

AT REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021

AT A MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

HELD IN PUBLIC SESSION

AT 9:00 AM

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Present: Councillor Bob Hawkins, in the Chair
Mayor Sandra Masters
Councillor Lori Bresciani
Councillor Dan LeBlanc
Councillor John Findura
Councillor Jason Mancinelli (Videoconference)
Councillor Landon Mohl
Councillor Terina Shaw (Videoconference)
Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk
Councillor Andrew Stevens
Councillor Shanon Zachidniak

Also in Attendance: City Clerk, Jim Nicol
Deputy City Clerk, Amber Ackerman
City Manager, Chris Holden
City Solicitor, Byron Werry (Videoconference)
Executive Director, Citizen Experience, Innovation & Performance Louise Folk
Executive Director, Citizen Services, Kim Onrait
Executive Director, City Planning & Community Dev., Diana Hawryluk
Executive Director, Financial Strategy & Sustainability, Barry Lacey
Director, Assessment & Property Revenue Services, Deborah Bryden
Director, Land, Real Estate & Facilities, Shauna Bzdel (Videoconference)
City Assessor, Steve Ward

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC AGENDA

Councillor Lori Bresciani moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the agenda for this meeting be approved, as submitted, at the call of the Chair.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Councillor Landon Mohl moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the minutes for the meeting held on March 3, 2021 be adopted, as circulated.

Councillor Bob Hawkins moved that item EX21-25 COVID-19 Emergency be added to the agenda.

The Clerk called the vote on Councillor Hawkin's motion.

	In Favour	Against
Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk	✓	
Mayor Sandra Masters	✓	
Councillor Landon Mohl	✓	
Councillor Jason Mancinelli	✓	
Councillor Shanon Zachidniak	✓	
Councillor Terina Shaw	✓	
Councillor Dan LeBlanc	✓	
Councillor John Findura	✓	
Councillor Lori Bresciani	✓	
Councillor Andrew Stevens	✓	
Councillor Bob Hawkins	✓	
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The motion was put and declared CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Hawkins stepped down from the chair to enter the debate.

Councillor Stevens took the chair.

EX21-25 COVID-19 Emergency

Recommendation

The Executive Committee recommends that:

1. Waive notice so that this motion may be heard on an immediate emergency basis; and
2. Recommends that Regina City Council:
 - a. Suspend and replace all in-person Regina City Council and Committees of Council meetings with virtual meetings, with the exception of only the meeting chair and strictly essential staff present in Henry Baker Hall effective close of business Wednesday, March 17, 2021;
 - b. Adopt that these provisions continue in effect until April 30, 2021; and
 - c. Approve these recommendations at its meeting on March 31, 2021.

Councillor Bob Hawkins moved that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in.

The Clerk called the vote on Councillor Hawkin's motion.

	In Favour	Against
Councillor Bob Hawkins	✓	
Councillor Landon Mohl	✓	
Councillor Jason Mancinelli	✓	
Councillor Shanon Zachidniak	✓	
Councillor Terina Shaw	✓	
Councillor Dan LeBlanc	✓	
Councillor John Findura	✓	
Councillor Lori Bresciani	✓	
Councillor Andrew Stevens	✓	
Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk	✓	
Mayor Sandra Masters	✓	
	11	0

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

Councillor Hawkins returned to the chair.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

EX21-19 Appointment of Integrity Commissioner

Recommendation

The Executive Committee recommends that City Council:

1. Delegate authority to the City Solicitor, subject to the concurrence of the Clerk, to negotiate and engage the services of an integrity commissioner or commissioners as outlined in this report for a period of up to four years on a retainer basis, on an *ad hoc* interim basis or jointly with other municipalities if feasible.
2. Authorize the City Clerk to execute the necessary agreements after review and approval by the City Solicitor.
3. Approve these recommendations at its meeting on March 31, 2021.

Councillor Shanon Zachidniak moved that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in.

The Clerk called the vote on Councillor Zachidniak's motion.

	In Favour	Against
Councillor Shanon Zachidniak	✓	
Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk	✓	
Councillor Andrew Stevens	✓	
Councillor Lori Bresciani	✓	
Councillor John Findura	✓	
Councillor Dan LeBlanc	✓	
Councillor Terina Shaw	✓	
Councillor Jason Mancinelli	✓	
Councillor Landon Mohl	✓	
Mayor Sandra Masters	✓	
Councillor Bob Hawkins	✓	
	11	0

The motion was put and declared **CARRIED**.

EX21-20 Boundary Alteration - 2021 Property Tax Exemptions

Recommendation

The Executive Committee recommends that City Council:

1. Approve the property tax exemptions as listed in Appendix B subject to the Government of Saskatchewan approving the exemption or partial exemption of the education portion of the taxes for amounts that are \$25,000 or greater.
2. Instruct the City Solicitor to bring forward the necessary bylaw to provide for the property tax exemptions listed in Appendix B.
3. Authorize the Executive Director Financial Strategy & Sustainability or delegate to apply to the Government of Saskatchewan on behalf of property owners for any exemption of the education portion of the taxes that is \$25,000 or greater as outlined in Appendix B.
4. Approve these recommendations at its March 31, 2021 meeting.

Councillor Lori Bresciani moved that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in.

Councillor Dan LeBlanc moved that the Committee meet *in camera* to receive confidential legal advice from the City Solicitor.

The Clerk called the vote on Councillor LeBlanc's motion.

	In Favour	Against
Councillor Dan LeBlanc	✓	
Councillor John Findura	✓	
Councillor Lori Bresciani	✓	
Councillor Andrew Stevens	✓	
Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk	✓	
Councillor Terina Shaw	✓	
Councillor Shanon Zachidniak	✓	
Councillor Jason Mancinelli	✓	
Councillor Landon Mohl	✓	
Mayor Sandra Masters	✓	
Councillor Bob Hawkins	✓	
	11	0

The motion was put and declared **CARRIED**.

The Committee went *in camera*.

Councillor Hawkins reported that Committee had met *in camera* to receive confidential legal advice from the City Solicitor. The Committee acknowledged the information but made no recommendation.

The Committee resumed public session.

The Clerk called the vote on Councillor Bresciani's motion.

	In Favour	Against
Councillor Lori Bresciani	✓	
Councillor John Findura	✓	
Councillor Dan LeBlanc	✓	
Councillor Terina Shaw	✓	
Councillor Shanon Zachidniak	✓	
Councillor Jason Mancinelli	✓	
Councillor Landon Mohl	✓	
Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk	✓	
Councillor Andrew Stevens	✓	
Mayor Sandra Masters	✓	
Councillor Bob Hawkins	✓	
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The motion was put and declared **CARRIED**.

EX21-21 Regina Economic Recovery Grant (RERG) Phase 1 Update

Recommendation

The Executive Committee recommends that City Council:

1. Recommend the request from the Regina Downtown Business Improvement District for economic recovery support be considered by the Regina Recovery and Efficiency Task Force in the development of opportunities for economic and community recovery and that the Task Force provide recommendations related to the request for Council's consideration before the end of Q2 of 2021.
2. Recommend the request from the Regina Warehouse Business Improvement District for economic recovery support be considered by the Regina Recovery and Efficiency Task Force in the development of opportunities for economic and community recovery and that the Task Force provide recommendations related to the request for Council's consideration before the end of Q2 of 2021.
3. Recommend the request from the Regina Hotel Association for a one-year, 25 per cent partial tax exemption for hotels and motels be considered by the Regina Recovery and Efficiency Task Force in the development of opportunities for economic and community recovery and that the Task Force provide recommendations related to the request for Council's consideration before the end of Q2 of 2021.
4. Remove item CR20-68 from the Outstanding Items List for City Council.
5. That this report be forwarded to the March 31, 2021 meeting of City Council for approval

The following addressed the Committee:

- Tracy Fahlman, Regina Hotel Association
- Judith Veresuk, Regina Downtown Business Improvement District
- Lease Gibbons, Regina Warehouse Business Improvement District

RECESS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 34(13.1) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004, a 15 minute recess was called.

The Committee recessed at 11:19 a.m.

The Committee reconvened at 11:35 a.m.

Councillor Andrew Stevens moved that all requests for economic support be considered by the Regina Recovery and Efficiency Task Force subject to:

- 1. The Task Force meeting to establish its objectives and criteria respecting applications;**
- 2. The Task Force outlining the information that all applicants are required to include in their application; and**
- 3. The Task Force providing recommendation to City Council by the end of Q3 of 2021.**

The Clerk called the vote on Councillor Stevens' motion.

	In Favour	Against
Councillor Andrew Stevens	✓	
Councillor John Findura	✓	
Councillor Dan LeBlanc	✓	
Councillor Terina Shaw	✓	
Councillor Shanon Zachidniak	✓	
Councillor Jason Mancinelli	✓	
Councillor Landon Mohl	✓	
Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk	✓	
Councillor Lori Bresciani	✓	
Mayor Sandra Masters	✓	
Councillor Bob Hawkins	✓	
	11	0

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

EX21-22 City Centre Core Partnership Framework and Action Plan; and
EX21-24 Heritage Conservation - Interim Policy

Councillor Lori Bresciani moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that items EX21-22 City Centre Core Partnership Framework and Action Plan and EX21-24 Interim Heritage Conservation Processes be tabled to the next Executive Committee meeting.

RECESS

Councillor John Findura moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the Committee recess for five minutes.

The Committee recessed at 12:05 p.m.

The Committee reconvened at 12:14 p.m.

EX21-23 2021 Revaluation Update and Tax Policy

Recommendation

The Executive Committee recommends that City Council:

1. Adopt the following principles in establishing mill rate factors for 2021:
 - a. That the relative share of property taxes between the Residential and Non-Residential Properties does not change due to revaluation.
 - b. That long-term stability be considered in establishing tax policies for mill rate factors.
2. Continue the subclass for Golf Courses and the mill rate factor set so that the effective tax rate is equal to 65 per cent of the effective commercial tax rate.
3. Establish the following classes and subclasses of property along with the following mill rate factors for the group of residential classes of properties and the group of non-residential properties such that the above recommendations are applied, and the mill rate factors be set at:

CLASS	SUBCLASS	MILL RATE FACTOR
Residential	Residential (including condominiums)	0.91034
	Multi-Family Residential	0.91034
Commercial/Industrial	Commercial and Industrial	1.2495
	Railway and Pipeline	1.2495
	Resource	1.2495
	Golf Courses	0.81197
Agricultural	N/A	1.2495

4. Implement a phase-in of property tax changes for the non-residential properties for changes in property taxes as a result of the 2021 revaluation, whereby the phase-in shall be revenue-neutral by phasing in decreases and increases, with decreases and increases applied as follows:
 - 2021 increases and decreases limited to 1/3 of the property tax change.
 - 2022 increases and decreases limited to 2/3 of the property tax change.
 - 2023 the full increase or decrease would be applied.
5. Instruct the City Solicitor to prepare the necessary bylaws needed to implement the above recommendations in spring 2021 once the City receives the education mill rate from the Government of Saskatchewan and approves the mill rates for the Business Improvement Districts.
6. Remove item CR20-58(1) from the Outstanding Items List for City Council.

Councillor Landon Mohl moved that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in.

Councillor Dan LeBlanc moved, in amendment that City Council direct Administration to implement a phase-in of property tax changes to multi-family residential properties for changes in property taxes as a result of the 2021 revaluation, subject to three conditions being met: the property is multi-family residential, the property is owned and operated by a non-profit entity, and the property saw more than a 100% increase in its municipal property taxes as a result of the 2021 revaluation. The phase-in shall be applied as follows:

- 1. 2021 increase limited to 1/3 the of the property tax change**
- 2. 2022 increase limited to 2/3 of the property tax change**
- 3. 2023 the full increase would be applied.**

The Clerk called the vote on Councillor LeBlanc's motion.

	In Favour	Against
Councillor Dan LeBlanc	✓	
Councillor Terina Shaw	✓	
Councillor Shanon Zachidniak	✓	
Councillor Jason Mancinelli	✓	
Councillor Landon Mohl	✓	
Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk	✓	
Councillor Andrew Stevens	✓	
Councillor Lori Bresciani	✓	
Councillor John Findura	✓	
Mayor Sandra Masters	✓	
Councillor Bob Hawkins	✓	
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The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

Councillor Dan LeBlanc moved, in amendment, that City Council direct Administration to provide information on the removal of the mill rate subclass for Golf Courses and instead tax Golf Courses according to the effective commercial tax rate as part of the "Property Tax Review report" that is to come forward to the Executive Committee in Q3 of 2021.

The Clerk called the vote on Councillor LeBlanc's motion.

	In Favour	Against
Councillor Dan LeBlanc	✓	
Councillor John Findura	✓	
Councillor Lori Bresciani	✓	
Councillor Andrew Stevens		✓
Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk	✓	

Councillor Terina Shaw	✓	
Councillor Shanon Zachidniak	✓	
Councillor Jason Mancinelli	✓	
Councillor Landon Mohl	✓	
Mayor Sandra Masters	✓	
Councillor Bob Hawkins	✓	
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The motion was put and declared **CARRIED**.

The Clerk called the vote on the main motion, as amended.

	In Favour	Against
Councillor Landon Mohl	✓	
Councillor Jason Mancinelli	✓	
Councillor Shanon Zachidniak	✓	
Councillor Terina Shaw	✓	
Councillor Dan LeBlanc	✓	
Councillor John Findura	✓	
Councillor Lori Bresciani	✓	
Councillor Andrew Stevens	✓	
Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk	✓	
Mayor Sandra Masters	✓	
Councillor Bob Hawkins	✓	
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The main motion, as amended, was put and declared **CARRIED**.

RESOLUTION FOR PRIVATE SESSION

Councillor Andrew Stevens moved, **AND IT WAS RESOLVED**, that in the interest of the public, the remaining items on the agenda be considered in private.

RECESS

Councillor Stevens moved, **AND IT WAS RESOLVED**, that the Committee recess for five minutes.

The Committee recessed at 12:55 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary