Council Chamber City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask. Monday, February 5, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, in the Chair;

Councillors Atchison, Fortosky, Heidt, McCann, Paulsen, Penner,

Roe, Steernberg, Swystun and Waygood;

City Manager Richards;

General Manager Community Services Gauthier; General Manager Infrastructure Services Uzelman; General Manager Corporate Services Veltkamp; A/General Manager Utility Services Keller;

A/General Manager Fire and Protective Services Russell;

City Solicitor Dust; City Clerk Mann;

A/City Councillors' Assistant Long.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on January 22, 2001 be approved.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

AA. <u>ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL</u>

1) Carol Purich, Secretary Board of Police Commissioners, January 19

Submitting a letter in response to City Council's request with respect to increasing public membership on the Board of Police Commissioners. (File No. CK. 175-23)

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council request the Province to amend Section 27 of *The*

Police Act, 1990, to allow Council to determine the number of Board members, the composition of the Board, and the term of appointment

of Board members.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT City Council request the Province to amend Section 27 of The Police Act, 1990, to allow Council to determine the number of Board members, the composition of the Board, and the term of appointment of Board members.

CARRIED.

2) David Bindle 1019 - 12th Street East, January 17

Submitting comments with respect to property taxes. (File No. CK. 1920-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

3) Pat Thériault, President La Fédération des Francophones de Saskatoon, dated January 15

Requesting permission for La Fédération des Francophones de Saskatoon to raise the Fransaskois flag in the City Hall square on Thursday, March 1, 2001. (File No. CK. 205-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

4) Laura Hartney, Secretary Saskatoon District Planning Commission, dated January 19

Requesting City Council to approve the reappointment of Mr. Dave Dutchak to the Saskatoon District Planning Commission . (File No. CK. 175-10)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Dave Dutchak be reappointed as the joint representative to

the Saskatoon District Planning Commission for a three year term

ending December 31, 2003.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT Mr. Dave Dutchak be reappointed as the joint representative to the Saskatoon District Planning Commission for a three year term ending December 31, 2003.

CARRIED.

5) Heather Larson, Administrator Broadway Business Improvement District, dated January 19

Submitting a list of Board members for the Broadway Business Improvement District and requesting that City Council approve new members to the Board. (File No. CK. 175-47)

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed to the Broadway Business

Improvement District Board of Directors:

Elden Haug (Dragon Village); and Steve Russell (Lydia's).

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the following be appointed to the Broadway Business Improvement District Board of Directors:

Elden Haug (Dragon Village); and Steve Russell (Lydia's).

CARRIED.

6) Roy Isaac 304 - 522 Avenue X South, dated January 23

Submitting comments with respect to the sound system in the Council Chamber. (File No. CK. 640-4)

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

to improve the sound system in the Council Chamber, including a

system controlled by the Chair.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration for a report on ways to improve the sound system in the Council Chamber, including a system controlled by the Chair.

CARRIED.

7) Margaret A. Hendry, President Saskatoon Heritage Society, dated January 25

Submitting comments with respect to the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo Administration office. (File No. CK. 710-27-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the matter be referred to the Administration to respond to the

letter.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT the matter be referred to the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee for a report.

CARRIED.

8) Kevin Antony and Dan Coode, Directors High Voltage Classic 2001, dated January 25

Submitting various requests with respect to the 16th Annual Charity Hockey Tournament on March 24 to 25, 2001. (Files CK. 205-1 and 1870-3)

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

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the requests be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

9) Syd Petersen, Course Administrator <u>Canada Safety Council Motorcycle Training Course, dated January 29</u>

Submitting a request for temporary closure of Malouf Road and also requesting the use of traffic control barriers from May 7 to August 18, 2001 with respect to the Canada Safety Council Motorcycle Training Course. (File No. CK. 205-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

10) Allan Wagner 827 Brightsand Terrace, dated January 31

Submitting comments with respect to property reassessment. (File No. CK. 1920-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

11) Tom Walton 1701 Avenue H North, dated January 25

Submitting comments with respect to the City's method of selling serviced residential lots. (File No. CK. 4214-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the letter be referred to the Land Bank Committee.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT the letter be referred to the Land Bank Committee.

CARRIED.

B. <u>ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION</u>

1) Michelle Foster 206 Beerling Crescent, dated January 18

Submitting comments with respect to the bus route on Kristjanson Road. (File No. CK. 7310-1) **Referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.**

2) D. Mario P.O. Box 342, dated January 19

Submitting comments with respect to Victoria Park lighting maintenance. (File No. CK. 4205-13) **Referred to the Administration.**

3) Wendy Hagen 219 Maple Street, dated January 17

Submitting comments with respect to 2001 property reassessment. (File No. CK. 1616-1) **Referred to the Administration.**

4) Dave Galbraith Shuttle-Cab, dated January 23

Requesting a change to the License Bylaw with respect limousine service for the disabled. (File No. CK. 7305-3) **Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.**

5) Kathleen Dixson 214 East Place, dated January 21

Submitting comments with respect to accuracy of utility statement. (File No. CK. 1905-1) **Referred to the Administration.**

6) Spero Leakos 2 Brown Crescent, dated January 22

Submitting comments with respect to traffic lights. (File No. CK. 5300-1) **Referred to the Administration.**

7) Syl Gaudet 209 Badger Court, dated January 29

Submitting a letter with respect to payment of property taxes via telephone or internet banking. (File No. CK. 1920-1) **Referred to the Administration.**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

C. PROCLAMATIONS

1) Linda Jean Gubbe, President Street Cat Rescue Program Inc., dated January 22

Requesting City Council to proclaim Tuesday, February 27, 2001 as Spay Day in Saskatoon.

2) Darren Ulmer, President Kinsmen Club of Saskatoon, dated January 29

Requesting City Council to proclaim Tuesday, February 20, 2001 as Kinsmen and Kinettes Day in Saskatoon and the week of February 17 to 23, 2001 as Kinsmen and Kinette Week in Saskatoon.

- **RECOMMENDATION:** 1) that City Council approve all proclamations as set out in Section C; and
 - 2) that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamations on behalf of City Council.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

- 1) THAT City Council approve all proclamations as set out in Section C; and
- 2) that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamations on behalf of City Council.

CARRIED.

REPORTS

Councillor Waygood, Member, presented Report No. 3-2001 of the Municipal Planning Commission;

General Manager Community Services Gauthier presented Section A, Administrative Report No. 3-2001;

General Manager Corporate Services Veltkamp presented Section B, Administrative Report No. 3-2001;

General Manager Infrastructure Services Uzelman presented Section D, Administrative Report No. 3-2001;

A/General Manager Utility Services Keller presented Section E, Administrative Report No. 3-2001;

City Solicitor Dust presented Section B, Legislative Report No. 3-2001; and

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

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

- a) Report No. 3-2001 of the Municipal Planning Commission;
- *Administrative Report No 3-2001;*
- c) Legislative Report No. 3-2001; and

CARRIED.

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

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

Committee arose.

Councillor Roe, 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. 3-2001 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Composition of Commission

Ms. Georgia Bell Woodard, Chair

Ms. Colleen Yates, Vice-Chair

Mr. Dieter André

Mr. Jack Billinton

Ms. Joan Llewellyn

Mr. Don Lloyd

Mr. Ron Mantyka

Ms. Jo-Anne Richter

Ms. Tamara Ross

Mr. Terry Smith

Councillor L. Swystun

Mr. Nelson Wagner

1. Zoning Bylaw Text Amendments (File No. CK. 4350-1)

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that City Council approve the advertising to amend the Zoning Bylaw text as outlined in Section D, Subsections 1 to 4 of this report;

2) that the General Manager, Community Services Department, be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendments;

- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaw; and
- 4) that at the time of the public hearing, Council consider the Commission's recommendation that the Zoning Bylaw text amendments be approved.

ADOPTED.

Your Commission has considered the attached report of the Community Services Department dated January 16, 2001 regarding the proposed Zoning Bylaw Text Amendments.

Your Commission submits the above recommendation for City Council's consideration.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 3-2001

Section A - COMMUNITY SERVICES

A1) Land-Use Applications Received by the Community Services Department For the Period Between January 12 and January 25, 2001 (For Information Only) (File No. CK. 4000-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

The following applications have been received and are being processed:

Discretionary Use

Application No. D3/01: Brand Road (no civic address)
 Applicant: First Line Properties Ltd.

Legal Description: Proposed Parcels F and G, Block 428

Current Zoning: AM
Proposed Use: Auto Mall
Neighbourhood: C. N. Industrial
Date Received: January 18, 2001

• Application No. D4/01: Brand Road and Melville Street (no civic address)

Applicant: First Line Properties Ltd.
Legal Description: Proposed Lot 13, Block 428

Current Zoning: AM

Proposed Use: Auto Mall
Neighbourhood: C. N. Industrial
Date Received: January 18, 2001

Subdivision

• Application No. 11/01: Saskatchewan Crescent (no civic address)

Applicant: Webster Surveys

Legal Description: Parcel D, Registered Plan 70S00223

Current Zoning: RM3(H)
Neighbourhood: Buena Vista
Date Received: January 24, 2001

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Plan of Proposed Discretionary Use No. D3/01

- 2. Plan of Proposed Discretionary Use No. D4/01
- 3. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 11/01

A2) Request For Encroachment Agreement

315 20th Street East

Lot 38, Block 155, Plan 99SA35105

(File No. CK. 4090-2)

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that City Council recognize the encroachment at 315 20th Street East (Lot 38, Block 155, Plan 99SA35105);

2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the appropriate encroachment agreement making provision to collect the applicable fees; and,

3) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of Saskatoon under the Corporate Seal and in a form that is satisfactory to the City Solicitor, the agreement with respect to this encroachment.

ADOPTED.

Kloppenburg & Kloppenburg, Barristers & Solicitors on behalf of 8 Path Holdings Ltd., the registered owners of the property located at 315 20th Street East, have requested to enter into an Encroachment Agreement with the City of Saskatoon. As shown on the attached Real Property Report, part of the building encroaches onto 20th Street East. The total area of encroachment is approximately $0.0625m^2$ and will, therefore, be subject to an annual charge of \$50. This encroachment has existed since the building was constructed.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Letter from Kloppenburg & Kloppenburg, Barristers & Solicitors dated January 15, 2001
- 2. Real Property Report dated December 19, 2000 (showing the location and dimensions of the encroachment)
- A3) Easement Requirement SaskPower

Hudson Bay Industrial

Lot A, Block 863, Saskatoon, Plan 84S41976

Project: E 63-250-33; Subproject: E633-15-710

(File No. CK. 4090-3)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that City Council grant an easement to SaskPower as outlined on the attached plan; and,
- 2) that his Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of Saskatoon under the corporate seal, the appropriate agreement as prepared by the City Solicitor.

ADOPTED.

Carol A. Moore, on behalf of SaskPower Land Department, has requested the City's approval to correct the measurements shown in the "Firstly" portion of Easement No. 96S56106. The centre of the easement Right-of-Way should be 11.49 metres west of its present location, as outlined in the attached plan. (See Attachment 1.)

SaskPower also requests to discharge Easement No. 96S56106 insofar as it affects the "Firstly" portion.

The Community Services Department has no objection to the granting of this change.

ATTACHMENT:

- 1. Part of Registered Plan 84S41976
- A4) Enquiry Councillor P. McCann (November 20, 2000) Availability of Industrial and Commercial Land (File No. CK. 4000-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

BACKGROUND

Councillor McCann made the following enquiry at the meeting of City Council on November 20, 2000:

"Will the Administration please provide a report on:

- 1. the availability of industrial land for sale in the City with specific reference to a 3-5 year time horizon:
 - existing serviced lots
 - lots scheduled for servicing
 - current demand/future projected demand"

REPORT

The Community Services Department publishes several statistical reports related to Commercial, Industrial, and Residential land in Saskatoon: The Industrial Land Survey, The Summary of Commercial and Industrial Space, The Saskatoon Market Survey, and The 5 Year Land Development Program. The methodology for reporting Commercial and Industrial land inventories has been evolving with the development of more accurate data and new Geographic Information Systems. The Community Services Department will, in the future, be developing a short-term absorption forecast for industrial and commercial land to complement the 5 Year Land Development Program. Table 1 summarizes the estimated amount of vacant serviced and unserviced land currently available for development.

Inventory

Table 1

	Serviced	Serviced	Unserviced	Unserviced
Industrial Area	Vacant	# of Vacant	Vacant	# of Vacant
	Land	Parcels	Land (acres)	Parcels
	(acres)			
Marquis Industrial	3.7	3	536	12
Silverwood Industrial	0	0	351	19
Hudson Bay Industrial	251	67	117	20
Southwest Industrial	144	93	0	0
Agriplace	111	25	18	2
Agpro Industrial	0	0	15	2
Sutherland Industrial	44	7	29	3
Airport Industrial	44	38	0	0
North Industrial	37	33	0	0
CN Industrial	33	3	14	6
West Industrial	19	21	0	0
Kelsey/Woodland	4	8	0	0
Central Industrial	1.1	1	0	0
Totals	691.8	299	1,080	64

There are approximately 691 acres of vacant serviced industrial land available city-wide. A further 1,080 acres of industrial land is available to be serviced. The attached map shows the availability of industrial land and immediate servicing plans. (See Attachment 1.)

Absorption

To estimate the absorption rate of industrial land, the amount of vacant land available in 1996 and 2000 was compared. The estimated annual absorption of industrial land city-wide between 1996-2000 has been 700,000 M² (70 Hectares or 170 gross acres) per year. This is the amount of vacant land, serviced or unserviced, that became occupied. This is a high absorption rate that captures activity in one of the more buoyant market periods for industrial land. At this rate, the existing supply of industrial land, both serviced and unserviced, would be absorbed in 10 years. Current serviced inventory would be absorbed in about four years and the current unserviced inventory in another six years.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Industrial Land Summary Map

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be referred to the Land Bank Committee.

Section B - CORPORATE SERVICES

B1) Light and Water Accounts to be Written-Off for 1999 (File No. CK. 1985-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve the net write-off of utility accounts for 1999.

ADOPTED.

The following is a summary of 1999 utility accounts which are considered due for write-off. The accounts total \$208,427. After deducting the 2000 collections of \$49,355 for previously written-off accounts, which were in fact collected, the net write-off is \$159,072 which is equal to 13 percent of the gross revenue for 1999. A detailed listing of the accounts is available in the City Clerk's Office.

The services of a collection agency have also been utilized. Bankrupt and delinquent accounts have, where possible, been charged back to property taxes in attempt to realize payment.

An analysis of the accounts recommended for write-off is as follows:

16 Commercial Accounts over \$1,000.00

623428 Saskatchewan Ltd. 100 303 402	\$ 1,040
623583 Saskatchewan Ltd. 100 672 604	\$ 3,557
Apollo Drug Mart 100 551 442	\$ 1,934
Beauty Craft & Marble 100 488 611	\$ 1,994
Canadian Red Cross 100 445 501	\$ 9,989
D C Holdings Ltd (two accounts)	
100 099 293	\$ 3,749
100 099 337	1,753
Geodon Ltd.	\$ 1,408
100 244 215	
Jack J. Lazariuk	\$ 1,084
100 434 396	, , , -
Morley's Gourmet Burger Emporium Inc. 100 723 623	\$ 1,529
R A Developments Inc. (two accounts)	
100 489 342	\$ 3,022
100 483 353	1,099
Ricco's Health and Fitness Centre 100 488 238	\$ 3,200
100 400 230	
Saskatoon Reggae Co Inc.	\$ 1,505
100 489 465	

T Eaton Company Ltd. 100 407 666	\$ 14,897
Fashion By Mee Ltd. (two accounts) 100 405 260 100 405 574	\$ 1,784 1,389
16 commercial accounts over \$1,000 46 commercial accounts under \$1000	\$54,933 <u>\$19,727</u> \$74,660
964 residential accounts (average 138.76)	\$ 133,767
Total of 1026 Accounts	\$208,427

The following is a summary of write-offs for the last five years, indicating the ratio of utility write-offs to utility gross revenue:

		Collection of		
	Gross Amount	Accounts Previously	Net Amount	% of
<u>Year</u>	of Write-Off	Written-Off	of Write-Off	Gross Revenue
1995	\$239,652	\$55,785	\$183,867	.15
1996	\$162,368	\$52,469	\$109,899	.08
1997	\$249,166	\$55,000	\$194,166	.15
1998	\$211,792	\$27,484	\$184,308	.14
1999	\$208,427	\$49,355	\$159,072	.13

The 1999 Write-off represents.13 percent of the utility gross revenue."

B2) Request for Fixed Taxation of Farm Land Agreement Nicholas Sloboshan John G. Diefenbaker Airport (File No. CK. 1920-1)

1)

RECOMMENDATION:

- that City Council agree to enter into a fixed taxation of farm land agreement with Mr. Nicholas Sloboshan for portions of 13-27-6 and Portions of 7 & 8 & 13-37-5-W3rd Meridian (leased from the Saskatoon Airport Authority); and,
- 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the appropriate bylaw and Agreement.

ADOPTED.

At its meeting of June 21, 1999, City Council agreed to enter into a fixed taxation of farmlands agreement (for 1998 and 1999) with Mr. Nocholas Sloboshan for property taxes payable on 419.5 hectares of land he leases from the Saskatoon Airport Authority. On November 20th, 2000, City Council received a letter from Donlevy and Company, solicitors for Mr. Sloboshan, requesting that this agreement be extended to 2000 and 2001 to complement the extension of Mr. Sloboshan's lease with the Authority.

Section 239.1 of *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984* provides that where, within an urban municipality, there is land used exclusively for farming purposes, and a person whose principle occupation is farming is assessed in respect of the land, Council may enter into an agreement with the owner of the land providing for a fixed rate of taxation on the assessed value of the land. Such an agreement must be subject to an authorizing bylaw, the land must exceed 8 hectares in size, and the land may not be subdivided into lots.

If an agreement cannot be reached, the owner may petition the Saskatchewan Municipal Board to adjudicate in the matter. If that Board is satisfied that the application meets the prescribed criteria, it may fix the maximum rate of taxation to be imposed on the assessed value of land. While such applications are rare, they do occur. The Board attempts to balance the municipality's need to ensure that adequate revenues are available to carry out its municipal functions against the principle that these revenues must be gathered from each taxpayer in a fair and equitable manner.

In 1999, the Administration recommended, having regard to the location of the lands and the minor benefit the lands receive by being within the City's boundaries, that Council enter into an agreement with Mr. Sloboshan. That agreement provided for the rate of taxation on the lands to be fixed at a mill rate equivalent to the agricultural land mill rate in the Rural Municipality of Corman Park. Your Administration recommends that these same terms be approved in light of the extension of the lease by Mr. Sloboshan.

Based on the 2000 assessed values for this property, the 2000 taxes are \$11,712.98 before any adjustment. That amount would be reduced to \$5,946.47 using the R.M. of Corman Park mill rate for farm land.

B3) Communications to Council

From: Don Junor, Chairman

Prairie Urban Congress - 2001 Organizing Committee

Date: January 17, 2001

Subject: Requesting permission to address City Council with respect

to the Prairie Urban Congress - 2001

(File No. CK. 1870-1)

RECOMMENDATION:

that the Prairie Urban Congress - 2001 Organizing Committee receive a repayable advance of \$10,000 from the City, in addition to a \$5,000 grant, funded from the Affordable Housing Reserve.

ADOPTED.

At its meeting of January 22, 2001, City Council received a request from Mr. Don Junor, Chairman - Prairie Urban Congress 2001 Organizing Committee, for a repayable advance of \$10,000, plus a grant of \$5,000. According to the information provided, the conference will "focus on sharing ideas, concepts and initiatives that can lead to revitalization of inner-city communities, affordable housing and enhanced working relationships between community groups and civic administrations in the prairie region".

City Council requested that the Administration identify an appropriate source to finance the request for assistance.

The Affordable Housing Reserve is guided by Council Policy C09-002 - Innovative Housing Incentives. One of the guiding purposes outlined in this policy is that the reserve must be used to "promote innovation in the housing market to fully address the continuum of housing needs in the City". This statement appears to be congruent with the objectives of the Prairie Urban Congress.

As such, it may be appropriate for City Council to approve the withdrawal from this operating reserve for the purpose of funding a \$5,000 grant as requested by the Conference Committee. Eligibility criteria for Policy C09-002 does not contemplate the requested expenditure (the policy anticipates expenditures to relate directly to the cost of increasing housing stock). Therefore, Council would be making this approval as an exception to its policy.

As Council is aware, your Administration has always requested that City Council identify a source of funds for any loans which it may make, with the assumption that the loan will be defaulted. Therefore, it is our recommendation that the advance of \$10,000 also be financed from the Affordable Housing Reserve with repayment directed back to that reserve once funds become available. While all of the funds in the Reserve were committed to December 31, 2000, anticipated contributions from 2001 land sales will be sufficient to fund the grant and the advance. Based on the cash flow requirements identified by the Committee, the advance should be made in February, with the grant provided in June.

Section D - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

D1) School Signing Revisions (File No. CK. 6280-1)

(Fite 100, Cix. 0200-1)

that the proposed school signing revisions, as set out in the following report, be approved.

ADOPTED.

RECOMMENDATION:

Infrastructure Services has received requests to review the signing at the following school. Consultations with the Principal/Vice-Principal of the school, a representative of the School Board, and a member of Infrastructure Services have resulted in the preparation of new a school signing plan (using the School Signing Guidelines) to address the particular needs of this facility. The following changes have been reviewed and approved by Infrastructure Services, the School Board, and the Principal:

- Lakeridge School: The recommended signing changes are described below and shown on attached Plan No. 212-0027-001r003 (Attachment 1):
 - I. Replace the existing 'PARKING, 5 MINUTES, 08:00-17:00, MONDAY-FRIDAY' zone (RB-53B) along the east side of Waterbury Road north of the intersection of Waterbury Road and Emmeline Road with an extension to the existing 'SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE, 08:00-17:00, MONDAY-FRIDAY' (RB-58L).

II. Relocate the east limit of the existing 'NO STOPPING' zone (RB-55) across the north side of the intersection of Emmeline Road and Swan Crescent West, to a location 10 metres east of the intersection

ATTACHMENT:

1. Plan No. 212-0027-001r003

D2) Proposed Closure Portion of Kenderdine Road Plan No. 242-0072-001r001 (File No. CK. 6295-1)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that City Council give notice of its intention to consider the closing described in Plan No. 242-0072-001r001;
- 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to:
 - a) take all necessary steps to bring the intended closing forward; and
 - b) complete the closing and obtain title in the name of the City of Saskatoon, should formal Council assent issue; and
- that, upon the City of Saskatoon obtaining title to the portion of right-of-way intended to be closed, that portion of right-of-way be transferred to Dundee Development Corporation in return for future dedication of street right-of-way, plus all legal costs for closing including Solicitor's fees and disbursements.

ADOPTED.

A letter of request dated November 3, 2000 has been received, along with the required deposit, from Dundee Development Corporation, (Attachment 1) to proceed with the closure of a portion of Kenderdine Road.

The portion of Kenderdine Road to be closed, as shown on attached Plan No.242-0072-001r001 (Attachment 2), is adjacent to property currently owned by Dundee Development Corporation in the Arbor Creek Subdivision. The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the processing and registration of Kucey Crescent. Due to the dedication of future right-of-way by Dundee Development Corporation, the City is waiving financial compensation.

The various civic departments, as well as SaskTel, SaskPower, and SaskEnergy, have approved of this closing proposal.

Closing Plan No. 242-0072-001r001 sets forth a detailed description of the closing described in general terms above. This description complies with the recommendations of the Chief Surveyor, Land Titles Office, Regina.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Letter dated November 3, 2000 from Dundee Development Corporation
- 2. Plan No. 242-0072-001r001
- D3) Appointment of Pest Control Officer 2001 Dutch Elm Disease Control Regulations, *The Pest Control Act* (File No. CK. 4200-1)

that Mr. Don Ross and Mr. Jeff Balone of the Infrastructure Services Department be appointed as the City of Saskatoon's 2001 Pest Control Officers, in accordance with the provisions of *The Pest Control Act*; and, 2) that the City Clerk notify the Minister of Agriculture and Food as per Article 14 of *The Pest Control Act*.

Section 13, Article 1 of *The Pest Control Act* (Saskatchewan) requires that City Council appoint one or more Pest Control Officers annually. The function of the Officer is to enforce the Dutch Elm Disease Regulations specified in this Act.

Mr. Don Ross, Superintendent, Horticulture, and Mr. Jeff Balone, Pest Control Technician, both of the Infrastructure Services Department, are recommended for appointment to this office for 2001

D4) Enquiry - Councillor Steernberg (August 9, 1999)
Traffic Patterns - Fairlight Drive and McCormack Road
(File No. CK. 6280-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that a four-way stop be installed at the intersection of Fairlight Drive

and Pendygrasse / McCormack Roads.

ADOPTED.

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Steernberg at the meeting of City Council held on August 9, 1999:

"Would the Administration please review the traffic patterns and count at Fairlight Drive and McCormack Road, with a view to a 4-way stop."

Municipal Engineering has reviewed the intersection of Fairlight Drive and Pendygrasse / McCormack Roads for a four-way stop in addition to reviewing existing traffic conditions and the collision history. When considering the installation of a four-way stop, each location is reviewed to ensure that the installation is in conformance with City Policy C07-07, *Traffic Control – Use of Stop and Yield Signs*.

In order to proceed with the permanent installation of a four-way stop, Municipal Engineering examines five main points: street priority, balanced traffic flow, delay for side street traffic, collision history, and the potential for future traffic signal installation.

The intersection of Fairlight Drive and Pendygrasse / McCormack Roads is presently controlled by stop signs on Pendygrasse / McCormack Roads, assigning right-of-way to Fairlight Drive traffic. Fairlight Drive is classified as a minor arterial street, with a traffic volume of 6700 vehicles per day. Pendygrasse and McCormack Roads are classified as major collector streets, with a traffic volume of 3900 vehicles per day. Delay for Pendygrasse / McCormack Roads traffic, for through and left turn movements, was estimated to be on average 10 seconds or less during the AM peak hour, and 15 seconds or less during the PM peak hour. There have been 22 collisions over the past five years, of which 13 are the types that would be correctable by the installation of a four-way stop. This intersection currently ranks 22nd on the signalization prioritization list, and is not expected to be considered for traffic signal installation in the next five years.

Although the streets are of similar priority, the traffic volumes are not balanced and suggest a higher priority for Fairlight Drive. Peak hour traffic volume counts indicate that there is a substantial amount of turning traffic in all directions. In fact, 65 percent of all vehicles entering the intersection make a turning movement, and 79 percent of all traffic either slows to turn or is required to stop. While side street delay is not considered excessive, the collision history suggests some concern with respect to right angle collisions.

During an on-site inspection, it was apparent that motorists on Pendygrasse / McCormack Roads had difficulty determining where to stop in order to see oncoming Fairlight Drive traffic. The current placement of the stop signs on Pendygrasse / McCormack Roads require motorists to stop approximately seven metres back of the intersection. From this position, motorists may have difficulty seeing oncoming traffic and are required to edge their way into the intersection to have a clear sight line. The installation of centre island medians would indicate the appropriate stopping position, and the stop signs can be placed closer to the intersection providing improved visibility for motorists

Since the street priorities are similar, and the collision history indicates a concern, Municipal Engineering is proposing to install a four-way stop and construct temporary medians this year, as shown on Plan No. 210-0014-003r001 (Attachment 1). Although intersection approach volumes are somewhat unbalanced, the intersection does not operate in the typical fashion expected with respect to dedication of motorist right-of-way. Fairlight Drive is not considered a through street in the traditional sense, as the vast majority of vehicles entering the intersection are actually making turn movements. A four-way stop will aid in reduction of collisions and delay, as well as clearly indicate right-of-way to all motorists. Medians and signing will be installed upon City Council approval, with the medians to be constructed permanently during the 2001 construction year.

ATTACHMENT:

1 Plan No 210-0014-003r001

Section E - UTILITY SERVICES

E1) 2001 Capital Budget Capital Project No.1275 Test Board Certification - 2000 (File No. CK. 2000-1)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that City Council approve additional funding for Capital Project No. 1275 in the amount of \$65,000.00 to be funded from the Electrical Distribution Extension Reserve; and,
- 2) that City Council authorize the purchase of the meter test board upgrade from George M. Fraser Ltd. who submitted the low quote of \$107,802.00 including P.S.T. and G.S.T.

ADOPTED.

The approved 2000 Utility Services – Electric System Capital Budget includes \$100,000.00 for upgrading the Electric System meter test board (Project No. 1275). This upgrade is required to bring the meter test board up to Measurement Canada Standards. Once this has been done, Measurement Canada will certify the test board. Certification of the meter test board is a requirement of Meter Shop accreditation. The Electric System is presently working towards accreditation and plans to receive it later in 2001. Accreditation will allow the Electric System to seal electric meters, a function previously performed by Measurement Canada which now has been discontinued.

The meter test board upgrade is more extensive and therefore more costly than originally estimated. Also, additional costs to becoming accredited have been identified including costs for other meter test equipment and employee training. Additional equipment is required to be used in conjunction with the meter test board to properly test and calibrate meters. The cost for this equipment is estimated to be \$50,000.00. The cost of employee training to familiarize staff with the specialized equipment and the accredited meter sealing process is estimated to be \$7,000.00. These extra costs were not known at the time the Capital Budget was prepared.

There are sufficient funds in the Electrical Distribution – Extension Reserve to cover the additional funding required.

Utility Services – Electric System requested quotes for the meter test board upgrade from the only two companies in Canada that do this type of work – Testcor Inc. and George M. Fraser Ltd. who represents Power Measurement Technologies (PMT). Before taxes, the quote from Testcor was \$118,000.00 and the quote from George M. Fraser was \$95,400.00.

The lowest quote from George M. Fraser (PMT) meets our requirements and is acceptable. In fact, the PMT staff are more familiar with this test board since they were involved in its original design.

The net cost to the City would be as follows:

Evaluated Price	\$ 95,400.00
G.S.T. @ 7%	6,678.00
P.S.T. @ 6%	<u>5,724.00</u>
Total Cost to the City	\$ 107,802.00
Input Tax Credit	(6,678.00)
Net Cost to the City	\$ 101,124.00

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Purchase Requisition No. A 53756
- 2. Quotes (2)
- E2) Enquiry Councillor Birkmaier (October 16, 2000) Installation of a Bus Stop at Avenue H or I (File No. CK. 7311-1)

RECOMMENDATION:	that the information be received.	
<i>ADOPTED</i>		

BACKGROUND

Councillor Birkmaier made the following enquiry at the meeting of Council on October 16, 2000:

"Would the Administration please review the possibility of installing a bus stop on or near Avenue H or I on 22nd Street."

REPORT

The stretch of 22nd Street between Avenue O and Idylwyld Drive forms an "express" lane for Routes 11 and 21. Adding additional stops in this section would create delays and would jeopardize schedules for these routes and for other transfer points in the system. As well, these routes are at, or are near, maximum passenger loads during peak hours.

As such, to accommodate an additional stop at this location would require either additional resources, or the reallocation of resources from another area of the city.

Bus routes, schedules, and the location of bus stops throughout the city are established and managed with a view to ensuring fair, efficient, and consistent bus service for all Saskatoon citizens. Whenever possible, Saskatoon Transit attempts to deliver bus service to within 400 meters walking distance from a residence to a bus stop.

Currently there are two routes that have bus stops within these parameters:

- Route 5 has stops on 23rd Street and Avenue H and Avenue I
- Route 2 has stops on 20th Street and Avenue H and Avenue I

At this time, adding additional stops on 22nd Street is not considered a priority. Transit will continue to monitor ridership numbers and demand and will review the extension of service in this area in the future.

E3) Enquiry - Councillor Heidt (December 18, 2000) Special Needs Transportation (File No: CK. 7305-1)

RECOMMENDATION:

that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Councillor Heidt made the following enquiry at the meeting of Council on December 18, 2000:

"Recently I have received calls from users of special needs transportation. They consist of everything from not receiving trips when booked, everyone can't book before 9:00 a.m., on hold, busy, etc.

Would the Administration report back on:

- 1. How many staff at Tel-J answering calls?
- 2. How many busy signals?
- 3. How long on hold?
- 4. What process is in place to ensure a trip has been booked?
- 5. Please provide a Terms of Reference and process to check out performance.
- 6. How much would it cost to terminate the contract with Tel-J?"

REPORT

Tel J Communications (Tel-J) provides scheduling/dispatch services under contract to the City of Saskatoon. Tel-J accepts requests for trips during the following service hours:

Weekdays
Saturdays
Sundays
Stat Holidays
6:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

for a minimum of 5,567 hours of service annually. These hours of service exceed the minimum hours of operations, as specified in the Request for Proposal, by 18 percent. Depending on the day of the week and anticipated volume, Tel-J has between two and five staff in the dispatch center, with no less than two operators dedicated to phone lines.

Originally, Tel-J accepted requests for service beginning at 6:30 a.m. The Special Needs Transportation Advisory Committee recommended changing this to 9:00 a.m. to accommodate customers who require home-care assistance. These customers are unable to get up and get to a phone in a timely manner, putting them at a disadvantage compared to those who are able to book at 6:30 a.m.

When booked, trips are entered into a log book, and transferred to a trip sheet. All calls are recorded. As such, it could be readily determined whether a phone call had been made to book a trip.

The contract with Tel-J requires them to:

- provide a specified minimum hours of service;
- meet with Transit officials bi-annually to review performance;
- maximize the number of trips per hour; and,
- provide operational information including hours of operation, number of staff assigned during those hours, number of calls taken, number of trips booked, number of trips refused, number trips initially refused but accommodated later (waiting list), number of cancellations, number of same day trips accommodated, and number of visitor trips accommodated.

At this time, busy signals and the length of time on hold are not available because Tel-J does not have the technology to gather this information. Tel-J and the Administration are currently reviewing systems that would accommodate this requirement.

The contract can not be terminated by the City without penalty. If the City was to terminate the contract without cause, the contractor would be entitled to damages from the City. It is impossible to quantify damages without detailed financial information. However, damages would include, at the very least, loss of profit, legal costs, and any additional pecuniary expenses caused to the contractor by the termination. Depending on how the Court viewed the City's actions, the City could possibly be liable for exemplary or aggravated damages as well. The City would also incur costs in re-tendering and awarding new contracts.

E4) Enquiry - Councillor Steernberg (October 16, 2000)
22nd Street Interchange - Bus Stop Location and Pedestrian Light
(File No: CK. 7311-1 & 6150-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

Councillor Steernberg made the following enquiry at the meeting of Council on October 16, 2000:

"In light of the 'Camponi Exit Ramp' approval for 22nd and Circle Drive, major alterations may not be necessary; however, would the Administration please report on the possibility of:

1) removing the bus stop on Laurier Drive adjacent to the bus mall; and

2) removing the pedestrian light and installing a sensor/pedestrian-activated light at the Confederation Mall exit."

REPORT

During week-day peak hours, there are up to 10 buses using the Confederation Terminal. As there is insufficient room to park all buses within the terminal, some buses must use the inside lane of Laurier Drive to load and disembark passengers. This can cause some traffic congestion, as east bound traffic are restricted to one lane.

To alleviate some of this congestion, Saskatoon Transit has recently instructed operators to use the Terminal during evenings and week-ends due to the decrease in the number of buses using the Terminal at this time.

Two additional options are currently under review. Saskatoon Transit is reviewing an option to remove part of the loading platform to provide a pull-in area off Laurier Drive. Another option being considered is the relocation of the Terminal.

An operational review of Laurier Drive, including the removal of pedestrian lights and installing a sensor/pedestrian-activated light and the Confederation Mall exit, is currently being conducted by the Infrastructure Services Department. The options for the Confederation Terminal will be considered in concert with their review, and will be further evaluated when their report is complete.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 3-2001

Section B - OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

B1) Development and Servicing Agreement Canadian Pacific Railway Company Subdivision Application 20/00 (File No. CK. 4300-1)

1)

RECOMMENDATION:

that the proposed Development and Servicing Agreement between The City of Saskatoon and Canadian Pacific Railway Company be approved; and

2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of The City of Saskatoon and affix the corporate seal to the Agreement.

ADOPTED.

In keeping with the instruction of the Planning and operations Committee and the further specific instruction of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department, we have prepared and forward for consideration a proposed Development and Servicing Agreement between the City and Canadian Pacific Railway Company, The Agreement is in connection with a subdivision application to create a legal site for a go-kart track located at 410 Idylwyld Drive North. The Agreement provides for payment of direct and off-site servicing charges applicable to the property upon future development or redevelopment of the land or upon receipt of an application to connect to the City's water and sewer system.

The proposed Agreement is in the City's standard form except that it contains a clause which specifically allows the assignment of the Agreement to a Saskatchewan corporation, 624091 Saskatchewan Ltd. The reason for this is that this corporation already operates the go-kart track on the site and will be formally leasing or purchasing the land from Canadian Pacific upon registration of the subdivision application. The Agreement will then be applicable to 624091 Saskatchewan Ltd

ATTACHMENT:

- 1. Proposed Development and Servicing Agreement between The City of Saskatoon and Canadian Pacific Railway Company.
- B2) Proposed Lease of City Boulevard 2124-22nd Street West (File No. CK. 4070-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8008.

ADOPTED.

City Council, at its meeting October 2, 2000, authorized a lease of the portion of the boulevard at 2124-22nd Street West to 606363 Saskatchewan Ltd. for an annual fee of \$359.03 plus GST. Under Section 156 of *The Urban Municipalities Act, 1984*, the consent of the Minister of Highways to such a lease must be obtained and the lease must be authorized by bylaw. Council directed that the City Solicitor prepare the appropriate lease and bylaw.

Proposed Bylaw No. 8008 authorizes the boulevard lease attached as Schedule "A" to the Bylaw. The lease has been executed by 606363 Saskatchewan Ltd. who is the owner of the property adjacent to the boulevard. The consent of the Minister of Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation was received in a letter dated January 3, 2001.

ATTACHMENT:

- 1. Proposed Bylaw No. 8008 with attached Schedule "A".
- B3) Lease of City Boulevard 315 Idylwyld Drive North (File No. CK. 4070-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8009.

ADOPTED.

City Council at its meeting held on October 2, 2000, authorized a lease of the boulevard adjacent to 315 Idylwyld Drive North (the Holiday Inn Express Hotel site) to P.R. Hotels Ltd. for an annual fee of \$300.29, plus Goods and Services Tax. Council also directed that the City Solicitor prepared the appropriate lease and bylaw.

Proposed Bylaw No. 8009 authorizes the boulevard lease attached as Schedule "A" to the Bylaw. The terms of the lease have been reviewed by P.R. Hotels Ltd. and the lease is acceptable to that company. Under Section 156 of *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984* the consent of the Minister of Highways and Transportation to the lease is necessary. That consent was obtained on January 2, 2001.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Bylaw No. 8009 with attached Schedule 'A'."

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

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

CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES

Councillor G. Penner Left-Turn Arrows (File No. CK. 6250-1)

Could I have a report regarding left turn arrows at intersections in the City, including the following information:

- a) intersections with current left turn arrow capacity,
- b) intersections which should be upgraded to provide left-turn arrow capacity, and
- c) the reasons why left-turn arrows do not always function, despite long lines of vehicles wanting to make the left turn.

Councillor G. Penner Utility Bills (File No. CK. 1550-2)

I continue to receive concerns from residents about huge utility bill statements that are apparently due to the fact that our computer systems do not have all of the necessary information.

Could I have a report indicating why the system is not up-to-date (if indeed this is the case) and when these unpleasant surprises will end.

Councillor G. Penner Special Needs Transportation Advisory Committee (File No. CK. 225-58)

I enclose a letter to the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission regarding Special Needs Transportation from Eileen Boucher.

Could I have this referred to the Special Needs Transportation Advisory Committee for information and a response, if appropriate.

Councillor K. Waygood Safety - Meewasin Valley Authority Trail and River Valley (File No. CK. 180-6)

Would the Administration please report on short and long-term measures that could be implemented to improve safety for all users of the Meewasin River Valley and Meewasin Valley Trail (this includes people walking, jogging, biking and using toboggans, skis and snowboards).

Councillor T. Paulsen Utility Account Write-Offs (File No. CK. 1550-2)

Would the Administration please report on if any of the businesses whose utility accounts have been written off for 1999 are still in operation under the same ownership and control and whether the City continues to provide utility services to them.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 8008

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8008, being "The Boulevard Lease (2124-22nd Street West) Bylaw, 2001" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Bylaw No. 8008 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8008.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8008 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8008 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT Bylaw No. 8008 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. 8009

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8009, being "The Boulevard Lease (315 Idylwyld Drive North) Bylaw, 2001" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Bylaw No. 8009 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8009.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8009 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8009 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Cour	cillor McCann,	
THAT Bylaw No. 8009 be now read a third and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	CARRIED.	
The bylaw was then read a third time and pass	ed.	
Moved by Councillor Roe,		
THAT the meeting stand adjourned.		
	CARRIED.	
The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.		
Mayor	City	Clerk