

LATE ITEMS
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2013

HEARINGS

- 3a) Proposed Zoning Bylaw Text Amendment
Definitions of “Place of Worship”, “Funeral Home”, and
“Funeral and Wedding Establishments”
Identification of Permitted Use for Funeral and Wedding Establishments
Proposed Bylaw No. 9129
(File No. CK 4350-011-6)**
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Submitting comments regarding the above matter:

- Greg Lalach, Manager, Park Funeral Chapel, dated October 30
- Bill Edwards, Westwood Funeral & Cremation Services, dated November 4

- 3b) Proposed Text Amendments to the Official Community Plan
Provisions regarding Wetlands Conservation and Management
Wetland Policy Project
Proposed Bylaw No. 9138
(File No. CK. 4110-38)**
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Submitting comments regarding the above matter:

- Candace Savage, dated November 4

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following request to speak , Item A1) Communications to Council, was deferred from the October 21, 2013 agenda due to insufficient time, and therefore should have been placed under Unfinished Business as 5a).

- 5a) Sarah Moar, dated October 12**

Requesting permission to address City Council with respect to the future of the Traffic Bridge. (File No. CK. 6050-8)

ADDENDUM TO ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 18-2013

Section G – CITY MANAGER

G2) Continuous Improvement Corporate Structure (File No. TBD)

The above-noted addendum to Administrative Report No. 18-2013 is “Confidential Until Tabled” at a meeting of City Council. Copies of the report will be distributed at the meeting of City Council when the item is considered.

REPORT NO. 18-2013 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

6. Donation of Chinese Zhongshan Ting (Files CK. 4040-1 and LS 215-13-3)

The Administration has advised that recommendation 1) noted in the above-noted report be revised as follows:

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the City of Saskatoon accept the donation of a Zhongshan Ting from the Saskatoon Zhongshan Ting Committee in partnership with the Saskatoon Zhongshan Ting Society Inc.;
 - 2) that Victoria Park be approved as the location for the Zhongshan Ting; and
 - 3) that the City forward a letter of appreciation to the above organizations for the donation of a Zhongshan Ting.

REPORT NO. 21-2013 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2. Parking Policy – Parking Meter (Infrastructure) Upgrade and City Card Replacement (File No. CK. 6120-3)

Submitting comments regarding the above matter:

- Susan Mak, dated November 3

SPEAKERS LIST

(NOT including Presentations, Hearings or Matters Requiring Public Notice
(*) represents late letter)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5a) Communications to Council – Requests to Speak

1. **Sarah Moar** – traffic bridge

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

2. **Jessica Harrington** – request to fly flags at half-mast
3. **Rene Pinel** - prayer
4. **Kelly Harrington** – police station custodial services



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**RE: Proposed Zoning Bylaw Text Amendment
Uses of Place of Worship for Funeral Services
Your File No.: PL 4340 Z1/13**

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council:

We must first express our disappointment in the original decision making process and interpretations that have led to the current situation of a funeral business being permitted to establish and operate in a residential zone. The imbalance this creates is certainly disheartening and unfair for those of us in the industry who have our funeral homes located in permitted zoning districts, complied with required development standards and for the history of our business (since 1928) and on into the future, have paid and will be required to pay municipal taxes based on our location and use.

We appreciate the Proposed Zoning Bylaw Text Amendments will prevent this situation from happening in the future. However we hope Council recognizes this is a bit like 'closing the barn door after the horse has left' and we trust all would acknowledge that it certainly does not restore a level playing field for our industry.

It would seem that the decisions made and actions taken have created a problem that is beyond the capacity of administration to correct or reverse and outside the authority of Council to intercede. A sorry situation indeed.

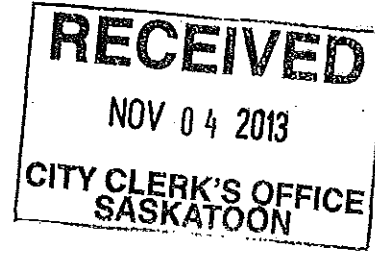
The end result places one business in the privileged position of operating outside the zoning development standards and requirements that apply to all others in the funeral industry along with enjoying municipal tax levels based on residential zoning, while all other funeral homes will be prevented from establishing a similar operation in a similar manner. In light of this decision, we request a tax reduction for our business, similar to the one enjoyed by Mourning Glory's Windsor Chapel location, to make a level playing ground for all involved.

We are sure you can appreciate that we are not overjoyed with the circumstances up to now. We do however thank administration for engaging in discussions with representatives of our industry to get the amended text to this point. We remain open to any further discussion you may wish to engage in regarding this dilemma and look forward to a resolution that treats us all in an equal way. We await your reply.

Yours truly,

Greg Lalach
Manager

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November 4th 2013

Saskatoon City Council

RE: Notice of Public Hearing
Proposed Zoning Bylaw Textural Amendments
Uses of Place of Worship for Funeral Services

The above noted Proposed Zoning Bylaw Textural Amendments will come to Council Monday November 4th 2013.

We wish to inform Council that we do not object to the proposed changes.

We appreciate the expressed concern of Council regarding the original interpretations and decisions that set us on this path. We also appreciate Council's decision to not approve the previous proposed changes and to send them back to administration for re-working. Administration has sought, received and responded to input which has led to the textural amendments being proposed.

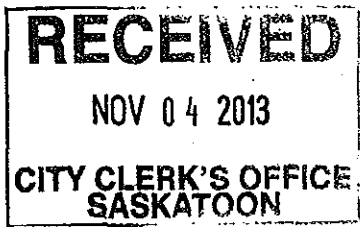
We wish to thank Council for its ongoing interest and attention to this matter, as well we acknowledge and thank administration for their diligence in assembling the amendments.

Yours truly,

Bill Edwards

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TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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COMMENTS:

This is a revised version of my letter, without the typos! Please forward this one.

Dear Mayor and Council,

Thank goodness you are moving ahead with a policy to protect wetlands in the City of Saskatoon. But please take a moment to ensure that the language and governance structure of your policy are up to this urgent task.

As your policy makes clear, wetlands provide many free services for the residents of the city. They function as Green Infrastructure. More than this, they also provide living space for some of the best loved -- and most beleaguered -- organisms on the graslands

Over the last half century , we have lost about 350,000 ha, or 1,300 square miles, of wetlands from the prairies of Saskatchewan and Manitoba alone. Small wonder, then, that many species of amphibians (41% globally) are threatened with extinction.

By clarifying the purpose, limits and oversight of the draft policy, you will not only save money and provide recreational and learning opportunities for city residents. You will also help ensure that the spring chorus of frog song is music to the ears of future generations. Please send the policy back for revision.

Re loss of wetlands

http://yorkton.ca/news/2013/waterseminar/pdf/conserve_first_restore_later.pdf

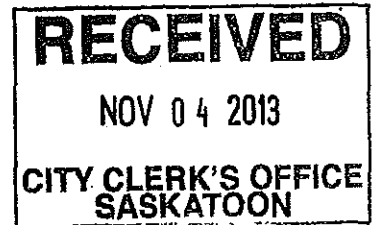
Re status of amphibians

Michael Hoffmann et al, "The Impact of Conservation on the Status of the World's Vertebrates," Science 330, 1503 (2010)

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TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM:

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COMMENTS:

RE: proposed new parking meter system

I read about the Oct 28 executive committee meeting about parking meters and contacted my councillor, Randy Donauer for information. I have received his response and wish to address my comments to the Council.

I understand that the decision has been made to not refund any time remaining when a Log Card is used as the people using cash do not get a refund. To address the issue, any proposed Log Card, instead of buying the maximum time on the meter, will only add time incrementally, perhaps at 15 minutes segments so that the user can choose how much time to have on the meter. I fail to see how this proposed Log Card system would be more convenient for the user. It has also been said that many people would cease to use the Log Card if more modern payment options were offered. I disagree and would like to know the research behind that assertion. If there is a low usage of Log Cards, it may well be due to the lack of promotion.

I was advised that the Log Card system is not compatible with the other alternative being considered, the Pay and Display system. The Pay and Display system is a very popular option in public parking lots. I would venture to guess that its popularity has nothing to do with convenience for the users. It is popular because it is convenient for the owners of the parking lots, in terms of the space savings, low installation costs and no increase in the costs of monitoring. If in fact the City does care about the convenience of the users, I fail to understand how the Pay and Display option would be a consideration. To use Pay and Display, whether by space or worse, by plate, the user has to go to the station, enter the necessary information, retrieve the ticket and return to the car. How is this convenient, especially during the cold winter months? Calgary has the Pay by plate Display system, there have been complaints that it is not only inconvenient, it is annoying in that parking violation tickets have been issued before the user has a chance to return with the ticket to the car. Another disadvantage of the Pay and Display system is that it will likely be a lot less user friendly than putting money or credit card in the meter in front of the car where you parked.

I thank you for the opportunity to being able to express my views on the subject at the time the City is proceeding to RFP.