

Council Chamber
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Monday, March 13, 1995,
at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: His Worship Mayor Dayday in the Chair;
Councillors Atchison, Birkmaier, Heidt, Langford, Langlois,
McCann, Postlethwaite, Roe, Steernberg and Waygood;
City Commissioner Irwin;
Director of Planning and Development Pontikes;
Director of Works and Utilities Gustafson;
Director of Finance Richards;
A/City Solicitor Manning;
City Clerk Mann;
City Councillors' Assistant Kanak

Councillor Postlethwaite rose on a point of privilege and welcomed the 59th Wildwood Scout Troop to the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the minutes of the special meeting re: 1995 Capital Budget/1996-1999 Capital Plan held on February 20, 1995 and of the regular meeting held on February 27, 1995, be approved.

CARRIED.

HEARINGS

- 2a) Removal of Junked Vehicles**
Section 132 of *The Urban Municipality Act*
(File No. CK. 4400-1)

REPORT OF CITY CLERK:

"City Council, at its meeting held on February 13, 1995, considered Clause 5, Report No. 1-1995 of the Legislation and Finance Committee, a copy of which is attached, and resolved that the Fire Department issue Orders for the following:

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- a) the removal of accumulated combustible refuse from the mobile home parks;
- b) the immediate removal of derelict vehicles from the mobile home parks; and
- c) the requirement for adequate fire suppression water supply in the mobile home parks.

The Fire Department has prepared and served Notices of Junked Vehicles ordering the removal, by March 15, 1995, of the junked vehicles by the occupants of the following properties:

- #607 - 1524 Rayner Avenue
Tenant: Laurie Elder
Make: Plymouth
Model: 4 door station wagon
Colour: green and brown
- #14 - 1102 Avenue R South
Tenant: R. Elliot
Make: El Cameno
Model: 2 door
Colour: red
- #18 - 1102 Avenue R South
Tenant: Y. Van Meesen
Make: Ford
Model: 1/2 ton
Colour: white and brown
and
Make: Mercury
Model: 1/2 ton
Colour: green
- #10 - 1102 Avenue R South
Tenant: D. Fehr
Make: Mercury
Model: 1/2 ton
Colour: red
- #7 - 1102 Avenue R South
Tenant: D. Forbes

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Make: Ford
Model: 4 door
Colour: blue
and
Make: Plymouth
Model: 2 door
Colour: blue and white
and
Make: Ford
Model: 4 door
Colour: green and black

- #700 - 1524 Rayner Avenue
Tenant: William Main
Make: Dodge
Model: 2 door
Colour: gray

- #207 - 1524 Rayner Avenue
Tenant: S. Canumera
Make: Pontiac
Model: 4 door
Colour: Green

Attached is a copy of one of the above-noted Notices.

In accordance with Section 132 of *The Urban Municipality Act*, the owners or occupants served with the Notices may appear before City Council to show cause why the junked vehicle should not be removed from the property and destroyed or its condition remedied within the time specified in the Notice.

Should none of the above-noted individuals appear before Council, or should they appear but fail to show cause why the vehicle(s) should not be removed, it is recommended:

- 1) that Council confirm the Notices requiring the removal of the respective vehicles by March 15, 1995; and

- 2) that, should any individual named in a Notice not comply with said Notice, the Fire Department be authorized to remove the vehicle from the property, destroy same, with the cost of so removing and destroying it to be added to and form part of the taxes on the land and buildings."

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His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing and asked whether there was anyone present in the gallery who wished to address Council with respect to the matter.

Mr. Earl Mireau, Equal Justice for All, advised Council that he is interested in meeting with the Fire Department to talk about a reasonable period of time for removal of the vehicles and to explore other areas of concern. He asked Council to extend the deadline for removal of the vehicles to March 30, 1995.

Mr. Joseph Bourgeault, 4 - 1717 11th Street West, addressed Council regarding the matter.

Moved by Councillor Postlethwaite, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Postlethwaite, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

- 1) that Council confirm the Notices requiring the removal of the respective vehicles and that the date for removal be extended to March 30, 1995; and*
- 2) that, should any individual named in a Notice not comply with said Notice, the Fire Department be authorized to remove the vehicle from the property and destroy same, with the cost of so removing and destroying it to be added to and form part of the taxes on the land and buildings.*

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

A. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

- 1) J.M. (Joan) Steckhan, Director, Finance and Administration**

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Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority, dated February 17

Requesting permission to address Council to present the Economic Situation Report. (File No. CK. 175-37)

RECOMMENDATION: that a representative of the Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority be heard.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT Mr. Heshka be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. John Heshka, Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority, presented the Economic Situation Report and highlighted positive indicators regarding the future of the City of Saskatoon.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**2) H. Neumann, Secretary, Holocaust Committee
Saskatoon Jewish Community, dated February 23**

Requesting that a portion of McKinnon Avenue, from 10th Street to 12th Street, be renamed "Raoul Wallenburg Avenue" from April 24 to May 1, 1995, inclusive, and that Council proclaim the week of April 24 to May 1, 1995 as Holocaust Memorial Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that a portion to McKinnon Avenue from 10th Street to 12th Street be renamed "Raoul Wallenburg Avenue" from April 24 to May 1, 1995, inclusive, and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of April 24 to May 1, 1995 as Holocaust Memorial Week in Saskatoon.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

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THAT a portion to McKinnon Avenue from 10th Street to 12th Street be renamed "Raoul Wallenburg Avenue" from April 24 to May 1, 1995, inclusive, and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of April 24 to May 1, 1995 as Holocaust Memorial Week in Saskatoon.

CARRIED.

**3) Arnie Shaw, President, Saskatoon Centennial
Auditorium Foundation Board of Directors, undated**

Submitting Notice of the Annual Meetings of The Centennial Auditorium & Convention Centre Corporation and of the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium Foundation. (File No. CK. 175-28)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the City of Saskatoon, being a member of The Centennial Auditorium & Convention Centre Corporation, appoint Henry Dayday, or in his absence, Peter McCann or Rik Steernberg, of The City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual Meeting of the members of The Centennial Auditorium & Convention Centre Corporation, to be held on the 27th day of March, 1995, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof; and
 - 2) that the City of Saskatoon, being a member of the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium Foundation, appoint Henry Dayday, or in his absence, Peter McCann or Rik Steernberg, of The City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual Meeting of the members of the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium Foundation, to be held on the 27th day of March, 1995, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

- 1) *that the City of Saskatoon, being a member of The Centennial Auditorium & Convention Centre Corporation, hereby appoints Henry Dayday, or in his absence, Peter McCann or Rik Steernberg, of The City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual Meeting of the members of The Centennial Auditorium & Convention Centre*

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Corporation, to be held on the 27th day of March, 1995, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof; and

- 2) *that the City of Saskatoon, being a member of the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium Foundation, hereby appoints Henry Dayday, or in his absence, Peter McCann or Rik Steernberg, of The City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual Meeting of the members of the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium Foundation, to be held on the 27th day of March, 1995, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.*

CARRIED.

4) Mendel Art Gallery, dated February 22

Submitting Notice of Annual General Meeting of the Members of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation. (File No. CK. 175-27)

RECOMMENDATION: that The City of Saskatoon, being a member of the Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation appoint Henry Dayday, or in his absence, Peter McCann or Patricia Roe, of The City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the members of the Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, to be held on the 28th day of March, 1995, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

Moved by Councillor Postlethwaite, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT The City of Saskatoon, being a member of the Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, hereby appoints Henry Dayday, or in his absence, Peter McCann or Patricia Roe, of The City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the members of the Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, to be held on the 28th day of March, 1995, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

CARRIED.

5) Richard and Darren Schroh

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Saskatoon Stadium Sports Ltd., dated February 22

Expressing appreciation to Council for approval of water connection to new rink facility. (File No. CK. 7781-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidit, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**6) Gerry Schriemer, Paramedic, Operations Manager
M.D. Ambulance Care Ltd., dated February 28**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of May 14 to 20, 1995 as E.M.S. Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of May 14 to 20, 1995 as E.M.S. Week in Saskatoon.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of May 14 to 20, 1995 as E.M.S. Week in Saskatoon.

CARRIED.

7) Hon. Carol Carson

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Minister of Municipal Government, dated February 24

Providing Council with information regarding the Inter-Community Cooperation Program. (File No. CK. 277-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**8) Roy A. Carr, President
POS Pilot Plant Corp., dated February 24**

Submitting information regarding benefits from industry projects at POS and inviting Council to tour the POS facility. (File No. CK. 3500-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and that the Administration be requested to facilitate a tour of the POS facility.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the information be received and that the Administration be requested to facilitate a tour of the POS facility.

CARRIED.

**9) D. Laurence Mawhinney, President
Federation of Canadian Municipalities, dated February 15**

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Requesting Council to proclaim March 21, 1995 as International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in Saskatoon. (Background information available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office.) (File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities be advised that Council has proclaimed March 21, 1995 as International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT the Federation of Canadian Municipalities be advised that Council has proclaimed March 21, 1995 as International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

CARRIED.

**10) Darlene Fichter, President
Saskatoon Free-Net Association, dated March 3**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of April 2 to 8, 1995 as Saskatoon Free-Net Week. (File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of April 2 to 8, 1995 as Saskatoon Free-Net Week.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of April 2 to 8, 1995 as Saskatoon Free-Net Week.

CARRIED.

**11) Marlene Hall, Secretary
Development Appeals Board, dated March 1**

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Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding existing one-unit dwelling with a front yard deficiency at 302 Munroe Avenue. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

**12) Marlene Hall, Secretary
Development Appeals Board, dated March 8**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding proposed fence in front yard area at 215 Berini Drive. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**13) Henrietta Langran, Coordinator
World Court Project, dated February 28**

Asking Council to endorse a resolution in support of the World Court Project regarding the legality of nuclear weapons. (File No. CK. 100-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the information be received.

IN AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

AND THAT City Council endorse and support the initiative to request an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice on the legality of nuclear weapons, and encourage the Canadian government to submit a legal brief to the Court arguing that the use of nuclear weapons is illegal under international law.

*THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST.
THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED.*

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**14) Terry Boucher
4 - 1910 Main Street, dated March 8**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the tourism industry in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Boucher be heard.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Mr. Boucher be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Terry Boucher provided suggestions to improve tourism in Saskatoon.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**15) D. Laurence Mawhinney, President
Federation of Canadian Municipalities, dated March 1**

Asking Council to pass a resolution urging the Minister of Environment to maintain support for the National Packaging Protocol. (File No. CK. 277-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT the information be received.

IN AMENDMENT

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Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Wavgood,

AND THAT a letter be sent to the Minister of Environment urging the Federal Government to reaffirm its commitment to a National Packaging Protocol (NAPP) and the targets and policies of the Protocol and to recognize through NAPP the importance of environmentally friendly packaging for Canadian products and the Canadian economy.

*THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED.
THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS PUT AND CARRIED.*

**16) John Van Haastrecht
Devan Properties Ltd., dated March 8**

Submitting information regarding a proposal to link Wildwood and Circle Park Malls. (Files No. CK. 4352-9 and 6150-10)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**17) Michael Murphy
Citizens for Good Civic Government, undated**

Requesting permission for a representative of Citizens for Good Civic Government to address Council regarding the organizational review. (File No. CK. 115-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that a representative of Citizens for Good Civic Government be heard.

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Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT a representative of Citizens for Good Civic Government be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Michael Murphy, Citizens for Good Civic Government, indicated support for an independent organization review and provided suggestions regarding the process.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT the information be received and referred to the Organization Review Steering Committee.

CARRIED.

**18) Tom Morgan, President
Riversdale Community Association, dated March 9**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the issue of child prostitution in Saskatoon.
(File No. CK. 430-29)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Morgan be heard during consideration of Clause 2, Report No. 2-1995 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT Mr. Morgan be heard during consideration of Clause 2, Report No. 2-1995 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

CARRIED.

**19) Ms. Geri Yee, President
Saskatoon Multicultural Council Inc., dated March 8**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the Saskatoon Multicultural Council and the

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International Day for the Elimination of "Racial" Discrimination. (File No. CK. 100-10)

RECOMMENDATION: that Ms. Yee be heard.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT Ms. Yee be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Geri Yee, President, Saskatoon Multicultural Council Inc., provided background information on the activities and programs of the organization and advised Council regarding meetings planned around March 21, the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

B. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

**1) A.G. Dyck, General Manager
Saskatoon Fresh Pack Potatoes Ltd., dated February 21**

Request to address Council regarding tax assessment. **Referred to the Legislation and Finance Committee.** (File No. CK. 1625-1)

**2) Sharon Ceslak
Riverside Estates, dated February 22**

Submitting comments regarding recycling in the City. **Referred to the Works and Utilities Committee.** (File No. CK. 7830-5)

**3) Vern Bartlett
442 Stone Court, dated February 22**

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Expressing concerns regarding lane connecting Stone Court and Galbraith Crescent. **Referred to the Administration for a report.** (File No. CK. 6220-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

REPORTS

City Commissioner Irwin submitted Report No. 6-1995 of the City Commissioner;

Councillor Waygood, Chair, presented Report No. 5-1995 of the Planning and Development Committee;

Councillor McCann, Chair, presented Report No. 2-1995 of the Legislation and Finance Committee;

Councillor Atchison, Chair, presented Report No. 4-1995 of the Works and Utilities Committee;

Councillor Langlois, Chair, presented Report No. 5-1995 of the Budget Policy and Planning Committee;

His Worship the Mayor, Chair, presented Report No. 4-1995 of the Committee on Committees; and

His Worship the Mayor, Chair, presented Report No. 4-1995 of A Committee of the Whole Council.

Moved by Councillor Postlethwaite, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

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

- a) Report No. 6-1995 of the City Commissioner;*
- b) Report No. 5-1995 of the Planning and Development Committee;*
- c) Report No. 2-1995 of the Legislation and Finance Committee;*
- d) Report No. 4-1995 of the Works and Utilities Committee;*

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- e) *Report No. 5-1995 of the Budget Policy and Planning Committee;*
- f) *Report No. 4-1995 of the Committee on Committees; and*
- g) *Report No. 4-1995 of A Committee of the Whole Council.*

CARRIED.

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

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

Committee arose.

Councillor Langford, 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. 6-1995 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER

Section A - Works and Utilities

- A1) Enquiry - Councillor Postlethwaite (November 21, 1994)
Improvements - Sherbrooke Nursing Home Residents and Market Mall Area
(File Nos. CC 600-7 and 6220-1)**
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The following enquiry, in part, was made by Councillor Postlethwaite at the meeting of City Council held on November 21, 1994:

"I would like to ascertain the itemized costs of improving the quality of life for senior and

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physically challenged residents of Sherbrooke Nursing Home and the Market Mall area by the provision of:

- 1) Access to the Malls at Acadia Drive and 8th Street for Sherbrooke Residents, by the provision of wheelchair ramps down the length of Acadia Drive to avoid the necessity of wheelchairs having to compete with cars on the busy street."**

Report of the City Engineer, February 27, 1995:

"The Engineering Department has investigated this concern and is proposing that wheelchair ramps be installed along Acadia Drive, between 14th Street and 8th Street.

The Engineering Department budgets annually for the installation of approximately 40 wheelchair ramps for existing sidewalks throughout the City. A priority list is developed throughout the year based on requests received by agencies working to promote accessibility for those in wheelchairs, the public, and various Civic Departments. The construction standard for new sidewalks includes a wheelchair ramp at each corner of an intersection. This standard applies to all newly-constructed sidewalks as well as any sidewalk replacements. As well, the sidewalk maintenance staff are under instruction to include a wheelchair ramp at intersections where they are undertaking sidewalk repairs.

In order to make Acadia Drive, 14th Street to 8th Street, fully accessible, 22 wheelchair ramps are required. Presently, five ramps exist. The remaining 17 ramps could be provided at a cost of approximately \$8,500 funded through the 1995 Traffic Safety Program (Capital Project 631). The addition of these ramps would provide full access for wheelchairs to both the east and west sides of Acadia Drive, between 8th Street and 14th Street.

The Engineering Department is currently assembling a list of priority locations to be installed in 1995."

RECOMMENDATION: that the construction of 17 paraplegic ramps along Acadia Drive from 14th Street to 8th Street, at a cost of \$8,500, be approved as part of Capital Project No. 631 - 1995 Traffic Safety Program.

ADOPTED.

- A2) Enquiry - Councillor Heidt (January 3, 1995)
Traffic on Howell Avenue
(File No. CC 6320-1)**

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"Regarding traffic on Howell Avenue:

Traffic used to be fairly normal on this street or at least didn't interfere with the quality of life in this community. However, since 36th and 38th Streets were made through streets with no stops, the traffic has increased to as high as 4800 vehicles per day I am told.

Would the Administration please provide options on how this traffic concern for the taxpayers in Hudson Bay Park, once a quiet neighbourhood, can be reduced or restricted."

Report of the City Engineer, January 19, 1995:

"The matter of excessive traffic, speeding, safety, large vehicles, etc., on Howell Avenue has been an on-going issue since as early as 1985. Although there have been no complaints received regarding these matters since late 1989, the Engineering Department has provided numerous reports on this matter in the past.

In an April 1986 report, the Engineering Department identified the closure of Howell Avenue, between Kusch Crescent and Avenue I, as the only effective means of reducing the traffic flows on Howell Avenue. This proposal was forwarded to the residents of Howell Avenue and surrounding area and was subsequently withdrawn due to the negative responses received. No other effective solutions were identified or pursued at that time.

In October of 1989, an Engineering Department report again addressed the concerns of excessive traffic on Howell Avenue. At that time, traffic studies showed a decrease in daily traffic flows on Howell Avenue from a high of approximately 4,800 vehicles per day in 1985, to 3,100 vehicles per day in 1986, then increasing slightly to 3,800 vehicles per day in 1989. The decrease from 1985 to 1986 was a result of the twinning of Circle Drive between 33rd Street and Avenue C, which attracted a significant portion of the traffic which had previously been using Howell Avenue as a bypass route. It would not be unreasonable to suggest that today's traffic volumes could be approaching the previous 1985 levels. The recommendations of the 1989 study reflected those of the 1986 report, indicating that unless Howell Avenue was closed, effective mitigation of the through traffic using Howell Avenue could not be achieved. Again, there was no support for this proposal.

The Committee should be cognizant of the fact that the data collected and analyzed in the 1986 and 1989 studies indicated that Howell Avenue was not really carrying what could be considered an excessive amount of traffic in light of its roadway classification. Howell Avenue is classified as a collector roadway, one which carries traffic to and from the local area roadways. Collector roadways normally carry between 3,000 and 5,000 vehicles per day. There are some collectors in the City that carry well in excess of these volumes. However, the Engineering Department does acknowledge that Howell Avenue carries a component of through traffic using it as a shortcut route."

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Howell Avenue is also a bus route which needs to be considered in any changes.

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

A3) Communications to Council

From: Beryl and Adrian Wagen

Garrick, SK

Date: July 21, 1994

**Subject: Submitting concerns regarding lack of
signs giving direction from the Airport
to highways out of the City**

(File No. CC 6280-1)

The above-noted communication was considered by City Council at its meeting held on August 2, 1994. The matter was referred to the Administration for a report.

Report of the City Engineer, February 22, 1995:

"The Engineering Department has reviewed the need for the installation of signs directing vehicles to provincial highways in the general vicinity of the Saskatoon Airport. The Engineering Department concurs that additional signing is required, and in order to address the concerns stated in the Wagens' letter, the installation of guide signs on Airport Drive, Circle Drive, and 45th Street has been initiated. This signing indicates direction to all provincial highways leading out of the City as well as direction to the City Centre. This work will be done as part of the Engineering Department's operating program for sign maintenance and installation.

The Engineering Department has advised Beryl and Adrian Wagen that this work will be undertaken."

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

A4) Proposed Disabled Person's Loading Zone

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**3480 Fairlight Drive
(File No. CC 6145-1)**

Report of the City Engineer, February 15, 1995:

"The Engineering Department has received a request from Sasknative Rentals to install a 'Disabled Person's Loading Zone' in front of 3480 Fairlight Drive.

Sasknative Rentals Inc. is a low income housing company that has constructed a six-unit Seniors' complex at 3480 Fairlight Drive. The units are all handicapped accessible, with one unit dedicated fully for wheelchair accessibility.

The Engineering Department has reviewed this request and proposes that a 'Disabled Person's Loading Zone' be installed in front of 3480 Fairlight Drive as shown on attached Plan No. AA8-1A."

RECOMMENDATION: that a "Disabled Person's Loading Zone" be installed in front of 3480 Fairlight Drive, as shown on attached Plan No. AA8-1A.

ADOPTED.

**A5) Proposed Yield Sign Relocation
Saskatchewan Crescent and McPherson Avenue
(File No. CC 6280-1)**

Report of the City Engineer, February 13, 1995:

"The Engineering Department has reviewed the T-intersection of Saskatchewan Crescent and McPherson Avenue with respect to right-of-way assignment, and is proposing to relocate the existing yield sign to the southeast corner of McPherson Avenue.

The current signing assigns the right-of-way to westbound Saskatchewan Crescent and to McPherson Avenue traffic, while eastbound Saskatchewan Crescent traffic must yield. Although this assignment is not normal practice, it was initiated due to a large volume of traffic that existed prior to the construction of the Idylwyld Freeway. The large curb radius that allowed this movement to flow smoothly prevented the effective installation of a stop or yield sign on this corner.

In 1994, the southeast corner was reconstructed, with improvements done to the corner radius, which now makes it possible to accommodate relocating the yield sign to McPherson Avenue.

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Saskatchewan Crescent is an undivided two-lane minor collector roadway with peak a.m. and p.m. traffic volumes of 80 and 164 vehicles respectively. McPherson Avenue is an undivided local roadway with peak a.m. and p.m. traffic volumes of 31 and 42 vehicles respectively.

The proposed relocation is shown on attached Plan No. G9-24E, as well as temporary advance warning signs that will be required to notify the public of the change in right-of-way assignment. This relocation conforms to City Policy No. C07-007 - 'Traffic Control - Use of Stop and Yield Signs'."

RECOMMENDATION: that the present yield sign on Saskatchewan Crescent be removed and that a yield sign be installed on McPherson Avenue, as indicated on attached Plan No. G9-24E.

ADOPTED.

**A6) Proposed Closure of Acadia Drive
Joining of Wildwood Mall and Circle Park Mall
(File No. CC 6295-1)**

City Council, at its meeting of held on February 27, 1995, when considering Clause A9, Report No. 5-1995 of the City Commissioner, dealing with the above-noted matter, resolved:

"that the information be received."

Report of the City Engineer, March 1, 1995:

"The Engineering Department has completed its analysis of the impact on traffic of a proposed closure of Acadia Drive between Circle Park Mall and Wildwood Mall. As indicated in the above-noted report of the City Commissioner, the Engineering Department was asked to complete its report and make it public as soon as possible. To this end, attached is an Engineering Department report entitled, 'Report on Traffic Impact of Closing Acadia Drive Between the Circle Park and Wildwood Malls', dated March 1, 1995.

The report outlines the traffic impact of closing Acadia Drive between the two Malls as has been requested by Devan Properties Ltd. It is strictly a technical report provided to City Council and the general public to provide information as to the transportation system implications which would be associated with closing Acadia Drive. The report contains no recommendations as the Engineering Department is awaiting a response from Devan Properties Ltd. as to whether or not it wishes to continue with the formal road closing process."

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In a letter dated March 8, 1995, to City Council, Devan Properties Ltd. has indicated that it does not wish to pursue the option of either narrowing or closing Acadia Drive. This would suggest that the attached Engineering Department report is not required. However, we have had several requests for the information and we feel that it provides useful information.

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the information be received; and,
 - 2) that copies of this report be forwarded to the following:
 - Devan Properties Ltd.
 - Wildwood Community Association
 - Lakeview Community Association
 - Lakeridge Community Association
 - College Park Community Association
 - East College Park Community Association
 - McKercher, McKercher & Whitmore
Attention: Doug Richardson.

- IT WAS RESOLVED:*
- 1) *that the information be received;*
 - 2) *that copies of this report be forwarded to the following:*
 - *Devan Properties Ltd.*
 - *Wildwood Community Association*
 - *Lakeview Community Association*
 - *Lakeridge Community Association*
 - *College Park Community Association*
 - *East College Park Community Association*
 - *McKercher, McKercher & Whitmore*
Attention: Doug Richardson; and
 - 3) *that the Works and Utilities Committee be requested to review and report on a policy for charging a fee for developers who request traffic information regarding*

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proposals.

**A7) 1994 Replacement Bus Purchase
Special Needs Transportation
(File No. CC 1402-1)**

Report of the Transit Manager, March 7, 1995:

"Tenders for the purchase of two (2) replacement buses for the Special Needs Transportation service were publicly opened by the Central Purchasing and Stores Department on January 17, 1995. Bids were received from six (6) suppliers as follows:

	<u>Unit Price</u>
Thomas Bus Centre	62,730.00
Bahn Corporation	63,469.00
Overland Custom Coach	63,599.00
Crestline Coach	64,986.07
Halston Automotive	66,306.00
General Coach (Low Floor)	114,095.00

Attached is a tabulation of Price Quotations.

A review of the tenders with the Saskatchewan Abilities Council leads us to recommend purchase of the vehicles from Thomas Bus Centre. The tender submitted by Thomas Bus Centre meets all the requirements of the specifications and is low bid as follows:

Purchase Price	\$62,730.00
Skirt Condenser Cover	169.00
Track Wheelchair Tie-Downs	<u>350.00</u>
Sub Total	\$63,249.00
G.S.T (7%)	4,427.43
P.S.T. (9%)	<u>5,692.41</u>
Total	\$73,368.84
G.S.T. Rebate	<u>2,529.96</u>
Net Cost	<u>\$70,838.88</u>

The skirt condenser cover is not a factory supplied item, but is a necessity in our climate as it

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prevents snow and slush from getting into the condenser. The track wheelchair tie-downs are warranted because of the numerous types of scooters and wheelchairs on the market today. This system allows the operator the added flexibility of placing a wheelchair, scooter, etc. anywhere along the track.

Funding for the buses will be provided by a Provincial Share of \$106,258.32 and a City of Saskatoon share of \$35,419.44.

The net cost to the City is within the approved Capital Budget amount of \$37,500.00."

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council accept the bid submitted by Thomas Bus Centre for two (2) replacement buses for Special Needs Transportation, at a total estimated cost of \$146,737.68 (2 x 73,368.84), including G.S.T and P.S.T.

ADOPTED.

**A8) Installation/Removal of Bus Stops
Route 8 - 7th Avenue North
Late Night, Sundays and Holidays
(File No. CC 7311-1)**

Report of the Transit Manager, March 2, 1995:

"With the recent revisions to Route 8 - 7th Avenue North, Late Night/Sundays and Holidays, in February 1995, a number of bus stops slated for removal were inadvertently overlooked. With the route change, the stops located on Lenore Drive, east of Primrose Drive to the east leg of Redberry Road, and two stops on Assiniboine Drive are no longer required.

Upon further review, we also identified some locations where bus stops need to be added and two locations where the bus stops need to be moved in order to provide the optimum level of service to our patrons.

In order to facilitate these changes, we propose to remove, add, and move the bus stops as identified on the attached list."

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the removal, addition, and movement of bus stops, as per the attached plan, be approved; and,

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2) that the above changes be effective immediately.

ADOPTED.

**A9) 1994 Traffic Volume Report
March 6, 1995
(File No. CC 430-14)**

Report of the City Engineer, March 6, 1995:

"Attached is the 1994 Traffic Volume Report prepared by the Transportation Section of the Engineering Department.

The report outlines traffic counting procedures, average daily traffic flow calculations, population and vehicle ownership trends, travel on City streets, traffic volume variations by hour of the day, day of the week and month of the year.

Selected highlights of this year's report include:

- The Transportation Section currently monitors 460 temporary and 7 permanent vehicle count locations throughout the City roadway network.
- There were an estimated 138,800 registered vehicles in Saskatoon in 1994. This provides a vehicle per capita ratio of approximately 0.7, based on a City population of 195,500.
- The Circle Drive Bridge continues to be the most heavily travelled section of roadway in the City, carrying in excess of 41,000 vehicles per day.
- The five highest volume intersections in Saskatoon in 1994 were:
 1. Circle Drive and Warman Road - 72,900 vehicles per day entering (interchange).
 2. Circle Drive and 8th Street - 57,800 vehicles per day entering.
 3. Circle Drive and Idylwyld Drive - 55,400 vehicles per day entering (interchange).
 4. Circle Drive and College Drive - 53,500 vehicles per day entering.

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5. Circle Drive and 22nd Street - 53,400 vehicles per day entering.
- There were 116 average daily traffic counts (ADT counts) completed in 1994.
 - There were 51 intersections either fully or partially counted in 1994 to determine requirements for traffic control device installation or geometric changes.
 - There were 19 intersections counted for vehicles and pedestrians in 1994 to determine the need for additional pedestrian protection.
 - Eight special studies were completed in 1994 that involved either vehicle speeds, vehicle classification, video camera study or vehicle gap studies."

RECOMMENDATION: that the "1994 Traffic Volume Report" be received and referred to the Works and Utilities Committee and the Special Traffic Safety Committee.

ADOPTED.

**A10) Lease of Right-of-Way
Western Ltd. - Circle 8 Building
(File No. CC 290-1)**

Report of the City Engineer, February 28, 1995:

"During the summer of 1994, the Engineering Department negotiated an agreement with Western Ltd., the owners of the Circle 8 Building on the southwest corner of 8th Street and Circle Drive, for the lease of a small portion of the existing Circle Drive right-of-way. The area in question is shown on Plan No. M10-5M (T.P.) and is considered excess right-of-way.

Western Ltd. requested the use of the lands in question to provide additional parking for its tenants. The Engineering Department agreed to lease Western Ltd. the right-of-way, conditional on them constructing and maintaining the parking area, granting the City access to the property at any time for repairs, providing some landscaping and paying an annual lease fee of \$3,000 (the fee calculated with a formula based on tax assessment). The Land Manager drafted an appropriate lease agreement which was subsequently forwarded to the City Solicitor for review and execution. It should be noted that the Engineering Department allowed Western Ltd. to undertake the necessary improvements on the right-of-way last fall in order to ready the area for parking. This was contingent on Western Ltd. agreeing to enter into the lease agreement once it was prepared.

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The City Solicitor has now informed the Engineering Department that in order for the lease agreement to be executed, a bylaw must be passed by City Council authorizing the lease of the right-of-way, and then the consent of the Minister of Highways and Transportation is required since the right-of-way is vested in the Queen's name. The Engineering Department was unaware of this requirement at the time consent was given to Western Ltd. In order to finalize the agreement with Western Ltd., it is therefore recommended that City Council take the necessary steps to enter into a lease arrangement for the subject right-of-way."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve the lease of the portion of Circle Drive right-of-way shown on Plan No. M10-5M (T.P.), to Western Ltd., with conditions as stipulated by the Engineering Department and noted above;
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary lease and bylaw; and,
 - 3) that the City Solicitor be instructed to obtain the necessary approvals from the Minister of Highways and Transportation at the appropriate time.

ADOPTED.

Section B - Planning and Development

- B1) Easement Requirement
SaskPower, SaskEnergy, and SaskTel
Municipal Buffer MB3A, Plan 94-S-43054
Briarwood Subdivision
(File No. CC 4090-3)**

Report of the City Planner, March 1, 1995:

"C. A. Moore, on behalf of SaskPower's Land Department, has requested the City's approval of an

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easement over parts of the Municipal Buffer Strip MB3A, Plan 94-S-43054. (See the attached plan.)

Subdivision Application #21/94 was approved by City Council during its July 18, 1994, meeting. Because the property in this application was privately owned when it was considered by City Council, the approval did not include the granting of easements.

The City now has title to the buffer strip over which SaskPower, SaskEnergy, and SaskTel require an easement. The Planning and Construction Standards Department has no objection to the granting of the easement as has been requested."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that an easement be granted to SaskPower, SaskEnergy, and SaskTel, as is outlined in the attached easement agreement; and,
 - 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute, under the Corporate Seal and in a form that is satisfactory to the City Solicitor, the formal agreement with respect to this easement.

ADOPTED.

**B2) Land-Use Applications Received by the Planning and Construction Standards Dept.
For the Period Between February 17 and March 3, 1995
(For Information Only)
(File No. CC 4355-1)**

The City Planner has received the following application which is being processed and which will subsequently be submitted to City Council for its consideration:

Discretionary Use

Application D2/95:	801 - 802 Avenue I South
Applicant:	Joyce Palmer
Legal Description:	Lots 16 & 17, Block 12, Plan GH
Current Zoning:	R.2

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Proposed Use: Personal Care Home
Date Received: February 22, 1995

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

**B3) Easement Requirement
Saskatoon Underground
Kerr Road -- Arbor Creek Subdivision
Part of Municipal Buffer Strip MB12, Plan 95-S-02474
Project: E43-575-33; Subproject: E433-15-721 and
Saskatoon Gas Distribution 433 1 007.1330.1
(File No. CC 4090-3)**

Report of the City Planner, March 3, 1995:

"C. A. Moore, on behalf of SaskPower's Land Department, has requested the City's approval of an easement over part of Municipal Buffer Strip MB12, Plan 95-S-02474, as is shown by the heavy line on the attached plan. The easement over the Municipal Buffer Strip MB12 (0.3 m. wide) is in addition to the 5 m. easement which has already been approved by City Council. The purpose of this easement is to provide underground services to the adjacent residential area.

Subdivision Application #36/93 was approved by City Council during its December 20, 1993, meeting. Because the property in this application was privately owned when it was considered by City Council, the approval did not include the granting of easements.

The City now has title to the Municipal Buffer Strip over which SaskPower requires an easement. The Planning and Construction Standards Department has no objection to granting the requested easement."

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that an easement be granted to SaskPower, as is shown on the plan of proposed subdivision; and,
- 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute, under the Corporate Seal and in a form that is satisfactory to the City Solicitor, the formal agreement with respect to this easement.

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ADOPTED.

**B4) Easement Requirement
SaskPower, SaskEnergy, and SaskTel
Municipal Buffer Strips MB10 and MB11, Plan 94-S-17494;
and MB13 and MB14, Plan 95-S-01769
Arbor Creek Neighbourhood
(File No. CC 4090-3)**

Report of the City Planner, March 3, 1995:

"C. A. Moore, on behalf of SaskPower's Land Department, has requested the City's approval of an easement over Municipal Buffer Strips MB10 and MB11, Plan 94-S-17494, and over Municipal Buffer Strips MB13 and MB14, Plan 95-S-01769. (See the attached plans.)

Subdivision Applications #35/93 and #37/93 were approved by City Council on December 20, 1993. Because the property in these applications was privately owned when it was considered by City Council, the approval did not include the granting of easements.

The City now has title to the buffer strips over which SaskPower, SaskEnergy, and SaskTel require an easement. The Planning and Construction Standards Department has no objection to the granting of the easement as has been requested."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that an easement be granted to SaskPower, SaskEnergy, and SaskTel, as is outlined in the attached easement agreement; and,
 - 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute, under the Corporate Seal and in a form that is satisfactory to the City Solicitor, the formal agreement with respect to this easement.

ADOPTED.

**B5) Communications to Council
From: Elva Taylor, Canadians '95 Committee**

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Date: February 20, 1995
Subject: Use of Saskatoon Field House
June 27 - July 12, 1995
1995 National Baton Championships
(File No. CC 612-2)

Report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department, March 6, 1995:

"During its February 27, 1995, meeting, City Council considered a letter from the Canadians '95 Committee of the Saskatchewan Baton Twirling Association concerning the 1995 National Baton Championships which will be held at the Saskatoon Field House from June 27 to July 12, 1995, inclusive. It was subsequently resolved:

'that the matter be referred to the Administration for a report'.

Background

During the spring of 1994, members of the Canadians '95 Committee of the Saskatchewan Baton Twirling Association met with your staff to determine the availability and the cost of using the Saskatoon Field House to host the 1995 National Baton Championships. The Committee was considering both Regina and Saskatoon for this event. Because of its national profile and the significant potential revenues to the facility, your staff took the necessary action to promote Saskatoon as the best location for this event and began to make tentative arrangements within the facility to accommodate it.

In anticipation that Saskatoon would be the selected site, the Field House was tentatively booked to accommodate the event and the facility's annual programming schedule incorporated these requirements. Also, on June 16, 1994, this schedule was presented to the Saskatoon Field House Program Advisory Committee (which consists of representatives from the various categories of our customers, including the resident organizations, lessees, sport and non-sport special-events, tennis-court users, and pass-holders) for discussion and review. Due to the number of days that would be required to stage the baton championships, this specific rental was highlighted and discussed by the Committee. No major concerns were expressed and the Committee endorsed the programming schedule, as presented.

Prior to making the final decision on the event's location, the organizing committee met with your staff in November of 1994. At that time, the committee completed its on-site inspections and reviewed its facility-requirements. Subsequently, the Saskatoon Field House was selected to host this event and a tentative contract was sent to the event's organizing committee on December 29, 1994.

Programming Impact

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This event will occur during a period when our customer-demand at the Saskatoon Field House is slow. Nevertheless, this event will inconvenience some of our users.

The main-field area will not be available to our patrons from June 26 to July 1, 1995. With the exception of the weight-room and physiotherapy/nautiquet fitness centre, all programming areas (including the main field) will not be available to regular users from July 2 to July 9, 1995.

In order to inconvenience our customers as little as possible, the following arrangements are being planned:

- The weight-room will remain open during the entire event.
- The washrooms and change-rooms will remain accessible for those patrons who run outside, but require the showers and locker-facilities (i.e. general-admission customers and pass-holders).
- The fitness classes will continue to operate in the fitness-dance studio from June 26 to July 1, 1995.
- All pass-holders who elect not to utilize the Field House during the baton championships can have their passes extended or honoured at another civic facility.

Financial Impact

The rental for this event, excluding the additional charges (e.g. security, extra clean-up costs), will generate \$23,648.07, including the G.S.T. This represents a significant increase in revenue when compared to the \$5,900 in programming revenue (e.g. general admissions, pass-holders, rentals) that was generated during this same period of time in 1994.

Summary

Your staff believe that the 1995 Canadian Baton Championships will have a positive effect on the Saskatoon Field House, both financially and from any publicity received as a result of hosting this event. Approximately 700 athletes and officials will be participating in the event in addition to approximately 800 spectators and volunteers. Many of the out-of-town athletes, coaches, volunteers, and spectators who will be visiting Saskatoon for this event will patronize various local businesses, thereby generating additional benefits to our community."

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

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**B6) Lathey Pool
Mechanical Piping -- Investigation and Repair
(File No. CC 613-3)**

Report of the General Manager, Civic Buildings and Grounds Department, March 7, 1995:

"In the early summer of 1994, our maintenance staff discovered a problem with the drainage piping at Lathey Swimming Pool. When the Pool was initially filled at the beginning of the season, the water-level dropped overnight by 10 inches.

To investigate a possible cause for the loss of the water, the Pool was drained and a portion of the area which houses the drainage pipes was excavated. This action determined that the pipes were leaking. The leaks in the excavated area were repaired. The Pool was refilled and was opened to the public on July 1, 1994.

By mid-July of 1994, Lathey Pool was losing water at approximately 20 gallons per minute. Some temporary measures (e.g. blocking off the weeping-tile gutter in the pump-room and installing a sump-pump to direct the draining water to the main recirculation pump) were taken to keep the Pool operational. The Pool operated in this condition for the rest of the season.

In November of 1994, the City Solicitor's Office was advised of the problem at Lathey Pool. An independent consultant, whom we hired to investigate this problem, provided us with a report in February of 1995. Depending on what is found after further excavation occurs, the repair-work could cost approximately \$180,000.

The City Solicitor's Office is currently pursuing the appropriate legal remedies with respect to this matter. This action could take some time and the amount of damages to be recovered, if any, is yet to be determined.

In the meantime, we should proceed to make a decision on how we will operate Lathey Pool in 1995 and on the nature and financing of the required repairs. One option is to continue operating the Pool, as occurred during the latter part of the 1994 season, by making interim repairs. Then, in the autumn of 1995, the major repair-work would proceed. By waiting until the fall, there would be more time to complete the work and there would be no disruption in the Pool's availability to the public. On the other hand, the leaking which was experienced in 1994 points to the possibility of further and rapid deterioration of the Pool's piping. In the worst case, we could be forced to close the Pool in mid-season, particularly if the rate of leakage into the ground poses an additional risk of damaging the adjacent J.S. Wood Library's building.

A second option is to proceed with the repairs this spring. Depending on weather conditions, there will be approximately five to six weeks between when the ground will have thawed and when the Pool's operating season is expected to begin (i.e. in late June). We estimate that it will take about

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four weeks to complete the work; however, we cannot be certain as to how much work is required (and the associated costs) and on how long it will take to complete this work, until the project is underway (i.e. until a full excavation takes place). By proceeding with the repairs in the spring, we risk delaying the opening of the Pool if there is a longer-than-expected construction-period. On the other hand, we will avoid the higher operating expenses that are involved in replacing the leaking water and the possibility that greater damage could result from trying to operate the facility for another season in an obviously unsatisfactory condition.

After weighing these options, your staff recommends that the major repair-work should proceed this spring and that we should recognize that this work could delay the opening of Lathey Pool for this season. In order to minimize the potential for such a delay, we would like City Council's authorization to proceed immediately with engaging consultants to produce the tendering documents for this project and to proceed into the tendering process. Your staff will also consider alternatives for an interim-financing strategy for this work. The interim-financing recommendations will be brought forward for consideration at the time when the bids are reviewed and the contract for the repairs is awarded by City Council."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department be authorized to engage consultants to prepare the tendering documents for the necessary repairs at Lathey Pool;
 - 2) that the tendering documents on this project be issued as soon as possible in order to maximize the amount of time that is available in the spring of 1994 to complete the work (i.e. to minimize the possible delay in opening this facility for the 1995 swimming season); and,
 - 3) that the Administration provide recommendations on an interim-financing strategy for the cost of this project at the time when City Council considers the bids for the construction-work and awards the contract.

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department be authorized to engage consultants to prepare the tendering documents for the necessary repairs at Lathey Pool;

2) that the tendering documents on this project be issued as soon as possible in order to maximize the amount of time that is available in the spring of 1994 to complete the work (i.e. to minimize the possible delay in opening this

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facility for the 1995 swimming season);

- 3) *that the Administration provide recommendations on an interim-financing strategy for the cost of this project at the time when City Council considers the bids for the construction-work and awards the contract; and*
- 4) *that the matter be referred to A Committee of the Whole Council.*

Section C - Finance

**C1) For Sale by Tender
Buses/Bus Washer
(File No. CC 1250-1)**

Attached is a copy of a Notice for Sale by Tender -- Buses/Bus Washer, as prepared by Inventory Control, Central Purchasing and Stores Department.

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

**C2) City of Regina
Tax Survey - 1994
(File Nos. CC 1920-1 and 100-1)**

Attached for City Council's information is the annual survey done by the City of Regina on property taxes in major cities in Canada. Twenty-five cities responded, although 39 cities were requested to respond. The survey results may be summarized as follows:

1. Total Property Taxes on Sample Single Family Residential Property

Saskatoon ranked fifth lowest in the survey for total property taxes in this category. This is

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the same ranking as in 1993.

2. Total Municipal Taxes on Sample Single Family Residential Property

With municipal taxes on an average house of \$714/annum, Saskatoon ranked seventh lowest in this category, the same as the previous two years.

3. Total Property Taxes on Sample Multi-Family Residence

This is a small apartment block with 18 suites, the total property taxes would be \$12,627/annum, which would rank us with the ninth lowest taxes. This is an improvement of one position over 1993.

4. Total Property and Business Taxes on Sample Commercial Property

For a neighbourhood convenience store built in approximately 1985, the average Saskatoon taxes would be \$5,295/annum in 1994. This ranks us in the third lowest position, an improvement of one over our position in 1993.

5. Total Property and Business Taxes on Sample Industrial Property

This 6,000 square foot building, on approximately one-half acre lot, would pay approximately \$7,611/annum in property and business taxes. This ranking is the sixth lowest of the survey. This is a loss of one ranking position as the City was in fifth position in 1993.

6. Average Annual Property Tax Increase [Table 1 (1990-1994)]

This table shows that the average yearly property tax increase in Saskatoon from 1990 to 1994 was 2.06%/year for residential properties; 1.69%/year for commercial properties and 1.63%/year for industrial properties. These figures ranked us in approximately seventh place for comparable tax increases with other cities in the survey.

7. Conclusions

The survey demonstrates that while we may not have the lowest properties taxes in Canada, our taxes are indeed reasonable. As well, the average property tax increases over the last five years is close to the survey average.

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

**C3) Notice For Sale by Tender
Junked Vehicles and White Metal
(File No. CC 1250-1)**

Attached is a copy of a Notice for Sale by Tender of Junked Vehicles and White Metal as prepared by Inventory Control, Central Purchasing and Stores Department.

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

**C4) Investments
(File No. CC 1790-3)**

Report of the City Treasurer, March 6, 1995:

"With the approval of the Investment Committee, the attached list indicates purchases and sales for the City's various funds."

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve the above purchases and sales.

ADOPTED.

**C5) Property Tax Liens
(File No. CC 1920-3)**

Report of the City Treasurer, March 6, 1995:

"City Council's authorization is requested to proceed, in accordance with the provision of *The Tax Enforcement Act*, to secure the City's position with respect to the collection of tax arrears on certain

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properties in Saskatoon. This request follows the procedures and schedules which are specified in the *Act*, and which are summarized below for Council's information.

The Tax Enforcement Act

The basic philosophy under *The Tax Enforcement Act* is to secure the payment of tax arrears under the threat of the loss of title to the property. The statute is not intended to provide a vehicle for the acquisition of property by the City. Each property owner (taxpayer) has certain fundamental rights concerning his/her land. The taxpayer must be kept fully aware of the proceedings being taken and be given a reasonable time frame during which arrangements can be made for payment of the outstanding amount.

The proceedings under this Provincial statute are scheduled as follows:

1. *The Tax Enforcement Act* provides for the registration of a tax lien against a property where taxes have been due and unpaid for more than six months after the 31st day of December of the year in which the taxes were originally levied.
2. Where the taxes remain unpaid and the lien has not been withdrawn, first application for the transfer of title to the City may begin at any time after the expiration of one year following the registration of the tax lien in the Land Titles Office.
3. Final application for transfer of title to the City may commence six months after the first application. The City must, at this point in the proceedings, contact the Provincial Mediation Board and file an application for consent to obtain the title. The Mediation Board may, subject to certain conditions being met by the taxpayer, stay the proceedings by the City.

Within this schedule, the Administration now requests authorization to proceed to secure further the City's position with respect to those properties which became subject to tax lien action in 1992 and 1993.

1993 Tax Liens (see Attachment 'A')

With respect to the properties listed in Attachment 'A', proceedings under *The Tax Enforcement Act* commenced on September 18, 1993. At that time, the City of Saskatoon, in accordance with the statute, published in the Saskatoon StarPhoenix, the legal descriptions of all properties in arrears of property taxes which were subject to tax liens. The assessed owners were notified of the action being taken and were advised that if the taxes remained unpaid after 60 days following the date of the advertisement, a tax lien would be registered against the property on the official title held in the Land Titles Office.

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Considerable effort has been made in contacting the assessed owners of the various properties identified in Attachment 'A'. Attempts have been made to obtain payment or to negotiate reasonable payment schedules. However, as of the date that Attachment 'A' was prepared, payment has not been received from the respective owners and the property tax arrears, are accordingly, still outstanding.

The City has 1993 tax liens registered on 142 properties with taxes in arrears. The properties can be summarized as follows:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Arrears</u>
Semi-Detached / Separate Titles 4,294.00		1 \$
Residential Land	4	6,062.00
Single Family Residences	93	311,119.00
Semi-Detached Residences (duplexes)	8	27,976.00
Low-rise Condominiums	5	11,684.00
Low-rise Apartments	6	158,041.00
Vacant Commercial Land	3	37,618.00
Warehouses	6	286,859.00
Retail Stores	4	191,768.00
Service Stations	2	56,237.00
Restaurants	2	68,400.00
Industrial Land	1	8,215.00
Senior Citizen Residential Housing	1	5,135.00
Semi-Detached Condominiums	2	8,734.00
Residential with Retail	2	33,773.00
High-Rise Condominiums	1	2,961.00
Residence with Office	<u>1</u>	<u>4,159.00</u>
	142	\$1,223,033.00

These properties are now subject to first application for title under *The Tax Enforcement Act*. This action involves notification to each registered owner by personal contact and each assessed owner by registered mail, that the City has followed the procedures under the *Act* to protect itself against outstanding arrears.

1992 Tax Liens (see Attachment 'B')

On March 14, 1994, City Council approved proceedings with first application for title on 139 properties with 1992 tax liens. To date, 86 property owners have resolved their tax arrears. The remaining 53 properties continue to have outstanding tax arrears and, therefore, the City is in a position to proceed to the third step of the tax enforcement procedures.

The 53 properties listed in Attachment 'C' are summarized as follows:

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<u>Classification</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Arrears</u>
Store with Residence	1	\$ 13,606.00
Low-rise Apartments	3	143,041.00
Residential - Vacant Land	1	54,740.00
Industrial - Vacant Land	3	35,474.00
Hotel	1	131,520.00
Retail Store	2	28,701.00
Semi-Detached / 1 unit	2	9,239.00
Service Garage	2	77,916.00
Single Family Residence	22	98,580.00
Two-Family Residence	4	19,844.00
Warehouse	8	281,235.00
Car Wash	1	33,752.00
Restaurant with Residence	1	8,774.00
Greenhouse	1	73,036.00
Vacant Commercial Land	<u>1</u>	<u>4,060.00</u>
	53	\$1,013,518.00

In proceeding to final application for title of these properties, the City must contact the Provincial Mediation Board and file an application for consent to obtain title. The Board will then contact each property owner and attempt to establish a payment schedule. If such a schedule is established, all resulting tax payments will be forwarded by the property owner to the Mediation Board which, in turn, will forward the funds to the City. Only in limited circumstances will the City obtain title to property under *The Tax Enforcement Act*. Generally, the *Act* has been effective in securing tax arrear payments for the City.

Comparative Summary

Attachment 'C' provides a five-year comparative summary of tax liens subject to further proceedings under *The Tax Enforcement Act*."

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council instruct the City Solicitor to take the necessary action under the provisions of *The Tax Enforcement Act* with respect to properties with 1992 and 1993 tax liens.

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that City Council instruct the City Solicitor to take the necessary action under the provisions of The Tax Enforcement Act with respect to properties with 1992 and 1993 tax liens;

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and

- 2) *that City Council urge the Province to pass the amending legislation regarding the timelines involved in the enforcement of tax liens.*

**C6) Saskatoon Fire Department
 1995 Equipment Purchase
 Capital Project 587-8
 (File Nos. CC 1400-1 and 1703)**

Report of the Fire Chief, March 6, 1995:

"Tenders for the purchase of a 1250 I.G.P.M. Triple Combination Pumper were received and opened by the Central Purchasing and Stores Department on February 15, 1995. The following was received:

Superior Emergency Equipment Ltd. (including applicable taxes)	\$383,062.16
General Body & Equipment	No bid

The bid submitted by Superior Emergency Equipment Ltd., together with options, meets all the requirements of our specifications and is therefore acceptable.

The unit tendered is a replacement for an existing unit, Engine 6, which is similar in type but is 24 years old (normal life expectancy is 15 to 20 years). The existing unit has come to the end of its serviceable life for the following reasons:

- (1) It does not meet the minimum pumping standard;
- (2) increasing mechanical problems have occurred over the past few years;
- (3) parts are difficult to purchase, especially transmission parts.

The net estimated cost to the City is calculated as follows:

Base Tender	\$330,226.00
GST @ 7%	23,115.82
PST @ 9% on applicable items	<u>29,720.34</u>
Vehicle Amount	383,062.16
Net adjustment for vehicle options	<u>-34,749.32</u>
Contract Amount	348,312.84
GST Rebate	<u>11,379.45</u>

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Estimated Cost to the City

\$336,933.39

The Fire Department's estimated purchase price of the unit was \$330,000.00."

Attached is a copy of the tabulation of price quotations.

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council accept the unit prices submitted by Superior Emergency Equipment Ltd., for the purchase of the 1250 I.G.P.M. Triple Combination Pumper, for a total estimated contract price of \$348,312.84.

ADOPTED.

**C7) Approved Capital Budget 1995
Capital Plan 1996-1999
(File No. CC 1702-1) _____**

Attached, for Council's information, is the Approved Capital Budget 1995/Capital Plan 1996-1999.

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

**C8) 1995 Business Improvement Districts
Rates
(File Nos. CC 1711-1 and 1704-1) _____**

Report of the City Solicitor, March 7, 1995:

"The Budget Policy and Planning Committee at its meeting held on February 14, 1995, resolved that the Administration determine the levy required for each of the three Business Improvement

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Districts for 1995 and prepare the necessary bylaws for City Council's approval.

We have enclosed three bylaws for Council's consideration. A separate bylaw has been prepared for each Business Improvement District. The rate specified in each bylaw is sufficient to raise the amount required for the purposes of the proposed expenditures of each Business Improvement District in 1995."

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider proposed Bylaw Nos. 7474, 7475 and 7476.

ADOPTED.

Section D - Services

D1) Routine Reports Submitted to City Council

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$1,016,932.34 (File No. CC 1530-2)	February 27, 1995	March 1, 1995
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$888,345.74 (File No. CC 1530-2)	March 1, 1995	March 6, 1995
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$108,979.34 (File No. CC 1530-2)	March 1, 1995	March 6, 1995
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$1,279,676.51 (File No. CC 1530-2)	March 8, 1995	March 13, 1995

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

REPORT NO. 5-1995 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor K. Waygood, Chair
Councillor R. Steernberg
Councillor P. Roe

**1. Capital Reserves Bylaw
Social Housing Reserve
(File No. CK. 185-8)**

Your Committee has considered the following report of the Director of Planning and Development dated February 24, 1995:

"On August 30, 1993, the Planning and Development Committee considered a draft version of the Capital Reserves Bylaw. The Legislation and Finance Committee was co-ordinating the preparation of this new bylaw and had asked the other standing committees of City Council for their comments.

At the request of the Planning and Development Committee, I prepared a report which identified areas where changes could be made to the proposed bylaw. One of the areas involved the criteria for the Social Housing Reserve. The following is an excerpt from my August 24, 1993, report to the Committee:

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'The proposed Bylaw states that the purpose of the Social Housing Reserve is 'to finance the cost of capital expenditures for public and senior citizens housing'. While this purpose has a broad scope, the Bylaw also states that the expenditures from the Social Housing Reserve can only be used 'to increase the availability of suitable and affordable housing units for low income individuals and families'. This wording accommodates the types of projects in which the City has participated in the past (e.g. Innovative Housing, Habitat for Humanity). However, in the future, the wording might be too restrictive (e.g. if the City decides to participate in projects to provide 'crisis and second-stage housing' for women and children who need housing to flee from abusive situations and who might not be easily identified as being in a 'low income' situation).'

As a consequence of this report, the Planning and Development Committee recommended, on August 30, 1993, to the Legislation and Finance Committee that the draft Capital Reserves Bylaw should be changed:

'to include a reference to "crisis and second-stage housing" in the eligible expenditures from the Social Housing Reserve (i.e. "to increase the availability of suitable and affordable housing units for low income individuals and families, as well as crisis and second-stage housing")'.

The Capital Reserves Bylaw was subsequently passed by City Council. However, the Legislation and Finance Committee decided that it would not incorporate within this Bylaw the proposal, which had been recommended by the Planning and Development Committee, for expanding the scope of the Social Housing Reserve. The former Committee apparently felt that this request should more appropriately be considered as an amendment to the new bylaw and that the request should be proposed directly to City Council from the Planning and Development Committee. Unfortunately, this decision was not communicated back to the Planning and Development Committee.

In light of this oversight, the Committee is now being requested to confirm whether it wishes to proceed directly to City Council with a recommendation to amend the Capital Reserves Bylaw in the manner which was originally proposed in the Committee's August 30, 1993, resolution. For the Committee's information, the following provisions for the Social Housing Reserve are currently within the Capital Reserves Bylaw that has been passed by City Council:

Purpose

- (1) The purpose of the Social Housing Reserve is to finance the cost of capital expenditures for public and senior citizens housing.

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Funding

- (2) This Reserve shall be funded by:
- a) the proceeds from the sale of property that the City acquired as a result of tax enforcement proceedings; plus
 - b) 10% of the value of the land component of the annual sales by the City of its residential, commercial, and industrial land.

Expenditures

- (3) The funds in this Reserve shall only be used for capital expenditures to increase the availability of suitable and affordable housing units for low income individuals and families."

RECOMMENDATION: that the Capital Reserves Bylaw be amended (as was proposed on August 30, 1993) to include a reference to "crisis and second-stage housing" in the eligible expenditures from the Social Housing Reserve.

Moved by Councillor Langlois,

THAT the matter be referred back to the Planning and Development Committee to review the possibility of establishing a reserve for crisis housing separate from the Social Housing Reserve.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND LOST.

Moved by Councillor Waygood,

THAT the Capital Reserves Bylaw be amended (as was proposed on August 30, 1993) to include a reference to "crisis and second-stage housing" in the eligible expenditures from the Social Housing Reserve.

CARRIED.

**2. Gordon Howe Campground
Laundry Facilities**

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(File No. CK. 4205-7-4)

Report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department, February 28, 1995:

"Introduction

The Gordon Howe Campground provides a camping opportunity in an urban setting for tourists and visitors to Saskatoon and for those who enjoy the camping experience. Campers come to Saskatoon for such reasons as visiting with family and friends, attending special events (e.g. ball-tournaments, festivals, etc.), and shopping excursions. The facility also serves as an overnight resting-spot for travellers and as a temporary and affordable residence for people who are in Saskatoon for hospital-visitations, attending summer-school, or working on seasonal jobs.

During the 1994 operating season (April 16 to September 15), over 22,500 people stayed at the Gordon Howe Campground. This represents an increase of approximately 1,500 visitors from the previous season.

Each year, our customers at this facility provide numerous compliments about its attributes (e.g. convenient location, restful, mature setting, secluded sites, helpful and friendly staff, on-site security). Some complaints about the Campground are also registered. The most common concerns pertain to the lack of on-site laundry-facilities and the inability to dispose of sewage at the individual sites. As well, the available supply of electrical power is not adequate for the larger, more modern recreational vehicles. There is also a need to upgrade the playground equipment at the Campground.

The Campsite Reserve was established for the purpose of offsetting operating deficits incurred by the Gordon Howe Campground and for financing capital expenditures to upgrade or to expand the facility. The Reserve's current balance is \$98,700 and is not sufficient to fund all of the desired capital improvements for this facility. Consequently, your staff has been exploring alternative methods of providing additional services at the Campground, without having a negative impact on the Campsite Reserve. (As is indicated in the City's 1996-99 Capital Plan, the electrical-upgrading project will proceed when sufficient funds are available in this Reserve. Depending on the facility's operations during 1995 and 1996, this improvement is expected to occur in 1997.)

Provision of Laundry Facilities

In 1993, your staff placed an advertisement in The StarPhoenix requesting expressions of interest for the provision of laundry facilities (i.e. coin-operated washer and dryers) at the Gordon Howe Campground. No submissions were received as a result of this

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advertisement. An earlier proposal from a local business to supply laundry services at the Campground was then approved, but did not proceed as had been planned.

The Leisure Services Department wishes to respond to our customers' needs and to pursue the provision of laundry facilities as a revenue-generating opportunity for the Gordon Howe Campground. Your staff believe that coin-operated washers and dryers will provide a valued service to our patrons at the Campground and will attract more campers to the facility, thereby generating additional revenue for the Campground Program.

Scope of Project

The provision of a laundry service at the Gordon Howe Campground involves a partial conversion of the existing building that is located next to the Campground Office. The converted area will accommodate the following equipment:

- five coin-operated commercial washers,
- three coin-operated commercial dryers, and
- one hot-water tank.

The existing building is currently used as a garage and storage area. It will be renovated to make maximum use of the space. A portion of the building will accommodate the laundry equipment and will include the provision of counter and storage space, the installation of new doors and windows, and the hook-up and supply of all utility services. The remainder the building will continue to serve as a storage area for equipment and supplies that are required in the operation of the Campground.

Financial Implications

The total capital cost of the laundry-facilities project is estimated at \$32,000 and consists of the following:

Cost of equipment	\$ 10,000
Renovations to the building	16,500
Utility-connections	<u>5,500</u>
Total capital cost	<u>\$ 32,000</u>

The projected revenue from the coin-operated washers and dryers is \$10,000 per year, based on the following analysis:

- Average number of camping sites booked per year (based on a

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- five-year average) 7,300
- Projected number of camping sites using laundry facilities (assumes 50% of the total booked sites) 3,650
- Minimum price per load of laundry (based on current market rates):
 - per wash cycle \$1.25
 - 30-minutes of drying \$1.50
- Projected annual revenue: 3,650 x (\$1.25 + \$1.50) \$10,000

The incremental annual operating costs which have been identified for the proposed laundry facilities are:

Maintaining the equipment	\$ 800
Increased utility-costs	<u>1,000</u>
Total incremental operating costs	<u>\$1,800</u>

Based on the preceding analysis, the estimated pay-back period for this project is estimated at 5.0 years:

$$\frac{\text{Capital Cost} + \text{Cost of Borrowing}}{\text{Net Increase in Revenue}} = \frac{\$41,000}{\$ 8,200 \text{ per year}} = 5 \text{ years}$$

By financing the project's capital costs through a Productivity Improvement Loan, additional revenue of approximately \$8,200 per year is expected to be realized by the Campground Program after the loan is re-paid."

Your Committee has reviewed this proposal and

- RECOMMENDS:**
- 1) that the provision of laundry facilities at the Gordon Howe Campground, as is identified in this report, be approved for installation in 1995, at an estimated capital cost of \$41,000; and,
 - 2) that this project be financed through a Productivity Improvement Loan, with a pay-back period of five years.

ADOPTED.

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**3. A.C.T. Arena
Lease with Associated Canadian Travellers (Saskatoon Club)
(Files CK. 611-4 and 290-1)**

In March of 1994, the Saskatoon Club of the Associated Canadian Travellers requested an extension to its current agreement with the City concerning the Club's use of the A.C.T. Hall which is located on the upper level of the A.C.T. Arena. The current agreement expires on December 31, 1997.

The reason for this request was that the Club was planning to finance major renovations to the Hall, including the installation of a new rug. Before proceeding with this work, the Club wanted to have a longer-term commitment on its continued use of the facility. Attached is a copy of the March 31, 1994, report which was prepared in response to this request. At that time, City Council was considering the feasibility of alternative methods of operating all of Saskatoon's indoor rinks. Therefore, on April 11, 1994, City Council considered the report and resolved:

- 1) that the request to extend the current agreement on the A.C.T. Hall, between the City and the Saskatoon Club of the Association of Canadian Travellers, from 1997 to 2007, with a possible further extension to 2017, be approved in principle; and**
- 2) that the current lease for the A.C.T. Hall continue to apply, but that the terms of a new lease (including any fees for exclusive use of the facility and making a suitable arrangement to accommodate the Saskatoon Figure Skating Club) to extend the agreement to 2007, and possibly to 2017, be referred to the Planning and Development Committee for consideration, and a report back to City Council, within the context of the overall review that the Committee will be undertaking in June of 1994 with respect to turning over the operation of the City's indoor rinks to external organizations and/or the private sector".**

Subsequently, City Council considered the matter of the future operations of its indoor rinks. On June 20, 1994, it resolved:

"that the status quo be maintained with respect to the operation of the City's indoor rinks, i.e. that the City continue to operate these facilities".

On December 12, 1994, your Committee further confirmed this operational position in response to an inquiry from the Saskatoon Minor Hockey Association.

In light of this direction from City Council and from the Planning and Development Committee, staff have proceeded to discuss the terms of a new lease for the A.C.T. Hall with representatives of the Saskatoon Club of the Associated Canadian Travellers. The following February 14, 1995,

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report from the General Manager of the Leisure Services Department outlines the terms of a new agreement which are acceptable to both parties:

"Exclusive Use of the Leased Area

Currently, the Saskatoon Club of the Associated Canadian Travellers pays a rental rate of \$1 per year, plus the associated utility costs, to use the A.C.T. Hall. The Club has requested to continue the rate of \$1 per year until 2007, inclusive. In light of its contributions to the original construction of the A.C.T. Skating Centre and to the on-going improvements to the A.C.T. Hall, your staff support the Club's request to retain the rental rate of \$1 per year for exclusive use of the Hall.

As part of our goal of achieving full cost-recovery for the rental operations of City-operated indoor rinks, the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department's staff completed an energy-audit of the leased area. Your staff determined that the actual annual operating costs of this area are \$2,640 per year. The Saskatoon Club of the Associated Canadian Travellers currently pays \$2,100 per year as its contribution towards the utility costs.

The Club is prepared to pay, retroactively to January 1, 1995, an amount which more closely reflects the actual annual energy-costs of operating the A.C.T. Hall (\$2,640). It has also agreed to accept, to the end of the term of the new agreement, annual increases of \$60 to recognize future increases to these costs due to rate-adjustments. Subject to future energy-audits, the City will adjust the Club's annual utility charges to reflect the actual costs of operating the leased area.

Accommodating the Saskatoon Figure Skating Club in the Lease Agreement

The Saskatoon Club of the Associated Canadian Travellers has agreed to provide the Saskatoon Figure Skating Club with access to the leased area. This general conditions for such access are acceptable both to the Figure Skating Club and to your staff. Specific usage arrangements will be negotiated between the two organizations.

Proposed Agreement Between the Saskatoon Club of the Associated Canadian Travellers and the City

The new agreement between the City of Saskatoon and the Saskatoon Club of the Associated Canadian Travellers will be based on the current November 26, 1981, agreement

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and will be adjusted to include the following conditions:

1. The term of the agreement will be for 13 years, from January 1, 1995, to December 31, 2007. It will include a provision to extend the agreement for an additional 10 years.
2. The Saskatoon Club of the Associated Canadian Travellers will pay a rent of \$1 per year for the exclusive use of the A.C.T. Hall.
3. The Club will be responsible for paying the utility costs of the leased area, in the following manner:
 - i) In 1995, the Club will pay \$2,640, plus G.S.T., to the City;
 - ii) For each additional year, the amount which is paid in 1995 will be increased by \$60 per year, plus G.S.T.; and
 - iii) Subject to the completion of an energy-audit of the leased area between the years 2000 and 2005, the amount which is paid by the Club for the utility costs may be adjusted to reflect the actual energy-costs that are required to operate the leased area.
4. The City will be responsible for all of the property taxes on the A.C.T. Hall for the term of the lease.
5. The Saskatoon Club of the Associated Canadian Travellers will allow the Saskatoon Figure Skating Club to use the A.C.T. Hall under any conditions which are mutually agreed to by the two clubs and by the City of Saskatoon.

In addition, the City Solicitor's Office will modernize the language within the current agreement and change the format to coincide with current standards for preparing such agreements."

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that a new lease agreement with the Saskatoon Club of the Associated Canadian Travellers to use the A.C.T. Hall (which is located on the upper level of the A.C.T. Arena) be approved for 13 years, from January 1, 1995, to December 31, 2007, and that a provision be included to extend the agreement for an additional ten years;

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- 2) that the rental fee for the term of the agreement be \$1 per year;
- 3) that the Saskatoon Club of the Associated Canadian Travellers be responsible for paying the utility costs of the leased area, in the following manner:
 - a) in 1995, the Club pays \$2,640, plus G.S.T., to the City;
 - b) for each additional year, the payment will be increased by \$60 per year, plus G.S.T.; and
 - c) subject to the completion of an energy-audit of the leased area between the years 2000 and 2005, the Club's payment may be adjusted to reflect the actual energy-costs that are required to operate the leased area;
- 4) that the Saskatoon Club of the Associated Canadian Travellers allow the Saskatoon Figure Skating Club to use the leased area in accordance with any conditions that are satisfactory to the two clubs and to the City;
- 5) that the City be responsible for the property taxes on the leased area during the term of the lease; and,
- 6) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized, on behalf of the City, to execute the leasing agreement which has been prepared by the City Solicitor.

ADOPTED.

**4. Proposed Rezoning -- Pleasant Hill
(File No. CK. 4351-1)**

On January 23, 1995, your Committee considered a status report on the proposed rezoning, from ID.1 to RM.2(H), of the property at 425 Avenue P South. (See the attached January 5, 1995, report of the Acting Director of Planning and Development.) At the same meeting, your Committee also received a presentation from representatives of the property's owner, United Grain Growers Ltd. Rather than considering the recommendation to advertise the proposed rezoning, your Committee resolved:

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- "1) that the information be received;
- 2) that the matter of zoning be referred back to the Administration to discuss further with United Grain Growers and the Community Association; and
- 3) that consideration of the recommendations contained in the report of the Director of Planning and Development be deferred until after the Administration has had its meeting with the Community Association."

In this regard, your Committee has considered the following report of the City Planner dated February 20, 1995:

"At a February 16, 1995, meeting with the Pleasant Hill Community Association's executive, the Zoning Standards Manager of the Planning and Construction Standards Department explained the land-use issues and the events which led to the current rezoning proposal on this property and which resulted in the Planning and Development Committee's January 23, 1995, resolution. Mr. Gerry Clackson, representing United Grain Growers Ltd., explained his client's position on obtaining compensation for the loss in the property's market value which, in his client's opinion, would result from the proposed rezoning of this property. More specifically, he indicated that his client was prepared to donate the land to the City, provided that United Grain Growers received payment for the value of the existing building.

The Zoning Standards Manager further pointed out that the proposal to rezone this land was principally a public-policy issue. The question of compensating property-owners should not be a consideration in the determining what is the best land-use and zoning pattern for this area. Mr. Clackson stated that he was expecting that the rezoning of the property would proceed, irrespective of his client's request to the Planning and Development Committee for compensation.

While several members of the Community Association expressed some thoughts on how this site could be adaptively re-used (e.g. community centre, local training and employment centre for the area's residents, infill housing), the predominant theme and thrust of the discussion centred on stabilizing the neighbourhood through such strategies as encouraging the relocation of industrial uses and reducing the permitted residential densities. Following an in-camera discussion of this matter, the Zoning Standards Manager was advised that the Pleasant Hill Community Association's executive had passed a resolution to support, unconditionally, the proposal to proceed with the rezoning of the United Grain Growers' property at 425 Avenue P South."

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the Planning and Construction Standards Department

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proceed with the advertising for the rezoning of the property at 425 Avenue P South from an I.D.1. District to an RM2(H) District;

- 2) that the City Planner be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendment; and
- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaw.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be referred back to the Planning and Development Committee for a report back in six months or sooner.

**5. *The Alcohol Control Regulations, 1994*
Approval of Nightclubs in Restaurants and Taverns
Role for Municipalities
(File No. CK. 300-14)**

City Council, at its meeting held on February 27, 1995, considered Clause B5, Report No. 5-1995 of the City Commissioner and resolved:

- "1) that the matter of City Council's involvement and the criteria and procedures for considering applications under The Alcohol Control Regulations, 1994, be referred to the Planning and Development Committee to prepare recommendations for City Council's consideration;
- 2) that the City Planner be authorized, as an interim measure, to establish a process for reviewing and making recommendations to City Council on applications pertaining to the endorsement and approval of liquor-permits for restaurant/nightclubs, tavern/nightclubs and special occasions/outdoor premises;
- 3) that as part of the interim process, the City Planner's consideration and recommendations on liquor-permit applications be based on their compliance with the Zoning Bylaw;
- 4) that a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 be charged for the processing and consideration, by the Planning and Construction Standards Department, of each liquor-permit application that requires municipal approval or endorsement; and
- 5) that City Council petition the Provincial Government to amend The Alcohol Control

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Regulations, 1994 by deleting the requirement for municipal approval for all types of liquor permits."

In accordance with Resolution 1) above, your Committee is still in the process of reviewing this matter. However, as an interim measure, your Committee is proposing that City Council only deal with applications which present a land-use conflict (i.e. any application abutting/adjacent to an "R" zone). All other applications can be dealt with administratively.

Your Committee has requested additional information from the Administration in order to try and evaluate the impact that this process will have on City Council. Additionally, your Committee will be attempting to clarify what kinds of issues Council should be dealing with and the procedure for presentation to City Council. Following receipt of the requested information and a further review of the options, your Committee will be in a position to make a recommendation to City Council.

At this point, the Administration will consider liquor permit applications based on their compliance with the Zoning Bylaw.

With respect to Resolution 4) above, your Committee felt that this resolution was not clear enough and, for greater clarity, is suggesting that the resolution be amended to read as follows:

"4) that a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 be charged for the processing and consideration, by the Planning and Construction Standards Department, of each liquor-permit application in the restaurant/nightclub, tavern/nightclub, special occasion/outdoor premises categories;"

A copy of Clause B5, Report No. 5-1995 of the City Commissioner (without attachments) is attached.

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the information be received;
 - 2) that City Council only deal with applications under *The Alcohol Control Regulations, 1994* which present a land-use conflict (i.e. any application abutting/adjacent to an "R" zone), with all other applications being dealt with administratively; and
 - 3) that City Council amend its resolution of February 27, 1995, dealing with a non-refundable fee of \$100.00, to read as follows:

"4) that a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 be charged for

the processing and consideration, by the Planning and Construction Standards Department, of each liquor-permit application in the restaurant/nightclub, tavern/nightclub, special occasion/outdoor premises categories;"

ADOPTED.

REPORT NO. 2-1995 OF THE LEGISLATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor P. McCann, Chair
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor H. Langlois

**1. Policy C03-018 "Assistance to Community Groups:
Cash Grants Program"
(File No. CK. 1870-0 and 1870-2-4)**

Report of General Manager, Leisure Services Department, January 18, 1995:

"Background

On January 27, 1993, the Legislation and Finance Committee considered a letter dated January 15, 1993, from the Chair of the Cultural Advisory Subcommittee, in which changes were recommended to Policy C03-018 (Assistance to Community Groups), the policy under which cash grants are made to sports, culture, recreation, and social services groups. A copy of the policy is attached as Appendix 1. It was resolved that the letter be referred to

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the City Auditor and to the advisory groups for the sport, recreation, and social services components of the program for review and report.

During its meeting held on April 6, 1993, the Legislation and Finance Committee considered the report of the City Auditor, dated March 31, 1993, and resolved that the City Auditor's report be forwarded to the advisory groups for review and comment back to the Legislation and Finance Committee. On July 6, 1993, the Legislation and Finance Committee reviewed the comments it had received from the advisory groups and resolved that the information be received and referred to the Administration for a report back to the Legislation and Finance Committee.

Leisure Services Department staff have reviewed the proposal by the Cultural Advisory Subcommittee to amend City Policy C03-018 (Assistance to Community Groups) and the subsequent comments and reports submitted to the Legislation and Finance Committee by other advisory committees and the City Auditor. It is the opinion of your staff that the proposed changes to the policy detailed in the attached chart meet the general intent of the recommendations by the advisory groups and the City Auditor. (See Appendix 2.)"

Following the Committee's review of this matter, it was determined that the Ukrainian Museum of Canada is now a Non-Profit Corporation, and therefore is not an exception to the eligibility criteria, as referenced under Section 3.1(a) of Appendix 2.

Your Committee, in keeping with a consensus reached by Council during the Budget process, is recommending the deletion of the Travel Grant Program.

RECOMMENDATION: that City Policy C03-018 "Assistance to Community Groups" be amended as follows:

- a) by deleting any reference to Travel Grants; and
- b) in accordance with the "Proposed Wording" column in Appendix 2 attached to this report, excluding any reference to travel grants.

ADOPTED.

**2. Fourth Annual Report (1993)
Race Relations Committee
(File No. CK. 430-29)**

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Report of Chair, Race Relations Committee, February 15, 1995 (excerpt):

"On behalf of the Race Relations Committee, I am pleased to present our Fourth Annual Report covering the period January to December 1993.

The recommendations, found on pages 14 and 15 of this report, are the product of extensive community consultation and serious consideration by Committee members. We, therefore, ask that this report be submitted to City Council with the endorsement of the Legislation and Finance Committee."

Your Committee has met with Rev. Dr. Ivan Wilson, Chair and Ms. Joan Brownridge, Race Relations Program Coordinator, and has taken the following action (in italics) with respect to the recommendations contained in the Report, beginning on Page 14:

1. Recommendation: that City Council continue to provide appropriate support for the Race Relations Program Coordinator position.

Your Committee supports this recommendation.

2. Recommendation: that City Councillors attend a one-day Cross Cultural Training session organized by the Race Relations Program Coordinator.

The Race Relations Program Coordinator is currently making these arrangements.

3. Recommendation: that the Saskatoon Police Services continue to follow up on the recommendations of the "Aboriginal Youth/Police Relations in Saskatoon's Inner City" Report.

Referred to The Board of Police Commissioners for consideration.

4. Recommendation: that the Police Service place a priority on the establishment of an Employment Equity Plan.

Referred to The Board of Police Commissioners for consideration.

5. Recommendation: that the Race Relations Committee and the community be advised of the progress of initiatives resulting from the City's Strategic Plan.

Referred to the Administration to report on the implications of producing a report on the

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progress on the objectives of the Strategic Plan, annually, following the Budget process.

6. Recommendation: that funds be allocated for leisure facilities appropriate to meet the needs of the inner city residents.

Referred to the Planning and Development Committee for consideration, indicating the Legislation and Finance Committee supports this recommendation.

7. Recommendation: that the appointments to City Boards, Committees and Commissions include individuals from disadvantaged target groups included in the City's Affirmative Action Plan.

Referred to Race Relations Program Coordinator to ensure Councillors are made aware of the identity of these applicants.

Your Committee is pleased to work with the Race Relations Committee, and supports its initiatives.

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Pursuant to earlier resolution, Item A.18 of "Communications" was brought forward and considered.

Moved by Mayor Dayday,

THAT Mr. Morgan be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Tom Morgan, President, Riversdale Community Association, addressed Council regarding child prostitution and expressed support for the recommendation of the Race Relations Committee regarding the allocation of funding for leisure facilities to meet the needs of inner city residents.

Dr. Ivan Wilson, Chair, Race Relations Committee and Mr. Don Ragush, Chair, Community Education and Action Subcommittee, addressed Council regarding the report and specifically regarding the recommendation of the Race Relations Committee that funds be allocated for leisure facilities appropriate to meet the needs of the inner city residents.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the information be received and referred to a joint meeting of the Planning and Development Committee and the Legislation and

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Finance Committee with the presenters and the community associations to develop the beginning of a strategy for dealing with the issue of child prostitution and all of the conditions that lead to it, for a report back to Council.

REPORT NO. 4-1995 OF THE WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor D. Atchison, Chair
Councillor D. L. Birkmaier
Councillor A. Langford
Councillor J. Postlethwaite

**1. Saskatoon and Area Regional Waste Management Project
(File No. CK. 7830-4-1)**

The following is a report of the Director of Works and Utilities dated February 23, 1995, submitting an update on the status of the Regional Waste Management initiative:

"Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update the Works and Utilities Committee and City Council on the status of the Regional Waste Management initiative being undertaken by several municipalities in the Saskatoon area, including the City of Saskatoon. In addition, rural municipalities, who may host a regional waste management site, have asked that City Council formally approve a mandate for your staff to negotiate provisions for any adverse effects of a regional waste management site on its neighbours and on the host municipality.

As background, I have attached a report of the City Commissioner to City Council outlining progress on the initiative up to April 11, 1994. Also attached, for information, is a copy of the revised Action Plan.

Siting Process

In May 1994, the City of Saskatoon advertised for "letters of interest" from people willing to sell a half section of land for the purpose of a regional waste management centre. The

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ads resulted in 19 offers to sell. The sites were evaluated in accordance with the established criteria, and the list has been shortened to seven sites.

The locations of the sites have been shared with the potential host rural municipalities on a confidential basis. The next step is to negotiate options on three of the proposed sites. Once that has been completed, discussions will begin with the neighbours to the proposed sites.

The next phase of the Siting Process will have two components:

1. Environmental and operational analysis to ensure that the site can be operated safely and efficiently.
2. Public consultation process to identify and address (where possible) concerns expressed by stakeholders.

The latter component will involve the provision of special measures to reduce the impact of the proposed site and its operation. Where there are effects on the quality of life and value of property etc., there may have to be some form of compensation. This will cost money. The potential host municipalities want to be assured that your staff have the mandate to negotiate these items as appropriate.

The work in the next phase in the Siting Process will lead to the filing of an Environmental Impact Statement with Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management.

Ownership and Financing of the New Site

The current plan for the Saskatoon and Area Regional Waste Management Centre is that the City of Saskatoon will own and operate the centre. Reasons include:

1. The City of Saskatoon will be the biggest customer and therefore will have the greatest vested interest in the centre.
2. The City of Saskatoon has the expertise to manage and operate the centre.
3. The City of Saskatoon is better positioned to raise the necessary capital.

The plan is that the City will operate the centre as a utility on a break-even basis. Expenditures will include the repayment of principal and carrying costs for the capital investment, the operating costs, and a provision to reserve for the eventual decommissioning of the site. The capital investment will include the purchase of land, the development of the site, the buildings and facilities, and the provisions for mitigation

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against the negative impact of the centre on neighbours and the host municipality. Revenues will be generated by charging for the materials and waste hauled to the centre for processing.

The point is that all costs will be charged back to the users of the centre and all users should pay their fair share. Higher costs, whether they be capital costs or operating costs will be reflected in higher rates. The challenge then is to balance the "level of service" with the "willingness to pay." This is one of the challenges for the Planning Committee."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the status report on the Saskatoon and Area Regional Waste Management Project be received;
 - 2) that the Administration be instructed to proceed with the siting process for a new Regional Waste Management Centre;
 - 3) that the Administration be authorized to negotiate such provisions as may be necessary for the siting for a new Regional Waste Management Centre;
 - 4) that the results of such negotiations be subject to a further report to City Council; and
 - 5) that a member of the Works and Utilities Committee be appointed to the siting committee.

- IT WAS RESOLVED:*
- 1) *that the status report on the Saskatoon and Area Regional Waste Management Project be received;*
 - 2) *that the Administration be instructed to proceed with the siting process for a new Regional Waste Management Centre;*
 - 3) *that the Administration be authorized to negotiate such provisions as may be necessary for the siting for a new Regional Waste Management Centre;*
 - 4) *that the results of such negotiations be subject to a further report to City Council through the Works and Utilities Committee; and*

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5) *that a member of the Works and Utilities Committee be appointed to the planning committee.*

**2. Rock Garden Advertising
(File No. CK. 4070-1)**

Attached is a copy of a proposal received from Roadside Rockgarden Promotions for "rock garden advertising" on certain roadway embankments in the city.

Your Committee supports the concept and

RECOMMENDS: that the Administration be requested to negotiate with Roadside Rockgarden Promotions, the terms of a proposed Agreement and submit same to the Works and Utilities Committee for review and onward submission to City Council for approval.

ADOPTED.

REPORT NO. 5-1995 OF THE BUDGET POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor H. Langlois, Chair
Councillor P. McCann
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor J. Postlethwaite
Councillor K. Waygood

**1. Business Tax Levy
(File No. CK. 1915-1)**

Your Committee has considered the following report of the Director of Finance dated December 20, 1994:

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"The Business Assessment Roll in Saskatoon is based on a fair rental value system. Normally, the rental value is multiplied by a levy of 14.5% to determine the taxes payable. The levy has remained at 14.5%, with a five percent discount for payment within 30 days, since 1987. Your staff requests that City Council determine the 1995 Business Tax Levy and the discount percentage."

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council implement a Business Tax Levy of 14.5%, with a five percent discount of payment (if paid within 30 days) for 1995.

ADOPTED.

REPORT NO. 4-1995 OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Composition of Committee

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

- 1. Election of Urban Representatives
SAMA Board of Directors
(File No. CK. 180-11)_____**

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At the upcoming Annual General Meeting of the Saskatchewan Management Assessment Agency (SAMA), urban and rural municipalities, as well as school divisions, will be electing for the first time their representatives to the SAMA Board of Directors. The four largest cities - Saskatoon, Regina, Prince Albert and Moose Jaw will also elect a Director to the Board.

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor H. Langlois be nominated for election as the City of Saskatoon's representative to the SAMA Board of Directors.

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that Councillor H. Langlois be nominated for appointment as the representative for Large Cities on the SAMA Board of Directors; and

2) that Councillor D.L. Birkmaier be requested to attend the Annual General Meeting of SAMA on April 6 and 7 as the City's representative.

**2. Council Representation
Prairieland Exhibition Corporation
(File No. CK. 175-29)**

The Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition Corporation Constitution provides for one member to be appointed by City Council.

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor H. Langlois be appointed as the City's representative on the Prairieland Exhibition Corporation Board of Directors.

ADOPTED.

**3. Appointment to Advisory Committee on Women's Issues
(File No. CK. 175-38)**

There is one citizen vacancy on the Advisory Committee on Women's Issues.

RECOMMENDATION: that Ms. Nora Ritchie be appointed to the Advisory Committee on

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Women's Issues to the end of 1996.

ADOPTED.

**4. Appointment to Leisure Services Advisory Board
(File No. CK. 175-4-3)**

The Aboriginal Recreation Advisory Committee has requested that a new representative be appointed to the Leisure Services Advisory Board.

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Brian Gallagher be appointed to the Leisure Services Advisory Board, to replace Mr. Doug Starr, to the end of 1997.

ADOPTED.

REPORT NO. 4-1995 OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Composition of Committee

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

**1. Organization Review - Appointment of Consultant
(File No. CK. 115-7)**

City Council, at its meeting held on January 16, 1995, received and considered a report from A Committee of the Whole Council recommending a review of the organization structure of the City, and resolved:

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- "1) that there be a corporate-wide review of the City's Management/Supervisory and Council Committee structures;
- 2) that a proposal call for an outside consultant be undertaken for the study under the direction of a Steering Committee;
- 3) that the Request for Proposal be amended to include the Mayor, ex-officio, on the Steering Committee;
- 4) that the Request for Proposal dated January 9, 1995, as amended, be approved as a framework for inviting bids from qualified consultants;
- 5) that the Committee on Committees be requested to make a recommendation for the appointment of three members of City Council to the Steering Committee;
- 6) that the Personnel and Organization Committee be requested to review the proposals from consultants and submit a recommendation to City Council regarding the contracting of a consultant and the upset fee; and
- 7) that the Administration be requested to report on the source of funding."

The objectives of the study, as stated in the Request for Proposal, are as follows:

- To advise on the appropriateness of the current Council committee and advisory committee structures and mandates and make recommendations for improvement.
- To examine and advise on the appropriateness of the current management/supervisory structure and make recommendations for improvement, including recommendations regarding:
 - span of control;
 - the number of management/supervisory layers; and
 - areas of the Corporation where innovative approaches to management (e.g. self-directed work units) would serve to broaden span of control and/or minimize the number of management/supervisory layers.
- To recommend appropriate and innovative strategies and a timetable for orderly restructuring.
- To estimate the financial impact and service consequences of recommendations.

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- To review current communications practices and recommend an external and internal communications strategy, including the associated financial impact and service consequences.

As stated in the Request for Proposal, the scope of the review is to encompass all management and exempt positions and all in-scope supervisory positions.

Over 70 firms from across Canada, requested bid packages. Of these, 19 submitted formal proposals. A list of those submitting proposals is attached.

All proposals to perform an organization review of the Corporation were considered. The consideration process was challenging given the number, nature and quality of proposals received. Two firms were short-listed - Ernst & Young Management Consulting and Insight Public Relations Inc. in partnership with KPMG Management Consultants. Representatives of these firms were interviewed by members of Council.

The Committee understands an organizational recovery process is underway. While this may appear to conflict with the recovery process, your Committee addressed this concern during the interview process and is confident that the approaches proposed by both Ernst & Young Management Consultants and Insight Public Relations Inc./KPMG Management Consultants are sensitive to the organization recovery process.

Your Committee believes that now is the appropriate time to undertake an organization review and that such a review is necessary to restoring public and employee confidence in the Corporation. We also note that City Council recently endorsed the City's Strategic Plan 1993-2000. Your Committee believes that an organization review is an essential step towards operationalizing the directions advocated in the Plan.

With regard to the proposal received from Ernst & Young, we note the following:

- a) All of the requirements outlined in the Request for Proposal will be addressed in a comprehensive way.
- b) The all-in maximum cost for the project is \$245,000 plus GST.

With regard to the proposal received from Insight Public Relations Inc. in partnership with KPMG Management Consulting, we note the following:

- a) All of the requirements outlined in the Request for Proposal will be addressed in a comprehensive way with the exception of the Management/Supervisory Structure component. They do not propose to look into every management/supervisory level

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of the organization. Rather, they propose to identify parallel studies required to be undertaken internally, perhaps with the assistance of outside consultants. Also, involving John Carver in the project and undertaking a sample survey of public attitudes - both options included in their proposal - would increase the bid price.

- b) The all-in maximum cost for the project is \$94,000 plus GST.

Having considered all proposals and having interviewed representatives from both firms, your Committee believes that the approach and deliverables proposed by Ernst and Young Management Consultants most effectively satisfy the expectations of Council. We are confident that the results of their study will provide the required direction and framework for organizational renewal and revitalization; and that the approach and final report will acknowledge, support and be sensitive to the organization recovery process now underway and will serve to restore public and employee confidence in the Corporation.

Your Committee acknowledges the significant financial commitment associated with this project. At the same time, however, we want to emphasize that this represents a one-time, long term investment that will undoubtedly benefit the organization and local taxpayers for many years to come. Your Committee, therefore, recommends:

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that Ernst and Young Management Consultants be appointed to undertake an organization review of the Corporation pursuant to the terms of reference outlined in the Request for Proposal, at a total cost not to exceed \$245,000;
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary contract documents;
 - 3) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract documents under the Corporate Seal;
 - 4) that the source of funding be the Revenue Stabilization Reserve; and
 - 5) that the Steering Committee be instructed to finalize the work plan.

Councillor Roe excused herself from discussion and voting on the matter.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the recommendations be adopted.

ENQUIRIES

**Councillor Birkmaier
Feasibility of Purchasing Mobile Housing Unit
for Female Firefighters
(File No. CK. 2500-1)**

Would the Administration please review and report on the feasibility of purchasing a mobile housing unit for the purpose of accommodating female fire employees at fire halls where there aren't appropriate facilities.

**Councillor Birkmaier
Possible Bylaw for Temporary Signs
(File No. CK. 6280-1)**

The City of Calgary has recently introduced a "Temporary Sign Bylaw" - attached article dated March 3, 1995, *The Calgary Sun*.

Would the Works and Utilities Committee review and report with respect to the City of Saskatoon introducing a similar bylaw.

**Councillor Heidt
Left Turns from 22nd Street North on Witney Avenue
(File No. CK. 6250-1)**

The traffic on 22nd Street has a very high volume, as we are aware. With the high volume of cars turning left onto Witney Avenue to access the Westgate Shopping Centre going east on 22nd Street it has become very dangerous in making a left turn.

Would the Administration look at installing a left arrow to access Witney Avenue North and South.

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**Councillor Atchison
Noise Levels Caused by CP Rail
(File No. CK. 375-2)**

What can the City do about the noise levels caused by CP Rail with their switching or shunting late at night or early in the morning? Is there a Noise Bylaw for this?

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 7474

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7474, being "*A bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to authorize a levy on all business assessments within the Broadway Business Improvement District*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Bylaw No. 7474 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

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THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7474.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7474 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7474 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT Bylaw No. 7474 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

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Bylaw No. 7475

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7475, being "*A bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to authorize a levy on all business assessments within the Downtown Business Improvement District*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Bylaw No. 7475 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7475.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7475 was considered clause by clause and approved.

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Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7475 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT Bylaw No. 7475 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

Bylaw No. 7476

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7476, being "*A bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to authorize a levy on all business assessments within the Riversdale Business Improvement District*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

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Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Bylaw No. 7476 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7476.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7476 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7476 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT Bylaw No. 7476 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

Moved by Councillor Langford,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk