



## **PUBLIC MINUTES**

### **STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, UTILITIES AND CORPORATE SERVICES**

**Monday, March 13, 2017, 9:00 a.m.  
Council Chamber, City Hall**

**PRESENT:** Councillor M. Loewen, Chair  
Councillor T. Davies  
Councillor S. Gersher  
His Worship, Mayor C. Clark (Ex-Officio) at 9:45 a.m.

**ABSENT:** Councillor H. Gough, Vice-Chair  
Councillor D. Hill

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor C. Block  
General Manager Corporate Performance C. Gryba  
Solicitor K. Bodnarchuk  
Deputy City Clerk S. Bryant  
Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order.

#### **2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

**Moved By:** Councillor Davies

1. That Item 6.2.1 be considered with Item 7.2.1;
2. That the following letters be added to Item 7.1.1:
  - a. Requesting to Speak:
    - i. Richard Huziak, Saskatchewan Light Pollution Abatement Committee, dated March 9, 2017 and a letter submitting comments dated March 12, 2017;
    - ii. Janet McVittie, dated March 9, 2017 and a letter submitting comments dated March 11, 2017;
  - b. Submitting Comments:
    - i. Louise Jones, dated March 12, 2017;
3. That the following letters be added to Item 7.2.1:

- a. Requesting to Speak:
  - i. Candace Savage, dated March 10, 2017;
4. That the following letters be added to Item 7.2.5:
  - a. Requesting to Speak:
    - i. Paul Van Pul, dated March 8, 2017 and a presentation dated March 13, 2017;
    - ii. Kent Grey, Chairperson, Saskatoon Whitewater Proposal Committee, dated March 9, 2017
    - iii. Jonathan Storey, dated March 11, 2017; and
5. That Item 7.2.8 be considered after Item 7.2.2; and
6. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

In Favour: Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies and Councillor Gersher

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

#### **3.1 Councillor Gersher - Electric Vehicle Demonstration Project and Partnership [CK. 2000-1, x 7000-1 and SLP. 2000-12-4]**

Councillor Gersher declared a conflict of interest on this matter due to being a member of the Saskatchewan Environmental Society (SES) Solar Co-operative Ltd.

### **4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

That the minutes of meeting held on January 31, 2017, be adopted.

In Favour: Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies and Councillor Gersher

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **6. COMMUNICATIONS (requiring the direction of the Committee)**

#### **6.1 Delegated Authority Matters**

**6.1.1 Noise Bylaw Extension, Saskatchewan Blue Cross MS Walk, April 30, 2017, 10:00 a.m., Archibald Arena and Meewasin Valley trail, Rebecca Button, Community Engagement Coordinator [CK. 185-9]**

**Moved By:** Councillor Davies

That the request for extension to The Noise Bylaw as outlined in 6.1.1 be approved subject to any administrative conditions.

In Favour: Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies and Councillor Gersher

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.1.2 2017 Goals and Objectives - Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee [CK. 175-9]**

The Deputy City Clerk reported that the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee has approved the submission of its 2017 Goals and Objectives.

A letter regarding the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee's 2017 Goals and Objectives, dated March 1, 2017 along with a request to speak was provided.

Kathleen Aikens, Chair and Angie Bugg, member, addressed the Committee on behalf of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee (SEAC) and reviewed its 2017 Goals and Objectives listing the Committee's support for the City's initiatives related to climate change mitigation and adaptation; the completion of a comprehensive community greenhouse gas emissions inventory; and the development of a climate change action strategy; along with supporting the Meewasin Valley-wide Resource Management Plan.

**Moved By:** Councillor Davies

That the 2017 Goals and Objectives of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee, dated March 1, 2017, be received as information.

In Favour: Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies and Councillor Gersher

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.1.3 Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee - GHG Subcommittee [CK. 375-4]**

The Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee in partnership with Unite Digital Marketing Co-operative have produced an animated video addressing climate change in Saskatoon. Kathleen Aikens, Chair and Angie Bugg, member on behalf of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee presented an awareness raising video regarding climate change in Saskatoon. SEAC will officially launch the video on March 14, 2017 at City Hall and has created a Facebook page to share the video on social media.

**Moved By:** Councillor Davies

That the information be received.

In Favour: Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies and Councillor Gersher

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.2 Matters Requiring Direction**

**6.2.1 Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee - The Northeast Swale - Heritage Considerations [CK. 710-70 and PL. 718-42]**

Pursuant to resolution, this matter is considered with Item 7.2.1.

**6.3 Requests to Speak (new matters)**

**6.3.1 Meewasin Valley-wide Resource Management Plan [CK. 180-6]**

Mike Velonas, Manager of Planning & Conservation along with Eryn Tomlinson, Resource Management Technician, Meewasin Valley Authority provided a PowerPoint presentation.

**Moved By:** Councillor Davies

1. That the information be received; and
2. That the matter be referred to the Administration for a report.

In Favour: Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies and Councillor Gersher

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

### **7.1 Delegated Authority Matters**

#### **7.1.1 Development of the Swale - Response to Northeast Swale Watchers' 12 Points [CK. 4131-5 and PL. 181-14]**

Mayor C. Clark entered the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Growth Plan Manager Schulz provided a high-level overview of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee's request for Heritage Designation (Item 6.2.1), the response to the Northeast Swale Watchers' 12 points (Item 7.1.1), and the discussion around the Environmental Reserve dedication of this area (Item 7.2.1) with a PowerPoint.

The following requests to speak were provided: Louise Jones, Richard Huziak, and Janet McVittie.

Ms. Louise Jones addressed the Committee regarding the Northeast Swale's ecological significance along with proposed actions that City Council can adopt in dealing with the Swale. She displayed the logo used by the Northeast Swale Watchers.

Mr. Richard Huziak, Saskatchewan Light Pollution Abatement Committee addressed the Committee regarding expanding Dark-Sky Lighting policy to commercial and residential areas near the Swale.

Ms. Janet McVittie, Professor, University of Saskatchewan commented on protection of the Northeast Swale.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

1. That the information be received;
2. That copies of the report of the General Manager, Corporate Performance, dated March 13, 2017 be forwarded to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services and the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee for information;
3. That the Administration bring together stakeholders in regards to the Northeast Swale (Swale) to continue the discussion about protection of the Swale. Stakeholders should include, but are not limited to, the City of Saskatoon, University of

- Saskatchewan, Meewasin Valley Authority, Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee, Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee and the Swale Watchers. Stakeholders' composition does not need to come back to Committee, but suggested starting points for initial discussion include integrated project management, long-term planning, financial implications, community engagement and communications. This process should be underway by the fall of 2017 with a report coming back to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services before 2018 budget deliberations; and
4. Given the importance of Northeast Swale could the Administration provide a follow up report, which explores Dark Sky compliance in private development within a buffer zone surrounding the Swale.

In Favour: Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gersher and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **7.2 Matters Requiring Direction**

### **7.2.1 Meewasin Valley Authority Northeast Swale - Special Conservation Area Designation [CK. 4131-5 and PL. 181-13-7]**

As noted in Item 7.1.1, Development of the Swale - Response to Northeast Swale Watchers' 12 Points, Growth Plan Manager Schulz provided an overview on this matter.

A request to speak from Candace Savage was added to this item. Ms. Savage addressed the Committee supporting Environmental Reserve status be pursued for the Northeast Swale along with the conservation of biodiversity.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

That the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services recommend to City Council:

1. That the Administration's intended approach to require Environmental Reserve dedication at the time of subdivision, where appropriate, be endorsed; and

2. That this matter be considered with the resolution from Item 7.1.1, Development of the Swale - Response to Northeast Swale Watchers' 12 Points.

In Favour: Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gersher and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Moved By:** Mayor C. Clark

That the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services recommend to City Council that the City pursue Environmental Reserve status for the swale.

In Favour: Councillor Loewen, Councillor Gersher and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Pursuant to resolution, Item 6.2.1 was moved to be considered with Item 7.2.1.

### **6.2.1 Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee - The Northeast Swale - Heritage Considerations [CK. 710-70 and PL. 718-42]**

The Deputy City Clerk reported that the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee requested that the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated January 4, 2017, be forwarded to City Council for information and that this report of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee be considered at the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services when the Northeast Swale matter is on the agenda.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

That the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services recommend to City Council:

1. That the information be received; and
2. That this matter be considered with the resolution from Item 7.1.1, Development of the Swale - Response to Northeast Swale Watchers' 12 Points.

In Favour: Councillor Loewen, Councillor Gersher and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.2.2 Diversity and Inclusion Annual Report 2016 [CK. 4500-1 and CP. 4690-1]**

**Moved By:** Councillor Davies

That the report of the General Manager, Corporate Performance Department, dated March 13, 2017, be forwarded to City Council for information.

In Favour: Councillor Loewen, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gersher and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.2.8 Electric Vehicle Demonstration Project and Partnership [CK. 2000-1, x 7000-1 and SLP. 2000-12-4]**

Pursuant to resolution, this item was reordered to be considered following Item 7.2.2.

Councillor Gersher declared a conflict of interest on this matter due to being a member of the Saskatchewan Environmental Society (SES) Solar Co-operative Ltd.

**Moved By:** Mayor C. Clark

That the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services recommend to City Council:

That the Administration be directed to send a letter of support to the project partners for this initiative and allocate solar powered electricity purchased from existing customers on Saskatoon Light & Power's grid to meet the needs of the four electric vehicle charging stations until December 31, 2020.



*(Councillor Gersher was not present for the vote.)*

In Favour: Councillor Loewen, Mayor C. Clark and Councillor Davies

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting recessed at 10:58 a.m. and resumed at 11:07 a.m. Councillor Davies excused himself from the meeting. Councillor Block was not in attendance. Councillor Gersher re-entered the meeting.

**7.2.3 Equity Policy Review [CK. 225-40-9 and CP. 4690-001]**

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

That the report of the General Manager, Corporate Performance Department, dated March 13, 2017, be forwarded to City Council for information.

In Favour: Councillor Loewen, Councillor Gersher and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.2.4 City Page / Weekly Public Notice Advertising [CK. 366-1 and CP. 5500-001]**

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

That a report be submitted to City Council recommending:

1. That the proposal submitted by the Saskatoon StarPhoenix for the administration, production, and distribution of the "City Page/Weekly Public Notice Advertising" for 2017 be approved; and
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.

In Favour: Councillor Loewen, Councillor Gersher and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **7.2.5 Hydropower Joint Ownership Project with Saskatoon Tribal Council [CK. 2300-1 and SLP. 2000-10]**

Requests to speak were received by Paul Van Pul, Kent Grey and Jonathan Storey.

Mr. Paul Van Pul explained his reasons for not supporting the proposed hydropower station at the Saskatoon Weir.

Mr. Kent Grey, Chairperson, Saskatoon Whitewater Proposal Committee expressed support for both the proposed hydropower station and for a Whitewater Park.

Mr. Jonathan Storey expressed support for a Whitewater Park.

Councillor Block re-entered the meeting at 11:11 a.m. during consideration of this matter.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

That the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services recommend to City Council:

1. That the Administration be directed to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding with the Saskatoon Tribal Council that outlines a joint ownership model to begin a feasibility study for a hydropower station in Saskatoon; and
2. That the Memorandum of Understanding be brought forward to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services, and City Council for City approval; and
3. That the report of the General Manager, Transportation & Utilities, dated March 13, 2017, be forwarded to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee for information.

In Favour: Councillor Loewen, Councillor Gersher and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Moved By:** Mayor C. Clark

That the Administration meet with Whitewater proponents to discuss more about the functional plan design and next steps including costs.

In Favour: Councillor Loewen, Councillor Gersher and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.2.6 Property Owner Payment Deferral Options for Mandatory Lead Service Line Replacements [CK. 7780-1, x 1930-1 and IS. 7820-0]**

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

That the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services recommend to City Council:

1. That City Council approve adding three-year deferral and five-year deferral options for mandatory Lead Service Line replacements to the existing payment options with a tax deferral program similar to *The Low-Income Seniors Property Tax Deferral Bylaw, 2012*; and
2. That City Council instruct the Solicitor's Office to prepare a new bylaw for this Lead Service Line replacement tax deferral program.

In Favour: Councillor Loewen, Councillor Gersher and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.2.7 Budget Adjustment Request No. 2 - Capital Project 625-22 - Trunk Sewer - NE Sector - Lift Station to Central Avenue Trunk [CK. 7820-4, x 1702-1 and TS. 7820-1]**

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

That the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services recommend to City Council:

That a budget adjustment of \$451,400 to Capital Project #625-22 – Trunk Sewer – Northeast Sector – MI – Force Main – UH2 – Lift Station to Central Avenue Trunk funded from the Trunk Sewer Reserve be approved.

In Favour: Councillor Loewen, Councillor Gersher and Mayor C. Clark

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.2.8 Electric Vehicle Demonstration Project and Partnership [CK.  
2000-1, x 7000-1 and SLP. 2000-12-4]**

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- 8. MOTIONS (NOTICE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN)**
- 9. GIVING NOTICE**
- 10. URGENT BUSINESS**
- 11. IN CAMERA SESSION (OPTIONAL)**
- 12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

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Councillor M. Loewen, Chair

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S. Bryant, Deputy City Clerk