



## Utility Committee Minutes

September 5, 2023

9:30 a.m.

River Valley Room, 1st floor, City Hall

Present: T. Cartmell, A. Paquette, M. Janz, A. Salvador, A. Sohi, A. Stevenson, K. Tang

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### 1. Call to Order and Related Business

#### 1.1 Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Councillor T. Cartmell called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m., Tuesday, September 5, 2023, and acknowledged that Utility Committee meets on the traditional land of Treaty 6 Territory and Métis Homelands. The Chair also acknowledged the diverse Indigenous peoples whose ancestors' footsteps have marked this territory for centuries such as: Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Nakota Sioux, as well as Métis and Inuit, and now settlers from around the world.

#### 1.2 Roll Call

Councillor T. Cartmell conducted roll call and confirmed the attendance of Members of Utility Committee.

*Mayor A. Sohi is a Committee Member pursuant to section 15(3), Council Committees Bylaw 18156.*

Councillors S. Hamilton, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford and J. Wright; and J. Abekah, J. Shearer and E. Norton, Office of the City Clerk, were also in attendance.

#### 1.3 Adoption of Agenda

**Moved by:** A. Stevenson

That the September 5, 2023, Utility Committee meeting agenda be adopted.

In Favour (6): T. Cartmell, A. Paquette, M. Janz, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, and K. Tang

**Carried (6 to 0)**

#### **1.4 Approval of Minutes**

**Moved by:** A. Stevenson

That the May 9, 2023, Utility Committee meeting minutes be approved.

In Favour (6): T. Cartmell, A. Paquette, M. Janz, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, and K. Tang

**Carried (6 to 0)**

#### **1.5 Protocol Items**

There were no Protocol Items.

### **2. Items for Discussion and Related Business**

#### **2.1 Select Items for Debate**

The following items were selected for debate: 7.1, 7.2, 7.3 and 7.4.

#### **2.2 Vote on Reports not Selected for Debate**

All items were selected for debate.

#### **2.3 Requests to Speak**

**Moved by:** A. Stevenson

That Utility Committee hear from the following speaker:

- 7.3 Edmonton Water Treatment Plants Flood Mitigation Project

1. K. Kowalchuk, Edmonton River Valley Conservation Coalition

In Favour (6): T. Cartmell, A. Paquette, M. Janz, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, and K. Tang

**Carried (6 to 0)**

## **2.4 Requests for Specific Time on Agenda**

There were no requests for items to be dealt with at a specific time on the agenda.

## **3. Councillor Inquiries**

There were no Councillor Inquiries.

## **4. Reports to be Dealt with at a Different Meeting**

There were no Reports to be Dealt with at a Different Meeting.

## **5. Requests to Reschedule Reports**

There were no Requests to Reschedule Reports.

## **6. Unfinished Business**

There was no Unfinished Business on the agenda.

## **7. Public Reports**

### **7.1 EPCOR 2022 Performance Based Regulation Progress Report**

The following member of the delegation made a presentation and answered questions:

- S. Chaudhary, EPCOR

The following members of the delegation answered questions:

- C. Bonneville, EPCOR
- S. Ancel, EPCOR

The following member of the Administration's delegation answered questions:

- H. Hassan, Urban Planning and Economy

J. Beckett, Utilities Advisor, made a presentation and answered questions.

**Moved by:** K. Tang

That the September 5, 2023, EPCOR Water Services Inc. report EXT02000, be received for information.

In Favour (6): T. Cartmell, A. Paquette, M. Janz, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, and K. Tang

**Carried (6 to 0)**

## **7.2 2025-2027 Performance Based Regulation Rate Application - Public Engagement and Awareness Plan**

The following members of the delegation answered questions:

- R. Moyles, EPCOR
- S. Chaudhary, EPCOR

**Moved by:** A. Paquette

That the September 5, 2023, EPCOR Water Services Inc. report EXT02008, be received for information.

In Favour (6): T. Cartmell, A. Paquette, M. Janz, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, and K. Tang

**Carried (6 to 0)**

## **7.3 Edmonton Water Treatment Plants Flood Mitigation Project**

The following member of the delegation made a presentation:

- A. Cudrak, EPCOR

The following members of Administration's delegation made presentations:

- K. Snyder, Urban Planning and Economy
- H. Hassan, Urban Planning and Economy

The following public speaker made a presentation and answered questions:

- K. Kowalchuk, Edmonton River Valley Conservation Coalition

The following members of the delegation answered questions:

- A. Cudrak, EPCOR
- J. Johnson, EPCOR
- Y. Casciaro, EPCOR

The following member of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- A. Adhikari, Urban Planning and Economy

*\*Clerk's note: With unanimous consent of Utility Committee, Part 3 was added to the motion.*

**Moved by:** A. Stevenson

That Utility Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That the Edmonton Water Treatment Plants Flood Mitigation Barriers - Site Location Study and Environmental Impact Assessment, as outlined in Attachments 1 and 2 of the September 5, 2023, Utility Committee report UPE01896, be approved.
2. That the location of the flood mitigation barriers within the River Valley as outlined in Attachment 1 of the September 5, 2023, Utility Committee report UPE01896 be deemed essential, pursuant to Bylaw 7188 *North Saskatchewan River Valley Area Redevelopment Plan*.
3. That Administration provide a memo to City Council providing an update on the Vegetation Management Plan and Detailed Design of the Flood Barriers, including the landscaping plan for the flood barriers.

In Favour (7): T. Cartmell, A. Paquette, M. Janz, A. Salvador, A. Sohi, A. Stevenson, and K. Tang

**Carried (7 to 0)**

#### **7.4 Single-use Item Reduction Bylaw Implementation Update**

The following members of Administration's delegation made presentations:

- E. Robar, Deputy City Manager, City Operations

- D. Jubinville, City Operations
- K. Berenzowski, City Operations

The following members of Administration’s delegation answered questions:

- K. Berenzowski, City Operations
- D. Jubinville, City Operations
- A. Abbink, City Operations
- C. Hodgson-Mousseau, Employee and Legal Services

**Moved by:** A. Stevenson

That the September 5, 2023, City Operations report CO01992, be received for information.

In Favour (6): T. Cartmell, A. Paquette, M. Janz, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, and K. Tang

**Carried (6 to 0)**

**8. Responses to Councillor Inquiries**

There were no Responses to Councillor Inquiries on the agenda.

**9. Private Reports**

There were no Private Reports on the agenda.

**10. Motions Pending**

There were no Motions Pending on the agenda

**11. Notices of Motion and Motions without Customary Notice**

**11.1 Multi-unit Building Design (M. Janz)**

Councillor M. Janz stated that at the next regular meeting of City Council, the following motion would be moved:

That Administration provide a report on the feasibility and required budget for:

Procuring a multi-unit building design in the 'point access block' style, meeting the permitting and regulatory requirements for a typical city lot; that could be made freely available (e.g. open-source) to help reduce the overall cost of housing development.

Due Date: Second Quarter 2024

Notice of Motion Given: September 5, 2023, Utility Committee

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

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Chair

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City Clerk