

Council Chamber
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Monday, February 5, 1996,
at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: His Worship Mayor Dayday in the Chair;
Councillors Atchison, Birkmaier, Heidt, Langford, Langlois,
Postlethwaite, Roe, Steernberg and Waygood;
City Commissioner Irwin;
A/City Solicitor Manning;
City Clerk Mann;
City Councillors' Assistant Kanak

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on January 15, 1996, be approved.

CARRIED.

HEARINGS

- 2a) **Silverspring Replotting Scheme**
Part of NW 1/4 Section 1-37-5-3
Part Sec. 12-37-5-3
Plan Nos. G932, 87-S-31787, 90-S-28009, 92-S-44715
(File No. CK. 4230-1)

REPORT OF CITY CLERK:

"Attached is a copy of Clause B11, Report No. 1-1996 of the City Commissioner which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on January 2, 1996.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, January 22, 1996:

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that City Council adopt the replotting scheme in accordance with the attached specifications;
- 2) that City Council instruct the City Clerk to return two certified copies of the plans and specifications to the General Manager, Planning and Building

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Department, for further handling along with two certified copies of the resolution;

- 3) that City Council authorize the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, to approve minor changes to the plans and specifications for the purpose of making minor adjustments which do not affect either the intent or overall design of the replot; and,
- 4) that City Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any agreement with respect to easements indicated on Attachment No. 3, a plan showing proposed replotting.

On December 4, 1995, City Council authorized the General Manager of the Planning and Building Department to prepare a replotting scheme and on January 2, 1996, City Council authorized the General Manager of the Planning and Building Department to serve notice on the affected owners within this replotting scheme in accordance with Section 169 of *The Planning and Development Act, 1983*.

Notice has been served and the public hearing is to be held on February 5, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

The purpose of the replotting scheme is to assemble the unsubdivided portion of land within this neighbourhood and distribute it proportionately amongst the owners for future subdivision and development. The specifications are shown on Attachment No. 1 and indicate the method by which the replotting scheme is to occur. It also indicates the existing lands each owner owns and the proposed allocation in exchange thereof. The existing subdivision is shown on Plan No. 1, Silverspring Replotting Scheme (Attachment No. 2). Plan No. 2, Silverspring Replotting Scheme, indicates the proposed subdivision and is shown as Attachment No. 3. Municipal reserve dedication is being provided by a previous subdivision and MR4. The proposal is in conformance with the Subdivision and Zoning Bylaws and has been approved by the Technical Planning Commission.

In compliance with Section 169 of *The Planning and Development Act, 1983*, notice was served on the owners of the hearing and consequently, consents were received from all the owners. Also, in accordance with Section 168 of *The Planning and Development Act, 1983*, one copy of the replotting scheme was forwarded to the Minister of Highways and Transportation, Saskatchewan Telecommunications, Saskatchewan Power Corporation, and all other public utilities, as indicated in the specifications, that may be affected by this replotting scheme. Consents from all the agencies and owners are attached to the specifications.

It will be necessary for City Council to approve a subdivision application

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(Section 172 of *The Planning and Development Act, 1983*) which will be the subject of a future report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Specifications
2. Plan No. 1 Silverspring Replotting Scheme
3. Plan No. 2 Silverspring Replotting Scheme"

His Worship Mayor Dayday opened the hearing and ascertained that there was no one present in the gallery who wished to address Council with respect to the matter.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Postlethwaite, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

- 1) *that City Council adopt the replotting scheme in accordance with the attached specifications;*
- 2) *that City Council instruct the City Clerk to return two certified copies of the plans and specifications to the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, for further handling along with two certified copies of the resolution;*
- 3) *that City Council authorize the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, to approve minor changes to the plans and specifications for the purpose of making minor adjustments which do not affect either the intent or overall design of the replot; and,*
- 4) *that City Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any agreement with respect to easements indicated on Attachment No. 3, a plan showing proposed replotting.*

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

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The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

- 1) **Laura Wasacase, Chair**
Children At Risk Committee, dated January 23

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the Children At Risk's Youth Centre Proposal.
(Files CK. 5500-3 and 1871-1)

- 2) **Nina Henry**
Children At Risk Committee, dated January 23, 1996

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the Children At Risk's Youth Centre Proposal.
(Files CK. 5500-3 and 1871-1)

- 3) **Peter Bishop**
Children At Risk Committee, dated January 23

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the Children At Risk's Youth Centre Proposal.
(Files CK. 5500-3 and 1871-1)

- 4) **Vera Gallagher**
Children At Risk Committee, dated January 23

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the Children At Risk's Youth Centre Proposal.
(Files CK. 5500-3 and 1871-1)

- 5) **Lori Pulai**
Children At Risk Committee, dated January 23

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the Children At Risk's Youth Centre Proposal.
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**6) Patrick J. Bitz, President
Eastside Youth Centre Inc., undated**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding an application for funding for youth centres in the city. (Files CK. 5500-3 and 1871-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Item 6b) of "Unfinished Business" be brought forward for consideration and that the speakers be heard.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Ms. Wasacase be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Laura Wasacase, Chair, Children At Risk Committee, spoke to Council regarding the formation of the Committee as an advocacy for children at risk, particularly in the area of child prostitution. She indicated to Council that several members of the Committee would address Council regarding the Children At Risk's Youth Centre Proposal and introduced the next speaker, Mr. Peter Bishop.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Mr. Bishop be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Peter Bishop, Westmount Community and School Association, expressed the importance of promoting and supporting the development of recreation and leisure activities for children at risk throughout the inner city. He expressed the importance of existing youth centres and the need to expand the hours.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Ms. Henry be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Nina Henry advised Council that three students would be addressing Council on her behalf.

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Joshua Swindler, Student, Westmount Community School, provided Council with information regarding what children do when there are no youth centres. He stressed the importance of youth centres in the local schools for those who cannot afford programs that you have to pay for.

Kristen Ahenakew, Student, Westmount Community School, advised Council of the importance of youth centres and about the activities that children are involved in at the youth centres. She stressed the positive aspects of participating in activities at the youth centres.

Sheena Macdonald, Student, Westmount Community School, addressed Council regarding the importance of youth centres in the local schools to provide a safe place for youths to go so they are not on the streets and they are still close to home. She asked Council to support the proposal.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Ms. Gallagher be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Laura Asapace, Parent Council, St. Mary School, addressed Council on behalf of Ms. Gallagher and expressed support in a general way for the youth centre proposal. She provided information regarding the program at St. Mary School and expressed the view that such centres are important in the inner city to provide children with the opportunity to participate in leisure activities in a safe place. Ms. Asapace stressed the importance of the Parent Council at St. Mary School being involved in the hiring of staff and in the setting of the hours for the centre at St. Mary School. She expressed the hope that Council would support the proposal.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Ms. Pulai be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Lori Pulai, Parent and Member of the Children at Risk Committee, expressed the importance of long-term solutions for leisure activities for children at risk. She urged Council to seriously consider the Children At Risk proposal.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Mr. Bitz be heard.

CARRIED.

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Mr. Patrick Bitz, President, Eastside Youth Centre, provided background information regarding the formation and mandate of the Eastside Youth Centre. He advised Council that he fully endorses the proposal from the Children At Risk Committee but asks that the Eastside Youth Centre be given equal consideration.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT the information be received and that Item 6b) of "Unfinished Business" be brought forward for consideration.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 6b) Communications to Council**
From: Laura Wasacase, Chair
Saskatoon Children at Risk Committee
Date: September 20, 1995
Subject: Submitting a proposal for funding youth centre programs
in Saskatoon's Inner City and requesting support from
the City of Saskatoon
(Files CK. 5500-3 and 1871-1)

REPORT OF CITY CLERK:

City Council, at its meeting held on January 15, 1996, during consideration of Clause 1, Report No. 1-1996 of the Administration and Finance Committee, copy attached, deferred consideration of the following recommendations to this meeting:

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that City Council approve a grant of up to \$13,609.00 to the Saskatoon Children at Risk Committee to set up one pilot youth centre project as outlined in their attached proposals (A & B) in consultation with the Leisure Services Department;
- 2) that this matter be referred to the Budget Committee for consideration of a source of funding;
- 3) that a Subcommittee consisting of representatives of the Leisure Services Department and the Saskatoon Children at Risk Committee be established to monitor the pilot project; and

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- 4) that the report on solvent abuse, as prepared by Alandra Taylor, Saskatoon Children at Risk Committee/Friendship Inn Solvent Abuse Prevention Program, (Attachment `G'), be referred to the Subcommittee for further consideration."

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

- 1) *that City Council approve a grant of up to \$13,609.00 to the Saskatoon Children at Risk Committee to set up one pilot youth centre project as outlined in their attached proposals (A & B) in consultation with the Leisure Services Department;*
- 2) *that this matter be referred to the Budget Committee for consideration of a source of funding;*
- 3) *that a Subcommittee consisting of representatives of the Leisure Services Department and the Saskatoon Children at Risk Committee be established to monitor the pilot project; and*
- 4) *that the report on solvent abuse, as prepared by Alandra Taylor, Saskatoon Children at Risk Committee/Friendship Inn Solvent Abuse Prevention Program, (Attachment `G'), be referred to the Subcommittee for further consideration.*

IN REFERRAL

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the matter be referred to the Planning and Operations Committee to review whether the proposal can be coordinated with the Leisure Services Department.

THE REFERRAL MOTION WAS PUT AND LOST ON A TIE VOTE.

IN AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

- 1) *that City Council approve a grant of up to \$60,000 to establish pilot youth centre projects in consultation with the Leisure Services Department;*
- 2) *that this matter be referred to the Budget Committee for consideration of a source of funding;*

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- 3) *that a Subcommittee consisting of representatives of the Leisure Services Department and the Saskatoon Children at Risk Committee be established in order to establish guidelines for the delivery of the project, monitoring of the funds and evaluation of the pilot projects;*
- 4) *that the report on solvent abuse, as prepared by Alandra Taylor, Saskatoon Children at Risk Committee/Friendship Inn Solvent Abuse Prevention Program, (Attachment 'G'), be referred to the Subcommittee for further consideration.*

IN AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Motion No. 1 be amended by adding the words "which would include the Eastside Youth Centre" after the words "pilot youth centre projects".

THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST.

IN REFERRAL

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.

THE REFERRAL MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS - CONTINUED

- 7) **Elmer Scheltgen**
511 Avenue D South, dated February 2

Requesting permission for Mr. El Kostyna, himself and possibly one other person to address Council regarding the proposed Property Maintenance and Occupancy Bylaw. (File No. CK. 185-7)

RECOMMENDATION: that Item 6a) of "Unfinished Business" and Items A.8, AA.13 and AA.14 of "Communications" be brought forward for consideration

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and the speakers be heard.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT Items A.8, AA.13 and AA.14 of "Communications" be brought forward for consideration.

CARRIED.

**8) Earle G. Mireau, Co-Chair
Equal Justice For All, dated February 4**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the proposed Property Maintenance and Occupancy Bylaw. (File No. CK. 185-7)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Item 6a) of "Unfinished Business".

**AA13) Stephen Dershko, Chair
Riversdale Business Improvement District, dated January 31**

Providing comments regarding the proposed Property Maintenance and Occupancy Bylaw. (File No. CK. 185-7)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Item 6a) of "Unfinished Business".

**AA14) Tom Morgan, President
Riversdale Community and School Association, undated**

Expressing support for the proposed Property Maintenance and Occupancy Bylaw. (File No. CK. 185-7)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Item 6a) of "Unfinished Business".

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT Ms. Noonan be heard.

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CARRIED.

Ms. Mari Noonan raised several concerns and questions regarding the proposed Property Maintenance and Occupancy Bylaw and asked for clarification on the issues raised.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Mr. Mireau be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Earle G. Mireau, Co-Chair, Equal Justice For All, expressed concern regarding some aspects of the bylaw but asked that Council pass the bylaw tonight and make any necessary amendments in the future in consultation with all those involved.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Items A.7, A.8, AA.13 and AA.14 of "Communications" be received as information.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Item 6a) of "Unfinished Business" be brought forward for consideration.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**6a) Property Maintenance and Occupancy Bylaw
(File No. CK. 185-7)**

REPORT OF CITY CLERK:

"City Council, at its meeting held on January 15, 1996, during consideration of Clause 2, Report No. 1-1996 of the Planning and Operations Committee, copy attached, adopted the following recommendations:

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- 1) that the information be received;
- 2) that City Council consider Bylaw No. 7400 at its meeting to be held on February 5, 1996; and
- 3) that City Council refer the appointment of members for the Property Maintenance and Occupancy Bylaw Appeal Board to the Executive Committee.

As noted above, Council previously adopted a recommendation to consider Bylaw No. 7400, copy attached, at this meeting."

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 7400.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT the regular Order of Business be suspended and Bylaw No. 7400 be brought forward for consideration.

CARRIED.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 7400

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7400, being "*Property Maintenance and Occupancy Bylaw*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

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The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Bylaw No. 7400 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7400.

CARRIED.

Council went into Committee of the Whole with Councillor Steernberg in the Chair.

Committee arose.

Councillor Steernberg, Chair of the Committee of the Whole, made the following report:

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7400 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7400 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Bylaw No. 7400 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

COMMUNICATIONS - CONTINUED

AA. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

**1) John Les, President
Federation of Canadian Municipalities, dated January 8**

Forwarding the final instalment of the Affordability and Choice Today grant awarded to the City of Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 155-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**2) Heather Larson, Administrator
Broadway Business Improvement District, dated January 12**

Requesting Council to approve the appointment of Ms. Gail Vanderlinde to the Broadway Business Improvement District Board to replace Ms. Lucy Chuback. (File No. CK. 1680-3)

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RECOMMENDATION: that Ms. Gail Vanderlinde be appointed to the Broadway Business Improvement District Board to replace Ms. Lucy Chuback.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT Ms. Gail Vanderlinde be appointed to the Broadway Business Improvement District Board to replace Ms. Lucy Chuback.

CARRIED.

**3) Carole Beal McKenzie, Lauren Matthews and Ellen Culham
December Memorial Committee, dated January 9**

Expressing appreciation to Council for proclaiming two weeks of Awareness of Violence Against Women and for allocating space for the display at City Hall. (File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**4) Irene D. Moffatt
3543 Fairlight Drive, dated January 15**

Submitting concerns regarding choice of art exhibitions at the Mendel Art Gallery. (File No. CK. 153-1)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Sternberg,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**5) Don Ragush, Greenhouse Garden Project
Saskatoon District Health, dated January 16**

Providing information regarding the garden project and expressing appreciation for support from the City and other organizations. (File No. CK. 1870-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

*THAT the information be received and that the program be extended to June 30, 1996
subject to Administrative conditions.*

CARRIED.

**6) Charmaine Code, Acting City Clerk
City of Prince Albert, dated January 23**

Submitting copy of letter to the Minister of Municipal Government regarding tax policy proposals. (File No. CK. 1615-3)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**7) Fran Hey, Chair
Sutherland School Winter Festival Committee, dated January 30**

Requesting permission for a fireworks display on the school grounds at Egbert Avenue and 109th Street on Friday, February 16, 1996 in connection with the Sutherland School Winter Festival. (File No. CK. 205-14)

RECOMMENDATION: that the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

**8) Andrew Elliott, Dean's Churchwarden
The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Evangelist, dated January 17**

Requesting Council to pass a resolution approving an application to construct a columbarium in an area below the existing church building. (File No. CK. 4350-1)

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RECOMMENDATION: that City Council advise The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Evangelist that it does not oppose the construction of a columbarium below the church building located at 816 Spadina Crescent East.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT City Council advise The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Evangelist that it does not oppose the construction of a columbarium below the church building located at 816 Spadina Crescent East.

CARRIED.

**9) Carol Purich, Secretary
The Board of Police Commissioners, dated January 31**

Submitting a copy of the proposed Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners Bylaw for approval. (File No. CK. 185-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Council consider Bylaw No. 7531.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 7531.

CARRIED.

**10) Marlene Hall, Secretary
Development Appeals Board, dated January 25**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding property at 917 - 10th Street East. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

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**11) Marlene Hall, Secretary
Development Appeals Board, dated January 31**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding property at 436 Avenue I South. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**12) L.J. Dick Batten, Chair
The Partnership, dated January 31**

Submitting comments regarding property tax reassessment. (File No. CK. 1615-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause A5, Report No. 3-1996 of the City Commissioner.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT the information be received and considered with Clause A5, Report No. 3-1996 of the City Commissioner.

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**13) Stephen Dershko, Chair
Riversdale Business Improvement District, dated January 31**

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- 14) **Tom Morgan, President**
Riversdale Community and School Association, undated

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- 15) **John Hamlin, President**
Saskatoon Association of Marine Modelers, dated February 5

Submitting comments regarding the request to use the north pond between 51st and 60th Streets.
(File No. CK. 5500-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that permission be granted to the Saskatoon Association of Marine Modelers for the use of the Clarence Avenue and Circle Drive pond, and as a secondary user of the 58th Street pond.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the information be received and considered with Clause 7, Report No. 2-1996 of the Planning and Operations Committee.

CARRIED.

B. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

- 1) **A.K. Walker**
2424 Eastview, dated January 11

Submitting concerns regarding the security deposit for utilities. **Referred to the Administration for a report.** (File No. CK. 1550-3)

- 2) **Honourable Carol Teichrob**
Minister of Municipal Government, dated January 4

Providing Council with a copy of the report on the review of emergency and protective services and asking for input regarding the matter. **Referred to the Administration for a report.** (Files CK. 270-3, 2500-1 and 5000-1)

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- 3) **Harold Brown**
723 8th Street East, dated January 16

Submitting comments regarding the proposal to amend the Smoking Bylaw. **Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.** (File No. CK. 185-3)

- 4) **Allyne Knox**
3723 Van Horne Avenue, Regina, SK, dated January 13

Submitting comments regarding the proposal to amend the Smoking Bylaw. **Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.** (File No. CK. 185-3)

- 5) **Shannon Pomeroy, Executive Director**
Saskatoon SPCA, dated January 3

Submitting SPCA's 1996 Budget Proposal. **Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee to consider the matter of a new contract with SPCA and to the Budget Committee to consider the matter of funding.** (File CK. 1870-10)

- 6) **Lyle Mallett**
43 Tucker Crescent, dated January 29

Expressing concern regarding utility billing. **Referred to the Administration to respond.** (File No. CK. 1905-1)

- 7) **Patrick Hopkins, Chair**
Nutana Suburban Program Advisory Committee, dated January 2

Providing comments regarding park maintenance and funding. **Referred to the Budget Committee.** (File No. CK. 4205-1)

- 8) **Jo-Anne Relf-Eckstein, Competitions/Meet Manager**
1996 Western Synchronized Swimming Challenge, dated February 1

Requesting Council to approve a Special Events Hosting Grant for the 1996 Western Synchronized Swimming Challenge. **Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee for a report.** (File No. CK. 1870-2-3)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

C. PROCLAMATIONS

**1) Joseph Kammermayer, President
Alliance for Life - Saskatoon, Inc., dated January 2**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of March 4 to 10, 1996 as Respect for Life Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**2) Garry Byers, Co-Chair, Convention Committee
1996 Lions of Districts 5CA and 5CN, dated January 13**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of March 3 to 9, 1996 as Lions International Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**3) Brenda Wallace, Promotions Coordinator
Saskatoon Free-Net Association, dated January 16**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of April 7 to 13, 1996 as Saskatoon Free-Net Week. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**4) Alan Warriner, President
Kinsmen Club of Saskatoon, POW City, dated January 5**

Requesting Council to proclaim February 20, 1996 as Kinsmen Day and the week of February 18 to 24, 1996 as Kinsmen/Kinette Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

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**5) Zoria Broughton, March Drive Co-ordinator
The Kidney Foundation of Canada, dated January 19**

Requesting Council to proclaim the month of March, 1996 as Kidney Month in Saskatoon and to raise the Kidney Foundation's flag over Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**6) Gail Drury, Chair
Saskatoon KidSport Fund, dated January 24**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of February 23 to March 1, 1996 as KidSport Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**7) Rhonda M. Morgan, Founder and Chair
Missing Children Society of Canada, dated January 19**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of May 19 to 25, 1996 as Missing Children's Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve all proclamations as set out in Section C;
 - 2) that the City raise the Kidney Foundation's flag in front of City Hall; and
 - 3) that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamations on behalf of City Council.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

- 1) that City Council approve all proclamations as set out in Section C;*
- 2) that the City raise the Kidney Foundation's flag in front of City Hall; and*
- 3) that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamations on behalf of City Council.*

CARRIED.

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REPORTS

Ms. Sandy Normand, Chair, presented Report 1-1996 of the Leisure Services Advisory Board;

Mr. G. Grismer, Vice-Chair, presented Report No. 2-1996 of the Municipal Planning Commission;

City Commissioner Irwin presented Report No. 3-1996 of the City Commissioner;

Councillor Roe, Chair, presented Report No. 2-1996 of the Planning and Operations Committee;

Councillor McCann, Chair, submitted Report No. 2-1996 of the Administration and Finance Committee;

Councillor Birkmaier, Chair, presented Report No. 1-1996 of the Land Bank Committee; and

His Worship the Mayor, Chair, presented Report No. 1-1996 of the Executive Committee.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider the following reports:

- a) Report No. 1-1996 of the Leisure Services Advisory Board;*
- b) Report No. 2-1996 of the Municipal Planning Commission;*
- c) Report No. 3-1996 of the City Commissioner;*
- d) Report No. 2-1996 of the Planning and Operations Committee;*
- e) Report No. 2-1996 of the Administration and Finance Committee;*
- f) Report No. 1-1996 of the Land Bank Committee; and*
- g) Report No. 1-1996 of the Executive Committee.*

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His Worship Mayor Dayday appointed Councillor Steernberg as Chair of the Committee of the Whole.

Council went into Committee of the Whole with Councillor Steernberg in the Chair.

Committee arose.

Councillor Steernberg, Chair of the Committee of the Whole, made the following report:

THAT while in Committee of the Whole, the following matters were considered and dealt with as stated:

"REPORT NO. 1-1996 OF THE LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Composition of Committee
(1995)

Ms. S. Normand, Chair
Councillor J. Postlethwaite
Ms. P. Tymchatyn
Ms. L. Gurry
Mr. A. Fischer
Ms. M. Powell
Mr. F. Wesolowski
Mr. B. Gallagher
Mr. Z. Zuzak
Mr. L. Stewart
Mr. K. Bowers
Ms. J. Hawkes
Ms. G. Bloemraad
Mr. P. Rogal
Mr. E. Magnuson
Ms. N. Scott
Ms. L. Way

- 1. Leisure Services Advisory Board
1995 Annual Report
(File No. CK. 175-4) _____**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

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ADOPTED.

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INTRODUCTION

In accordance with Bylaw No. 7067, the Leisure Services Advisory Board is advisory to City Council and shall:

- a) advise City Council as to policies and services which are required to address the leisure needs of the public;
- b) advise City Council on issues which constitute major barriers to participation in leisure service activities by users or volunteers;
- c) advise City Council on any other matters referred to it;
- d) submit a report to City Council at the end of each year.

1995 Membership on the Board included the following:

Councillor J. Postlethwaite
Ms. S. Normand, Lakewood Suburban Program Advisory Board
Ms. Myra Powell, Saskatoon Access to Leisure Committee
Mr. Earl Magnuson, Public at Large
Ms. Louise Gurry, Public at Large
Mr. Fred Wesolowski, Saskatoon Catholic Schools
Mr. Brian Gallagher, Aboriginal Recreation Advisory Committee
Mr. Kelly Bowers, Saskatoon Board of Education
Mr. Zenon Zuzak, Saskatoon Library Board
Mr. Larry Stewart, Lawson Suburban Program Advisory Board
Ms. Judy Hawkes, Nutana Suburban Program Advisory Board
Ms. P. Tymchatyn, Cultural Advisory Subcommittee
Mr. Axel Fischer, Zone 6 Sport Council
Ms. Gerda Bloemraad, Public at Large
Mr. Paul Rogal, University of Saskatchewan
Ms. Nancy Scott, Confederation Park Suburban Program Advisory Committee
Ms. Lee Way, Inner City Program Advisory Board

CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Leisure Services Advisory Board has spent an interesting year maintaining its ability to articulate the importance and potential of recreation and leisure in the community. The Board still believes recreation has the potential to assist Saskatoon residents of all ages to achieve physical, social, and emotional well-being and in living full and meaningful lives. Recreation contributes to the economic and social viability of our community, building strong families and in providing

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preventative approaches and opportunities to increasingly costly levels of social malaise. Small investments in recreation programs and services, affordable and functional recreation facilities, green space, and parks are a necessary basic service in Saskatoon.

The Board has taken the initiative to seek out and learn about the wonderful resources and opportunities which abound in our community. Touring facilities, seeking to establish working relationships with decision makers, service providers, and volunteers all aid the Leisure Services Advisory Board to contribute feedback and recommendations to politicians and policy makers.

Change in Saskatoon continues to challenge the face of availability of resources. There is a constant struggle for financial resources, voluntary support and effective leadership that will guide and direct appropriate initiatives in order for a community to thrive. The future holds for some very tough decisions to be made in respect to whether or not and what kind of facility development should or should not take place. As the year progressed, a report from this Board to City Council advises:

"the City should be very hesitant in building additional leisure centres. If such facilities were to be constructed, City Council should set aside from the levies used for the project, an operating fund for future operating costs. Unfortunately, we have learned the hard way that merely financing the construction of facilities without providing for its, in all probability, escalating operating costs or for worsening economic times, will put a strain on the City's overall budget resulting in increased annual taxes." (taken from Vice Chair's Report)

The City of Saskatoon has to spend money more cautiously and to guard against making changes and spending irrationally under pressure. The focus of the City should be to focus on its ability to be adaptable - looking for alternatives and partnerships within the community. Studying demographic changes, restructuring to cater for changes in population shifts are an important role for the City to undertake. Priority should be given to youth programs and other activities at the beginner level.

The City has a wonderful resource for its use - the Leisure Services Advisory Board. Its membership is city-wide and made up of volunteers - users of facilities, programs and services. The City would be wise to consult more frequently, ask more readily, and to listen and act upon what the Board has to say. The Board has the capability to initiate and foster partnerships, generate discussions and ideas and produce solid, straightforward recommendations from the community for the community.

GUESTS AT BOARD MEETINGS

- Planning and Development Committee
- Mr. Ken Pontikes, Director of Planning and Development
- Ms. S. Schultz, Programming and Customer Services Manager (twice)

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- Mr. P. Gauthier, General Manager, Leisure Services Department (twice)
- Mr. Sully, Community Planning Branch Manager
- Mr. Maroniuk, Planner, Planning and Construction Standards Department
- Mr. M. Sackmann, Recreation Worker 1, Lakewood Civic Centre
- Mr. R. Grauer, Senior Planner, Planning and Construction Standards Department
- Mr. A. Evans, Leisure Services Marketing Branch Manager
- Ms. Anne Campbell, Executive Director, YWCA
- Mr. Ed Sikorski, Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition
- Mr. Maurice Neault, Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition
- Councillor R. Steernberg
- Councillor K. Waygood
- Councillor H. Langlois

VISITS OF FACILITIES

The Board toured the Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition, Lakewood Civic Centre, Lawson Civic Centre, YWCA and Wanuskewin Heritage Park. The Board plans to visit other facilities in 1996.

HIGHLIGHTS OF TOPICS DISCUSSED AND RESOLUTIONS

1. Outdoor Pools as a Basic Service

- Although the Planning and Development Committee requested a subcommittee of the Leisure Services Advisory Board to forward its comments on outdoor swimming pools and other leisure issues, time constraints and the short notice given prevented the subcommittee from providing advice to the Committee. However, the Chair and Vice-Chair were able to present to one of the Budget meetings, the Board's earlier report regarding the value of maintaining the level of leisure services in Saskatoon. The Chair also spoke with the Director of Planning and Development indicating that the Board does not wish to drop this issue but will continue to review it.
- The Board noted that the budget process chosen this year prevented it from having any meaningful input.

Resolution: that a letter be forwarded to City Council expressing concern with respect to the budget process chosen this year.

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2. Open Space - Nordstrum Road and Sebestyen Cres.

- Ms. Gerda Bloemaraad advised the Board that the trees have now been planted in the above-noted park. She stated that the residents on Nordstrum Road and Sebestyen Crescent are very grateful to the Leisure Services Advisory Board for their assistance in this matter.

3. Review of Youth Sports Subsidy and the Sports Component of the Assistance to Community Groups Cash Grant Program.

- The Board was advised that the Youth Sports Subsidy applies specifically to rental costs on any facility (private or public). It was noted that the subsidy is only for regular leagues and it does not pay for tournaments.
- The Board indicated that as long as the formula works and it is equitable, it supports the current formula.
- It was suggested by the Board that the Leisure Services Department conduct a survey to determine whether there are more athletes participating under the subsidy or whether the same athletes are doing more activities. The General Manager of Leisure Services suggested that this issue could be addressed in a broad statistical sense when the needs assessment is being done.
- Board members suggest the Leisure Services Department also determine from where in the city people are coming to use the various facilities, including drop-in classes. It was noted that this type of information would also be useful during the debate for the future development of a leisure centre. The General Manager of Leisure Services indicated the Leisure Services Department will discuss this matter further and report back to the Board.

Resolution: that the Leisure Services Department be requested to report once the new program has been in operation, including information on the following:

- * how funding was allocated in the three areas;
- * to whom funding was allocated;
- * the demand in each area; and
- * whether funds were transferred between areas due to lack of demand in a particular area.

4. Plan Saskatoon Project

- Mr. Grauer reviewed the public participation program. He noted that the program has been advertised, there has been a news conference, and workbooks and response

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forms have been circulated. Presentations and facilitation of discussions are also being carried out. As well, it was noted that videos will be available.

Resolution: The final draft of the Board's review of the Plan Saskatoon Workbook was approved and forwarded to the Planning and Construction Standards Department.

5. Provision of Public Recreation Services and Private Recreation Services.

- Following a discussion of this matter, the Board suggested to meet with public, non-profit and private representatives to consider the ramifications of the public and private provision of recreation services.
- Members of the Board and the representatives of the Planning and Development Committee discussed, at length, the above-noted matter, as well as the issue of additional civic facilities in new areas.

Resolution: Following receipt of the comments from Board members, the Vice-Chair undertook to prepare a position paper for submission to City Council.

After the Vice-Chair prepared a position paper in August, 1995, the Board discussed the matter further, amendments to the paper were incorporated, and the Vice-Chair presented the paper personally to City Council during its meeting on November 6, 1995. She subsequently attended a meeting of the Planning and Operations Committee to express again the Board's views.

6. Criteria - Sports Component Cash Grants Program.

- Board members provided comments for consideration by the Leisure Services Department:
 - * check with different referee associations to see what they have to say -- they are all different organizations with different mandates;
 - * coaching - what percentage of sports pay honorariums or salaries to coaches --majority of coaching is voluntary and officials are moving towards a fee for service. There may be a situation where everyone that coaches will want an honorarium because there is a grant -- should steer more to training and development of coaches;
 - * use seed money to initiate programs within the community -- subsidize the use of the facility and have a request for proposals for new programs.

Resolution: The comments noted above were forwarded to the General Manager, Leisure

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Services Department.

7. City of Saskatoon Policy - Parks And Recreation Open Space and City of Saskatoon Policy - Parks and Recreation Levy (Neighbourhoods and District Components).

Resolution: The Board commented that before the changes are made, the City should look at the ramifications over the longer term in creating multi-district parks as opposed to neighbourhood parks.

8. Discussion Paper - Role of Municipal Government in Parks and Recreation.

- The General Manager, Leisure Services Department, provided the Board with an overview of the report and circulated copies of an outline of the presentation.
- The Committee members are to obtain feedback from the organizations which they represent and report back to the January, 1996 meeting.

9. Public Meetings of Leisure Services Advisory Board.

Resolution: Future meetings of the Leisure Services Advisory Board will be held in public, with the exception of matters dealing with the following:

- * matters relating to the acquisition and/or the disposal by the City of real property, or any interest therein;
- * personnel matters including, but not limited to, personnel matters involving specific individuals, collective bargaining and/or labour relations;
- * reports and/or opinions from a solicitor for the city;
- * such other reports which, in the Committee's opinion, it would be in the public's interest to discuss in camera.

10. Review of Youth Sports Subsidy and the Sports Component of the Assistance to Community Groups Cash Grant Program.

Resolution: The Leisure Services Department is requested to report once the new program has been in operation, including information on the following:

- * how funding was allocated in the three areas;
- * to whom funding was allocated;
- * the demand in each area; and
- * whether funds were transferred between areas due to lack of demand in a particular area.

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11. Report of S.P.R.A. Conference, Lloydminster, October 19 - 21, 1995.

Resolution: One member of the Board attended the conference.

12. Other Items

a) Field House Floor Payment

- the Board requested from the Administration the status of payment to the contractor in charge of the installation of the Field House floor.

Resolution: Memo from L. Bellegarde, Solicitor in response.
Board requested provision of status report following the meeting with the contractor's legal counsel in March. STILL OUTSTANDING. The Board is disappointed that it still has not received any response from the Solicitor's Office.

13. Joint - Use Agreement

Resolution: The Director of Planning and Development verbally informed the Board that there would be an offer to make to the Public School Board. The Board has not been informed of the outcome of the discussion.

14. Volunteers

The Chair indicated that there have been articles in the newspaper recently regarding the above. A letter was sent under the signature of the Chair, to the appropriate City staff, and to the chairs of the suburban advisory committees, expressing the Board's appreciation for the effort put into a study on the contribution of volunteers in neighbourhoods.

15. Organization Review - Ernst and Young

The Board reviewed a questionnaire from Ernst and Young regarding the Organization Review which was forwarded to the Chair of the Board. Additional comments for inclusion in the questionnaire were provided by Board members.

Resolution: Board members were provided with a copy of the recommendations once the report was made public.

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REPORT NO. 2-1996 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Composition of Committee

Mr. Jim Kozmyk, Chair
Mr. Glen Grismer, Vice-Chair
Councillor J. Postlethwaite
Mr. Ken Rauch
Ms. Ann March
Ms. Leslie Belloc-Pinder
Mr. Gregory Kitz
Ms. Georgia Bell Woodard
Ms. Lina Eidem
Mr. Paul Kawcuniak
Ms. Sheila Denysiuk
Mr. Al Ledingham
Dr. Brian Noonan

**1. Avalon Neighbourhood Sketch Plan
(File No. CK. 4131-1)**

*Council is requested to bring forward Clause 1, Report No. 2-1996 of the Administration and Finance Committee and Clause 1, Report No. 2-1996 of the Planning and Operations Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: that the Avalon Neighbourhood Sketch Plan dated December 6, 1995, be approved, in principle.that the Avalon Neighbourhood Sketch Plan dated December 6, 1995, be approved, in principle.

Attached is a copy of a report of the Planning and Building Department dated January 10, 1996, regarding a neighbourhood sketch plan for the Avalon Neighbourhood in the Nutana Suburban Development area. A comprehensive planning report outlining the issues and the design features of the proposal is also attached.

Your Commission has reviewed the sketch plan in detail and has also met with the President of the Avalon Community Association. The neighbourhood is generally pleased with the development proposal; however, it has noted the following:

- there could be increased traffic along Glasgow Street;
- would like some assurance that Glasgow Street will be monitored to ensure that it can handle increased traffic;

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- would like input into naming the park -- "Avalon Park" has been suggested;
- would like a walkway off Mendel Terrace to Glasgow Street which would enable school children to walk to the neighbouring schools without having to use the nearby busier streets.

Moved by Mayor Dayday,

THAT Clause 1, Report No. 2-1996 of the Administration and Finance Committee and Clause 1, Report No. 2-1996 of the Planning and Operations Committee be brought forward for consideration.

CARRIED.

REPORT NO. 2-1996 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

**1. Avalon Neighbourhood Sketch Plan
(File No. CK. 4131-1)**

(This report is to be considered with Clause 1, Report No. 2 of the Municipal Planning Commission.)

RECOMMENDATION: that the proposed Neighbourhood Sketch Plan for the Avalon Neighbourhood dated December 6, 1995 be approved in principle.

Your Committee has reviewed the report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department dated January 11, 1996 forwarding the Neighbourhood Sketch Plan for the Avalon Neighbourhood with a representative of the Planning and Building Department, and supports the Sketch Plan in principle. (A copy of the report on the Neighbourhood Sketch Plan for the Avalon Neighbourhood has not been copied with this report, as it has been provided with the report of the Municipal Planning Commission, referenced above.)

REPORT NO. 2-1996 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

**1. Avalon Neighbourhood Sketch Plan
(File No. CK. 4131-1)**

This report is to be considered with Clause 1, Report No. 2-1996 of the Municipal Planning Commission.

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RECOMMENDATION: that the proposed Neighbourhood Sketch Plan for the Avalon Neighbourhood dated December 6, 1995, be approved, in principle.

Quoted below is a report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department dated January 11, 1996, regarding the above. Your Committee has discussed the proposed sketch plan with representatives of both the Planning and Building Department and the Avalon Community Association. During discussions with the representative of the Community Association, there was an indication that the neighbourhood feels that the proposed park should be named by the residents. It was also pointed out that the open space designated for a park is currently being used by the schools for science work, etc., and in this regard, it has been suggested that the park be developed into more of an environmental park. Your Committee has therefore referred the idea of a natural park concept to the Leisure Services Department for a report prior to the advertising and sale of the lots, and it has also requested that the Administration consider the issue of naming the Park and the View further.

Council will note that the referenced attachments to the following report are included with Clause 1, Report No. 2-1996 of the Municipal Planning Commission.

"EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The planned extension to the Avalon Neighbourhood represents an excellent opportunity to provide additional housing units without annexing additional rural lands and expanding the boundaries of the City of Saskatoon. The use of this land for residential purposes has been identified in the City's Development Plan for thirty years. The residential extension has been designed so as to be compatible with the existing Avalon neighbourhood in terms of lot size, street widths and lot orientation.

BACKGROUND

The proposed Avalon Neighbourhood Sketch Plan, if endorsed, will provide for the planned completion of the Avalon Neighbourhood. The development of this land for residential purposes has been part of the City's land use policy since the adoption of the 1966 Community Planning Scheme and all later versions of this policy including the current Development Plan Bylaw No. 6771. This land was purchased by the City in 1988, and thereafter this land became identified for development in the context of the City's Five Year Land Development Program.

On December 20, 1995, the Technical Planning Commission considered the proposed Avalon Neighbourhood Sketch Plan and have endorsed the Planning and Building Department's recommendation to City Council that it be approved.

Two public meetings were held in the Avalon neighbourhood in the Spring and Fall of 1995

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to introduce the proposed residential extension to the neighbourhood. The community's concerns centred around the following issues:

- * increased traffic flow on Glasgow Street;
- * altered character of neighbourhood;
- * site for multiple unit dwellings;
- * loss of open space.

JUSTIFICATION

1) Planning and Building Department Comments

- a) The proposed Avalon Neighbourhood Sketch Plan, if endorsed, will provide for the planned completion of the Avalon Neighbourhood. The development of this land for residential purposes has been part of the City's land use policy since the adoption of the 1966 Community Planning Scheme and all later versions of this policy including the current Development Plan Bylaw No. 6771. This land was purchased by the City in 1988, and thereafter this land became identified for development in the context of the City's Five Year Land Development Program.
- b) The existing Avalon Neighbourhood was developed primarily during the 1945 to 1960 period. The Avalon Neighbourhood currently contains 932 one unit dwellings, 149 two unit dwellings and 128 multiple unit dwelling units, for a total of 1,209 dwelling units of which only 10.6% are multiple unit dwellings. The population of Avalon in 1994 was estimated to be 3,059 persons. Two elementary schools exist in the neighbourhood, John Lake and Georges Vanier (separate). Both of these schools had 1993 enrollments slightly above 200 students. For additional data about the existing Avalon area, please refer to the attached neighbourhood profile.
- c) The proposed completion of the Avalon Neighbourhood envisages the development of this area in the following manner:
 - i) The creation of 88 lots for one unit dwelling purposes including 15 lots fronting onto Glasgow Street, 44 lots fronting onto an eighteen metre wide crescent which intersects with Glasgow Street at two locations, and 29 lots fronting onto three different culs-de-sac.
 - ii) The creation of two future multiple unit dwelling sites along the eastern portion of the subject lands and fronting onto Mendel Crescent. It is intended that these two sites be developed in similar form to the townhouse dwelling group which was developed east of

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Clarence Avenue. In this regard, the Land Manager has submitted an application to rezone proposed parcels F & G from an R.2 District to an RM(Tn) District and will be the subject of a further report to the Municipal Planning Commission and City Council.

iii) These two parcels have a combined area of 2.066 hectares. Under the provisions of the RM(Tn) District the practical development potential of these two sites combined would be 40 units.

iv) Based on this expected development the Avalon Neighbourhood would consist of the following housing types:

	Existing (1993)	Proposed
One/Two Unit Dwellings	1,081 (89.4%)	1,169 (87.4%)
Multiple Unit Dwellings	128 (10.6%)	168 (12.6%)
Total:	1,209	1,337

v) The provision of a 1.69 hectare neighbourhood park.

vi) The wet storm pond immediately south of the proposed subdivision across Circle Drive will be expanded to accommodate storm water runoff. The provision of an existing dry storm pond immediately west of the neighbourhood park will be retained. The dry storm pond is essentially a low area which is expected to contain any overflow of storm water which exceeds the capacity of the wet storm pond. It has an estimated volume capacity of 40,000 m³.

vii) The Transportation Services Department has reported that noise levels of between 68 to 70 dBA are possible in this area by the time Saskatoon's population reaches 250,000. That range exceeds the City's guideline of 65 dBA. Noise attenuation will be provided by the provision of a 20 metre wide buffer strip along the southern limits of the parcel adjacent to Circle Drive and a 15 metre Buffer Strip adjacent to Clarence Avenue. The buffer strip will include a 2.0 metre high berm with a 4:1 sideslope and a 1 metre top.

d) This proposal represents a good opportunity for infill development in a mature existing neighbourhood. This development will allow the City of Saskatoon to provide additional housing for residents without expanding the existing city boundaries.

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- e) The development should (based on experience with other infill projects) yield some school-aged children which will help keep both the public and separate elementary schools open longer. Additional single family homes in this area will be compatible with the surrounding neighbourhood. The provision of low-density multiple unit dwellings on parcels F & G (which will be limited to a maximum of two storeys) should also be compatible with the surrounding existing neighbourhood.

OPTIONS

If City Council decides not to approve the proposed Avalon residential extension, then some other use for this land must be found. It would be uneconomical to leave this land in its current state which could be seen as a wasteful use of land.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This proposal is consistent with existing City of Saskatoon Development Plan policies and all administrative policies.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The project is financed through the payment of on-site and off-site development levies which are pre-paid. The City of Saskatoon Property Realized Account contains existing funds to provide capital for this proposed residential extension. Lot sales in this area will provide a positive net return to this account. The project should have no impact on the mill rate.

COMMUNICATION PLAN

The proposed sketch plan for the Avalon neighbourhood is widely circulated. Both standing committees of Council, the Municipal Planning Commission and the Technical Planning Commission will have the opportunity to review and make recommendations to City Council. Prior to any development taking place, a subdivision application to create the parcels for the extension will need to be approved by both the Technical Planning Commission and City Council. Finally, the land will require rezoning where the Municipal Planning Commission and City Council will review the proposal and City Council will hold a Public Hearing.

The Planning and Building Department notified the Avalon Community Association on December 13, 1995 and on January 2, 1996 in writing of all public meetings concerning the approval of the Avalon Neighbourhood Sketch Plan and rezonings and have invited representatives to attend these meetings to voice their concerns.

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ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Attachment No. 1 - Avalon Neighbourhood Extension Design Plan - Supporting Documentation.
- 2) Attachment No. 2 - Avalon Neighbourhood Profile."

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Avalon Neighbourhood Sketch Plan dated December 6, 1995, be approved, in principle.

- 2. Rezoning -
Lands in the Avalon Neighbourhood
Avalon Extension (Avalon Neighbourhood)
R.2 to R.1A and RM(Tn) District
Applicant: City of Saskatoon Land Manager
(File No. CK. 4351-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to rezone Parcel A, Plan No. CB4124 in S.E. 1/4- Sec.16-Twp.36-Rge.5-W3rd from an R.2 District to R.1A and RM(Tn) Districts as shown on Attachment No. 1 - Proposed Rezoning - Avalon Extension;
 - 2) that the City Planner be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendment;
 - 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaw; and
 - 4) that the Municipal Planning Commission's report be brought forward for consideration at the time of the public hearing and that City Council consider the Commission's recommendation that the proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment, as outlined in Recommendation 1) above, be approved.

ADOPTED.

Your Commission has considered and concurs with the attached copy of report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department dated January 3, 1996, regarding an application submitted by the Land Manager, on behalf of the City of Saskatoon to rezone Parcel A, Plan No. CB4124, S.E. 1/4 Sec. 16-36-5 W.3rd M (Avalon Neighbourhood Extension) in the Avalon

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Neighbourhood.

**3. Plan Saskatoon Public Participation Report
(File No. CK. 4110-10)**

* Members of Council are requested to bring their copy of the above report to the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Your Commission has considered the following report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department dated January 24, 1996, together with the referenced Public Participation Report:

"A. PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

That the Municipal Planning Commission forward a copy of the Plan Saskatoon - Public Participation Report to City Council for its information.

B. PROPOSAL

The Plan Saskatoon - Public Participation Report presents information that was gathered during the spring and summer of 1995 as part of the first phase of public involvement for the Plan Saskatoon Project.

C. REASON FOR PROPOSAL

The Plan Saskatoon Project involves a comprehensive review of the City's Development Plan and Zoning Bylaw. These are the main administrative tools used to manage the growth and development of the City. This review is intended to deal with many of the complex issues that are now challenging the fundamental principles of the existing Development Plan and Zoning Bylaw.

The intent of the public involvement program was to gain an understanding of how individual residents, community and business groups, and other organizations feel about the City now, and how they would like to see it develop in the future. The information contained within the Public Participation Report is one of the components now being used in the preparation of the "Policy Directions Report", which will be tabled with City Council

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in the next few months. Following a further period of public consultation, Council will be asked to consider the recommendations of the Policy Directions Report and provide direction for the detailed preparation of the Development Plan and Zoning Bylaw.

D. METHODOLOGY

The public consultation program was designed to advertise the Plan Saskatoon Project, to encourage participation, and to provide a vehicle for that participation. The main vehicle for this process was the Issues Workbook and companion Response Form. This package provided an introduction to the city planning process, outlined many important issues, and provided an open-ended survey form around which respondents could frame their ideas and comments.

In conjunction with advertising, staff presentations, special meetings, and a planning video series on local television, over 2,400 Workbooks and Response Form packages were circulated throughout the community. Approximately 375 submissions were received, including 349 completed Response Forms and many written submissions. 242 Response Forms originated from individuals and 107 from groups and organizations.

E. COMMUNICATION PLAN

A copy of the report will be circulated to all groups who participated in the first stage of the Plan Saskatoon public involvement program. Summaries will be sent to persons and groups on the Plan Saskatoon Newsletter mailing list, with full copies available on request.

F. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1 - Plan Saskatoon Public Participation Report"

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REPORT NO. 3-1996 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER

Section A - Administration and Finance

A1) Routine Reports Submitted to City Council

RECOMMENDATION: that the following information be received.

ADOPTED.

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$561,581.01	January 4, 1996	January 8, 1996
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$5,031,488.92	January 9, 1996	January 11, 1996
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$2,141,792.36	January 12, 1996	January 17, 1996
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$1,110,132.15	January 16, 1996	January 18, 1996
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$679,545.50	January 22, 1996	January 24, 1996
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$669,898.62 (File No. 1530-2)	January 24, 1996	January 29, 1996

**A2) Bylaw - Bank Account and Cheque Signing Authority
(File Nos. 1660-2 and 185-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare appropriate amendments to Bylaw No. 7266 to reflect the changes listed below.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Finance Department, January 17, 1996:

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"BACKGROUND

The City Treasurer receives authority from Bylaw No. 7266 to establish certain bank accounts and establishes the authorized signing authorities for these accounts. This bylaw also provides for other municipal employees to sign cheques on City of Saskatoon bank accounts when the Treasurer is temporarily absent or otherwise unavailable to sign cheques.

JUSTIFICATION

The re-organization which was recently undertaken in the corporation and, in particular, the Finance Department, makes it necessary to amend Bylaw No. 7266. In this regard, it is necessary to make the following changes to the bank accounts and cheque signing authority. The recommended changes to The Bank Account and Cheque Signing Bylaw, Bylaw No. 7266, are listed below:

1. The Treasurer is hereby authorized to establish bank accounts for the following purposes:

· **Remove** the following bank accounts:

- i) City Hospital Endowment Trust Account
- ii) Debenture Account
- iii) Working Capital Fund Account

· **Add** the following bank accounts:

- i) City of Saskatoon
Leisure Services Dept. - an account in which MasterCard receipts from selected facilities are deposited.
- ii) City of Saskatoon
Facilities Registration - an account in which MasterCard receipts for facilities registrations are deposited.
- iii) Property Tax Refund Account - an account provided for the refunding of property tax overpayments.

2. (1) In this Section, Treasurer means the treasurer of the City of Saskatoon and Treasurer's Alternate shall mean one of the following:

· **Remove** the following title:

- i) the Treasury Systems Manager of the City of Saskatoon

· **Add** the following title:

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i) the Utility Services Manager of the City of Saskatoon

3. (1) Subject to Subsection 2(2), all cheques on the following bank accounts shall be signed by the Treasurer:

· **Add** the following bank account:

i) Property Tax Refund Account

4. (1) Subject to Subsection 2(2), except for those cheques referred to in Section 3, and all other cheques drawn on any of the accounts referred to in Section 1 of this Bylaw shall be jointly signed by the Treasurer and one of the following municipal employees:

· **Remove** the following titles:

i) the Director of Finance

ii) the Director of Planning and Development

iii) the Director of Works and Utilities

iv) the Treasury Systems Manager of the City of Saskatoon

· **Add** the following titles:

i) the General Manager, Finance Department

ii) the Utility Services Manager of The City of Saskatoon."

**A3) Appointment of a Division Registrar
of Vital Statistics for The City of Saskatoon
(File Nos. 4510-1 and 3105-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council recommend the appointment of Dr. Clarence Clotey as the Division Registrar of Vital Statistics; and,
 - 2) that the Administration request the Director of Vital Statistics to forward the request to the Lieutenant Governor in Council to approve the appointment of Dr. Clarence Clotey as the Division Registrar of Vital Statistics.

ADOPTED.

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In 1993, the Saskatoon Community Health Unit (now Public Health Services) of Saskatoon District Health, and the City of Saskatoon, reached an agreement where the Health Unit would continue to provide the Division Registrar functions on behalf of the City. Any change in the appointed individual requires the request to be made by the City to the Province.

Saskatoon District Health is requesting the appointment of Dr. Clarence Clotney, Director of Public Health Services and Medical Health Officer as the new Division Registrar of Vital Statistics. The City has the option of using the services of the City Clerk's Office or Public Health Services to provide this function. We currently pay Public Health Services \$.25 per registration of birth, death, and stillborn death, for a total annual cost of approximately \$1,500.00. It is your staff's view that it is more efficient to have the registration function performed by Public Health Services.

**A4) 1995 Residential Property Tax
and Utility Charges Survey
City of Edmonton
(File No. 1920-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Finance Department, January 26, 1996:

"Each year, the City of Edmonton completes a survey of 18 major cities in Canada. The survey compares the total property taxes on a single family home and the utility costs on a single family residence. They also calculate the average annual increase in property taxes for the last five years in each city. The results of this year's survey are as follows:

Total Property Taxes on a Single Family Residence

Saskatoon ranked 12th in total property taxes paid for 1995. In 1994, our ranking was 15th. If we examine the municipal tax levy only, Saskatoon had the fourth lowest taxes in 1995, the same position as in 1994.

Average Annual Property Tax Increase 1990-1995

The five-year average annual property tax increase for Saskatoon was 1.95% per year, which gave us a placing of seventh overall. In 1994, our five-year average annual increase was 2.63%, which gave us a fourth place rating. If we eliminate the 1995 School Board tax increase, our average annual municipal tax increase over the last five years is below 1.5% per year.

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Average Monthly Utility Charges for a Single Family Dwelling - 1995

Saskatoon had an average monthly utility charge of \$97.21 for 1995, placing us in 12th position. In 1994, our charge was \$87.70 per month giving us a ninth place position. The increase in charges for 1995 were due to an increase in electrical rates and an increase in sewage rates. The electrical rates are determined by SaskPower, while our increases in sewer rates are to fund the expansion of the Sewage Treatment Plant.

It is interesting to note that in terms of utilities, our telephone charges are above the city average, our electrical charges are above the city average, our water charges are below the city average, while our sewer charges are above the city's average."

ATTACHMENTS

1. Property Tax and Utility Charges Survey
City of Edmonton

**A5) Reassessment - 1997
Business Tax
(File Nos. 1615-2 and 1915-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that effective January 1, 1997, subject to Provincial Government approval of the appropriate tax tools, the City of Saskatoon no longer levy a business tax and that City Council then adopt a mill rate factor that would generate the equivalent revenue to the business tax from the commercial and business assessment.

Report of the General Manager, Finance Department, January 26, 1996:

"INTRODUCTION

As City Council is well aware, a complete provincial reassessment will occur in this province on January 1, 1997. As part of the reassessment, the Department of Municipal Government issued a policy paper which outlined the various tax tools that will be available to municipalities to manage the implementation of the reassessment.

The policy paper also outlined the Government's proposed position on business tax. In that paper, the Government proposed that business tax be an optional tax, and that if a business tax is to be levied, it would be based upon the assessed value of the property. This proposal would eliminate our present fair rental value system, and require us to develop a new business tax based on property

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values.

Your staff has previously proposed that the business tax be eliminated in Saskatoon, and that a mill rate factor (or variable mill rate) be used to generate an equivalent amount of revenue.

The City Assessor has indicated that if City Council is not going to eliminate the business tax, he needs a decision as soon as possible so that property assessment data can be analyzed, and a new business tax system developed for implementation on January 1, 1997.

BACKGROUND

The business tax was legalized in 1908, and in 1964 a legislative amendment allowed the City of Saskatoon to use its present gross rental system. The business tax is charged to the occupant of the property and is based on the rental value of the property x 14.5%. Although the percentage of 14.5% has remained stable for the last eight years, it was subject to increases in prior years.

This tax generates approximately \$8.0M of revenue each year of which approximately \$3.5M is received by the municipality and the remainder goes to the School Boards and Library. In Regina, over \$24M is received in revenue each year.

ISSUES WITH THE ELIMINATION OF THE BUSINESS TAX

1. Loss of Revenue

With the elimination of the business tax, \$8.0M in revenue is lost. The municipal government tax proposals require that if a municipality eliminates the business tax, it must provide for an equivalent amount of revenue lost to the school boards. Therefore, it is proposed that a mill rate factor be applied to commercial businesses which will ensure an equivalent amount of revenue is generated, and there will be no revenue loss to the municipality or the school boards. This will not result in any increased taxes for residential properties.

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2. Vacant Properties

As the business tax is assessed on the occupant of a commercial building, if there is no occupant, no tax is levied. Therefore, adjustments must be made for vacant properties.

The Department of Municipal Government proposed that a property vacant for more than three months will not be required to pay the extra taxes generated by the mill rate adjustment factor. This will ensure that vacant property is dealt with fairly.

In order not to create a new level of bureaucracy to monitor vacancies, your staff proposes that vacancy adjustments will be based on an honour system, and that the owners of buildings need to only inform the Assessment Department when vacancies occur for an adjustment to be made.

3. BID Levy

The BID levy is now charged to the occupant of the property benefitting from the work of the BID. With no business tax, unless a new administrative structure was put in place, the Assessor would have no method of tracking the occupant of properties. To avoid this problem, the BIDs have agreed to charge their levy to the owner of the property thereby eliminating this concern.

ANALYSIS

The benefits of eliminating the business tax are:

- a) Economic Development - Most cities levy two taxes on corporations, both a variable mill rate and a business tax. By eliminating the business tax, the City will be able to sell itself as having only one tax on business, which will provide an incentive for businesses considering relocation to Saskatoon.
- b) Broaden the Tax Base - Many Federal Crown agencies do not pay a business tax, but will provide a grant-in-lieu for a variable mill rate. By having a mill rate factor or a variable mill rate, we would anticipate that Federal corporations will treat this city as they do other cities and pay the increased levy.
- c) Decreases Municipal Costs - The Assessor's Branch has staff to maintain the business tax system, and the Treasurer's Branch has staff that collects the business tax. Although we have recognized that the business tax may be eliminated and have attempted to adjust staffing levels accordingly, further savings may occur.

However, if we have to convert to a new business tax method, our initial costs of converting to the new system will certainly increase.

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- d) Methods of Enforcement - Enforcing the collection of a business tax is very difficult and time consuming as our only method of enforcement is the seizing of assets owned by the occupant. However, if this revenue is part of the property tax base, enforcement would be the same as for the non-payment of the normal property taxes.
- e) Will Not Have to Convert to New System - The conversion to a new business tax base will create more work to generate the base information to allocate the tax to occupants, to explain the new tax calculations, and to collect the newly-adjusted tax amounts. Dealing with the property reassessments changes, without the complications of explaining a new business tax as well, will make the job much simpler.

The disadvantage of eliminating the business tax is:

Vacancies - The main difficulty with the elimination of the business tax is to find a fair way to deal with vacant property. Hopefully with a three-month vacancy clause, this difficulty can be resolved.

CONCLUSION

Your staff believes the advantages of eliminating the business tax far outweigh the benefits of converting to a new business tax base, and supports the elimination of the business tax."

Pursuant to earlier resolution, Item AA.12 of "Communications" was brought forward and considered.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that effective January 1, 1997, subject to Provincial Government approval of the appropriate tax tools, the City of Saskatoon no longer levy a business tax and that City Council then adopt a mill rate factor that would generate the equivalent revenue to the business tax from the commercial and business assessment.

- A6) A. L. Cole Power Station
Parcel K, Saskatoon, Plan No. 63-S-01249
Tax Enforcement Proceedings and Site Remediation
(File No. 500-10)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

Report of the City Solicitor, January 29, 1996:

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"At its meeting held on May 23, 1995, City Council considered Clause D3, Report No. 12-1995 of the City Commissioner (copy attached), and resolved in part:

- 1) that the proposal of SaskPower relating to the demolition and clean-up of the A. L. Cole Power Plant, as described herein, be approved and accepted; and,**
- 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the required Agreement in this regard as between The City of Saskatoon and SaskPower for execution by His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk on behalf of The City of Saskatoon; and,**
upon execution of such Agreement:
- 3) that the Administration be instructed to proceed expeditiously with all tax enforcement proceedings relating to the A. L. Cole site, including application for title so soon as such may be made; and,**
- 4) that in the event tax title to the A. L. Cole site is in due course acquired, the Administration be instructed to submit a bid to beneficially acquire the lands upon the offering of such lands for sale by public tender ...'**

In keeping with such instructions, the required Agreement was prepared by the City Solicitor and executed by SaskPower on July 10, 1995, and is dated `as of' May 23, 1995.

On July 11, 1995, The City of Saskatoon's formal `Request to Registrar to Issue Title' pursuant to *The Tax Enforcement Act* (the `Act') was filed with the Saskatoon Land Titles Office, and Tax Title to the A. L. Cole site issued in the name of The City of Saskatoon shortly thereafter.

In accordance with Section 31 of the *Act*, The City of Saskatoon was required to offer the lands for sale by way of public auction or tender at a price no less than the amount due thereon for arrears of taxes, penalties and costs. Accordingly, a Reserve Bid in the amount of \$458,500.00 (being the amount due for arrears of taxes, penalties and costs) was established, and a public tender of the A. L. Cole Power Station lands was duly prepared and advertised in keeping with the *Act*. Tenders closed and were publicly opened at 2:00 p.m. on November 14, 1995.

In keeping with City Council's instruction, the Administration submitted a bid to beneficially acquire the lands in the amount of the Reserve Bid. The bid submitted by The City of Saskatoon was the successful, indeed the only, bid. Having regard to the required site remediation, this outcome was not unanticipated. Accordingly, and subject to the noted Agreement with SaskPower, The City of Saskatoon is now the beneficial owner of the lands comprising the A. L. Cole Power Station site.

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As will be recalled, the Agreement with SaskPower provides that SaskPower shall indemnify and save harmless the City with respect to any and all environmental liabilities which may accrue to the City as a consequence of assuming ownership of the lands, and, further, that SaskPower shall diligently proceed with the remediation of the lands and demolition of the A. L. Cole Power Station.

In terms of the current status of site remediation, on January 18, 1996, SaskPower advised:

1. that all PCB material, known asbestos and mercury had been removed or prepared for disposal;
2. that the Delsan Environmental Group had been awarded a contract for the demolition of the A. L. Cole Power Station, with site mobilization to occur in early February, and completion scheduled for July 31, 1996; and,
3. final site restoration, including placing of topsoil and seeding to grass, will follow demolition, with project completion scheduled for the fourth quarter of 1996.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Clause D3, Report No. 12-1995 of the City Commissioner.

**A7) Civic Buildings Comprehensive Maintenance Reserve
(File No. 1815-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 7530.

ADOPTED.

Report of the City Solicitor, January 29, 1996:

"The recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee was passed by City Council at its January 15, 1996 meeting. The recommendation stated:

- '1) that the corporate percentage which is used to calculate each facility's annual provision to the Civic Buildings Comprehensive Maintenance Reserve be reduced from 1.3% to 1.2% for 1996;'**

We have prepared and enclose Bylaw No. 7530 which reflects the required amendment to the

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Capital Reserve Bylaw."

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 7530.

Section B - Planning and Operations

- B1) Subdivision Application #4/96
415 - 419 Braeshire Lane
(File No. 4300-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Subdivision Application #4/96 be approved.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, January 16, 1996:

"The following subdivision application has been submitted for approval:

Subdivision Application: #4/96
Applicant: Webster Surveys Ltd.
Legal Description: Lots 7 & 8, Block 103, Plan 94-S-43054
Location: 415 - 419 Braeshire Lane

ATTACHMENTS

1. January 16, 1996 Subdivision Report.

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- B2) Subdivision Application #38/95
Briarwood Replotting Scheme
Parcel A, EV5793
Parcel A, 82-S-19256
Parcel AA, 89-S-02055
SE, NE and NW ¼ Sec. 19-36-4-3
(File No. 4230-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Subdivision Application #38/95 be approved subject to the payment of \$800.00, which is the required approval fee.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, January 17, 1996.

"The above-noted subdivision application is being submitted for approval and is the subject of a replotting scheme. City Council adopted the replotting scheme on January 15, 1996, as required under Section 171 of *The Planning and Development Act*. In this regard, it is also necessary to submit a subdivision application for this replotting scheme to City Council for adoption, as required under Section 172 of *The Planning and Development Act*, in order to complete the replotting scheme process prior to registration in the Land Titles Office. Attached to the subdivision report are the following, as required under Section 172 of *The Planning and Development Act*:

- 1) Consents to the replotting scheme from the Minister of Highways and Transportation, Saskatchewan Power Corporation, Saskatchewan Telecommunications, Saskatchewan Energy Corporation, Shaw Telecable, Transgas Limited, City of Saskatoon - Public Works and Transportation Departments and Canada Post Corporation, pursuant to Section 168 of *The Planning and Development Act*;
- 2) Copy of consents from owners within the replotting scheme, pursuant to Section 169 of *The Planning and Development Act*; and
- 3) Certified copy of the minutes of the City Council meeting held on January 15, 1996, adopting the replotting scheme."

ATTACHMENTS

1. September 27, 1995, Subdivision Report.
2. Consents to replotting scheme from Utilities.
3. Consents to replotting scheme from owners.
4. Certified copy of the minutes of City Council's meeting held on January 15, 1996.

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**B3) Proposed General Loading Zone Installation
205 - 3rd Avenue North
(File No. 6145-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that a "General Loading Zone" be installed in front of 205 - 3rd Avenue North.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, January 15, 1996:

"The Transportation Department has received requests from 205 and 207 - 3rd Avenue North to provide a 'General Loading Zone' at the south end of 200 - 3rd Avenue North.

The 200 block of 3rd Avenue North is a long block between 23rd Street and 24th Street. There are retail businesses, a business college, and an insurance company located on the west side of 200 - 3rd Avenue North. Presently, there is one loading zone located in the centre of this block. If warranted, a guideline of two loading zones per long block face is used within the Retail Business District.

This loading zone conforms to City guidelines with respect to 'Loading Zones Within the Retail Business District', in which case no fee is assessed for its installation. The existing loading zone in the centre of the block will be relocated further north and a new loading zone installed on the south end of the block. The existing bus stop at the south will be shortened to provide space for the new loading zone. This will not affect Transit operations and will not reduce the number of metered parking stalls on this block face."

**B4) Proposed Hotel Loading Zone
Barry Hotel
(File No. 6145-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that a "Hotel Loading Zone" be installed on Avenue B South in front of the Barry Hotel.

ADOPTED.

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Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, January 12, 1996:

"The Transportation Department has received a request from the Barry Hotel to install a "Hotel Loading Zone" on Avenue B South at the front lobby doors of their hotel.

The request satisfies the guidelines for the installation of this type of loading zone."

**B5) Supply of Liquid Ferric Chloride
Environmental Services Department
Wastewater Treatment and Lifts Branch
(File No. 1000-3)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council accept the tender submitted by Eaglebrook Inc. of Canada, Mississauga, Ontario, for the supply of ferric chloride to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, at a price of \$1,375 per metric tonne, for a blanket purchase order of \$558,249, including GST and PST; and,
 - 2) that the Purchasing Services Branch of the Asset Management Department issue the appropriate purchase order.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Environmental Services Department, January 9, 1996:

"Tenders have been requested from Eaglebrook Inc. of Canada, Prairie Chem. Inc., Stanchem Inc. and United Chemical Co. for the supply of liquid ferric chloride used in the wastewater treatment process at the Sewage Treatment Plant.

At the close of tenders on December 20, 1995, two bids had been received. Eaglebrook Inc. was the low bid at \$1,375 per metric tonne (as Fe) compared to Prairie Chem. Inc. at \$2,085 per metric tonne (as Fe). Eaglebrook Inc. supplied liquid ferric chloride for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in 1995 at a price of \$1,375 per metric tonne and has provided satisfactory service in the past.

The 1996 Operating Budget includes \$539,800 for the purchase of liquid ferric chloride. Based on anticipated flows and historic dosage requirements, it is estimated that 313 metric tonnes of ferric chloride will be required. It is expected that the new secondary sewage treatment process will be operating in early 1996, thus reducing significantly the use of ferric chloride in 1996. The ferric chloride will be fed until March 15, 1996. For the remainder of the year, ferric chloride will be fed

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at a reduced rate to minimize odours, for corrosion control, and as a backup for possible process upsets. The estimated blanket purchase is calculated as follows:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Total Costs</u>
350 T	\$1,375/T	\$481,250 bid price
		43,312 (9% PST)
		<u>33,687</u> (7% GST)
		558,249 total purchase cost
		<u>19,340</u> (GST rebate)
		<u>\$538,909</u>

**B6) Proposed Disabled Person's Loading Zone
 206 Franklin Place
 (File No. 6145-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that a "Disabled Person's Loading Zone" be installed in front of 206 Franklin Place.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, January 12, 1996:

"The Transportation Department has received a request from two elderly residents of 206 Franklin Place to install a 'Disabled Person's Loading Zone' in front of their home. The residents both require the services of the Abilities Council Bus for transport.

This loading zone conforms to City guidelines with respect to 'Disabled Person's Loading Zones' and no fee is assessed for its installation.

The Transportation Department will be proceeding with the installation of a 'Disabled Person's Loading Zone' in front of 206 Franklin Place."

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**B7) Proposed General Loading Zone
300 Block 20th Street West
(File No. 6145-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that a General Loading Zone be installed on the 300 Block of 20th Street West.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, January 12, 1996:

"The Transportation Department has received a request, from the New Community Savings and Credit Union, to install a 'General Loading Zone' at or near 321 - 20th Street West.

The 300 block of 20th Street West is a short block between Avenue C and Avenue D. There are several retail businesses, a restaurant, and two banking institutions located on the south side of 300 - 20th Street West. Presently, no loading zone is serving this block.

This loading zone conforms to City guidelines with respect to 'Loading Zones Within the Retail Business District', in which case, no fee is assessed for its installation."

**B8) Proposed Disabled Person's Loading Zone
2426 Louise Street
(File No. 6145-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that a "Disabled Person's Loading Zone" be installed in front of 2426 Louise Street.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, January 12, 1996:

"The Transportation Department has received a request from a tenant residing at 2426 Louise Street to install a 'Disabled Person's Loading Zone' at the end of the west sidewalk to this apartment building. The applicant is legally blind and relies on friends and local taxi services for his daily transportation needs. Because of the close proximity of his residence to Market Mall he is experiencing a shortage of available on-street parking.

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The Transportation Department has contacted the building manager at 2426 Louise Street to inform him of the installation. He has no objection to the installation of the 'Disabled Person's Loading Zone' as planned.

This loading zone conforms to City guidelines with respect to 'Disabled Person's Loading Zones' and no fee is assessed for its installation.

The Transportation Department will be proceeding with the installation of a 'Disabled Person's Loading Zone' in front of 2426 Louise Street."

**B9) Enquiry - Councillor Heidt (August 14, 1995)
Tunnel Under Circle Drive
Between Morris Drive and Mackie Crescent
(File No. 6150-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that vehicular access be restricted in the lane between 92 and 94 Morris Drive.

ADOPTED.

"The west end of the underground tunnel under Circle Drive goes into the back alley between Morris Drive and Mackie Crescent. This alley has become a very heavily-used area by pedestrians and cyclists creating a danger for these groups because of the traffic taking a short cut to Morris Drive and Mackie Crescent.

Would the Administration report back on putting a closure on Morris Drive allowing only pedestrians and cyclists, as this would create little or no inconvenience for the local people and avoid a tragedy in the making."

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, January 11, 1996:

"The Transportation Department conducted traffic counts in the rear lanes of Morris Drive and the lane immediately north of the pedestrian underpass. The count data revealed that on Monday, October 2, 1995, 102 vehicles accessed and egressed Morris Drive by way of the north-south lane adjacent to 92 Morris Drive. The amount of traffic in the lane could be considered excessive and, therefore, restricting vehicular access to this lane would alleviate the short-cutting that is occurring through Morris Drive.

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The Transportation Department feels that restricting vehicular access to this lane, while still allowing for pedestrians and cyclists, would be the alternative that provides the most safety with the least inconvenience.

The property owners of 92 and 94 Morris Drive were surveyed by questionnaire as to whether or not they would have any objection to the Transportation Department restricting vehicular access to the lane adjacent to their properties. The property owners both indicated that they have no objection. No other residents of Massey Place were surveyed regarding this matter.

The Solid Waste Branch of Environmental Services has indicated to the Transportation Department that it has no objection.

The Transportation Department will be proceeding with restricting access to the north-south lane adjacent to 92 Morris Drive as shown on attached Plan No. C6-5H.

The Transportation Department proposes to monitor the lane restriction for a period of three months and report back should the need arise."

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan No. C6-5H

**B10) Applications for Water Connection
Saskatchewan Water Corporation
(File Nos. 7500-1, 7781-1 & 7781-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the applications for connection to the Saskatchewan Water Corporation North Pipeline by: Daniel Giesbrecht, John Andres, Regan Kraushar, and Cathedral Land Developments Inc. be denied;
 - 2) that the applications for connection to the Saskatchewan Water Corporation East Pipeline by: Prairie Plant Systems Inc., Clint and Pat Sira, Peter and Ramona Cyr, Grasswood Service and Confectionery, and Robert and Merle Rugg be denied;
 - 3) that the application for connection to the Saskatchewan Water Corporation East Pipeline by Ken and Dorothy McKnight be approved, subject to the applicant providing storage facilities capable of providing at least a two-day supply during peak demand periods; and,

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- 4) that the Saskatchewan Water Corporation be so advised.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Environmental Services Department, January 25, 1996:

"In March of 1995, the processing of applications for water connections outside the City's limits was put on hold until the policy controlling the approvals was reviewed. Policy C09-018 -Potable Waterline Connections, adopted by City Council on October 30, 1989, outlines the criteria that must be met for an applicant to be given approval to connect to the distribution system that exists outside the City. The purpose of Policy C09-018 is clearly stated:

- a) To restrict ribbon growth along the pipeline outside the City and to prohibit the growth of small holdings by subdivision of large land areas into small acreages.
- b) To provide potable water to surrounding towns and villages but to limit the supply area to the corporate boundaries in place at the time the town or village was connected to the City's water supply.
- c) To encourage farmers with at least 160 acres of land to use City water and to discourage people whose land does not abut the waterline from connecting to that line.
- d) To discourage commercial and/or industrial growth outside the City limits if land is available within the City limits.'

The review of the policy involved a number of meetings between planners from the City and the rural municipalities surrounding the City. Meetings were also held with representatives from Saskatchewan Water. The discussions resulted in a series of reports dealing with options for amendments to the policy. These reports were considered by the former Committee of the Whole Council and the current Executive Committee. A basic outcome of the review is that Policy 09-018 will continue to be administered in its existing form.

During the period that the policy was being reviewed, the following applications for connection to the Saskatchewan Water Corporation North treated pipeline were received:

Daniel Giesbrecht
SW 35-38-05-W3M
March 23, 1995

John Andres
NW 07-39-04-W3M
May 19, 1995

Regan Kraushar
SE 23-38-05-W3M
September 21, 1995

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Cathedral Land Development Services Inc.
Portions of Sections 4,5,6,9,16,21 and 22-38-04-W3M
October 3, 1995

Applications for connection to the Saskatchewan Water Corporation East treated pipeline were received from:

Clint and Pat Sira
NE 22-35-04-W3M
April 24, 1995

Peter and Ramona Cyr
SE 09-35-03-W3M
May 15, 1995

Prairie Plant Systems Inc.
Parcel Y NW 1/4-09-36-04-W3M
October 3, 1995

Grasswood Service and Confectionery
SE 02-36-05-W3M
May 15, 1995

Ken and Dorothy McKnight
SW 19-35-03-W3M
April 28, 1995

Robert and Merle Rugg
SE 20-35-03-W3M
November 17, 1995

Each of the ten applications has been evaluated based on the existing policy criteria and the recommendations are based on the following information:

The Giesbrecht application has been denied as the applicant's major source of income is not from farming and they have not agreed to maintaining a 160-acre parcel. Maintaining a 160-acre parcel is defined on the application form as 'an express condition of receiving water'.

The Andres application has been denied as the parcel does not abut the water line, is less than 160 acres, and the applicants do not derive their major source of income from farming.

The Kraushar application has been denied as the applicants are not personally engaged in farming, and the size of the parcel is less than 160 acres (4 acres).

The Cathedral Bluffs Land Development application has been denied as it does not meet the criteria of the policy with respect to residential uses. One of the primary purposes of Policy C09-018 is 'to prohibit the growth of small holdings by subdivision of large land areas into small acreages'.

The Sira application has been denied as it does not abut the water line, the parcel is less than 160 acres (150 acres), and the applicant plans to subdivide the parcel into four residential lots in the future.

The Cyr application has been denied as the parcel is less than 160 acres (17.5 acres), and the applicant is not personally engaged in farming.

The Prairie Plant Systems Inc. application has been denied as the parcel does not abut the water

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line. It should be noted that an application was made previously on this parcel in October 1994 for commercial uses in a wheel chair accessible recreational vehicle complex. The application was denied, the applicant appealed and was again denied in November 1994.

The Grasswood Service and Confectionery application has been denied as it does not abut the water line.

The Rugg application has been denied as the parcel is less than 160 acres (40 acres) and does not abut the supply line. While the applicants are personally engaged in farming, they have indicated that farming is not their major source of income.

The McKnight application has been approved as it meets the criteria for a commercial connection."

**B11) Review of Policy C09-004 - Condominium Conversions
(File No. 4132-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, January 29, 1996:

"BACKGROUND

At its November 20, 1995 meeting, City Council adopted Clause 4, Report No. 8-1995 of the Planning and Operations Committee which had recommended that Policy C09-004 - Condominium Conversions be amended to limit the scope of the policy to privately-initiated rental apartments and row buildings with three or more self-contained units. In its report, the Planning and Operations Committee advised that the Administration had been requested to provide a further report on the 3% vacancy policy.

REPORT

The purpose of Policy C09-004 - Condominium Conversions, a copy of which is attached, is intended 'to ensure orderly conversion to condominiums without significantly reducing the availability of rental accommodation or causing undue hardship on tenants'. This policy was recently amended by City Council on July 4, 1995, by incorporating the evaluation guidelines for condominium-conversion applications (i.e. conversions not to be approved for apartments when the C.M.H.C. vacancy rate is 3% by city and by survey-zone). A further amendment was adopted on November 20, 1995, which limited the policy to apply to privately initiated apartments and row buildings with three or more self-contained dwelling units.

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The purpose of the current policy is to provide guidance to Council in its role as approving authority under Section 10(5) of *The Condominium Property Act, 1993* which states as follows:

- 10(5) On an application for a certificate pursuant to clause (1)(b), the local authority shall direct the issue of the certificate if it is satisfied that:
- a) separate occupation of the proposed units will not contravene any development control or zoning bylaw;
 - b) any consent or approval required pursuant to a zoning bylaw or an interim development control bylaw has been given in relation to the separate occupation of the proposed units;
 - c) the construction of any buildings and the division of the buildings and lands into units for separate occupation will not interfere with the existing or likely future amenity of the neighbourhood, having regard to the circumstances of the case and the public interest;
 - d) the requirement to designate parking spaces pursuant to section 11 has been or will be complied with; and
 - e) where the application relates to the conversion of existing premises used for apartments, flats or tenements into units:
 - i) the conversion will not significantly reduce the availability of rental accommodation in the area;
 - ii) the conversion will not create significant hardship for any or all of the tenants of the existing premises; and
 - iii) the building and the parcel have the physical characteristics considered necessary by the local authority to make the premises suitable for conversion.'

In view of the request to review the 3% vacancy policy, staff of the Planning and Building Department have begun to examine this policy and have implemented the following methodology:

- a) Conduct a survey of municipalities as to their condominium conversion requirements, if any, and approval process.
- b) Consult with a variety of stakeholders (i.e. Saskatoon Real Estate Association, Saskatoon Home Builders' Association, Social Housing Advisory Committee, University of

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Saskatchewan Students' Union, Social Planning Council, and other groups and individuals) who may be affected by the retention or any substantial change to the current policy.

- c) Consult with staff of the Department of Municipal Government and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.
- d) Identification of the effects and implications of retaining, amending or deleting the conversion policy (i.e. compliance with provincial legislation, effects on supply and price of rental housing stock, effects on particular segments of the rental housing market including students and seniors).
- d) Prepare and submit a report and recommendation for consideration by City Council which would outline the issues, the results of the consultation process, and the policy options, implications and recommended strategy.

It is intended that a report and recommendation will be submitted for consideration by City Council, prior to the release of the next CMHC bi-annual survey of vacancy rates in April 1996. While the survey of municipalities has been completed, consultations with a variety of key stakeholders is now being undertaken."

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Policy C09-004 - Condominium Conversions

**B12) Enquiry - Councillor Waygood (January 2, 1996)
Relocation of Train Tracks
Kinsmen Park Rides
(File No. 4205-9)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

"I have had questions posed regarding the relocation of the train tracks in Kinsmen Children's Park. Would the Administration please report on the following:

- 1) **What will be the impact of a relocation of the tracks on the existing cross-country ski trails in the park?**
- 2) **Will the baseball diamonds remain as is?**

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3) Will there be a loss of park green space as a result of new pedestrian trails across the park?"

Report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department, January 24, 1996:

"On June 5, 1995, City Council approved the expenditure of \$115,900 (source of financing being a \$100,000 donation from the Kinsmen Club of Saskatoon, and a \$15,900 withdrawal from the Kinsmen Park Rides Reserve) to finance the following improvements at the Kinsmen Park Rides:

- Miniature Train (acquire a new wheelchair-accessible car; extend the track and acquire a switching device to permit a greater variety of options for routing the train; construct a new and longer platform with accessible ramps at both ends to accommodate a longer train).
- Tunnel for the Train (construct a new and larger tunnel; incorporate programming features into the tunnel).
- Merry-go-round (acquire a new canopy; modify the ride to make it wheelchair accessible).
- Fencing (expand and relocate the fence to accommodate the extension of the track for the train).

In response to the questions posed to Councillor Waygood concerning the relocation of the train tracks, the following information is provided by your staff:

1. What will be the impact of a relocation of the tracks on the existing cross-country ski trails in the Park?

The extension of the train track will result in moving the location of a ski grid used for instructions and lessons a bit south of its current location, and minor alterations to the existing ski trails. In consultation with the Nordic Ski Club, it was determined that these changes would not have a negative impact on the cross-country ski program at Kinsmen Park, and they were acceptable to the Club.

A General Area Plan is attached outlining the location of the existing train track and extended track route.

2. Will the baseball diamonds remain as is?

The two ball diamonds located at Kinsmen Park are not affected by the relocation of the train tracks.

3. Will there be a loss of park green space as a result of new pedestrian trails across the Park?

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The addition of new pedestrian trails across the Park are not part of the planned improvements to the Kinsmen Park Rides as outlined in this report. Future pedestrian routes are to be developed in accordance with the objectives identified in the Kinsmen Park Site Development Plan. A major consideration in developing new pedestrian routes is that access and circulation opportunities to, and within, the Park are improved."

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment A - General Area Plan

**B13) 1996 Capital Budget
Project #723 - Electrical Network - Central Business District
Network Protector Purchase Requisition No. A44450
(File No. 1000-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council accept the tender submitted by Wesco Distribution - Canada Inc. for the supply of two network protectors in the amount of \$127,600.00, including G.S.T. and P.S.T.; and,
 - 2) that Purchasing Services Branch of the Asset Management Department issue the appropriate Purchase Order.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Public Works Department, January 18, 1996:

"On December 4, 1995, City Council approved the 1996 Capital Budget. The tendered network protectors are required for Capital Project #723 - Electrical Network - Central Business District.

On December 6, 1995, the Purchasing Services Branch received one tender for the supply of two network protectors in reply to their Request for Tenders which was publicly advertised. The tender, which was submitted by Wesco Distribution - Canada Inc., meets the requirements of the specifications and is acceptable. The network protectors are required for transformers in the downtown underground secondary network system which supplies power to many of the major customers in the downtown area. Westinghouse Products, Cutler-Hammer is the only manufacturer of this equipment in North America and they distribute the product through Wesco in Canada. The price quoted is consistent with previous purchases and within budget estimates.

There are no policy implications as the Request for Tenders was advertised and the only tender is

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being recommended.

The price of the tendered network protectors is within budget estimates and the project is expected to be completed within the approved budget amount."

**B14) Land-Use Applications Received by the Planning and Building Department
For the Period Between January 8, 1996 - January 18, 1996
(For Information Only)
(File Nos. 4300-2 and 4351-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, January 18, 1996:

"The following applications have been received, are being processed, and will be submitted to City Council for its consideration:

Subdivision

Application #3/96:	Budz Crescent
Applicant:	Webster Surveys Ltd.
Legal Description:	Part of Parcel JJ, Plan 86-S-17945 and Part of Parcel B, Plan 94-S-20326
Current Zoning:	R.1A
Neighbourhood:	Arbor Creek
Date Received:	January 9, 1996
Application #4/96:	Braeshire Lane
Applicant:	Webster Surveys Ltd.
Legal Description:	Most SE 1.0 metres in PWT of Lot 7, Block 103, Plan 94-S-43054
Current Zoning:	R.1A
Neighbourhood:	Briarwood
Date Received:	January 9, 1996

Rezoning

Application Z1/96:	1735 McKercher Drive
Applicant:	Valentino Homes Ltd.
Legal Description:	Lot F, Block 243, Plan 83-S-54524

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Current Zoning: M.3A
Proposed Zoning: RM4
Date Received: January 8, 1996

Heritage Designation

Application #1/96 715 Broadway Avenue (Broadway Theatre)
Applicant: Nayda Veeman, President, Friends of the Broadway, Inc.
Legal Description: Lots 7 & 8, Block 83, Plan Q1
Current Zoning: B.6
Neighbourhood: Nutana
Date Received: January 10, 1996

Note: The applicant has since requested deferment of the processing of this file pending their re-negotiation of the financing of the purchase of the Broadway Theatre.

Application #2/96: 707 16th Street West (City Gardener's Residence -
Victoria Park)
Applicant: Kenn Cutts, Member of the Riversdale Owners' Coalition
Legal Description: Part of Block 44, Plan CE1
Current Zoning: R.2
Neighbourhood: King George
Date Received: December 27, 1995

REPORT NO. 2-1996 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor P. Roe, Chair
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor H. Langlois
Councillor D.L. Birkmaier
Councillor K. Waygood

**1. Avalon Neighbourhood Sketch Plan
(File No. CK. 4131-1)_____**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 33.

**2. Decision - Saskatoon Development Appeals Board
1525 Coy Avenue - R.2 Zoning District
Ken Bradley
(File No. CK. 4352-1)_____**

RECOMMENDATION: that the General Manager, Planning and Building Department appeal the decision of the Saskatoon Development Appeals Board to grant an appeal for 1525 Coy Avenue to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered and concurs with the following report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department dated January 9, 1996:

"BACKGROUND

Mr. Ken Bradley constructed a connecting linkage between the detached garage and dwelling located at 1525 Coy Avenue and subsequently applied to the Planning and Building Department for a building permit for this linkage. The City denied the application on the basis that connecting the detached garage to the dwelling has the effect of making the garage part of the dwelling which requires a rear yard setback of 7.5 metres. The dwelling and attached garage is situated 6.7 metres from the rear property line which results in an encroachment of 0.8 metres into the required rear yard. The decision was appealed to the Saskatoon Development Appeals Board and the hearing was held December 4, 1995. The Board granted the appeal in a decision dated December 6, 1995 on the following basis:

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'It is the Board's opinion that granting this appeal would not be granting a special privilege that would be inconsistent with the restrictions placed on neighbouring properties in the same district, in that many similar appeals have been granted in the past, and the majority of the required rear yard setback has been provided. It is also the Board's opinion that granting this appeal would not amount to a relaxation of the Zoning Bylaw provisions that would be contrary to its purpose and intent nor injuriously affect neighbouring properties, in that the garage is constructed to provide for fire safety, and there are no complaints on record from neighbouring property owners.'

The Planning and Development Act requires that an appeal of a decision of a Development Appeals Board be made to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board within twenty days of the decision. In order to meet this time frame, the request for appeal has been filed with the Saskatchewan Municipal Board, subject to ratification by City Council. This action was taken in accordance with City Council Policy No. C09-007.

JUSTIFICATION

The Planning and Building Department is recommending that this decision be appealed to the Planning Appeals Committee of the Saskatoon Municipal Board. The Department does not agree with the conclusion of the Development Appeals Board that allowing the appeal would not be granting the applicant a special privilege that would be inconsistent with restrictions placed on neighbouring properties in the same district, in that there appears to be no special circumstances or anything unusual about this property in relation to other properties in the vicinity which would warrant a different consideration for development. In addition, it is felt that the granting of the appeal would amount to a relaxation of the purposes and intent of the bylaw; to provide for separation of buildings to ensure appropriate open space and amenity.

OPTIONS

The alternative option to the recommended action is to not appeal the decision of the Development Appeals Board. This option is not supported by the Planning and Building Department as the decision of the Development Appeals Board may establish a precedent for many similar circumstances.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Development Appeals Board Decision - 1525 Coy Avenue
2. Location Plan
3. Site Plan"

**3. Decision - Development Appeals Board
1419 Kilburn Avenue - R.2 Zoning District
Lloyd Morgan
(File No. CK. 4352-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the General Manager, Planning and Building Department appeal the decision of the Saskatoon Development Appeals Board to grant an appeal for 1419 Kilburn Avenue to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered and concurs with the following report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department dated January 8, 1996:

"BACKGROUND

Mr. Lloyd Morgan applied to the Planning and Building Department to construct a 572 square foot detached garage at 1419 Kilburn Avenue. The City denied the application as it contravened Section 2 (1) of the Zoning Bylaw, which requires that an accessory building be subordinate in area to the main floor area of the principal building located on the site. The existing one unit dwelling located on the site is 453.25 square feet in area. This results in the detached garage being 118.75 square feet or 26.2% larger than the principal dwelling. This decision was appealed to the Saskatoon Development Appeals Board and the hearing was held December 4, 1995. The Board granted the appeal in a decision dated December 6, 1995 on the following basis.

The Board is of the opinion that granting this appeal would not be granting a special privilege that would be inconsistent with the restrictions placed on neighbouring properties in the same district, in that the request is to provide for a normal-sized, two-car garage for today's modern family. It is only due to the smaller house and lot in this older neighbourhood, that this deficiency occurs, however, the Board believes that the

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construction of the garage would not be obtrusive to the neighbourhood. The Board is also of the opinion that granting this appeal would not amount to a relaxation of the provisions of the Zoning Bylaw that would be contrary to its purpose and intent, nor injuriously affect neighbouring properties, in that the request is to construct a two-car garage meeting all side yard and rear yard setbacks on a lot containing a house which only the main floor area can be considered in this instance. The Board believes that there would be sufficient open space remaining on this lot after construction of the two-car garage, to provide for the open space amenity of the neighbourhood.'

The Planning and Development Act requires that an appeal of a decision of a Development Appeals Board be made to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board within twenty days of the decision. In order to meet this time frame, the request for appeal has been filed with the Saskatchewan Municipal Board, subject to ratification by City Council. This action was taken in accordance with City Council Policy No. C09-007.

JUSTIFICATION

The Planning and Building Department is recommending that this decision be appealed to the Planning Appeals Committee of the Saskatoon Municipal Board. The Department does not agree with the conclusion of the Development Appeals Board that allowing the appeal would not be granting the applicant a special privilege that would be inconsistent with restrictions placed on neighbouring properties in the same district, in that there appears to be no special circumstances or anything unusual about this property in relation to other properties in the vicinity which would warrant a different consideration for development, in that other detached garages in the area are generally smaller than average reflecting the character of the neighbourhood. In addition, it is felt that the granting of the appeal would amount to a relaxation of the purposes and intent of the bylaw; to ensure an accessory building is subordinate to and serves the principal building and to maintain appropriate ratios between the size of principal and accessory buildings.

OPTIONS

The alternative option to the recommended action is to not appeal the decision of the Development Appeals Board. This option is not supported by the Planning and Building Department. As the decision of the Development Appeals Board may establish a precedent for many similar circumstances.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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There is no financial impact.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Development Appeals Board Decision - 1419 Kilburn Avenue
 2. Location Plan
 3. Site Plan"
4. **Communications to Council**
From: Chuck King, Member, Bicycles Work
Date: Undated
Subject: Requesting information regarding a bike plan
and
Bike Lanes
and
Comprehensive Bicycle Plan -- Capital Project No. 1137
(File No. CK. 6330-4)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the attached Terms of Reference for the Comprehensive Bicycle Plan be approved; and
- 2) that the advisory committee referred to in the Terms of Reference also include representation from the Municipal Planning Commission, the Environmental Advisory Council and the BIDs.

ADOPTED.

Quoted below is a report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, dated January 15, 1996, regarding the above matter. A copy of the referenced Terms of Reference is also attached.

City Council, at its meeting held on January 3, 1995, received a copy of the above-noted communication from Mr. King (copy attached) and was advised that the matter had been referred to the Works and Utilities Committee for further handling.

Your Committee has reviewed the Terms of Reference for the Comprehensive Bicycle Plan and is of the opinion that the advisory committee referred to should also include representation from the Municipal Planning Commission, the Environmental Advisory Council and the BIDs.

"BACKGROUND

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The Transportation Department is proceeding with Capital Project No. 1137, a Comprehensive Bicycle Plan for the City of Saskatoon. The following report provides an update on the work that has occurred to date on this project and describes the process by which this project will be completed.

JUSTIFICATION

A Terms of Reference for this project has been prepared and is attached. This document identifies the need for a bicycle plan, as well as the process by which the plan will be formulated. Identified are the goals that are to be accomplished over the next year and a reporting process in order to keep the Committee aware of the progress of the work. A schedule of the work is included.

The plan will be completed by a Project Team with input from an Advisory Committee as described in the Terms of Reference.

OPTIONS

Not applicable.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funds have been provided through Capital Project No. 1137.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Comprehensive Bicycle Plan -- Terms of Reference

5. **Joint Labour/Management Task Force on
Transit Competitiveness**
(File No. CK. 4720-2)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the four-part strategy to build competitiveness in local transit services in Saskatoon, as described in the Phase One report of the Joint Labour/Management Task Force on Transit Competitiveness, A Collaboration of the Amalgamated Transit Union and the Canadian Urban Transit Association, be approved in principle;
 - 2) that the Administration, and the Executive of The Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 615 examine the application of the report's strategies in the local context in the City of Saskatoon; and,
 - 3) that a further report be submitted upon the completion of the above review.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered the following report of the General Manager, Transportation Department dated January 15, 1996, and has discussed the matter with the Manager of the Transit Branch and the President of the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 615:

"BACKGROUND

In November of 1993, the Canadian Council of The Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) and the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) agreed to appoint a Joint Labour/Management Task Force on Transit Competitiveness, "to examine the issues affecting productivity, competitiveness, and job security, which are under the control of management and labour, and develop recommendations for action at the local level".

This task force, co-chaired by Ken Foster, Director, Canadian Council, ATU, and Greg Latham, Vice-President, CUTA, with ATU representatives from Calgary, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Mississauga, Toronto, and Hull, and transit managers from Calgary, Saskatoon, London, Mississauga, Ottawa, Hull, and Moncton, met several times in early 1995 to address the serious issues facing urban transit in Canada today. Their work, which was funded by Human Resources Development Canada, is presented in the attached discussion paper (Attachment 1).

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It is important to note that the task force's recommendations were adopted by the ATU and CUTA at their respective national conventions in June of 1995. However, in order for the recommendations to be implemented at the various local levels, the concepts surrounding the four-part strategy must be endorsed by the City Councils responsible for funding urban transit. It is for this reason that the report of the task force is being presented to Committee.

DISCUSSION

There is no doubt that urban transit across Canada is facing a crisis. It is universally accepted that public transit provides mobility, access to employment, strengthens downtown areas, reduces the needs for major capital expenditures on roadway construction, and is a positive force in protecting the environment. The Transportation Association of Canada's "New Vision for Urban Transportation", (Attachment 2) developed in 1993 and considered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Canadian Institute of Planners and CUTA, concluded that, "current trends are leading to urban transportation systems which do not meet needs and are not sustainable". The New Vision recognizes and promotes the role of public transit in addressing these needs as it is recommended to "provide higher quality transit to increase its attractiveness relative to the private auto", "create an environment in which automobiles can play a more balanced role" and, "plan parking supply and price to be in balance with walking, cycling, transit and auto priorities".

The City of Saskatoon's Strategic Plan recommends support for transit under Quality of Life, "people enjoy excellent basic services such as water, transportation and sewage collection, in an environmentally responsible way"; under Quality of neighbourhoods, "we will strive to reduce our dependency on the automobile in a cost effective manner"; and, under Environmental Commitment, "encourage the use of public transportation, and other group transportation and bicycles".

Yet, with this level of apparent public support, public transit is facing numerous challenges, both fiscally and operationally. It is absolutely essential that public funds for transit are effectively and efficiently used. There is a need for a new way of doing business. A key factor in this renewal is how we develop partnerships and joint ownerships with labour and management to address the challenges of meeting the expectations of all stakeholders, including our customers, our citizens, and our employees/union members. We do share common goals; the challenge is to identify these goals and build on our strengths and needs in pursuing these goals.

The Joint Task Force adopted the following shared vision:

- public transit will continue to play an essential role in the transportation system of Canadian communities;
- the quality of transit service will be maintained and improved in response to diverse community needs;

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- institutional communications and collaboration between organized labour, management, and local government will continually strengthen; and
- competitiveness and continual improvement in productivity will be achieved by new approaches to organizing the workplace which include workers in interest-based problem-solving and shared gains."

As indicated in the overall objective of the Joint Task Force, it was recognized that there are many factors affecting the provision of transit services outside the control of management and labour. Accordingly, the Joint Task Force focused on a shared vision for the workplace itself. There are two areas under direct control of labour and management where change and/or renewal can be enhanced:" (i) improved efficiency and economic viability, and (ii) more effective labour-management collaboration.'

The Joint Task Force recognizes that:

1. Transit's need to operate more efficiently will require tangible changes both within the industry and in its operational relationships with local government. This will require increasing productivity and revenue, greater operational flexibility to respond to more diverse customer demands, and reducing bureaucratic obstacles which increase the cost of delivering transit services.
2. The need to refocus the energies and creativity of labour-management relations is critical to bringing about increased operational efficiencies. The costs which have traditionally been allocated to adversarial negotiations and dispute resolution practices are in themselves a source of inefficiency, but even more importantly, if transit, as a viable public industry is to renew itself, this will depend on the creative and energetic collaboration of labour and management in each community being served.'

It is recognized by the Joint Task Force that, "refocussing labour-management relations does not simply mean more cooperation. It means reorganizing the workplace and it means mutual commitment to: sharing decision-making in the workplace; sharing ownership and responsibility for efficiency, productivity and delivering quality service; sharing the gains accrued from performing more efficiently; and sharing respect, i.e. for union's legitimate right to represent workers, and for management's legitimate accountability to the travelling public, to the taxpayers, and to government."

The Joint Labour/Management Task Force on Transit Competitiveness is committed to the following four-part strategy to building competitiveness in local transit systems in Canada:

1. Strengthen labour-management collaboration by:
 - improving communications in the workplace

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- increasing capabilities for collaborative problem-solving, grievance resolution and contract negotiations, and
 - improving contract language and form.
2. Increase productivity by revitalizing the workplace and involving workers in decision-making.
 3. Reward initiative and share gains from increased productivity.
 4. Increase operational efficiencies by reducing bureaucracies and red tape.'

OPTIONS

In developing its strategies, the Joint Task Force considered numerous options to the four-part strategy listed above. In addition, in order to ensure credibility, the Task Force studied "already-established" or "in-progress" success stories, several of which are already occurring in Saskatoon.

There are three basic options to adopting the recommended strategy:

- (a) reject the package, and continue on the traditional path;
- (b) accept parts of the strategy and reject others; or
- (c) adopt the four-part strategy in its entirety.

The complete rejection of the package and return to the traditional ways of labour relations and business development will most certainly lead to the demise of public transit services. Transit will become increasingly inefficient, bureaucratic and less productive. Labour and management will focus all of their energies on protecting traditional positions, while the rest of the world evolves. Employees will lose focus on the success of the service, and eventually, the level of service will, by necessity, be reduced. Most importantly, the opportunities for employee input in decision making, which already has led to creative solutions to complex issues at Saskatoon Transit Services, would be lost.

The Joint Task Force strongly recommends against considering the package as four strategies; rather, it is one overall strategy, consisting of four parts. For example, managers might wish to "increase productivity by revitalizing the workplace and involving workers in decision-making", but, at the same time, ignore, "rewarding initiative and sharing gains from increased productivity". In the short term, there would be some measure of success. However, if employees contribute significantly to productivity gains such that staff reductions in the form of layoff result, there would be a sense of betrayal and a real reluctance for further employee participation. The net result of this situation would be the loss of knowledge and creativity in improving productivity or developing union/employee ownership of the company's success.

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Similarly, if employees share all of the gains in productivity, such that the other stakeholders (i.e. the company, the taxpayer, the customer, etc.) do not realize any improvements, there would be, from their point of view, no apparent efficiencies in the system. At that point, confidence in the process would be lost, as would other opportunities for system improvements.

The Joint Task Force had originally considered the strategy as four separate strategies, but rejected that concept as it was felt that separate strategies might suggest that success could be based on accepting parts of the strategy and ignoring others. Management and the union at Saskatoon Transit Services believe that the best chance for improving productivity, efficiency and cost-effectiveness in the delivery of public transit services in Saskatoon will be based on the adoption of the four-part strategy in its entirety as recommended by the Joint Labour/Management Task Force on Transit Competitiveness. In fact, both the union and management are committed to the recommended process and have already initiated several pilot projects related to the four-part strategy.

DISCUSSION

The underlying philosophies behind the four-part strategy are very basic. The goal is to make the transit service as efficient as possible, with a commitment from all staff to the common purpose. In many ways, management and labour can effect the changes necessary to achieve these goals (as will be described below); however, it is equally essential that their efforts be reinforced by commitment and support of City Council, who are both the directors of the Corporation and the representatives of the other stakeholders (i.e. the transit customers and the citizens of Saskatoon).

The first part of the strategy is to 'strengthen labour-management collaboration by improving communications in the workplace, by increasing capabilities for collaborative problem-solving, grievance resolution and contract negotiations, and by improving contract language and form'.

Management and labour at Saskatoon Transit Services have adopted this philosophy and have experienced initial implementation successes. Four general staff meetings have been jointly conducted by the union and management in 1995. There have been minutes published, as well as follow-up status reports distributed to all staff. In addition, various section meetings (e.g., maintenance section, operations supervision section, office section, etc.) are common. An employee-edited twice-monthly internal newsletter, which identifies events/projects which are important for employees, as well as general information and a column called "Motivation Place", is distributed on paydays. Further improvements in communication are required, but initial steps have been successfully taken.

Collaborative problem-solving is becoming a "way of life" at Saskatoon Transit Services. All disputes and all challenges are approached from a problem-solving point of view for as

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long as possible. It is encouraging to note that those who participate in problem-solving are not limited to senior management and the union executive. Rather, first line supervisors and staff have become fully contributing participants in the process.

We are proud of three very significant accomplishments in collaborative problem solving: the bus refurbishing project, the changes to Spareboard operating procedures, and the shift changes in the maintenance section.

Bus Refurbishing It was obvious in early 1994 that a crisis had occurred regarding the structural integrity of the fleet. The solution involved a four-stage strategy: scrap those buses beyond repair, refurbish those worth saving, develop a preventive maintenance program (internal refurbishing program) to avoid similar problems in the future, and purchase new buses. In regards to the refurbishing, management would have, in the past, decided that the project would obviously have to be contracted out in its entirety. However, through discussions with the union and the staff, it was agreed that the major refurbishing would have to be contracted out due to the limited (at that time) skills of the staff, the lack of tools and the inadequate facilities. It was also agreed, however, that, rather than hire a journey tradesperson to help with the minor refurbishing, we would open the apprenticeship program to our existing staff.

The net result of the program is that the skill level of our own staff has been significantly improved, and that we will be in a position to consider completing one or two major refurbishments in-house. Further, such an increase in the level of skills of our staff will increase productivity in routine preventive maintenance and possibly provide an opportunity to provide similar services to other civic departments at competitive rates.

Spareboard Recent changes in legislation in this province suggested that our Spareboard operating procedures (i.e. the dispatching of work to spare operators) were in violation of the new laws. Again, the union, a committee of Spareboard operators, dispatchers and management met to address the issues. The objectives of the problem solving exercise were to remove the legal violations, address some outstanding issues regarding working conditions for spare operators, and design the changes at no additional cost to Saskatoon Transit Services. The Committee recommended a package which allowed the operator more predictability in his/her hours of work, a shorter "on call" workday, and an increase in guaranteed hours of work. In order to achieve these changes at no additional cost, the procedures regarding "call in", and the assignment of overtime were radically revised such that total operator overtime has been reduced. We are now three months into a year-long pilot project implementing and jointly monitoring the recommendations of the Spareboard Committee. To date, the project is meeting its stated objectives.

Work Shifts in Maintenance Finally, as indicated above, a detailed analysis of the condition of the transit fleet in 1994 resulted in a comprehensive scrap/refurbish/purchase/preventive maintenance plan. The net result was a significantly reduced fleet size, from 130 vehicles to 108 vehicles. However, the peak period demands for vehicles was projected to remain at

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relatively the same level, as there was no corresponding reduction in service to the customers. It then became obvious that there were going to be several maintenance workers reporting to work during the day at a time when the vehicles would be in service on the street.

The schedules personnel reviewed the peak period requirements and prepared a minor reduction to the number of vehicles scheduled for service (without a significant impact on customers). However, the amount of work required of the maintenance personnel remained at the previous level because the quantity of work is directly related to the kilometres of service operated. A joint productivity committee, consisting of management, shop supervisors and shop staff, was struck to address the issue. The obvious problem was the primary objective, but the committee was asked to consider other productivity measures and, as well, working conditions. The result was a significantly revised work shift design that satisfies the objectives, and shop personnel who are committed to making the new shifts work. The costs of guaranteeing scheduled transit service with a significantly reduced vehicle spare ratio have not increased as a result of the achievements of this joint productivity committee.

In each of the above cases, a means of measuring the results of the pilot projects was pre-established by the joint committees, and a monitoring/revision process was agreed upon. It is interesting to note that each of these pilot projects addresses, and, if successful, will resolve issues currently on the bargaining table.

These examples also address the second component of the four-part strategy, "increasing productivity by revitalizing the workplace and involving workers in decision-making". In each case, neither the union nor management entered into the problem solving exercises with pre-determined positions. It was the task of the committees to try to resolve the issues as per the parameters and then present and sell the resolutions to management, the union, and the union membership. Implementation of the pilot projects could not occur without the concurrence of management, the union, or the membership. In each case, all committee members were, and still are, committed to ensuring the success of the pilot projects.

When the Joint Task Force began its deliberations, it was recognized that its mandate was restricted to issues which, "are under the control of management and labour". The first two parts of the strategy, as illustrated above, are well within the control of transit management and the local union. However, in order for the complete strategy to be fully successful, there are other key stakeholders whose commitment to the process is essential. In the case of Saskatoon Transit Services, these stakeholders include the Management Committee and City Council. Following are the remaining two components of the strategy.

In some ways, the third component, "rewarding initiative and sharing gains from increased productivity", already occurs within the Corporation of the City of Saskatoon. The Ideas Pay and the Transit Safety Awards certainly reward initiative. However, this component of the strategy is far more complicated than these programs. Sharing gains envisions a return of

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some of the savings directly or, perhaps indirectly, to those individuals or groups who specifically contributed to the improved productivity. For example, if management and the union agreed that absenteeism was too high and could be reduced, consideration could be given to sharing some of the savings. This sharing might be in the form of reduced costs to operate the transit service (satisfying the taxpayer stakeholder), the provision of additional service (satisfying the customer), the development of a wellness program (to assist staff in a healthier lifestyle to assist in preventing illness), and some form of monetary or time off program for those staff who directly contributed to the reduction in lost time. This kind of gains sharing, where all stakeholders share, is a relatively new concept and one which may require further debate and study before it can be fully endorsed by all potential participants.

Finally, the fourth component, "increasing operational efficiencies by reducing bureaucracies and red tape", is probably the component requiring the most study and debate. Those involved in the transit industry welcome the challenge from city councils, customers, taxpayers, special interest groups, the private sector, etc. to perform as efficiently, as productively and as effectively as possible. However, there are systemic or bureaucratic obstacles which often-times interfere with productivity. Transit managers and the unions will require greater flexibility, and less bureaucratic controls in order to address these obstacles. If Transit is a city operation, such as in Saskatoon, the support or service departments must provide the customer-facing department with assistance and guidance where required, but interference and control must be limited. "Made-in-Transit" solutions to problems, provided that they are within certain parameters and values of the City, must be encouraged.

For example, Saskatoon Transit Services is cross-charged in the operating budget almost \$150,000 per year for various services such as purchasing, personnel services, legal services, etc. At the present time, it is not clear whether or not Saskatoon Transit Services is receiving value, both in terms of quality of service and costs, for its \$150,000 fees. Certainly, the more service-oriented as opposed to control-oriented the services, the greater the value. However, such a value for money audit has yet to be conducted.

If transit systems are successful in addressing this component, then transit will operate as the business all stakeholders are demanding, and can be compared on a level playing field with those who regard city-operated services as cumbersome, bureaucratic and expensive. Transit systems across Canada welcome a level playing field challenge, given the opportunity.

CONCLUSION

The Joint Labour/Management Task Force on Transit Competitiveness has prepared a blueprint for the future of public transit services across Canada. The four-part strategy is sufficiently detailed to allow for thorough public debate, yet flexible enough for local applications. The philosophy is simple: those who are involved in providing public transportation services in this country have the ability and commitment to renew the industry and to provide effective, efficient and productive services to the customers and the citizens of their respective communities. Both management and labour have identified a strategy in which all concerned can collectively contribute to making the services competitive, and are now prepared to present this strategy to their respective municipal councils for discussion and support.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Joint Labour/Management Task Force on Transit Competitiveness
2. Briefing - A New Vision for Urban Transportation"

6. Communications to Council

From: J. D. Wood

318 Sturgeon Drive

Date: November 1, 1995

**Subject: Submitting comments regarding a proposed change in the
traffic pattern at Warman Road and Circle Drive**

(File No. CK. 6250-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered and forwarded a copy of the following report of the General Manager, Transportation Department dated January 15, 1996, to Mr. Wood:

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"BACKGROUND

City Council, at its meeting held on November 20, 1995, considered the above communication as information and the matter was referred to the Administration for a report.

REPORT

As part of the 1996 Capital Budget, the Transportation Department proposed Capital Project 1510 - 'Warman Road and Circle Drive Intersection Improvements' at an estimated cost of \$80,000. The project involves the construction of a dual southbound left turn bay at the intersection of Warman Road and Circle Drive (south intersection). The project was scheduled for 1996 and is currently unfunded.

Staff of the Transportation Department have been reviewing the operation of this intersection on an on going basis over the last several years. As the Committee is aware, this intersection is one of the most heavily travelled in the City. It serves as a main conduit during the afternoon peak period, for west to east river crossings, wanting access to lands east of the river. During a typical afternoon peak hour, approximately 900 to 1000 vehicles are attempting to make the southbound to eastbound left turn at this intersection. Conflicting with this is the approximate 1200 northbound vehicles on Warman Road. This creates a situation that, based on current traffic signal timings and roadway geometry, there is simply insufficient capacity at the intersection to accommodate the traffic demand. Two options exist to improve the situation: modify the traffic signal timings such that capacity is increased, or create a dual southbound left turn to increase capacity.

Staff have reviewed the option of altering the traffic signal timing at the intersection to increase the 'green time' allocated to the southbound left turns. While in theory this appears relatively easy to accomplish, in practise it becomes difficult because of the large northbound through movement on Warman Road and the desire to maintain traffic signal progression on Warman Road northbound.

It has been determined that the existing signal timings can be modified to allocate approximately 10 percent more green time to the advance southbound left turn phase. This will provide some relief to the southbound left turn queue and still maintain adequate capacity and progression for northbound Warman Road traffic. The change will only be implemented for the afternoon peak hours (i.e. 1600-1800 hrs.). Any further changes to the traffic signal timings will only prove counterproductive and interfere with overall intersection capacity and traffic signal progression. Unfortunately, the above changes will not totally eliminate the present queuing and congestion in the southbound left turn lane.

Realistically, this leaves only the option of creating a dual left turn to increase the intersection capacity and still accommodate all traffic demands at this location. Creating

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the southbound dual left turn does however, create a potential decrease in motorist safety if not implemented in a comprehensive fashion. Mr. Wood's comments identify the potential traffic conflicts created by a dual left turn which have already been identified by the Administration. Of particular concern is the merge that motorists would have to undertake in the ramp roadway leading to Circle Drive. In order for the three lanes of traffic to merge in an orderly and safe manner, the existing roadway would have to be widened and its alignment altered accordingly. A second left hand turn bay would also have to be created on Warman Road to accommodate the dual left turns. The Warman Road overpass was originally constructed to allow for this expansion. The roadway alterations described above are proposed under Capital Project 1510.

It is the Transportation Department's position that traffic demand at this intersection has progressed to the point that the delay being imposed on motorists, and the inefficient operation of the intersection, now outweighs the potential safety problems that a dual left turn may create.

In consultation with the Public Works Department, it was determined that the appropriate time to make the intersection adjustments was in conjunction with the planned resurfacing of Warman Road between Assiniboine Drive and Hazen Street. Public Works has not prioritized their resurfacing projects as yet, but there is a likelihood that the resurfacing would occur within the next three years. The Transportation Department would like to take advantage of the cost savings that could be realized by coordinating the two projects.

Once the resurfacing projects have been determined, the Administration will bring forth a report recommending the course of action to proceed on with Project 1510."

7. Communications to Council

**From: John Hamlin, President, Saskatoon Association of Marine
Modelers**

Date: August 11, 1995

**Re: Use of north pond located between 51st and 60th Streets
(File No. CK. 5500-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the Indemnification Agreement between the City of Saskatoon and the Saskatoon Waterski Club be executed.

City Council, at its meeting held on August 28, 1995, received the above-noted communication, copy attached, and also heard a presentation from Mr. Hamlin, requesting use of the north pond. In this regard, your Committee has considered and forwarded a copy of the following report of the General Manager, Public Works Department dated January 5, 1996 to Mr. Hamlin:

"BACKGROUND

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On September 5, 1995, the Planning and Operations Committee resolved:

**'that the matter be referred to the Administration for a report,
including a review of the lease agreement.'**

REPORT

The Saskatoon Association of Marine Modelers has been given approval to use the storm water pond at the southwest corner of Clarence Avenue and Circle Drive. This pond is generally adequate but considerably smaller than the 58th Street Pond. John Hamlin, President of the Saskatoon Association of Marine Modelers, has requested the use of the 58th Street Pond to hold regional competitions.

Clause No. 7, of the proposed Indemnification Agreement with the Saskatoon Waterski Club, specifically allows the City to permit other users and both groups have indicated a willingness to co-operate. The clause reads as follows:

'Other Users

7. (1) The Club acknowledges that its permission to use the Pond is not exclusive and that the City may permit other users. Specifically, the Club acknowledges that the Saskatoon Ice Racing Club has permission to use the Pond during the winter months.
- (2) The Club agrees to co-operate with other permitted users in preparing and respecting a schedule for non-conflicting usage. If conflicts cannot be settled between the Club and such other users, usage periods will be determined by the City Commissioner or his designate.'

In the opinion of the Administration, the Indemnification Agreement between the City of Saskatoon and the Saskatoon Waterski Club can now be executed."

Pursuant to earlier resolution, Item AA.15 of "Communications" was brought forward and considered.

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IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the Indemnification Agreement between the City of Saskatoon and the Saskatoon Waterski Club be executed; and

2) that permission be granted to the Saskatoon Association of Marine Modelers for the use of the Clarence Avenue and Circle Drive pond, and as a secondary user of the 58th Street pond.

REPORT NO. 2-1996 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor P. McCann, Chair
Councillor D. Atchison
Councillor A. Langford
Councillor J. Postlethwaite
Councillor R. Steernberg

**1. Avalon Neighbourhood Sketch Plan
(File No. CK. 4131-1)**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 33.

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REPORT NO. 1-1996 OF THE LAND BANK COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor D. L. Birkmaier, Chair
Councillor H. Langlois
Councillor K. Waygood
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor J. Postlethwaite
His Worship the Mayor

- 1. Request to List City-Owned Property
326 to 338 - 2nd Avenue South and
325 - 3rd Avenue South
(Formerly the Baldwin Hotel)
and
255 - 3rd Avenue South
(Formerly the Marigold Restaurant)
Tax Enforcement Properties
(File No. CK. 4002-1) _____**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that 326 to 338 - 2nd Avenue South and 325 - 3rd Avenue South be listed exclusively with Developers Real Estate for an initial term of six months;
- 2) that 255 - 3rd Avenue South be listed exclusively with McClocklin Real Estate for an initial term of six months;
- 3) that the listing price for these properties be established as outlined in the report;
- 4) that the Land Branch Manager be requested to market the former Baldwin Hotel properties at 326-338 - 2nd Avenue South and 325 - 3rd Avenue South as two separate properties; and
- 5) that, when appropriate, the Land Branch Manager provide the reports and recommendations to City Council that are required to approve the sale of these properties.

ADOPTED.

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Your Committee has reviewed the following report of General Manager, Planning and Building Department dated November 29, 1995, with the Land Branch Manager and supports the listing of these properties, however, the Committee has recommended that the two properties formerly occupied by the Baldwin Hotel be marketed as two separate properties, as outlined in Recommendation 4) above:

"BACKGROUND

The City owns the above-noted properties as a consequence of tax enforcement. Both properties are zoned B.6. The property located at 326 to 338 - 2nd Avenue South and 325 - 3rd Avenue South is vacant land and was formerly occupied by the Baldwin Hotel. The property located at 255 - 3rd Avenue South is a 7,000 square foot, two-storey masonry structure and was formerly occupied by the Marigold Restaurant. (See attachment #1.)

At its meeting held on February 27, 1995, City Council adopted Clause 3, Report No. 2-1995, of the Land Bank Committee. In part, this report outlined the Administration's intent to utilize, on a rotational basis, the listing services of local real estate companies for those tax enforcement properties not sold through the initial tendering process required under *The Tax Enforcement Act*. Subsequently, four properties were listed with a local real estate company, of which one and a portion of another have been sold to date.

At its meeting held March 30, 1995, the Land Bank Committee received a report on the status of various tax enforcement properties including the former Baldwin and Marigold properties. The report outlined the issue of a lease agreement between the former owner and Imperial Parking which the City inherited when title to the Baldwin property was obtained. Subsequently, the lease agreement with Imperial Parking was negotiated to allow for cancellation upon 30 days' notice.

The report also outlined the issue of a Federal Writ of Execution in the amount \$31,651.50 which Revenue Canada has registered against the title of the Marigold property. An agreement has now been reached with Revenue Canada to discharge the Writ, at no cost to the City, when the City is ready to transfer title to a purchaser.

REPORT

Tenders for both properties were closed on July 25, 1995, with no bids being received. In keeping with past practice, both properties were tendered with reserve bids equal to the amount owing for tax arrears and costs incurred to get the property into a saleable condition.

The reserve bids established are as follows:

Property	Reserve Bid (Tax Arrears and Incurred Costs)
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Baldwin	\$612,972.21
Marigold	\$368,778.73

It is recommended that the Baldwin property be listed with Developers Real Estate Limited and the Marigold property with McClocklin Real Estate Corporation. Neither of these companies have had a previous listing for tax title properties from the City; however, McClocklin has been responsible for the management of the Marigold property since the time the City obtained title. Both listings would be for an initial six-month period with each company entitled to 5% of the final sale price of their respective listing. In proposing the listing to the two companies, they have come up with listing prices, independent of any opinion of values or reserve bids, as follows:

Property	Listing Company	List Price
Baldwin	Developers Real Estate	\$266,000.00
Marigold	McClocklin Real Estate	\$120,000.00

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan showing the former Baldwin property, 326 to 338 - 2nd Avenue South and 325 - 3rd Avenue South and showing the former Marigold property, 255 - 3rd Avenue South."

2. **Request to Lease City-Owned Property
 Lots 36 to 40, Block 146, Plan Q2
 361 - 2nd Avenue South
 South Downtown Block
 (File No. CK. 4225-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the recommendation contained under Clause 5, Report No. 8-1995 of the Land Bank Committee be now adopted as follows:

that the Land Manager be authorized to tender the lease of Lots 36 to 40, Block 146, Plan Q2.

City Council considered Clause 5, Report No. 8-1995 of the Land Bank Committee on the above matter (copy attached) at its meeting held on October 23, 1995 as follows:

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Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the Land Manager be authorized to tender the lease of Lots 36 to 40, Block 146, Plan Q2.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND

LOST.

Your Committee has undertaken a further review of this matter, including the following report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department dated November 28, 1995, and is of the opinion that this property should be put to tender; (Hub City Boxing Club has been provided with a copy of this report):

"BACKGROUND

The Administration has had several offers to lease the old Auto Clearing Garage located at the northwest corner of 19th Street and 2nd Avenue in the South Downtown Block. The building consists of approximately 430 square feet of office space and 4200 square feet of high ceiling garage, and is located on a 17,500 square foot site. The building and site have been leased (temporarily on one-week's notice) to the Hub City Boxing Club for the past two years.

A recommendation of the Land Bank Committee to terminate this lease to the Boxing Club and tender the building for a more substantial lease amount was defeated in City Council, and the file was returned to the Committee (see attached report). At its meeting held November 8, 1995, the Land Bank Committee resolved that the Administration report back (to the Committee) on the following:

- a) the number of hours that the Hub City Boxing Club uses the building at 361 - 2nd Avenue South; and**
- b) whether there is any space on the second floor of the Purchasing Building, or any other City-owned building downtown, for use by the Hub City Boxing Club.'**

REPORT

Discussion with Mr. Joe Stack, the operator of the Hub City Boxing Club, and a visit to the building suggests that the club is open and used 10 to 12 hours a week for boxing or related activities. Most of the activity at the club takes place after working hours.

Your staff has looked for other City-owned buildings in the downtown and elsewhere that might be offered to the Boxing Club. This is made more difficult as the club has a boxing

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ring that requires at least a ten-foot ceiling. The Purchasing Building does not have the ceiling height and is already being used by the Mendel Gallery for storage. The Davies Electric Building, located in the South Downtown Block immediately north of the Boxing Club, is occupied by the E.M.O. and Public Works Department surveyors. The Farmers Market has already toured the Davies Electric building and will advise us further if they feel the building is suitable for their use. There is a significant amount of valuable equipment in the building which would be very difficult to protect if it was to be opened to the public for either a boxing club or a market. In a last attempt to find space for the Boxing Club, we contacted Asset Management who advise that they have no space available at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Report of the Land Bank Committee."

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT City Council reconsider the following motion of October 23, 1995:

THAT the Land Manager be authorized to tender the lease of Lots 36 to 40, Block 146, Plan O2.

*THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED BY THE
NECESSARY SIX AFFIRMATIVE VOTES.*

Moved by Mayor Dayday,

THAT the Land Manager be authorized to tender the lease of Lots 36 to 40, Block 146, Plan O.2.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND LOST.

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- 3. Option to Purchase City-Owned Property
Lot Y, Block 632, Registered Plan No. 86-S-32927
Louise Place - Nutana Suburban Centre
St. Volodymyr Villa Corporation
(File No. CK. 4215-1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that St. Volodymyr Villa Corporation be granted an option to purchase Lot Y, Block 632, Plan No. 86-S-34927;
- 2) that the purchase price be \$161,378.71, subject to any increase in the prepaid service levies and land administration fee;
- 3) that the term of the option be for a one-year period, commencing July 1, 1996, renewable annually for an additional four one-year terms;
- 4) that the annual option fee be 2% (\$3,227.57) of the current purchase price and, upon exercise of the option, one-half of the annual option fee will be credited to the purchase price, provided further that should the option not be exercised, the annual option fee will be forfeited; and
- 5) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute, under the Corporate Seal, the appropriate documents, as prepared by the City Solicitor.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the following report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department dated November 28, 1995 with the Land Branch Manager, and supports the option to purchase:

"BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on July 2, 1991, City Council granted St. Volodymyr Villa Corporation an option to purchase Lot X and Lot Y, Block 632, Plan No. 86-S-34927. (See attachment #1.) This option was for five one-year terms, renewable annually, expiring June 30, 1996.

In June of 1995, St. Volodymyr's exercised its option to purchase Lot X and subsequently began the first phase of construction of a two phase Housing for the Elderly project on this lot. At that time, they also renewed the final year of their option for Lot Y.

REPORT

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St. Volodymyr Villa Corporation has requested the opportunity to option Lot Y for an additional five years commencing July 1, 1996. This will allow them the time to develop the next phase of their project on Lot X and plan for the development of Lot Y.

Staff of the Land Branch have no objections to extending the option to purchase. We are recommending that the option be extended based on five one-year terms, renewable on an annual basis. The option fee will be the standard 2% of the selling price of the property. The selling price will be adjusted by an amount equal to any changes to the pre-paid services levies and the land administration fee which are in effect when the option is exercised. The land component of the price will remain fixed for the duration of the option.

The current Council-approved price and option fee for the property is as follows:

Land	(0.4298 hectares @ \$115,000.00/ha.) =	\$ 49,427.00
Services	(September 11, 1995, approved rates) =	\$104,267.01
Administration Fee	(5% of Land and Services)	= \$ 7,684.70
Total Price		= \$161,378.71
Annual Option Fee	(2% of Total Price)	= \$ 3,227.57

Over the course of the five years, if the option is exercised prior to the end of any one-year term, one-half of the option fee will be credited toward the price of the property. If the option is not exercised during any one-year period, the option fee is forfeited.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Map showing Lot X and Lot Y, Block 632, Registered Plan No. 86-S-32927"
4. **Request to Lease City-Owned Right-of-Way
Southeast Corner of Ruth Street and Lorne Avenue
Nickel Holdings Incorporated
(File No. CK. 4225-1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the boulevard located at the southeast corner of Ruth Street and Lorne Avenue be leased to Nickel Holdings Incorporated;
- 2) that the term of the lease be for a ten-year period;
- 3) that the lease commence retroactively from October 1, 1994;
- 4) that the lease rate be \$500.00 per year plus an additional rental fee calculated on a per-square-foot-per-annum basis, using the property tax rate for the boulevard as established

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by the City Assessor's Office; and

- 5) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the Bylaw and Lease Agreement and take all necessary steps to allow for the leasing of the boulevard.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department dated November 30, 1995:

"BACKGROUND

At its meeting held October 15, 1984, City Council approved the lease of the boulevard located at the southeast corner of Ruth Street and Taylor Street (see attachment #1) to Elmac Properties Limited and Garwen Investments Limited, in care of McClocklin's Real Estate Corporation. At its meeting held November 13, 1984, City Council passed Bylaw No. 6572 to allow the leasing of the boulevard.

The boulevard was utilized for additional parking by the adjacent tenants of Marquis Mall located at 110 Ruth Street. The lease was for a ten-year term, expiring September 30, 1994, with a lease rate of \$500.00 per year plus a rental fee equivalent to the property taxes that would apply to the property. (In 1994 this rental fee was approximately \$980.00.)

REPORT

On behalf of the new owner of Marquis Mall, Nickel Holdings Incorporated, McClocklin's Real Estate has requested to lease the boulevard for parking purposes. Staff of the Land Branch are recommending that the request be granted as it is consistent with the Administration's policy to maximize revenues from City-owned property. The Public Works Department and Transportation Services Department also support the request. The City Solicitor's Department has advised that City Council will be required to pass a bylaw in order to lease the property again.

We recommend that the terms of the lease be the same as they were for the previous lease agreement. The term of the lease will be for a ten-year period, commencing retroactively from October 1, 1994, and expiring September 30, 2004. The lease rate will be \$500.00 per year plus an additional rental fee calculated on a square foot per annum basis, using the property tax rate for the boulevard as established by the City Assessor's Office. The lease can be terminated by either party by giving one year prior written notice.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan showing boulevard located at the southeast corner of Ruth Street and Lorne

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Avenue."

**5. Request to Lease City-Owned Property
Lot 12, Block 1, Registered Plan No. G 715
29th Street - Emco Limited
(File No. CK. 4225-1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that Lot 12, Block 1, Plan No. G 715, be leased to Emco Limited;
- 2) that the lease commence retroactively to October 1, 1995;
- 3) that the term of the lease be one-year, with an option to renew for a further four one-year terms;
- 4) that the lease rate be \$650.00 per year plus property taxes; and,
- 5) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary documentation for execution by His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the following report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department dated November 29, 1995 with the Land Branch Manager, and supports this lease proposal in view of the fact that there is a 24 inch sanitary sewer line under the length of this property making it unsuitable as a building site:

"BACKGROUND

In 1978, Emco Limited entered into a lease agreement with the City to use the above-noted property as a storage yard for their business located adjacent to the property. The property is zoned B.4 and is approximately 0.1530 hectares (0.3780 acres) in size. (See attachment #1.)

At the time the lease was entered into, the lease rate was established at \$750.00 per year plus property taxes. In 1982, the agreement was amended to establish a lease rate of \$1,650.00 per year plus property taxes, subject to review on an annual basis.

The property continues to be leased by Emco as a storage yard for plumbing material on a yearly basis in accordance with the original agreement as amended in 1982. There is a 24

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inch sanitary sewer line over the length of the property, making it unsuitable as a building site. Under the terms of the agreement, the City has the right to enter onto the property to repair the sewer line as needed.

REPORT

Emco's lease came up for renewal September 30, 1995. They have requested a review of their lease rate. Based on the probable selling price of land in this area and the limited potential use of the land, your staff have determined that a lease rate of \$835.00 per year plus property taxes is reasonable.

The practice of the City is to lease out its vacant land wherever possible in order to maximize revenues. Leases are normally for a term of one year at a rate of 7% of the selling price plus property taxes. Past practice has been to include an obsolescence factor in determining the selling price where the potential use of the land is limited by some circumstance. In this case the potential use of the land is limited by the existence of the 24 inch sewer line running through it. Therefore, the lease rate of \$835.00 per year is calculated as follows:

Area to be leased	=	0.1530 hectares
Probable selling price based on comparable sales in area	=	\$23,856.00
Probable selling price based on 50% obsolescence factor	=	\$11,928.00
Annual Lease Rate (7% of \$11,928)	=	\$ 835.00
1995 Property Taxes	=	\$1,852.00

Staff of the Land Branch met with representatives of Emco, who have countered with a annual lease rate of \$650.00 plus property taxes. Although this represents only 5.5% of the probable selling price, as opposed to the standard 7%, we can support the reduced rate considering the extremely limited demand for the property over the past 18 years it has been leased by Emco. In addition, we are recommending that the lease agreement be for one year, commencing retroactively to October 1, 1995, and be renewable for a further four one-year terms.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan showing Lot 12, Block 1, Plan No. G 715"

6. **Land Administration Fee Increase**
(Files No. 1600-4 and 4214-0)

RECOMMENDATION: that the Land Administration Fee be increased to 6 percent, as outlined in the following report.

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ADOPTED.

Report of General Manager, Planning and Building Department, January 3, 1996:

"BACKGROUND

A 5% Administration Fee is assessed on the sale or lease of all property which is in the City's Land Bank. The revenues generated by the fee are used to fund the entire operations of the Land Branch (i.e. none of the operating costs of the Land Branch are financed from the municipal mill rate). Although the Branch performs numerous land-related activities besides developing and selling land from the City's Land Bank, its only source of financing is the Administration Fee levied on sales and leases.

To ensure that the Land Branch is not funded from general revenues in those years when sales of lots are low, City Council established the Land Operations Reserve (through City of Saskatoon Policy C03-003, Reserves for Future Expenditures), 'to accumulate funds for the purpose of off-setting any operating deficits, incurred in any year, resulting from lower land sales.' If revenues from this fee exceed the Branch's operating expenditures in any fiscal year, then the excess is paid into the Land Operations Reserve. When the Branch's operating costs exceed the revenues generated by the fees, the shortfall is financed by a withdrawal from the Reserve.

REPORT

The following chart highlights the financing of the Land Branch's operations during the last three years, based on the present administration fee schedule:

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Year	Single-Family Family Lot Sales	Branch Costs	Administration Fee Recovery	Transfer to/ from Reserve	Balance Reserve December 31
1993	123	186,100	177,000	-9,100	120,900
1994	165	248,800	311,500	62,700	183,600
1995	203	250,000(est)	297,000(est)	47,000(est)	230,600(est)

Both 1994 and 1995 had some extraordinary sales (i.e Ag Canada and Catholic High School site) and the Land Branch's sales are anticipated to average approximately \$5.0 million a year over the next few years. The Branch's operating costs for the same period are estimated at \$260,000 a year. The current rate for administration fee, based on \$5.0 million of sales and the lease revenues, would contribute about \$265,000 a year towards the Branch's operations. The addition of payroll costs for the 1996 budget year will add another approximately \$25,500 to the Branch's operating costs bringing the annual operating cost of the Branch to \$285,500 a year.

Based on the estimated \$5.0 million of sales, the Branch will require that the Administration Fee be increased by 0.5% to cover the additional \$25,500 in payroll costs. There will be years when the Branch is still doing subdivision design and development to ensure lot availability, however, actual sales for the year may be lower. In order to ensure a constant lot supply and maintain a reasonable level of funds within the Reserve and to allow for years when sales may be reduced, it is recommended that the fee be increased a further 0.5% to a total of 6%.

Because the overall prices of the City's lots are set at their market values, an increase to the Administration Fees rate schedule does not mean that there will be a corresponding increase in the price that the buyers pay for these lots, but rather that there may be a decrease in the amount that is credited, through the land component of the price, to the Property Realized Reserve."

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REPORT NO. 1-1996 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

His Worship the Mayor, Chair
Councillor D. Atchison
Councillor D. L. Birkmaier
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor A. Langford
Councillor H. Langlois
Councillor P. McCann
Councillor J. Postlethwaite
Councillor P. Roe
Councillor R. Steernberg
Councillor K. Waygood

**1. Proposed Synchrotron Light Research Facility
University of Saskatchewan
(File No. CK. 3500-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council express its support for the bid of the University of Saskatchewan for a Synchrotron Light Research Facility.

ADOPTED.

The University of Saskatchewan has applied to the Federal Government for the location of a Synchrotron Light Research Facility in Saskatoon, as an expansion to the existing Saskatchewan Accelerator Laboratory located on campus. The location of the federal project will be announced early this year. The Mayor has written to Dr. Dennis Johnson indicating the City's full support to the proposal.

Attached is information regarding the proposed facility, provided by the Director of the Saskatchewan Accelerator Laboratory.

2. **Request for Funding
SUMA History Book
(Files CK. 1870-1 and 155-3)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve a grant of \$3,000 to the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association towards the publication of a commemorative history book of the organization.

ADOPTED.

In recognition of its 90th anniversary, SUMA is publishing a commemorative history book. The City of Saskatoon has been asked to contribute to the cost.

3. **Request for Permission for Fireworks at Mount Royal Park
Winter Carnival - Friday, February 2, 1996
(File No. CK. 205-14)**

RECOMMENDATION: that permission be granted for the use of fireworks at Mount Royal Park during the Winter Carnival scheduled for Friday, February 2, 1996, subject to administrative conditions.

ADOPTED.

The attached letter was received by the City Clerk's Office on January 22, 1996, for an event scheduled to take place on February 2. Since City Council would not be meeting prior to the event, your Committee approved the request, subject to administrative conditions and subject to the decision being ratified by City Council at its next meeting.

4. **City Council Procedures
(File No. CK. 255-1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the City Clerk be requested to forward the information to all affected individuals; and
- 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare any bylaw amendments deemed necessary.

ADOPTED.

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Your Committee has considered a number of changes in procedures which will help to alleviate some of the pressure in the City Clerk's Office caused by the large number of committees and increased public participation.

- 1) Reports to Council from committees will be delayed for two weeks in order to provide sufficient time for the reports to be prepared, authorized by the Chair and forwarded to interested individuals. This will also be beneficial to the public, who have been given very little time in the past to react to reports.
- 2) City Council and each of the two standing committees to meet only once during each of the months of July and August, and all other non-standing, advisory committees, not meet at all during the summer months.

The City Clerk will submit recommendations to City Council's next meeting regarding dates for City Council's meetings in July and August.

5. Appointments to Boards and Committees

- a) Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium
Foundation Board of Directors
(File No. CK 175-28) _____

RECOMMENDATION: that the City's representative be instructed to vote the City's membership interest at the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium Foundation Board of Directors annual meeting for the appointment of Ms. Sharon Maher to the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium Foundation Board of Directors and The Centennial Auditorium & Convention Centre Corporation Board of Directors for the years 1996 and 1997, to replace Mr. Michael Sifton.

- b) Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority
(File No. CK 175-37) _____

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Bernard Michel be appointed to the Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority for the years 1996 and 1997, to replace Mr. Terry Grieve.

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- c) Board of Trustees of Defined Contribution Plan
for Seasonal and Non-Permanent Part-Time Employees
(File No. CK. 4730-1) _____

RECOMMENDATION: that Ms. Judy Schlechte be appointed to the Board of Trustees of Defined Contribution Plan for Seasonal and Non-Permanent Part-Time Employees, to replace Mr. Conrad Man.

- d) Race Relations Committee
(File No. CK. 225-40) _____

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Winston McKay be reappointed to the Race Relations Committee for the year 1996.

- e) Advisory Committee on Women's Issues
(File No. CK. 225-48) _____

RECOMMENDATION: that Ms. Deborah Fraess be appointed to the Advisory Committee on Women's Issues to the end of 1998, to replace Ms. Nora Ritchie.

- f) Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee
(File No. CK. 225-1) _____

RECOMMENDATION: that Ms. Barbara Anderson be appointed to the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, as the representative of the Saskatoon Real Estate Board, for the years 1996 and 1997.

- g) Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Council
(File No. CK. 175-9) _____

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Mark Wittrup be appointed to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Council for the years 1996 and 1997, to replace Dr. Pat Tones.

ADOPTED.

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There are a number of vacancies on Boards and Committees."

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**6a) Property Maintenance and Occupancy Bylaw
(File No. CK. 185-7)**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 9.

**6b) Communications to Council
From: Laura Wasacase, Chair
Saskatoon Children at Risk Committee
Date: September 20, 1995
Subject: Submitting a proposal for funding youth centre programs
in Saskatoon's Inner City and requesting support from
the City of Saskatoon
(Files CK. 5500-3 and 1871-1)**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 4.

ENQUIRIES

**Councillor Langlois
Bylaw-Making Authority - Saskatoon Health Board and City of Saskatoon
(File No. CK. 185-2)**

Given the potential for conflict with respect to legal jurisdiction between the City and the District Health Board, and the need to eliminate bureaucratic duplication, would the City Solicitor report on the areas of overlap, if any, in the bylaw making authority of the Health Board and the City.

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**Councillor Langford
Water Main Breaks
(File No. CK. 7900-1)**

I am aware that the incidences of water main breaks has increased dramatically this past month. I am also aware that our crews were working at their maximum capacity. In times like this, would it be possible to sub-contract private business to come to our aid, so that the citizens affected are not without water for days at a time. If this is not possible, is it at least possible to have private businesses deliver portable water to the residents affected. (This past weekend, there were 15 water main breaks and we only have three water tanks).

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 7530

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7530, being "*The Capital Reserve Amendment Bylaw, 1996*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Bylaw No. 7530 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7530.

CARRIED.

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Council went into Committee of the Whole with Councillor Steernberg in the Chair.

Committee arose.

Councillor Steernberg, Chair of the Committee of the Whole, made the following report:

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7530 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7530 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Bylaw No. 7530 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

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Bylaw No. 7531

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7531, being "*The Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners Bylaw*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Bylaw No. 7531 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7531.

CARRIED.

Council went into Committee of the Whole with Councillor Steernberg in the Chair.

Committee arose.

Councillor Steernberg, Chair of the Committee of the Whole, made the following report:

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7531 was considered clause by clause and approved.

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Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7531 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Bylaw No. 7531 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk