



PUBLIC MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING STREET ACTIVITY STEERING COMMITTEE

**December 13, 2017, 12:07 p.m.
Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall**

PRESENT: Mr. B. Penner (Downtown Saskatoon), Chair
Inspector R. Huisman (Saskatoon Police Service)
Ms. D. Mercier (Broadway Business Improvement District)
Mr. R. Pshebylo (Riversdale Business Improvement District)
Senior Planner E. Miller (Neighbourhood Planning,
Community Services Department)

ABSENT: Ms. V. Charles (Saskatoon Anti-Poverty Coalition)

ALSO PRESENT: Community Support Program Supervisor L. Prefontaine
Committee Assistant J. Fast

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: R. Pshebylo

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. STREET ACTIVITY STEERING COMMITTEE - GOVERNANCE REVIEW - ADVISORY COMMITTEES [Files CK. 225-1 and 175-1]

The Committee Assistant submitted the Advisory Committees Governance Review report considered by the Governance and Priorities Committee (GPC) on November 14, 2017, and the recommendations of GPC approved by City Council on November 20, 2017, for comment and review. It was noted that the Core Committee would appreciate receiving comments by no later than December 31, 2017.

It was noted the report recommends the dissolution and disbandment of the Street Activity Steering Committee for 2019, with a new Advisory Committee created with redefined Terms of Reference, including mandate, Committee composition and reporting structure.

Solicitor Bogad was in attendance and responded to questions of the Committee.

The Committee's comments, to be included in a report submitted by the Chair and shared with GPC at its Regular Public Business Meeting in February, 2018, are as follows:

- An avenue is required for the Community Support Program to report on what is occurring on the street.
- Need to ensure voice is strong enough to be heard as the Community Support Program only covers a specific strategic area of the city. The new Advisory Committee on Community Wellness and Safety could have a broad mandate and absorb a lot of different areas, e.g. animal control. Concern components of the Community Support Program may get lost.
- Concern regarding mandate being skewed if the Community Support Officers are viewed as a function, and new initiatives placed on the Officers which would then see their mandate diluted.
- The Street Activity Steering Committee was formed initially to assist with the start-up of the Community Support Program – perhaps the Committee could be transformed somewhat but continue to report to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services rather than absorbed into the new Advisory Committee on Community Wellness and Safety.
- The Community Support Program was established to ensure a voice for property owners and businesses within the districts; to deal with issues that are more pervasive there than other areas of the city. The Street Activity Steering Committee represents those people - is their voice - and it's important to maintain that in the new structure.
- Concern if subsumed by the Advisory Committee on Community Wellness and Safety that it may not see what the Program needs or recommends as a priority and, therefore, whatever presentation submitted to the Advisory Committee wouldn't go any further. Reporting to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services may be more appropriate and beneficial for the Program.
- The partnerships that came together to form the Street Activity Steering Committee should reach even further. The Community Support Program is set out for business owners, general public and those with lived experience and it is those three sections of the community that the program is for. Not just for people dealing with issues on the streets (although primary) but for business groups to have a resource, and also for the general public to see

Community Support Program staff and know that there is someone they can turn to for help.

- Change to the funding model is important.
- The reason the Community Support Program exists is because of issues in the Business Improvement Districts, not in other areas of Saskatoon. There are billions of dollars of assets in the three BIDS.
- Concern that statistics showing improvements and numbers progressively getting better in turn could cause actions to reduce or suggest that the program may no longer be needed.
- Healthy Business Improvement Districts are necessary to have a healthy community.
- The Street Activity Steering Committee's updated Terms of Reference should be included in the report.

The Chair requested Committee members to forward further comments and suggestions to him by Friday, December 15 and he will compile the report. A draft report will be forwarded to the Committee for final review prior to submission to the Core Committee.

Senior Planner Miller undertook to email out the updated Terms of Reference and some of the initial reports regarding the development of the program for the members to review when submitting further comments.

Moved By: D. Mercier

That the Chair prepare a report for the Street Activity Steering Committee members to review prior to being submitted to the Core Committee by December 31, 2017.

CARRIED

Inspector Huisman excused himself from the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Mr. B. Penner, Chair

Ms. J. Fast, Committee Assistant