

Council Chamber  
City Hall, Saskatoon, SK  
Wednesday, March 2, 1994  
at 7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

**1994 PRELIMINARY OPERATING BUDGET ESTIMATES**

PRESENT: His Worship Mayor Dayday, in the Chair;  
Councillors Birkmaier, Cherneskey, Dyck,  
Hawthorne, Mann, McCann, Mostoway, Penner,  
Thompson and Waygood;  
Director of Finance Richards;  
City Comptroller Veltkamp;  
Assistant City Comptroller Richards;  
City Clerk Mann

City Commissioner Irwin entered the meeting at 9:20 p.m. during consideration of the budget of the Water and Pollution Control Department.

Pursuant to resolution passed by City Council at its meeting held on February 14, 1994, the meeting convened for the purpose of considering the 1994 Preliminary Operating Budget Estimates.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Hawthorne,*

*THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole with His Worship Mayor Dayday in the Chair.*

*CARRIED*

Council went into Committee of the Whole with His Worship Mayor Dayday in the Chair. The Director of Finance introduced the City Comptroller, the Assistant City Comptroller and Fiscal Analysts Cal McCarthy, Marlys Bilanski and Joanne Keats. He then presented an overview of the 1994 City of Saskatoon Preliminary Operating Budget, including the financial implications and service level changes.

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Council commenced its review of the 1994 Preliminary Operating Budget Estimates as follows:

**WORKS AND UTILITIES DIVISION**

Fiscal Analyst Joanne Keats was in attendance for review of the budget of the departments in the Works and Utilities Division.

**Vehicle and Equipment Services  
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Walter Wandzura, Acting Manager of the Vehicle and Equipment Services Department, was in attendance for the budget of the Vehicle and Equipment Services Department.

Council noted that, pursuant to its motion of February 28, 1994, the transfer to funds/reserves provision should be reduced by \$344,100.00, for a revised provision of 2,102.2, and a revised total expenditure of 114.7.

*IT WAS RESOLVED: that VOTE 73, as amended, be approved.*

**Engineering Department  
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City Engineer Uzelman and Business Administrator Underwood were in attendance for all the programs in the Engineering Department.

The City Clerk had previously circulated copies of the Synopsis of the 1994 Operating Budget for the Engineering Department.

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**Management and Administration  
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VOTE 74     *APPROVED.*

**Technical Support  
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VOTE 75     *APPROVED.*

**Central Mapping  
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VOTE 76     *APPROVED.*

**Roadways - Preliminary Engineering  
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VOTE 77     *APPROVED.*

**Survey Instruments and Equipment  
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VOTE 78     *APPROVED.*

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**Yard Office  
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VOTE 79     *APPROVED.*

**Buildings and Grounds  
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VOTE 80     *APPROVED.*

**Earth Streets and Lanes  
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VOTE 81     *APPROVED.*

**Paved Streets  
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VOTE 82     *APPROVED.*

**Sidewalks  
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VOTE 83     *APPROVED.*

**Custom Work  
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VOTE 84     *APPROVED.*

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**City Section  
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VOTE 85     *APPROVED.*

**Earth Dump Site  
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VOTE 86     *APPROVED.*

**Snow and Ice Management  
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VOTE 87     *APPROVED.*

**Drainage  
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VOTE 88     *APPROVED.*

**Storm Sewers  
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VOTE 89     *APPROVED.*

**Street Cleaning and Sweeping  
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VOTE 90     *APPROVED.*

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**Dust Palliation  
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VOTE 91     *APPROVED.*

**Roadway Signing and Marking  
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VOTE 92     *APPROVED.*

**Traffic Signals and PC Maintenance  
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VOTE 93     *APPROVED.*

**Traffic Control Centre  
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VOTE 94     *APPROVED.*

**Traffic Planning  
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VOTE 95     *APPROVED.*

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**Traffic Operations  
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City Engineer Uzelman indicated that the provision to this program can be reduced by \$38,300.00 for a revised budget impact of 369.7, and that the Staff Year Summary should be changed from 8.0 to 8.5.

*IT WAS RESOLVED: that VOTE 96, as amended, be approved.*

**Electronics Shop  
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VOTE 97      *APPROVED.*

**Detour Control & Bylaw Enforcement  
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VOTE 98      *APPROVED.*

**Garbage Collection  
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VOTE 99      *APPROVED.*

**Landfill  
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*IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that additional provision of \$90,000.00 be made in revenues, for a revised budget impact of 174.7; and*

- 2) *that VOTE 100, as amended, be approved.*

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**Recycling  
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VOTE 101 *APPROVED.*

**Bridges, Subways, Overpasses, RRX  
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VOTE 102 *APPROVED.*

**Electrical Distribution Department**

Electrical Distribution Manager Mikytyshyn and Business Administrator Hallden were in attendance.

**Decorative Lighting  
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- IT WAS RESOLVED:* 1) *that VOTE 70 be approved; and*
- 2) *that the Works and Utilities Committee be requested to review the matter of whether financial support might be available from the business community to help fund this program.*

**Street Lighting - Electrical - SPC  
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- IT WAS RESOLVED:* 1) *that VOTE 71 be approved;*



- 2) *that the Works and Utilities Committee be requested to review the potential to reduce street lighting electrical consumption without reducing the safety factor; and*

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- 3) *that the Audit Committee be requested to report on when it anticipates conducting an audit of the Electrical Distribution Department.*

**Street Lighting - Electrical - City  
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The City Clerk had previously circulated copies of a report of the Director of Works and Utilities dated December 16, 1993, regarding Illumination Standards.

VOTE 72      *APPROVED.*

**Electrical Distribution  
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The City Clerk had previously distributed copies of a memo from the Task Force to Review Current Civic Programs, Services and General Government of the City of Saskatoon, submitting a report prepared by the Manager, Electrical Distribution Department, regarding estimates, programs, capital reserves sufficiency and return on investment for the electrical utility.

- IT WAS RESOLVED:*
- 1) *that VOTE 103 be approved;*
  - 2) *that the Administration be requested to report, to the March 5, 1994 Budget Meeting, indicating the kinds of savings that might occur in System Operations, (Page 338) including information as to whether or not it would be possible to shuffle staff in order to save a staff year without displacing someone; and*
  - 3) *that the Task Force to Review Current Civic*

*Programs, Services and General Government of the City of Saskatoon report further to City Council with respect to appropriate financing for the additional funds necessary for Capital Project 721 (138 KV City Centre Supply Improvement).*

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**Return on Investment - Utilities  
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VOTE 4      *APPROVED.*

**Waterworks and Pollution Control Department**

Waterworks and Pollution Control Manager Munch was in attendance.

City Commissioner Irwin entered the meeting at 9:20 p.m. during review of the matter.

**Sewage Utility  
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VOTE 104      *APPROVED.*

**Water Utility  
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VOTE 105      *APPROVED.*

**Transit Department**

Acting Transit Manager King and Office Supervisor Wingerak were in attendance.

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The City Clerk had previously distributed copies of a letter from Dan Bichel, President, Saskatoon District Labour Council regarding Transit Service.

VOTE 106    *APPROVED.*

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**Transit Subsidies  
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VOTE 18    *APPROVED.*

*IT WAS RESOLVED: that the meeting stand adjourned until Saturday, March 5, 1994, at 9:00 a.m.*

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk