7.1.4; and
 4. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Councillor Hill

That the minutes of Regular Meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation held on February 9, 2016 be adopted.

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

6.1.1 Traffic Bylaw - Parking Restrictions of 36 Hours - Ron Morey (File No. CK. 6120-2)

The Committee considered an email from Mr. Ron Morey dated February 19, 2016.

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor

That the information be received and a response from the Administration be provided to the writer.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Matters Requiring Direction

6.2.1 Saskatoon Chapter of the Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians (AEBC) (File No. CK. 100-17)

The Deputy City Clerk submitted a letter from Judith Prociuk, Secretary, Saskatoon Chapter AEBC, requesting reports or updates on issues relating to taxi service, removal of large parking meters from the centre of the sidewalk toward the curb and accessibility of sidewalks, and enforcement of the snow removal bylaw.

The Deputy City Clerk advised that the Saskatoon Chapter AEBC had previously addressed the SPC on Finance on a number of accessibility issues. The SPC on Finance had referred the matter to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for further discussion and report back to a future meeting of the appropriate Standing Policy Committee. The Accessibility Advisory Committee established an ad hoc subcommittee to review bylaws pertaining to taxis, taxi service, and report of the Director of Corporate Revenue for a report back to the full Committee. The matter remains before that Committee.

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor

That the matters be referred to the Administration and a response provided to the writer.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Requests to Speak (new matters)

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Delegated Authority Matters

7.1.1 Request for Encroachment Agreement - 129 21st Street East (Files CK. 4090-2 and PL. 4090)

General Manager, Transportation & Utilities Jorgenson reviewed the report.

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor

1. That the existing encroachment at 129 21st Street East (Lot A, Plan No. I4208) 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 Donauer, Councillor Loewen, Councillor Clark, Councillor Hill and His Worship the Mayor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1.2 South West Roadway Network Improvements (Files CK. 6000-1 and TS. 6170-1)

General Manager, Transportation & Utilities Jorgenson reviewed the submitted report and answered questions of the Committee regarding a number of the initiatives driving the changes, including

improved traffic conditions and pedestrian safety along 11th Street, and water treatment plant operations and security.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

That the report of the General Manager, Transportation & Utilities Department dated March 8, 2016 be received as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1.3 Update on Railway Delays (Files CK. 6170-1 and TS. 6170-1)

Pursuant to an earlier resolution, requests to speak were added to this item from Randy Pshebylo, Riversdale Business Improvement District and Mike LoVecchio, Canadian Pacific.

General Manager, Transportation & Utilities Jorgenson reviewed the report noting direction was requested as to whether the City should focus on grade separations or whether a full relocation should be pursued. General Manager, Transportation & Utilities Jorgenson, together with Director of Transportation Gardiner answered questions of the Committee.

It was noted page 1 of the report under Report Highlights 4) should read \$200,000, not \$300,000 as stated.

Randy Pshebylo, Executive Director, Riversdale Business Improvement District, reviewed his participation on the Railway Working Group and advised there is a significant impact with trains going through the Riversdale area each day. He noted that at this time it is difficult to know what the impact would be of potential underpasses or overpasses, however, the liability is significant in terms of the risk associated with level crossings.

Mike LoVecchio, Director of Government Affairs, Canadian Pacific, noted the Railway Working Group has made tremendous progress

and the City of Saskatoon, as the road authority, must look at what is in the best interest of the transportation system. He addressed questions from the Committee on the matter.

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor

1. That the report of the General Manager, Transportation and Utilities Department dated March 8, 2016 be received as information; and
2. That the Administration look into the cost of a feasibility study of rail line relocations, to include the current report, and report back to the 2017 Business Plan and Budget deliberations for consideration and action.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Hill

3. That the Administration continue the course of action with the Railway Working Group; and
4. That a presentation from CN and CP on rail safety, proximity guidelines, and the rail mobile app be provided to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation at a future meeting.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Lorje was excused from the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

7.1.4 Transportation Network Companies (File No. CK. 7000-1)

Pursuant to an earlier resolution, comments were submitted regarding this item from Carlo Triolo, United Group and Kelly Frie,

Comfort Cabs, along with requests to speak from the following individuals:

Dale Gallant
Malik Umar Draz
Carlo Triolo
Kelly Frie
Jay Robertson
Marwan Bardouh
Tony A. Rosina

Solicitor Kowalski reviewed the submitted report and noted how municipalities across Canada have regulated transportation network companies and provided options of how Saskatoon may wish to proceed.

Dale Gallant stated that the Provincial government and SGI have shown no desire to change regulations to accommodate this type of service, and asked the Committee to allow consultation with taxi plate owners and drivers to provide an opportunity for their concerns to be presented and to provide a level playing field for all.

Malik Umar Draz, President, USW Local 2014, advised that members are not afraid of competition as long as everyone follows the same rules and regulations, and noted they are willing to work with stakeholders in this regard.

Councillor Donauer was excused at 10:50 a.m. Councillor Loewen assumed the Chair.

Carlo Triolo, General Manager, United Group, noted this is a huge precedent to be set and it comes down to whether municipalities want to have business conducted outside of permitted licenses and allowances made, or whether rules and regulations should be followed by all.

Councillor Donauer re-entered the meeting at 10:57 a.m. and resumed the Chair.

Kelly Frie, Comfort Cabs, noted that service and safety is paramount and the taxi companies want to work with the Committee to deal with the issues and provide a service that is the safest and most efficient possible.

Jay Robertson, Provincial Car Service, reviewed a number of concerns regarding the matter, including impact on local businesses, and asked the Committee to wait and revisit once issues have been dealt with in other jurisdictions.

Marwan Bardouh indicated concerns about the impact of Uber in the city and asked that the City work with the existing taxi industry to determine the best way to improve services for citizens.

Tony Rosina advised the Committee that rules and regulations need to be in place for ride sharing to provide the best service possible for citizens and provide a level playing field in the industry.

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor

1. That the report of the City Solicitor dated March 8, 2016 be received as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

2. That the Administration report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation on the possibility of implementing consistent standards with respect to training, medical reporting, etc. should Saskatoon proceed with introduction of Transportation Network Companies.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Clark

3. That the Administration engage with the industries, including taxi and limousine drivers and companies, to hear their concerns and issues regarding the matter.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Hill

4. That the correspondence from Uber be joined to the file and that the City Solicitor be encouraged to reach out to the representatives of Transportation Network Companies; and
5. That the Administration report back on the Edmonton model, as presented in the report, including information on the fee structure and feedback from taxi drivers and companies.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed at 12:27 p.m. and resumed at 12:40 p.m. His Worship the Mayor was absent for the remainder of the meeting.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

That the agenda be amended and Items 7.2.8 and 7.2.6 be brought forward for consideration.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Matters Requiring Direction

7.2.8 Capital Project #2236 – Stonebridge & Highway 11 – Budget Adjustment (Files CK. 6000-1, x1702-1 and TS. 6000-1)

General Manager, Transportation & Utilities Jorgenson presented the submitted report and answered questions of the Committee with respect to increased communications with residents, as well as the responsibilities pertaining to the additional funding being requested and original estimates.

Councillor Jeffries entered the meeting at 12:44 p.m.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

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

That a budget adjustment in the amount of \$832,000 be approved for Capital Project #2236 – Stonebridge & Highway 11 Interchange from the Interchange Reserve.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.6 Protected Bike Lane Demonstration Project Update (Files CK. 6000-5 and PL. 6330-4)

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

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

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

That the 2016 contract for snow clearing in the protected bike lanes and transit terminal be increased by \$48,114 to a total of \$125,000 (including taxes).

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Clark

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

That the Administration bring forward a report on other options for the maintenance of bike lanes to provide additional information for 2017 Business Plan and Budget deliberations, as well as future budget deliberations.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Due to time constraints, it was determined that agenda items 7.2.1 – 7.2.5 and 7.2.7 would be dealt with at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Councillor R. Donauer, Chair

D. Kanak, Deputy City Clerk