



CITY OF PRINCE ALBERT

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023, 5:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL**

PRESENT:

Mayor Greg Dionne
Councillor Charlene Miller
Councillor Terra Lennox-Zepp
Councillor Tony Head
Councillor Don Cody
Councillor Dennis Ogradnick
Councillor Blake Edwards
Councillor Dawn Kilmer
Councillor Darren Solomon

Terri Mercier, City Clerk
Sherry Person, City Manager
Kris Olsen, Fire Chief
Mitchell J. Holash, K.C., City Solicitor
Jeff Da Silva, Director of Public Works
Kiley Bear, Director of Corporate Services
Jody Boulet, Director of Community Services
Savannah Price, Corporate Legislative Manager
Wilna Furstenberg, Communications Coordinator (Excused at 6:32 p.m.)
Ramona Fauchoux, Director of Financial Services
Craig Guidinger, Director of Planning and Development Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dionne called the meeting to order.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & PRAYER

Mayor Dionne asked that all members stand and that the City Clerk offer the prayer.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

0347. **Moved by:** Councillor Edwards
Seconded by: Councillor Ogrodnick

That the Agenda for this meeting be approved, with the following amendments, and, that the presentations, delegations and speakers listed on the Agenda be heard when called forward by the Mayor:

1. That Council will move to meet Incamera after the Public Forum Section;
2. That the Labour Relations Motion for Item No. 17.1 dealing with Union Contract Negotiations be addressed in the Incamera portion of the meeting; and,
3. That the Correspondence from Mike Henry dated October 26, 2023, be placed on the Agenda for consideration under Item 17.1 and addressed in the Incamera Portion of the meeting.

In Favour: Councillors: Cody, Edwards, Head, Kilmer, Ogrodnick, Solomon and Mayor Dionne

Against: Councillors: Lennox-Zepp and Miller

CARRIED (7 to 2)

4. PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

5. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 5.1 Councillor Cody – Item No. 8.2 – Works for Memorial Gardens, River Park and Gray’s Funeral Homes.
- 5.2 Councillor Kilmer – Item No. 8.2 – Husband works for a Funeral Home.
- 5.3 Councillor Miller – Item No. 11.4 – Owner of 1235 – 14th Street West which is currently a vacant lot.
- 5.4 Councillor Lennox-Zepp – Item No. 17.3 – Employment with Saskatchewan Legal Aid

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

0348. **Moved by:** Councillor Miller
Seconded by: Councillor Kilmer

That the Minutes of the Council Regular Meeting held October 16, 2023, be taken as read and adopted.

In Favour: Councillors: Cody, Edwards, Head, Kilmer, Lennox-Zepp, Miller, Ogrodnick, Solomon and Mayor Dionne

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. NOTICE OF PROCLAMATIONS

7.1 Economic Abuse Awareness Day – November 26, 2023

7.2 Saskatchewan Multicultural Week – November 18 – 26, 2023

7.3 Adoption Awareness Month – November 2023

7.4 American and Canadian Lung Cancer Screening Initiative Month – November 2023

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 Bylaw No. 20 of 2023 – Rezoning Portion of Parcel J from the FUD Zoning District to the R4 Zoning District – 2nd & 3rd Reading (RPT 23-397)

Mayor Dionne declared the Hearing open.

Craig Guidinger, Director of Planning and Development Services presented the matter of the Zoning Bylaw Amendment on behalf of Administration.

Mayor Dionne declared the Hearing closed.

0349. **Moved by:** Councillor Kilmer
Seconded by: Councillor Miller

That Bylaw No. 20 of 2023 be given second and third readings.

In Favour: Councillors: Cody, Edwards, Head, Kilmer, Lennox-Zepp, Miller, Ogrodnick, Solomon and Mayor Dionne

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0350. **Moved by:** Councillor Kilmer
Seconded by: Councillor Miller

That Bylaw No. 20 of 2023 be read a second time.

In Favour: Councillors: Cody, Edwards, Head, Kilmer, Lennox-Zepp, Miller, Ogrodnick, Solomon and Mayor Dionne

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0351. **Moved by:** Councillor Kilmer
Seconded by: Councillor Miller

That Bylaw No. 20 of 2023 be read a third time and passed; and, that Bylaw No. 20 of 2023 be now adopted, sealed and signed by the Mayor and City Clerk.

In Favour: Councillors: Cody, Edwards, Head, Kilmer, Lennox-Zepp, Miller, Ogrodnick, Solomon and Mayor Dionne

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Bylaw No. 22 of 2023 – Addition of Funeral Homes as a Discretionary – Development Officer Use in the M3 Zoning District (RPT 23-400)

Mayor Dionne declared the Hearing open.

Craig Guidinger, Director of Planning and Development Services presented the matter of the Zoning Bylaw Amendment on behalf of Administration.

Mayor Dionne declared the Hearing closed.

0352. **Moved by:** Councillor Edwards
Seconded by: Councillor Head

That Bylaw No. 22 of 2023 be given second and third readings.

In Favour: Councillors: Edwards, Head, Lennox-Zepp, Miller, Ogrodnick, Solomon and Mayor Dionne

Absent – Declared Conflict of Interest: Councillors Cody and Kilmer

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0353. **Moved by:** Councillor Edwards
Seconded by: Councillor Head

That Bylaw No. 22 of 2023 be read a second time.

In Favour: Councillors: Edwards, Head, Lennox-Zepp, Miller, Ogrodnick,
Solomon and Mayor Dionne

Absent – Declared Conflict of Interest: Councillors Cody and Kilmer

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0354. **Moved by:** Councillor Edwards
Seconded by: Councillor Head

That Bylaw No. 22 of 2023 be read a third time and passed; and, that Bylaw No. 22 of 2023 be now adopted, sealed and signed by the Mayor and City Clerk.

In Favour: Councillors: Edwards, Head, Lennox-Zepp, Miller, Ogrodnick,
Solomon and Mayor Dionne

Absent – Declared Conflict of Interest: Councillors Cody and Kilmer

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. DELEGATIONS

10. COMMUNICATIONS

11. REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION & COMMITTEES

11.1 Byars Street Annexation – Bylaw Amendments (RPT 23-392)

0355. **Moved by:** Councillor Ogrodnick
Seconded by: Councillor Head

1. That the following Bylaws be introduced and given first reading:
 - a. Bylaw No. 24 of 2023;
 - b. Bylaw No. 25 of 2023; and,
 - c. Bylaw No. 26 of 2023; and,
2. That Administration provide notification to hold a Public Hearing.

In Favour: Councillors: Cody, Edwards, Head, Kilmer, Lennox-Zepp, Miller, Ogrodnick, Solomon and Mayor Dionne

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0356. **Moved by:** Councillor Ogrodnick
Seconded by: Councillor Head

That Bylaw No. 24 of 2023 be introduced and read a first time.

In Favour: Councillors: Cody, Edwards, Head, Kilmer, Lennox-Zepp, Miller, Ogrodnick, Solomon and Mayor Dionne

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0357. **Moved by:** Councillor Ogrodnick
Seconded by: Councillor Head

That Bylaw No. 25 of 2023 be introduced and read a first time.

In Favour: Councillors: Cody, Edwards, Head, Kilmer, Lennox-Zepp, Miller, Ogrodnick, Solomon and Mayor Dionne

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0358. **Moved by:** Councillor Ogrodnick
Seconded by: Councillor Head

That Bylaw No. 26 of 2023 be introduced and read a first time.

In Favour: Councillors: Cody, Edwards, Head, Kilmer, Lennox-Zepp, Miller, Ogrodnick, Solomon and Mayor Dionne

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 Downtown Business Incentive (RPT 23-394)

0359. **Moved by:** Councillor Kilmer
Seconded by: Councillor Ogrodnick

That the Downtown Business Incentive Program, as attached to RPT 23-394, be approved.

In Favour: Councillors: Cody, Edwards, Head, Kilmer, Lennox-Zepp, Miller, Ogrodnick, Solomon and Mayor Dionne

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3 Signature Developments – Development Levy Agreement (RPT 23-396)

Councillor T. Lennox Zepp rose on a Point of Order stating that another Councillor posed questions regarding the cost of nearby land and background information; therefore, Councillor Head's questions regarding the cost of this development should be considered.

The Chair ruled the question **OUT OF ORDER**, as the subject matter is regarding infrastructure and development rather than the matter of loan payments or financing for the development.

0360. **Moved by:** Councillor Edwards
Seconded by: Councillor Cody

1. That the Development Levy Agreement between The City and Signature Development Corp. for the area known as the "Yard District" be approved; and,

2. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of The City.

In Favour: Councillors: Cody, Edwards, Kilmer, Ogrodnick, Solomon and Mayor Dionne

Against: Councillors: Head, Lennox-Zepp and Miller

CARRIED (6 to 3)

11.4 Vacant Residential Lot Program (RPT 23-398)

0361. **Moved by:** Councillor Cody

Seconded by: Councillor Solomon

That the Vacant Residential Lot Program, as attached to RPT 23-398, be approved.

In Favour: Councillors: Cody, Edwards, Head, Kilmer, Ogrodnick, Solomon and Mayor Dionne

Against: Councillor: Lennox-Zepp

Absent – Declared Conflict of Interest: Miller

CARRIED (7 TO 1)

11.5 SaskTel Communication Towers – Support in Principle (RPT 23-401)

0362. **Moved by:** Councillor Cody

Seconded by: Councillor Ogrodnick

That the following three (3) proposed locations for the new Communication Towers, as outlined in Schedule A to RPT 23-401, be supported in principle:

1. Adjacent to Rear Lane near 12th Street West;
2. 28th Street East near the Drainage Channel; and,
3. 7th Avenue East adjacent to Cooke Municipal Golf Course.

In Favour: Councillors: Cody, Edwards, Head, Kilmer, Miller, Ogrodnick, Solomon and Mayor Dionne

Against: Councillor: Lennox-Zepp

CARRIED (8 to 1)

11.6 Request for Funding – Habitat for Humanity Saskatchewan (RPT 23-402)

0363. **Moved by:** Councillor Head
Seconded by: Councillor Miller

1. That the Funding Request from Habitat for Humanity Saskatchewan in the amount of \$30,000 to assist in the funding of an Affordable Housing Unit to be located at 1315 – 6th Avenue West, be approved; and,
2. That the \$30,000 be funded from the Housing Reserve.

In Favour: Councillors: Head, Lennox-Zepp and Miller

Against: Councillors: Cody, Edwards, Kilmer, Ogradnick, Solomon and Mayor Dionne

MOTION DEFEATED (6 to 3)

0364. **Moved by:** Councillor Ogradnick
Seconded by: Councillor Solomon

1. That the Funding Request from Habitat for Humanity Saskatchewan in the amount of \$15,000 to assist in the funding of an Affordable Housing Unit to be located at 1315 – 6th Avenue West, be approved; and,
2. That the \$15,000 be funded from the Housing Reserve.

In Favour: Councillors: Cody, Edwards, Head, Kilmer, Lennox-Zepp, Ogradnick, Solomon and Mayor Dionne

Against: Councillor: Miller

CARRIED (8 to 1)

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. MAYOR & COUNCILLORS FORUM

14. INQUIRIES

14.1 Councillor Head – OSB Plant and Mill Operations Update

Update on the OSB Plant and Mill Operations, when will they be open and operating.

14.2 Councillor Head – Homeless Forum Update

What is the outcome and update from the Homeless Forum that was held on November 1, 2023.

14.3 Councillor Head – New Position – Senior Utilities Director

How much is the newly created Senior Utilities Director position costing and what is the financial impacts.

14.4 Councillor Head – Federal Grants

Has The City applied for any Federal Grants, as an example, Rapid Housing Initiative.

14.5 Councillor Miller – Cross Walk Lights – 16th Avenue West

When are the Cross Walk Lights on 16th Avenue West by Sylken’s going to be installed and operating.

15. INQUIRY RESPONSES

16. NOTICE OF MOTION

17. MOTIONS

17.2 Motion – Councillor Edwards – Budget for Transportation of Homeless (MOT 23-14)

0365. **Moved by:** Councillor Edwards
Seconded by: Councillor Cody

1. That \$25,000 be allocated to be put towards a Transportation Program that aims to address an unmet need to individuals in the City and unable to return to their home community; and,
2. That this Item also be referred to the City Community Safety and Wellbeing Coordinator to pursue additional funding and resource opportunities.

In Favour: Councillors: Cody, Edwards and Mayor Dionne

Against: Councillors: Head, Kilmer, Lennox-Zepp, Miller, Ogrodnick, and Solomon

MOTION DEFEATED (6 to 3)

17.3 Motion – Councillor Edwards – Victim Impact Statements (MOT 23-13)

0366. **Moved by:** Councillor Edwards
Seconded by: Councillor Head

That the City prepare and submit Victim Impact Statements for the three (3) people charged in relation to the offenses that resulted in the robbery and shooting of a victim that occurred near St. Mary High School on September 8, 2023.

In Favour: Councillors: Cody, Edwards, Head, Kilmer, Lennox-Zepp, Ogradnick, Solomon and Mayor Dionne

Absent – Declared Conflict of Interest: Councillor Lennox-Zepp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18. PUBLIC FORUM

City Council went Incamera to discuss the items noted under Approval of Agenda

City Council resumed Public Session.

17.1.1 Questions Concerning Council's Involvement on CUPE Strike Matters (CORR 23-80) (PRESENTED AT MEETING)

0369. **Moved by:** Councillor Kilmer
Seconded by: Councillor Solomon

That CORR 23-80 be referred to the next Executive Committee Incamera meeting for consideration.

In Favour: Councillors: Cody, Edwards, Head, Kilmer, Lennox-Zepp, Ogradnick, Solomon and Mayor Dionne

Absent – Declared Conflict of Interest: Councillor Lennox-Zepp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17.1 Motion – Councillor Lennox-Zepp – Scheduling Bargaining Meeting with CUPE 882 (MOT 23-12)

That Administration schedule a bargaining meeting date with Canadian Union of Public Employees Local No. 882 to discuss all outstanding issues.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

19. ADJOURNMENT – 7:34 P.M.

0370. **Moved by:** Councillor Kilmer
Seconded by: Councillor Miller

That this Council do now adjourn.

In Favour: Councillors: Cody, Edwards, Head, Kilmer, Lennox-Zepp, Miller, Ogrodnick, Solomon and Mayor Dionne

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



MAYOR GREG DIONNE


CITY CLERK

MINUTES ADOPTED THIS 27TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D. 2023.