



**PUBLIC MINUTES
GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

**Monday, March 14, 2016, 12:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall**

PRESENT: His Worship Mayor D. Atchison, in the Chair
Councillor C. Clark
Councillor T. Davies
Councillor R. Donauer
Councillor D. Hill
Councillor Z. Jeffries
Councillor M. Loewen
Councillor P. Lorje
Councillor T. Paulsen

ABSENT: Councillor A. Iwanchuk
Councillor E. Olauson (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager M. Totland
City Solicitor P. Warwick
City Clerk J. Sproule
Committee Assistant H. Thompson
Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Councillor Hill

1. That the letters from the following individuals be added to Item 7.1.2.8:

Submitting Comments

- Susan Wall

Request to Speak

- Jan Norris;
- Dr. Lynn Oliphant, University of Saskatchewan;

- Mandy Chen, Bus Riders of Saskatoon;
- Mike Velonas, Meewasin Valley Authority; and
- Greg Fowler (removed from list)

2. That the agenda be approved as amended.

In Favour His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Clark, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Loewen, Councillor Lorje and Councillor Paulsen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Councillor Hill

That the minutes of the public meeting of the Governance and Priorities Committee held on February 22, 2016 be approved.

In Favour His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Clark, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Loewen, Councillor Lorje and Councillor Paulsen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no 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 2017 Business Plan and Budget Process [File No. CK. 4110-2 x 1700-1 x 430-72]

7.1.1.1 Financing Growth - Hemson Study Update [File No. CK. 4110-2]

City Manager Totland reviewed the report and answered questions of the Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Lorje
That the information be received.

In Favour His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Clark, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Loewen, Councillor Lorje and Councillor Paulsen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1.2 GROWTH PLAN SUMMIT

The Growth Plan Summit was scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. The Committee continued with its agenda, as follows.

7.2 Matters Requiring Direction

8. LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

8.1 Delegated Authority Matters

8.2 Matters Requiring Direction

9. URGENT BUSINESS

10. MOTIONS (Notice Previously Given)

11. GIVING NOTICE

12. IN CAMERA AGENDA ITEMS

Councillor Hill removed Item 12.2.1 Verbal Updates of Council Members from the In Camera agenda to be dealt with at the conclusion of the meeting.

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

That the Committee move In Camera to consider the following items:

In Favour His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Clark, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Loewen, Councillor Lorje and Councillor Paulsen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.1 Reports from Administration

12.1.1 Labour/Personnel/Negotiations Matters

[In Camera - Labour/Personnel/Negotiations]

12.2 Verbal Updates

12.2.2 Administration

12.2.2.1 City Manager

[Sections 13, 14(1), 15(1), 16(1), 17(1), 18(1), 19, 20, and 21 - LAFOIPP]

The Committee recessed at 12:25 p.m. to consider the In Camera Agenda items and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. to deal with the following:

7.1.2 GROWTH PLAN SUMMIT

Moved by: Councillor Hill

That the reports contained in Items 7.1.2.1, 7.1.2.2, 7.1.2.3, 7.1.2.4, 7.1.2.5, 7.1.2.6 and 7.1.2.7 be received as information.

In Favour His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Clark, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Loewen, Councillor Lorje and Councillor Paulsen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1.2.1 Growth Plan Summit: The Growth Plan to Half a Million [File No. CK. 4110-2 and PL. 4110-12-7]

The following documents were provided:

- Report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated March 14, 2016;
- Attachment 1: Growth Plan Technical Report: Introduction (See website: <https://www.saskatoon.ca/city-hall/city-council-boards-committees/boards-committees/minutes-and-agendas/growth-plan-summit>)
- Attachment 2: Draft Recommendations to Governance and Priorities Committee and City Council Regarding the Growth Plan to Half a Million; and
- Attachment 3: Approval and Process Overview

City Manager Totland introduced the item and Planning and Development Director Wallace provided a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed the submitted report.

7.1.2.2 Growth Plan Summit: Transportation Network Priorities [File No. CK. 4110-2, x CK. 6330-1 and PL. 4110-12-7]

The following documents were provided:

- Report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated March 14, 2016;
- Attachment 1: Conceptual Road Network;
- Attachment 2: Schedule of Roadway Network Investments;
- Attachment 3: Road Network – Ten-Year Priorities;
- Attachment 4: Growth Plan Technical Report: Core Bridges (See website: <https://www.saskatoon.ca/city-hall/city-council-boards-committees/boards-committees/minutes-and-agendas/growth-plan-summit>); and
- Attachment 5: Core Bridge Strategy

Director of Transportation Gardiner provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions of the Committee.

The Committee recessed at 3:00 p.m. and reconvened at 3:15 p.m.

7.1.2.3 Growth Plan Summit: Corridor and Strategic Infill Growth [File No. CK. 4110-2, x CK. 4350-63 and PL. 4110-12-7]

The following documents were provided:

- Report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated March 14, 2016;
- Attachment 1: Employment Areas Study Summary;

- Attachment 2: Growth Plan Technical Report: Corridor Growth (See website: <https://www.saskatoon.ca/city-hall/city-council-boards-committees/boards-committees/minutes-and-agendas/growth-plan-summit>);
- Attachment 3: Strategic Infill Trends and Development Conditions; and
- Attachment 4: Corridor Growth Water and Sewer Assessment Summary

Project Manager, Growing Forward! Shaping Saskatoon Anderson provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions of the Committee.

7.1.2.4 Growth Plan Summit: Transit Planning Concepts [File No. CK. 4110-2, x CK. 7300-1 and PL. 4110-12-7]

A report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated March 14, 2016 was provided.

Saskatoon Transit Director McDonald introduced the speaker.

Mr. Jarrett Walker, Jarrett Walker and Associates, provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee and answered questions of the Committee.

**7.1.2.5 Growth Plan Summit: Long-Term Transit Plan
[File No. CK. 4110-2, x CK. 7300-1 and PL. 4110-12-7]**

The following documents were provided:

- Report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated March 14, 2016;
- Attachment 1: Growth Plan Technical Report: Transit (See website: <https://www.saskatoon.ca/city-hall/city-council-boards-committees/boards-committees/minutes-and-agendas/growth-plan-summit>); and
- Attachment 2: Long-Term Transit Plan Financial Summary

Director of Saskatoon Transit McDonald provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions of the Committee.

7.1.2.6 Growth Plan Summit: Active Transportation Plan Update [File No. CK. 4110-2. x CK. 6330-1, and PL. 4110-12-7]

The following documents were provided:

- Report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated March 14, 2016;
- Attachment 1: Active Transportation Plan Executive Summary (See website: <https://www.saskatoon.ca/city-hall/city-council-boards-committees/boards-committees/minutes-and-agendas/growth-plan-summit>).

Planning and Development Director Wallace provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions of the Committee.

The Committee recessed at 5:45 p.m. and reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

7.1.2.7 Growth Plan Summit: Growth Plan to Half a Million Engagement Process and Results [File No. CK. 4110-2 and PL. 4110-12-7]

The following documents were provided:

- Report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated March 14, 2016;
- Attachment 1: Goals for the Growing Forward! Shaping Saskatoon Engagement and Communications Process
- Attachment 2: Summary of the Growing Forward! Shaping Saskatoon Engagement Themes and Results
- Attachment 3: Fall 2015 Growth Plan Engagement Summary Report #5 (See website: <https://www.saskatoon.ca/city-hall/city-council-boards-committees/boards-committees/minutes-and-agendas/growth-plan-summit>).

Planning and Development Director Wallace provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee.

7.1.2.8 Public Comment [File No. CK. 4110-2]

Comments and requests to speak were received from the following:

Submitting Comments:

- Alex Fallon, SREDA, dated February 8, 2016

- Dr. Michael Schwandt, Saskatoon Health Region
- Tara Reibin, Wanuskewin Heritage Park and Dr. Ernie Walker
- Doris Larson
- Susan Wall

Requesting to Speak:

- President Peter Stoicheff, University of Saskatchewan
- Alex Fallon, SREDA
- Greg Fowler, University of Saskatchewan
- Kent Smith-Windsor, Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce
- Carl Kuhnke, University of Saskatchewan
- Lee Smith, Saskatoon Cycles
- Chris Guerette, Saskatoon and Region Home Builder's Association
- Keith Moen, North Saskatoon Business Association
- Dr. Michael Schwandt, Saskatoon Health Region
- Tara Reibin, Wanuskewin Heritage Park and Dr. Ernie Walker
- Jan Norris
- Dr. Lynn Oliphant, University of Saskatchewan
- Mandy Chen, Bus Riders of Saskatoon
- Mike Velonas, Meewasin Valley Authority

Peter Stoicheff, President, University of Saskatchewan, expressed support of the Growth Plan. The University has engaged directly with the City in the past providing input to develop the Growth Plan and its endowment lands are in alignment with the City's Growth Plan providing strategic infill opportunities. The University looks forward to working together with the City.

Alex Fallon, SREDA, was not in attendance.

Greg Fowler, University of Saskatchewan, was not in attendance.

Kent Smith-Windsor, Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce, circulated copies of speaking notes regarding the Growing Forward

transportation concepts of the Growth Summit to Committee members. The Chamber supports a growing forward plan that embraces, accommodates, and encourages growth in and around Saskatoon.

Carl Kuhnke, Managing Director of the Saskatchewan Centre of Excellence for Transportation, University of Saskatchewan, advised the Committee on the importance of autonomous vehicles, their interaction on the roadways and the impacts on infrastructure needs; roads; transit systems; accidents and congestion; design and planning around hospitals; and City Planners.

Lee Smith, Saskatoon Cycles, commented on the active transportation plan and the group's participation in discussions as a stakeholder in the plan. Saskatoon Cycles supports cycling and a more liveable, healthy, enjoyable city overall; the entire Growth Plan strives for these goals. Saskatoon Cycles supports the plan's goals and its principles.

Chris Guerette, CEO of the Saskatoon and Region Home Builder's Association, expressed concerns over the Financing Growth – Hemson Study Update regarding development levies and the impact they have on affordable housing. The Association looks forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the City.

Keith Moen, North Saskatoon Business Association, noted that it is important to plan for the future and commends the City for its vision and proactive collaborative approach; however, it believes there are some pieces missing from the plan. New market realities have been created and businesses will have to respond to these accordingly. The Association agrees with the strategy for corridor growth; strategic infill development; and a BRT supported by market demand.

Dr. Michael Schwandt, Deputy Medical Health Officer, Saskatoon Health Region, advised that the Region has been pleased to participate in the stakeholder's process. City planning and design have the potential to be health promoting or harming, and many

elements of the Growth Plan are likely to have positive impacts on the health of the community.

Tara Reibin, Development Manager, Wanuskewin Heritage Park, advised that the park has applied to become Saskatchewan's first Unesco World Heritage site. The Growth Plan and process is a great opportunity to consider the way the city grows and what the community will be in the future. Ms. Reiben suggested Wanuskewin will be a core part.

Dr. Ernie Walker, commented on Wanuskewin Heritage Park and its future plans. The park will no longer be on the outskirts of the city, but in the middle of the City. The transitioning from a rural to an urban park and access to the park on Wanuskewin Road will need to be considered.

Jan Norris, commented on active transportation such as cycling and walking and put forth inexpensive suggestions promoting cycling in the city such as car-free days.

Dr. Lynn Oliphant, commented on sustainable growth as a strategic goal and the difficulty of sustaining growth. He noted, the City is in a position to model sustainability; however, courage and vision are required to achieve this and suggested the current Growth Plan in this regard falls short.

Mandy Chen, Member of the Bus Riders of Saskatoon, expressed the group's support of the Growth Plan and its adoption.

Mike Velonas, Manager of Planning and Conservation, Meewasin Valley Authority commented on the MVA's concern of suburban sprawl and its effects on greenspace. MVA supports the Growth Plan's focus on core area development and infill, and on active mode transportation such as walking, cycling and transportation.

His Worship the Mayor invited those who had not made a formal request to speak to come forward at this time:

Peggy Sergeant, transit user and heritage advocate addressed the Committee regarding the concept of freedom and the ability to move around the city to engage in activities within the city and within the corridor; the infill process, and opportunities to inventory the City's heritage resources.

Lindy Dyck, Saskatoon Public Schools, expressed concerns regarding the infill strategy and the role the school divisions would play. The school boards would like to be involved in the process for both infills and new developments as increased population will result in increased students.

Simon Bosan, provided comments regarding SaskTel Centre and its relation to the public transit system in Saskatoon. Mr. Bosan commented on the important role that transit will play if the arena remains in its current location in order to help lessen the traffic that occurs during events.

Michael Murphy, member and past president of the City Park Community Association, expressed the Association's opposition to the proposed 33rd Street Bridge and the bridge's potential negative impact on the community.

Hillary Goff, year-round cyclist, commented on engaging in winter activities, which contribute to building community in winter through the activities participated in. She noted the Growth Plan is a great opportunity to accommodate and enjoy winter. The City's intention to develop winter initiatives is a great opportunity to engage with the outdoors.

Lenore Swystun, resident, Planner, and business owner, commended the City for its work on the Growth Plan and the opportunity to engage the community. She noted that accessibility should be an important focus of the Plan.

John McLean, commented on the projected growth rate referred to in the Plan, the language used in the report, and how public consultation will be incorporated in the decisions.

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

That the Administration provide a follow-up report to the Governance and Priorities Committee with information about the data and projections around growth which are referenced on page 2 of Item 7.1.2.1 (i.e. an annual average growth rate of 2.5%).

In Favour His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Clark, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Loewen, Councillor Lorje and Councillor Paulsen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Paulsen

1. That the Administration report on any increased costs to maintain the roadways based on usage resulting from the area of the city which citizens reside in (quantify, if any, exactly what those costs are); and
2. That the Administration report on the increase of the modal share of active transportation.

In Favour His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Clark, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Loewen, Councillor Lorje and Councillor Paulsen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Lorje

That the Administration request a presentation from the SaskTel Centre CEO or designate regarding the current structure and plans for the future.

In Favour His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Clark, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Loewen, Councillor Lorje and Councillor Paulsen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Jeffries

That the Administration provide general information about the Infrastructure costs related to maintaining an equivalent level of service for transportation and commute times in the plan if certain modal share and project assumptions in the growth plan are not undertaken.

In Favour His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Clark, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Loewen, Councillor Lorje and Councillor Paulsen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Verbal Updates

13.1 Council Members

13.1.1 FCM/SUMA

This item was removed from the list of In Camera items to be reported on publicly.

With respect to Item 12.2.1.2 Councillor Hill provided an update with respect to FCM and SUMA noting that he and Councillor Loewen attended the FCM National Standing Committee meetings and Board of Directors meetings in Sherbrooke, Quebec on March 3-4, 2016 at which time a report on the budget submission that went to the Federal Government was received and the following highlights were provided: prioritizing jobs and growth; affordable housing strategy for Canada; and renewing and expanding transit.

He further noted SUMA's next board meeting is April 1, 2016.

Moved By: Councillor Hill
That the information be received.

In Favour His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Clark, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Loewen, Councillor Lorje and Councillor Paulsen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9: 04 p.m.

His Worship, Mayor D. Atchison, Chair

City Clerk