



111 Pinehouse Drive, Saskatoon &  
Live Streaming via GoToMeeting.com  
Monday, October 18, 2021  
Call to Order @ 10:12 a.m.  
Meeting Adjourned @ 11:47 a.m.  
Meeting Time: 1 hr. 35 mins.

## Planning Committee Minutes

### Present

**Attending:** Reeve Harwood, Councillors: Germs, Chuhaniuk, Haduik, Greenwood, Pruim, Froese-Kooijenga, Vaandrager and Trask.

### **Absent:**

**Staff:** Rebecca Row, Director of Planning & Development; Ken Kolb, Chief Administrative Officer; Joel Cardinal, Director of Public Works; Audrey Shoard, Treasury/Corporate Records Clerk; Nicole Bowden, Administrative Assistant.

### 1. Call To Order

Chairperson Pruim called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

### 2. Adopt Agenda

The Committee approved the Planning Committee Agenda as presented.

Greenwood: That the Planning Committee Agenda be adopted.

**Carried Unanimously**

### 3. 10:13 a.m. Delegation – Saskatoon Freeway Function Planning Study – Phase 2 & 3 Update – Ministry of Highways

The Ministry of Highways (MOH) is engaging in a functional planning study which will determine how the Saskatoon Freeway will look and operate in the future, including the roadway centre line and defining the type of interchanges, service roads and accesses on and off the freeway.

This freeway begins at Highway No. 11 south of Saskatoon wrapping around the city to connect with Highway No. 7 west of the city. The functional planning study is broken into three phases starting in the north, with the second phase being from the South Saskatchewan River east to Highway No. 11 south of Saskatoon.

The phase 1 portion (north) has ended and the second phase of the study begun last year. The first round of phase 2 public engagement was held in February 2021; due to COVID-19 it was held virtually at [www.saskatoonfreeway.org](http://www.saskatoonfreeway.org).

Over the summer, the consulting design team considered feedback from this event while preparing a preferred route. They also evaluated factors such as cost, economic benefits, social, environmental impacts, and driver travel characteristics known as a multiple account evaluation approach.

The MOH has recently selected a preferred option (attached) for phase 2 from those that were shown in February 2021. This preferred concept will be the focus of an online information session later this fall/winter where ratepayers will have the opportunity to share comments with the consulting design team. MOH has also indicated that phase 3 of the study will be deferred and not continue as planned. The intent would be to leave the control circles and 500 m corridor in place.

Corman Park Administration is currently reviewing the phase 2 preferred option to ensure there are no negative impacts on the R.M. such as limited access, poor service road placement and severed or undevelopable parcels. Discussions on the inputs into the multiple account evaluation approach are also ongoing. More information on the impacts of the delay on phase 3 have also been noted.

Geoffrey Meinert, Senior Project Manager with MOH was in attendance to provide an update on the second and third phases of the study.

➤ **Recommendation:**

**Greenwood:** That the delegation on the Saskatoon Freeway Functional Planning Study be received as information.

**Carried Unanimously**

*Meeting Break 11:17 a.m. to 11:21 a.m.*

**4. Planning Carryforward Action List**

The Committee was presented with the Planning Carryforward Action List and updates pertaining thereto.

➤ **Recommendation:**

Haduik: That Council receive the Planning Carryforward Action List as presented.

**Carried Unanimously**

**5. Saskatoon North Partnership for Growth (P4G) Update**

**Background:**

The last Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) meeting was held on October 1, 2021. Agenda topics included an update on the North Concept Plan, east side drainage study, P4G Planning District Commission membership recruitment and the strategic planning session currently scheduled for spring/summer 2022. A presentation from the Meewasin Valley Authority on a potential national urban park collaboration was also given. The 2022 and 2023 P4G budget estimates were also endorsed by the ROC as municipal budgeting processes are underway; the ROC endorsed budget report is attached.

The proposed 2022 P4G Operating Budget comprises the partners' contributions towards the operations of the new P4G Planning District. The budget for the P4G Director position is retained to provide flexibility; the future of the position will be determined in 2022 during the strategic planning process. R.M. Administration continues to be the point of contact on P4G related files given the resignation of the P4G Director.

Based on current workload to complete ongoing projects, budget pressures, and the future capacity necessary to implement the new Planning District, ROC recommends no new P4G projects in 2022. Projects that were previous identified for 2022 would be postponed and regional servicing plans would be reprioritized as part of the strategic planning process. Resources will continue to be directed to the implementation of the Planning District and ongoing capital projects from 2021 as follows:

- Planning District Implementation (i.e. P4G District Planning Commission (DPC) establishment and support)
- North Concept Plan
- South East Concept Plan
- Strategic planning process
- East side (phase 2) drainage study
- Green Network Study Area (GNSA) phase 1 refinement
- Regional Commercial and Industrial Market Study

The proposed 2022 capital and operating budget for Corman Park to support P4G is \$72,867.69. It is recommended that a contribution of \$94,500 be considered for 2023 P4G capital plan expenditures which could provide funds for a regional servicing and financing plan project and a GNSA project. 2023 operating expenses will be proposed at a later date.

The next ROC meeting is scheduled for November 25, 2021 and the next Regional Oversight Executive Committee (REC) meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2021. The P4G District Official Community Plan, Planning District Agreement, District Zoning Bylaw and submission checklist were submitted to the province for review and ministerial approval of the P4G Planning District on September 3, 2021. An establishment date of January 1, 2022 was requested by P4G. The current Corman

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Park-Saskatoon Planning District will continue operating until the new P4G Planning District is in place.

In order to be ready for a January 1 start date, the planning, recruitment and training of the new P4G DPC has begun. Each P4G municipality is allowed 2 municipal representatives (minimum one elected official) and will participate in the selection of the 3 joint members for a total DPC voting membership of 13.

Membership advertising began mid-September in the Clark's Crossing Gazette and Saskatoon Star Phoenix newspapers. City and R.M. websites included online application forms for the joint members. The application deadline for joint membership was 5 p.m. on October 4, 2021. REC has been delegated as the membership committee for the 3 jointly appointed members; their recommendations will be provided at the November 22, 2021 R.M. Council meeting. The 3 joint members are appointed by majority vote of the P4G Councils.

R.M. Council has previously indicated they wish to have two elected officials on the P4G DPC therefore membership recruitment for a public R.M. representative did not take place. R.M. Council must determine which two elected officials will represent the P4G DPC on or before November 22, 2021.

Work continues on the P4G North Concept Plan; municipal team members met on September 2, 2021 to review the summary and determine a course of action; a number of items were removed from the outstanding work list and direction on final action items was provided back to the consulting team. Some budget and resourcing is required for planning and engineering work to complete the NCP. The surplus P4G staffing budget is expected to cover the outstanding costs. Project meetings are occurring to complete the final work. Provided the outstanding matters are resolved and any budget shortfall is addressed, the NCP is still expected to be completed and be presented for DPC, ROC and Council endorsements as necessary for consideration when the P4G Planning District has received Ministerial approval.

➤ **Recommendation:**

Chuhaniuk: That the Saskatoon North Partnership for Growth (P4G) update, including the P4G 2022 Capital and Operating Budgets and the P4G 2023 Capital Budget, be received as information.

**Carried Unanimously**

**6. Adjourn Meeting**

Greenwood: That the Planning Committee meeting be adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

**Carried Unanimously**



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