

AT REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023

AT A MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

AT 1:00 PM

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

Regrets: Councillor Landon Mohl

Also in Attendance: City Clerk, Jim Nicol
Deputy City Clerk, Amber Ackerman
City Manager, Niki Anderson
Acting City Solicitor, Jana Marie Odling
Executive Director, City Planning & Community Development, Deborah Bryden
Executive Director, Financial Strategy & Sustainability, Barry Lacey
Acting Executive Director, Citizen Services, Kurtis Doney
Chief of Staff, City Manager's Office, Ly Pham
Director, Economic & Business Development, Chad Jedlic
Director, Planning & Development Services, Autumn Dawson
Director, Sustainable Infrastructure, Karen Gasmol
Manager, City Projects, Luke Grazier

(The meeting commenced in the absence of Councillor Shanon Zachidniak.)

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Councillor Lori Bresciani moved, seconded by Councillor Bob Hawkins, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the agenda for this meeting be approved at the call of the Chair, with an adjustment to the order of the agenda for the following two public notice reports to be considered first and in the following order:

- ***CM23-21 - Eastern Pressure Solution Funding;***
- ***CR23-69 - Annual Debt Report;*** and
- **The remaining items on the meeting agenda to be considered as published, unless otherwise adjusted at the call of the Chair.**

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Councillor John Findura moved, seconded by Councillor Bob Hawkins, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the minutes for the meeting held on May 24, 2023 be adopted, as circulated.

PUBLIC NOTICE REPORTS

CM23-21 Eastern Pressure Solution Funding

Recommendation

That City Council approve an increase of \$53,060,000 to the current approved budget of \$109,050,000 for the Eastern Pressure Solution Project (EPS Project) to a total approved budget of \$162,110,000.

City Administration made a Power Point presentation to City Council, a copy of which is on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

(Councillor Shanon Zachidniak arrived to the meeting.)

Councillor Bob Hawkins moved, seconded by Councillor Lori Bresciani that the recommendation contained in the report be concurred in.

Councillor Bob Hawkins moved, in amendment, seconded by Councillor Lori Bresciani, that City Council:

- 1. Approve the inclusion of a 2nd tank as outlined in Option 1; and**
- 2. Direct Administration to prepare a report that includes the various financial options and implications to fund the Pressure Solution Project.**

City Council recessed at 1:49 p.m.

City Council reconvened at 1:56 p.m.

Councillor Shanon Zachidniak requested that item #s 1 and 2 of the amending motion be voted on separately.

RECESS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 33(2.1) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004, a 15 minute recess was called.

City Council recessed at 2:33 p.m.

City Council reconvened at 2:56 p.m.

Amending Motion - Item #1 – Approve inclusion of a 2nd tank as outlined in Option 1

Item #1 of the amending motion was put and declared LOST.

RESULT:	LOST [5 to 5]
MOVER:	Councillor Hawkins
SECONDER:	Councillor Bresciani
IN FAVOUR:	Councillors: Bresciani, Findura, Hawkins, Mancinelli, and Mayor Masters
AGAINST:	Councillors: LeBlanc, Nelson, Stadnichuk, Stevens, Zachidniak

Amending Motion – Item #2 – Direct Administration to prepare a report

Item #2 of the amending motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESULT:	CARRIED [9 to 1]
MOVER:	Councillor Hawkins
SECONDER:	Councillor Bresciani
IN FAVOUR:	Councillors: Bresciani, Findura, Hawkins, LeBlanc, Nelson, Stadnichuk, Stevens, Zachidniak, and Mayor Masters
AGAINST:	Councillor Mancinelli

Main Motion, as Amended

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

RESULT:	CARRIED [8 to 2]
MOVER:	Councillor Hawkins
SECONDER:	Councillor Bresciani
IN FAVOUR:	Councillors: Bresciani, Findura, Hawkins, Mancinelli, Nelson, Stadnichuk, Stevens, and Mayor Masters
AGAINST:	Councillors: LeBlanc, Zachidniak

CR23-69 2022 Annual Debt Report

Recommendation

That City Council:

1. Approve the City's request to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board to establish the City of Regina's debt limit at \$780 million from the current limit of \$450 million pursuant to Section 133 of *The Cities Act* and Subsection 23(2) of *The Municipal Board Act*; and
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Director, Financial Strategy & Sustainability to apply to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board on behalf of the City for an increased debt limit of \$780 million and submit any documents or applications required for the purpose of supporting the application.

Councillor Terina Nelson moved, seconded by Councillor John Findura that the

recommendation contained in the report be concurred in.

Tabling Motion

Councillor Shanon Zachidniak moved, seconded by Councillor Dan LeBlanc, that this report be tabled to the June 21, 2023 City Council meeting.

The tabling motion was put and declared LOST.

RESULT:	LOST [3 to 7]
MOVER:	Councillor Zachidniak
SECONDER:	Councillor LeBlanc
IN FAVOUR:	Councillors: LeBlanc, Stevens, Zachidniak
AGAINST:	Councillors: Bresciani, Findura, Hawkins, Mancinelli, Nelson, Stadnichuk, and Mayor Masters

Amending Motion

Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk moved, in amendment, seconded by Councillor Dan LeBlanc, that City Council:

- 1. Approve Option 2 - the City's request to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board to establish the City of Regina's debt limit increase equivalent to 85% of its 2022 Consolidated revenues or \$660 million from the current limit of \$450 million pursuant to Section 133 of *The Cities Act* and Subsection 23(2) of *The Municipal Board Act*; and**
- 2. Delegate authority to the Executive Director, Financial Strategy & Sustainability to apply to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board on behalf of the City for an increased debt limit equivalent to 85% of its 2022 Consolidated revenues or \$660 million and submit any documents or applications required for the purpose of supporting the application.**

The amending motion was put and declared LOST.

RESULT:	LOST [3 to 7]
MOVER:	Councillor Stadnichuk
SECONDER:	Councillor LeBlanc
IN FAVOUR:	Councillors: LeBlanc, Stadnichuk, Zachidniak
AGAINST:	Councillors: Bresciani, Findura, Hawkins, Mancinelli, Nelson, Stevens, and Mayor Masters

Main Motion

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESULT:	CARRIED [7 to 3]
MOVER:	Councillor Nelson
SECONDER:	Councillor Findura
IN FAVOUR:	Councillors: Bresciani, Findura, Hawkins, LeBlanc, Mancinelli, Nelson, and Mayor Masters
AGAINST:	Councillors: Stadnichuk, Stevens, Zachidniak

RECESS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 33(2.1) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004, a 15 minute recess was called.

City Council recessed at 4:16 p.m.

City Council reconvened at 4:36 p.m.

TABLED PUBLIC NOTICE REPORT

CR23-54 Contract Zone Application - 1840 Lorne Street - PL202300010

Recommendation

That City Council:

1. Approve the application to renew the contract zone agreement as proposed until the end of 2024 and in accordance with the previous terms and conditions that applied;
2. Instruct the City Solicitor to prepare the necessary bylaw(s) to give effect to the recommendation, to be brought forward to the meeting of the City Council following approval of these recommendations and the required public notice;

Delegation DE-109 Robert Byers, representing Namerind Housing Corporation, Nick Sackville, representing Big Block Construction, and Derek Ramage, representing Canadian Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC), addressed City Council.

(Councillor LeBlanc temporarily left the meeting.)

At the May 10, 2023 meeting of City Council, Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk moved, seconded by Councillor Shanon Zachidniak that the recommendation contained in the report be concurred in.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESULT:	CARRIED [Unanimous]
MOVER:	Councillor Stadnichuk
SECONDER:	Councillor Zachidniak
IN FAVOUR:	Councillors: Bresciani, Findura, Hawkins, Mancinelli, Nelson, Stadnichuk, Stevens, Zachidniak, and Mayor Masters
AWAY:	LeBlanc

TABLED REPORTS AND MOTION

CM23-14 Integrity Commissioner Investigation Report (No. 2023-02)

Recommendation

The Alternate Integrity Commissioner recommends that City Council:

1. Censure or reprimand Councillor Andrew Stevens for disclosing the Confidential Report attached as Appendix A;
2. Request Councillor Andrew Stevens to provide a written apology to Councillor Terina Nelson with respect to the matter under investigation.

(Councillor Terina Nelson cited a conflict as the Complainant named in this report, abstained from voting during consideration of the report and temporarily stepped down from their Council seat and moved the public gallery.)

(Councillor Andrew Stevens cited a conflict as the Respondent named in this report, abstained from voting during consideration of the report and temporarily stepped down from their Council seat and moved to the public gallery.)

(Councillor Dan LeBlanc returned to the meeting.)

Councillor Bob Hawkins moved, seconded by Councillor Lori Bresciani, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that City Council adopt the findings of the Alternate Integrity Commissioner's Investigation Report REG23-02 dated March 30, 2023 which found that Councillor Andrew Stevens contravened subsection 27(2) of Bylaw No. 2017-4 *The Code of Ethics Bylaw* attached as Appendix A to this report.

Adopt Option #2

Councillor Dan LeBlanc moved, seconded by Councillor Shanon Zachidniak that City Council adopt Option #2: Impose no sanctions, censure or corrective actions.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESULT:	CARRIED [7 to 1]
MOVER:	Councillor LeBlanc
SECONDER:	Councillor Zachidniak
IN FAVOUR:	Councillors: Bresciani, Findura, Hawkins, LeBlanc, Mancinelli, Stadnichuk, Zachidniak
AGAINST:	Mayor Masters
AWAY:	Stevens, Nelson

RECESS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 33(2.2) of City Council's *Procedure Bylaw No. 9004*, a 45 minute recess was called.

City Council recessed at 6:09 p.m.

City Council reconvened at 6:50 p.m. in the absence of Councillors Jason Mancinelli and Shanon Zachidniak.

CR23-70 CMHC Housing Accelerator Fund

Recommendation

That City Council:

1. Approve the Action Plan attached as Appendix B to this report and authorize the Administration to apply to CMHC's Housing Accelerator Fund as further described in this report;
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Director, Financial Strategy & Sustainability to negotiate and approve a Contribution Agreement between the City and CMHC to receive the funding as further described in this report, any amendments to the Agreement that do not substantially change what is described in this report and any ancillary agreements or documents required to give effect to the Agreement;
3. Authorize the City Clerk to execute the necessary agreement(s) after review and approval by the City Solicitor; and
4. Approve the allocation up to \$1 million of the first funding advance in 2023 to support staffing and short-term costs associated with delivering the initiatives, with the remainder of the funding being allocated through the budget process or as otherwise authorized by City Council.

(Councillors Jason Mancinelli and Shanon Zachidniak returned to the meeting.)

The Clerk read communication CP23-33 from Freya Marchuk, North Ridge Development

Corporation, Regina, SK, into the record.

Councillor John Findura moved, seconded by Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the following communications be received and filed:

- CP23-33 Freya Marchuk, North Ridge Development Corporation, Regina, SK
- CP23-34 Stu Niebergall, Regina & Region Home Builders' Association, Regina, SK

Councillor Jason Mancinelli moved, seconded by Councillor Lori Bresciani that the recommendation contained in the report be concurred in.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESULT:	CARRIED [Unanimous]
MOVER:	Councillor Mancinelli
SECONDER:	Councillor Bresciani
IN FAVOUR:	Councillors: Bresciani, Findura, Hawkins, LeBlanc, Mancinelli, Nelson, Stadnichuk, Stevens, Zachidniak and Mayor Masters

CM23-20 Buffalo Pound Water Treatment Corporation - 2022 Annual Report

Recommendation

That City Council receive and file this report.

Delegation DE23-108 Ryan Johnson, representing Buffalo Pound Water Treatment Corporation, Moose Jaw, SK, addressed City Council.

Councillor Bob Hawkins moved, seconded by Councillor Shanon Zachidniak that City Council replace Appendix A of the published report with Appendix A - 2022 Buffalo Pound Water Treatment Corporation Annual Report.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESULT:	CARRIED [Unanimous]
MOVER:	Councillor Hawkins
SECONDER:	Councillor Zachidniak
IN FAVOUR:	Councillors: Bresciani, Findura, Hawkins, LeBlanc, Mancinelli, Nelson, Stadnichuk, Stevens, Zachidniak, and Mayor Masters

MN23-3 Support for Those Raising Young Children

Recommendation

That City Council:

Direct Administration to prepare and present to City Council a report by no later than November 1, 2023 with summaries and recommendations

regarding actions the City and/or its partners can take to make the City more livable and enjoyable for young children and those raising them.

1. Preparation of this report shall include consultation with stakeholders, including those in Regina raising young children, women's organizations, the City's partners (including as defined in FN 1) and childcare providers. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Administration shall specifically endeavour to consult with YWCA Regina Inc., Regina Open Door Society, Childcare Now, Regina Immigrant Women Centre, and Sofia House.
2. This report shall be responsive to the consultation discussed in paragraph 1, above, as well as any policy initiatives which members of Administration believes to be in furtherance of the goal of making the City more livable and enjoyable young children and those raising them. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Administration is specifically directed to consider and make recommendations on the following proposals:
 - a. A summary of four items:
 - i. A summary of the City's existing regulations and incentives for childcare providers.
 - ii. A summary of the existing landscape regarding licensed childcare - with particular focus on whether there is enough licensed childcare available throughout the City, or alternatively the number of additional licensed spaces required to meet existing demand.
 - iii. A summary of the *Canada-Saskatchewan Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement* as it relates to Regina, including any changes towards compliance with that agreement anticipated by 2025.
 - iv. A summary of whether the city and/or its partners are contributing to the essential early childhood development and school readiness that Regina families need it order to be fulsome contributing members of our economy now and in the future.
 - b. Recommendations regarding changes to regulations and/or incentives to result in the growth of licensed, non-profit childcare spaces available within the City.
 - i. In making the above-noted recommendations, Administration shall pay particular attention to the needs of caregivers who work non-traditional hours, and who thus require childcare in non-traditional hours (i.e.

outside of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Monday to Friday).

c. With respect to City-owned facilities:

- i. Whether the City and/or its partners should adopt a policy of offering “drop-in” childcare at all relevant City facilities including recreation centres, swimming pools, and libraries. Alternatively, whether the City should adopt this policy only at all facilities to be built in the future.
- ii. Whether the City and/or its partners should adopt a policy of offering regular “sensory friendly” hours, aimed at being accommodating to those people - including young children - who may be overwhelmed by excess sensory stimulation.
- iii. Whether the City and/or its partners should adopt a policy of ensuring that each relevant building - including arenas, recreation centres, swimming pools and libraries - include a room(s) suitable for bottle or breast feeding, calming a tantrum, or otherwise “calming”. Such room should allow occupants to control lighting and sound. Alternatively, whether such policy should apply to only some buildings, or only to newly-constructed buildings.
- iv. Whether the City and/or its partners should open all child-friendly facilities, including recreation centres, swimming pools, and libraries as of 7 a.m. each day (this to accommodate young children who often wake early). Alternatively, whether the City and/or its partners should open only some facilities early, or only on certain days (namely weekends and holidays), or on in certain seasons (namely winter).
- v. Whether the City and/or its partners should adopt a policy for an increased number of family (multi-person) washrooms in each relevant facility. Alternatively, whether such policy should apply only to some buildings, or only to newly-constructed buildings.

d. Recommendations regarding whether the City should designate certain City parking spaces as reserved for those with young children. Such spaces would be in addition to any designated parking spaces already existing within the City.

3. Parameters of the report to be drafted:

- a. “Young Children” means children ages 8 and under.
- b. The report will pay particular attention to the needs and perspectives of caregivers from traditionally ignored groups, including Black people, Indigenous people and people of colour, 2SLGBTQIA+ people, low-income people, and people new to Canada.
- c. The report will take account of caregivers outside of children’s nuclear family.

Councillor Dan LeBlanc moved, seconded by Councillor Shanon Zachidniak that City Council:

Direct Administration to prepare and present to City Council a report by no later than Q2 2024 with summaries and recommendations regarding actions the City and/or its partners can take to make the City more livable and enjoyable for young children and those raising them.

1. Preparation of this report shall include consultation with stakeholders, including those in Regina raising young children, women’s organizations, the City’s partners (including as defined in FN 1) and childcare providers. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Administration shall specifically endeavour to consult with YWCA Regina Inc., Regina Open Door Society, Childcare Now, Regina Immigrant Women Centre, and Sofia House.
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 - iii. A summary of the *Canada-Saskatchewan Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement* as it relates to Regina, including any changes towards compliance with that agreement anticipated by 2025.

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 - c. **The report will take account of caregivers outside of children’s nuclear family.**
 4. **That the report identifies and prioritizes recommendations and actions within the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan that accomplish the objectives contained within this motion, if possible in collaboration with Community Social Impact Regina.**

Councillor Dan LeBlanc requested that items: 2b, 2c, 2d, and 4 of the motion be voted on separately.

CHALLENGE TO THE CHAIR

During debate, Councillor Bob Hawkins challenged Councillor Dan LeBlanc’s request to have separate votes for items: 2b, 2c, 2d, and 4 of the motion. Councillor Hawkins stated the motion was not severable and that separating out votes as requested by Councillor LeBlanc destroyed the meaning of the motion as a whole and would be procedurally inappropriate.

The Chair ruled that in accordance with Section 21(2)(a) of The Procedure Bylaw, Bylaw No. 9004, that where a motion contains two or more propositions, and when a member so requires, Council shall vote on each proposition separately. Given this, Councillor Dan LeBlanc’s request to separate the vote is in order.

Pursuant to Section 19 of The Procedure Bylaw, Bylaw No. 9004, Councillor Bob Hawkins challenged the Chair on the ruling and the Chair directed the City Clerk to conduct a recorded vote on the ruling. The City Clerk advised that a majority vote in favour would confirm the Chair’s ruling.

Due to Councillor Bob Hawkins’ challenge, the Chairperson’s ruling was put and declared LOST.

RESULT: LOST [4 to 6]
MOVER: Councillor Hawkins
SECONDER: Councillor Stevens
IN FAVOUR: Councillors: Findura, LeBlanc, Stevens, Zachidniak
AGAINST: Councillors: Bresciani, Hawkins, Mancinelli, Nelson, Stadnichuk, and Mayor Masters

Main Motion

The motion was put and declared LOST.

RESULT: LOST [4 to 6]
MOVER: Councillor LeBlanc
SECONDER: Councillor Zachidniak
IN FAVOUR: Councillors: LeBlanc, Stadnichuk, Stevens, Zachidniak
AGAINST: Councillors: Bresciani, Findura, Hawkins, Mancinelli, Nelson, and Mayor Masters

(Councillor Dan LeBlanc left the meeting.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS
AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

CR23-68 2023 Audit and Finance Committee Meeting Dates

Recommendation

The Audit and Finance Committee recommends that City Council:

1. Approve the following 2023 meeting dates of the Audit and Finance Committee:
 - Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 4 p.m.
 - Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 4 p.m.
 - Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 4 p.m.
 - Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 4 p.m.
2. Approve the first meeting in 2024 of the Audit and Finance Committee to be held on Thursday, January 18, 2024; and

Councillor Terina Nelson moved, seconded by Councillor Lori Bresciani, AND IT WAS RESOLVED that the recommendation contained in the report be concurred in.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF MOTION

MN23-4 Consent Agenda

Councillor Bob Hawkins gave written notice that at the June 21, 2023 meeting of City Council, he intends to make the following recommendation:

That City Council:

1. **Adopt the Consent Agenda format to govern all its council and committee meetings;**
2. **Adopt the consent agenda model used by the City of Saskatoon to conduct its municipal business; and**
3. **Direct the City Solicitor to prepare the necessary bylaw to amend *The Procedure Bylaw, Bylaw No.9004* to include provisions for a consent agenda that models the City of Saskatoon's consent agenda procedures outlined in their bylaw being *The Procedures and Committees Bylaw, 2014, Bylaw No. 9170*, to be brought forward to the meeting of City Council following approval of the recommendations by Council and to allow sufficient time for advertising the required public notice for the bylaw.**

ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Bob Hawkins moved, seconded by Councillor Shanon Zachidniak, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary