

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2022 MEETING OF THE P4G DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION

MEMBERS PRESENT: B. Richet (Chair); B. Sylvester (Vice-Chair); J. Mathison; Reeve J. Harwood; Councillor B. Froese-Kooijenga; Mayor K. Muench; Councillor S. Nikkel; Councillor B. Dubois; Councillor R. Donauer; Mayor G. Philipchuk; Councillor R. Beck

REGRETS: Mayor A. Quiring, Councillor A. Humenuik

SECRETARY: J. Mitchell

STAFF PRESENT: J. Sick; V. Wellsch; S. King; T. McShane; C. Mrozowich; B. Gorelitz; K. Ingram; M. Gruza; B. Toth; L. Foster; V. Reaney; S. Brandt; N. Bowden; R. Row

3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Councillor B. Froese-Kooijenga / B. Sylvester

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

5. Nomination of Chair and Vice-Chair

Councillor Froese-Kooijenga nominated Bruce Richet as Chair, and nominated Brad Sylvester as Vice-Chair. No further nominations were received.

CARRIED

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

Update on Item a) North Concept Plan:

An overview and update on the North Concept Plan boundaries, scope, deliverables and timelines was provided to the District Planning Commission (DPC) by J. Mitchell, DPC Secretary. Numerous presentations and updates were provided to the former Corman Park-Saskatoon DPC; the former DPC's role in the project is transitioning to the new P4G DPC.

DPC members discussed concerns over developers being delayed while waiting for the North Concept Plan to be finalized. Corman Park Administration outlined the process for adoption of the North Concept Plan with the target of starting the implementation process in spring 2022.

Update on Item b) South East Concept Plan:

An overview and update on the South East Concept Plan (SECP) boundaries, scope, deliverables and timelines was provided by V. Reaney, Corman Park Senior Planner and municipal project manager. Engagement is being planned for spring 2022 and information about planned engagement activities will be brought to DPC once finalized. Numerous presentations and updates were provided to the former Corman Park-Saskatoon DPC; the former DPC's role in the project is transitioning to the new P4G DPC.

DPC members brought forward concerns with the delays in finalizing the SECP. V. Reaney clarified that the delays are partially a result of the complexities of establishing land uses and servicing options for future urban growth areas.

Update on Item c) R.M. Floodplain Policy Update:

An overview and update on the R.M. Floodplain Policy Update was provided by V. Reaney, Corman Park Senior Planner and municipal project manager. Numerous presentations and updates were provided to the former Corman Park-Saskatoon DPC; the former DPC's role in the project is transitioning to the new P4G DPC.

The purpose of the policy review is to ensure that there is an appropriate policy framework to regulate existing and future development within the study area that meet the Statements of Provincial Interest. Potential development scenarios are being considered by Corman Park that may result in the need for additional modelling of the flood plain. Corman Park is currently reviewing the project scope and will be discussing potential options with R.M. Council, Stantec and the Water Security Agency. Updates will be provided once a course of action has been chosen by Corman Park.

Motion: Councillor B. Dubois / Mayor G. Philipchuk

"That the updates on the Business Arising from the Minutes be received as information."

CARRIED

7. Rezoning Application(s):

None

8. Rezoning & Subdivision Application(s):

None

9. Subdivision Application(s):

None

10. Discretionary Use Application:

None

11. Textual Amendments:

None

12. Other**a) Saskatoon Freeway – Delegation 12:15 p.m. – Geoffrey Meinert, Senior Project Manager**

The Ministry of Highways (MOH) has been completing phased functional studies for the Saskatoon Freeway. The current alignment of the Saskatoon Freeway is within the boundaries of the P4G Planning District. Geoffrey Meinert, Senior Project Manager with MOH was in attendance to provide an update on the Saskatoon Freeway project including the final Phase 1 report which is currently under municipal review, upcoming public engagement for Phase 2, and the postponement of Phase 3.

Reeve Harwood confirmed that Corman Park and Saskatoon will be submitting a joint letter to the Ministry expressing disappointment in the decision to postpone Phase 3. When asked about construction timelines, G. Meinert clarified that the project duration will depend on the type of construction contract utilized (P3 versus design-build, for example). When asked about construction phasing, he clarified that the construction phasing may not correspond with the design phasing and will be determined at a later date based on need and location.

A number of DPC members acknowledged the condition of Wanuskewin Road and the significant amount of daily traffic, questioning if any improvements could be done in the short term to alleviate concerns. G. Meinert stated that the Ministry is considering options for potential upgrades to the interchange of Highway 11 and Wanuskewin Road, and that more detailed information would be exchanged with municipal Administrations in the future.

Motion: Mayor K. Muensch / Councillor B. Dubois

“That the presentation on the Saskatoon Freeway be received as information.”

CARRIED

b) 2022 District Planning Commission Meeting Dates

The following dates were confirmed for 2022 DPC meetings. In-person meetings will be held at the R.M. Council Chambers at 111 Pinehouse Drive, with virtual attendance via Zoom being optional. Lunch will continue to be served at in-person meetings at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting formally commencing at 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

c) Comments from 2013 Regional Summit Speakers

In November 2013, a Regional Growth Summit was held, bringing together regional councils, administrations, subject matter experts, and keynote speakers to discuss regional planning in the Saskatoon area. DPC Chair Richet presented congratulatory messages and reflections from several keynote speakers who presented at the 2013 Summit.

Motion: Councillor R. Donauer / Councillor S. Nikkel

“That the correspondence from the 2013 Regional Summit Speakers be received as information.”

CARRIED

d) Letter from Honourable Don McMorris, Minister of Government Relations

Correspondence was received from Honourable Don McMorris, Minister of Government Relations, regarding the recent establishment of the P4G Planning District.

Motion: J. Mathison / Councillor R. Beck

“That the correspondence from the Minister of Government Relations be received as information”

CARRIED

12. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Councillor R. Donauer / Mayor K. Muench