

Council Chamber
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Monday, November 21, 1994,
at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

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

INDUCTION - COUNCILLOR K. WAYGOOD

Councillor Waygood was not able to be present at the Induction Ceremonies for the Mayor and Councillors on November 2, 1994. Mayor Dayday called Councillor Waygood forward and she took her Declaration of Office. Mayor Dayday charged Councillor Waygood with the responsibility to employ herself in the office in a diligent, faithful and impartial manner and welcomed her as a member of City Council.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT the minutes of the Induction Ceremonies for Mayor and Councillors held on November 2, 1994, of the regular meeting held on November 7, 1994 and of the special meeting held on November 9, 1994, be approved.

CARRIED.

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HEARINGS

- 2a) Discretionary Use Application
Proposed Boarding (Personal) Care Home
1426 Avenue I North - R.2 District
Applicant: Mike Zivkovich
(File No. CK. 4355-1)**

REPORT OF CITY CLERK:

"The above matter is being reported on under Clause 1, Report No. 14-1994 of the Municipal Planning Commission.

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

Council, at this meeting, is to consider granting its permission for the proposed use."

His Worship Mayor Dayday ascertained that there was no one present in the gallery who wished to address Council with respect to the matter.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Clause 1, Report No. 14-1994 of the Municipal Planning Commission be brought forward and considered.

CARRIED.

REPORT NO. 14-1994 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

- 1. Discretionary Use Application
Proposed Boarding (Personal) Care Home
For Eight (8) Residents
1426 Avenue I North
R.2 Zoning District
Applicant: Mike Zivkovich
(File No. CK. 4355-1)**

Attached is a copy of a report of the Planning and Construction Standards Department dated July 26, 1994, with respect to a Discretionary Use Application submitted by Mike Zivkovich

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requesting City Council's approval to use Lots 30 & 31, Block 39, Plan No. FU (1426 Avenue I North) for the purpose of a Boarding House to care for eight residents. This property is zoned R.2 District in the Zoning Bylaw, and as a consequence, a Boarding House to care for eight residents may only be permitted by City Council at its discretion.

Your Commission notes that this application for approval of the operation of a Personal Care Home, is one of several Personal Care Homes which have been operating under a licence from the Continuing Care Branch of the Provincial Health Department, but are not in conformance with the City's Zoning Bylaw and the minimum Building Code requirements. It is expected that about thirty similar applications will be submitted over the next year.

Your Commission has reviewed this application and concurs with the recommendation of the Planning and Construction Standards Department that the application be approved subject to the provision of two off-street parking spaces.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Postlethwaite, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT the application by Mike Zivkovich requesting permission to use Lots 30 & 31, Block 39, Plan No. FU (1426 Avenue I North) for the purpose of a Boarding House to provide care to eight residents be approved, subject to the provision of two off-street parking spaces.

CARRIED.

**2b) Hearing
Discretionary Use Application**

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**Proposed Boarding (Personal) Care Home
113 Avenue Q North - R.2 District
Applicant: Victoria Crawford
(File No. CK. 4355-1)**

REPORT OF CITY CLERK:

"The above matter is being reported on under Clause 2, Report No. 14-1994 of the Municipal Planning Commission.

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

Council, at this meeting, is to consider granting its permission for the proposed use."

His Worship Mayor Dayday ascertained that there was no one present in the gallery who wished to address Council with respect to the matter.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT Clause 2, Report No. 14-1994 of the Municipal Planning Commission be brought forward and considered.

CARRIED.

REPORT NO. 14-1994 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

- 2. Discretionary Use Application
Proposed Boarding (Personal) Care Home
For Fifteen (15) Residents
113 Avenue Q North
R.2 Zoning District
Applicant: Victoria Crawford
(File No. CK. 4355-1)**

Attached is a copy of a report of the Planning and Construction Standards Department dated July 26, 1994, with respect to a Discretionary Use Application submitted by Victoria Crawford requesting City Council's approval to use Lots 19 & 20, Block 2, Plan No. G131 (113 Avenue Q North) for the purpose of a Boarding House to care for 15 residents. This property is zoned R.2 District in the Zoning Bylaw, and as a consequence, a Boarding House to care for 15 residents may only be permitted by City Council at its discretion.

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Your Commission notes that this application for approval of the operation of a Personal Care Home, is one of several Personal Care Homes which have been operating under a licence from the Continuing Care Branch of the Provincial Health Department, but are not in conformance with the City's Zoning Bylaw and the minimum Building Code requirements. It is expected that about thirty similar applications will be submitted over the next year.

Your Commission has reviewed this application and concurs with the recommendation of the Planning and Construction Standards Department that the application be approved subject to the provision of two off-street parking spaces.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT the application by Victoria Crawford requesting permission to use Lots 19 & 20, Block 2, Plan No. G131 (113 Avenue Q North) for the purpose of a Boarding House to provide care to fifteen residents be approved, subject to the provision of two off-street parking spaces.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

A. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

- 1) Marlene Hall, Secretary
Development Appeals Board, dated November 7**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding proposed dwelling group

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construction with site frontage deficiency at 330 LaRonge Road. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**2) Judith Cheesbrough
December Memorial Committee, dated November 3**

Requesting that the period from November 25 to December 6 be proclaimed as Twelve Days of Awareness: Violence Against Women; that the City approve a grant to cover the costs of renting space in the Albert Community Centre for the speakout and memorial on December 4; and that space be allocated in City Hall for hanging a collage speaking out against violence against women from December 6 to December 20. (File No. CK. 205-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

- 1) THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the period from November 25 to December 6, 1994 as Twelve Days of Awareness: Violence Against Women;*
- 2) THAT space be allocated in City Hall for hanging a collage speaking out against violence against women from December 6 to December 20, 1994 subject to Administrative conditions; and*
- 3) THAT the request for a grant to cover the costs of renting space in the Albert Community Centre for the speakout and memorial on December 4, 1994 be referred to the Legislation and Finance Committee.*

CARRIED.

**3) Robin Bassett
1301 Idylwyld Drive North, dated November 6**

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Submitting concerns regarding transit passes, snow removal, and various other matters. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**4) Susan Antler
The Composting Council of Canada, dated November 4**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of May 1 to 7, 1995 as Composting Awareness Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of May 1 to 7, 1995 as Composting Awareness Week in Saskatoon.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of May 1 to 7, 1995 as Composting Awareness Week in Saskatoon.

CARRIED.

**5) Robert Burr, Director of Communications
Canadian Public Health Association, dated November 4**

Requesting Council to proclaim December 1, 1994 as World AIDS Day in Saskatoon. (File No.

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CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim December 1, 1994 as World AIDS Day in Saskatoon.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim December 1, 1994 as World AIDS Day in Saskatoon.

CARRIED.

**6) Pam McKee
Sheffield and Sons and Captain's Den, undated**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding Boxing Day closure. (File No. CK. 184-2-6)

RECOMMENDATION: that Ms. McKee be heard during consideration of Clause 1, Report No. 15-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT Ms. McKee be heard during consideration of Clause 1, Report No. 15-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

CARRIED.

**7) Wilf Beaudry
The Key Stop, dated November 10**

Requesting Council to declare December 26, Boxing Day, a civic holiday. (File No. CK. 184-2-6)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause 1,

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Report No. 15-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the information be received and considered with Clause 1, Report No. 15-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

CARRIED.

**8) Gordon Spooner, General Manager
The Cadillac Fairview Corporation Limited, dated November 16**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding Boxing Day. (File No. CK. 184-2-6)

RECOMMENDATION: that a representative of The Cadillac Fairview Corporation Limited be heard during consideration of Clause 1, Report No. 15-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT a representative of The Cadillac Fairview Corporation Limited be heard during consideration of Clause 1, Report No. 15-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

CARRIED.

**9) Ken Wood, General Manager
Saskatchewan Place, dated November 17**

Submitting a recommendation from the Board of Directors of Saskatchewan Place that Saskatchewan Place be authorized to withdraw \$20,836.00 from its Capital Replacement Fund for the purchase of a 5,000 lb. forklift from the winning bidder.

RECOMMENDATION: that Saskatchewan Place be authorized to withdraw \$20,836.00 from

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its Capital Replacement Fund for the purchase of a 5,000 lb. forklift from the winning bidder.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Saskatchewan Place be authorized to withdraw \$20,836.00 from its Capital Replacement Fund for the purchase of a 5,000 lb. forklift from the winning bidder.

CARRIED.

B. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

**1) Bob Fink
Optimist Neighbourhood Council, dated November 6**

Commenting regarding rezoning proposals for the Optimist Park Area. **Referred to the Planning and Development Committee.** (File No. CK. 4351-1)

**2) Jeremy Morgan, Executive Director
Wanuskewin Heritage Park, dated November 16**

Inviting Council to hold a Committee of the Whole Council meeting at Wanuskewin. **Referred to A Committee of the Whole Council.** (File No. CK. 175-33)

**3) Craig J. Kuse, President
Brevoort Park Community Association, dated November 4**

Submitting concerns regarding the proposal to institute a front street garbage removal pilot project for Brevoort Park. **Referred to the Works and Utilities Committee.** (File No. CK. 7830-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

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REPORTS

Mr. R. Tennent, Chair, submitted Report No. 14-1994 of the Municipal Planning Commission;

City Commissioner Irwin submitted Report No. 25-1994 of the City Commissioner;

Councillor McCann, Chair, presented Report No. 15-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee;

Councillor Birkmaier, Chair, presented Report No. 19-1994 of the Works and Utilities Committee; and

His Worship Mayor Dayday, Chair, presented Report No. 10-1994 of A Committee of the Whole Council.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

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

- a) Report No. 14-1994 of the Municipal Planning Commission;*
- b) Report No. 25-1994 of the City Commissioner;*
- c) Report No. 15-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee;*
- d) Report No. 19-1994 of the Works and Utilities Committee; and*
- e) Report No. 10-1994 of A Committee of the Whole Council.*

CARRIED.

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

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

Committee arose.

Councillor McCann, 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:

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"REPORT NO.14-1994 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Composition of Committee

Mr. R. Tennent, Chair
Mr. Jim Kozmyk
Councillor D.L. Birkmaier
Ms. Ann March
Mr. Glen Grismer
Mr. Bill Delainey
Ms. Fran Alexson
Mr. Victor Pizzey
Dr. Brian Noonan
Ms. Lina Eidem
Mr. Al Ledingham
Mr. Paul Kawcuniak

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DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 2.

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DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 3.

REPORT NO. 25-1994 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER

Section A - Works and Utilities

- A1) Proposed 24-Hour General Loading Zone
Father O'Leary Columbian Society
639 Main Street
(File No. CC 6145-1)**

Report of the City Engineer, November 7, 1994:

"The Engineering Department has reviewed a request from the Board of Directors and Management of the Knights of Columbus Hall at 639 Main Street, to install a 'Disabled Person's Loading Zone' on Dufferin Avenue beside their hall.

The Knights of Columbus have recently upgraded their hall with an elevator and a ramp to facilitate access by disabled persons. A loading zone has been requested to assist disabled persons in accessing the hall by providing some on-street space to load and unload from vehicles. This facility exists within the Broadway Business Improvement District and in accordance with City guidelines, Disabled Person's Loading Zones are not to be installed within any business district. A general loading zone will provide a space for any vehicle to load or unload including a disabled person's vehicle, and also can be used by disabled persons, displaying a valid placard, as a parking space for the same duration as the timed restriction on the block face. Considering that this loading zone will often be required in the evenings for functions at the hall and that parking is often congested on this block due to other restaurant and night club patrons, the loading zone would be in effect 24 hours per day rather than only during business hours.

This proposal has been discussed with the hall manager who was satisfied that their requirements would be met.

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The loading zone conforms to City guidelines with respect to loading zones in business districts, in which case no fee is assessed for its installation."

RECOMMENDATION: that a 24-Hour General Loading Zone be installed on Dufferin Avenue, as shown on Plan No. H9-20E.

ADOPTED.

**A2) Bi-Weekly Automated Residential Garbage Collection
(File No. CC 7830-3)**

Report of the City Engineer, November 12, 1994:

"Since February, 1992, the Engineering Department has implemented a bi-weekly residential automated garbage collection system which commences in mid-November of each year and ends in mid-April of the following year. Within this time period, the Department would revert to weekly collection from mid-December to mid-January, to collect the large accumulations over the Christmas season.

Due to the backlog of garbage as a result of the labour dispute and the unusually long and mild Fall, there still remains a considerable amount of garbage to be picked up, particularly in the back lanes. The Department estimates it will take at least to the end of November to collect this backlog, at which time normal winter volumes should resume.

Therefore, the Department proposes to continue weekly pick-ups for the remainder of 1994 and into January, 1995, at which time the bi-weekly pick-ups will commence."

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Section B - Planning and Development

**B1) Application for Registration of Condominium Plan
203 Berini Drive -- Condominium Development
(File No. CC 4132-1)**

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Report of the City Planner, November 8, 1994:

"An application to register a Condominium Plan has been received from Randall Pichler, on behalf of Jastek Management Inc. The application involves a development at 203 Berini Drive (on that portion of Lot B which lies to the northwest of a line drawn parallel and perpendicularly distant 67.5 metres southeasterly from the northwesterly limit, Block 293, Plan No. 86-S-17942). The proposal is for a dwelling group which contains four buildings, with two dwelling-units in each building. The dwellings are one-storey units. Fifteen parking spaces have been included on the site, thirteen of which are enclosed.

The property at 203 Berini Drive was the subject of a Development Appeal in June of 1994. The City had refused to issue a Development Permit because the proposed development included a two-metre high fence along the front property-line. Section 7(1) of The Zoning Bylaw limits the height of fences in the required front-yard to a maximum of one metre.

The Development Appeals Board granted this appeal, subject to the fence being constructed at least three metres back from the front property-line. The Board believed that granting the appeal would not provide a special privilege to the developer because there have been several similar appeals granted in the past. The Board was also of the opinion that locating a fence of this height substantially back from the front property-line is not contrary to the purpose and intent of the Bylaw; it would not injuriously affect the neighbouring properties because there would be additional landscaping on the street-side of the fence, thereby providing an open front-yard appearance to the property.

The proposal has been examined under the provisions of The Zoning Bylaw and it complies with the requirements of this Bylaw in all respects. The site is situated within an RM(Tn) District.

The development also complies with the provisions of The Building Bylaw, as long as the construction is completed in accordance with the requirements of the approved building permits. A copy of the construction plans, together with the requisite surveyor's plans, have been forwarded to the City Clerk's Department for review, if necessary, by members of City Council.

In view of the above-noted consideration of The Zoning Bylaw and The Building Bylaw, the Planning and Construction Standards Department advises that:

- a) separate occupancy of the units will not contravene the requirements of The Zoning Bylaw;
- b) the approval required under The Zoning Bylaw has been given in relation to the separate occupancy of the units; and,
- c) the buildings and the division of the buildings into units of separate occupancy, as shown on the plans which have been submitted and as constructed, will not interfere with the existing or likely future amenities of the neighbourhood."

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- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council authorize the issuance of the Certificate required under Section 8(1)(b) of *The Condominium Property Act* to Jastek Management Inc. (Box 40, Site 600, R.R. #6, Saskatoon, S7K 3J9) for the condominium development at 203 Berini Drive; and,
 - 2) that the City Clerk be authorized to prepare and forward the Certificate to the applicant.

ADOPTED.

**B2) Request For Encroachment Agreement
1102 - 17th Street West
Lots 1 - 6, Block 14, Plan GR
(File No. CC 4090-2)**

Report of the City Planner, November 10, 1994:

"The new owner of the above-noted property (RS Cabinet Doors Ltd.) has requested approval to install a dust collector adjacent to the east wall of the building. As is shown on the attached drawing, part of the dust collector will project by a maximum of approximately 2 metres (6.5 feet) onto the City's boulevard along Avenue K. The total area of the encroachment will be approximately 6.64 square metres (71.5 square feet).

The Electrical Distribution Department, the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department, and the Engineering Department have no objections to the proposed encroachment. A Real Property Report, indicating the actual amount of the encroachment, will be required after the installation has been completed.

If this request is approved by City Council, an Encroachment Agreement will be required. The owner of the property will be subject to the minimum annual fee of \$50.00."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council recognize the encroachment at 1102 - 17th Street West (Lots 1-6, Block 14, Plan GR);
 - 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

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authorized to execute the Agreement, on behalf of the City, under the Corporate Seal.

ADOPTED.

**B3) Request to Change Location of an Easement
(Subdivision Application No. 15/94)
Plan of Proposed Subdivision of part of
Parcel A, Plan 83-S-54524
Parcel AA, Plan 89-S-08942
Parcel M, Plan 84-S-43536
Lakewood Townhouse Development
(File No. CC 4300-2-2)**

Report of the Land Manager, November 15, 1994:

"On June 6, 1994, City Council considered Subdivision Application #15/94 which involved the subdivision of various parcels of land which are located north of Taylor Street and west of Boychuk Drive. The purpose of this application was to create two lots (and the required streets to service them) for the construction of a townhouse project. At that time, City Council resolved:

- 1) that Subdivision Application #15/94 be approved, subject to the payment of \$150.00 which is the required approval fee; and,**
- 2) that the requested easements be granted, as shown on the Plan of Proposed Subdivision, and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute, under the Corporate Seal and on behalf of the City of Saskatoon, the formal easement agreements with respect to these easements, in a form that is satisfactory to the City Solicitor'.**

The attached Plan #1 identifies the Plan of Proposed Subdivision and the locations of the easements which City Council approved on June 6, 1994. To accommodate the requirements of SaskEnergy and SaskPower, the Land Department is requesting to change the five-metre easement in Buffer Strip MB4, adjacent to the north boundary of Taylor Street, to a new location within Lots 2 and 3. The requested new easement is shown on the attached Plan #2.

This change will allow greater flexibility in landscaping the buffer strip (i.e. allowing for changes to the elevation). Both SaskEnergy and SaskPower have agreed to the new location for the easement. City Council's approval of this change is required in order to grant the easement in favour of the utility agencies."

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- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that, with reference to Subdivision Application #15/94, the requested easement in the new location be granted as is shown on the attached Plan #2; and,
 - 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute, under the Corporate Seal and on behalf of the City of Saskatoon, the formal easement agreements with respect to these revised easements, in a form that is satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

ADOPTED.

Section C - Finance

**C1) Notice of Auction Sale of Used Vehicles
(File No. CC 1250-1)**

Attached are copies of Notices of Auction Sale of Used Vehicles for City Council's information.

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

**C2) Investments
(File No. CC 1790-3)**

Report of the City Treasurer, November 14, 1994:

"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.

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**C3) Interact Payment - Utility Bills,
Parking Tickets and Taxes
(File No. CC 1500-1)**

Report of the City Treasurer, November 17, 1994:

"Over the last several years, the City Treasurer's Department has undertaken a number of customer service focused initiatives. The Equalized Payment Plan and Direct Debit service are now available to residential utility customers. Property owners can pay their taxes monthly through the Tax Installment Payment Program. Approximately 6% of utility customers are taking advantage of the Equalized Payment Plan and Direct Debit programs with 15% of property owners paying their taxes through the Tax Installment Payment Program.

Starting November 23, 1994, customers paying parking tickets, utility or tax bills at the cashier wickets at City Hall will be able to do so using their bank card to make direct payment through the Interact Network. This system is identical to the one in operation in many stores across Canada.

We will continue to work with our bank to make it convenient for all of our customers to do business with us."

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

- IT WAS RESOLVED:* 1) *that the information be received; and*
- 2) *that the Administration report further with respect to the frequency of billing under the Equalized Payment Plan.*

**C4) Enquiry - Councillor Steernberg (November 7, 1994)
Report on Property Tax Write-Offs
(File No. CC 1985-4)**

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"In recent years the City of Saskatoon has written off significant tax dollars on property being relinquished for back taxes. Would the Director of Finance and the City Solicitor please provide a report on:

- 1. What action has been taken to date to minimize this impact?**
- 2. What future action is being considered. In particular what legislative changes are required or contemplated?"**

Report of the City Treasurer, November 17, 1994:

"Over the years tax dollars written off have primarily been on commercial property. In many instances it has been necessary for the City to demolish derelict buildings and thereby incur related costs. In essence, the problem lies where property taxes outstanding exceed the value of the land. In good economic times, when there is strong investor interest in commercial property, this is not a problem.

Given the current legislation, we have adapted our procedures as much as we can so as to minimize the City's exposure on these types of properties. In 1992, recognizing the reality of our economic situation and the limitations of *The Tax Enforcement Act*, we wrote down our receivables by \$500,000. In 1993, an additional write-down of \$350,000 was made based on an evaluation of properties affected. Part of the 1994 year-end procedure will be to examine properties under tax enforcement and determine whether a further write-down will be necessary this year. At this point we believe we have addressed our most serious exposures.

It is our intent to vigorously pursue delinquent accounts within the scope of existing legislation. While an improving economy may assist in the reduction of tax losses, we support all efforts at revising existing legislation as it applies to the timely collection of property tax arrears. We, therefore, concur with the changes which the City Solicitor is proposing regarding *The Tax Enforcement Act*."

Report of the City Solicitor, November 16, 1994:

"Councillor Steernberg, at City Council's meeting of November 7, 1994, asked for a report on action which The City of Saskatoon has taken or is taking regarding significant losses by The City of Saskatoon on property being relinquished for back taxes. In particular, Councillor Steernberg asked what legislative changes are required or contemplated.

Tax enforcement is carried out by The City of Saskatoon under *The Tax Enforcement Act*. The statute is in need of updating and amendments. At the end of 1993, officials of the Saskatchewan Municipal Government Department asked the administrators of various cities and towns to provide comments regarding problems with *The Tax Enforcement Act*. In February of 1994, the City Administration, through the City Solicitor's Office, provided a series of suggestions to the Department.

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The suggestions which we put forward were a compilation of the Administration's own experience with the inadequacies of the *Act*, and suggestions which had been made to Council. City Council did not officially approve the suggestions although the Legislation and Finance Committee was kept informed. It was made clear to the Provincial officials that these were administrative suggestions for discussion. The following is the list of suggestions put forward:

1. Piercing the Corporate Veil

The City on occasion encounters situations where a piece of property is owned by a corporation which has no assets other than the subject property. If the corporation does not maintain the property, the City is required to do work on the property up to and including demolition. This work is done at the cost of the taxpayer and added to the taxes. If the property is sold under tax enforcement, it is often sold for less than the amount of the taxes and the amount of the cost of the demolition. In other words, the taxpayer remains in a deficit position. On occasion, it is the City's belief that while the corporation has no assets, the principal owner or director of the corporation has personal assets which could in fact be used to pay the corporation's liabilities. Therefore, one of the suggestions which we put forward for discussion (which was raised with Council by a member of the public in 1993), was that corporate directors be personally liable for the debts of corporations if those debts are for property and business tax.

2. Deficiency to Survive Tax Enforcement Proceedings

The Administration suggested that if the proceeds of the sale of a piece of property under *The Tax Enforcement Act* are insufficient to discharge all of the taxes owing in respect to that land, then the former owner should be liable for any deficiency remaining. Under the current *Act* the City, once it takes the property and sells it, can no longer move against the former owner for any deficiency.

3. Application of Proceeds of Sale to Municipal Liens and Charges on Other Land

The Administration suggested that if a property is sold under tax enforcement for more than is required for the taxes and other distributions in accordance with the *Act*, then any remaining funds should be applied by the City to arrears of taxes and costs that are due in respect of other land owned by the same owner. At the present time, tax enforcement goes by individual piece of property. Any excess funds realized from the sale of one property will go back to the former owner, even though that same former owner may owe significant taxes and costs on other properties.

4. Eligibility of Former Owner to Purchase Land

The Administration recommended that a former owner be ineligible to bid to purchase land when tax property is offered for sale by the City, unless the amount of the bid exceeds the total amount due on the land for taxes, penalties and costs. Under the present system, a

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property must be offered for sale the first time at a cost that is no less than the total amount owing. However, if no one buys the property for that amount, then the property may be offered for sale at a lesser amount, or for whatever amount the City can obtain. The former owner is entitled to bid in this second offer for sale. It is therefore possible for an unscrupulous owner to abandon the property to clear the title through the tax enforcement system and defeat the claims of the municipality and others, and then buy the property back for a very small amount.

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be referred to the Legislation and Finance Committee to formulate a resolution for direct submission to SUMA.

Section D - Services

D1) Routine Reports Submitted to City Council

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Statement of Residential & Miscellaneous Lot Sales (copy attached) (File No. CC 435-2)	August 1, 1994	August 31, 1994
Statement of Residential & Miscellaneous Lot Sales (copy attached) (File No. CC 435-2)	September 1, 1994	September 30, 1994
Statement of Residential & Miscellaneous Lot Sales (copy attached) (File No. CC 435-2)	October 1, 1994	October 31, 1994

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Schedule of Accounts Paid \$3,533,293.73 (File No. CC 1530-2)	November 2, 1994	November 3, 1994
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$967,502.52 (File No. CC 1530-2)	November 3, 1994	November 9, 1994
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$4,457,655.40 (File No. CC 1530-2)	November 10, 1994	November 15, 1994
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$5,252,765.12 (File No. CC 1530-2)	November 14, 1994	November 15, 1994
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$467,397.39 (File No. CC 1530-2)	November 16, 1994	November 17, 1994

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

**D2) City Hall Operations
Christmas/New Year's Period
(File No. CC 4610-1)**

For the information of City Council, the following is the schedule for City Hall hours of operation during the Christmas/New Year's period:

Friday, December 23, 1994	OPEN
Monday, December 26, 1994	CLOSED
Tuesday, December 27, 1994	CLOSED
Wednesday, December 28, 1994	OPEN
Thursday, December 29, 1994	OPEN
Friday, December 30, 1994	OPEN
Monday, January 2, 1994	CLOSED

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

**D3) Boxing Day - December 26, 1994
(File Nos. CC 4630-6 and 184-2)**

Report of the City Solicitor, November 17, 1994:

"The Legislation and Finance Committee at its meeting held on November 15, 1994 considered the matter of declaring December 26, 1994 to be a civic holiday. The Committee resolved to recommend that City Council not declare that day to be a civic holiday. However, notwithstanding the recommendation, the Committee requested that a bylaw be prepared to declare the day to be a civic holiday so that, if City Council did not accept the Committee's recommendation, the bylaw could be considered by City Council at its meeting on November 21, 1994.

We have enclosed Bylaw No. 7442 for this purpose."

RECOMMENDATION: that this information be considered along with Clause 1 of Report No. 15-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

ADOPTED.

**D4) Request by The Royal Bank of Canada
- Lakewood Indoor Tennis Facility
(File Nos. CC 610-3 and 280-1)**

Report of the City Solicitor, November 16, 1994:

"On July 4, 1994, Council adopted a recommendation to lease municipal reserve adjacent to the Lakewood Civic Centre to Lakewood Indoor Tennis Inc. Lakewood Indoor Tennis Inc. has built an air-supported tennis facility on the land. The facility includes six asphalt tennis courts, a parking lot, a portable clubhouse, concrete and steel fixtures which support an inflatable dome and a walkway between the Lakewood Civic Centre and the facility. The City agreed not to have an interest in the clubhouse or its contents and the inflatable dome is leased separately by Lakewood Indoor Tennis Inc.

Pursuant to the Lease, if Lakewood Indoor Tennis Inc. does not succeed, the City would be entitled

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to the tennis courts, the utility services to the site, the parking lot, the steel and concrete work required to support the inflatable dome and the walkway.

Since the signing of the Lease, the City has been approached by the solicitor acting for The Royal Bank of Canada. The solicitor advises that in order for Lakewood Indoor Tennis Inc. to receive its small business loan, the Bank requires a security interest in the clubhouse and other items listed above which the City would be entitled to if Lakewood Indoor Tennis Inc. does not succeed.

For this, the Bank has asked the City to enter into a Continuing Postponement and Subordination Agreement. This Agreement would postpone the City's interest in the items listed above in favour of the Bank. The effect of the Agreement is that if Lakewood Indoor Tennis Inc. does not succeed, the Bank would have first right to the items listed above. The Bank's solicitor has assured us that, practically speaking, the Bank would not enforce its interests in relation to the items because the Bank would have no use for the items fixed to the land (for example, the asphalt tennis courts and the parking lot). However, legally the Bank would still have first right."

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that Council approve a Continuing Postponement and Subordination Agreement as requested by The Royal Bank of Canada; and,
- 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the appropriate Agreement.

ADOPTED.

Councillor McCann asked His Worship Mayor Dayday to resume the Chair while he presented Report No. 15-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

REPORT NO. 15-1994 OF THE LEGISLATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

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

1. **Boxing Day - Civic Holiday
AND
Communication to Council**

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From: Pam McKee
Captain's Den
Date: September 27, 1994
Subject: Submitting a petition with approximately 53 signatures
from the merchants at Market Mall requesting that Council
declare Boxing Day, December 26, 1994, a civic holiday
(File No. CK. 184-2-6)

Attached is a copy of the above communication which was considered by the Legislation and Finance Committee, at which time presentations were heard by the following (copies attached):

- a) Mr. Gordon Spooner, General Manager
The Cadillac Fairview Corporation Limited
Midtown Plaza Management Ltd.
- b) Mr. Ryck Bourgette, Mall Manager
Management Office - Market Mall
- c) Mr. Philip Kuefler, RPA Center Manager (presented by Ryck Bourgette)
Bramalea Centers Limited
Confederation Mall
- d) Laurie Whitta, General Manager
Devan Properties Ltd.
Circle Park Mall (spoke in favour of not declaring Boxing Day a civic holiday -
no presentation tabled)

Your Committee believes that now that the issue of store hours has been addressed in *The Urban Municipality Act*, the City should not enter into the matter. Store hours is appropriately under the mandate of the Provincial Government, and therefore the issue of Boxing Day should be addressed at that level.

RECOMMENDATION: that Monday, December 26, 1994 (Boxing Day) not be declared a Civic holiday.

Pursuant to earlier resolution, Items A6), A7) and A8) of "Communications" and Item D3), Report No. 25-1994 of the City Commissioner were brought forward and considered.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Ms. McKee be heard.

CARRIED.

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Ms. Pam McKee, representing the merchants of the Mall at Lawson Heights and Market Mall, asked Council to declare Boxing Day a civic holiday.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT a representative of The Cadillac Fairview Corporation be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Philip Kuefler, Center Manager, Confederation Mall and representing Midtown Plaza, Market Mall, Circle Park Mall and Wildwood Mall, circulated a brief to Council members. He urged Council not to declare December 26th a civic holiday.

Moved by Councillor McCann,

THAT Monday, December 26, 1994 (Boxing Day) not be declared a Civic holiday.

*YEAS: His Worship Mayor Dayday, Councillors McCann,
Postlethwaite, Steernberg, Langlois, Langford and Heidt*

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NAYS: Councillors Roe, Waygood, Birkmaier and Atchison 4

**2. Discount on Current Taxes - 1995
(File No. CK. 1920-1)**

Report of City Treasurer, November 8, 1994:

"Historically the City has offered prepayment discounts to encourage the early payment of property taxes. The rate is generally set so as to afford some benefit to the property owner while providing earnings to the corporation from an enhanced cash flow.

The attached schedule sets out 'Retail' Interest Rates available to individuals in Saskatoon.

Tax prepayments collected will be invested in the short-term money market. We estimate that we will earn between 5% and 5.5% on prepayment funds.

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In 1994, tax prepayments totalled \$25,811,301, most of which was collected in January. The related discount cost to the city was \$342,605. What we don't know is how many taxpayers will discontinue making prepayments in lieu of participating in our Tax Installment Payment Program.

Given the above information, I recommend discounts for the prepayment of 1995 taxes as follows:

<u>Payments Made In</u>	<u>Discount Rate</u>	<u>Annualized Interest Rate</u>
January	1.65%	4.00%
February	1.1%	3.34%"

Also, attached is a copy of Bylaw No. 7443 as prepared by the City Solicitor, regarding the implementation of the noted discount rates.

Your Committee has reviewed this report with the City Treasurer and

- RECOMMENDS:**
- 1) that a discount rate for prepayment of 1995 taxes of 1.65% for tax prepayments on or before January 31, 1995, and 1.1% for prepayments on or before February 28, 1995, be approved; and,
 - 2) that City Council consider Bylaw No. 7443 to implement the changes outlined in No. 1) above.

ADOPTED.

**3. Membership Renewal
Yellowhead Highway Association
(File No. CK. 155-5)**

Attached is a copy of a letter dated November 4, 1994 from Linda M. Walter, Executive Director, Yellowhead Highway Association, regarding membership renewal for 1995.

The 1994 membership fee for the City of Saskatoon was \$14,884.64.

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Your Committee has reviewed this matter and wishes to note that the membership fee is calculated on an 8¢ per capita basis, which has not changed since 1969, and that the work of the Association is good value to the community in terms of highway improvements and the economic benefits from tourism.

RECOMMENDATION: that the 1995 membership fee for the Yellowhead Highway Association be paid in the amount of \$14,884.64.

- IT WAS RESOLVED:* 1) *that the 1995 membership fee for the Yellowhead Highway Association be paid in the amount of \$14,884.64;*
and
- 2) *that a letter of commendation be sent to the Minister of Highways for identifying the twinning of Highway 16 as being a high priority under the infrastructure program.*

- 4. Communications to Council**
From: Jerry Poroznuk, Director of Sales
Park Town Motor Hotels Ltd.
Date: October 19, 1994
Subject: Requesting provision of civic services for the
Park Town Hotel's Trees for Discovery Project
(File No. CK. 205-1)

Attached is a copy of the above communication which City Council considered at its meeting held on October 24, 1994 and referred to the Legislation and Finance Committee for a report.

Your Committee has reviewed this request and has determined that it would be appropriately dealt with under the Provision of Civic Services Program through the Engineering Department. The 1994 Program has been completed, however, the applicant, by copy of this report, has been encouraged to contact the Engineering Department as soon as possible, about the 1995 Provision of Civic Services Program.

RECOMMENDATION: that the request for provision of civic services for the Park Town

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Hotel's Trees for Discovery Project, from Jerry Poroznuk, Director of Sales, Park Town Motor Hotels Ltd. be denied.

ADOPTED.

**5. Call for 1995 SUMA Annual Convention Resolutions
(File No. CK. 155-3-2)**

The Administration received a Call for 1995 SUMA Annual Convention Resolutions and referred the matter to the Committee for a report.

Your Committee has reviewed the proposed resolution from the City Treasurer provided in his report dated November 14, 1994, which states:

"Currently *The Urban Municipality Act* sets out the fees we can charge for tax searches and tax certificates. The amounts are \$5.00 and \$10.00 respectively.

The attached resolution requests that the Act be changed to allow municipalities to set the rate of the above services."

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve the following Resolution regarding the charge for tax searches and tax certificates, for submission to the 1995 SUMA Annual Convention for consideration:

Whereas municipalities are required by Section 297.1 of *The Urban Municipality Act* to issue tax certificates, and furnish statements of taxes on demand; and,

Whereas the fees payable to the municipalities for the issuance of tax certificates, and for furnishing tax statements are set by Urban Municipality Regulations; and,

Whereas, the costs to the municipalities for the administration and issuance of tax certificates and furnishing tax statements far exceeds the fees stipulated in the Urban Municipality Regulations; and,

Whereas, the fees paid to the municipalities for issuance of tax certificates, and for the furnishings of tax statements, should cover the cost to the municipality for the issuance of the documents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government amend *The Urban Municipality Act* to permit the municipality issuing tax certificates and furnishing statements of taxes to set the fees for issuing the said documents."

ADOPTED.

6. Saskatoon Fire Department
Appointment of Environment Officers
(File No. CK. 2500-1)

Report of Fire Chief, November 9, 1994:

"In 1992 the Government of Saskatchewan enacted *The Hazardous Substances and Waste Dangerous Goods Regulation* pursuant to *The Environmental Management and Protection Act* (EMPA).

The EMPA authorizes the making of Regulations regulating and controlling the storage of hazardous substances. The EMPA also provides that the Minister may delegate to a municipality the administration of these Regulations insofar as those Regulations apply to the storage of hazardous substances within the boundaries of the municipality.

The Regulations are, for the most part, identical to The National Fire Code Regulations adopted under *The Fire Prevention Act* and the City of Saskatoon Fire Prevention Bylaw #6885. They do, however, have several added features which are pertinent to the administration of dangerous goods warehousing and storage. These features are as follows:

- 1) segregation requirements between food, feed and dangerous goods;
- 2) separation requirements between dangerous goods storage facilities and institutions and residential buildings;
- 3) above and below ground storage of dangerous goods not covered in The National Fire Code (e.g. corrosives and poisons);
- 4) mandatory reporting of inventories on a semi-annual basis to the Fire Department.

To streamline the administration of the Regulations pertaining to the storage of dangerous goods in the City of Saskatoon, the Department of Environment is appointing members of the Fire Department as 'Environment Officers' for the administration of the Environmental Regulations. This appointment is similar to the designation of Fire Department members to enforce fire protection related legislation within the City. The appointments will ensure an effective and rationalized approach to dangerous goods management within the City.

Once the City makes the decision to carry out the inspections and enforce the Regulations, it must do so in a proper manner. If it fails to properly carry out the inspections or if it does so negligently, the City may be liable for such failure or negligence. However, this potential risk must be balanced against the risk to the public if the City does nothing. The Administration believes that *The Fire Prevention Act, 1992* poses a duty on the Fire

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Department to enforce The National Fire Code already and, therefore, the City currently has some potential liability regarding the storage of hazardous substances. The Administration believes any added risk is worth taking in order to protect the lives and property of the residents of Saskatoon.

A copy of the designation is attached as Appendix A."

Your Committee has reviewed this matter with the Fire Chief and

RECOMMENDS: that City Council approve the designation of certain named Fire Department staff as Environment Officers for the enforcement of Dangerous Goods Regulations within the City of Saskatoon.

ADOPTED.

Councillor McCann resumed the Chair.

REPORT NO.19-1994 OF THE WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

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

**1. School Signing Revisions - John Lake School
(File No. CK. 6280-1)**

City Council, at its meeting held on November 7, 1994, considered Clause A1, Report No. 24-1994 of the City Commissioner, copy attached, and resolved that the matter be referred to the Works and Utilities Committee.

Your Committee has reviewed the proposed revisions and concurs with the recommendation contained in the above-noted report.

RECOMMENDATION: that the signing changes at John Lake School, as shown on Plan No. H12-2B, be approved.

ADOPTED.

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**2. School Signing Revisions - Buena Vista School
(File No. CK. 6280-1)**

City Council, at its meeting held on November 7, 1994, considered Clause A2, Report No. 24-1994 of the City Commissioner, copy attached, and resolved that the matter be referred to the Works and Utilities Committee.

Your Committee has reviewed the proposed revisions and concurs with the recommendation set out in the report.

RECOMMENDATION: that the signing changes at Buena Vista School, as shown on Plan No. G10-1B, be approved.

ADOPTED.

REPORT NO. 10-1994 OF THE 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. Nomination to Saskatchewan Assessment Management
Agency (SAMA) Board of Directors
(File No. CK. 180-11)**

There is a vacancy on the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) Board of Directors. The SUMA Board of Directors are entitled to nominate a person to fill the remaining term until the elections which are to take place at SAMA's annual general meeting expected to be held in April, 1995. SUMA has asked that the City of Saskatoon come forward with a nomination

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the Board can forward to the government for appointment.

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council put forward to SUMA the name of Councillor H. Langlois for nomination to the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency Board of Directors.

ADOPTED.

**2. Budget Review Committee
(File No. CK. 225-1)**

Your Committee has discussed the budget process and feels that a Budget Review Committee should be put in place in order to review the budget at its various stages prior to formal presentation to City Council. The Committee would review the budget in accordance with overall guidelines approved by Council, as well as the Strategic Plan. Reports would be submitted to City Council as required.

It is felt that the Budget Review Committee should be comprised of members of the Legislation and Finance Committee and a member from the Works and Utilities Committee and the Planning and Development Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: that a Budget Review Committee be established, to be comprised of all members of the Legislation and Finance Committee and a member of the Planning and Development Committee and the Works and Utilities Committee, as determined by the respective Committees.

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that a Budget Review Committee be established, to be comprised of all members of the Legislation and Finance Committee and a member of the Planning and Development Committee and the Works and Utilities Committee, as determined by the respective Committees; and

2) that the name of the Committee be the Budget Policy and Planning Committee."

ENQUIRIES

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Councillor Langlois:

Recently, there was a news item pertaining to a successful assessment appeal in the City of Regina, which resulted in a reassessment of the Golden Mile Shopping Centre and a significant loss of tax revenue for the city of Regina.

Would the Administration prepare a report on the implications of the decision on the property tax revenues in the City of Saskatoon for the 1994 and 1995 budget years. What is the projected impact on the mill rate, if reassessments based on this decision were required to be implemented in 1995? Which types of commercial, industrial, or residential properties would be most adversely affected? Would such a reassessment have any impact on economic development in Saskatoon - and other municipalities - particularly in relation to new buildings?

May I request that the report be tabled at the next regular Council meeting.
(File No. CK. 1920-1)

Councillor Langford:

The buildings located in the Saskatoon Stockyards are vacant and decaying. Children from Meadowgreen are crossing the tracks to play in these buildings which are a fire trap, therefore, the children's safety is a concern. The property is an eyesore for residents of Saskatoon. Does it violate the City's Maintenance Bylaw?
(File No. CK. 530-1)

Councillor Heidt:

Residents in the Dundonald Community brought to my attention that they have no bus service on Saturday and Sunday.

Would the Director of Works and Utilities please provide a report on:

- a) the Dundonald area, and any other communities or subdivisions, who don't have service on Saturday or Sunday;
- b) provide recommendations and costs associated with providing service on Saturday, all day or hourly; and

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- c) what criteria does transit use to decide who gets service.
(File No. CK. 7310-1)

Councillor Heidt:

Ron Bort, Provincial President of the Saskatchewan Voice of the Handicapped, informed me that presently we have a Special Needs Transportation Advisory group. Their group believes that there are many more issues than just transportation. I would like the Administration to report on the following:

- 1) expanding the present board to scope out all their concerns (i.e. hiring, planning, general concerns, etc.);
- 2) possibly creating a new advisory board name which will address all concerns (i.e. Disability Advisory Board); and
- 3) review Regina's model. I understand it is called The Mayor's Taskforce. This would save time as I understand it is the vehicle to Council.

(File No. CK. 225-10 and 225-8)

Councillor Heidt:

Traffic congestion at Avenue W and 33rd Street West is very severe in the mornings. Line-ups up to 3-5 blocks are common. Communities affected are Westview, Dundonald, Confederation Park and Massey Place.

Would the Works and Utilities Director report on the following:

- 1) recommendations to correct the concern at Avenue W and 33rd Street West; and
- 2) an update of what the city has done in the past, and what are the future plans, for light synchronization and movement of traffic in rush hours (i.e. Circle Drive).

(File No. CK. 6320-1)

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Councillor Postlethwaite:

I would like to ascertain the itemized costs of improving the quality of life for senior and 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.
- 2) At least one pedestrian corridor or walkway across Adelaide Street, continuing into and across the car park and into the Mall.
- 3) The provision of bus shelters on Adelaide Street at the stop outside Chalet Gardens and on McEowen Street at the stop outside Scott Forget Residence.
- 4) Improved lane maintenance or lane paving between Extencicare, the Salvation Army Eventide Home and Chalet Gardens to facilitate access from Legion Manor, Cosmo Courts etc, to the mall. In addition, improved footpaths and lighting north of the lane and through Dan Worden Park.
- 5) In view of the fact that many local residents of the area are less agile, or require walkers or wheelchairs, provision of a dedicated sidewalk snowplow, available immediately when needed, to maintain all sidewalks and access routes in the area. In recent years, many residents have been virtual prisoners in their homes, even though a major mall is only a few metres away. (I further ask that this be designated as a pilot project with the intention of implementing similar service throughout the city).

(Files CK. 6150-1, 7311-1, 6000-1 and 6220-1)

Councillor Postlethwaite:

Why can't senior citizens purchase transit passes at local outlets, a similar service now provided for school and youth passes? Currently seniors must travel downtown to obtain passes.

(File CK. 1905-4)

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Councillor Postlethwaite:

Why is it that the Soccer Associations pay over \$10,000 per month to the City to rent the Wheatland B Building while the Sask Place Board, also a non-profit organization, pays nothing to the City in rent for Sask Place?

(Nor incidentally, does Sask Place pay property tax, business tax or amusement tax.)

In other words, why are the monster truck shows and pop concerts effectively subsidized, while young soccer players, who pay \$53,000 for a 5-month lease, plus utilities, maintenance and janitorial costs, pay full economic cost and more.

And why does the city charge youth hockey players over \$100 per hour, while receiving nothing directly from the Blades, and the Edmonton Oilers when they play here in neutral venue games?

In view of the fact that the citizens of Saskatoon are paying over \$1.5 million per year retiring debentures incurred by the construction costs of Sask Place, why is it not considered reasonable to charge some annual rental from such a successful venture?

(File No. CK. 1720-3)

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 7443

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Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7443, being "*A bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to amend Bylaw No. 6673, being `A bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to provide for the payment of taxes and the application of discounts and penalties thereto`*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Bylaw No. 7443 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7443.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7443 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7443 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Bylaw No. 7443 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 McCann,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk