

AT REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020

AT A MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

HELD IN PUBLIC SESSION

AT 9:00 AM

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

Also in Attendance: City Clerk, Jim Nicol
Council Officer, Ashley Thompson
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, Tax & Utility Billing, Deborah Bryden (Videoconference)
Manager, Social & Cultural Development, Emmaline Hill (Videoconference)

(The meeting commenced in the absence of Councillor Mancinelli)

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC AGENDA

Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the agenda for this meeting be approved, as submitted.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Councillor Shanon Zachidniak moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the minutes for the meeting held on November 25, 2020 be adopted, as circulated.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

EX20-32 2021 Budget Submission - Provincial Capital Commission

Recommendation

The Executive Committee recommends that City Council:

Refer the Provincial Capital Commission (PCC) 2021 budget as submitted to the City's 2021 budget process.

(Councillor Mancinelli arrived at the meeting)

Monique Goffinet Miller, representing Provincial Capital Commission, made a PowerPoint presentation and addressed the Committee. A copy of the presentation is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

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

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

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

EX20-33 Buffalo Pound Water Treatment Corporation - 2020 Semi-Annual Report

Recommendation

The Executive Committee recommends that City Council receive and file this report.

Ryan Johnson, representing Buffalo Pound Water Treatment Corporation, addressed the Committee.

Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk moved that this report be received and filed.

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

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

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: 00 a.m.

The Committee reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

EX20-34 Daycare Centre Tax Exemptions

Recommendation

The Executive Committee recommends that City Council:

1. Approve a two-year tax exemption for the years 2021 and 2022 equal to 40 per cent of the taxes levied with respect to all properties in the city that are owned and operated by licensed non-profit childcare centres on the following conditions:
 - a. The tax exemption shall only apply to the portion of the property that is occupied and used for or in conjunction with the childcare centre; and
 - b. The tax exemption only applies to the property while it is being operated as a licensed childcare centre as defined by *The Child Care Act, 2014*;
2. Direct the City Solicitor to prepare the necessary tax exemption agreements and authorizing bylaw to provide the tax exemption to be brought forward at a future City Council date once all the exemption agreements have been signed; and

3. Authorize the City Manager or designate to apply to the Government of Saskatchewan on behalf of the property owners for any exemption of the education portion of the property taxes that is \$25,000 or greater in any year during the term of exemption.
4. Direct Administration bring an information report to City Council in Q4 of 2021 that provides more information on the current state of the federal government's work towards a national childcare program and any known impacts such a program will have on City policy.
5. Approve the recommendations in this report at its meeting on December 16, 2020.

The following addressed the Committee:

- Colleen Schmidt, Cathedral Area Cooperative Daycare
- Cara Steiner, Prairie Lily Early Learning Centre
- Allison Tholl, Sandcastles Childcare Inc.

(Councillor LeBlanc temporarily left the meeting)

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

	In Favour	Against
Councillor Lori Bresciani	✓	
Councillor John Findura	✓	
Councillor Terina Shaw	✓	
Councillor Shanon Zachidniak	✓	
Councillor Jason Mancinelli	✓	
Councillor Landon Mohl	✓	
Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk	✓	
Councillor Bob Hawkins	✓	
Mayor Sandra Masters	✓	
Councillor Andrew Stevens	✓	
	10	0

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

(Councillor LeBlanc returned to the meeting)

(Councillor Mancinelli temporarily left the meeting)

EX20-35 Community Non-Profit Tax Exemptions - 2021

Recommendation

The Executive Committee recommends that City Council:

1. Approve the property tax exemptions listed in Appendix B subject to the Government of Saskatchewan approving the exemption or partial exemption of the education portion of the property tax levies where required.
2. Authorize the Executive Director, Financial Strategy & Sustainability or his delegate to apply for the approval of the Government of Saskatchewan on behalf of property owners for any exemption of the education portion of the property tax levies payable to the Government of Saskatchewan that is \$25,000 or greater on an annual basis.
3. Direct the City Solicitor to prepare the necessary bylaw to authorize the property tax exemptions for 2021 for those properties that are receiving one-year tax exemptions as listed in Appendix B.
4. Approve these recommendations at its December 16, 2020 meeting.

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

(Councillor Mancinelli returned to the meeting)

Councillor Dan LeBlanc moved, in amendment, that the RCMP Heritage Centre be removed from Appendix B - 2021 Community Non-Profit Exemption Policy Applicants Recommended for Exemption.

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

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

Councillor Bob Hawkins moved, in amendment, that the Girl Guides of Canada be added to Appendix B - 2021 Community Non-Profit Exemption Policy Applicants Recommended for Exemption.

The Clerk called the vote on Councillor Hawkins amendment.

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

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

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

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

The main motion, as amended, was put and declared CARRIED.

EX20-36 Financial Update

Recommendation

The Executive Committee recommends that City Council:

1. Approve the use of up to \$2,000,000 of the federal Safe Re-Start Program funding to fund the cost of the City of Regina's previously approved Regina Economic Recovery Grant Program.

2. Approve the establishment of a new COVID-19 Recovery Reserve.
3. Approve a transfer \$14,289,000 of the federal Safe Re-Start Program funding received in 2020 to the COVID-19 Recovery Reserve.
4. Instruct the City Solicitor to amend Schedule A of *The Regina Administration Bylaw*, No. 2003-69 to establish the new COVID-19 Recovery Reserve.
5. Approve these recommendations at its December 16, 2020 meeting.

Councillor Jason Mancinelli moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that this report be forwarded to the December 16, 2020 meeting of City Council for consideration.

EX20-37 2021 Budget Update

Recommendation

That Executive Committee receive and file this communication.

Councillor Jason Mancinelli moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that this report be tabled to a future Executive Committee meeting to be determined by the City Clerk.

EX20-41 1971 Albert Street - Property Tax Penalties

Recommendation

The Executive Committee recommends that City Council:

1. Deny the request by Smith Street Lands Ltd. for a partial property tax reduction on 1971 Albert Street.
2. Approve these recommendations at its meeting on December 16, 2020.

Councillor Bob Hawkins moved that this report be forwarded to the December 16, 2020 meeting of City Council for consideration.

	In Favour	Against
Councillor Bob Hawkins	✓	
Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk	✓	
Councillor Lori Bresciani	✓	
Councillor John Findura		✓
Councillor Dan LeBlanc	✓	
Councillor Terina Shaw		✓
Councillor Shanon Zachidniak	✓	
Councillor Jason Mancinelli	✓	
Councillor Landon Mohl	✓	
Mayor Sandra Masters	✓	
Councillor Andrew Stevens	✓	
	9	2

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

RECESS

Councillor Bob Hawkins moved that the Committee recess for 15 minutes.

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

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

The Committee recessed at 12:30 p.m.

The Committee reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

(Mayor Sandra Masters declared a conflict of interest on items reports EX20-38 and EX20-39, citing her previous role as Chairperson for the Regina Exhibition Association Limited Board of Directors, abstained from discussion and voting, and temporarily left the meeting)

EX20-38 REAL COVID-19 Cashflow

Recommendation

The Executive Committee recommends that City Council:

1. Authorize the Executive Director, Financial Strategy and Sustainability for the City to negotiate, approve and enter into all necessary agreements with The Regina Exhibition Association Limited (REAL) and HSBC Bank Canada on behalf of the City, and generally to do all things and to execute all documents and other papers in the name of the City in order to facilitate the change to REAL's credit facilities as outlined in Appendix A to this report.
2. Instruct the City Solicitor to prepare amendments to *Bylaw 2015-25, The Regina Exhibition Association Limited Borrowing and Guarantee Bylaw, 2015* to amend the credit facilities in that Bylaw based on the terms and conditions authorized by the Executive Director, Financial Strategy and Sustainability and Appendix A to this report.

3. Pursuant to clause 5.2(f) of the Unanimous Member's Agreement for REAL, authorize REAL to amend the credit facilities outlined in REAL's loan with HSBC Bank Canada based on Appendix A to this report.
4. Authorize the Executive Director, Financial Strategy and Sustainability, as the City's proxy, to exercise the City's voting rights in REAL to approve any organizational resolutions or documents that may be required of REAL in relation to the proposed changes to the credit facilities in *Bylaw 2015-25* as outlined in this report.
5. Authorize the Executive Director, Financial Strategy and Sustainability to submit annual grant funding to REAL of \$700,000 per year beginning in 2021 with the grant to be included in the 2021 General Operating Budget, on the following conditions:
 - a. That the grant funding be used for the sole purpose of making principal and interest payments on the outstanding debt REAL has with HSBC Bank Canada.
6. Approve these recommendations at its meeting on December 16, 2020.

Tim Reid, Wayne Morsky and Roberta Engel, representing Regina Exhibition Association Limited made a PowerPoint presentation and addressed the Committee. A copy of the presentation is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

(Councillor Mohl left the meeting.)

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

	In Favour	Against
Councillor Bob Hawkins	✓	
Councillor Lori Bresciani	✓	
Councillor John Findura	✓	
Councillor Dan LeBlanc	✓	
Councillor Terina Shaw	✓	
Councillor Shanon Zachidniak	✓	
Councillor Jason Mancinelli	✓	
Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk	✓	
Councillor Andrew Stevens	✓	
	9	0

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

Councillor Bob Hawkins moved that mandatory adjournment pursuant to the provisions of Section 12(1.1) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004 be waived and the meeting continue.

	In Favour	Against
Councillor Bob Hawkins	✓	
Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk	✓	
Councillor Lori Bresciani	✓	
Councillor John Findura	✓	
Councillor Dan LeBlanc	✓	
Councillor Terina Shaw	✓	
Councillor Shanon Zachidniak	✓	
Councillor Jason Mancinelli	✓	
Councillor Andrew Stevens	✓	
	9	0

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

EX20-39 Lease of City Property at 1700 Elphinstone Street

Recommendation

The Executive Committee recommends that City Council:

1. Approve the proposed 40-year lease agreement between the City of Regina and McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Limited as outlined in the body of this report.
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designate, to resolve and approve the final terms and conditions of the lease agreement as outlined in the report.
3. Authorize the City Clerk to execute the lease agreement documents after review by the City Solicitor.
4. Approve these recommendations at its December 16, 2020 meeting, after giving the required public notice in accordance with *The Public Notice Policy Bylaw, 2020*.

Tim Reid, representing Regina Exhibition Association Limited, addressed the Committee.

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

	In Favour	Against
Councillor Lori Bresciani	✓	
Councillor John Findura	✓	
Councillor Dan LeBlanc	✓	
Councillor Terina Shaw	✓	
Councillor Shanon Zachidniak		✓
Councillor Jason Mancinelli	✓	
Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk	✓	
Councillor Bob Hawkins	✓	
Councillor Andrew Stevens	✓	
	8	1

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

EX20-40 Advance Approval for Capital Projects and Community Investments

Recommendation

The Executive Committee recommends that City Council:

1. Approve \$52,560,500 to be provided for the 2021 General Fund Capital projects identified in Appendix A to provide sufficient time for each project to meet deadlines and completion dates.
2. Approve \$5,000,000 to be provided for the 2021 Utility Fund Capital projects identified in Appendix B to provide sufficient time for each project to meet deadlines and completion dates.
3. Approve \$4,245,000 to be provided for the 2021 Community Investments allocation to allow community investments to be provided to funded agencies without delay.
4. Approve these recommendations at its meeting on December 16, 2020.

(Mayor Masters returned to the meeting)

Councillor John Findura moved that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in.

	In Favour	Against
Councillor John Findura	✓	
Councillor Lori Bresciani	✓	
Councillor Dan LeBlanc	✓	
Councillor Terina Shaw	✓	
Councillor Shanon Zachidniak	✓	
Councillor Jason Mancinelli	✓	
Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk	✓	
Councillor Bob Hawkins	✓	
Mayor Sandra Masters	✓	
Councillor Andrew Stevens	✓	
	10	0

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLUTION FOR PRIVATE SESSION

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

RECESS

Councillor Lori Bresciani moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the Committee recess for five minutes.

The Committee recessed at 2:20 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary