

Council Chambers
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Monday, December 15, 2003
at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: His Worship Mayor D. Atchison, in the Chair;
Councillors Alm, Birkmaier, Dubois, Fortosky, Heidt, Hnatyshyn,
Neault, Paulsen, Penner and Wyant;
City Manager Richards;
General Manager, Community Services Gauthier;
General Manager, Corporate Services Veltkamp;
General Manager, Infrastructure Services Uzelman;
General Manager, Fire and Protective Services Bentley;
General Manager, Utility Services Hewitt;
City Solicitor Dust;
City Clerk Mann;
Councillors' Assistant Long.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on December 1, 2003, and the special meeting of City Council held on December 8, 2003, be approved.

CARRIED.

HEARINGS

2a) Discretionary Use Application
Lots 13 – 20, Block 27, Plan FU
1527 Idylwyld Drive
(File No. CK. 4355-1)

Report of the City Clerk:

“The purpose of this hearing is to consider the above-noted discretionary use application.

The City Planner has advised that the necessary notification poster has been placed on the site and letters have been sent to adjacent land owners within 60 metres of the site.

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Attached is a report of the Community Services Department, dated October 23, 2003 recommending that the application submitted by Seventy's Restaurant Ltd. / Ally Katz Bar & Grill requesting permission to use Lots 13 to 20, Block 27, Plan FU (1527 Idylwyld Drive North) for the purpose of a night club be approved subject to the following conditions:

- 1) the night club contain a maximum of 300 square metres (3230 square feet) of public assembly area and accommodate a maximum of 229 patrons;
- 2) the final site development plan for the proposed night club being substantially in accordance with those plans submitted in support of this discretionary use application;
- 3) that the owner/applicant be solely responsible for any work and expense associated with upgrades to water and sewer connections, landscaping, and site development;
- 4) that the applicant obtain a development permit and all other relevant permits (such as building and plumbing permits) prior to expanding the night club; and
- 5) that the parking station on Lots 21 to 26, Block 27, Plan FU (1540, 1536, 1532 Idylwyld Drive) continue to be used in conjunction with the restaurant / night club on Lots 13 to 20, Block 27, Plan FU (1527 Idylwyld Drive) as long the restaurant / night club operates at this location.

Attached is a letter from the Secretary of the Municipal Planning Commission dated November 25, 2003, advising that the Commission supports the above-noted recommendations.

Also attached is a letter dated December 8, 2003 from Rick Istifo, Director, Istifo Brothers Property Limited.”

His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.

Mr. Randy Grauer, Community Services Department, indicated the Department's support of the application.

Mr. John Waddington, Chair, Municipal Planning Commission, indicated the Commission's support of the application.

Mr. Albert Gonzales, proponent, explained the expansion of the business and requested that Council approve the application.

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Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the submitted correspondence be received.

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Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the application submitted by Seventy's Restaurant Ltd. / Ally Katz Bar & Grill requesting permission to use Lots 13 to 20, Block 27, Plan FU (1527 Idylwyld Drive North) for the purpose of a night club be approved subject to the following conditions:

- 1) the night club contain a maximum of 300 square metres (3230 square feet) of public assembly area and accommodate a maximum of 229 patrons;*
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CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

1 Noel Lyon, People's Free University, dated December 1

Requesting permission to address Council to request use of space owned or controlled by the City that would be suitable for evening classes. (File No. CK. 1870-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Noel Lyon be heard.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Noel Lyon be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Noel Lyon requested that Council provide space to the People's Free University, to accommodate 15 to 30 people, for informal seminars.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration to report to the Planning and Operations Committee.

CARRIED.

2) Courtney Levinton, dated December 2

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to crime. (File No. CK. 5000-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Courtney Levinton be heard.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Courtney Levinton be heard.

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Ms. Courtney Levinton explained that she is a student at Aden Bowman Collegiate, and was representing all of the students of the school. She expressed concerns with respect to crime at the schools and asked that Council consider appointing a School Liaison Officer at all of the schools in the City, in order for the students to feel safe.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the matter be referred to the Board of Police Commissioners.

CARRIED.

3) Damaris Terleski, dated December 3

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to her home-based business. (File CK. 4350-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Item AA1 of Communications be brought forward and considered, and that Damaris Terleski be heard.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,

THAT Item AA1) of Communications be brought forward and considered and that Damaris Terleski be heard.

CARRIED.

“AA1) Annette Semenchuk, dated November 27

Expressing support for a home-based business. (File No. CK. 4350-1)”

Ms. Damaris Terleski outlined the gel nail business she has been providing from her home, and requested that Council consider allowing her to continue. She provided Council with a copy of her presentation, as well as copies of letters of support from Connie Dobranski and Sherry Martens.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration to report to the Planning and Operations Committee.

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4) Edward Danneberg, dated December 7

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the Little Chief Police Station. (File No. CK. 5000-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Edward Danneberg be heard.

It was noted that Edward Danneberg was not present in the gallery.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**5) Phil Miller, Vice President
Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 47, dated December 8**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to a letter received from the CFIB, and public versus private work. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Phil Miller be heard.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT Phil Miller be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Phil Miller, Vice-President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 47, indicated that he was speaking in response to the presentation made by Marilyn Braun-Pollon, Director, Provincial Affairs, Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) at the Council meeting held on December 1, 2003, regarding the privatization of City services. He outlined the benefits of services provided by the public sector.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT the information be received.

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6) Holly Lucas, dated December 8

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the Advisory Committee on Women's Issues. (File No. CK. 225-48)

7) Christine Regnier-Gaudet, dated December 10

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the Advisory Committee on Women's Issues. (File No. CK. 225-48)

8) Shelley J. Potts, dated December 10

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the Advisory Committee on Women's Issues. (File No. CK. 225-48)

RECOMMENDATION: that the speakers be heard.

The City Clerk advised that Shelley Potts had withdrawn her request to speak.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT the speakers be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Holly Lucas expressed concerns regarding Council's decision to disband the Advisory Committee on Women's Issues and asked that Council reinstate the Committee.

Ms. Christine Regnier-Gaudet indicated that she is a Crisis Councillor, and was present representing the YWCA. She stressed the importance of gender equality, and the importance of the Committee. She asked that the Committee be reinstated, with a new mandate to examine how civic policies effect women.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,

THAT the matter be referred to the Executive Committee for further discussion.

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**9) Tanya Mullis, Executive Director
Broadway Business Improvement District, dated December 9**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the Greg Botting Walk of Stars project.
(File No. CK. 4040-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Tanya Mullis be heard.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT Tanya Mullis be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Tanya Mullis, Broadway Business Improvement District, explained the Greg Botting Walk of Stars project, and requested that Council designate it a municipal project to allow for the issuance of tax receipts for any private donations it receives.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

- 1) that the Greg Botting Walk of Stars Project be designated a Municipal Project; and*
- 2) that the Treasurer's Branch, Corporate Services Department, be authorized and directed to accept donations for this project and to issue appropriate receipts to donors who contribute funds to the project.*

CARRIED.

10) Tyler Whale, dated December 10

Requesting permission to make a power point presentation with respect to the curbside, bluebox-recycling program. (File No. CK. 7830-5-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Tyler Whale be heard.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Tyler Whale be heard.

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Mr. Tyler Whale gave a presentation outlining his curbside bluebox program and the importance of recycling. He outlined how City Council can help the program, including advertising, discussion with waste management officials to work towards common goals, and incentives for residents to recycle. He provided Council with a copy of his presentation.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

THAT the matter be referred to the Planning and Operations Committee for a report.

CARRIED.

AA. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

1) Annette Semenchuk, dated November 27

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 5.

2) Federation of Canadian Municipalities, dated November 24, 2003

Submitting an invoice with respect to the 2004 Municipal Membership to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. (File No. CK. 155-2)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the 2004 membership fee for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities be paid in the amount of \$21,355.59; and
 - 2) that the direction of Council issue with respect to the optional payment of \$9,840.55 to contribute towards Saskatchewan's Travel Fund.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the 2004 membership fee for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities be paid in the amount of \$21,355.59.

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Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the optional payment of \$9,840.55 to contribute towards Saskatchewan's Travel Fund be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.

CARRIED.

3) Marv Hanson and Sheila Spence, dated November 24

Submitting comments with respect to a smoking bylaw. (File No. CK. 185-3)

4) Christina Breker, dated November 27

Submitting comments with respect to a smoking bylaw. (File No. CK. 185-3)

5) Judy Lang, dated November 26

Submitting comments with respect to a smoking bylaw. (File No. CK. 185-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that the letters be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Alm, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,

THAT the Administration and Finance Committee report to Council on January 19, 2004, with respect to the smoking bylaw.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND LOST.

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6) Travis Laycock, dated November 28

Submitting comments with respect to the hiring of additional police officers. (File No. CK. 5000-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

7) John Michael Ritchie, North Battleford, dated December 2

Expressing concerns with respect to a speed trap located on Highway 16. (File No. CK. 5300-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the letter be referred to the Board of Police Commissioners.

Moved by Councillor Alm, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the letter be referred to the Board of Police Commissioners.

CARRIED.

8) Mike Cunningham, dated December 1

Submitting comments with respect to the City's east and west side stereotypes. (File CK. 6320-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

THAT the information be received.

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**9) Alice Farness
Renewing Our Community Committee, dated December 2**

Submitting comments with respect to prostitution. (File No. CK. 280-5-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the letter be referred to the Board of Police Commissioners.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the letter be referred to the Board of Police Commissioners.

CARRIED.

10) Rhonda Gough, dated December 5

Expressing concerns with respect to the disbanding of the Advisory Committee on Women's Issues, the Safer City Committee and the Social Housing Advisory Committee. (File No. 225-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

11) Len Taylor, Minister of Government Relations, dated November 27

Introducing himself as the new Minister of Government Relations. (File No. CK. 277-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

THAT the information be received.

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12) Robert Doell, dated November 27

Submitting comments with respect to policing. (File No. CK. 5000-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the letter be referred to the Board of Police Commissioners.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

THAT the letter be referred to the Board of Police Commissioners.

CARRIED.

13) Robert Doell, dated November 27

Submitting comments with respect to utility bills. (File No. CK. 1910-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

14) Carl M. Ens, dated December 2

Submitting comments with respect to transit service to Midtown Plaza, and the bus stop on 25th Street and 6th Avenue. (File No. CK. 7311-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the information be received and referred to the Administration.

CARRIED.

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15) Lance Anderson, dated December 9

Submitting comments with respect to a smoking bylaw, the Gathercole site and a downtown casino. (Files CK. 185-3, 4130-2-11 and 4110-23)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

16) Brenda Reid, dated December 9

Commenting with respect to the Gathercole building. (File No. CK. 4130-2-11)

17) Brenda O'Connor, dated December 8

Commenting with respect to the Gathercole building. (File No. CK. 4130-2-11)

18) Darrell Broughton, dated December 9

Commenting with respect to the Gathercole site. (File No. CK. 4130-2-11)

19) Wilf Witzaney, dated December 5

Commenting with respect to the Gathercole building. (File No. CK. 4130-2-11)

20) Laurie Semenchuk, dated December 8

Commenting with respect to the Gathercole building. (File No. CK. 4130-2-11)

21) Karl Miller, dated December 10

Commenting with respect to the Gathercole building. (File No. CK. 4130-2-11)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

22) Joseph Kuchta, dated December 9

Submitting comments with respect to disclosure of election donations and expenses by candidates.
(File No. CK. 255-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**23) Rodolfo Pino-Robles, President
Saskatchewan Intercultural Association, dated December 1**

Urging City Council to continue to make Saskatoon a city in which immigrants and refugees feel welcome and supported, through continued support of the Mentorship Project and other immigrant employment initiatives. (File No. CK. 100-10)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the information be received and referred to the Race Relations Committee.

CARRIED.

24) Raquel and Colin Chapdelaine and Others, dated December 3

Expressing concerns with respect to waste, traffic and noise bylaw violations on Perehudoff Crescent. (File No. CK. 4132-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the matter be referred to the Administration for a report.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration for a report.

CARRIED.

**25) Judy Koutecky, Administrative Assistant
The Mendel Art Gallery, dated December 4**

Submitting notice of a Special General Meeting of the Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation to be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. (File No. CK. 153-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the City of Saskatoon, being a member of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, appoint Donald Atchison, or in his absence, Terry Alm or Gordon Wyant of the City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Special Meeting of the members of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, to be held on the 20th day of January, 2004, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the City of Saskatoon, being a member of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, appoint Donald Atchison, or in his absence, Terry Alm or Gordon Wyant of the City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Special Meeting of the members of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, to be held on the 20th day of January, 2004, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

CARRIED.

B. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

**1) Daniel J. Guenther, Shopping Centre Manager
Grosvenor Park Centre, dated December 2**

Expressing support for a median opening on 8th Street at Sommerfeld Avenue. (File CK. 6320-5-2)
(Referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.)

**2) Rod Janzen, General Manager
OK Tire and Auto Service, dated December 3**

Expressing support for a median opening on 8th Street at Sommerfeld Avenue. (File CK. 6320-5-2)
(Referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

REPORTS

Mr. John Waddington, Chair, submitted Report No. 9-2003 of the Municipal Planning Commission;

General Manager, Community Services Gauthier presented Section A, Administrative Report No. 20-2003;

General Manager, Infrastructure Services Uzelman presented Section D, Administrative Report No. 20-2003;

City Manager Richards presented Section F, Administrative Report No. 20-2003;

City Solicitor Dust presented Section B, Legislative Report No. 16-2003;

Councillor Fortosky, Chair, presented Report No. 16-2003 of the Planning and Operations Committee;

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Councillor Penner, Chair, presented Report No. 18-2003 of the Administration and Finance Committee; and

Councillor Birkmaier, Chair, presented Report No. 4-2003 of the Audit Committee;

Councillor Fortosky, Chair, presented Report No. 2-2003 of the Budget Committee;

Councillor Birkmaier, Member, presented Report No. 4-2003 of the Board of Trustees – City of Saskatoon General Superannuation Plan

His Worship the Mayor, Chair, presented Report No. 17-2003 of the Executive Committee.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

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

- a) Report No. 9-2003 of the Municipal Planning Commission;*
- b) Administrative Report No. 20-2003;*
- c) Legislative Report No. 16-2003;*
- d) Report No. 16-2003 of the Planning and Operations Committee;*
- e) Report No. 18-2003 of the Administration and Finance Committee;*
- f) Report No. 4-2003 of the Audit Committee;*
- g) Report No. 2-2003 of the Budget Committee;*
- h) Report No. 4-2003 of the Board of Trustees – City of Saskatoon General Superannuation Plan; and*
- i) Report No. 17-2003 of the Executive Committee.*

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

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

Committee arose.

Councillor Paulsen 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. 9-2003 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION”

Composition of Commission

Mr. John Waddington, Chair
Ms. Jo-Anne Richter, Vice-Chair
Mr. Dieter André
Mr. Gord Androsoff
Mr. Roy Ball
Mr. Jack Billinton
Mr. Michael Chyzowski
Mr. Lloyd Hedemann
Ms. Karen Thogersen
Mr. Vern Waldherr
Mr. Randy Warick
Mr. Jim Zimmer

1. **Willows Golf Course Community - Residential Concept Plan**
Portion of NE-9-36-5-W3, Parcel G, NE-9-36-5-W3
Portion of NW-9-36-5-W3, All of SE-9-36-5-W3
All of SW-9-36-5-W3
Willows Golf and Country Club Neighbourhood
Applicant: Dundee Development Corporation
(File No. CK. 4131-26)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve, in principle, the overall Willows Golf Course Community Concept Plan as shown in Attachment 1 to the report of the Community Services Department dated November 20, 2003; and
 - 2) that the General Manager, Community Services Department be authorized to issue development permits which are in substantial conformance with the approved Concept Plan, as shown in Attachment 1, subject to the Dundee Development Corporation entering into a Development Agreement with the City of Saskatoon.

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The Municipal Planning Commission has considered the report of the Community Services Department dated November 20, 2003, with respect to the Willows Golf Course Community Residential Concept Plan.

Following review of the proposed concept plan with the Administration and the applicant, which included issues relating to the servicing, your Commission is supporting the recommendations of the Community Services Department.

This report is also being reported on under Clause 5, Report No. 16-2003 of the Planning and Operations Committee.

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the overall Willows Golf Course Community Concept Plan as shown in Attachment 1 to the report of the Community Services Department dated November 20, 2003, be approved; and

2) that the General Manager, Community Services Department be authorized to issue development permits which are in substantial conformance with the approved Concept Plan, as shown in Attachment 1, subject to the Dundee Development Corporation entering into a Development Agreement with the City of Saskatoon.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 20-2003

Section A – COMMUNITY SERVICES

**A1) Enquiry- Former Councillor L. Swystun (September 22, 2003)
“Seniors” Services at Indoor Leisure Centres
(File No. CK 610-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

Former Councillor Swystun made the following inquiry at the meeting of City Council held September 22, 2003:

“Would the Administration please report on the potential of creating a senior category for services available through our five indoor leisure centres.”

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REPORT

Leisure Services operates five indoor leisure centres (Cosmo, Lakewood and Lawson Civic Centres, Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre, and the Saskatoon Field House). General admission to the indoor leisure centres provides the public with access to the City's recreation facilities and to instructor-led classes on a "drop-in" basis for which pre-registration is not required.

City Council has adopted several key principles to guide the Administration in establishing rates and fees for the five indoor leisure centres. See Attachment 1. The principles speak to a variety of issues. The two of primary importance to general admission programming are that incentives will be provided to encourage children, youth, and families to participate in leisure activities and, therefore, this group is the only group that will be subsidized through the City's rates and fees structure.

With the exception of children, youth, and families, any and all subsidies for special interest groups or organizations should be funded from other sources and not from rates and fee structures. Recognizing that there are residents of all ages in this city whose barrier to participation in leisure activities is the cost of admission and/or transportation to programs and services, City Council has approved funding for an Accessibility Subsidy Program. Individuals or agencies can apply to the Department for access to this program.

In order to ensure that as many of the City's population as possible can participate in affordable leisure activities and that, overall, the City maintains a level playing field with other service providers in the market, the Administration has recommended that the long-term cost recovery objective for general admission programming be set at 65 percent. This objective is to be achieved by maintaining the base increase for the general admission rate for adults by \$0.20. In September 2003, City Council approved the long-term cost recovery objective at 65 percent with the base rate for adults to increase by \$0.20 on January 1 of each year. (See Attachment 2.)

As shown in Table 1, Leisure Services calculates the fee structure for general admissions based on the following formula:

TABLE 1: General Admission Fee Structure		
Category	Age Group	Rate Structure
Adults	Ages 19 and over	Base rate
Children and Youth	Ages 6 to 18 years	60 percent of base rate
Family Rate		Two times the adult rate

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Taking into consideration the current fee structure, seniors are considered within the adult category for general admission. Unfortunately, as with all general admission programming, the Leisure Services Branch does not have reliable information on the participation of seniors because our current revenue reporting system does not track their use specifically by age. The LeisureCard customer was easier to identify as some of the patrons at the time they purchased a card provided their age. Using 2001 point of sale data, there were 11,561 adult LeisureCard customers. Seventy-nine percent (9,160 individuals) identified their age at the time of application and twenty-one percent (2,401 individuals) provided no information on their age. Of those individuals that reported their age, approximately 3.2 percent of LeisureCard customers (291 individuals) were 65 plus. On average, they purchased, a five-month card duration.

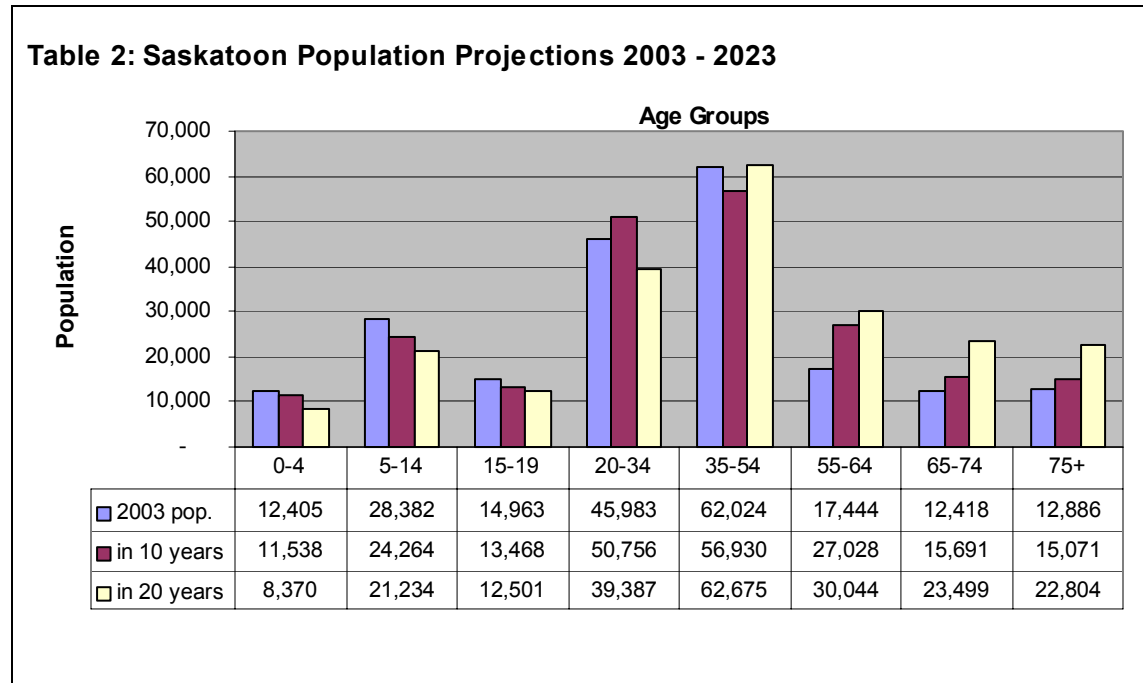
Applying a 3.2 percent to 2002 actual volumes and using the 2003 pricing structure, seniors age 65 plus account for roughly \$34,250 (without G.S.T.) in revenue for LeisureCards, \$8,600 for general admission, and \$7,700 for bulk tickets. If these estimates are reasonably accurate and if we were to subsidize this group the same as the youth rate, our revenues would be reduced by \$13,700 for LeisureCard use, \$3,440 for general admission, and \$3,080 for bulk tickets. These calculations are based on the 2003 rates.

As stated previously in this report, one of our guiding principles in setting rates and fees is the belief that, except for children, youth, and families, any and all subsidies for special interest groups or organizations should be funded from budgetary allocations approved by City Council and not from our rates and fees structures. In our opinion, this principle also applies to seniors.

Should City Council direct us to implement a reduced rate for general admission programming for seniors, we also require direction on the source of funding. With the current pricing strategy, Leisure Services is projecting to achieve a cost-recovery rate of 65 percent by year 2006. From our perspective, the options will be to add to the mil rate or adjust the rates for family, youth, and adults to make up the shortfall.

Aging Population

Research indicates that the older adult of the future will be more active than previous generations at the same age due to their current levels of activity, desire to postpone aging, and desire to receive health benefits of active living. Table 2 is the population projection for the City of Saskatoon based on data from the Saskatchewan Health Insurance Registration for 2003 and projections provided by the City Planning Branch for the period of 2004 to 2023. The population for adults age 65+ will double in the next twenty years.



The first of the Baby Boomers, those born from 1947–1966, will not reach retirement age until 2012, with the peak of the boom, those born in 1961, reaching age 65 in 2026. Should City Council pursue implementation of a senior category for general admission programming, the financial impact will increase as the actual number of those over 65 become a greater proportion of the total population.

Leisure Needs Assessment Survey 1999

The Community Services Department, Leisure Services Branch conducts a leisure needs assessment survey every five years. The city-wide survey provides information on the residents’ current participation in leisure activities, activity areas of interest, and barriers that prevent their participation. The last leisure needs assessment was completed in 1999 and involved approximately 1,400 Saskatoon residents.

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In 1999, in response to a request by the Leisure Services Advisory Board, the Planning and Operations Committee directed the Leisure Services Branch to over-sample adults age 55 plus in order to gather more statistically reliable information on the leisure needs of this target group. The survey sample size for adults age 55 plus was increased to a total of 293 people. Reporting was based on sub-groupings of 50–60 years, 60–69, and 70 plus. The information is statistically reliable for each age sub-group of older adults except for the 70 plus group. The interviewers were able to gain limited access to apartments, condominiums, and housing units where the 70 plus age group resides. Therefore, when reporting responses of the 70 plus group by subgroups (e.g. by need category and activities), the data was not statistically reliable and would only offer indicators for use in program design. Attachment 3 provides a summary of the 1999 leisure needs assessment survey for older adults.

Older adults in Saskatoon (50+) are very active in their leisure time. Ninety-nine percent of all older adult respondents to the survey reported being presently active in one or more leisure activities. On average, they reported participation in 5.5 different leisure activities over the past year. See Attachment 3, Older Adult Summary Report, page 5. The majority of older adults are presently participating as often as they would like in their choice of activities. All older adults are paying to participate in at least one of their activities and there is a very high satisfaction rating for the value they are receiving. Examples of the types of activities they are participating in for the category of physical fitness are walking, fitness clubs, swimming, and home fitness. For current participation in the leisure needs category of sport, the most frequently listed activities are golf, curling, hockey, bowling, and baseball. The vast majority of older adults plan to continue participation in their present activities.

Out of the 293 older adults surveyed, 66 respondents indicated an interest in participating in a leisure activity that they are not presently participating in. This represents 22 percent of all older adult respondents. (Note, this is not statistically reliable due to the smaller number of respondents. This information can only be used as an indicator). The four categories with the most interest are sports, performing arts, visual arts, and physical fitness. The only category where cost was identified as a barrier to participation is related to the cost of equipment to participate in sports and cost to attend performing arts activities. Health problems are the other barrier of significance for older adults.

In 2005, the Community Services Department is scheduled to complete the next city-wide leisure needs assessment. The Community Services Department will again over-sample adults age 55 and up in order to gather statistically reliable information on the leisure needs of this target group. The information gathered will be reported based on sub-groupings of 50–60 years, 60-69 years, and 70 plus years. The information generated in 2005 will be compared to the 1999 data to determine if there is any change in terms of current participation in leisure activities, activity areas of interest, and barriers that prevent participation.

Programs and Services that Address Cost as a Barrier

In recognition that there are people of all ages whose barrier to participation is cost, the City of Saskatoon offers the following programs and services.

Accessibility Subsidy Program: In 1989, the Leisure Services Department (now the Community Services Department) received funding approval from City Council to implement the Accessibility Subsidy Program for economically-disadvantaged people.

The purpose of the Accessibility Subsidy Program is to provide assistance to that portion of Saskatoon's residents whose barrier to participation in leisure activities is the cost of admission or transportation to programs and services. The Accessibility Subsidy Program facilitates accessibility for economically-disadvantaged residents of Saskatoon, without distorting the general revenue and pricing strategies of the Department.

The 2003 budget allocation for the four components within the Accessibility Program are:

- a) General Admissions and Registered Programs - \$56,000
- b) Transportation - \$10,000
- c) Facility Rentals - \$17,000; and
- d) Target Programs - \$17,400

Each component is designed to meet a particular need and to accommodate the greatest number of people. The Department has built flexibility into the specific components of the program to allow participants the ability to choose an activity at a location and time of their choice.

In the opinion of the Administration, should City Council wish to subsidize seniors, it should be funded from budgetary allocations within the Accessibility Program. The Community Development Branch is reviewing this program to assess how to maximize participation, reach target market populations, improve delivery mechanisms, and review budget allocations. Should City Council specifically wish to address seniors, the options within this program are to add to the mil rate to increase the amount of funds specifically targeted to seniors or to redirect a portion of the current allocation to seniors.

Community Grant Program: Through the Community Services Department, the City administers various grant programs for non-profit organizations in the areas of sport, culture, and recreation. These grants can be used to address cost as a barrier for various target groups. In 2003, \$43,300 was approved for 17 non-profit groups who applied to target cost as a barrier for seniors.

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Payment options for access to the Leisure Facilities: The public has a variety of different payment types to access the facilities. Payment options include drop-in admission fees, bulk tickets, group rates, and monthly LeisureCard passes. In addition, individuals who purchase a Leisure Card for a duration of three months or longer are eligible to join a payment plan where monthly payments can be made either by cash, cheque, charge card, or automatic bank withdrawal. The variety of options available to access the facilities allows the individual to select the one that best suits their individual lifestyle or fitness pattern.

Community Inventory of Physical Activity Programs for Older Adults

Attachment 4 is a copy of an Inventory of Programs for Older Adults, compiled by the In Motion Advisory Committee for Older Adults. (The Community Services Department is a member of this Committee.) This inventory is a comprehensive list of programs, for older adults, which are being offered at various clubs and facilities in Saskatoon. The programs currently offered at the City of Saskatoon leisure facilities are included within the community inventory. The program inventory is being updated by the Saskatoon Council on Aging. Their target date for publishing the 2003 program inventory is early in 2004. The inventory provide a catalogue of programs offered by the community for seniors.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Guiding Principles for Establishing Rates and Fees
2. General Admission Rates Fee Schedule 2004 - 2006
3. Older Adults Summary Report
4. Community Inventory of Physical Activity Programs for Older Adults 2002

A2) Denial of Subdivision Application No. 40/03
1008 & 1040 20th Street West
(File No. CK. 4300-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that Subdivision Application No. 40/03 be Denied on the basis that proposed Lot 4A does not conform to the minimum Development Standards of the Zoning Bylaw regarding site depth.

ADOPTED.

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BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on December 3, 2003, the Technical Planning Commission considered Subdivision Application Report No. 40/03 from the Community Services Department (Attachment 1) and resolved the following:

- “1. That Subdivision Application No. 40/03 be Denied on the basis that proposed Lot 4A does not conform to the minimum Development Standards of the Zoning Bylaw regarding site depth.
2. That the Technical Planning Commission resolve that in the event a Development Appeal for Subdivision Application No. 40/03 is granted by the Development Appeals Board, the Technical Planning Commission grants approval to the application, subject to the following conditions:
 - a) the payment of offsite servicing charges in the amount of \$2,827.16 (Daryl Schmidt – Infrastructure Services Department);
 - b) The Owners/Developers providing a letter to the Infrastructure Services Department acknowledging that a separate water and sewer connection is required for each individually titled lot and that these connections cannot cross private property lines. And, if necessary, the Owner/Developer will be required to cut off the existing connection at the mains and construct separate new connections at their own expense. The Owner/Developer is responsible for ensuring that all City of Saskatoon requirements regarding location, construction and inspection are met. (Daryl Schmidt – Infrastructure Services Department); and
 - c) the payment of the subdivision approval fee in the amount of \$100.00.”

REPORT

Subdivision Bylaw No. 6537 delegates approving authority for all proposed subdivisions to the Community Services Department, Development Officer, except in cases where the Development Officer recommends denial of any proposed subdivision. Under the provisions of the Subdivision Bylaw, if the Development Officer concludes that an application for subdivision should be denied, the Development Officer shall refer the application to City Council, who shall act as the approving authority with respect to the application.

In this regard, Subdivision Application No. 40/03 is being recommended for denial on the basis that proposed Lot 4A does not conform to the minimum Development Standards of the Zoning Bylaw regarding site depth.

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Under provisions of the Zoning Bylaw, and in accordance with Sections 91 to 104 and Section 147 of the *Planning and Development Act, 1983*, an applicant for subdivision has the right to appeal to the Development Appeals Board when their application for subdivision has been denied. (Please note that in order to file an appeal with the Development Appeals Board, the applicant must first apply for the subdivision and subsequently the subdivision must be denied by City Council.)

The applicants have indicated that it is their intention to file a Development Appeal pursuant to the provisions of the *Planning and Development Act, 1983*. The Community Services Department has advised the applicants that we would support their Appeal given the unique configuration of the land at this location.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

ATTACHMENT

1. Subdivision Application Report No. 40/03 to the Technical Planning Commission from the Community Services Department (File No. PL 4300-40/03).

**A3) Land-Use Applications Received by the Community Services Department
For the Period Between November 10, 2003 and December 8, 2003
(For Information Only)
(File No. CK. 4000-5)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

The following applications have been received and are being processed:

Condominium

- Application No.10/03: 310 & 318 Herold Road
Applicant: Peters Surveys for Seymour Pacific Developments Ltd.
Legal Description: Lots 7 & 8, Block 433, Plan 01SA29464
Current Zoning: M3
Neighbourhood: Lakewood Suburban Centre
Date Received: November 18, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021 (Public Notice Policy), is not required.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan of Proposed Condominium No. 10/03.
2. Plan of Proposed Development Plan Amendment No. 40/03
3. Plan of Proposed Rezoning No. Z41/03
4. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 42/03
5. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 43/03
6. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 44/03

Section D – INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

**D1) Renewal Taxicab Loading Zone Stands
(File No. CK. 6145-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve the renewal of Taxicab Loading Zone Stands by Saskatoon Radio Cab and United Cabs Limited, for the period January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004.

ADOPTED.

City of Saskatoon Traffic Bylaw No. 7200 provides for Taxicab Loading Zone Stands by recommendation from Infrastructure Services to City Council.

The following taxicab firms require renewal of the Taxicab Loading Zone Stands noted below for the period of January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004.

<u>Saskatoon Radio Cab</u>	<u>2004</u>
Senator Hotel (21 st Street)	\$1,750.00
The Bus Depot (23 rd Street) –2	<u>\$3,500.00</u>
	\$5,250.00

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<u>United Cabs Limited</u>	<u>2004</u>
Sheraton Hotel (Spadina Cres.)	\$1,750.00
Bessborough Hotel (Spadina Cres.)	\$1,750.00
Midtown Plaza (1 st Avenue) – 2	\$3,500.00
Radisson Hotel (20 th Street)	\$1,750.00
Patricia Hotel (2 nd Avenue)	<u>\$1,750.00</u>
	\$10,500.00

Rates for taxicab stands are set out in Bylaw 7200 and are consistent with current parking meter rates. The renewal requests have been reviewed by Infrastructure Services and renewal is recommended.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

**D2) Lease Extension Agreement
Saskatoon Golf & Country Club
Future Circle Drive Right-of-Way
(File CK. 4225-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the application by the Saskatoon Golf & Country Club to extend the lease agreement through December 31, 2007 be approved.

The City of Saskatoon and the Saskatoon Golf & Country Club have a lease agreement under which the golf club uses part of the future Circle Drive right-of-way. The current agreement runs through December 31, 2006.

Within the current lease agreement, there is an option for the Saskatoon Golf & Country Club to extend the lease agreement to December 31, 2007. The City has the sole discretion to grant such an extension.

Since the application is within the terms of the agreement, Infrastructure Services is recommending that the extension be granted.

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ATTACHMENT

1. Letter of Application from Mr. Kelly Boes, Executive Director Saskatoon Golf & Country Club

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be referred to the Planning and Operations Committee for a report.

**D3) Enquiry – Councillor G. Penner (December 2, 2002)
Traffic Lights – McKercher Drive and Acadia Drive
(File No. CK. 6250-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Penner at the meeting of City Council held on December 2, 2002:

“Could I have a report on what would be required to install traffic lights at the intersection of McKercher Drive and Acadia Drive.”

REPORT

McKercher Drive is classified as a four-lane divided major arterial roadway and carries a daily traffic volume of approximately 20,400 vehicles at this intersection. Acadia Drive is classified as a minor collector roadway with a traffic volume of 4,700 vehicles per day. The intersection of these roadways is currently controlled by a stop sign for eastbound vehicles on Acadia Drive. McKercher Drive is assigned right-of-way at this location.

In response to this enquiry, an intersection review was completed including site inspection and collection of traffic data. The data was analyzed to determine the need for additional traffic control devices.

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A vehicle count was undertaken on Thursday, January 30, 2003, between the hours of 0700 to 0900, and 1600 to 1800. Table 1 shows the morning and afternoon peak hour traffic counts recorded at this intersection (EBRT and EBLT denote right and left turns onto McKercher Drive off of Acadia Drive):

Table 1: Vehicle Counts at McKercher Drive and Acadia Drive

AM Peak Hour				PM Peak Hour			
EBLT	EBRT	NB	SB	EBLT	EBRT	NB	SB
95	47	889	638	87	119	693	1197

There have been 28 reported collisions at this intersection over the last five years. Collision frequency is highest for left turn and right angle collisions, and less for sideswipe and rear end collisions. Collision frequency has dropped annually from nine in 2000 to three in 2002. There are no trends discernable in the collision nature or frequency for time of day, day of week, month, or weather conditions. The five-year collision history of this intersection since 1998 is summarized in Table 2:

Table 2: Collision History of McKercher Drive and Acadia Drive

Collision Configuration	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Total
Fixed Object	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rear End	1	1	0	1	1	4
Right Angle	0	4	2	1	0	7
Head On	1	0	0	0	0	1
Left Turn	0	2	4	2	2	10
Parked	0	0	0	0	0	0
Backing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parking	0	0	0	0	0	0
Side Swipe	0	1	3	0	0	4
Other	1	0	0	1	0	2
Total	3	8	9	5	3	28

The vehicle counts and collision histories of this location were used to perform traffic signal warrant calculations to determine the need for upgrading the existing traffic control at the intersection. The minimum requirement for a full traffic signal installation to be considered is a warrant rating of 100 points. The analysis of this intersection produced a rating of 18 warrant points. The analysis of the current data indicates that this location does not yet meet the minimum requirements for the installation of traffic signals. Currently, this intersection ranks 25th on the priority list with other locations under consideration for the installation of traffic signals.

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Traffic signals are provided on arterial roadways at intersections to provide safe and reasonable access to the main street arterial from the side street. In this case, a traffic signal would reduce the delay for the eastbound left turn movement, but at the cost of increased delay to McKercher Drive traffic. Given that McKercher Drive has, and should have, priority over Acadia Drive, the overall delay is currently being apportioned appropriately.

The collision history was examined for supportive evidence to install additional traffic control devices such as a three-way stop. Stop signs are intended to reduce the frequency of correctable collisions, which typically are collisions associated with the assignment of vehicular right-of-way at an intersection. Collisions related to this problem are right angle collisions and, to some degree, left turning collisions. The installation of stop signs may be considered when an intersection exhibits a history of five or more right angle collisions per year over the past five years. As the frequency of this type of collision is less than five per year for this intersection, the operation of the existing one-way stop sign on Acadia Drive is providing an acceptable level of service. No collisions involving pedestrians were reported.

Three-way stops are not normally installed at intersections where traffic flows are unbalanced or at the intersections where the roadway priorities are not alike. In this case, McKercher Drive has significantly more traffic than Acadia Drive (20,400 vehicles per day vs. 4,700 vehicles per day) and is of higher priority (major arterial vs. minor collector). A three-way stop would not be appropriate at this location.

This intersection is located in close proximity to the T-intersection of McKercher Drive and Boychuk Drive, which is a signalized intersection. Field investigation shows that the operation of the signalized intersection provides gaps in the southbound traffic, even during peak periods. Although these gaps are smaller during peak periods than during off peak periods, it is generally observed that the gaps are of sufficient duration and frequency to allow left turning vehicles access through the southbound traffic flow. The delay experienced by northbound and eastbound left turning vehicles increases during peak periods, however, the size and frequency of gaps in traffic along McKercher Drive allow queued vehicles to enter or exit within the similar time frames they would experience if traffic signals were present.

Having reviewed the collision history and having performed warrant calculations for the installation of traffic signals at this location, and having failed to meet or exceed the minimum values used for installation recommendations, Infrastructure Services is proposing that no action be taken at this intersection at this time.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required

Section F – CITY MANAGER

**F1) Enquiry - Councillor O. Fortosky (November 3, 2003)
Creation of a New Committee – City Council/University of Saskatchewan
(File No. CK. 225-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

At the City Council meeting held November 3, 2003, the following enquiry was made by Councillor Fortosky:

“Would the Administration, or His Worship the Mayor, please report as soon as possible to Council, or to a public Executive Committee meeting, on the creation of a new committee of Council made up of representatives of Council and Administration (hopefully including the Mayor), as well as representatives from the University of Saskatchewan Senate and Administration (hopefully the President). This committee would be created to ensure that the City and University work cooperatively to build a prosperous and progressive community.”

The City and the University have an excellent working relationship, examples include the City funding \$2.4M for the Synchrotron; joint projects such as the Field House; the development of Preston Crossing; and the widening of Preston Avenue to be undertaken in 2004.

Previously, this relationship was based on an exchange of general information through a joint meeting of City Council and its senior administration with the President of the University and his senior staff. Although the information exchange was worthwhile, the group was much too large to conduct formal business.

For the last three years, on at least a quarterly basis, the President of the University and the Vice-President of Administration and Finance would meet with the Mayor and City Manager to review issues and concerns. Key discussions would be forwarded to joint administrative committees to resolve the final details.

In recent discussions with the President of the University it was agreed that this approach has worked very effectively, and he requested that this continue. However, the President also indicated if City Council would like to meet with representatives of the University on an informal basis, that could be arranged.

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IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the information be received; and

2) that the City Clerk contact the President of the University of Saskatchewan and coordinate a meeting between President MacKinnon, and his senior University representatives, and City Council.

**F2) 2004 StarPhoenix Advertising Contract
(File No. CK. 366-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that an Advertising Agreement with the Saskatoon StarPhoenix be approved with a total projected cost of \$400,000 for 2004.

ADOPTED.

The Communications Branch negotiates an annual volume sales agreement with The StarPhoenix for advertising in The Saskatoon StarPhoenix and Sunday Sun. Previously, individual sections, branches, and/or departments would purchase advertising separately, and would be charged a line rate according to their individual volumes.

Currently, the purchasing of newspaper advertising is conducted under one account to take advantage of volume discounts. This account has been extended to include the boards and commissions of City Council (i.e. SaskPlace, Centennial Auditorium, Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon Police Services and the Saskatoon Public Library). It is estimated that this centralized advertising initiative saves approximately \$100,000 annually.

The 2004 Agreement forecasts a \$400,000 volume of sales based on the previous year's volume. The line rate, the amount charged for each line of advertisement, is based on this projected volume. It should be noted that the Agreement is similar to a blanket purchase order, and does not require the City to spend the full amount in order to receive the line rate. As such, the City can continue to minimize advertising expenditures.

The StarPhoenix will be increasing line rates by approximately 2% over 2003. Therefore, the new Monday to Thursday rate will increase from \$1.11/line to \$1.13/line and the Friday and Saturday rate will increase from \$1.26/line to \$1.29/line. As well, the Communications Branch has negotiated an agreement that includes guaranteed placement in the "A" section at no additional charge (a 30% saving), a 50% saving on "filler" material, a reduction for colour insertions, and the lowest rate possible for inclusion in the Saskatoon Sun.

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To improve communications from the City to the public by employing more consistency and clarity in the City Page, thereby increasing readership and retention of the City's messages, the Communications Branch recently redesigned the City Page masthead and individual advertisements and further centralized advertising placement.

Previously, each branch or department was separately responsible for the placement of ads resulting in a rough hodgepodge of ads with inconsistent visual identity and appeal. The ads often used different fonts, sizes, logo treatments, and design. As well, the placement of ads was not managed such that the City Page was often placed over several pages.

Initial reaction to the new design has been favourable. The StarPhoenix noted that "the format change implemented on the City Page has been working quite well. It certainly accomplishes the goals we have been working towards for many years."

The Saskatoon StarPhoenix is the only daily and full-circulation Sunday paper in Saskatoon. As they are the sole supplier of this type of advertising, this agreement may be considered a single source contract.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

F3) 2003 Civic Services Survey (File No. CK. 365-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

The 2003 Civic Services Survey indicates that the quality of life, the overall level of services delivered by the City of Saskatoon, and the value received for municipal property taxes in Saskatoon continues to be rated high by citizens. Policing/crime has become the number one issue while citizens' perception of safety in the city has declined.

The major findings of the survey are as follows:

- The large majority (88%) of Saskatoon residents rate the quality of life in Saskatoon as good to very good: 34% of residents rate the quality of life as very good and another 54% rate it as good. This is consistent with the 2002 survey rating of 89%.

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- According to Saskatoon residents, crime and policing moved from being the third top issue of importance (11%) in 2002 to the number one issue of importance in 2003. At 43%, this number outweighs all other issues to become the most important issue facing the City of Saskatoon.
- Casino and gambling issues are no longer rated important by Saskatoon residents, dropping from 15% in 2002 to 2% in 2003. While downtown development (5%), condition of streets (5%), education (5%), and employment opportunities (3%) stay constant with the opinions observed in 2002.
- The large majority (80%) of residents continue to believe that the programs and services they receive from the City of Saskatoon are good or very good value for their municipal tax dollar. While this is four points less than 2002, it remains within a five-point range of previous years, including a 76% rating in 1998.
- The large majority (82%) of Saskatoon residents continue to be satisfied with the overall level of services provided by the City of Saskatoon, but this number has dropped 10 points from October 2002 satisfaction levels. The 2003 level of “dissatisfaction” (9%), however, has not increased significantly from 2002 levels (7%). Rather, those answering “Don’t Know” or “Unsure” has increased from 1% to 9% in 2003.
- The most important services to the residents of Saskatoon are quality of drinking water, treatment of sewage and police services. These ratings are consistent with previous surveys. Fire protection remains the fourth most important service to Saskatoon residents. Overall, Saskatoon residents rate all services more important than they have in previous surveys. There is a continued trend of Saskatoon residents considering police services to be more important than they did in previous years (mean score of 9.13 vs 8.86 in October 2002).
- According to Saskatoon residents, the City of Saskatoon is doing the best in fire protection services, delivering quality drinking water, delivering reliable electrical services and treatment of sewage. Overall, the mean rating of civic services is lower than the previous year.
- 84% of respondents felt safe in their neighbourhoods, while 68% of Saskatoon residents think that Saskatoon is safe compared to other cities. These represent decreases from 91% and 89% respectively when asked similar questions in 2000.

The three key global indicators (quality of life, overall service level satisfaction, and value for property tax dollars), while lower than the 2002 survey, continue to compare very favourably with similar surveys conducted in Calgary, Edmonton, and Regina. Caution should be used when attempting precise comparisons due to differing methodologies, questionnaire design, and survey timing.

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The City of Saskatoon is very cognizant of the fact the overall rating is lower than in previous years and will continue to monitor public reaction and sentiment. However, analysts at Fast Consulting note that the timing of the survey may have had an impact on the lower approval rating:

“The civic election spoke to many local topics including crime and policing, downtown development and taxation. Immediately following the Saskatoon Civic Election a provincial election was held November 5th, 2003. The City of Saskatoon Civic Survey began November 10th. Both elections may have had an effect on service satisfaction response rates.”

A detailed analysis of the results including cross-tabulations will be conducted over the next few weeks.

These results are reported and discussed with Senior Management and then distributed to each Department for specific and more detailed review. They assist in the formation of the three-year Corporate Business Plan and corresponding annual Departmental Business Plans for the coming year. The results are also incorporated into a formal performance measurement and reporting process.

For the 2003 survey, five hundred residents were interviewed between November 10th and 30th. This sample size yields measurements with a level of confidence of 95 percent with a margin of error of +/- 4.4 percentage points.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 16-2003

Section B – OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

**B1) Transit Fare Increases 2004
(File No. CK. 1905-4)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8262.

ADOPTED.

At its meeting of December 1, 2003, City Council resolved to increase transit fares for the year 2004 and instructed our Office to make the necessary changes to The Transit Fares Bylaw.

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We enclose Bylaw No. 8262, The Transit Fares Amendment Bylaw, 2003 which includes the new 2004 transit rates for Council's consideration. A representative from the Utility Services Department has reviewed the Bylaw.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 8262.

B2) Water, Wastewater and Infrastructure Rates - 2004, 2005 and 2006
(File No. CK. 1905-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider passage of proposed Bylaw Nos. 8264 and 8265.

ADOPTED.

City Council at its meeting held on December 1, 2003, during consideration of Clause E1, Administrative Report No. 19-2003, resolved that the proposed increase in water, wastewater and infrastructure rates described in such Report be approved, and that the City Solicitor be instructed to bring forward the appropriate bylaw amendments to implement such rate increases.

In this regard we have prepared and forward herewith for consideration proposed Bylaw Nos. 8264 and 8265 being "The Waterworks Amendment Bylaw, 2003" and "The Sewage Works Amendment Bylaw, 2003", respectively. Proposed Bylaw Nos. 8264 and 8265 implement the various approved rate increases, with the proposed amended rates coming into force and effect on January 1, 2004, January 1, 2005 and January 1, 2006.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Bylaw No. 8264, being "The Waterworks Amendment Bylaw, 2003"; and,
2. Bylaw No. 8265, being "The Sewage Works Amendment Bylaw, 2003".

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**B3) Landfill Fees and Commercial Garbage Collection Rates - 2004
(File No. CK. 1905-3)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider passage of proposed Bylaw No. 8266.

ADOPTED.

City Council at its meeting held on December 1, 2003, during consideration of Clause 4, Report No. 17-2003 of the Administration and Finance Committee, resolved that the landfill and commercial garbage collection rate increases described in such Report be approved, and that the City Solicitor be instructed to bring forward the appropriate bylaw amendment to implement such rate increases.

In this regard we have prepared and forward herewith for consideration proposed Bylaw No. 8266, being "The Waste Amendment Bylaw, 2003". Proposed Bylaw No. 8266 implements the various approved rate increases, with the amended commercial collection rates coming into force on January 1, 2004, and the amended landfill fees coming into force on February 1, 2004.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

ATTACHMENT

1. Bylaw No. 8266, being "The Waste Amendment Bylaw, 2003".

REPORT NO. 16-2003 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor O. Fortosky, Chair
Councillor T. Alm
Councillor D. L. Birkmaier
Councillor M. Neault
Councillor T. Paulsen

1. **Enquiry – Councillor T. Paulsen (November 4, 2002)**
Possible Implementation of Kyoto Accord
- and -
Enquiry – Councillor L. Swystun (February 24, 2003)
FCM Program – Partners for Planet Protection
(File No. CK. 375-1)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the City of Saskatoon become a member of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) Program; and
 - 2) that the City of Saskatoon establish an ongoing Green House Gas (GHG) reduction program; and
 - 3) that \$30,000 be included in the 2004 Capital Budget to complete a GHG emissions inventory and establish the 1990 baseline; and
 - 4) that the Administration report quarterly to the Planning and Operations Committee with respect to the Green House Gas reduction action plan.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered the attached report of the General Manager, Utility Services Department dated December 2, 2003, with respect to proposals for membership in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Partners for Climate Protection Program and to establish an ongoing Green House Gas reduction program (Attachment 1a).

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Your Committee also reviewed the attached report of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee dated June 17, 2003, recommending the establishment of a Task Force to develop an action plan for Saskatoon to reduce Green House Gas emissions and for participation in the Partners for Climate Protection Program (Attachment 1b).

The above reports were reviewed with the Administration and with Mr. Roger Peters, Member, Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee. Mr. Peters indicated support for the recommendations of the Administration and asked that the inventory and action plan apply to the whole city and not just to City operations. Mr. Peters also asked your Committee to consider the proposal to establish the task force with various stakeholders, as outlined in their submitted report.

Your Committee was advised that although the proposal for the establishment of the task force was not brought forward by the Administration as a recommendation, the Administration is planning to work with the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee. In addition, there are already well-established business groups that they will be working with. The report of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee was received as information by your Committee. In addition to supporting the recommendations of the Administration, as outlined above, your Committee has asked the Administration to report quarterly with respect to the Green House Gas reduction action plan. Recommendation 3) above was referred to the Budget Committee for consideration during the 2004 Capital Budget deliberations.

2. **Enquiry – Councillor Penner (January 20, 2003)** **Requirement for Driver’s Abstracts – New Transit Driver Hiring** **(File No. CK. 4560-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that any new employee hired into a driving position be required to provide the City with a copy of their driver’s abstract at their own expense.

ADOPTED.

City Council, at its meeting held on February 10, 2003, considered a report from the Administration in response to the above enquiry by Councillor Penner. City Council received the report as information and referred it to the Traffic Safety Committee for information.

The Traffic Safety Committee reviewed this matter and asked the Planning and Operations Committee to consider a recommendation to extend the requirement for the provision of a driver’s abstract to all employees that operate City vehicles. The issues raised by the Traffic Safety Committee related to traffic safety and liability issues if a City employee operated a City vehicle while on a driving suspension. The attached report of the Traffic Safety Committee was considered by the Planning and Operations Committee at its June 17, 2003 meeting and was referred to the Administration for a report.

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Your Committee has reviewed the attached report of the General Manager, Corporate Services Department dated September 9, 2003, with the Administration, as well as the June 3, 2003 report of the Traffic Safety Committee. As outlined in the Administrative report, all potential new hires at the City's Transit Services Branch are required to provide copies of their driver's abstracts. Your Committee supports extending this practice to all new employees hired into a driving position and forwards the above recommendation for consideration by City Council.

**3. Call for Resolutions for Consideration by the
Federation of Canadian Municipalities National Board of Directors
(File No. CK. 155-2-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the following resolution be submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for consideration at its meeting to be held on March 3 to 6, 2004:

“WHEREAS the economies and social well being of all provinces and territories and the unity of the nation are heavily dependent upon an efficient and well maintained national highway system; and

WHEREAS the condition of the national highway system in Canada has deteriorated substantially in recent years due, in part, to rail line abandonment and increased allowable truck weights; and

WHEREAS the federal government has in the past funded the cost of constructing and maintaining the national highway system; but due to the lack of sufficient federal funding, the provinces/territories must reallocate their resources to rural areas, such that they can no longer fulfill their obligation to assist urban municipalities with construction, maintenance and operation of the highway system within their boundaries;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that FCM request the Government of Canada to establish a National Highways Program with the objective that it provide stable, long-term capital and operating funding for highways of national interest and of interest to Canadian urban municipalities”; and

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- 2) that the above resolution be forwarded to the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association and to the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee considered the matter of possible resolutions to be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and requested the Administration to review and report with respect to a possible resolution on the establishment of a national highway system and on re-instituting a program similar to the Urban Transportation Assistance Program.

In response to the above, the attached report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated November 18, 2003 was submitted to your Committee for consideration.

Your Committee supports the recommendation to forward the proposed resolution on the establishment of a National Highways Program to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. In addition, your Committee is recommending that the above resolution be forwarded to the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association and to the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association.

**4. Transit Strategic Plan Study
(File No. CK. 7300-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the terms of reference for the Transit Strategic Plan Study incorporate the elements identified within this report;
 - 2) that Administration draft a Request for Proposals for the selection of a consultant(s) for this study;
 - 3) that City Council appoint a Transit Services Strategic Plan Committee as outlined in the report of the General Manager, Utility Services Department dated November 25, 2003;
 - 4) that the Committee report to Council through the Planning and Operations Committee;
 - 5) that a technical working group as outlined in the report be established; and

- 6) that the final report be presented to City Council by October 30, 2004.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered the attached report of the General Manager, Utility Services dated November 25, 2003 with respect to the above matter and supports the recommendations outlined therein.

**5. The Willows Golf Course Community, Residential Concept Plan
Dundee Development Corporation
(File No. CK. 4131-24)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve, in principle, the overall Willows Golf Course Community Concept Plan as shown in Attachment 1 of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated December 1, 2003; and
 - 2) that the General Manager, Community Services Department, be authorized to issue development permits which are in substantial conformance with the approved Concept Plan, as shown in Attachment 1, subject to the Dundee Development Corporation entering into a Development Agreement with the City of Saskatoon.

Your Committee has reviewed the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated December 1, 2003, on the above matter, with the Administration and with Mr. Don Armstrong, Dundee Development Corporation.

Following consideration of this report, your Committee is supporting the recommendations as outlined above.

Please note that this matter is also being reported on under Clause 1, Report No. 9-2003, of the Municipal Planning Commission.

It was noted that Council considered this matter during Clause 1, Report No. 9-2003 of the Municipal Planning Commission.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the information be received.

REPORT NO. 18-2003 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor G. Penner, Chair
Councillor B. Dubois
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor E. Hnatyshyn
Councillor G. Wyant

1. Communications to Council

**From: Sandra Smith, Secretary-Treasurer
Saskatoon Gun Club**
Date: November 13, 2003
Subject: Tax Deferral Agreement
(File No. CK. 1965-1)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that a one-year extension of the Tax Deferral Agreement for the Saskatoon Gun Club be approved; and
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate documents.

ADOPTED.

The above-noted communication was referred to the Administration for a report to the Administration and Finance Committee. Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Corporate Services Department dated November 28, 2003, in response to this referral. Your Committee has reviewed this report and supports the recommendation, which is for a one-year deferral instead of a five-year deferral. The Committee understands that the tax deferral issue is part of the overall review of cash grants and tax abatements, which the Administration will be reporting on in the new year. The Committee understands that any changes to tax deferrals and abatements will be phased in.

**2. 2003 Assistance to Community Groups Cash Grants Program
Social Services Component – Unallocated Funds
(File No. CK. 1871-3-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that a grant of \$29,700 be approved for the Spadina Child Care Co-operative Association out of the 2003 Assistance to Community Groups Cash Grant Program – Social Services Component unallocated funds, for the development of a drop-in respite childcare program.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the Social Services Subcommittee dated November 27, 2003, indicating that there is a total amount of \$29,700 remaining under the Social Services Component – 2003 Assistance to Community Groups Cash Grants Program. At the Subcommittee's earlier request, approval was granted for the remaining funds to be made available for future initiatives related to Early Childhood Development, the Local Area Plan for Pleasant Hill Community, and/or one-time emerging developmental initiatives. The Subcommittee identified a gap in the 2003 applications, with no proposals directed to children 0 to 6 years of age. The Subcommittee undertook another call for grant applications specifically for future initiatives related to Early Childhood Development. The application from the Spadina Child Care Cooperative Association for development of drop-in respite childcare responds directly to the application call, and in addition, the request is for developmental funding.

Your Committee has reviewed this funding proposal, and supports the grant to the Spadina Child Care Co-operative Association.

**3. Saskatoon Public School Division and
City of Saskatoon Joint Use Agreement
(File No. CK. 175-2)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that City Council agree, in principle, that the City of Saskatoon and the Saskatoon Public School Division enter into a Joint Use Agreement following the terms and conditions outlined in the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated November 26, 2003; and
- 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare a formal Joint Use Agreement for the approval of City Council.

ADOPTED.

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Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated November 26, 2003, containing a proposal for a new Joint Use Agreement with the Saskatoon Public School Division based on the following supporting rationale for this agreement (which is the same as for the Joint Use Agreement with the St. Paul's Roman Catholic Separate Schools Joint Use Agreement):

- To recognize that the City and the School Board facilities are a public resource to serve the community.
- To maximize the use of public facilities during non-peak periods.
- To recognize the cost of operating these facilities is funded by a common taxpayer.

Your Committee has reviewed this proposal and supports the terms and conditions of the Joint Use Agreement as outlined in the attached report.

**4. The Saskatoon John G. Diefenbaker International Airport
Tax Exemption Agreement
(File No. CK. 1965-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the Saskatoon Airport Authority be granted a five-year property tax exemption on runways, taxi-ways, and aprons at the Saskatoon Airport; and
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary documents.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Corporate Services Department, dated November 26, 2003, containing a proposal for a five-year property tax exemption to the Saskatoon Airport Authority on runways, taxi-ways and aprons at the Saskatoon Airport. Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration and supports the tax exemption, which was formerly covered under a grant-in-lieu payment to the City under *The Municipal Grants Act*, when the Federal Government operated the airport.

REPORT NO. 4-2003 OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor D.L. Birkmaier, Chair
Councillor T. Alm
Councillor O. Fortosky
Councillor T. Paulsen
Councillor G. Wyant

**1. Audit Report and Implementation Plan
Pest Management Program
(File No. CK. 1600-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the Implementation Plan for the Audit Report – Pest Management Program which the Audit Committee has reviewed with the Administration. The internal auditor has indicated as follows:

“Full implementation of a source reduction and habitat modification plan (Recommendation 2) is dependent upon the level of West Nile Virus activity in Saskatchewan in 2004. Management intends to allocate \$10,000 to the development of the plan in 2004, but if West Nile Virus activity continues to be as high as it was in 2003, these funds may have to be redirected to mosquito control.”

Your Committee supports this provision.

The Audit Report – Pest Management Program was previously provided to all members of Council, and is therefore not being recopied at this time. A copy of the Audit Report will be available for viewing in the City Clerk’s Office.

**2. Audit Report – Parks Maintenance Program
(File No. CK. 1600-7-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

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Attached is a copy of the Implementation Plan for the Audit Report – Parks Maintenance Program, which your Committee has reviewed with the Administration. The Committee is satisfied with the proposed Implementation Plan including the Park Infrastructure Audit identified under Recommendation No. 18.

The Audit Report – Parks Maintenance Program was previously provided to all members of Council, and is therefore not being recopied at this time. A copy of the Audit Report will be available for viewing in the City Clerk’s Office.

REPORT NO. 2-2003 OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor O. Fortosky, Chair
His Worship the Mayor
Councillor T. Alm
Councillor D.L. Birkmaier
Councillor B. Dubois
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor E. Hnatyshyn
Councillor M. Neault
Councillor Paulsen
Councillor G. Penner
Councillor G. Wyant

**1. 2004 Capital Budget
2005 – 2008 Capital Plan
(File No. CK. 1703)**

The preliminary version of the above-noted document was reviewed by the Budget Committee at a public meeting held on December 9, 2003.

Attached are copies of all of the tables referred to in the following recommendations.

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the 2004 Operating Provision of \$4,493,500 be allocated to capital;
 - 2) that one-third of the 2004 assessment growth estimated at \$416,700 be allocated to capital;

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- 3) that City Council reserve \$3,915,400 from the Reserve for Capital Expenditures for supplementary south downtown projects;
- 4) that Project 2008, Circle Dr/11th St Intersection Improvements, be approved subject to approval of the request for funding under the Canada Saskatchewan Infrastructure Program (\$3,500,000);
- 5) that City Council approve the remaining 2004 financed expenditures for the capital projects identified in Table 3, totalling \$11,063,000;
- 6) that all 2004 projects totally or partially unfunded upon approval of the capital budget be restated as 2005 projects; and
- 7) that the Administration report further with regard to the allocation of any additional funding which may become available to finance unfunded capital expenditures.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

- 1) *that the 2004 Operating Provision of \$4,493,500 be allocated to capital;*
- 2) *that one-third of the 2004 assessment growth estimated at \$416,700 be allocated to capital;*
- 3) *that City Council reserve \$3,915,400 from the Reserve for Capital Expenditures for supplementary south downtown projects;*
- 4) *that Project 2008, Circle Dr/11th St Intersection Improvements, be approved subject to approval of the request for funding under the Canada Saskatchewan Infrastructure Program (\$3,500,000);*
- 5) *that \$163,000 in funding be provided to Project No. 1817 (Mendel Renovation and Expansion) at a revised cost of \$188,000;*
- 6) *that City Council approve the remaining 2004 financed expenditures for the capital projects identified in Table 3, totalling \$11,063,000;*

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- 7) *that all 2004 projects totally or partially unfunded upon approval of the capital budget be restated as 2005 projects; and*
- 8) *that the Administration report further with regard to the allocation of any additional funding which may become available to finance unfunded capital expenditures.*

Table 4 – General Capital Projects – Civic Departments

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the Wildwood Golf Course Irrigation System portion of Project 2101 (\$450,000) be approved subject to City Council’s approval of an increase to fees;
 - 2) that Project 2103, Kinsmen Park Rides -Landscape/Site Improvements, (\$225,000) be approved subject to City Council’s approval of an increase to fees; and
 - 3) that the remaining 2004 financed expenditures for General Capital Projects – Civic Departments, summarized in Table 4, totalling \$31,077,000 be approved.

ADOPTED.

Table 5 – Land Development Projects

- RECOMMENDATION:** that the 2004 financed expenditures for Prepaid Land Development Projects, summarized in Table 5 and totalling \$23,442,000 approved.

ADOPTED.

Table 6 – Boards and Commissions

- RECOMMENDATION:** that the 2004 financed expenditures for General Capital Projects -Boards and Commissions, summarized in table 6 and totalling \$2,716,000 be approved.

ADOPTED.

Table 7 – Water/Wastewater Utility Projects

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that borrowing for the following projects, totalling \$9,117,000, be approved:
 - Project 1154, Sludge Recovery and Disposal
 - Project 1224, Site Expansion
 - Project 1241 Sludge Disposal Pipelineand that the remaining funding for these projects, totalling \$3,097,000 be approved;
 - 2) that the remaining 2004 financed expenditures for Water Utility projects, summarized in Table 7, totalling \$3,528,000 be approved;
 - 3) that the remaining 2004 financed expenditures for Wastewater Utility projects, summarized in Table 7, totalling \$1,626,000 be approved; and
 - 4) that the Administration be authorized to negotiate grant and loan agreements between the City and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities relating to Project 1154 (Water Treatment Plant – Sludge Recovery and Disposal).

ADOPTED.

Table 8 – Storm Sewer Utility Projects

- RECOMMENDATION:** that the 2004 financed expenditures for the Storm Sewer Utility projects, summarized in Table 8 and totalling \$925,000 be approved.

ADOPTED.

Table 9 – Transit Projects

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the following projects be approved subject to operating budget approval:
 - Project 671, Transit Auxiliary Vehicle/Equipment (\$160,000)
 - Project 1190, Passenger Data Program (\$25,000); and

- 2) that the remaining 2004 financed expenditures for Transit Utility Projects, summarized in Table 9, totalling \$1,312,000 be approved.

ADOPTED.

Table 10 – Electrical Utility Projects

RECOMMENDATION: that the 2004 financed expenditures for Electrical Utility Projects, summarized in Table 10 and totalling \$8,462,000 be approved.

ADOPTED.

**REPORT NO. 4-2003 OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – CITY OF SASKATOON
GENERAL SUPERANNUATION PLAN**

Composition of Board

Mr. F. Smith, Chair
Mr. M. Baraniecki, Vice Chair
Councillor D.L. Birkmaier
Councillor G. Wyant
Mr. P. Richards
Mr. W. Wallace
Mr. W. Furrer
Mr. M. Totland
Mr. L. Thiessen

- 1. Amendment to General Superannuation Plan
Implementation of Grievance Settlement
C.U.P.E. Local 859
(File No. CK. 4705-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Council consider Bylaw No. 8263.

ADOPTED.

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CUPE Local 859 filed three grievances regarding pension issues and the General Superannuation Plan in 2000. The grievances were eventually settled through an arbitration/mediation process. Part of the settlement of these grievances involved the parties recommending to the Board of Trustees that employees who had originally opted out of the Plan be allowed to join the Plan and that they be allowed to buy back past service. The Trustees approved this settlement and resolved that the necessary Plan amendments be made to implement the settlement.

The necessary Plan amendments have taken place in three phases. First, Council adopted Bylaw No. 8195 on March 10, 2003. This Bylaw amended the Plan to immediately allow the employees who had opted not to join the Plan to join pending a report from the Plan actuary on the financial implications regarding the agreed upon buy backs of service. Secondly, as part of the adoption of a general re-write of the Plan, Bylaw No. 8226, passed on June 23, 2003, made certain changes to the definition of "employee" in order to further implement the settlement. The third and final phase of implementing the settlement is contained in proposed Bylaw No. 8263, (copy attached).

Proposed Bylaw No. 8263 amends the Plan to allow for the buy backs of service which were approved under the grievance settlement. The grievance settlement also provided for buy backs of service by members of CUPE Local 859 where it had been determined that they had not been properly credited with past service. The Trustees resolved that this provision should apply to all Plan members. Accordingly, the Bylaw adds a new clause to the Plan to provide for such buy backs.

Lastly, the Bylaw makes certain minor corrections to the Plan text. When Bylaw No. 8226, the General Plan re-write, was submitted to the Superintendent of Pensions for approval, the Superintendent's office granted such approval subject to these minor corrections which are essentially errors in cross-referencing between sections in the re-written Plan text.

There are two different effective dates for the amendments contained in Bylaw No. 8263. The effective date for the sections making minor corrections is January 1, 2003 which is the effective date of adoption of the Plan re-write. The effective date of the provisions to implement the grievance settlement is March 17, 2003. This is the beginning of the pay period where the formerly excluded CUPE 859 members were taken into the Plan.

Copies of the Reports considered by Council in adopting Bylaws No. 8159 and 8226 are attached for further explanation of the background to this Plan amendment.

REPORT NO. 17-2003 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

His Worship Mayor D. Atchison, Chair
Councillor T. Alm
Councillor D.L. Birkmaier
Councillor B. Dubois
Councillor O. Fortosky
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor E. Hnatyshyn
Councillor M. Neault
Councillor T. Paulsen
Councillor G. Penner
Councillor G. Wyant

**1. Appointment of Administrative Review Officer
(File No. CK. 4510-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Ms. Anita Langford be appointed as the City's Administrative Review Officer, effective January 1, 2004, and for a one-year term.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee is pleased to recommend the appointment of Ms. Anita Langford as Administrative Review Officer. This appointment is made in accordance with Bylaw No. 8245, The Saskatoon Administrative Review Officer Bylaw, 2003, a copy of which is included with this report. The appointment is for a term of one year or until a successor is appointed.

Ms. Langford was a member of Council from November, 1994 to October, 2000, and has an excellent knowledge of civic government and civic administration.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

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

CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES

**Councillor D.L. Birkmaier
Front Street Garbage Pick Up
(File No. CK. 7830-3)**

Would the Administration please report on the number and location of residences that still have manual front street garbage pick up.

**Councillor T. Alm
Foundation Drainage Requirements
(File No. CK. 301-1)**

Would the Administration please report how we can enforce the City's foundation drainage requirements that permit surface discharge from a sump pump when we have not passed a drainage bylaw.

My specific concern relates to liability where a homeowner pumps the water as per our specifications and it subsequently floods a neighbour's home.

I would recommend we approve a drainage or grading bylaw and have resolved all technical and design specifications with regards to the foundation drainage requirements prior to enforcing these new regulations which are proposed to come into effect on January 1, 2004.

**Councillor T. Alm
Intersections under Consideration for Traffic Signals
(File No. CK. 6250-1)**

Would the Administration please provide a priority list of the top ranked intersections under consideration for traffic signals.

**Councillor T. Paulsen
Bus Stop – Mendel Art Gallery
(File No. CK. 7310-1)**

Could the Administration please report on why our transit system does not have a bus stop in front of the Mendel Art Gallery.

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**Councillor G. Wyant
Bus Shelters – McNab Park
(File No. CK. 7311-1)**

Would the Administration report on the installations of bus shelters on those routes servicing the McNab Park area – specifically in that area in the immediate vicinity of that development.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 8262

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8262, being “The Transit Fares Amendment Bylaw, 2003” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Bylaw No. 8262 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8262.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8262 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8262 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Bylaw No. 8262 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the A/City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

Bylaw No. 8263

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8263, being "The General Superannuation Plan Amendment Bylaw, 2003" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

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Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Bylaw No. 8263 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8263.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8263 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8263 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Bylaw No. 8263 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the A/City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

Bylaw No. 8264

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8264, being "The Waterworks Amendment Bylaw, 2003" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Bylaw No. 8264 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8264.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8264 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8264 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Bylaw No. 8264 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the A/City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

Bylaw No. 8265

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8265, being "The Sewage Works Amendment Bylaw, 2003" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

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Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Bylaw No. 8265 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8265.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8265 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8265 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Bylaw No. 8265 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the A/City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

Bylaw No. 8266

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8266, being “The Waste Amendment Bylaw, 2003” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Bylaw No. 8266 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8266.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8266 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8266 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Bylaw No. 8266 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the A/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 Paulsen,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk