



PUBLIC MINUTES

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, UTILITIES AND CORPORATE SERVICES

**Tuesday, August 15, 2017, 9:00 a.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall**

PRESENT: Councillor M. Loewen, Chair
Councillor H. Gough, Vice-Chair
Councillor S. Gersher
Councillor D. Hill
His Worship, Mayor C. Clark (Ex-Officio)

ABSENT: Councillor T. Davies

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor C. Block at 10:06 a.m.
A/General Manager, Corporate Performance J. Jorgenson
Solicitor C. Bogad
Deputy City Clerk S. Bryant
Committee Assistant H. Thompson

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Councillor Hill

1. That the following requests for extension to The Noise Bylaw be added to Item 6.1:
 - a. Saskatoon ANCOP Walk 2017, August 27, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Phase 1 - River Landing - Amphi Theater, Dionisio Florida;
 - b. 2017 Prairie Chapter Tree Climbing Championship, August 25-27, 2017, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Kinsmen Park, Garrett Smith;
 - c. Ukrainian Day in the Park - August 26, 2017, 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Kiwanis Memorial Park, David Derow;

- d. Nuit Blanche Saskatoon, September 30, 2017, 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., Wards 1 and 6, Riversdale, Downtown and Broadway Neighbourhood, Michael Peterson;
 - e. Briarwood Community Association BBQ, September 10, 2017, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Briarwood Park, Eldon Ortman;
 - f. Rock the River, August 18-20, 2017, up to 10:30 p.m., Delta Bessborough Gardens, Scott Ford;
2. That the additional information submitted by Chuck Prongua be added to item 6.1.10;
 3. That the letters from the following be added to Item 7.2.9:
 - a. Requesting to Speak
 - i. Laurie Bourgeois, dated August 11, 2017
 - ii. Jennifer Kerr, dated August 11, 2017;
 - iii. Ross Miller, dated August 14, 2017;
 - iv. Laura Swerhone, dated August 14, 2017;
 - v. Andrea and Nathan Ziegler, dated August 14, 2017; and
 4. That the agenda be confirmed as amended and that the speakers be heard.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Gough, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

3.1 Councillor Hill - Storm Water Utility Business Plan [File No. CK 7560-1 and TS 7820-1]

Councillor Hill, during consideration of Item 7.2.9 indicated that he will need to seek legal advice on if he is in conflict given he resides in one of the 30 neighbourhoods being examined.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Councillor Hill

That the minutes of the meeting held on June 12, 2017, be adopted.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Gough, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. COMMUNICATIONS (requiring the direction of the Committee)

6.1 Delegated Authority Matters

[Requests for exemptions under The Noise Bylaw.]

Moved By: Councillor Hill

That the request for extension to The Noise Bylaw as outlined in 6.1.1 to 6.1.8 and 6.1.11 to 6.1.16 be approved subject to any administrative conditions.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Gough, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.1.1 Noise Bylaw Extension, Art in the Park 16th annual Caswell Arts Festival, September 10, 2017, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Ashworth Holmes Park, Raeanne Van Beek, Festival Coordinator [File No. CK. 185-9]

6.1.2 Noise Bylaw Extension, In Conjunction with Art in the Park Caswell Arts Festival, September 10, 2017, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Connect Church, Robyn Pogoda [File No. CK. 185-9]

6.1.3 Noise Bylaw Extension, 34th annual Broadway Street Fair, September 9, 2017, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Broadway Avenue and district, The Broadway Business Improvement District [File No. CK. 185-9]

6.1.4 Noise Bylaw Extension, The WORD ON THE STREET Festival, September 24, 2017, 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Broadway Avenue to Dufferin Avenue, Jim Hodges, Operations Manager [File No. CK. 185-9]

- 6.1.5 Noise Bylaw Extension, Forest Grove Community Church, September 3, 2017, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Kinsmen Park, Anna Erickson [File No. CK. 185-9]**
- 6.1.6 Noise Bylaw Extension, Saskatoon Folkfest Inc., August 17 - 18, 2017, 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., and August 19, 2017, 3:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., Saskatoon Folkfest, Terri Rau, Executive Director [File No. CK 185-9]**
- 6.1.7 Noise Bylaw Extension, Community Pancake Breakfast, September 10, 2017, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hope Fellowship Church, Dianne Loraas [File No. CK. 185-9]**
- 6.1.8 Noise Bylaw Extension, Afternoon in the Park, September 10, 2017, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Mount Royal Mennonite Church, Scott Park, Claire Ewert Fisher [File No. 185-9]**
- 6.1.9 Noise Bylaw Extension - LB5Q, September 11, 2017, 7:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., Prairieland Park, Michelle Fergusson [File No. CK. 185-9]**

The Committee discussed that there were numerous complaints filed after last year's event. Discussion was also held around events that are held in or near residential areas and approvals beyond 11:00 p.m.

Committee resolved to approve the Noise Bylaw Extension for the event to 11:00 p.m., however, subsequent to voting, it reconsidered its decision to approve this event and resolved to recommend to City Council that the Noise Bylaw Extension for LB5Q to be held September 11, 2017, be approved from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., subject to administrative conditions. This was done in order to provide an opportunity for the event organizer to speak to the reduction of the extension.

Moved By: Councillor Gough

That the Noise Bylaw Extension for LB5Q to be held September 11, 2017, be approved from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., subject to administrative conditions.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Gough, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Gough

Seconded By: Councillor Gersher

That Committee reconsider its decision for Item 6.1.9.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Gough, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Hill

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

That the Noise Bylaw Extension for LB5Q to be held September 11, 2017, be approved from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., subject to administrative conditions.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Gough, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6.1.10 Noise Bylaw Extension, Licensed Food Truck Event,
September 1 and September 2, 2017, up to 2:00
a.m., Broadway Avenue, Chuck Prongua [File No. CK. 185-9]**

The Committee was made aware that the location this event is being held is zoned Residential and not zoned for this type of event.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

That the Noise Bylaw Extension for the Licensed Food Truck Event, September 1 and 2, 2017 be approved from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. subject to administrative conditions including the event finding a site that is appropriately zoned.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Gough, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.1.11 Noise Bylaw Extension, Saskatoon ANCOP Walk 2017, August 27, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Phase 1 - River Landing - Amphi Theater, Dionisio Florida [File No. CK 185-9]

6.1.12 Noise Bylaw Extension, 2017 Prairie Chapter Tree Climbing Championship, August 25-27, 2017, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Kinsmen Park, Garrett Smith [File No. CK. 185-9]

6.1.13 Noise Bylaw Extension, Ukrainian Day in the Park - August 26, 2017, 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Kiwanis Memorial Park, David Derow [File No. CK. 185-9]

6.1.14 Noise Bylaw Extension - Nuit Blanche Saskatoon, September 30, 2017, 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., Wards 1 and 6, Riversdale, Downtown and Broadway Neighbourhood, Michael Peterson [File No. CK. 185-9]

6.1.15 Noise Bylaw Extension - Briarwood Community Association BBQ, September 10, 2017, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Briarwood Park, Eldon Ortman [File No. CK. 185-9]

6.1.16 Noise Bylaw Extension, Rock the River, August 18-20, 2017, up to 10:30 p.m., Delta Bessborough Gardens, Scott Ford [File No. CK. 185-9]

6.2 Matters Requiring Direction

6.2.1 Letter - Council of Canadians' Blue Communities Presentation [File No. CK.7920-1]

A letter from Jim Goetz, President, Canadian Beverage Association, dated June 14, 2017, was provided.

As background information, the Committee received a presentation from the Council of Canadians regarding safe drinking water at its meeting held on June 12, 2017. Committee resolved that the Administration report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services providing a response to the request that Saskatoon become a "Blue Community" including

an outline of the present state of bottled water provision and sale by the City of Saskatoon, and options to phase out its use.

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

That the information be received and included with a previous referral to the Administration on the same matter.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Gough, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Requests to Speak (new matters)

6.3.1 Initiatives to Support Energy-Efficient Building Standards in Residential Construction [File No. 540-1]

A letter requesting to speak from Angie Bugg, member of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee, dated July 24, 2017, was provided.

Ms. Bugg was unable to attend the meeting and as such Mr. Brian Sawatzky was in attendance to speak on the matter.

Mr. Sawatzky addressed the Committee regarding the need to adopt aggressive energy-efficient building codes.

Director of Building Standards Fagnou addressed questions of the Committee regarding the adoption of the new National Building Code. The Committee expressed interest in seeing what other municipalities have in place included in next round of reporting.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

That the information be received and referred to the Administration.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Gough, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Delegated Authority Matters

7.2 Matters Requiring Direction

7.2.1 Absence Management and Disability Assistance Services Update [File No. CK. 4655-1 and CP. 4655-001]

The Committee discussed providing these services in-house. Director of Strategic Negotiations McInnes responded to questions.

Moved By: Mayor C. Clark

That consideration of continuing with the pilot program with Bridges Health be deferred for one month and administration report on how the City may internally provide this support to its employees.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Gough, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.2 Hydropower Project – Memorandum of Understanding with the Saskatoon Tribal Council [File No. CK. 2300-1 and SLP 2000-10-6]

Moved By: Councillor Hill

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

That the City Solicitor prepare a Memorandum of Understanding with the Saskatoon Tribal Council in accordance with the general terms set out in this report for the purpose of studying the financial feasibility of a hydropower project at the Saskatoon weir, and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding under the Corporate Seal.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Gough, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.3 Request to Exceed in Excess of 25% of Contract No. 16-0053, Fletcher Road Sewer Upgrades [File No. CK. 7820-1 and TS 7820-1]

Mayor Clark excused himself from the meeting at 9:58 a.m. during consideration of this matter and was not present for the vote.

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

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

That the Administration be given approval for Contract No. 16-0053, Fletcher Road Sewer Upgrades to exceed 25% of the contract value.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Gough, Councillor Gersher, and Councillor Hill

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.4 Recovery Park – Request for Proposals for Scale House Design and Construction Management [File No. CK. 7830-4-2 and CP. 7838-005]

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

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

That a Request for Proposals be issued for specialized design services for the scale house and occupied buildings associated with Recovery Park.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Gough, Councillor Gersher, and Councillor Hill

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.5 Compost Sale Strategy [File No. CK. 7830-5 x1720-1 and PW 7832-2]

Senior Project Management Engineer Jelinski addressed questions of the Committee.

Mayor Clark returned at 10:06 a.m. during discussion on the matter.

Councillor Block entered the meeting at 10:06 a.m. during discussion on the matter.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

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

1. That a pilot program for providing small quantities of compost to residents at no charge, be approved; and
2. That a rate of \$15 per cubic yard be approved for bulk purchases of materials from the compost depots, including finished compost, mulch, topsoil and fire logs.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Gough, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.6 Organics Opportunities [File No. CK 7830-1 and CP. 7838-010]

Councillor Loewen excused herself temporarily from the meeting at 10:24 a.m. and Councillor Gough assumed the Chair.

Director of Environmental and Corporate Initiatives Wallace advised the Committee regarding the public engagement stage.

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

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

That Administration continue research and program development on an organics program for the Residential, Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional sectors.

(Councillor Loewen was not present for the vote.)

In Favour: (4): Councillor Gough, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.7 Waste Utility Design Options [File No. CK 7830-1 & CP. 7542-006]

A letter requesting to speak from David McGrane, Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee, was provided.

Director of Environmental and Corporate Initiatives Wallace presented the report and addressed questions of the Committee.

Mr. David McGrane addressed the Committee regarding the advantage of composting.

Councillor Loewen re-entered the meeting at 10:43 a.m. during consideration of this item and assumed the Chair.

Moved By: Councillor Hill

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

1. That the Administration continue to develop a program to expand the Waste Services Utility to include variable-pricing options; and
2. That the Administration engage citizens and stakeholders on variable-pricing options based on the information presented in this report, and report back in the first quarter of 2018 with a proposed design and timeline for implementation for a utility model.

In Favour: (5): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Gough, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Hill, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed at 11:00 a.m. and resumed at 11:11 a.m.

Due to the hour of the meeting, the Committee moved to consider Item 7.2.9 at this time.

7.2.9 Storm Water Utility Business Plan [File No. CK. 7560-1 and TS 7820-1]

The following letters were provided:

Requesting to Speak

- Laurie Bourgeois, dated August 11, 2017;
- Jennifer Kerr, dated August 11, 2017;
- Ross Miller, dated August 14, 2017;
- Laura Swerhone, dated August 14, 2017; and
- Andrea and Nathan Ziegler, dated August 14, 2017.

Councillor Hill declared a conflict of interest and excused himself from the meeting. He was not present for the voting. Councillor Hill initially moved the recommendations of the Administration but withdrew his motion indicating that he will seek legal advice on if he is in conflict given he resides in one of the 30 neighbourhoods being examined.

Manager, Storm Water Utility Schmidt provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee and responded to questions.

Ms. Laurie Bourgeois addressed the Committee regarding the effect that the past flooding events has had.

Ms. Jennifer Kerr addressed the Committee regarding the effect that the flooding events over the past years has had on her property. Ms. Kerr provided visuals to the Committee.

Mr. Ross Miller, addressed the Committee regarding the effect that the flooding events over the past years has had on his property and the need for a retaining pond. Mr. Miller provided visuals to the Committee.

Laura Swerhone addressed the Committee regarding the effect that the flooding events over the past years has had on her property.

Andrea and Nathan Ziegler addressed the Committee regarding the effect that the flooding events over the past years has had on their property and the neighbours'. A presentation was provided to the Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

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

1. That the Storm Water Utility focus resources on maintenance and preservation of existing storm water assets;
2. That \$3 million be maintained in the Storm Water Utility's capital reserve to protect strategic public infrastructure from damage caused by riverbank slumping and other emergency storm water repairs;

3. That the Equivalent Runoff Unit used for Storm Water Management charges be increased by \$13.50 annually from 2019 to 2022, and utilized for projects to maintain and preserve storm water infrastructure; and
4. That the temporary Flood Protection Program be extended and phased out by \$13.50 annually from 2019 to 2022.
(Councillor Hill was not present for the vote.)

In Favour: (4): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Gough, Councillor Gersher, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Mayor C. Clark

1. That the Administration report prior to 2018 budget consideration on the impact of increase to the ERU to generate funds for flood mitigation;
2. That the City identify this situation as a further request for Federal Funding; and
3. That the Administration report on funding and infrastructure strategy to systematically deal with the top risk priority areas.
(Councillor Hill was not present for the vote.)

In Favour: (4): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Gough, Councillor Gersher, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Gough

That the Administration report back outlining possible incentives to residential and/or commercial/industrial property owners to promote demonstrated onsite storm water management not only for new development/infill development, but for retrofit with possible emphasis on established and flood-prone areas.

(Councillor Hill was not present for the vote.)

In Favour: (4): Councillor Loewen, Councillor Gough, Councillor Gersher, and Mayor C. Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.8 Water Utility Levels of Service [File No. CK. 116-2, x 7500-1 and PW. 7550-1]

Consideration of this matter was deferred to the September 11, 2017 meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Councillor M. Loewen, Chair

S. Bryant, Deputy City Clerk