Council Chamber City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask. Monday, April 14, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: His Worship Mayor Dayday in the Chair;

Councillors Atchison, Birkmaier, Heidt, Langford, Langlois,

McCann, Postlethwaite, Roe, Steernberg and Waygood;

City Commissioner Irwin;

City Solicitor Dust; City Clerk Mann;

A/City Councillor's Assistant Holmstrom

His Worship the Mayor welcomed the Dundonald Scout Troop with their leader Mr. Bob Morin to the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on March 17, 1997, be approved.

CARRIED.

HEARINGS

2a) Rezoning - Preston Developments Inc.
Ptn. of Parcel B, Plan 96S28730
Kenderdine Road, Arbor Creek Neighbourhood
(R.1A to RM(Tn) District)
Proposed Bylaw No. 7614
(File No. CK. 4351-1)

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

"Attached is a copy of Clause 1, Report No. 3-1997 of the Municipal Planning Commission which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on January 20, 1997.

A copy of Notice which appeared in the local press under dates of March 15 and March 22, 1997 is also attached.

Council, at this meeting, is to hear and determine any submissions with respect to the proposed amendment prior to its consideration of proposed Bylaw No. 7614, copy attached."

Also attached are copies of the following communications:

Letter dated April 9, 1997 from Cindy Dobroskay;

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

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT the submitted correspondence be received.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 7614.

CARRIED.

2b) Hearing

Development Plan Amendments University Heights Suburban Development Area (i) from Future Development Area to Residential Proposed Bylaw No. 7616 (File No. CK. 4110-3)

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

"Attached is a copy of Clause 1, Report No. 4-1997 of the Municipal Planning Commission which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on February 3, 1997.

A copy of the Notice which appeared in the local press under dates of March 15 and March 22, 1997, is attached.

Council, at this meeting, is to hear and determine any submissions with respect to the proposed amendments prior to its consideration of Bylaw No. 7616, copy attached."

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

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 7616.

CARRIED.

2c) Hearing

Development Plan Amendments
University Heights Suburban Development Area
(ii) relocate District Commercial designation in Silverspring
Proposed Bylaw No. 7617
(File No. CK. 4110-3)

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

"Attached is a copy of Clause 1, Report No. 4-1997 of the Municipal Planning Commission which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on February 3, 1997.

A copy of the Notice which appeared in the local press under dates of March 15 and March 22, 1997, is attached.

Council, at this meeting, is to hear and determine any submissions with respect to the proposed amendments prior to its consideration of Bylaw No. 7617, copy attached."

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

Mr. Darryl Kotyk, 215 Rever Road, spoke against the proposed rezoning of Parcel CP, Plan 96-S-22416 in the Silverspring Neighbourhood.

Mr. Ryan Miller, 214 Rever Road, spoke against the proposed rezoning of Parcel CP, Plan 96-S-22416 in the Silverspring Neighbourhood.

Mr. John Childrey, 227 Rever Road, spoke against the proposed rezoning of Parcel CP, Plan 96-S-22416 in the Silverspring Neighbourhood.

Ms. Marianne Childrey, 227 Rever Road, spoke against the proposed rezoning of Parcel CP, Plan 96-S-22416 in the Silverspring Neighbourhood.

SUBSEQUENT TO THE ABOVE PRESENTATIONS, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THEY DO NOT RELATE TO THE SUBJECT OF THIS PARTICULAR HEARING.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 7617.

CARRIED.

2d) Hearing

Development Plan Amendment
Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition Corporation
Redesignation - Exhibition Grounds
(Land Use Study Area to Special Use)
Proposed Bylaw No. 7618
(File No. CK. 4110-3)

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

"Attached is a copy of Clause 2, Report No. 5-1997 of the Municipal Planning Commission which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on February 17, 1997.

A copy of the Notice which appeared in the local press under dates of March 15 and March 22, 1997, is attached.

Council, at this meeting, is to hear and determine any submissions with respect to the proposed amendments prior to its consideration of Bylaw No. 7618, copy attached."

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

Mr. Terry Boucher discussed some of his concerns in this area.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 7618.

CARRIED.

2e) Hearing

Lakewood Replotting Scheme
Parcel A, 83-S-54524, Parcel AA and MR2, 89-S08942
Lot 4, Block 404, and Parcel CC, 94-S-40901
Original Road Allowance adjacent to S.E. ½ Sec. 24-36-5-3
Parcels E & F, 96-S-13326
(File No. CK, 4230-6)

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

"Attached is a copy of Clause B2, Report No. 7-1997 of the City Commissioner which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on March 17, 1997.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, April 1, 1997:

- 1) that City Council authorize the preparation of a replotting scheme in conformance with Section 161 of the *Planning and Development Act, 1983*, and
- 2) that the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, be authorized to submit to the Land Titles Office:
 - a) a certified copy of this resolution, and
 - b) a copy of the enclosed list of all parcels and general description of land included within the replotting scheme (Attachment 1) as

required under Section 163(1) of the *Planning and Development Act*, 1983.

City Council at its meeting held on March 17, 1997, authorized the General Manager, Planning and Building, Department to serve notice on the affected registered owners within the above replotting scheme as required under Section 162 of *The Planning and Development Act*, 1983.

Notice has been served, and a public hearing is to be held on April 14, 1997.

The purpose of the replotting scheme is to assemble the land within this area and distribute it proportionately amongst the owners for future development. It is proposed that a storm pond be provided to service the area, a municipal reserve, and parcels for future multiple-unit residential. Should City Council authorize the preparation of a replotting scheme, it will be necessary for the attached list of owners and land descriptions within the replotting scheme to be submitted to the Land Titles Office for endorsement of each Certificate of Title as required under Section 163(1) of the *Planning and Development Act, 1983*, indicating that the land is included in a replotting scheme. These lands are described in the attached List of Land affected by the Lakewood Replotting Scheme (Attachment 1). The affected land parcels are shown outlined on Lakewood Replotting Scheme Plan No. 1 (Attachment 2). The proposed new distribution of parcels shown on Plan No. 2, Lakewood Plan of Proposed Replotting (Attachment 3) is provided for information only."

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. List of Land affected by Lakewood Replotting Scheme
- 2. Plan No. 1
- 3. Plan No. 2."

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

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

- 1) that City Council authorize the preparation of a replotting scheme in conformance with Section 161 of the Planning and Development Act, 1983, and
- 2) that the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, be authorized to submit to the Land Titles Office:
 - a) a certified copy of this resolution, and
 - b) a copy of the enclosed list of all parcels and general description of land included within the replotting scheme (Attachment 1) as required under Section 163(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 1983.

CARRIED.

2f) Hearing

Discretionary Use Application Proposed Services Station 380 - 2nd Avenue North Commerce Holdings Ltd. (File No. CK. 4355-1)

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

"City Council, at its meeting held on February 17, 1997 received notice of the above discretionary use application.

The General Manager, Planning and Building Department, 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.

The matter is also being reported on under Clause 3, Report No. 8-1997 of the Municipal Planning Commission."

His Worship Mayor Dayday opened the hearing and 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 Langlois,

THAT Clause 3, Report No. 8-1997 of the Municipal Planning Commission be brought forward.

CARRIED.

"REPORT NO. 8-1997 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

3. Discretionary Use Application

Part Lot 6 and all Lots 7-10 inclusive, Plan 175, Plan Q3

380 - 2nd Avenue North

Applicant: Commerce Holdings Limited

c/o 728 Spadina Crescent East

Saskatoon, SK S7K 4H7

(File No. CK. 4355-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the application by Commerce Holdings Limited requesting

permission to use Part of Lot 6 and all of Lots 7 to 10 inclusive, Block 175, Plan Q3 (380 - 2nd Avenue North) for the purpose of a

Service Station, be approved.

A site plan, including a location plan for the above Discretionary Use Application, is attached.

Your Commission has reviewed and supports the following report of the Planning and Building Department dated March 27, 1997:

A. PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

That the application of Commerce Holdings Ltd. requesting permission to use Part of Lot 6 and all of Lots 7 to 10 inclusive, Block 175, Plan Q3 (380 - 2nd Avenue North) for the purpose of a Service Station be recommended for approval.

B. <u>PROPOSAL</u>

An application has been submitted by Commerce Holdings Ltd. requesting City Council's approval to use Part of Lot 6 and all of Lots 7 to 10 inclusive, Block 175, Plan Q3 (380 -2nd Avenue North) for the purpose of a Service Station. This property is zoned B.6 District in the Zoning Bylaw; and as a consequence, a Service

Station may only be permitted by City Council at its discretion. Refer to the attached plan.

C. REASON FOR PROPOSAL (BY APPLICANT)

Land is presently used as a private parking lot for daily, weekly and monthly rental. Property is to be redeveloped to accommodate the construction of a single storey mall providing gasoline and petroleum products as well as, but not limited to, groceries, produce, dairy products, etc. The property is presently under utilized in its present use and the owner has undertaken to redevelop the site for a particular use subject to this approval for use. The site at one time was developed as an automobile dealership including service bays and the sale of petroleum products.

D. JUSTIFICATION

1. <u>Comments by Others</u>

Public Works Department

The above application for discretionary use is acceptable to this department subject to the following:

- a) The property is serviced by water, sanitary and storm sewer connections which if suitable may be reused. If the new development does not reuse these connections, the developer will be responsible for disconnection costs and the cost of providing new connections.
- b) Sidewalk and curb crossings are subject to approval by the Transportation Department, and any approvals will be subject to the developer being responsible to restore all existing unused crossings to standard sidewalk and curb.

<u>Transportation Department</u> - *Transit Services*

Saskatoon Transit has no comments or easement requirements regarding the above- noted property.

<u>Transportation Department</u> - Traffic Planning and Operations Branch

The Transportation Branch has reviewed the application for discretionary use for the site at 380 - 2nd Avenue North. The planned development would be acceptable, in principle only, subject to the following conditions:

- a) To prevent direct access to the lane on the east side of the site as an access route to and from the site, fencing will be required along the property line from the location of the garbage enclosure on the north, to the northeast corner of the proposed 7-Eleven food store.
- b) Both driveways are oversized, and do not conform with the City's Driveway Crossing Bylaw No. 4785. According to Bylaw No. 4785 the main driveway on 25th Street should be 7.6 metres wide while the minor driveway on 2nd Avenue should be 6.1 metres wide.
- c) In the future, the Transportation Department plans to introduce centre medians on 2nd Avenue between 24th and 25th Street. Should raised medians be installed, there will be no median opening allowed on 2nd Avenue for access to this site.
- d) There is currently a raised median on 25th Street. We would like to emphasize that there will be no median opening on 25th Street, now or in the future.
- e) The applicant is responsible for all costs associated with the driveway crossing including all required permits, sidewalk reinstatement and the removal of affected parking meters along 2nd Avenue.
- f) The proposal is subject to City Council approval.

2. <u>Planning and Building Department Comments</u>

a) This site is well-suited to be used for a service station because of its location on the periphery of the Central Business District and the high traffic volumes in the vicinity. Given the location of this site on a major arterial entrance to the Central Business District it is important that the development of the site be of a high visual quality.

The developers of the property have advised that they share this opinion and will landscape the site in a manner which is consistent with the City's Commercial Landscaping Guidelines. The proposal is, in all other respects, in conformance with the Zoning Bylaw.

- b) The proposed service station is consistent with the Central Business District designation for this area within the Development Plan. The Planning and Building Department can see no reason why the application should not advance to the public hearing stage.
- c) The applicants have advised that they will comply with all requirements which have been outlined by the Public Works Department and Transportation Department. This will be undertaken as part of the building permit approval process.
- d) In consideration of any discretionary use application, it should be noted that Section 74(2) of *The Planning and Development Act,* 1983 applies, whereas:

'On receipt of a discretionary use application , the Council may, by resolution or bylaw:

- 1) reject the application; or,
- 2) approve the application where the facts presented establish that the proposed use or form of development:
 - will not be detrimental to the health, safety, convenience or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity or injurious to property, improvements or potential developments in the vicinity; and,
 - ii) complies with the applicable provisions of the Zoning Bylaw and will not be contrary to the development plan or basic planning statement.'

E. <u>COMMUNICATION PLAN</u>

The Partnership was notified of this application by letter dated February 5, 1997. If this application is recommended for approval by the Municipal Planning Commission, it will be advertised in accordance with City Council's policy and a date for a public hearing will be set. Advertising will consist of sending notices of the public hearing to all assessed property owners within 60 metres (200 feet) of the site. Poster boards will be placed on this site.

F. <u>ATTACHMENTS</u>

- 1. Site Plan
- 2. Location Facts."

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT the application by Commerce Holdings Limited requesting permission to use Part of Lot 6 and all of Lots 7 to 10 inclusive, Block 175, Plan Q3 (380 - 2nd Avenue North) for the purpose of a Service Station, be approved.

CARRIED.

2g) Hearing

Proposed Heritage Designation 715 Broadway Avenue (Broadway Theatre) Proposed Bylaw No. 7624 (File No. CK 710-8)

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

"Attached is an excerpt from the minutes of meeting of City Council held on January 20, 1997.

As will be noted, Council adopted the following motion:

"THAT the City Solicitor be requested to prepare a bylaw to designate the Broadway Theatre at 715 Broadway Avenue as Municipal Heritage Property under the provisions of *The Heritage Property Act*, with such designation to be limited to the exterior of the building and the interior lobby of the building."

Report of the City Solicitor, dated April 2, 1997:

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 7624.

City Council at its meeting held on January 20, 1997, adopted a recommendation that the Broadway Theatre at 715 Broadway Avenue be designated as Municipal Heritage Property under the provisions of *The Heritage Property Act*, with such designation to include the exterior and the interior lobby of the building.

The Heritage Property Act provides that a Notice of Intention to pass a designation bylaw must be served on the Registrar of Heritage Property and the owner of the property. As well, Notice of Intention must be registered in the Land Titles Office and be published in a newspaper in circulation in the municipality. All notices must have been given at least 30 days prior to consideration of the bylaw. All prerequisites to the consideration of the bylaw have been completed.

The *Act* further provides that any applicant who wishes to object to the proposed designation must serve Council with an objection stating the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. The objection must be served at least three days prior to the Council meeting at which the bylaw is to be considered.

Proposed Bylaw No. 7624 designates this property as municipal heritage property. The conditions of designation contained in section 5 of the proposed bylaw are those recommended by The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee.

If any objection to the designation has been filed with the City Clerk within the deadline, specifically being three days prior to consideration of the Bylaw, Council must either refer the matter to the Saskatchewan Heritage Property Review Board or withdraw the Bylaw."

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 7624."

A copy of the Notice which appeared in the local press under dates of February 28 and March 29, 1997, is attached."

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

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 7624.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

1) Rob Wiebe, President Bikers Rights Organization, dated March 13

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the Circle Drive between Warman Road and the bridge. (File No. CK. 6000-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Wiebe be heard.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Mr. Wiebe be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Rob Wiebe, President, Biker Rights Organization, was not in attendance.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT the information be received

CARRIED.

2) Christine Gallipeau-Cook, Yellow Fish Road Coordinator Girl Guides of Canada, dated March 25, 1997

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the Yellow Fish Road sponsored by the Girl Guides of Canada. Attached is a letter dated March 12, 1997, from the Public Works Department commenting on the proposal. (File No. CK. 7820-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Ms. Gallipeau-Cook be heard.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT Ms. Gallipeau-Cook be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Christine Gallipeau-Cook, Yellow Fish Road Coordinator, Girl Guides of Canada, indicated that this project has taken place in many other cities.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the Yellow Fish Road Project be approved subject to administrative conditions, with the exception that the use of yellow paint be authorized.

CARRIED.

3) Keith Rich 314 Avenue E South, undated

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the eviction of a resident in the Riversdale area. (File No. CK. 6295-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Rich be heard.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Mr. Rich be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Rich reviewed the issue of a forced eviction that he previously brought to Council's attention.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

4) Shirley Ryan, Executive Director North Saskatoon Business Association, dated April 8

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the tax load to commercial properties in the city. (File No. CK. 1915-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Ms. Ryan be heard.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT Ms. Ryan be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Shirley Ryan, Executive Director, North Saskatoon Business Association, introduced Mr. Gordon White, President, BOMA Saskatoon. Mr. White spoke on behalf of the Tax Freeze Committee requesting Council to hold the line on taxes.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

5) Brian W. McHolm, LL.B. Jamieson Bains, dated April 8

Requesting permission to address Council regarding Contract No. 7-0003, Silverspring Trunk Sewers tender submission. (File No. CK. 280-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Clause B15, Report No. 8-1997 of the City Commissioner be brought forward for consideration and that Mr. McHolm be heard.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Clause B15, Report No. 8-1997 of the City Commissioner be brought forward and that Mr. McHolm be heard.

CARRIED.

"REPORT NO. 8-1997 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER

B15) 1997 Capital Budget
Project No. 0625: Trunk Sewers - Northeast Sector
Silverspring Trunk Sewers
Award of Tender
(File No 4111-30-5)

that City Council accept the tender submitted by Kran Construction Ltd. (Nisku, AB) for the construction of the Silverspring Trunk Sewers, Contract No. 7-0003, at a total estimated cost of \$916,564.26 including G.S.T.; and,

2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Contract Documents, as prepared by the City Solicitor, under the Corporate Seal.

Report of the General Manager, Public Works Department, April 1, 1997:

"Project No. 0625 in the 1997 Capital Budget includes the design and construction of storm and sanitary trunk sewers south and east from the Saguenay Drive river crossing to facilitate staged development in the northeast sector. The current contract, No. 7-0003 Silverspring Trunk Sewers, will service the new subdivision being developed north of Garvie Road in the Silverspring area. This project is funded under Item No. 0625 of the Capital Budget in the amount of \$1,689,000 and includes the following work:

- 1) The construction of a 1500 mm storm sewer and a 675 mm sanitary sewer on Central Avenue from Garvie Road to Somers Road.
- 2) The construction of a 1050 mm storm sewer and a 600 mm sanitary sewer on Somers Road from Central Avenue to Konihowski Road.

Tenders for the construction of the Silverspring Trunk Sewers, Contract No. 7-0003, were received and opened publicly on March 11, 1997. Seven tenders were received as follows:

Lux Construction Ltd. (Saskatoon)	\$ 862,562.20
Kran Construction Ltd. (Nisku, AB)	\$ 916,564.26
Wappel Construction Co. Ltd. (Regina)	\$ 926,611.17
Hamm Construction Ltd. (Saskatoon)	\$ 971,635.54
Acadia Armstrong (Saskatoon)	\$ 1,108,622.72
Power Gain Ltd. (Saskatoon)	\$ 1,234,906.63
A.M.E. Systems Ltd. (Saskatoon)	\$ 1,715,563.10

The tender was a Unit Price Tender and the Bidders were requested to submit unit prices on various items of work including prices for the different depth categories for the installation of the storm and sanitary sewer pipe. The estimated quantity for some of these depth categories was zero.

Lux Construction Ltd. bid zero dollars per metre for all of the items with a zero quantity.

Lux Construction Ltd. was asked to attend a meeting at the Purchasing Services Branch on Thursday, March 13, 1997, to discuss their tender. At this meeting, it was determined that the zero unit prices had been entered in error and that it was not their intent to perform work under these categories for zero payment.

The Administration recommends that the tender submitted by Lux Construction Ltd. be rejected because of the errors and that the second low tender submitted by Kran Construction be accepted. This recommendation was based on our past practice and the advice of the City Solicitor's Department.

The net cost to the City for the second low bid submitted by Kran Construction Ltd. would be as follows.

Base Tender	\$806,602.11
Contingency	\$ 50,000.00
G.S.T.	\$ <u>59,962.15</u>
Total Tender	\$916,564.26
G.S.T. Rebate	\$ <u>34,262.37</u>
Net Cost to City	\$882,301.89."

ATTACHMENT

1. Summary of Tenders received on March 11, 1997"

Mr. Brian W. McHolm, Jamieson Bains spoke on behalf of his client regarding a submitted tender bid.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the matter be referred to the Executive Committee for a report at the April 28, 1997 Council meeting.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS - CONTINUED

6) Edward M. Wesolowski 11 Brown Crescent, dated April 9

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the Mendel Art Gallery. (File No. CK. 153-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Wesolowski be heard.

The City Clerk indicated to Council that Mr. Wesolowski withdrew his request to speak to Council until the next meeting.

7) Shannon Pomeroy, Executive Director Saskatoon SPCA, dated April 4

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the SPCA'S 1997 Budget Proposal and Animal Control Services. (File No. CK. 1870-10)

RECOMMENDATION: that Ms. Pomeroy be heard.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Ms. Pomeroy be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Shannon Pomeroy, Executive Director, Saskatoon SPCA requested City Council reconsider the SPCA's request for increased funding.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT the information be received and considered with Clause A8, Report No. 8-1997 of the City Commissioner

CARRIED.

8) Lynda Glenesk, Executive Director <u>BOMA Saskatoon, dated April 9</u>

Requesting permission for Mr. Gordon White, President, BOMA Saskatoon, to address Council regarding the 1997 Budget. (File No. CK. 1704)

RECOMMENDATION: that Clause 6, Report No. 1-1997 of the Budget Committee, Clause

A8, Report No. 8-1997 of the City Commissioner and Items AA.18 to AA.28, AA.30 to AA.33 and AA.35 of "Communications" be brought forward for consideration and that Mr. White be heard.

It was noted that Mr. Gordon White, President, BOMA Saskatoon, spoke earlier. (See Page No. 17)

9) Glen Penner

108 - 306 LaRonge Road, dated March 25

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the 1997 Operating Budget - Saskatoon Police Service. (File No. CK. 1704)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Penner be heard.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Mr. Penner be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Glen Penner requested that City Council reconsider its position regarding additional funding for the Saskatoon Police Service.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT the information be received and the questions posed in Mr. Penner's letter be referred to the Board of Police Commissioners for a report back to Council.

CARRIED.

10) Sandra Harper, President Riversdale Community and School Association Inc., dated March 27

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the 1997 Operating Budget - Saskatoon Police Service. (File No. CK. 1704)

RECOMMENDATION: that Ms. Harper be heard.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Ms. Harper be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Sandra Harper, President, Riversdale Community and School Association Inc., requested City Council to reconsider its position regarding the Saskatoon Police Service.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

11) Rusty Chartier 1245 Avenue O South, dated March 29

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the 1997 Operating Budget - Saskatoon Police Service. (File No. CK. 1704)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Chartier be heard.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Mr. Chartier be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Rusty Chartier spoke on community-based policing programs.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

12) Beyrl Lane, Chair of Council St. Thomas Wesley United Church, dated April 8

Requesting permission for Ms. Elaine Findlay, representative, to address Council regarding the 1997 Operating Budget - Saskatoon Police Service. (File No. CK. 1704)

RECOMMENDATION: that Ms. Findlay be heard.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Ms. Findlay be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Elaine Findlay, representative St. Thomas Wesley United Church, requested City Council to reconsider the additional budget increase for the Saskatoon Police Service.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

13) Dave Taylor, President C.U.P.E. Local 59, dated April 9

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the 1997 Operating Budget - Saskatoon Police Service. (File No. CK. 1704)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Taylor be heard.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Mr. Taylor be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Dave Taylor, President, C.U.P.E. Local 59, submitted comments regarding the proposed permanent lay-offs of female clerical employees.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

14) Glen A. Bailey, President Saskatoon Crime Stoppers, dated April 9

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the 1997 Operating Budget - Saskatoon Police Service. (File No. CK. 1704)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Bailey be heard.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Mr. Bailey be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Glen A. Bailey, President, Saskatoon Crime Stoppers, asked that Council support the funding requested by the Police Service to keep the current programs in operation.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT Items AA.18 to AA.28, AA.30 to AA.33 and AA.35 of "Communications" and Report No. 1-1997 of the Budget Committee be brought forward for consideration.

CARRIED.

"AA18)John H. Loewen

2406 Munroe Avenue South, dated March 25

Submitting comments regarding the 1997 Operating Budget - Saskatoon Police Service. (File No. CK. 1704)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Item A.8 of

Communications.

AA19) Carol Beal McKenzie

114 Penryn Crescent, dated March 27

Submitting comments regarding the 1997 Operating Budget - Saskatoon Police Service. (File No. CK. 1704)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Item A.8 of

Communications.

AA20) Staff, Confederation Park Public School 3555 John A. McDonald Road, dated March 27

Submitting comments regarding the 1997 Operating Budget - Saskatoon Police Service. (File No. CK. 1704)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Item A.8 of

Communications.

AA21) Doreen McLellan

212 Campion Crescent, dated March 27

Submitting comments regarding the 1997 Operating Budget - Saskatoon Police Service. (File No. CK. 1704)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Item A.8 of

Communications.

AA22) B. Matz

1713 Avenue C North, dated March 30

Submitting comments regarding the 1997 Operating Budget - Saskatoon Police Service. (File No. CK. 1704)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Item A.8 of Communications.

AA23) Christopher Brown 1041 East Centre, dated April 1

Submitting comments regarding the 1997 Operating Budget - Saskatoon Police Service. (File No. CK. 1704)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Item A.8 of Communications.

AA24) Ladorne Brown 206A Dalhousie Crescent, dated April 1

Submitting comments regarding the 1997 Operating Budget - Saskatoon Police Service. (File No. CK. 1704)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Item A.8 of Communications.

AA25) Kathleen Ross

1112 Spadina Crescent East, undated

Submitting comments regarding the 1997 Operating Budget - Saskatoon Police Service. (File No. CK. 1704)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Item A.8 of Communications.

AA26) Board of Directors

Saskatoon Neighbourhood Watch Association, dated April 3

Submitting comments regarding the 1997 Operating Budget - Saskatoon Police Service. (File No. CK. 1704)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Item A.8 of Communications.

AA27) Kathy Wallace, President Saskatoon Block Parent Program, Inc., dated April 7

Submitting comments regarding the 1997 Operating Budget - Saskatoon Police Service. (File No. CK. 1704)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Item A.8 of Communications.

AA28) Ingrid MacKay, President Eastview Community Association Audrey Evans, President, St. Thomas Parent Council Denise Fowler, Vice-president, Alvin Buckwold Parent Council, dated April 9

Submitting comments regarding the 1997 Operating Budget - Saskatoon Police Service. (File No. CK. 1704)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Item A.8 of Communications.

AA30) Revd. Dr. Ivan Wilson, Chair Race Relations Committee, dated April 10

Submitting comments regarding the 1997 Operating Budget - Saskatoon Police Service. (File No. CK. 1704)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Item A.8 of Communications.

AA31) Kearney F. Healy 229 - 9th Street East, dated April 10

Submitting comments regarding the 1997 Operating Budget - Saskatoon Police Service. (File No. CK. 1704)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Item A.8 of Communications.

AA32) Rose Purschke, President Kelsey Community Association, dated April 10

Submitting comments regarding the 1997 Operating Budget - Saskatoon Police Service. (File No. CK. 1704)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Item A.8 of Communications.

AA33) Karl Baumgradner, President St. Mary's Credit Union Limited, dated April 11

Submitting comments regarding the 1997 Operating Budget - Saskatoon Police Service. (File No. CK. 1704)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Item A.8 of Communications.

AA35) Dawn Weber, President

Cardinal Leger Home and School Executive, dated April 11

Submitting comments regarding the 1997 Operating Budget - Saskatoon Police Service. (File No. CK. 1704)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Item A.8 of Communications.

REPORT NO. 1-1997 OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

1. City of Saskatoon 1997 Capital Budget Reserve for Capital Expenditures (File No. CK. 1702-1)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the 1997 Operating Budget Provision of \$2,706,000 be allocated to the Reserve for Capital Expenditures;
- 2) that the 1997 deferred revenues from the Electrical Utility (\$1,084,700) be allocated to the Reserve for Capital Expenditures;
- 3) that City Council approve the remaining 1997 financed expenditures for the capital projects identified in Table 2, totalling \$3,752,000;
- 4) that all 1997 projects totally or partially unfunded upon approval of the capital budget, be restated as 1998 projects;
- 5) that the Administration report further with regard to the allocation of any additional funding which may become available to finance unfunded capital expenditures; and
- 6) that Project 1851 (Residential Development of CBD) be funded in 1997, in the amount of \$75,000, from the Parking Reserve.

City Council, at its meeting held on December 16, 1996, adopted recommendations of the Budget Committee regarding the 1997 Capital Budget/1998 - 2001 Capital Plan, but deferred consideration of all of the projects to be funded from the Reserve for Capital Expenditures, with the exception of Projects 877 and 1795, until confirmation of senior government grants.

Your Committee has now finalized its review of the projects, and submits the above recommendations. Attached is a revised copy of Table 2 "Capital Projects Requiring Funding From the Reserve for Capital Expenditures" which reflects the recommendations of the Committee.

The Partnership has indicated its support of Project 1851 (a joint study by the Planning and Building Department and the Public Works Department to examine the potential for residential development in the Central Business District) and its funding in the amount of \$75,000 from the Parking Reserve.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

- 1) that the 1997 Operating Budget Provision of \$2,706,000 be allocated to the Reserve for Capital Expenditures;
- 2) that the 1997 deferred revenues from the Electrical Utility (\$1,084,700) be allocated to the Reserve for Capital Expenditures;
- 3) that City Council approve the remaining 1997 financed expenditures for the capital projects identified in Table 2, totaling \$3,752,000;
- 4) that all 1997 projects totally or partially unfunded upon approval of the capital budget, be restated as 1998 projects;
- 5) that the Administration report further with regard to the allocation of any additional funding which may become available to finance unfunded capital expenditures; and
- 6) that Project 1851 (Residential Development of CBD) be funded in 1997, in the amount of \$75,000, from the Parking Reserve.

CARRIED.

2. Municipal Infrastructure Program (File No. CK. 4140-3)

- 1) that Project 696 (Idylwyld Drive) and Project 1527 (University Bridge) be designated as projects to be funded from the Municipal Infrastructure Works Program; and
- 2) that City Council authorize the excess withdrawal of \$500,000 from the Water and Sewer Infrastructure Reserve, as identified on Appendix 1 (identified as a 1998 contribution).

Your Committee has considered and supports the attached report of the General Manager, Finance Department, dated March 21, 1997.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

- 1) that Project 696 (Idylwyld Drive) and Project 1527 (University Bridge) be designated as projects to be funded from the Municipal Infrastructure Works Program; and
- 2) that City Council authorize the excess withdrawal of \$500,000 from the Water and Sewer Infrastructure Reserve, as identified on Appendix 1 (identified as a 1998 contribution)

CARRIED.

3. Land Operations Reserve (File No. CK. 1708-1)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the Land Operations Reserve be capped at two times the annual operation budget of the Land Branch;
- 2) that any revenues in excess of the cap be transferred from the Land Operations Reserve to the Property Realized Reserve at year end; and
- 3) that City Council Policy C03-003 be amended accordingly.

Your Committee has considered and supports the attached report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, dated March 20, 1997.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

- 1) that the Land Operations Reserve be capped at two times the annual operation budget of the Land Branch;
- 2) that any revenues in excess of the cap be transferred from the Land Operations Reserve to the Property Realized Reserve at year end; and

that City Council Policy C03-003 be amended accordingly.

CARRIED.

4. Insurance Deductible Reserve (File No. CK. 1708-1)

RECOMMENDATION:

that the 1997 Operating Budget Vote #14 be amended to reduce the transfer to the Reserve for Capital Expenditures (from the "additional provision") by \$350,000, and increasing the transfer to Operating reserves (Insurance Deductible Reserve) by \$350,000.

Your Committee has reviewed and concurs with the attached report of the General Manager, Finance Department, dated March 24, 1997.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the 1997 Operating Budget Vote #14 be amended to reduce the transfer to the Reserve for Capital Expenditures (from the "additional provision") by \$350,000, and increasing the transfer to Operating reserves (Insurance Deductible Reserve) by \$350,000.

CARRIED.

5. Landfill Fees and Commercial Garbage Collection Rates (File No. CK. 1720-3)

- that the landfill tipping fees be increased to \$16.00/tonne effective May 1, 1997, to \$18.00/tonne effective February 1, 1998, and to \$20.00/tonne effective February 1, 1999;
- 2) that the Provision to the Landfill Replacement Reserve be increased to \$6.00/tonne effective February 1, 1998 and to \$7.00/tonne effective February 1, 1999;
- 3) that effective May 1, 1997 the special handling fees be increased in accordance with Option 1, Appendix B;

- 4) that effective May 1, 1997 the Commercial collection rates be increased in accordance with Option 1, Appendix B; and
- 5) that City Council consider proposed Bylaw No. 7631.

Your Committee has considered and supports the attached report of the General Manager, Environmental Services Department, dated January 30, 1997.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

- 1) that the landfill tipping fees be increased to \$16.00/tonne effective May 1, 1997, to \$18.00/tonne effective February 1, 1998, and to \$20.00/tonne effective February 1, 1999;
- 2) that the Provision to the Landfill Replacement Reserve be increased to \$6.00/tonne effective February 1, 1998 and to \$7.00/tonne effective February 1, 1999;
- 3) that effective May 1, 1997 the special handling fees be increased in accordance with Option 1, Appendix B;
- 4) that effective May 1, 1997 the Commercial collection rates be increased in accordance with Option 1, Appendix B; and
- 5) that City Council consider proposed Bylaw No. 7631.

CARRIED.

6. 1997 Operating Budget (File No. CK. 1704)

- 1) that the 1997 Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures, as outlined in the attached document, be approved subject to the report from Administration;
- 2) that the budgetary request of the Library Board submitted to the Budget Committee on March 10, 1997, be approved; and
- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate Tax Levy Authorization Bylaw.

The preliminary version of the 1997 Operating Budget Estimates was submitted to City Council on March 3, 1997. The Budget Committee met publicly on March 10, March 12 and March 24 and reviewed the document in detail.

Attached is a copy of the 1997 Operating Budget Summary, which reflects the recommendations of the Budget Committee."

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Item A.16 of "Communications" and Clauses B20 and A8, Report No. 8-1997 of the City Commissioner be brought forward for consideration.

CARRIED.

"A16) Jim McLeod The Partnership, dated April 10

Requesting permission for Mr. Dick Batten, Chairman of The Partnership, to address Council regarding the 1997 Operating Budget - Vote 36-9 Parking Enforcement. (File No. CK. 1704)

RECOMMENDATION: that Clause B20, Report No. 8-1997 of the City Commissioner be brought forward and that Mr. Batten be heard.

REPORT 8-1997 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER

B20) 1997 Operating Budget Vote 36-9 Parking Enforcement (File No. 1705TS)

- that the following report regarding funding of the Parking Enforcement Program, Vote 36-9 of the 1997 Operating Budget, be received;
- 2) that the \$78,200 of capital costs included in the proposed operating budget for the 1997 Parking Enforcement Program be funded by the Parking Capital Reserve;
- 3) that the \$6.00 discounted penalty for certain parking violations be increased to \$8.00 effective June 1, 1997, and that the revenues generated be used to fund the Parking

Enforcement Program including improvements to enforcement standards and customer service initiatives;

- 4) that the revenues allocated to General Revenues, generated by the installation of additional parking meters, be used to fund the Parking Enforcement Program including improvements to enforcement standards and customer service initiatives; and,
- 5) that the City Solicitor bring forward the appropriate amendment to Bylaw No. 7200, the Traffic Bylaw.

At its meeting held on March 12, 1997, the Budget Committee received a preliminary report regarding the 1997 operating budget for the Parking Enforcement Program (Vote 36-9). That report outlined unfunded expenditures related to the transfer of the parking enforcement activity from the Saskatoon Police Service to the Transportation Department. The report also suggested that the discounted penalty available for certain parking violations be increased to fund the increased expenditures. The following report presents additional information regarding these issues.

Parking meters and parking enforcement are employed in areas of concentrated parking demand to increase vehicle turnover, thereby increasing the availability of short-term parking. This is especially important in core retail areas where the availability of conveniently located parking is critical.

In 1991 parking meter rates in the Downtown and Broadway areas were increased from \$0.50 per hour to \$1.00 per hour. This increase reflected what private parking operators were charging and was consistent with what other cities were charging. The increase was justified as a source of revenue that could be allocated to programs which would benefit the core commercial areas that contained the parking meters. The best example of this was the creation of the Streetscape Reserve which is funded by a portion of the extra revenues. The Streetscape Reserve has funded the construction and maintenance of the 2nd Avenue, 20th Street, and 22nd Street streetscaping projects, as well as numerous other urban design initiatives.

The discounted payment for certain parking violations was also increased in 1991 to retain the deterrent aspect of parking at an expired meter. The increase from \$4.00 to \$6.00 was based on what was considered to be a suitable deterrent (based on the new parking meter rate of \$1.00 per hour), and the costs associated with the parking enforcement program.

In early 1997 the responsibility for parking enforcement was transferred from the Saskatoon Police Service to the Transportation Department. The transfer came about from recommendations within the 1990 Downtown Parking Study and the 1995 organizational review completed by Ernst and Young. The Transportation Department wishes to address several enforcement related matters. This will be done through the newly established Parking Committee which consists of

representatives of five civic departments, the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires, and the three established Business Improvement Districts.

The Transportation Department has determined a preliminary 1997 operating budget for parking enforcement. The budget was based on what was transferred from the Saskatoon Police Service and what the Transportation Department determined it requires to run the enforcement program. The Police Service transferred what it had in its 1996 operating budget base for the contract with the Corps of Commissionaires (\$395,800) and eight vehicles used for parking enforcement and the delivering of parking summons (\$44,200). No provision for supervision, dispatch, office space, or materials and supplies was transferred from Police as these items were not specifically identified in their budget.

The Transportation Department's proposed 1997 operating budget for parking enforcement is \$596,900, which is \$165,900 greater than the provision received from the Saskatoon Police Service. The difference between the two budgets is broken down into the following areas:

Administrative Costs	\$36,500
Inflationary Costs	30,500
Service Level Increase Costs	16,200
One Time Setup Costs	82,700
Total	\$165,900

Details of the costs in each area are provided below:

Administrative Costs

Administrative expenses cover items such as telephone and fax charges, postage, office supplies, and photocopying. It also includes a \$24,800 provision for office space. The Commissionaires have been temporarily relocated from the Police Station to the former Auto Clearing Building at 19th Street and 2nd Avenue. The parking enforcement activity will be permanently relocated to the new Transit Information Office that is to be opened in the Downtown Transit Terminal later this year.

It should be noted that the salary and payroll expenses of the Parking Enforcement Coordinator are currently funded by the Finance Department. The person in this position was seconded from that Department for a period up to December 31, 1997. The Parking Enforcement Coordinator position is required to effect the transition from the Saskatoon Police Service to the Transportation Department, as well as identify and implement parking enforcement initiatives in 1997. If this position is to go beyond 1997, then the budget within this area will have to increase to provide for this position.

Inflationary Costs

In mid-1996, the cost of the contract with the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires was increased by 7.7% due to the requirements of *The Labour Standards Act*. This was not provided in the Saskatoon Police Service's 1996 approved budget and therefore, must be properly accounted for in 1997.

Service Level Increase Costs

The \$16,200 of new costs in this area provide funding for public education in the area of parking enforcement, payment of parking fines, etc. It also includes a provision for staff training (Commissionaires) in the area of customer service and relations. It is also proposed to equip all parking enforcement Commissionaires with portable radios which will improve communications between the Commissionaires on the street and the central office. This will improve efficiency and provide the Commissionaires with additional security as required by their contract with the City. This area of cost increases covers the monthly operating costs of the radios.

One Time Setup Costs

There are several costs associated with the transfer of parking enforcement that will be incurred only once. They include items such as a computer, office furniture, office renovations, and the capital cost of purchasing twenty portable radios.

The above shows that an additional \$165,900 is required in 1997. Of this, \$78,200 is considered capital cost with the remaining \$87,700 considered operating cost.

The above addresses expenditures in the area of parking enforcement. The Transportation Department also hopes to implement procedural changes which will improve relations between the City (Commissionaires), its customers (parkers) and the Business Improvement Districts. These changes may reduce the amount of enforcement within the Business Improvement Districts and will increase the amount of discretion that Commissionaires will be given to deal with certain situations both of which may reduce revenues. The result will be consumers that are less likely to be driven away from the three core commercial areas due to excessive parking enforcement. This will assist these areas in maintaining their ability to attract customers. Changes made in early March will reduce revenues in the order of \$20,000 per year. Additional changes are under consideration. The amount of possible revenue reduction of the additional changes are unknown at the present time. It is important to note that the changes implemented, and under consideration, were requested by the Business Improvement Districts.

Customer service changes that will make it easier to pay a ticket are also being considered. For example, tickets that are pre-stamped, or the ability to pay tickets at locations other than City Hall, are being investigated. The cost of utilizing pre-stamped tickets is estimated at \$20,000 per year

based on the number of tickets currently paid by mail. The volume of tickets paid in this fashion would likely increase, as would the cost, if this improvement was implemented.

At the present time, parking enforcement makes a net contribution of approximately \$350,000 to the City's general revenues. This contribution is built into the City's total revenue budget and is fully allocated. No portion of the \$350,000 is available to fund changes to the parking enforcement program. Any costs associated with changes to the parking enforcement activity have to be funded by a source other than the mill rate.

The above demonstrates the need for a source of funding to fund the transfer of parking enforcement from the Saskatoon Police Service to the Transportation Department, and to implement improvements in the area of parking enforcement that have a direct impact on costs or revenues. As mentioned, any new expenditures, or decrease in revenues, must be funded from a source other than the mill rate.

The Transportation Department has investigated sources of revenue that could be used to fund the above. Sources of funding for the capital and operating components of the parking enforcement program are dealt with separately.

Capital

The proposed 1997 operating budget for the parking enforcement activity includes \$78,200 of capital expenditures. The expenditures include provisions for twenty portable radios, office renovations, and office furniture. The proposed source of funding for these expenditures is the Parking Capital Reserve. The use of this Reserve for these purposes has been discussed with The Partnership who have agreed with this proposal.

Operating

The current budget requires an additional \$87,700 of operating expenditures. In addition to these expenditures it is expected that customer service improvements, requested by the Business Improvement Districts, could have an operating budget impact of \$50,000 in 1997. The combination of the identified expenditures and customer service improvements requires an additional \$140,000 of new operating funding. Sources of funding that would finance the expenditures and reductions in revenues have been identified. The sources include revenues generated by an increase in the discounted penalty for certain parking tickets and revenues generated by the installation of new parking meters.

Parking Ticket Revenues

Parking fines are currently \$40.00 per occurrence. A discounted penalty of \$6.00 is available for parking at an expired meter, parking over 300 mm from the curb, parking longer than traffic signs allow, and parking for more than 48 hours, if the fine is paid within 14 days. The Transportation Department has identified that the \$6.00 payment may be too low. It is thought that the \$6.00 discounted penalty may no longer be a sufficient deterrent to parking at an expired meter given increases in the cost of parking at certain privately run parking lots. It is also thought that there may be room to increase the reduced payment without causing a decrease in the incentive to pay the fine early, and without significant negative public reaction.

To test its speculation that the reduced fine was too low, the Department looked to what other Western Canadian Cities were using as a fine for parking at an expired meter. The following table illustrates the results from this survey.

City	Discounted Penalty	Penalty
Calgary	\$20	\$20 (\$40 if failure to appear in court)
Winnipeg	\$15 (if paid within 15 days) \$30 (if paid between 15 to 30 days)	\$60
London	None	\$15
Kitchener	None	\$15
Waterloo	\$10 (if paid within 7 days)	\$15
Edmonton	\$15 (if paid within 15 days)	\$30
Vancouver	\$20 (if paid within 32 days)	\$40
Victoria	\$7.50 (if paid within 14 days) \$20 (if paid within 14 and 45 days)	\$35
Regina	\$5 (if paid within 10 days)	\$35
Windsor	None	\$10
Saskatoon Airport	None	\$10
University of Sask.	\$10 (if paid within 14 days)	\$40

As shown, all the discounted penalties of the cities surveyed are greater than Saskatoon's, with the exception of Regina's. The average discounted penalty is \$12.81. This illustrates that Saskatoon's discounted penalty rate for parking violations is less than half of the average of the Cities surveyed and that an increase would not be out of line compared to what is occurring in other jurisdictions.

The City issues approximately 124,000 tickets per year. 75% (93,000) of these tickets are for parking meter violations. 80% (74,400) of those tickets are paid within the 14 day reduced payment period. A one dollar increase in the reduced payment fee would increase revenues \$74,400 per year. This assumes that the number of tickets issued, and the number paid within the 14 day reduced payment period remains the same.

Parking Meter Revenues

The Transportation Department intends to install approximately 125 additional parking meters in 1997. The majority of these meters will be installed in the Downtown and Broadway Business Improvement Districts. In early 1997, City Council approved the purchase of these additional meters. The tendering for the supply of these meters has been completed with the purchase awarded to a local supplier. It is expected that the meters will be received and installed by July 1st.

The additional meters will generate approximately \$187,500 annually but only \$93,800 in 1997. The additional revenues have not been included in the City's current 1997 operating budget. The revenues would be available to fund the additional parking enforcement costs. At the present time, parking meter revenues are allocated 43% to the Streetscape Reserve, 4% to the Parking Capital Reserve, 5% to the Parking Operating Reserve, 3% for operating grants to the Business Improvement Districts, and 45% to General Revenues.

As previously stated approximately \$140,000 is required in 1997 to fund the operating expenditures associated with the parking enforcement activity, and the expenditures or lost revenue associated with customer service improvements requested by the Business Improvement Districts. The possible sources of revenue identified are an increase in the parking ticket discounted penalty, additional parking meter revenues, or a combination of both. The following provides details regarding each option.

Option 1

Option 1 is to increase the discounted penalty for certain parking violations from \$6.00 to \$10.00. This would result in an increase in revenues of approximately \$297,600 per year. If implemented on July 1st, this option would generate \$148,800 in 1997. This would be adequate to fund the \$140,000 required.

The Transportation Department supports this option as the \$4.00 increase would act as a better deterrent by discouraging people from parking illegally and taking the risk of receiving a ticket. It would bring the discounted penalty for parking violations closer to the average of \$12.81.

At its meeting held on March 17, 1997, the Parking Committee endorsed the increase in the discounted penalty to \$10.00 with an implementation date of June 1st. The Partnership later

revoked their support of this proposal. Their change in position was a result of a petition circulated by a downtown merchant. One question within the petition asked if you were in favour of an increase in the discounted penalty from \$6.00 to \$10.00. Thirty-eight of the 39 respondents answered no. The petition did not contain any information regarding why the increase was proposed, therefore, the persons completing the questionnaires were not in a position to make an informed opinion. The questionnaire also asked if you would support an increase in the cost of parking tickets if the time limit of the parking meters was increased from 60 to 90 minutes. Eleven of the 39 respondents indicated that they would support such a proposal. This latter question indicates a level of support for an increase in parking tickets if it is linked to improvements in the area of parking. All 39 respondents indicated that they would support a 15 minute grace period for expired meters.

Option 2

Option 2 is to increase the discounted penalty for certain parking violations from \$6.00 to \$8.00. This would result in an increase in revenues of approximately \$148,800 per year. If implemented on July 1st, Option 2 would generate \$74,400 in 1997 which is below the \$140,000 required. If Option 2 was implemented, the customer service improvements already put in place would have to be rescinded. Option 2 would have to be implemented on June 1st in order to generate sufficient revenues to meet the \$87,700 operating expenditure requirement.

The Transportation Department would support Option 2 if it were implemented on June 1st. However, the Department would revert back to the standards of parking enforcement that were in place prior to March 1st. The \$2.00 increase would act as a better deterrent by discouraging people from parking illegally and taking the risk of receiving a ticket. It would place the reduced payment well below the \$12.81 average of the cities surveyed.

The Partnership has indicated that they would not support this option.

Option 3

Option 3 is the allocation of all of the additional parking meter revenues to the parking enforcement program. This would require changing the allocation of parking meter revenues such that all of the expected \$93,800 increase would flow to general revenues and be applied to parking enforcement. Assignment of all of the additional revenue to the parking enforcement program would require adjustments to the allocation of meter revenues. This could be accomplished as shown below:

Distribution of Parking Meter Revenues

	Present %	Proposed %	Present \$ (1)	Proposed % (2)	Difference \$
Streetscape Reserve	43%	41%	\$1,075,000	\$1,063,500	-\$11,500
Parking Capital Reserve	4%	4%	\$100,000	\$103,800	\$3,800
Parking Operating Reserve	5%	5%	\$125,000	\$129,800	\$4,800
B.I.D. Operating Grants	3%	3%	\$75,000	\$77,900	\$2,900
General Revenues	45%	47%	\$1,125,000	\$1,218,800	\$93,800
Total	100%	100%	\$2,500,000	\$2,593,800	\$93,800

Notes:

- (1) The present allocation does not include the additional revenue generated by the new parking meters as this revenue is not part of the current 1997 operating budget.
- (2) The proposed allocation does include the additional meter revenues.

The above would provide \$93,800 of funding for parking enforcement in 1997. This would fund the \$87,700 of operating expenditures leaving only \$6,100 for customer service improvements. This would mean that the enforcement standards improvements made in March would be in effect only to July as the amount of allowable revenue reduction would be expended by that time. It would also mean that other improvements currently under consideration could not be implemented in 1997.

The above would require an amendment to the bylaw governing Capital Reserves.

The Transportation Department does not support this option as it does not address the deterrent aspect of the existing low discounted penalty. This option would not allow improvements to proceed in the area of parking enforcement on an ongoing basis.

Option 4

Option four is a combination of increasing the discounted penalty and assigning new parking meter revenues to the parking enforcement program. Option four proposes the discounted penalty be increased from \$6.00 to \$8.00 effective June 1, 1997, and that the additional parking meter revenues that would be allocated to General Revenues under the current allocation formula be assigned to the parking enforcement program.

The increase in the discounted penalty will generate \$86,800 in 1997. Revenues generated by the additional parking meters will increase the provision to General Revenues \$42,200 in 1997. The combination of these total \$129,000.

Option four would fund the \$87,700 of operating expenditures previously identified leaving \$41,300 to fund customer service improvements such as the utilization of pre-stamped tickets and the enforcement standards improvements made in March.

The Transportation Department supports this option as it somewhat addresses the deterrent deficiency of the existing low discounted penalty and allows improvements in the area of parking enforcement to proceed. It also maintains the current allocation of parking meter revenues.

Recommended Option

The Transportation Department recommends Option 4, increasing the discounted penalty from \$6.00 to \$8.00 effective June 1, 1997, and assigning the revenues generated by the additional parking meters allocated to General Revenues under the current allocation formula, to the parking enforcement program.

It should be noted that the Parking Committee has not been given the opportunity to review the above options. The Parking Committee had adopted an increase in the discounted penalty from \$6.00 to \$10.00 effective June 1st. The Partnership had supported that recommendation at that time, but subsequently revoked their support necessitating the need to investigate additional options. The requirement to resolve this issue prior to the establishment of the 1997 Operating Budget did not allow sufficient time for the Parking Committee to review this report. The Parking Committee includes representation from all three Business Improvement Districts.

It should also be noted that the recent and planned initiatives in the area of parking have been requested by the Business Improvement Districts on an ongoing basis. The City has demonstrated its commitment to improving parking through the creation of the Parking Committee, and the implementation of improvements in the area of parking enforcement. The recommended option provides a source of funding that will allow the improvements in the area of parking enforcement to continue and new improvements to proceed.

There are no policy implications resulting from the recommended option. Schedule 10 of Bylaw 7200, the Traffic Bylaw, would need to be amended to reflect the change in the discounted penalty.

The above addresses the financial impacts of increasing the reduced payment for certain parking violations to fund the transfer of parking enforcement from the Saskatoon Police Service to the Transportation Department, as well as undertaking improvements in the area of parking enforcement. The recommended Option has no impact on the mill rate.

The above will be communicated to the public through a public awareness campaign. The campaign will endeavour to inform the public of the implications to adjacent businesses of long term on-street parking. It will also encourage motorists who intend to park for durations longer than those permitted on-street to park at an off-street location. The locations of long term off-street parking will be provided. The campaign will be designed and implemented with the assistance of the Business Improvement Districts and the City's Communications Branch."

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

That Mr. Batten be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Dick Batten, Chairman of The Partnership, spoke against the proposed increase in parking meter fines.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT the matter be referred back to the Parking Committee for further review.

CARRIED.

REPORT NO. 8-1997 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER

A8) 1997 Operating Budget (File No. 1704-1)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the direction of Council issue with respect to the budgetary adjustments; and,
- 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary bylaws to implement the budget.

Report of the General Manager, Finance Department, April 8, 1997:

"At its meeting of March 24, 1997, the Budget Committee made a number of recommendations which resulted in an increase in the 1997 Operating Budget totalling \$95,800. The Committee resolved:

'that the Administration bring in a budget to the next Council meeting which will reflect a zero mill rate increase'

Your staff has reviewed the budget which was presented to the Budget Committee and have identified a total of \$136,900 which could be applied to this shortfall. These are summarized below:

- 1. The budget provided to the Committee was below guidelines by \$4,900, which can now be used to fund the additional costs.
- 2. Vote 33-7 Fall & Winter Programs Page 112

 The estimates include an \$18,000 provision for a Joint Use Agreement with the Public School Board. It appears that a final agreement may not be in place for 1997, thereby rendering the provision as unnecessary for this year. Should the agreement be signed in 1998, this amount would need to be reintroduced into the budget next year.
- 3. Vote 35-3 Inspection Services Page 128
 A review of this program suggests that \$4,000 could be reduced from the budget without impacting services.
- 4. Vote 36-2 Roadway Signing & Marking Page 173
 As outlined in the report of the General Manager, Transportation, received by the Budget Committee on March 24, 1997, it is proposed that the cost recovery can be increased by \$10,000.

5. Vote 3 - SaskEnergy Franchise Fee - Page 9

The estimates from this source of revenue are provided by SaskEnergy. Historically, the estimates have proven to be conservative, with actual results always exceeding budget. It is the opinion of your staff that this estimate can be increased by \$100,000. The risk is that if we experience an abnormally warm fall/winter season in 1997, this will negatively impact actual results.

Should City Council decide that it wishes to limit the expenditure reductions/revenue increases to the amount necessary to maintain the requirement from taxation at the same effective level as 1996, the excess identified above should first be applied to maintain the funding base for the Joint Use Agreement (\$18,000), with the balance (\$23,100) being applied to reduce the risk associated with the budgeted increase to the SaskEnergy Franchise revenues."

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

- 1) that Vote 33-7 be amended by deleting the \$18,000 provision for a Joint-Use Agreement with the Public School Board;
- 2) that Vote 35-3 be amended by reducing the provision by \$4,000;
- 3) that Vote 36-2 be amended by increasing cost recovery by \$10,000; and
- 4) that Vote 3 be amended by increasing the revenue estimation by \$100,000.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT \$41,100 be provided to the SPCA (Vote 13).

IN AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT an additional \$16,400 be added and that it be found in the overall budget to be reported on by Administration.

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

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT Vote 40 - (Police Services) be increased by \$691,500 in order to maintain the current service levels and that the source of funding be the mill rate.

YEAS: His Worship the Mayor, Councillors Postlethwaite, Langford,

McCann and Waygood 5

NAYS: Councillors Birkmaier, Langlois, Heidt, Roe, Steernberg

and Atchison 6

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT City Council allocate \$300,000 to the Police Service budget as a mill rate increase, with the hope that it be used to preserve those community programs that the City has tried to protect.

YEAS: His Worship the Mayor, Councillors Postlethwaite, Langford,

McCann and Waygood 5

NAYS: Councillors Birkmaier, Langlois, Heidt, Roe, Steernberg

and Atchison 6

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT City Council, the Board of Police Commissioners and both Administrations work on a joint report towards a "Safe City" concept, and how the City might participate in programs associated with it.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT City Council allocate \$350,000 to the Police Service budget, that there be no mill rate increase, and that the Operating Budget be reviewed in order to determine a source of funding.

YEAS: Councillors Atchison, Langford and Birkmaier 3

NAYS: His Worship the Mayor, Councillors Langlois, Heidt, Waygood,

McCann, Roe, Steernberg, Postlethwaite 8

Pursuant to motion by Councillor McCann and carried by a majority of members of Council, the hour of the meeting was extended beyond 10:30 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

- 1) that the 1997 Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures, as outlined in Clause 6, Report No. 1-1997 of the Budget Committee, and as amended under Clause A8, Report No. 8-1997 of the City Commissioner be approved;
- 2) that the budgetary request of the Library Board submitted to the Budget Committee on March 10, 1997, be approved; and
- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate Tax Levy Authorization Bylaw.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS - CONTINUED

15) Kent Smith-Windsor Saskatoon Combined Business Groups, dated April 10

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the Business License Fee. (File No. CK 115-1 & 1720-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that Clause 1, Report No. 6-1997 of the Administration and Finance

Committee be brought forward for consideration and that Mr. Smith-

Windsor be heard.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT Clause 1, Report No. 6-1997 of the Administration and Finance Committee be brought forward for consideration and that Mr. Smith-Windsor be heard.

CARRIED.

"REPORT 6-1997 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Communications to Council

From: Kenneth Ziegler, President

Saskatoon and District Chamber of Commerce

Date: January 29, 1997 Subject: License Fee

(File No. CK. 115-1 & 1720-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Attached is a copy of the above communication which was considered by City Council at its meeting held on February 3, 1997 and referred to the Administration and Finance Committee for a report.

Your Committee considered this communication at its meeting held on February 10, 1997 and resolved:

that this matter be referred back to the Administration for a report that justifies cost and fees (business plan) in terms of the business licensing program, including answers to the following questions:

- a) the cost comparison between license fees for home-based businesses and commercially-established businesses;
- b) the increased costs involved as compared to the previous business licensing program;
- the cost reductions that have occurred as a result of the elimination of the business assessment role and whether these savings will be passed on to the businesses, and
- d) with respect to the issue of non-conformity in terms of zoning/building code requirements if there are a lot of existing situations of non-compliance with the Bylaw, are these simply recognized as issues of non-conformity or is the business going to have an extra burden of bringing the situation into compliance (which was not required under the previous system).

Your Committee met with Mr. Kent Smith-Windsor, representing the Saskatoon and District Chamber of Commerce to consider the following report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department and General Manager, Finance Department, dated February 24, 1997, and supports the administrative process with respect to the collection of business license fees:

"BACKGROUND

City Council at its meeting of November 4, 1996 resolved:

- '1) that City Council endorse the principle that all businesses in Saskatoon continue to be licensed, and the necessary steps be taken to implement a business licensing application, approval and enforcement process; and
- 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required bylaw amendments.'

Attachment 1 to this report outlines the rationale for the recommendations which includes integrating business licensing with the development management process, customer and administrative efficiency, and maintaining a commercial space inventory.

City Council, at its meeting of December 16, 1996, enacted bylaw number 7590 the Business License Bylaw. The report accompanying the bylaw (refer to attachment 2 to this report), indicates that the license fee will be set an \$100.00 annually. It was intended that

the bylaw would be transitional in nature until such time that a comprehensive licensing application, approval and enforcement process is in place.

City Council, at its meeting of January 20, 1997, resolved:

'that the Ends Directive for the Planning and Building Department be amended to add thereto a new Section 7 as outlined in this report, dealing with Business Licenses for Land Based Businesses; and

that the department proceed to fully implement the program prior to budget approval with the understanding that the program will not have a mill rate impact and that the program will be totally recovered by the revenue generated by the application fee.'

Attachment 3 to this report provides the rationale for the above recommendations. In the report, it indicates that the program will cost \$600,000 and that the cost of the program will be recovered from the revenue generated from 6,000 business license applications at a fee of \$100.00 per application.

Based on the above three resolutions of City Council, the Administration has commenced implementation of the program.

City Council, at its meeting of February 3, 1997, received a letter from the Saskatoon and District Chamber of Commerce concerning the \$100.00 business license fee (refer to attachment 4). City Council referred the letter to the Administration and Finance Committee.

The Administration and Finance Committee, at its meeting of February 10, 1997 resolved:

'that this matter be referred to the Administration for a report that justifies cost and fee (business plan) in terms of the business licensing program including answers to the following questions:

- a) the cost comparison between license fees for home-based businesses and commercially-established businesses;
- b) the increased costs involved as compared to the previous business licensing program;

- c) the cost reductions that have occurred as a result of the elimination of the business assessment role and whether these savings will be passed on to the businesses; and
- d) with respect to the issue of non-conformity in terms of zoning/building code requirements if there are a lot of existing situations of non-compliance with the Bylaw, are these simply recognized as issues of non-conformity or is the business going to have an extra burden of bringing the situation into compliance (which was not required under the previous system).'

REPORT

In response to the Committee's questions, the following information is provided:

a) & b) <u>Increased costs involved as compared to the previous business licensing program</u> and the cost comparison between license fees for home-based businesses and commercially-established businesses:

The costs for the new business license program for all land-based businesses can be categorized as follows:

*	Staff Compensation - 8.3 staff years	\$303,400
	of which 3.0 will be temporary	
*	Payroll Costs	40,080
*	On-going Operating Costs	71,000
*	Start-Up one time costs	<u>185,520</u>
	(i.e. systems development, fixed assets,	
	office space accommodation)	
	TOTAL	\$600,000

The costs for the previous program under business tax were as follows:

*	Staff Compensation - 6.0 staff years	\$250,000
*	Payroll Costs	33,025

* Operating Costs (operating costs were part of the overall budget for the Assessment Branch and not segregated out for business tax, therefore an operating amount has not being calculated.

The assessment branch did not handle a licensing program as such but it did administer a business tax system. This system consisted of levying a tax of 14.5 % of a fair rental value determined by the assessment of the branch. For 1996, the total business rental value was \$69,549,920. The total revenue collected from this base was \$10,084,738. In addition, there were 733 supplementary business assessments completed resulting in a revenue generation of \$440,616 and 786 business assessment write-offs totalling \$451,649, there was thus a net reduction in revenue of \$11,033. The staff compensation costs of operating business assessment was approximately \$250,000.

The costs for the new business licensing program amount to approximately \$53,000 more in staff compensation and \$7,000 more in payroll costs than the former program when delivered under the business tax system. Although an estimate of operating cost for the former program is not available because they were part of a larger overall assessment program, it is expected that the ongoing operating costs would be very similar to that of the new program. The new program does have some one-time start-up costs that will not be incurred in future years. The new program is not the same as the former program in that:

i) the business license issuance is tied into the development approval system.

In the past, business licenses were issued with a disclaimer that individuals had to meet all other City Bylaws. The City did not determine compliance prior to the license being issued. This was extremely problematic because once the license was issued, individuals would invest money into the business without doing the proper checks and then later find out that the enforcement officers for the Zoning Bylaw or Building Code were taking action to gain compliance. The new license program is far superior in that the business operator will not receive a license and will not unknowingly invest money unless there is compliance with the zoning bylaw and building code.

Under the old business tax system, home occupations were not included but rather were included under the general licensing bylaw. Now home occupations will be treated under the business license bylaw in the same manner as any other land-based business. The cost of processing a license for a home occupation is the same as the cost for any other business because the same zoning and building code check needs to be done and the same type of data needs to be maintained for the commercial space inventory. For the first time, we will have an inventory of commercial space associated with home occupations; and

ii) the new program will provide valuable information on commercial space in the city, including home occupations.

With the elimination of the business tax, the source of data for the Commercial Space Inventory (which was the information obtained from the Assessment Branch) has been eliminated. The new business licensing program will continue to monitor and update this valuable database and for the first time include data on home occupations.

The information obtained through this program (i.e. the type of use, location, floor area, etc.), provides the basis for many planning decisions. For example, the department's database on commercial space was used by the Transportation Planning Consultants who used the information to predict trip generation (journey to work) based on the locational information obtained on existing and future employment centres. In addition this department has a regular interchange of information with the appraisal industry, the real estate industry, SREDA (who use the information to promote the city to attract new businesses) and other market analysts and developers. The information is very detailed and differentiates between different types of commercial and retail uses on a neighbourhood basis.

c) Cost reductions as a result of the elimination of business assessment

The Assessment Branch had anticipated the elimination of the business assessment for a number of years and as a result, the former City Assessor had taken the following steps to insure a smooth transition for both the branch and employees involved:

- Three assessment positions were left vacant for most of 1995 and all of 1996 in anticipation of moving appraisal staff from business to property assessment in 1997. There will be an additional vacancy due to a retirement effective April 1, 1997. This position will not be filled.
- In 1996, a complete reorganization of assessment staff took place in order to meet the demands of the 1997 reassessment and beyond. A research appraiser was hired. The clerical position formerly in the business assessment section was reassigned to research. The five business appraisers have been reassigned to property assessment. Despite the city's continued growth, the number of property assessment staff has increased by only one person since 1983. The total number of staff in the Assessment Branch has

been reduced from 31.6 staff years in 1996 to 29.4 staff years in 1997 down from 34 staff years in 1983 (one more appraiser, five less staff).

d) The issue of Non Conformity

The term 'non-conformity' is often used to cover a range of different situations and circumstances. The question raised at the Administration and Finance Committee refers to 'existing situations of non compliance with the bylaw' and whether such are going to be 'simply recognized as issues of non-conformity'.

In general terms, a non-conforming situation arises when all of the required permits and land use regulations have been complied with but subsequent amendments to a bylaw results in the development or use no longer being able to comply with the amended bylaw.

The referral from the Administration and Finance Committee infers that if a business license was obtained under the 'old system' the owner/operator was not required to comply with other city regulations. This is incorrect. Under the 'old system' business operators were required to meet all city bylaws. However, the onus was on the applicant to determine compliance and a business license was issued with the disclaimer that all applicable City Bylaws must be met. Applicants did not always take it upon themselves to determine compliance with other applicable bylaws and would start their business which requires financial commitment. On a number of occasions, it was later discovered that the business did not comply with the Zoning Bylaw or the National Building Code and appropriate action had to be taken. Under the new system, compliance will be assured prior to the issuance of a business license.

In those cases where a license has previously been issued and the business owner did not undertake on his own to determine compliance with other bylaws prior to commencing operation, the Department will be advising the owner of the problem and withholding issuance of the business license for up to 6 months to allow the owner to pursue options. No enforcement action will be taken in that time period if the owner is actively attempting to resolve the problem. (Examples of action that the owner may have to pursue would be to request a change in the zoning of the property, to apply for discretionary approval, or obtain a building permit, etc.). This action was also required under the 'old system' however, because of the manner in which businesses were licensed, a number of illegal situations probably exist. The new system will prevent problems of this nature.

Conclusion

The new business license program is a new and different program to the previous business tax program. Although both programs result in the issuance of a business license, the new program is tied into the development permit system to ensure that the business owner as well as the general public, have the assurance that the business meets the bylaw requirements of the City. The new program also ensures that home-based businesses are captured in the same bylaw and treated the same with respect to business licensing and the collection of commercial space data as any other land-based business.

In addition, the commercial space inventory is a critical component of business licensing as this information is used extensively by new businesses and businesses that want to expand in Saskatoon. This inventory is used in many planning decisions, both for long-range and short-term planning matters (Development Plan and Zoning Bylaw issues). The inventory will be refined to enable the user to determine the amount of space used by a particular type of use, or to determine the amount of vacant space in a particular part of the city. Such information is thus vital in making decisions involving future planning and business matters.

Given that the \$100.00 Business License Fee provides a service that was not provided under the former business license process and business tax, the collection of the fee is in keeping with the tax neutrality principal stated by City Council.

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As indicated in Attachment 2 of this report, it is intended to review the \$100.00 application fee at the end of the first year of the program. It is anticipated that a two-fee system will ultimately be implemented that will deal with new licenses (\$100.00 fee) and a fee for renewals where no changes to the use or space have occurred. In this first year, each license is being treated as a new license so that bylaw compliance can be determined. In subsequent years, many licenses will be renewals and it is anticipated that the renewal fee will be less than \$100.00. However, the program needs to be in place for at least a year to determine the final fees. The legislation only allows a municipality to charge a fee for business licenses that recovers the costs and this is the parameter upon which the fees have been established to date and will continue to be established in the future.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Business License Process - report to Council Nov. 4, 1996

- 2. Implementation of Reassessment report to Council December 16, 1997
- 3. Ends Directive Policy of Planning and Building Department report to Council Jan. 20/97"

Mr. Kent Smith-Windsor, Saskatoon Combined Business Groups, spoke regarding the matter.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS - CONTINUED

16) Jim McLeod

The Partnership, dated April 10

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 34.

17) Darryl Kotyk 215 Rever Road, dated April 11

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the proposed rezoning of Parcel CP, Plan 96-S-22416 in the Silverspring Neighbourhood. (File No. CK. 4110-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that Clause 3, Report No. 7-1997 of the Municipal Planning

Commission and Item AA.34 of "Communications" be brought

forward for consideration and that Mr. Kotyk be heard.

18) Marianne and John Childrey 227 Rever Road, dated April 11

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the proposed rezoning of Parcel CP, Plan 96-S-22416 in the Silverspring Neighbourhood. (File No. CK. 4110-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. and Ms. Childrey be heard.

19) Ryan and TracyLynn Miller 214 Rever Road, dated April 11

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the proposed rezoning of Parcel CP, Plan 96-S-22416 in the Silverspring Neighbourhood. (File No. CK. 4110-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. and/or Ms. Miller be heard.

Council noted that Mr. Darryl Kotyk, Mr. John Childrey, Ms. Marianne Childrey, and Mr. Ryan Miller spoke against the proposed rezoning earlier in the Council meeting. (See Page No. 4).

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Item AA.34 of "Communications" and Clause 3, Report No. 7-1997 of the Municipal Planning Commission be brought forward for consideration.

CARRIED.

"AA34 Arnie Berg

570682 Saskatchewan Ltd., dated April 14

Submitting comments regarding the proposed rezoning of Parcel CP, Plan 96-S-22416 in the Silverspring Neighbourhood. (File No. CK. 4110-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and to be considered with Item A.17 of "Communications.

REPORT NO. 7-1997 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

3. Proposed Rezoning
Parcel CP, Plan 96-S-22416
Silverspring Neighbourhood
(R.1A to B.1A District)
(File No. CK. 4110-3)

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to rezone Parcel CP, Registered Plan 96-S-22416 from an R.1A District to a B.1A District:

- 2) that the General Manager, Planning and Building Department be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendments;
- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaws; and
- 4) that the Municipal Planning Commission's report be brought forward for consideration at the time of the public hearing and that City Council consider the Commission's recommendation that the proposed rezoning, as outlined in Recommendation 1) above, be approved.

City Council, at its meeting held on February 17, 1997, resolved that the matter of the zoning of Parcel CP be referred back to the Municipal Planning Commission for further review and report. Your Commission considered the above matter and requested a report from the Administration with respect to alternate locations.

Your Commission discussed the issue of notification of residents of the potential for neighbourhood commercial development in their area. There is a responsibility on the part of the City to make this information available, and on the part of the residents to take note. Although ideas were shared regarding potential improvements to the present notification process, your Commission did not see that the notification issue significantly affected conclusions as to the best place for B.1A in the Silverspring Neighbourhood. After considerable discussion of the current and potential role of commercial uses in neighbourhoods, your Commission concluded that neighbourhood commercial use has an important (and changing) role to play in all neighbourhoods. With regard to the proposed rezoning in Silverspring, your Commission considered several alternative sites in terms of safety, pedestrian access, visibility, and effects on current designated uses. Each of the proposed alternatives was found to be less desirable that the site initially recommended. As such, your Commission supports the original recommendation.

The following is the report of the Planning and Building Department dated March 17, 1997:

"PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the information be received; and
- 2) that Parcel CP, Registered Plan No. 96-S-22416 be rezoned to B.1A District, as proposed in Bylaw No. 7603.

At its meeting held on February 17, 1997, City Council commenced a hearing into Bylaw No. 7603, for proposed rezoning of Parcel CP from R.1A District to B.1A District in the Silverspring neighbourhood and resolved:

'That the matter of zoning of Parcel CP be referred back to the Municipal Planning Commission for further review and report.'

BACKGROUND

The subject land, Parcel CP, is the result of a reallocation of land to the owners, 570682 Saskatchewan Ltd., during a negotiation process which took place in the Sketch Plan stages of the neighbourhood prior to the formal assembly of land for the development of the Silverspring neighbourhood. In 1992, the Sketch Plan for the Silverspring neighbourhood had been reviewed by members of the Silverspring Community Association, Environmental groups, Municipal Planning Commission, Technical Planning Commission, Standing Committees of Council, Utility Agencies and the Meewasin Valley Authority. It was also necessary to prepare a residential neighbourhood project proposal to Saskatchewan Environment and Public Safety, which underwent close scrutiny for proposed development of these lands and, eventually, was approved in May 1992. The Sketch Plan was adopted by City Council on May 11, 1992, showing the present land uses. Representatives of 570682 Saskatchewan Ltd. requested that their original land holdings in the southeast corner of the neighbourhood be rezoned from B.2 District to R.1A District, with the intention that a new parcel be allocated in the location as shown on the Sketch Plan and approved by City Council. A replotting scheme proceeded with the owners in accordance with *The Planning* and Development Act. The land was allocated to the owners in accordance with the negotiations that were carried out and approvals received. The replotting scheme was subsequently registered in the Land Titles Office in June, 1996 and new Certificates of Titles issued to the respective owners.

Members of the Planning and Building Department and 570682 Saskatchewan Ltd. have met, in order to resolve the issue of locating the future B.1A site in the neighbourhood. A number of alternative site locations were presented to 570682 Saskatchewan Ltd., as shown on Attachment No. 1. It was indicated, by the owners, that there was a considerable time loss since the initial investment and that there could be some return immediately, since the present site is serviced.

Comments of 570682 Saskatchewan Ltd. with respect to alternate sites are as follows:

(1) The owners have expressed preference for the present Parcel CP being rezoned to B.1A, since they now have title to the parcel and servicing is available. Therefore, a market for the parcel would be imminent.

- (2) Option 1 may be considered, subject to:
 - amount of servicing costs required,
 - timing of rezoning to B.1A District,
 - no loss of value being incurred in the new site, as compared to the present site,
 - no further costs being incurred with respect to subdivision and rezoning applications, and
 - acceptance of proposal by their shareholders.
- (3) Options 2, 3, & 4 not acceptable because of timing of placing parcel on the market.
- (4) Exchange the parcel on a commercial value for residential lots, subject to agreement by all parties.

ATTACHMENT

1. Silverspring Plan Showing Optional Locations for Neighbourhood Commercial"

Moved by Councillor Postlethwaite, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

- 1) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to rezone Parcel CP, Registered Plan 96-S-22416 from an R.1A District to a B.1A District;
- 2) that the General Manager, Planning and Building Department be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendments;
- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaws; and
- 4) that the Municipal Planning Commission's report be brought forward for consideration at the time of the public hearing and that City Council consider the Commission's recommendation that the proposed rezoning, as outlined in Recommendation 1) above, be approved.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND LOST.

"REPORT NO. 7-1997 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Zoning Bylaw Amendment - Section 10(2) Number of Buildings on a Public Park Applicant: AODBT Architects Ltd. (File No. CK. 4110-3)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to amend Section 10(2) of Zoning Bylaw No. 6772 to permit more than one principal building to be located on a public park in Saskatoon, subject to this being restricted to city-wide, multi-district and district parks;
- 2) that the General Manager, Planning and Building Department be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendment;
- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaw; and
- 4) that at the time of the public hearing, City Council consider the Commission's recommendation that the Zoning Bylaw amendment be approved, as noted in Recommendation 1) above.

During consideration of the report of the Planning and Building Department dated March 11, 1997, your Commission discussed the implications of the amendment on smaller neighbourhood parks. Your Commission concluded that the amendment should be restricted to city-wide, multi-district and district parks. It was further noted that while this amendment would make it entirely permissive under the Zoning Bylaw to allow for more than one principal building, it is under City Council's sole discretion whether to allow a facility on municipal reserve land. In addition, as is the case with any issue before City Council, members of the public would have the opportunity to address City Council.

Your Commission is therefore recommending approval of the amendment, subject to a restriction to city-wide, multi-district and district parks.

The following is the report of the Planning and Building Department dated March 11, 1997:

"A. PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

- that City Council be asked to approve the advertising respecting the proposal to amend Section 10(2) of the Zoning Bylaw No. 6772 to permit more than one principal building to be located on a public park in Saskatoon; and,
- 2) that the General Manager, Planning and Building Department be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendment; and,
- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaw; and,
- 4) that at the time of the public hearing Council be asked to consider the Commission's recommendation that the rezoning be approved.

B. <u>PROPOSAL</u>

The firm of AODBT Architects Ltd. has applied on behalf of the Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. to City Council to amend the City of Saskatoon Zoning Bylaw No. 6772 to permit more than one principal building to be located on a public park in Saskatoon. Specifically, Section 10(2) allows more than one principal building on sites which are either dwelling groups, shopping centres or industrial complexes. The proposal is to add public parks to this list.

C. REASON FOR PROPOSAL

The Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. intends to construct a separate indoor soccer facility next to the Lawson Civic Centre on Umea Vast Park. The Lawson Civic Centre is presently located on Municipal Reserve Parcel MR1, Plan 89-S-18745. The two facilities will not be architecturally linked and therefore, the purpose of the amendment is to amend Section 10(2) of the Zoning Bylaw to allow more than one principal building on a public park.

D. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Saskatoon Soccer Centre has approached the City of Saskatoon about constructing and locating a new indoor soccer facility to be located on Umea Vast Park adjacent to the Lawson Heights Civic Centre.

On January 15, 1997, the Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. was advised that the proposal to locate such a facility could be accommodated subject to several conditions. One of the conditions was that if the Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. decided not to link the new facility to the existing Lawson Civic Centre then it would be considered a separate building. The Zoning Bylaw presently does not

permit the construction of more than one principal building on one site except for shopping centres, industrial complexes and dwelling groups.

The Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. has decided that its needs would be better met by not linking the two buildings together and constructing a separate building. Therefore, an amendment to the Zoning Bylaw is required to allow construction of a second principal building on this land.

E. <u>JUSTIFICATION</u>

1. <u>Planning and Building Department Comments</u>

The proposed indoor soccer facility is intended to be a public soccer facility owned and operated by a non-profit group. It has been proposed by The Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. that they would administer programs that will complement the existing Lawson Civic Centre.

Public parks are owned by the City of Saskatoon and are intended for open space and parks and recreation programming. From time to time, there is a need to construct facilities on these lands intended to serve the recreation needs of the residents who live in a wide area.

It is the opinion within the Planning and Building Department that the proposal to amend Section 10(2) of the Zoning Bylaw to permit more than one building to be constructed on a public park is reasonable. The proposed amendment may facilitate the development of future recreation facilities which are designed to serve residents of a wide area and provide greater amenity to the community at large. Given the extended winter period our climate provides, it seems reasonable to allow provision to construct more than one indoor, public recreation facility on a public park.

2. Policy Implications

The proposed amendment would affect all public parks in Saskatoon.

3. Conclusion

It is the opinion within the Planning & Building Department that the proposal to amend Section 10(2) of the Zoning Bylaw to permit more than

one building to locate on a public park is desirable and should be accommodated.

On this basis, the Planning & Building Department has no objection to this application advancing to the Public Hearing stage.

F. <u>COMMUNICATION PLAN</u>

If this application is approved for advertising by City Council, a notice will be placed in the Star Phoenix once a week for two consecutive weeks. The applicant will be notified of the date, time and place of the Public Hearing.

G. ATTACHMENTS

None."

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

- 1) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to amend Section 10(2) of Zoning Bylaw No. 6772 to permit more than one principal building to be located on a public park in Saskatoon, subject to this being restricted to city-wide, multi-district and district parks;
- 2) that the General Manager, Planning and Building Department be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendment;
- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaw; and
- 4) that at the time of the public hearing, City Council consider the Commission's recommendation that the Zoning Bylaw amendment be approved, as noted in Recommendation 1) above.

CARRIED.

2. Proposed Rezoning - Fairbrother Place/Close Parcels CK, CL, CX and CJ, Plan No. 96-S-22415 R.2 District to R.1A District

Applicant: City of Saskatoon

(File No. CK. 4110-3)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to rezone Parcels CK, CL, CX, CJ, Plan 96-S-22415, Fairbrother Subdivision, from an R.2 District to an R.1A District:
- 2) that the General Manager, Planning and Building Department be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendment;
- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaw; and
- 4) that at the time of the public hearing, City Council consider the Commission's recommendation that the rezoning, as outlined in Recommendation 1) above, be approved.

A summary page, including a location plan for the above application for rezoning in the Silverspring Neighbourhood, is attached.

Your Commission has reviewed and concurs with the following report of the Planning and Building Department dated March 18, 1997:

"A. PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

- that City Council be asked to approve the advertising respecting the proposal to rezone Parcels CK, CL, CX, CJ, Plan 96-S-22415, Fairbrother Subdivision from an R.2 District to an R.1A District;
- 2) that the General Manager, Planning and Building Department be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendment;
- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaw; and,
- 4) that at the time of the public hearing Council be asked to consider the Commission's recommendation that the rezoning be approved.

B. PROPOSAL

The Planning and Building Department, on behalf of the City of Saskatoon, is requesting that Parcels CJ, CX, CL, and CK, Plan 96-S-22415 be rezoned from R.2 District to R.1A District. Please refer to the Location Plan on the cover page.

C. <u>REASON FOR PROPOSAL</u>

It is the desire of the Land Branch of the Planning and Building Department to subdivide and sell the lots for one-unit dwellings. The R.2 district permits the development of two-unit dwellings. The proposed rezoning of these parcels to an R.1A District will restrict the development to single family residential dwellings which will be more appropriate to adjacent proposed development.

D. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The existing parcels of land were created during the Silverspring replot process which was undertaken to reallocate the ownership of land and facilitate the development of the Silverspring neighbourhood. The replot was undertaken in accordance with the Silverspring Neighbourhood Sketch Plan which was endorsed by City Council on May 11, 1992. (Please refer to Attachment No. 1)

E. <u>JUSTIFICATION</u>

1. Planning and Building Department Comments

The City obtained these parcels as a result of the Silverspring replot in 1996. The intended zoning for this parcel has always been R.1A as approved in principle in the Silverspring Neighbourhood Sketch Plan.

Parcel CG, which will eventually be part of Fairbrother Place, is not included in the proposed rezoning as it is currently privately owned and has a residence in place.

2. <u>Comments by Others</u>

The President of the Silverspring Community Association has been informed of the proposed rezoning by mail. At present, no response has been received.

3. Conclusion

It is the opinion within the Planning & Building Department that this proposal is consistent with the policies contained in the City of Saskatoon Development Plan, and is in conformance with the Neighbourhood Sketch Plan for the Silverspring Neighbourhood.

On this basis, the Planning & Building Department has no objection to this application advancing to the Public Hearing stage.

F. <u>COMMUNICATION PLAN</u>

If this application is approved for advertising by City Council, a notice will be placed in the Star Phoenix once a week for two consecutive weeks. Notice boards will also be placed on the site. The Community Association has already been advised in writing of this application. At the end of the advertising period, City Council will hold a Public Hearing to consider any submission regarding the proposed rezoning.

G. <u>ATTACHMENT</u>

1. Silverspring Neighbourhood Design Concept"

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

- 1) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to rezone Parcels CK, CL, CX, CJ, Plan 96-S-22415, Fairbrother Subdivision, from an R.2 District to an R.1A District;
- 2) that the General Manager, Planning and Building Department be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendment;
- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaw; and
- 4) that at the time of the public hearing, City Council consider the Commission's recommendation that the rezoning, as outlined in Recommendation 1) above, be approved

CARRIED.

REPORT NO. 8-1997 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment to Adopt New Sign Regulations (File No. CK. 4350-1)

RECOMMENDATION:

that City Council approve the advertising with respect to the proposal to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6772 to adopt new provisions for signage in Saskatoon, as outlined in Attachment No. 1 - "Sign Regulation Review" and Attachments No. 1a) and 1b), and to include the following additional provision:

"that with respect to school, church or community centre property, if there is an existing or future freestanding sign that simply identifies the building, a portable sign announcing upcoming events would be allowed on the site but two permanent signs would not be allowed";

- 2) that the City Planner be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendments;
- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required amending Bylaw;
- 4) that at the time of the public hearing, City Council:
 - a) consider repealing existing Sign Bylaw No. 5138; and
 - b) bring forward the report of the Municipal Planning Commission and consider the Commission's recommendation that the proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment, as outlined in Recommendation 1) above, be approved;
- 5) that the matter of amending License Bylaw No. 6066 to include provisions allowing the City of Saskatoon to collect annual fees for portable signs as described in Attachment No. 1 "Sign Regulation Review" be considered by City Council following adoption of amendments to the Zoning Bylaw; and
- 6) that the matter of amending Building Bylaw No. 7306 to include provisions for the regulation of signs as defined in Attachment No. 2 be considered by City Council following adoption of amendments to the Zoning Bylaw.

City Council, at its meeting held on June 3, 1996, during consideration of the above-noted matter, issued instructions with respect to advertising and preparation of the proposed amendments to Zoning Bylaw No. 6772 to adopt new provisions for signage in Saskatoon as outlined in Attachment No. 1 "Sign Regulation Review". In addition, City Council resolved:

"THAT City Council request the City Solicitor to include additional signage provisions in the drafting of the Bylaws to adopt new sign regulations in the Zoning and Building Bylaws which will address the following issues:

- a) information signage for schools and churches;
- b) electrical and building construction standards for portable signs;
- c) additional separation distances between different types of billboards; and
- d) potential increase in time limit for the use of portable information signs by community associations and non-profit organizations in residential areas."

Your Commission has reviewed the March 7, 1997 report of the Planning and Building Department and has heard further presentations from the Ms. Shirley Steiger, President of the River Heights Community Association and from Mr. Rob Brown, President of the Portable Sign Association of Saskatoon. A copy of Mr. Brown's presentation is attached (Attachment No. 3).

Upon consideration of the March 7, 1997 report of the Planning and Building Department, your Commission is in support of the further amendments as noted in Attachments No. 1a) and 1b). In addition, your Commission is recommending the inclusion of an additional provision that on school, church or community centre property where there is an existing or future freestanding sign that simply identifies the building, a portable sign would be allowed on the site announcing upcoming events; however, if the portable sign becomes a permanent sign, two permanent signs would not be allowed on the site.

Further to the above, your Commission has been advised that under Provincial regulations, City Council must amend the Zoning Bylaw within six months of issuing instructions for the preparation of the amending bylaw. Since this time has elapsed, City Council must again issue these instructions. Therefore, your Commission is submitting for Council's consideration the recommendations adopted by City Council at its meeting held on June 3, 1996, together with the amendments noted above.

As background information, attached is an excerpt from the minutes of meeting of City Council held on June 3, 1996, regarding the above matter (Attachment No. 4).

The following is the report of the Planning and Building Department dated March 7, 1997:

"A. PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

- that City Council approve the advertising with respect to the proposal to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6772 to adopt new provisions for signage in Saskatoon;
- 2) that the City Planner be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendments;
- 3) that at the time of the public hearing, City Council:
 - a) consider repealing existing Sign Bylaw No. 5138;
 - b) bring forward the report of the Municipal Planning Commission and consider the Commission's recommendation that the proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment, as outlined in Recommendation 1) above, be approved;
- 4) that the matter of amending the License Bylaw No. 6066 to include provisions allowing the City of Saskatoon to collect annual fees for portable signs be considered by City Council following adoption of amendments to the Zoning Bylaw; and
- 5) that the matter of amending Building Bylaw No. 7306 to include provisions for the regulation of signs be considered by City Council following adoption of amendments to the Zoning Bylaw.

B. PROPOSAL

The Planning and Building Department is proposing to add the following provisions to the amending Bylaw which will be used to regulate signage in Saskatoon:

- 1) that allowances be made in the Zoning Bylaw to accommodate permanent information signage for elementary schools, high schools and churches as specified in Attachment No. 1a;
- 2) that portable signs be exempted from electrical and construction standards for a period of 90 days from the date of placement on site, after which, portable signs will be considered to be permanent signs and subject to all regulatory provisions which apply to permanent signs in Saskatoon as shown in Attachment No. 1b;

- 3) that a 90 metre separation distance between all types of billboards be included in the amending bylaw and that no further regulations for different types of billboards be considered at this time; and,
- 4) that the time limit for the use of portable signs by community associations and non-profit organizations in residential areas be increased from the previously proposed 14 days to 90 consecutive days from date of first placement on site as shown in Attachment No. 1b.

C. REASON FOR PROPOSAL

On June 3, 1996, City Council resolved:

'THAT City Council request the City Solicitor to include additional signage provisions in the drafting of the Bylaws to adopt new sign regulations in the Zoning and Building Bylaws which will address the following issues:

- a) information signage for schools and churches;
- b) electrical and building construction standards for portable signs;
- c) additional separation distances between different types of billboards; and,
- d) potential increase in time limit for the use of portable information signs by community associations and non-profit organizations in residential areas.'

D. <u>BACKGROUND INFORMATION</u>

The Planning and Building Department submitted and presented a report recommending new sign regulations to the Municipal Planning Commission on May 7, 1996 and May 21, 1996. On June 3, 1996, the Planning and Building Department presented a report to City Council which contained recommendations for new sign regulations. At the June 3, meeting, Council resolved:

'1) that City Council approve the advertising with respect to the proposal to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 6772 to adopt new provisions for signage in Saskatoon, as outlined in Attachment No. 1 "Sign Regulation Review";

- 2) that the City Planner be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendments;
- 3) that at the time of the public hearing, City Council:
 - a) consider repealing existing Sign Bylaw No. 5138;
 - b) bring forward the report of the Municipal Planning Commission and consider the Commission's recommendation that the proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment, as outlined in Recommendation 1) above, be approved;
- 4) that the matter of amending the License Bylaw No. 6066 to include provisions allowing the City of Saskatoon to collect annual fees for portable signs as described in Attachment No. 1 "Sign Regulation Review" be considered by City Council following adoption of amendments to the Zoning Bylaw; and,
- 5) that the matter of amending Building Bylaw No. 7306 to include provisions for the regulation of signs as defined in Attachment No. 2 be considered by Council following adoption of amendments to the Zoning Bylaw.'

E. <u>JUSTIFICATION</u>

1. Comments of the Planning and Building Department

The comments of the Planning and Building Department below describe the rationale for each of the four additional provisions which have been added to the amending Bylaw in accordance with Council's June 3, 1996 resolution.

a) Information Signage for Schools and Churches

School Board representatives have requested that the new sign regulations allow the School Board to place a permanent information sign on school property which would be used to inform the public about upcoming school events and activities. A meeting was arranged to discuss this matter with the Public School Board representative and a representative of the Saskatchewan Permanent Sign Association.

Most schools and churches are situated within residential zones which are subject to sign regulations of either Signage Group #1 or #2. Since most schools and churches are situated within residential neighbourhoods, careful consideration was given to the characteristics of any permanent signage which may be proposed. As a result, the bylaw includes allowances for permanent information signage on school and church properties subject to height, size, illumination and content restrictions. Two standards are being proposed, one for elementary schools and churches, and a second for high schools. Since high schools are situated on larger sites, the sign regulations will allow a slightly larger information sign on these sites.

Proposed sign regulations for permanent informational signs for elementary schools and churches in Sign Groups 1 and 2 include the following:

- a. one freestanding sign per site.
- b. no taller than 3.0 metres (10 feet) from grade to highest point on sign.
- c. no larger sign face than 4.6 m² (48 square feet).
- d. no less than 1.5 m² (16 square feet) must be devoted to identification of building.
- e. total sign face area not to exceed 9.2m² (99 square feet).
- f. no illumination between 11 pm and 7 am.
- g. illumination must be steady; not intermittent.
- h. no advertising of any commercial products or services must be informational only.
- i. must provide shrubs surrounding the base of the sign.

Proposed sign regulations for permanent informational signs for high schools in Sign Groups 1 and 2 include the following:

- a. one freestanding sign per site.
- b. no taller than 5.0 metres (16 feet) from grade to highest point on sign.
- c. no larger sign face than 5.9 m² (64 square feet).
- d. no less than 2.2 m² (24 square feet) must be devoted to identification of school.
- e. total sign face area not to exceed 11.8 m² (128 square feet).
- f. no illumination between 11 pm and 7 am.

- g. illumination must be steady; not intermittent.
- h. no advertising of any commercial products or services must be informational only.

For exact wording of the proposed bylaw refer to Attachment No. 1a.

b) <u>Electrical and Building Construction Standards for Portable Signs</u>

The existing and proposed sign regulations each contain regulations concerning the electrical and construction standards for most signs in Saskatoon. Most of these regulations apply to permanently affixed signage such as permanent freestanding, roof and overhanging signs. Portable signs are designed to be lightweight and portable for temporary use.

It would be unreasonable to require the same electrical and construction standards of portable signs as permanent signs - unless such a portable sign was intended to be used permanently. Therefore, the Planning and Building Department is proposing to exempt any portable sign from electrical and construction standards for a period of 90 days of consecutive use at each site where it is used. At the end of the 90 day period, if the owner or operator wishes to keep the sign as a permanent sign, they must apply for a permanent sign permit and meet all of the required electrical and construction standards required of permanent signs.

Please refer to Attachment No. 1b for exact wording in proposed bylaw.

c) <u>Additional Separation Distances Between Different Types of Billboards</u>

Mediacom Inc. and Hook Outdoor Advertising are the only two companies which are presently operating billboards in Saskatoon. Mediacom presently operates 128 poster style billboards (10' x 20') and 5 superboards (10' x 44') in Saskatoon. Of the poster style billboards in Saskatoon, only 26 (20%) are side by side, or up and down style billboards. Hook Advertising operates only 2 multiple face billboards and no superboards in Saskatoon.

It is the opinion within the Planning and Building Department that there is no need at this time to recommend additional separation distances between different types of billboards. The Saskatoon market is relatively small and it is not expected that many more multi panel billboards or superboards will be erected in Saskatoon. Presently, only the City of Winnipeg has recently passed sign regulations which require additional separation distances between multi-faced billboards and superboards. This approach by the City of Winnipeg was due to the height and number of superboards. Saskatoon does not have a problem with billboards at the present time. Therefore, the proposed 90m (300 feet) separation distance between all types of billboards should be sufficient at this time.

d) <u>Potential Increase in Time Limit for the Use of Portable Information</u> <u>Signs by Community Associations and Non-Profit Organizations in</u> Residential Areas

There exists some demand in Saskatoon from community associations to use portable signs in residential areas as temporary community bulletin boards. These signs are not used for advertising, but rather to inform residents of upcoming events, activities, reunions, registrations, etc.. Currently, most of these types of signs are located in parks in residential zones. The Planning and Building Department had previously proposed to allow temporary signs to be located within residential districts subject to use by a community association or non-profit group for a maximum 14 consecutive days followed by a removal period of 14 consecutive days. All community associations were advised in writing of the new sign provisions, however, no community associations responded.

For consistency reasons, the Planning and Building Department is recommending that Council adopt one set of rules which would apply to all portable signs across the city. In other words, community associations would be able to erect a portable sign within a residential area for 90 days of consecutive use followed by 30 consecutive days of removal from the site. Please refer to Attachment No. 1b for exact wording of the Bylaw.

It is the opinion within the Planning and Building Department that this is a very reasonable provision to allow community associations to effectively inform residents of upcoming events and activities.

There is not expected to be a large demand for this type of signage as this type of signage has been available for a number of years now.

2. Conclusion

It is the opinion within the Planning & Building Department that the proposed new sign regulations contain reasonable and enforceable provisions. The existing sign regulations require updating coupled with a renewal of enforcement efforts focusing on signage which has the greatest impact on the community. After months of consultation with business, residents and representatives of the sign industry, it is the opinion within the Planning and Building Department that the new proposed regulations strike a balance between the need to communicate with signage and the need for safety and protection from intrusive signs and aesthetics.

On this basis, the Planning & Building Department recommends that the proposal to amend the Zoning Bylaw and repeal existing Sign Bylaw No. 5138 advance to the Public Hearing stage.

F. <u>COMMUNICATION PLAN</u>

On June 3, 1996, City Council instructed the Administration to prepare an amending bylaw to adopt new sign regulations and to prepare an advertisement to notify residents of a Public Hearing. At this time, the City Solicitor is preparing the final touches on the amending bylaw. The amending bylaw will be forwarded by mail to each sign company who does business in Saskatoon and they will be informed of the date, time and place of the Public Hearing. A notice will be placed in the Star Phoenix once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to the Public Hearing.

G. <u>ATTACHMENTS</u>

- 1. Proposed Sign Regulations Freestanding Signs for Churches & Schools.
- 2. Proposed Sign Regulations Portable Sign Regulations."

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the matter be deferred to the April 28, 1997 Council meeting.

2. Proposed Rezoning by Agreement

Block A, Plan G659 2113 Lorne Avenue

Applicant: Mid-West Development (2000) Corp.

524 - 2nd Avenue North

(File No. CK. 4351-1)

RECOMMENDATION:

that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to Rezone by Agreement Block A, Plan G659 from an R.2 District to an RM.4 District subject to the execution of an agreement between 610087 Saskatchewan Ltd. and the City of Saskatoon, which Agreement would permit the carrying out of a specific proposal on the said land, namely:

- a) a multiple unit dwelling consisting of not more than 20 dwelling units;
- b) a two-storey building consisting of three wings architecturally joined and not more than 9 metres in height;
- c) a gross floor area of 1,810.8 square metres;
- d) a maximum floor space ratio of 0.47:1;
- e) all design and development elements as contained in Attachments 1a) and 1b) of this report; and,
- f) all other relevant terms of the RM.4 Zoning District and the City of Saskatoon Zoning Bylaw No. 6772 will apply;
- 2) that the City Planner be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendment;
- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaw; and
- 4) that at the time of the public hearing Council be asked to consider the Commission's recommendation that the Rezoning by Agreement, as noted in Recommendation 1) above, be approved."

A summary page, including a location plan for the above application for rezoning in the Exhibition Neighbourhood, is attached.

Your Commission has reviewed and supports the following report of the Planning and Building Department dated March 14, 1997:

"PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

- that City Council be asked to approve the advertising respecting the proposal to Rezone by Agreement Block A, Plan G659 from an R.2 District to an RM.4 District subject to the execution of an agreement between 610087 Saskatchewan Ltd. and the City of Saskatoon, which Agreement would permit the carrying out of a specific proposal on the said land, namely:
 - a) a multiple unit dwelling consisting of not more than 20 dwelling units;
 - b) a two-storey building consisting of three wings architecturally joined and not more than 9 metres in height;
 - c) a gross floor area of 1,810.8 square metres;
 - d) a maximum floor space ratio of 0.47:1;
 - e) all design and development elements as contained in Attachments 1a) and 1b) of this report; and,
 - f) all other relevant terms of the RM.4 Zoning District and the City of Saskatoon Zoning Bylaw No. 6772 will apply.
- 2) that the City Planner be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendment;
- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaw; and
- 4) that at the time of the public hearing Council be asked to consider the Commission's recommendation that the rezoning be **Approved.**

B. PROPOSAL

Mid-West Development (2000) Corp. have applied to City Council on behalf of 610087 Saskatchewan Ltd., requesting that Block A, Plan G659 (2113 Lorne Avenue) be rezoned from an R.2 District to an RM.4 District by Agreement to facilitate the development of a 20-unit multiple unit dwelling. Please refer to the Location Plan on the cover page and to Attachment Nos. 1a and 1b.

C. REASON FOR PROPOSAL

The applicants have indicated that they intend to develop a 20 unit multiple unit dwelling at 2113 Lorne Avenue. The site is presently zoned as an R.2 District

which restricts residential development to one and two unit dwellings. The applicant is seeking Council's approval to rezone this property to an RM.4 District by Agreement. A rezoning by agreement, is being sought at the request of the Planning and Building Department due to the sites location within the Exhibition neighbourhood. A rezoning by agreement will restrict the development of this site to precisely the proposal as contained in Appendix A of this report. A rezoning by agreement binds the developer to providing all of the design and development elements as proposed and assures the local community that all development elements such as landscaping, off-street parking, amenity areas, etc., that were proposed will be constructed.

D. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2113 Lorne Avenue is the site of the former Millar's Greenhouse property. Millar's Greenhouse was developed in 1924 originally as a dwelling and greenhouse. Over the period of many years, modifications and additions were made to the property and it became a commercial greenhouse operation. It remained a commercial greenhouse up until it was demolished in late 1995. The site has been purchased by a local company and is currently vacant. Due to the fact that this property was used as a commercial greenhouse for 70 years, an environmental site assessment was undertaken to determine if any contamination of the site has occurred and what remedial steps are required to ensure suitability for residential development. The results of the assessment are presented later in this report.

The architect, Kindrachuk Agrey Architects Ltd., has prepared a set of development drawings illustrating the proposed development and presented the proposal to the Exhibition Community Association in December 1996. The comments of the Exhibition Community Association are presented below.

E. JUSTIFICATION

1. Planning and Building Department Comments

The Development Proposal

The Planning and Building Department has reviewed this proposal and notes that it meets, or exceeds, the requirements set out in the RM.4 Zoning District. The requirements include land use, off-street parking, landscaping, height, open space and building set backs.

If the request for rezoning by agreement is to advance to the public hearing stage, a proposed bylaw amendment and rezoning agreement will be prepared. Prior to the advertising of a public hearing, the applicant will be required to execute an agreement in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor. Generally, the agreement would describe the particulars of the proposed development and specify that in addition to meeting the various minimum requirements of the Zoning Bylaw No. 6772, the development shall be limited to (requirements of Zoning Bylaw provided in *italics*):

- a. a multiple unit dwelling containing twenty [20] units consisting of two [2] one-bedroom units, and eighteen [18] two-bedroom units;
- b. a maximum building height two storeys or 9 metres (3 storeys or 11 metres);
- c. a gross floor area of 1,810.8 square metres (5,791.5 square metres)
- d. site coverage of 44.4% (50%);
- e. a floor space ratio 0.47:1 (1.5:1);
- f. amenity space totalling 450.8 m2 (360m2);
- g. a total of 35 off-street parking stalls consisting of five (5) visitor parking stalls (5 required) and 30 occupant stalls (30 required). Of the 35 off-street parking stalls, 26 are to be contained within private garages.

Development Plan Policy

A Rezoning by Agreement differs from conventional rezoning in that the bylaw which amends the zoning district will have an 'agreement' appended to it. The agreement will limit the developer to certain elements which are agreed upon and binding to the developer. The elements contained in the agreement may specify elements according to Section 16.5.2 of the City of Saskatoon Development Plan. Section 16.5.2 states...

16.5.2 In establishing terms and conditions in the agreement with respect to:

- a) the uses of the land and buildings or the form of development; and,
- b) the site layout and external design, including parking areas, landscaping and entry and exit ways;

Council shall consider:

- a) Land Use
- b) Site Frontage
- c) Site Area
- d) Front Yard
- e) Side Yard
- f) Rear Yard
- g) Height
- h) Open Space/Amenity Space
- i) Floor Area Ratio
- j) Signs
- k) Off-Street Parking
- 1) Off-Street Loading
- m) Landscaping
- n) Lighting
- o) Timing and Phasing of Development
- 16.5.2.1 Council shall set standards with respect to each of the above provisions which are **equal to, or exceed those required** in the requested zoning district; and
- 16.5.2.2 Council may **limit the use of the land and buildings** to one or more of the uses permitted in the requested zoning district.'

Environmental Site Assessment

As part of the application for rezoning, the Planning and Building Department requested that an Environmental Site Assessment be undertaken at this site given that the former use of the site was a commercial greenhouse. The applicant acquired the services of P. Machibroda Engineering Ltd. of Saskatoon to conduct a soil and groundwater analysis of the site. The testing was confined to analysis of soil and groundwater for the existence of residual pesticides and/or herbicides which may have been used in the former greenhouse.

a. <u>Soil Analysis</u>

P. Machibroda Engineering Ltd. obtained nine subsamples of soil from nine test holes at a depth of 0.3 metres (1 foot) on

December 16, 1996. The soil was analyzed for organo-phosphate/organo-chlorine (OP/OC) pesticides, carbamate pesticides and mercury. These were chosen for analysis since they represent chemicals currently in use in the province and/or persistent insecticides and mercury seed treatments formerly used within the province.

In all nine samples, 'the concentrations of herbicides and/or pesticides measured in the composite soil samples were below detection limits and the referenced criteria'. (Environmental Site Assessment - Former Millar's Florists and Greenhouse Site, P. Machibroda Engineering Ltd., page 6, January 14, 1997). The reference criteria used to measure results were the SERM (1993) Interim Criteria for Organo-chlorine, 2,4-D or 2,4,5-T Contaminated Building Materials or Soil and the SERM (1993) Residential/Agricultural Soil Concentration. Please refer to Attachment Nos. 2 and 3 which show the test hole locations and tables showing the test results of the soil samples.

b. Groundwater Analysis

A groundwater sample was obtained on January 7, 1997 from a piezometer installed downgradient in the direction of groundwater flow at test hole #5 (refer to Attachment No. 1). The groundwater was analyzed for herbicides and/or pesticides as specified in the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) *Interim Canadian Environmental Quality Criteria for Contaminated Sites*, 1991 and Canadian Water Quality Guidelines (CWQG), Health Canada and Environment Canada (1995).

'The concentration of dissolved pesticides and/or herbicides measured in the groundwater sample were below laboratory detection limits. In other words, no pesticides and/or herbicides were detected in the groundwater sample' (please refer to Attachment No. 4).

The above sections only summarize the findings to the Environmental Site Assessment. For a more detailed analysis, a copy of the complete report is available from the Planning and Building Department upon request.

Compatibility with Adjacent Land Uses

It is the opinion within the Planning and Building Department that the proposed development should have no adverse effect upon neighbouring properties. The development as shown as Attachment No. 1 is a modest density increase not exceeding two storeys in height. The scale and architecture of the proposed building is sensitive to the surrounding properties and should fit into the existing neighbourhood character. Rezoning by Agreement is a land use regulatory tool which is legally binding on the present owner of the land as well as any future owner. This means that if the property is sold before development is completed, any new owner is bound by the terms of the rezoning agreement and must complete the proposed development as shown in Appendix A. It should be noted that the Rezoning Agreement will enable the City to file a caveat against the land title which gives notice of the Agreement.

2. Comments by Others

Public Works Department

The proposed application for rezoning is acceptable to this department.

Transportation Department

The proposed application for rezoning is acceptable to this department.

Exhibition Community Association

Further to our December 4, 1996 meeting with the architect and the developer of the above noted property, please note that the Exhibition Community Association has no objections to the proposed condominiums for the Lorne Avenue property. We are looking forward to new housing activity in our neighbourhood.

3. Conclusion

It is the opinion within the Planning & Building Department that the proposal to amend the Zoning Bylaw to rezone 2113 Lorne Avenue from an R.2 District to an RM.4 District by Agreement is acceptable. The proposed development has been reviewed by the Exhibition Community Association and has been accepted. The rezoning agreement will ensure that the

development and all design details which were presented to the community will be provided in the final construction.

On this basis, the Planning & Building Department has no objection to this application advancing to the Public Hearing stage.

F. COMMUNICATION PLAN

If this application is approved for advertising by City Council, a notice will be placed in the Star Phoenix once a week for two consecutive weeks. Notice boards will also be placed on the site. The Exhibition Community Association have already been advised in writing of this application. City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the conclusion of the advertising period. The applicant will also be contacted regarding the time and place of the Public Hearing.

G. <u>ATTACHMENTS</u>

- 1. Attachment No. 1a. Site Plan of the Proposed Development at 2113 Lorne Avenue.
- 2. Attachment No. 1b. Proposed Building Elevations at 2113 Lorne Avenue.
- 3. Attachment No. 2 Site Plan Test Hole Locations.
- 4. Attachment No. 3 Results of Chemical Analysis Soil.
- 5. Attachment No. 4 Results of Chemical Analysis Groundwater."

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

- 1) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to Rezone by Agreement Block A, Plan G659 from an R.2 District to an RM.4 District subject to the execution of an agreement between 610087 Saskatchewan Ltd. and the City of Saskatoon, which Agreement would permit the carrying out of a specific proposal on the said land, namely:
 - *a multiple unit dwelling consisting of not more than 20 dwelling units;*
 - b) a two-storey building consisting of three wings architecturally joined and not more than 9 metres in height;
 - c) a gross floor area of 1,810.8 square metres;
 - *d) a maximum floor space ratio of 0.47:1;*
 - e) all design and development elements as contained in Attachments 1a) and 1b) of this report; and,
 - f) all other relevant terms of the RM.4 Zoning District and the City of Saskatoon Zoning Bylaw No. 6772 will apply;

- 2) that the City Planner be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendment;
- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaw; and
- 4) that at the time of the public hearing Council be asked to consider the Commission's recommendation that the Rezoning by Agreement, as noted in Recommendation 1) above, be approved.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS - CONTINUED

AA. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

1) Bob Panizza, Town Clerk
Town of Markham, Ontario, dated March 4

Requesting Council to consider a resolution on Municipal Citizenship Ceremonies. (File No. CK. 175-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.

2) Dr. O. E. Panchuk. Optometrist 129 - 3rd Avenue North, dated March 19

Submitting a letter of appreciation for Don Herrod, a City of Saskatoon employee, for his assistance in finding and returning stolen property. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

3) Eileen M. Wilkinson 19 Churchill Court, dated March 20

Submitting a letter regarding the closure of Coppermine Crescent. (File No. CK. 6295-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received.

4) Brian Swidrovich, Business Development Manager Saskatchewan Place, dated March 24

Requesting permission for a Canadian Armed Forces Skyhawks Parachute Team media jump on Friday, May 23, 1997 on the Walter Murray Collegiate Football Field and for "Rocketman" to perform a media stunt. (File No. CK. 205-13)

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

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the requests be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

5) Arnold Grambo, President Hudson Bay Route Association, dated March

Submitting a letter expressing appreciation for renewing membership to the Hudson Bay Route Association. (File No. CK. 155-7)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received.

6) Honourable Carol Teichrob, Minister Municipal Government, dated March 26

Submitting comments regarding the Urban Revenue Sharing Program for 1997-98. (File No. CK. 1860-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

7) <u>Development Appeals Board, dated March 26</u>

Submitting Development Appeals Board 1996 Annual Report. (File No. CK. 175-21-2 and 430-30)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the information be received with appreciation.

8) Russ Krywulak, Provincial Co-chair; Judy Moore, Federal Co-chair Canada - Saskatchewan Infrastructure Works, dated March 27

Submitting information on the Canada-Saskatchewan Infrastructure Works Program - Phase Two. (File No. CK. 1860-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

9) Evelyn Walker Holiday Park Community Association, dated April 1

Requesting Council to extend the hours under the Noise Bylaw for the Holiday Park Community Association Grand Opening of new park to be held on Saturday, June 14, 1997. (File No. CK 185-9)

RECOMMENDATION: that the permission be granted to the Holiday Park Community

Association to extend the time for a bar-be-que and Street dance, on Schuyler Avenue between Avenue K and Avenue M, to 2:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 14, 1997.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT permission be granted to the Holiday Park Community Association to extend the time for a bar-be-que and Street dance, on Schuyler Avenue between Avenue K and Avenue M, to 2:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 14, 1997.

10) Jim Kapeluck, Executive Director Children's Health Foundation, dated April 4, 1997

Requesting permission for temporary closure of 21st Street East between 1st Avenue and 2nd Avenue on Friday, May 30, 1997 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the 2nd Annual Wear Your Bear Cookout. (File No. CK. 205-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

11) Arlene Seegerts and Ida Linklater, Members <u>Urban First Nations Healing Initiative, dated March 19</u>

Submitting comments regarding the Urban First Nations Healing Initiative proposal. (File No. CK. 110-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

12) Anne E. Campbell, Executive Director YWCA of Saskatoon, dated April 3

Submitting comments regarding the position of the Social Housing Facilitator for the City of Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 4560-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause 4,

Report No. 7-1997 of the Planning and Operations Committee.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the information be received and considered with Clause 4, Report No. 7-1997 of the Planning and Operations Committee.

CARRIED.

13) Ruth Pepin, Executive Director The Saskatoon Foundation, dated April 3

Submitting comments regarding the position of the Social Housing Facilitator for the City of Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 4560-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause 4,

Report No. 7-1997 of the Planning and Operations Committee.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the information be received and considered with Clause 4, Report No. 7-1997 of the Planning and Operations Committee.

CARRIED.

14) Jim Wirun, President <u>Saskatoon Hotels Association, dated April 6</u>

Submitting comments regarding the proposed increase in convention parking fees. (File No. CK. 220-1)

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

Report No. 8-1997 of the Planning and Operations Committee.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the information be received and considered with Clause 1, Report No. 8-1997 of the Planning and Operations Committee.

CARRIED.

15) Marlene Hall, Secretary Development Appeals Board, dated March 19

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding property at 423 - 8th Street East. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

16) Marlene Hall, Secretary Development Appeals Board, dated April 1

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding property at 410 Jessop Avenue. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received.

17) Marlene Hall, Secretary Development Appeals Board, dated April 1

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding property at 2330 Clarence Avenue South. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

18) John H. Loewen 2406 Munroe Avenue South, dated March 25

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 25.

19) Carol Beal McKenzie114 Penryn Crescent, dated March 27

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 25.

20) Staff, Confederation Park Public School 3555 John A. McDonald Road, dated March 27

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 25.

21) Doreen McLellan212 Campion Crescent, dated March 27

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 25.

22) B. Matz

1713 Avenue C North, dated March 30

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 25.

23) Christopher Brown 1041 East Centre, dated April 1

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 25.

24) Ladorne Brown

206A Dalhousie Crescent, dated April 1

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 25.

25) Kathleen Ross

1112 Spadina Crescent East, undated

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 25.

26) Board of Directors

Saskatoon Neighbourhood Watch Association, dated April 3

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 25.

27) Kathy Wallace, President

Saskatoon Block Parent Program, Inc., dated April 7

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 25.

28) Ingrid MacKay, President Eastview Community Association
Audrey Evans, President, St. Thomas Parent Council
Denise Fowler, Vice-president, Alvin Buckwold Parent Council, dated April 9

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 25.

29) Rudy Nyssen, President
Avalon Community Association, dated April 10

Submitting endorsement of the Planning and Building Department's recommendation to name the park in the Avalon Extension "Avalon Park". (File No. CK. 4206-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause B13, Report No. 8-1997 of the City Commissioner.

Moved by Councillor Postlethwaite, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received and considered with Clause B13, Report No. 8-1997 of the City Commissioner.

CARRIED.

30) Revd. Dr. Ivan Wilson, Chair Race Relations Committee, dated April 10

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 25.

31) Kearney F. Healy 229 - 9th Street East, dated April 10

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 25.

32) Rose Purschke, President

Kelsey Community Association, dated April 10

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 25.

33) Karl Baumgradner, President

St. Mary's Credit Union Limited, dated April 11

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 25.

34) Arnie Berg

570682 Saskatchewan Ltd., dated April 14

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 59.

35) Dawn Weber, President

Cardinal Leger Home and School Executive, dated April 11

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 25.

36) Karen Hunter, President

North Saskatoon Business Association, dated April 8

Submitting comments regarding the Tax Phase-In - Commercial Reassessment. (File No. CK. 1615-2)

RECOMMENDATION:

that the information be received and considered with Addendum to

Report 8-1997 of the City Commissioner.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received and considered with Addendum to Report No. 8-1997 of the City Commissioner.

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

1) B. Papish Ukrainian National Federation Saskatoon Branch, dated March 18

Submitting a request for funding for the Ukrainian National Federation Hall. **Referred to the Budget Committee.** (File No. CK. 1870-1)

2) Dale Farell, Secretary Saskatoon Professional Fire Fighters Union, Local 80, dated March 19

Submitting a referral to arbitration under the Fire Departments Platoon Act - Section 9.-(4). **Referred to the Administration.** (File No. CK. 4720-7)

3) Susan Lamb, Executive Director <u>Tourism Saskatoon, dated March 14</u>

Submitting comments regarding funding for the Broadway Theatre. **Referred to the Budget Committee.** (File No. CK. 1870-1)

4) Colin Maxwell, Executive Vice President Canadian Wildlife Federation, dated March 19

Submitting a request to organize or participate in activities during the National Wildlife Week. **Referred to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee.** (File No. CK. 205-1)

5) Mary E. Glenister, Administrator Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373, dated March 18

Submitting a request to be included in discussions on supplying treated water to the municipality of Aberdeen. **Referred to the Administration.** (File No. CK. 7781-1)

6) Ken Jackson, Chairman Parks and Land Use Committee, SPRA, dated March 13

Submitting a request to participate in the Communities in Bloom porgram. **Referred to the Administration.** (File No. CK. 4200-1)

7) Terri Lemke, Chair <u>Meewasin Valley Authority, dated March 12</u>

Submitting comments regarding the Federal/Provincial Infrastructure Program. **Referred to the Budget Committee.** (File No. CK. 180-6)

8) Gordon R. Burgess, President Caswell's Co. Ltd., dated March 24

Submitting comments regarding the proposed parking meter fines increase. **Referred to the Parking Committee.** (File No. CK. 6120-3)

9) Gregg Willie, Plant Manager Canamino, dated March 25

Submitting comments regarding the sewer service charge. **Referred to the Administration for a report.** (File No. CK. 1905-1)

10) Reg Broughton 930 Kingsmere Boulevard, dated March 21

Submitting comments regarding semi-trailor rigs parking in residential neighbourhoods. **Referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.** (File No. CK. 6120-1)

11) Jackie Moser 211 - 4th Street, Dundurn, SK, dated April 4

Submitting comments regarding staffing of the Saskatoon Police Service. **Referred to the Police Service.** (File No. CK. 5000-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

C. PROCLAMATIONS

1) Gwen Schmidt, Chair, Public Relations Committee Saskatoon Free-Net Association, Inc., dated March 10

Requesting Council to proclaim March 31 to April 6, 1997 as Free-Net Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

2) Mary Riendeau, President <u>Teen-Aid Saskatoon, dated March 13</u>

Requesting Council to proclaim April 20 to 27, 1997 as Teen Chastity Awareness Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

3) Lorraine Ziola, Saskatoon Open Door Society <u>Community member of Saskatoon Literacy Coalition, dated March 17</u>

Requesting Council to proclaim November 2 to 8, 1997 as Community Literacy Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

4) Judith Heminger, Executive Director <u>Elizabeth Fry Society of Saskatchewan, dated March 25</u>

Requesting Council to proclaim May 5 to 11, 1997 as Elizabeth Fry Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

5) Jean Collins, Recording Secretary Saskatoon Chapter, Professional Secretaries International, dated March 31

Requesting Council to proclaim April 23, 1997 as Secretaries Day in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

6) Troy A. Dankesreiter Saskatoon Tip-A-Cop Co-organizer, dated April 1

Requesting Council to proclaim April 18, 1997 as Tip-A-Cop Day in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

7) Carol Cisecki, President Saskatoon and District Labour Council, dated April 4

Requesting Council to proclaim April 28, 1997 as National Day of Mourning Day in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

8) Ian Monteith, Chairman National Forest Week Committee, dated April 7

Requesting Council to proclaim May 4 to 10, 1997 as National Forest Week and May 5, 1997 as Arbor Day in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

9) Bryon Wilfert, President Federation of Canadian Municipalities, dated March 27

Requesting Council to proclaim June 21, 1997 as National Aboriginal Day in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

10) Mrs. H. Neumann, Secretary Holocaust Committee Saskatoon Jewish Community, dated April 2

Requesting that a portion of McKinnon Avenue from 10th Street to 12th Street be renamed "Raoul Wallenberg Avenue" from April 28 to May 5, 1997, inclusive and requesting Council to proclaim April 28 to May 5, 1997 as holocaust Memorial Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that City Council approve all proclamations as set out in Section C;
- 2) that a portion of McKinnon Avenue from 10th Street to 12th Street be renamed "Raoul Wallenberg Avenue" from April 28 to May 5, 1997, inclusive, and
- 3) that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamations on behalf of City Council.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

- *1) that City Council approve all proclamations as set out in Section C;*
- 2) that a portion of McKinnon Avenue from 10th Street to 12th Street be renamed "Raoul Wallenberg Avenue" from April 28 to May 5, 1997, inclusive, and
- 3) that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamations on behalf of City Council.

REPORTS

- Mr. D. Kerr, Chair, submitted Report No. 3-1997 of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee;
- Mr. G. Grismer, Chair, submitted Report No. 7-1997 of the Municipal Planning Commission;
- Mr. G. Grismer, Chair, submitted Report No. 8-1997 of the Municipal Planning Commission;

Councillor McCann, Chair, presented Report No. 1-1997 of the Budget Committee;

City Commissioner Irwin submitted Report No. 8-1997 of the City Commissioner and Addendum to Report No. 8-1997 of the City Commissioner;

Councillor McCann, Chair, presented Report No. 7-1997 of the Planning and Operations Committee;

Councillor McCann, Chair, presented Report No. 8-1997 of the Planning and Operations Committee; and

Councillor Langlois, Chair, presented Report No. 6-1997 the Administration and Finance Committee.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

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

- *a)* Report No. 3-1997 of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee;
- *Report No. 7-1997 of the Municipal Planning Commission;*
- c) Report No. 8-1997 of the Municipal Planning Commission;
- d) Report No.1-1997 of the Budget Committee;
- e) Report No. 8-1997 of the City Commissioner and Addendum to Report No. 8-1997 of the City Commissioner;
- *f) Report No. 7-1997 of the Planning and Operations Committee;*

- g) Report No. 8-1997 of the Planning and Operations Committee; and
- *h)* Report No. 6-1997 of the Administration and Finance.

CARRIED.

His Worship Mayor Dayday 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. 3-1997 OF THE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Mr. D. Kerr, Chair

Councillor K. Waygood (shared position)

Councillor J. Postlethwaite (shared position)

Ms. P. Melis

Ms. M. Schappert

Ms. M. Boechler

Mr. R. Jaremko

Mr. S. Hanson

Mr. W.J. Campbell

Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce

Ms. B. Anderson

Mr. B. Schaffel

Ms. M. Carlson

Ms. G. Vanderlinde

Mr. J. McLeod

Mr. B. Kowaluk

1996 Annual Report 1. **Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee**

(File No. CK. 225-18-2)

RECOMMENDATION:

that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee is pleased to report to Council on its activities for 1996. The major accomplishments in the year were in designation -- the F.P. Martin House at 716-718 Saskatchewan Crescent West -- and the addition of structures to *The Holding Bylaw*:

Adilman's Department Store, 20th Street and Avenue B Hoeschen Residence, 309 Saskatchewan Crescent West Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, 919 - 20th Street St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, 535 - 8th Street East Stewarts Drug Store (Hobo Shop), 810 Broadway Avenue The MacLean Building (Helgerson Block), 261 - 3rd Avenue South The MacMillan Building, 135 - 21st Street East

Little Chief Service Station, 324 - 20th Street West

Cambridge Court, 129 - 5th Avenue North Roxy Theatre, 320 - 20th Street West Gardiner's Residence, 707 - 16th Street West

The Committee proposed adding 22 structures to *The Holding Bylaw*, as well as a new method of administering such additions, talked with owners who objected to having their building included in *The Holding Bylaw*, and finally 11 structures were added. It was the first comprehensive look at heritage buildings in the City since the first list was approved in 1966.

Out of this process the Committee proposed that the 60-day Notice for Demolition of buildings on *The Holding Bylaw*, as authorized by *The Heritage Property Act*, be extended to 90 days, and Council forwarded that recommendation to the Saskatchewan Municipal Government for consideration of change in the Act. The Committee also proposed that some type of notification be instituted so that a prospective buyer would know that the property is on *The Holding Bylaw*. Council subsequently authorized the Administration to implement a system to "flag" properties listed on *The Holding Bylaw* so that this information appears on the tax certificate and on the yearly tax bill.

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee also proposed seven heritage awards in 1996 and two honourable mentions:

For Renovation and Restoration:

- Bedford Road Collegiate
- The Land Titles Building

For Restoration:

- The CP Station
- The Dairy Building at 733 Broadway Avenue
- The Original St. Andrew's College Residence at 309 Albert Avenue
- 1208 Melrose Avenue

For Infill:

• 1154 Spadina Crescent East

Honourable Mentions:

- Broadway Credit Union
- 1711 Lorne Avenue

The Committee was assisted in the Heritage Awards project by the Meewasin Valley Authority and The Partnership.

In education, there were regular feature articles on heritage placed in the *Saskatoon Sun*; and the Committee also had a display table at the Heritage Fair. For the future, the Committee is planning a video on the Heritage Awards Program -- for which it did some preliminary work in 1996, including the organization of the archives for the Program and the commissioning of photographs on award-winning buildings.

The Committee responded to the <u>Plan Saskatoon</u> document; to the Consideration of a Heritage Policy for the City of Saskatoon, to the <u>Perspectives on Heritage</u> prepared by the Interim Heritage Council, and to the Saskatchewan Heritage Review Board's hearing on the Superintendent's Residence (which your Chair found the most sophisticated, comprehensive and emotional defence of heritage he's heard in Saskatoon).

The Committee was involved in the Nutana Heritage Conservation District Subcommittee, which is the *first* attempt in the City to come to terms with heritage district designation (permitted under *The Heritage Property Act*) rather than individual heritage designation. A heritage district could be as small as a city block. There is a major heritage district designation in downtown Regina.

Council approved a Heritage Reserve fund so that money the Committee raises can be held over to the next budget year. That Reserve, to date, has a balance of approximately \$1700, all from the sale of the Committee's <u>Saving Our City</u> publication. It is planned to use the fund for creating the Heritage Awards Program video (for which an application will also be made to the Provincial Heritage Foundation).

In other matters, the Committee funded research on buildings new to *The Holding Bylaw*, recommended funding for renovations to Rugby Chapel from the City's Heritage Fund, which was approved by Council and met with Mic Phelps, Executive Director, Saskatchewan Architectural Heritage Society; who addressed the Committee on the concept of a Heritage Forum for Saskatoon. Your Chair attended one day of the Annual Conference of the Canadian Institute of Planners held in Saskatoon.

What will 1997 bring? A continuation of the saga of the Superintendent's Residence, the creation of the Committee's Heritage Awards video, planning a Saskatchewan Heritage Forum to be held in Saskatoon, continuation of a bi-annual Heritage Awards Program, the implementation, dare we

hope, of the new City Heritage Policy as well as the development of a mechanism of delivering the Program, and a new provincial configuration for lottery allocation in the cultural area that will likely include a new configuration for the heritage part of such funding. The provincial matters are in flux but are gaining clearer shape than they have in recent years. It is hoped the Committee will bring before you, three or four properties for designation in 1997.

REPORT NO. 7-19981997 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Composition of Commission

Mr. Glen Grismer, Chair

Ms. Ann March, Vice-Chair

Ms. Anne Campbell

Councillor Jill Postlethwaite

Mr. Ken Rauch

Ms. Leslie Belloc-Pinder

Mr. Gregory Kitz

Ms. Georgia Bell Woodard

Ms. Lina Eidem

Mr. Paul Kawcuniak

Ms. Sheila Denysiuk

Mr. Nelson Wagner

Dr. Brian Noonan

1. Zoning Bylaw Amendment - Section 10(2) Number of Buildings on a Public Park Applicant: AODBT Architects Ltd. (File No. CK. 4110-3)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 64.

2. Proposed Rezoning - Fairbrother Place/Close Parcels CK, CL, CX and CJ, Plan No. 96-S-22415 R.2 District to R.1A District Applicant: City of Saskatoon

(File No. CK. 4110-3)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 68.

3. Proposed Rezoning

Parcel CP, Plan 96-S-22416 Silverspring Neighbourhood (R.1A to B.1A District) (File No. CK. 4110-3)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 60.

REPORT NO. 8-1997 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Composition of Commission

Mr. Glen Grismer, Chair

Ms. Ann March, Vice-Chair

Ms. Anne Campbell

Councillor Jill Postlethwaite

Mr. Ken Rauch

Ms. Leslie Belloc-Pinder

Mr. Gregory Kitz

Ms. Georgia Bell Woodard

Ms. Lina Eidem

Mr. Paul Kawcuniak

Ms. Sheila Denysiuk

Mr. Nelson Wagner

Dr. Brian Noonan

1. Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment to Adopt New Sign Regulations (File No. CK. 4350-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 71.

2. Proposed Rezoning by Agreement

Block A, Plan G659 2113 Lorne Avenue

Applicant: Mid-West Development (2000) Corp.

524 - 2nd Avenue North

(File No. CK. 4351-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 80.

3. Discretionary Use Application

Part Lot 6 and all Lots 7-10 inclusive, Plan 175, Plan Q3

380 - 2nd Avenue North

Applicant: Commerce Holdings Limited

c/o 728 Spadina Crescent East

Saskatoon, SK S7K 4H7

(File No. CK. 4355-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 8.

REPORT NO. 1-1997 OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor K. Waygood

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

City of Saskatoon 1997 Capital Budget Reserve for Capital Expenditures

(File No. CK. 1702-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 25.

2. Municipal Infrastructure Program (File No. CK. 4140-3)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 25.

3. Land Operations Reserve (File No. CK. 1708-1)

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DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 25.

4. Insurance Deductible Reserve (File No. CK. 1708-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 25.

5. Landfill Fees and Commercial Garbage Collection Rates (File No. CK. 1720-3)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 25.

6. 1997 Operating Budget (File No. CK. 1704)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 25.

REPORT NO. 8-1997 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER

Section A - Administration and Finance

A1) Routine Reports Submitted to City Council

RECOMMENDATION :	that the following information be received.
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ADOPTED.

SUBJECT	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Schedule of Accounts Paid	February 19, 1997	March 3, 1997
\$5,803,845.10		
Schedule of Accounts Paid	March 11, 1997	March 17, 1997
\$4,644,607.42		
Schedule of Accounts Paid	March 14, 1997	March 19, 1997
\$1,375,238.15		
Schedule of Accounts Paid	March 19, 1997	March 24, 1997
\$4,390,685.70		
Schedule of Accounts Paid	March 20, 1997	March 26, 1997
\$446,191.98		
Schedule of Accounts Paid	March 26, 1997	April 2, 1997
\$1,224,399.53		
Schedule of Accounts Paid	April 2, 1997	April 7, 1997
\$1,053,657.53		
Schedule of Accounts Paid	April 4, 1997	April 9, 1997
\$607,457.56		
(File No. 1530-2)		

A2) Investments (File No. 1790-3)

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

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Finance Department, March 18, 1997:

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Schedule of Securities Transactions (March 1-16, 1997)

A3) Application for Business Incentive Cover-All Shelter Systems Inc. (File No. 3500-13)

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 7628.

ADOPTED.

Report of the City Solicitor, March 25, 1997:

"City Council, at its meeting on December 2, 1996, instructed this Office to prepare the necessary Bylaw and Agreement to provide a business incentive to Cover-All Shelter Systems Inc. Bylaw No. 7628 and the attached Incentive Agreement provide for a five-year abatement, in part, of property taxes owing with respect to the property located at 2201 Speers Avenue, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. In accordance with City Policy No. C09-014 on Business Development Incentives, the Agreement provides that the abatement is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) the Applicant must make a minimum investment of \$250,000.00 in the purchase of the Property;
- (b) the Applicant must create a minimum of twenty-five new, full-time, long-term skilled jobs and twenty new, part-time jobs within three (3) years of receiving the City's approval for the incentive. In this Agreement, 'long-term jobs' refer to jobs which are expected to remain in existence for at least three (3) years; and

(c) the Applicant must continue to carry on the business of manufacturing steel buildings in Saskatoon throughout the term of this Agreement.

The proposed Agreement has been reviewed by Cover-All Shelter Systems Inc. and is acceptable as drafted."

ATTACHMENT

- 1. Proposed Bylaw No. 7628 with Incentive Agreement attached as Schedule "A".
- A4) Revisions to Traffic Bylaw No. 7200 (File No. 185-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 7626.

ADOPTED.

Report of the City Solicitor, March 27, 1997:

"As a result of the recent civic reorganization, the position of the City Engineer has been eliminated and the responsibilities have been delegated to the General Manager of Public Works and the General Manager of Transportation. Various sections of The Traffic Bylaw refer to the City Engineer, and therefore no longer reflect the appropriate position titles. We have prepared Bylaw No. 7626 for Council's consideration to make the necessary changes.

Bylaw No. 7626 also includes proposed changes to Section 6 of Schedule 10 of The Traffic Bylaw to reflect the fact that Provincial Magistrates are now Provincial Court Judges."

ATTACHMENT

- 1. Proposed Bylaw No. 7626.
- A5) Capital Status Report (File No. 1702-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

Report of the General Manager, Finance Department, March 26, 1997:

"At its meeting of April 9, 1996, City Council resolved:

'that the Administration be instructed to prepare, on an annual basis, a status report on approved capital projects.'

A copy of the requested report is attached for City Council's information. A Letter of Transmittal has been included with the report which outlines the data which is included."

ATTACHMENT

1. Capital Status Report

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the information be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee

A6) Investments (File No. 1790-3)

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

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Finance Department, April 3, 1997:

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Schedule of Securities Transactions (March 17-31, 1997)

A7) Business License Bylaw January 1, 1997 (File No. 1615-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 7630.

ADOPTED.

Report of the City Solicitor, April 7, 1997:

"City Council, at its meeting held on March 17, 1997, approved amendments to The Business License Bylaw, 1997. We have prepared and enclose Bylaw No. 7630 which reflects these amendments."

ATTACHMENT

- 1. Proposed Bylaw No. 7630.
- A8) 1997 Operating Budget (File No. 1704-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 34.

A9) Enquiry - Councillor D.L. Birkmaier (September 25, 1995) Impact of increase in Electrical Rates by SaskPower (File No. 2000-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

The following enquiry was made by Councillor D. L. Birkmaier, at the meeting of Council held on September 25, 1995:

"Would the Administration please report on what effect the recent announcement of SaskPower's 11% increase in electrical rates will have on Municipal operations."

Report of the General Manager, Finance Department, April 8, 1997:

"It is the Administration's opinion that this enquiry was answered at the time of the tabling of the 1996 Operating Budget, and therefore, the file should be closed on this matter."

ADDENDUM TO REPORT NO. 8-1997 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER

A10) Commercial Reassessment 1997 (File No. 1615-2)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that an appeal contingency of 2% per year be established and that the funds be placed in a suitable reserve to offset appeal losses;
- 2) that a vacancy contingency of 17.5% of the former value of business tax be established for 1997 and that this amount be used to adjust for losses in revenue due to vacant businesses;
- 3) that City Council approve a 14.7% phase-in cap for tax increases on commercial properties, calculated on their 1996 property taxes and a proportionate share of the former equivalent business tax;
- 4) that a decrease be phased-in on a proportional basis equal to the phase-in of increases;
- 5) that the effective tax rate for commercial properties be established at 4.797% for 1997 and 1998, and that the extra tax revenue be used to accelerate the phase-in of the "downs";
- 6) that Recommendations 3, 4, and 5 be applicable for 1997 and 1998, and subject to re-negotiation for 1999; and,

7) that City Council pass Bylaw No. 7629 authorizing a prepayment discount for businesses of 1.25% until April 30, 1997 (attached).

Report of the General Manager, Finance Department, April 14, 1997:

I. COMMERCIAL REASSESSMENT

City Council, in approving reassessment, referred the issues surrounding the implementation of the business reassessment to discussions between the Administration and the business community. The Combined Business Group representing the Chamber of Commerce, North Saskatoon Business Association, Building Owners Managers Association (BOMA), and the Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) have been reviewing the implementation issues since that date. The proposals that were explored were very complex and involved controlling the tax increases through various types of caps or limits, while accelerating the phase-in of tax decreases. The elimination of the business tax and the establishment of an appeals contingency and a vacancy contingency for commercial space complicated the deliberations.

The distribution of the business property taxes and assessments has provided some challenges. One third of the properties (862) have tax increases, while two-thirds (1685) have tax decreases. The tax increases total almost \$12M in value, but are concentrated in the malls and large office buildings. Therefore, with this distribution, it is essential that a cap be used to make the tax increases manageable.

On Monday, April 14, 1997, an agreement was reached with the Combined Business Group which both parties recommend to City Council. The key terms of the agreement are:

A. <u>Phase-in Increases</u>

As the property owners face not only a potential tax increase due to reassessment, but also tax increases due to the elimination of the business tax, it was agreed that properties facing an increase in taxes in 1997 would have a maximum increase of 14.7% of their 1996 property taxes and their proportional share of the former business tax. (As the business tax has been eliminated, that revenue source has now been distributed to all the owners of commercial property, therefore, this amount was added to the 1996 taxes to ensure full control of all the tax increases faced by business in 1997).

In 1998, this formula with a 14.7% cap of 1997 taxes would be applied again. In 1999, the Administration and the business groups would analyze the impact of the first two years of implementation and renegotiate, if necessary, to adjust the formula.

B. Phase-in Downs

The incremental revenue generated by the "ups" would be applied to reduce the "downs". The 14.7% cap clearly will not generate enough funds to phase-in the "downs" on a timely basis. Therefore, other alternatives were explored.

As previously stated in this report, the effective commercial tax rate has been calculated at 4.511% before contingencies are applied. If this amount were to increase to 4.797%, including contingencies for two years, 80% of the "down" values will be phased-in.

C. <u>Appeal Contingency</u>

A contingency needs to be established for tax revenue loss due to successful appeals. We propose that the appeal contingency be established at 2% per year. All contingency amounts could be placed in a reserve for appeal losses only. Any assessment loss above the 2% would be added to the base in the following year. With a limit of tax increases at 14.7% and an adjustment to the assessment base the following year for any losses, a 2% contingency should be sufficient.

D. <u>Vacancy Adjustment</u>

A vacancy adjustment is required for commercial properties subject to the former business tax, such as non-profit organizations and vacant business space. It is estimated that a 17.5% adjustment will be required for 1997, and that this figure will be refined in 1998 based on the experience in 1997.

E. Prepayment Notices

It is requested that the prepayment period for business for the tax discount of 1.25% be extended to April 30, 1997.

II. TIMING

The following provides a sequence of the estimated timing to complete the initial phase-in of reassessment.

- a) Prepayment Notices will be mailed to businesses, as soon as possible.
- b) Assessment Notices to all properties should be in the mail the last week in April.
- c) Final Tax Notice verifying the tax requirements for each individual property should be mailed early in May.

ATTACHMENT

1. Bylaw No. 7629

Mr. Dick Batten, Chairman of The Partnership, addressed Council regarding the matter.

IT WAS RESOLVED:	1)	that an appeal contingency of 2% per year be established and that the funds be placed in a suitable reserve to offset appeal losses;
	2)	that a vacancy contingency of 17.5% of the former value of business tax be established for 1997 and that this amount be used to adjust for losses in revenue due to vacant businesses;
	3)	that City Council approve a 14.7% phase-in cap for tax increases on commercial properties, calculated on their 1996 property taxes and a proportionate share of the former equivalent business tax;
	4)	that a decrease be phased-in on a proportional basis equal to the phase-in of increases;
	5)	that the effective tax rate for commercial properties be established at 4.797% for 1997 and 1998, and that the extra tax revenue be used to accelerate the phase-in of the "downs";
	6)	that Recommendations 3, 4, and 5 be applicable for 1997 and 1998, and subject to re-negotiation for 1999; and,
	7)	that City Council pass Bylaw No. 7629 authorizing a prepayment discount for businesses of 1.25% until April 30, 1997 (attached).

REPORT NO. 8-1997 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER

Section B - Planning and Operations

B1) Communications to Council

From: Shirley Waldner, Secretary

Greystone Manor

Date: September 29, 1996

Subject: Submitting concerns regarding garbage in rear lane located between

Preston Avenue/Argyle Avenue and 8th Street/Main Street

(File No 7830-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that the following information be received.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Environmental Services Department, March 6, 1997:

"In October of 1996, Council received a complaint from Shirley Waldner concerning garbage in the lanes located between Preston Avenue/Argyle Avenue and 8th Street/Main Street. Ms. Waldner complained of an ongoing problem of overfilled garbage containers and the misuse of containers for furniture and other large objects. The communication was forwarded to the Administration for a report.

Garbage and old furniture from apartments on the east side of Preston Avenue, between Main and 8th Streets have created problems for some time. Staff from the Solid Waste Management Branch have been in touch with the apartment managers on several occasions in the past regarding the mismanagement of apartment wastes.

On a number of occasions, attempts to deal with this matter resulted in temporary solutions and the problem would reappear after a few months. Subsequently, the apartment managers have been given notice from the Bylaw Inspector that if the problem persists, it will be handled by the Solid Waste Management Branch by removing garbage, cleaning the alley, and recovering the costs from the apartment owners. This seems to have improved the situation. The Bylaw Inspector will continue to monitor the lanes in question and take action as required."

B2) Communications to Council

From: Susan Lamb, Executive Director

Tourism Saskatoon

Date: March 12, 1997

Subject: Proposal from Saskatchewan Economic Development and

Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation regarding

Community Attraction Signs

(File No. 6280-1)

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the following report be received as information; and,

2) that Tourism Saskatoon be designated as the agency of the City in the administration of "Community Attraction"

entrance signs.

ADOPTED.

During its February 17, 1997, meeting, City Council resolved:

"That the matter be referred to the Administration for a report."

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, March 12, 1997:

"The Transportation Department has discussed the potential implementation of 'Community Attraction Signs' for the City of Saskatoon. These signs are identified in the provincial tourism signing manual entitled <u>Tourism Signage along Provincial Highways</u>.

The signing itself is proposed to consist of large guide signs at the seven major provincial highway entrances to the City. They would all be located outside of the City limits due to the current highway entrance sign congestion on the City entrances. The manual also identifies the need for 'trailblazer' signing that leads the motorist from the entrance signs to the attraction. The Transportation Department supports the current policy of leading motorists from the nearest highway route to the attraction. Trailblazer signing from the entrance signs is not supported by this Department; rather, it is proposed that the entrance signs indicate the attraction name and the highway route to follow. Motorists can then follow the highway route from the highway entrances (these are currently all well marked with highway route trailblazers) until they reach the trailblazers for the attraction. The matter of trailblazing has been discussed and agreed upon with Tourism Saskatoon. It is anticipated that the major attractions that will be selected for the entrance signs currently have sufficient trailblazers and, therefore, there will be no additional cost to the City.

The Community Attraction signs must meet with the approval of Saskatchewan Highways and

Transportation (Highways) and, to that end, they have established an application procedure. The municipality must make application to Highways for the installation of the signs. Tourism Saskatoon initially contacted the Transportation Department to apply for these signs. The Transportation Department is not the appropriate department or agency of the City to make this application. The applicant must select the attractions to be placed on the signs and make the funding arrangements for their installation and maintenance. These responsibilities are best suited to Tourism Saskatoon and the Transportation Department is confident that they have handled the matter appropriately. This Department supports Tourism Saskatoon's request that they be designated as the agency of the municipality to make application to Highways for the installation of these signs.

Highways will install and maintain the signs, but will not fund any of the work. Tourism Saskatoon is proposing that the signing costs be shared by the attractions that appear on the sign. There will be no funding required by the City for this project."

B3) Subdivision Application #5/97 Kenderdine Road (File No. PL 4300 - 5/97)____

RECOMMENDATION: that Subdivision Application #5/97 be approved, subject to:

- a) the payment of \$50.00 being the required approval fee; and,
- b) the owner entering into a Development and Servicing Agreement with the City of Saskatoon.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, March 27, 1997:

"The following subdivision application has been submitted for approval:

Subdivision Application: #5/97

Applicant: Webster Surveys Ltd. for Preston Developments Ltd.

Legal Description: Parcel B, Plan 96-S-28730

Location: Kenderdine Road."

ATTACHMENT

1. March 5, 1997 Subdivision Report

B4) **Subdivision Application #8/97**

Nelson Road

(File No. PL 4300 - 8/97)_

RECOMMENDATION: that Subdivision Application #8/97 be approved, subject to the

payment of \$50.00 being the required approval fee.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, March 27, 1997:

"The following subdivision application has been submitted for approval:

Subdivision Application: #8/97

Applicant: Mr. Wilf Peters S.L.S. for City of Saskatoon

Legal Description: Pt. Parcel D. Plan 73-S-03402

Location: Nelson Road."

ATTACHMENT

1. February 26, 1997 Subdivision Report

B5) **Subdivision Application #9/97**

Laycoe Crescent

(File No. PL 4300 - 9/97)

RECOMMENDATION: that Subdivision Application #9/97 be approved, subject to:

- a) the payment of \$150.00 being the required approval fee; and,
- the owner entering into a Development and Servicing b)

Agreement with the City of Saskatoon.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, March 27, 1997:

"The following subdivision application has been submitted for approval:

Subdivision Application: #9/97

Applicant: Webb Surveys Ltd. for Lawrence and Raymond Minshull

Legal Description: Parcel CM, Plan 96-S-22415

Location: Laycoe Crescent (no civic address assigned)."

ATTACHMENT

1. March 4, 1997 Subdivision Report

B6) Subdivision Application #10/97

Fairbrother Close

(File No. PL 4300 - 10/97)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that Subdivision Application #10/97 be approved, subject to:
 - a) the payment of \$450.00 being the required approval fee; and,
 - b) the owners of land outside of the subdivision area agreeing in writing to the granting of easements in favour of the City of Saskatoon for electrical distribution purposes; and,
- 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute under the Corporate Seal, on behalf of the City of Saskatoon, the formal Easement Agreements with respect to easements shown on the Plan of Proposed Subdivision in a form that is satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, March 27, 1997:

"The following subdivision application has been submitted for approval:

Subdivision Application: #10/97

Applicant: Webb Surveys Ltd. for City of Saskatoon

Legal Description: Parcels CJ, CX, and Part of CH, Plan 96-S-22415 Location: Fairbrother Close (no civic address assigned)."

ATTACHMENT

1. March 5, 1997 Subdivision Report

B7) Subdivision Application #12/97 605 Perehudoff Crescent (File No. PL 4300 - 12/97

RECOMMENDATION:

- that City Council resolve, in connection with the approval of Subdivision Application #12/97, that it would be impractical and undesirable to require full compliance with Section 14(10) and Section 15(1) and (3) of Subdivision Bylaw No. 6537;
- 2) that Subdivision Application #12/97 be approved, subject to payment of \$1,450 being the required approval fee;
- that City Council authorize the issuance of the certificate required under Section 10(1)(b) of *The Condominium Property Act, 1993* to Thomas R. Webb, S.L.S. (222 Jessop Avenue, Saskatoon, SK S7N 1Y4) for the bareland condominium development at 605 Perehudoff Crescent; and,
- 4) that the City Clerk be authorized to prepare and forward the certificate to the applicant.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, March 27, 1997:

"The following subdivision application has been submitted for approval:

Subdivision Application: #12/97

Applicant: Thomas R. Webb, S.L.S. for City of Saskatoon

Legal Description: Parcel C, Block 306, Plan 86-S-17950

Location: 605 Perehudoff Crescent."

<u>ATTACHMENT</u>

1. March 13, 1997 Subdivision Report

B8) Communications to Council

From: Earle Mireau, Senior Tenant Advocate

Equal Justice for All

Dated: March 7, 1997

Subject: Orders under the Property Maintenance and Occupancy

Bylaw No. 7400

(File No. 185-7)_

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Report of the City Solicitor, April 2, 1997:

"City Council at its meeting on March 17, 1997 resolved, in part, that the City Solicitor report further on certain matters referred to in Mr. Mireau's letter.

In preparing this report, our Office referred the letter to Chief Hewitt for his comments. As Council is aware, Chief Hewitt is the Chief Property Maintenance Inspector under The Property Maintenance and Occupancy Bylaw.

According to Chief Hewitt, the Bylaw is currently being enforced by both members of the Fire and Protective Services Department and public health inspectors. Complaints received are investigated, in most cases within 24 hours, and remedial orders are issued if required.

Chief Hewitt is not aware of any incident involving retaliatory action by a landlord against a tenant. This is a serious allegation and should be pursued. Chief Hewitt is prepared to do so if he is provided with sufficient details.

With respect to service of orders under the Bylaw, the current practice is to serve the owner, operator or occupant of the property with the order. In each case, the order is directed to the person responsible to remedy the contravention of the Bylaw. In most cases, this person is the owner of the property. The order is not served on persons who are not responsible to remedy the contravention. According to Chief Hewitt, if any person, including a tenant, requests information about an order issued for a particular property, the information will be provided. Service of orders on additional parties will only add cost and delay to the enforcement process.

Finally, with respect to dangerous or unfit premises, the Bylaw provides in section 18 that if a situation exists creating an imminent danger to public health or safety, the Chief Property Maintenance Inspector may evacuate and close the building. According to Chief Hewitt, if conditions are beyond what would be considered to be 'reasonably safe', the building would be

closed and the tenants evacuated. However, the purpose of the Bylaw is to ensure that corrective action is taken before such action is required. Orders to remedy are issued before conditions in the property deteriorate to the extent that action under section 18 is required."

B9) Enquiry - Councillor Waygood Building - 421 Clarence Avenue North (File No. 610-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the following information be received.

ADOPTED.

Report of the City Solicitor, April 3, 1997:

"In considering Report No. 7-1997 of the City Commissioner with respect to the property at 421 Clarence Avenue North, Council resolved that the Administration report further on the question of parking in a front yard.

The City's authority to regulate parking is generally limited to streets, lanes and other public places. The City's jurisdiction with respect to private property is very limited. There is a prohibition against parking on private property without the owner's consent. Beyond that, an owner or occupant of private property may park a vehicle anywhere on the property.

If the owner or occupant of property keeps a junked vehicle on the property, it may be removed or destroyed under the provisions of The Property Maintenance and Occupancy Bylaw."

B10) Request to Purchase City-Owned Property 255-3rd Avenue South (File No. 4002-1)

(File 10. 4002-1)

- 1) that 255-3rd Avenue South be sold to Rosanna and Joseph Nowlan for the sum of \$61,500, plus applicable taxes, and;
- 2) that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documentation.

ADOPTED.

RECOMMENDATION:

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, April 2, 1997:

"The City acquired the above-noted property under *The Tax Enforcement Act* in January 1994. At that time, the condition of the building was such that the City had to evict the tenant operating a restaurant in the building and perform immediate repairs to bring it into a safe condition. The building was shut down in the fall of 1996 with all heat turned off and all water lines drained.

In July 1995, the property was tendered for sale under *The Act* with a reserve bid of \$368,780, the amount equal to the tax arrears and maintenance costs for the building. No bids were received as a result of the tender.

At its meeting held on February 5, 1996, City Council approved listing the property, for a sixmonth period, with a commercial realtor at the price of \$120,000. No offers were presented during this initial listing. Subsequently, we listed the property with Remax Saskatoon in November 1996.

Through Remax Saskatoon, the City has received a negotiated offer of \$61,500 to purchase the property. The purchaser intends to establish a night-club on the main floor of the building and rental suites on the second floor. The following conditions apply to the offer:

- City Council's approval to the price;
- the City obtaining a discharge of the federal writ filed against title of the property by Revenue Canada (discharged March 12, 1997);
- in the event City Council approves the sale, the Purchaser will have six (6) weeks after approval is granted to obtain a liquor license, business licence, and necessary building permits in conformance with the intended use of the property; and
- mortgage financing.

City Council's approval of the sale does not pre-suppose the granting of other approvals the purchaser needs from the City.

Your staff is recommending approval of the sale as this is the only offer received since acquiring title in 1994. We would have to seriously consider doing further repairs to the building, or demolishing it, if it is not sold in the near future. Remax Saskatoon will be entitled to a real estate commission of 5% on the sale price."

B11) Request Permission to Use City-Owned Land Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Plan G218, Sutherland Beach Chippewa District of Scouts Canada (File No. 4225-1)

RECOMMENDATION:

that City Council grant permission to the Chippewa District of Scouts Canada to use the Sutherland Beach area from May 2 - 4, 1997 for a weekend camp and tree planting, subject to administrative conditions.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, April 3, 1997:

"The Chippewa District of Scouts Canada has requested to use the City-owned Sutherland Beach area for its annual tree planting and camp. This organization has been given permission by City Council for the same activity in previous years.

Your staff has no objection to this request as they have previously treated the property well. We recommend approval by City Council for both the camp and the tree planting activity. This area will be part of the future Evergreen neighbourhood, and we will include in our standard administrative conditions a recommendation that all trees be planted only in the River Bank Area as defined in the City of Saskatoon Development Plan (92 metres from shoreline)."

ATTACHMENT

- 1. Plan showing City-owned land to be used by the Boy Scouts.
- B12) Enquiry Councillor Roe (February 3, 1997) Sound Attenuation South End of Melrose Avenue (File No. 4131-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Roe at the meeting of City Council held on February 3, 1997:

"Will the Administration report on the feasibility, timing and cost of building an earth berm or sound attenuation fence at the south end of Melrose Avenue and around Young Crescent. Residents in the area need relief from traffic noise on Circle Drive. In addition, they are experiencing ongoing problems with noise from a local trucking firm and a cement plant. Residents report being unable to sleep, enjoy their yards or to leave windows open in spring, summer and fall due to constant and disturbing racket, vibrations, etc. from trucks breaking and shifting gears, industrial noise and heavy traffic."

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, March 24, 1997:

"In 1991, a Traffic Noise Study was completed by the former Engineering Department. The object of the study was, in part, to identify areas within the City that would warrant the installation of noise attenuation devices based on policy guidelines. Several sites which needed noise attenuation were identified in the 1991 Traffic Noise Study. Candidate sites were also prioritized for noise barrier installation according to the relative cost/benefit ratio for each site. The area around Melrose Avenue and Young Crescent was identified as a candidate site whereby noise attenuation was both feasible and would be of benefit.

The timing and costs for the Melrose Avenue/Glasgow Avenue site and other sites within the City are shown in Table 1 below. The identified costs are in 1991 dollars and include the design and construction of sound attenuation walls as recommended in the 1991 Traffic Noise Study.

Table 1: 1997-2000 Traffic Attenuation Capital Projects

Noise Source	Section Where Attenuation is Required			Tentative Construction Year	Total Cost (\$)
	From	То	Side Affected		
Circle Drive	Warman Road	Circle Drive Bridge	Both Sides	1997	550,000
Warman Road	7th Street	Hazen Street	East Side	1998	395,000
Idylwyld Freeway	The River	8th Street	Both Sides	1999	480,000
Idylwyld Freeway	8th Street	Ruth Street	Both Sides	2000	600,000
Idylwyld Freeway	Ruth Street	Glasgow Ave.	East Side	Beyond 2000	170,000

Prior to the 1997 Capital Budget, the Transportation Department had included Project No. 700 - Traffic Sound Attenuation in the amounts and with the timings for construction shown above. The project had been carried within the Capital Budget since the Study was completed in 1991, and each year the project was deferred as a result of lack of available funding. In 1997, the Transportation Department decided to drop the project from the Five Year Plan as there appeared to be little support for the project. The Department has adopted the philosophy that traffic noise attenuation will only be considered when it can be included as a sub-component of other major capital roadway rehabilitation. For example, the four-laning of Circle Drive between 8th Street and Highway 16 included construction of a modest sound wall paralleling Circle Drive in the southeast and northwest quadrants of the Taylor Street interchange. Similarly, when Warman Road is reconstructed between Assiniboine Drive and Primrose Drive, the construction of a sound wall along the east side of Warman Road is being planned as part of the overall project. Due to the lack of an adequate funding source, it is unlikely that sound walls at other locations will be constructed in a retrofit manner.

It is entirely likely that traffic noise attenuation in the area identified by Councillor Roe will be addressed as part of the proposed new south river crossing project. The reason that a noise attenuation wall, rather than an earth berm, was selected for the Melrose Avenue/Glasgow Avenue area is because the existing right-of-way is too narrow to accommodate an earth berm and the planned roadway structures that will connect to the south bridge."

B13) Avalon Neighbourhood - Naming of Park
Municipal Reserve MR1
Registered Plan No. 96-S-33880
to Avalon Park
(File No. 4205-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that the naming of Municipal Reserve MR1, Registered Plan No. 96-S-33880 to Avalon Park be approved.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, April 3, 1997:

"A request has been received to name a new park in the Avalon Neighbourhood, as shown on the attached plan. The name Avalon Park will be readily associated with the neighbourhood name.

In accordance with Policy No. C09-008 (Naming of Civic Property and Development Areas), the proposed name is supported by the Leisure Services Department."

ATTACHMENT

1. Plan Showing Park for Proposed Naming to Avalon Park

B14) Economic Development Authority (File No. 3500-1)

RECOMMENDATION:

that City Council authorize the City Comptroller, with the assistance of former Economic Development Authority Board member, Pam Haidenger-Bains, to approve and execute the audited financial statements of the former Economic Development Authority.

ADOPTED.

Report of the City Solicitor, April 1, 1997:

"In 1992 City Council created an Economic Development Authority for The City of Saskatoon by passing Bylaw No. 7308. The Authority was established pursuant to Section 51 of *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984*, and was composed of 17 Board members, all appointed by City Council.

On December 16, 1996 City Council passed Bylaw No. 7578, which repealed the Bylaw establishing the Economic Development Authority, and effectively wound up the Economic Development Authority itself.

At the time the Economic Development Authority was wound up, no provision was made for the review and approval of its audited financial statements, for the 1996 fiscal year, which must be approved by The City of Saskatoon. The activities of the Economic Development Authority are being carried out by an independent non-profit corporation of which the City has a single voting membership with the right to elect three directors in addition to the Mayor. It is suggested that the City Comptroller, assisted by former Economic Development Authority Board member, Ms. Pam Haidenger-Bains, be authorized to review the audited financial statements, and to approve them on behalf of The City of Saskatoon. Ms. Haidenger-Bains was a former Board member of the Economic Development Authority, and is a current Board member of the Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority.

Once the financial statements have been reviewed by the City Comptroller and Ms. Haidenger-Bains, they may be executed, and at that time released to the public."

B15) 1997 Capital Budget

Project No. 0625: Trunk Sewers - Northeast Sector

Silverspring Trunk Sewers

Award of Tender (File No 4111-30-5)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 18.

B16) Land-Use Applications Received by the Planning and Building Department For the Period Between March 10, 1997 - April 7, 1997 (For Information Only)

(File Nos. PL 4300 and 4355)

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, April 7, 1997.

"The following applications have been received, are being processed and will be submitted to City Council for its consideration:

Subdivision

Application #13/97: 3217 Mountbatten Street

Applicant: J. Wallace Hamm for Ms. Darlene Hamm

Legal Description: Lot 3, Block 522, Plan 63-S-19590

Current Zoning: R.2

Neighbourhood: Montgomery
Date Received: March 12, 1997

Application #16/97: 1102 Lancaster Boulevard

Applicant: Webster Surveys Ltd. for Mr. Don Mah

Legal Description: Lot 15, Block 1, Plan G792

Current Zoning: R.2

Neighbourhood: Montgomery
Date Received: March 19, 1997

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Application #17/97: 3707 and 3711 Balfour Street

Applicant: Webster Surveys Ltd. for City of Saskatoon

Legal Description: Lot 13, Block 652, Plan 68-S-18727

Lot 14, Block 652, Plan 69-S-10009

Current Zoning: R.1

Neighbourhood: College Park
Date Received: March 19, 1997

Application #18/97: Budz Crescent/Green (no civic address)

Applicant: Webster Surveys Ltd. for Preston Developments

Legal Description: Parcel C, Plan 96-S-28730

Current Zoning: R.1A

Neighbourhood: Arbor Creek
Date Received: March 19, 1997

Application #19/97: Clarence Avenue and College Drive (no civic address)

Applicant: Danielson's Corporate Consulting

Legal Description: Various Lots, Block 14, Plan (FW) 5527

Current Zoning: R4/M.2
Neighbourhood: Varsity View
Date Received: March 26, 1997

Application #20/97: 52nd Street and Cleveland Avenue (no civic address)
Applicant: Tri-City Surveys Ltd. for W + S Developments Ltd.

Legal Description: Parcel G, Plan 81-S-20118

Current Zoning: ID.4

Neighbourhood: North Industrial Date Received: April 2, 1997

Discretionary Use

Application #D3/97: 1717/1719 - 20th Street West Applicant: Lagutrop Investments Ltd.

Legal Description: Lots 1 to 4 and Part 5, Block 6, Plan (FF) G3978

Current Zoning: B.1
Proposed Use: Cafe

Neighbourhood: Pleasant Hill Date Received: March 10, 1997

Condominium Application

Application #2/97: 318 - 108th Street

Applicant: George, Nicholson, Franko & Associates (1982) Ltd.

Legal Description: Lots 4 to 10, Block 9, Plan G8

Date Received: April 1, 1997."

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan of Proposed Severance #16/97, 1102 Lancaster Boulevard

- 2. Plan of Proposed Subdivision #17/97, 3707 and 3711 Balfour Street
- 3. Plan of Proposed Subdivision #18/97, Budz Crescent/Green
- 4. Plan of Proposed Subdivision, #19/97, Clarence Avenue and College Drive
- 5. Plan of Proposed Severance, #20/97, 52nd Street and Cleveland Avenue

B17) Subdivision Application #14/97

Wanuskewin Drive

(File No. PL 4300-14/97)

RECOMMENDATION: that Subdivision Application #14/97 be approved subject to the

payment of \$50.00 being the required approval fee.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, April 7, 1997:

"The following subdivision application has been submitted for approval:

Subdivision Application: #14/97

Applicant: Mr. Wilf Peters, S.L.S. for

City of Saskatoon and Westfair Properties

Legal Description: Pt. Parcel H, Plan 80-S-11044 and

Pt. Parcel AA, Plan 86-S-06793

Location: Wanuskewin Drive (no civic address assigned)."

ATTACHMENT

1. March 20, 1997 Subdivision Report

B18) Subdivision Application #15/97 Briarvale Court (File No. PL 4300-15/97)_____

RECOMMENDATION:

- that City Council resolve, in connection with the approval of Subdivision Application #15/97, that it would be impractical and undesirable to require full compliance with Section 15(1)(a) of Subdivision Bylaw No. 6537 for the following reasons:
 - a) the variance from the full requirement is minor;
 - b) the variance will not affect surrounding properties in any negative way;
 - c) the proposed lots each have a site area which exceeds that required in the Subdivision Regulations; and,
- 2) that Subdivision Application #15/97 be approved, subject to:
 - a) the payment of \$850.00 being the required approval fee; and,
 - b) the owner entering into a Development and Servicing Agreement with the City of Saskatoon.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, April 7, 1997:

"The following subdivision application has been submitted for approval:

Subdivision Application: #15/97

Applicant: Webster Surveys Ltd. for Preston Developments Inc.

Legal Description: Pt. Parcel S, Plan 96-S-13326

Location: Briarvale Court (no civic address assigned)."

ATTACHMENT

1. March 24, 1997 Subdivision Report

B19) Request For Encroachment Agreement 311 - 6th Avenue North Lots 16-20, Block 172A, Plan Q3 (File No. CC 4090-2)

that City Council recognize the encroachment at 311 - 6th Avenue North (Lots 16-20, Block 172A, Plan Q3); that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the appropriate encroachment agreement, making provision to collect the applicable fees; and, that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Saskatoon under the Corporate Seal.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, April 8, 1997:

"Mr. James P. Gorkoff of McKercher McKercher & Whitmore, Barristers & Solicitors, on behalf of the owners of the property, has requested to enter into an encroachment agreement with the City of Saskatoon for the above-noted property.

As shown on the attached Surveyor's Certificate, parts of the concrete pad (roof) over the underground parking structure, together with a small section of a concrete wall, encroach onto the City's property (i.e. boulevards) along 6th Avenue North, 24th Street East and a lane. The encroachments have likely existed since 1984 when the building and parkade were constructed.

The total area of encroachment is approximately 1.95 square metres (21.00 square feet). The encroachments vary to a maximum of 0.08 metres (0.26 feet) onto City property.

If 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."

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Surveyor's Certificate for 311 6th Avenue North
- 2. Letter from McKercher McKercher & Whitmore to the Planning and Building Department

B20) 1997 Operating Budget Vote 36-9 Parking Enforcement (File No. 1705TS)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 34.

ADDENDUM TO REPORT NO. 8-1997 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER

A10) Commercial Reassessment 1997 (File No. 1615-2)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 119.

REPORT NO. 7-1997 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor P. McCann, Chair Councillor J. Postlethwaite Councillor P. Roe Councillor R. Steernberg Councillor D. Atchison

1. Accessibility and Outreach Services for Seniors and Special Needs Target Populations (People With a Disability and Low Income) 1996 Annual Report (File No. CK. 1720-8)

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

The following report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department dated February 28, 1997, is submitted for City Council's information:

"EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 1996, the Leisure Services Department provided consultation, accessibility, and outreach services to seniors, persons with disabilities, and persons with low income to encourage and enable them to participate in a variety of leisure programs.

This report reflects the outcomes of the 1996 Accessibility Subsidy Program, and City partnerships which enabled individuals and target populations to access existing services, and enabled community groups and city-wide organizations to develop accessible programs to target populations.

REPORT

The Leisure Services Department has targeted seniors, persons with disabilities, and persons with low income in an attempt to reduce barriers that prevent their participation in leisure programs.

The Department's leisure needs assessment process and demographic information identifies three significant common barriers to participation among these target groups:

- a) costs associated with participation (including admission and registration fees);
- b) cost of transportation; and,
- c) no program available.

The following is an overview of the services which took place in 1996 to reduce these barriers:

1. Accessibility Subsidy Program

The purpose of the Accessibility Subsidy Program is to provide assistance to that portion of Saskatoon's residents whose barrier to participation in leisure activities is the cost of admission, or transportation to programs and services provided by the Leisure Services Department and other delivery agents. The Accessibility Subsidy Program facilitates accessibility for economically disadvantaged residents of Saskatoon, without distorting the general revenue and pricing strategies of the Department.

The Accessibility Subsidy Program is designed to offer one hour of activity per week to those individuals who have identified cost as a barrier to participation. Referrals for financial assistance are made in writing to the Department by

recognized community organizations or agencies who identify individuals requiring assistance; or directly from individuals requiring assistance.

There are four components under the Accessibility Program:

- a) Admission Passes and Registration;
- b) Transportation;
- c) Facility Rentals; and
- d) Target Programs.

Each component is designed to meet a particular need and to accommodate the greatest number of people. The Department has built in flexibility within the specific components of the program to allow participants the ability to choose an activity at a location and time of their choice. The following describes the four components of the program and usage results for 1996:

a) Admission Passes and Registration

This component enables individuals or groups to have access to recreation programs offered by the Leisure Services Department (drop-in or registered format), at no cost. The general admission schedule includes access to the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo, Kinsmen Park Rides, Saskatoon Field House, Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre, Lawson Civic Centre, Lakewood Civic Centre, Cosmo Civic Centre, and the municipal outdoor swimming pools. Some programs include: swimming, fitness classes, weight rooms, sport activities, track, and registered programs, such as swimming lessons.

In 1996, the Department processed 885 requests for admission passes and program registrations, which reflects 6,109 people, an increase of 10 percent from 1995. These participants made 16,327 visits (average of 2.7 visits/participant) in 1996, (a slight decrease from 1995), which indicates the program provided opportunities for more people, but fewer visits were made per person.

The number of requests for assistance continues to increase, and as a result, the number of denied requests (77 in 1996), due to lack of funding, continues to increase. As the demand for funding assistance grows, and the general admission rates increase, fewer opportunities will be available to individuals or families to access on a per week basis.

The budgeted cost for this program component was \$29,900 in 1996.

b) <u>Transportation</u>

This component provides free public transportation for individuals to access recreation programs and facilities outside of their neighbourhood (i.e. provide bus tickets to access City bus service for a public swim at Riversdale outdoor pool). Individuals or agencies, on behalf of an individual or group, may request bus tickets by completing an application form at the Leisure Services Department or at one of the City's five leisure facilities.

In 1996, there were a total of 279 requests for bus tickets, an increase of 33 percent (93 more requests) in comparison to 1995. A total of 8,418 individual tickets were issued (2,440 children tickets, 1,688 youth tickets, and 4,290 adult tickets from this request). There was an increase in tickets issued of 1,368 from 1995.

A total of \$8,000 was allocated in the 1996 budget. However, it should be noted that requests were turned away by late November because the 1996 allocation had been spent.

Currently, there is no tool for monitoring the usage of this program. In 1997, we will investigate options to track the effectiveness of the free transportation program.

c) <u>Facility Rentals</u>

Funding allocated to this program component provides blocks of free public swim times at a variety of leisure facilities through the rental of the facility to the Leisure Services Department. In 1996, the Leisure Services Department provided one and one half hour free swims at Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre on Saturday afternoons for ten weeks during the Fall and again in the Winter season. During the summer months, the Department offered seven, one and one half hour free swims at both the Riversdale Pool (Monday evenings) and at Mayfair Pool (Wednesday evenings).

In 1996, 31 free public swimming times were offered in the facility rental component. This was six fewer than in 1995. Total attendance at the free public swims was 9,608 visits (average of 310 participants per swim), compared to the attendance of 11,904 in 1995 (average of 322 participants per swim). This is a decrease of 4 percent, due to a decrease in attendance

during the Mayfair Pool Free Swim (Harry Bailey and Riversdale Pool swims maintained numbers).

A total of \$10,000 was allocated for rentals in 1996.

In addition to the free swims allocated in the facility rental component of the Accessibility Program, the Department offered additional one and one half hour free swims during the summer months at the outdoor pools: Lathey Pool and Mayfair Pool (Saturday mornings). As well, swimming was available at a reduced cost on Tuesdays at the outdoor pools.

d) <u>Target Programs</u>

Targeted programs are those programs designed to reach a specific segment of the population which may face cost as a barrier, when wishing to participate in leisure programs. In determining the target program needs, the Leisure Services Department uses needs assessment survey results provided by low income respondents. In 1996, target programs were physical fitness and visual arts activities for women, ages 20 - 39, with children in the <u>City-Centre</u> suburban area; and lifeskills, health and fitness, sports and games activities, and multicultural activities for Aboriginals, single parents with children, the unemployed, and low income in the <u>Confederation</u> suburban area.

The Leisure Services Department (as a delivery agent), community associations, and outside delivery agencies make application for target program dollars to provide activities to these target populations.

In 1996, 14 delivery agencies provided 21 leisure programs to low income participants in the City Centre and the Confederation Suburban area. This compares to eight delivery agents providing 17 programs in 1995. The overall attendance in the programs was 4,185 in 1996, a decrease of 13 percent from 1995. The number of participants registered in the programs in 1996 was 674; a decrease of seven percent from 1995. The decrease in registration from 1996 as compared to 1995 is attributed to a higher number of drop-in programs offered in 1995 than 1996. Drop-in programs are more successful in drawing larger numbers than registered programs; the Leisure Services Department will review and recommend a format for program delivery to ensure the greatest number of participants for the cost value.

A total of \$26,200 was budgeted for target programs in the City-Centre and the Confederation Suburban areas in 1996. Of that amount, \$18,391.86 was spent, resulting in an under-expenditure of \$7,608.14. Most of the under-expenditure is due to the projects' actual expenditures coming in lower than originally estimated.

2. Consultation

The Leisure Service Department consults with city-wide seniors and special interest groups, and individuals to enhance the development and implementation of leisure programs and services. In 1996, the Leisure Services Department worked with a number of service-providers to gather and provide resources, identify and respond to accessibility issues, and partner in program initiatives:

- a) Council on Aging The Leisure Services Department was instrumental in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the 'Senior Shuttle Service', which addressed the issue of accessible and affordable transportation for older adults. The 'Senior Shuttle Service' pilot project was successful in affirming the need for an ongoing enriched senior transportation service. The Council on Aging feels that the provision of this service can be sustained only through broad, community-based ownership and a broader resource base. A permanent shuttle service is essential for reducing the social isolation of seniors and consequently enhancing their independence, quality of life, dignity, and health. The Leisure Services Department continues to work with the Council on Aging to create awareness and seek resources for the sustainability of a senior shuttle service.
- b) <u>Saskatoon District Health Board</u> The Leisure Services Department provides program and facility resources to the recreation therapy staff of the Saskatoon District Health Board for the purpose of bridging clients into community programming. Several patients participate in programs offered by the Leisure Services Department and community organizations for rehabilitation beyond their institutionalization.
- c) Y.W.C.A. The Leisure Services Department continues to meet with the Y.W.C.A. to discuss program initiatives for people with disabilities and senior fitness leadership. Specific programs to address the needs of these target groups will be explored in the upcoming year. Currently, the need for an aquatic program and a certified seniors leadership program are being researched.

d) <u>Public Referrals</u> The Leisure Services Department provides a referral service to individuals and organizations inquiring about available leisure programs. Often people are requesting information on the availability of specific leisure programs for seniors, persons with a disability, and persons with low-income. Staff research and investigate possible activities and delivery agents to assist the public.

3. Accessibility Officer

In September 1996, City Council designated the Leisure Services Department's Target Population Consultant as the City of Saskatoon's internal 'accessibility officer'. The Consultant will coordinate accessibility issues on behalf of the Corporation by notifying the appropriate Department of issues which are expressed by the general public, and coordinating information for the 'City Page' of <u>The StarPhoenix</u>, to inform the public of the access initiatives taken by civic departments.

4. <u>Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Program - Target Populations</u>

The City of Saskatoon, Leisure Services Department administers funds from the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture, and Recreation to non-profit community organizations in Saskatoon.

The goal of the Community Grant Program is to get people involved in sport, culture, and recreation activities by enabling communities to address the needs of local residents. A portion of the total grant funding must be used for projects which encourage more participation among 'target populations'.

In 1996, the priorities were for projects geared to youth (those who tend to hang out), aboriginals, and seniors.

In 1996, 14 projects were approved for funding for seniors, and persons with a disability under the Community Grant Program. \$40,985 was provided for these projects, (out of the total City allocation of \$175,000)."

2. Plan Saskatoon Project Proposed 1997 Communication Plan
(File No. CK. 4114-4)

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

The following report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department dated March 10, 1997, is forwarded to City Council for its information:

"EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A communication plan will be undertaken in 1997 as part of the Plan Saskatoon Project, intended to keep the public informed of the general process, and to elicit public opinion and suggestions on specific elements of the overall plan. In this way, potential problems can be identified and consensus reached on certain controversial issues prior to the final advertising and review process in 1998.

BACKGROUND

On November 18, 1996, City Council approved in principle, the Plan Saskatoon - Policy Directions Report which outlines the proposed growth management strategy and land use policy recommendations for the City's new Development Plan and Zoning Bylaw. The next stage in the process is to prepare the draft text and maps for the Development Plan and Zoning Bylaw, and facilitate their review by the Plan Saskatoon - Interdepartmental Steering Committee and the City's Municipal Planning Commission (MPC). This stage in the process is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

It is anticipated that the new draft Development Plan and Zoning Bylaw will be tabled with City Council early in 1998. This will be followed by a three month period of public consultation, and the resubmission of the documents to City Council, (with any necessary revisions), for permission to formally advertise the new Plan and Zoning Bylaw. Final approval of the new Development Plan and Zoning Bylaw would follow as soon as circumstances permit.

REPORT

Since 1997 will be a year primarily spent drafting the actual text of the Development Plan and Zoning Bylaw, there is a need to ensure that the general public and specific interest groups have an opportunity to examine and comment on policy proposals that will effect

them. The main objective is to reach a consensus with affected groups and individuals while the land use policies and development standards are being drafted.

The 1997 Communication Plan will consist of:

- 1. The selection of eight to ten issues that are important to the overall vision of the new Development Plan, but have the potential to be controversial. These issues would be publicised one at a time, in approximately two to three week intervals, beginning in April of this year. The communications will include:
 - a) News Release:
 - b) Advertisement/Outline on the Civic Page; and
 - c) Dedicated Newsletter sent to all persons and groups on the Plan Saskatoon mailing lists. The newsletter would also keep people and groups informed of the Plan Saskatoon schedule and any notable dates or upcoming events, as the Plan Saskatoon Newsletter has done in the past.

The communication objective is to:

- · describe the general issue;
- · explain why action is needed;
- · outline the proposed land use policy;
- · note both the potential positive and negative aspects; and
- · invite comments and suggestions.
- 2. The second element of the Communication Plan is to examine the main list of Plan Saskatoon interest groups and stakeholders (about 150 in total), including community associations, business groups, public agencies, etc., and identify specific land use policy and zoning proposals that may have a significant impact on any of these organizations. Specific draft sections of the proposed Development Plan would then be communicated to the affected group, describing what is being proposed and why, and asking for their comments and suggestions. These packages would be sent out in May and June of this year.

It should be noted that some groups may receive several policy proposals for comment, while some may not receive any if they are not significantly affected. All groups will receive the Newsletters noted in Section 1. All groups will also receive a full copy of the proposed Development Plan in 1998.

Again, the objective is to identify policy proposals that have the potential to be controversial, and to provide affected persons and groups with an opportunity to submit comments and participate in the preparation of the policy proposals. In this way, potential problems can be identified and consensus reached on as many issues as possible prior to the final advertising and review process in 1998."

3. Parking Committee Terms of Reference (File No. CK. 220-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

The following report of the General Manager, Transportation Department dated March 18, 1997, is submitted for City Council's information:

"REPORT

At its meeting held on September 9, 1996, City Council approved the creation of a Parking Committee. The Parking Committee was instructed to provide a formalized administrative and project management process to initiate, coordinate and/or review parking programs, projects and issues.

The Committee was formed in January, 1997 and has met twice since. During these meetings, Terms of Reference for the Parking Committee were created which provide a set of guidelines and responsibilities for the Committee. The core membership of the Committee consists of representatives from the following Civic Departments and agencies:

Transportation Department
Planning and Building Department
Finance Department
Public Works Department
Saskatoon Police Service
Broadway Business Improvement District
Riversdale Business Improvement District
The Partnership.

Attached are the proposed Parking Committee Terms of Reference which were endorsed by the Parking Committee at its meeting held on March 17, 1997.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Parking Committee Terms of Reference"

4. Social Housing Advisory Committee Annual Report - 1996 (File No. CK. 225-3)

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the following report of the Chair, Social Housing Advisory Committee, dated March 12, 1997, be received as information; and 2) that the funding agreement for the Housing Facilitator and related programs be continued for the second year. ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed and supports the following report of the Chair, Social Housing Advisory Committee dated March 12, 1997:

"EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SHAC attained a number of significant achievements this year, including:

- hiring of Housing Facilitator;
- development of a Strategic Plan;
- proposals for up to 239 units of affordable housing;
- participation with the Provincial Government support for the development of affordable housing in Saskatoon.

However, the issues around the quality and availability of affordable housing in Saskatoon are only just beginning to be addressed. It is increasingly apparent to all sectors of our community that the quality of our housing is a fundamental determinant of the quality of our lives and the life of our City. This is most evident when we see the costs, to themselves and to our community as a whole, of the increasing numbers of people who do not have adequate, appropriate or affordable housing - an increase even as Saskatoon experienced the hottest housing boom in the country.

Continuation of the funding for the Housing Facilitator and related initiatives would allow SHAC to build on our achievements and complete the initiatives already under way, such as the series of Housing Forums, work on the Community Housing Trust concept, and liaison with various City Departments. Our on-going work with the community is proving how

important these issues of quality of housing are to the community, but we are just beginning to develop the tools needed to ensure the availability of safe, secure, and affordable housing for all of the citizens of Saskatoon.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on May 23, 1989, City Council adopted clause 5, Report No. 20-1989 of the former Planning and Development Committee which was to establish a Social Housing Advisory Committee (SHAC). The Committee's Terms of Reference are:

- 1) To monitor and advise the Planning and Operations Committee on the distribution and availability of existing social housing in Saskatoon;
- 2) To advise the Planning and Operations Committee on present and future needs for social housing and on the ways the City of Saskatoon can help meet these needs;
- 3) To make recommendations to the Planning and Operations Committee on initiatives the City of Saskatoon should take to improve the distribution and availability of affordable housing; and
- 4) To facilitate co-ordination and co-operation of agencies and organizations interested in providing social housing in Saskatoon.

SHAC obtained approval to hire a temporary resource to act as a **Housing Facilitator** for the City of Saskatoon. Russell Mawby started in this position on Aril 1, 1996. Working out of the Planning and Building Department, the Facilitator's mandate is to:

- explore and develop a range of innovative housing models that will provide affordable housing to people with low and moderate incomes.
- explore and recommend how the City of Saskatoon might be involved in and how it can promote long-term affordable housing developments, including any financing strategies that may be required.
- explore opportunities and facilitate partnerships between the non-profit and private sectors for social housing.
- act as a clearinghouse for innovative housing ideas and models.
- monitor, evaluate and respond to housing policies, programs and legislation from all levels of government.
- identify, monitor and liaise with various target groups that are in the greatest need of affordable housing.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT

Housing Facilitator

The appointment of a Housing Facilitator for SHAC has greatly increased our capacity to address issues of housing affordability and availability in Saskatoon. In addition to research and development of innovative ways of delivering more affordable housing, the Facilitator has also been active in community outreach, raising the level of awareness of the issues, needs and possible solutions in all sectors of the community. In particular, the Facilitator has brought a number of new stakeholders to the table, including private sector developers, and the financial sector, with the expectation that we can work together to find new ways of serving this overlooked market of affordable and supportive housing.

The Facilitator has worked with Provincial Government Departments, especially Municipal Government and Social Services, helping to explore and develop new policies and procedures to continue their support for social housing. He has also been able to bring issues of housing to the forefront with City Administration, working towards greater coordination of policies and actions as they impact the quality and availability of housing in our community.

Strategic Plan

With the appointment of our Housing Facilitator, SHAC decided to consolidate our thinking about the future of social housing in Saskatoon into a Strategic Plan, intended to guide our activities over the next two years. This Strategic Plan was accepted by Council on August 12, 1996.

This Strategic Plan provides a framework for action that closely follows and supports the vision put forth in the City of Saskatoon Strategic Plan, in particular the stated need to help make Saskatoon a model city with a high quality of life, built up from a quilt of neighbourhoods, where people are empowered to take control of their own lives.

Our Strategic Plan is fundamentally about encouragement and enablement of that personal and community responsibility, with strategic actions aimed at achieving the goal of maintaining and improving Saskatoon as a livable, workable and model city.

A Work Plan was developed to help apply this strategy over the next two years. It has been organized to address immediate actions, mid-term and long-term activities. In addition to setting goals and criteria, this Plan structured our activities into three main areas of focus: Education, Advocacy and Development.

Education: Working to ensure a high level of awareness about

housing issues, including continued investigation of

alternatives, innovations and opportunities.

SHAC has been actively expanding our outreach to the community to encourage better understanding of housing issues and the impact on quality of life in Saskatoon. These activities include:

- Liaison with media organizations on housing issues, including print and television coverage of the need for innovative affordable housing;
- Forum on Community Based Development, with financial, development and community-based organizations;
- Workshops on seniors housing;
- Liaison with Aboriginal Groups (Race Relations Coordinator);
- Outreach committees of various Churches/Kiwanis Club of Saskatoon;
- Social Services, youth outreach program;
- University of Saskatchewan, lectures in Rural and Urban Development, Sociology, Community Development programs;
- SIAST Kelsey Institute, lectures in Community Development program;
- Workshop at interprovincial conference on Community Development, 'Prairie Forum '96';
- Saskatoon Real Estate Board / Women's Real Estate Network.

Also, we are hoping to take over publication of the 'Tenant's Handbook' from Race Relations, pending budget approval.

Finally, we began publishing a quarterly newsletter, the 'SHAC Report', which reaches housing related organizations across Canada. Articles from the SHAC Report have been reprinted in national publications, and we have received a number of enquiries from other municipalities about the work we are doing.

Advocacy:

Communicating the benefits of appropriate housing to all stakeholders in our community, to encourage an acceptance and acknowledgement of the role housing plays in all aspects of life in Saskatoon.

In the past year, SHAC has participated in or initiated a number of discussions, forums, presentations and other outreach activities aimed at increasing the awareness of the important role quality housing plays in all of our lives, as well as to explore innovative means of improving the availability of affordable, appropriate housing:

- Saskatchewan Ministry of Municipal Government: housing policy and programs workshops;
- Saskatchewan Government: Inner City Revitalization Task Force;
- Saskatchewan Justice: tenure forms for shared ownership;
- Saskatoon Communities for Children: identified housing as a priority issue;
- Downtown Partnership: housing workshops;
- Equal Justice for All, FSIN, Metis Nation, University of Saskatchewan, Office of the Rentalsman: Tenant Insurance Plan;
- City of Saskatoon Planning and Building Department: density bonusing for barrier-free housing development, accessory suite regulations, Plan Saskatoon process, Condominium Conversion bylaw;
- City of Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services: Property Maintenance Bylaw community meetings;
- Low Income Tenants Association: Federal Government support for social housing;
- Financial Institutions: greater involvement in and support for affordable housing development.

Development:

Facilitating a take-up of the market for a broader range of housing options, encouraging new partnerships, and offering a climate of new ideas and new ways of working together with the community.

SHAC has been actively involved in supporting and facilitating the development of a number of housing initiatives in the City, including addressing requests for financial support under the Innovative Housing Policy (C09-002). In total, we are involved in the acquisition, rehabilitation and construction of a potential 239 units of housing. In all cases, our support has been towards enabling financially self-sustaining projects that not only provide shelter, but also provide supports and amenities to improve the quality of life of the residents:

- Affordable Housing Corporation, purchase of Borden Place apartments to manage as non-profit, equity co-op council approved \$145,000 contribution (109 units plus daycare);
- Voyager Club, purchase of Capri Hotel to provide Single Room Occupancy (SRO) suites (64 units);
- Habitat for Humanity, purchase of lots on Borden Crescent (14 units);
- Quint Development Corp., purchase of family housing for renovation and rent-to-own program (10 units);
- Saskatoon Housing Coalition, purchase of apartment building for independent living (24 units);
- SaskNative Housing, purchase of family housing units (18 units).

Summary - Strategic Plan Activities

This list of activities captures the key events of 1996, and shows the diverse range of issues and interests that SHAC is involved in. What it does not show is the intense behind-the-scenes activity that is necessary for any of these items to occur. In many ways, it is this activity that will, in the long run, be the lasting legacy of SHAC's work in 1996, since it is creating a new way of looking at housing issues, and is instigating new ways of working to solve the continuing problem of housing availability and affordability in Saskatoon.

Saskatchewan Inter-Municipal Housing Network

An on-going series of meetings was initiated in November, 1996 in Saskatoon, bringing together representatives from Prince Albert, Regina, Moose Jaw and Saskatoon to discuss ways and means of addressing issues of common concern in housing. There was general agreement that any new solutions must be based in the community, and must help to empower the residents themselves to take responsibility for their housing, but with appropriate support from all levels of government. This 'Grassroots' approach also demands new partnerships with the private sector, and both Prince Albert and Saskatoon have actively developed those links, and are working on implementing innovative affordable housing initiatives.

We also discussed other ways in which municipalities can better address housing issues, including greater co-ordination of policies and programs, stronger enforcement of bylaws that affect quality of life (like the Property and Maintenance Bylaw), and support for dedicated resources to work with the community on housing issues (like the Housing Facilitator). These measures would help to reduce the need for capital expenditures on social housing by maintaining and improving the quality and stability of existing stock.

Planning and Building Department

Plan Saskatoon

The Plan Saskatoon process is on-going, with the acceptance by Council of the Policy Directions Report on November 18, 1996. SHAC and the Housing Facilitator participated in the development of this report, and will continue to have input into the next phases of the project, including the Draft Development Plan, and the revisions to the Zoning Bylaw.

We particularly commented on sections of the report highlighting the social impacts of land-use planning and policy, as well as the specific sections on Social Housing and Accessory Suites.

SHAC agrees that there should be increased availability of a wider range of accommodations, including accessory suites, and will facilitate the implementation of appropriate legislation by increasing public awareness of the benefits of allowing their development in our neighbourhoods.

Housing Databank

A number of requests from various City and community organizations led to the exploration of creating a Housing Databank to better track the location, configuration and availability of affordable housing in Saskatoon. Such a Databank would be extremely useful for a wide range of interests, including:

- mapping existing Social Housing resources;
- mapping Accessory Suite locations throughout the City;
- identifying areas of concern for Police Services;
- tracking the quality of housing properties based on Property Maintenance Bylaw criteria, as part of the proposed Accreditation program (Police Services);
- tracking other 'low-income' and supportive housing resources.

Preliminary work has been done with a work-practicum student on tracking the location of publicly owned social housing in the City. This will help establish the parameters for such a Database, including the resources required. It is likely that this Database would be located within the Planning and Building Department, as it ties in with and would enhance on-going GIS mapping activities, however, this would be in addition to their current resources allocations. SHAC is exploring the benefits of supporting this resource, including the possibility for partnership with other Departments and Governments.

<u>Incentives for Innovative Housing Development</u>

Working with the Zoning Standards Branch, the Housing Facilitator is exploring ways of improving the quality of housing that is built in the City, specifically with regard to supporting special needs. To begin, we are looking at ways of encouraging builders to build barrier-free units to maximize the overall accessibility of housing in our community. The idea is to allow density bonusing so that builders can add the extra space required for such units to their buildings. Research on how other municipalities approach these issues is currently under way.

Quint Development Corporation

The City has built a supportive relationship Quint via SHAC and the Housing Facilitator, which has proven to be of great benefit to both parties. The Housing Facilitator sits on Quint's Housing Committee, and is involved in a number of housing related initiatives, including:

- implementing an Adult Basic Education program for Property Maintenance skills development, in partnership with SIAST and New Careers Corp.;
- acquisition and rehabilitation of a former group home to create a Northern Residents hostel;
- discussions with local financial institutions to find ways of supporting communityled housing development and redevelopment;
- development of a project proposal for Provincial funding for low-income home ownership.

Community Housing Trust / Land Trust

As a result of the strong development activity SHAC has facilitated, we have decided to review how best to support these kinds of community-based projects. Since the objective is to maximize community ownership and control over their housing, we have begun to explore the feasibility of establishing a Community Housing Trust, which would provide a vehicle for Community Based Development organizations to acquire and manage housing.

This Trust would bring together a number of partners in the community, including:

- Saskatoon Foundation;
- Saskatoon Credit Union and other financial institutions;
- Community Based Development Corporations;
- Provincial Government agencies;
- Private sector businesses.

These partners would work together to mobilize local capital resources towards improving the life of the community, by developing and redeveloping housing that will remain as a resource to the community for the long-term.

It would enable the formation of new partnerships between public, private and community sector organizations towards development and maintenance of affordable and appropriate housing. The goal is to develop a strong 'third sector' housing industry, using the skills and methods of the private sector combined with the social conscience of the public and not-for-profit sector, capitalizing on the social capital (expertise and commitment) embodied in the community.

The primary purpose of this Trust would be to enable community-based housing groups to overcome the current difficulty in accessing conventional financing to achieve our goal of greater community-ownership of housing. The priority is to develop family housing (ie., housing geared to the needs of children), preferably located in at-risk neighbourhoods, where income levels are low and/or the number of rental households is high.

We want to maximize opportunities for home ownership, but in a supportive context such as an on-going community co-operative to address issues of maintenance and repair. However, regardless of the tenure, residents must be fully involved in management and operation of their housing. We would also like to maximize the preservation, renovation and rehabilitation of existing housing and infrastructure.

Our vision is that the City of Saskatoon would provide the initial start-up of a Housing Trust via a grant from the Social Housing Reserve. This would enhance the City's ability to support innovative affordable housing. Our on-going liaison with the City Solicitor is proving to be of assistance in exploring how this initiative might help achieve the City's objectives in this regard.

An additional benefit for a Trust is to provide a vehicle for other partners to begin to invest in community development of housing, including the Provincial and Federal governments, pension funds, church groups, charitable organizations and local businesses.

JUSTIFICATION

The significant initiatives begun by SHAC in the past year will have a beneficial impact on the affordable housing resources in Saskatoon. However, many of the initiatives we have begun are still in progress, or are just beginning to achieve their intended goals. The primary reason we have been able to instigate the initiatives listed in this report is by having a resource dedicated to these issues - the Housing Facilitator, which has allowed us to partner and collaborate with other City Departments, and the community at large. When

hired, the agreement was for a one-year term, with a review at the end of the year for one additional year. SHAC is recommending that the second-year of the project be funded to continue the work we have begun.

OPTIONS

If this agreement is not continued for the second year, SHAC will not be able to see through the important initiatives that we have begun.

IMPLICATIONS

No changes to existing policy are required.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

A further \$62,000 would be required from the Social Housing Reserve, but would be offset by a second \$12,500 contribution from the Ministry of Municipal Government, Housing Division, as per our agreement."

REPORT NO. 8-1997 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor P. McCann Councillor J. Postlethwaite Councillor P. Roe Councillor R. Steernberg Councillor D. Atchison

1. Parking Permits (File No. CK. 6120-1)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) that the responsibility for the authorization of parking permits for vehicles be assigned to the Parking Committee;
- 2) that the annual charge for an unrestricted parking permit for vehicles used by Members of Parliament, and Members of the Legislative Assembly, be increased to \$500.00 plus G.S.T.;

- 3) that the time limit that a vehicle can park using a restricted parking permit be a maximum of two hours:
- 4) that the annual charge for restricted parking permits be increased to \$300.00 plus G.S.T.;
- 5) that restricted parking permits be issued to vehicles owned by Federal or Provincial Governments and their agencies instead of unrestricted parking permits;
- 6) that there be no change in the fee for convention permits;
- 7) that the fee for replacing lost permits be increased to \$20.00 plus G.S.T.; and
- 8) that the City Solicitor amend Bylaw No. 7200, the Traffic Bylaw, to reflect these changes.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee, at its meeting held on March 25, 1997, considered the attached report of the General Manager, Transportation Department dated March 19, 1997. This report was also considered by the Administration and Finance Committee at its meeting held on March 24, 1997. The Administration and Finance Committee requested that the Planning and Operations Committee consider a price differential between restricted and unrestricted parking permits based on the belief that it will be difficult to introduce a higher price for unrestricted parking permits at a later date, and there is a difference in the benefit provided by these two types of parking permits. Your Committee considered this matter and suggested a change in Recommendation 2) to indicate an increase to \$500.00 rather than \$300.00 for unrestricted parking permits.

Your Committee, at its meeting held on March 25, 1997, resolved that the recommendations submitted in the report of the General Manager, Transportation Department dated March 19, 1997, together with the amendment to Recommendation 2) as noted above, be tabled to the April 8, 1997 meeting of the Committee.

Your Committee, at its meeting held on April 8, 1997, heard a presentation from Ms. Susan Lamb, Executive Director, Tourism Saskatoon, and received further communications from the Saskatoon Hotels Association and Saskatchewan Tourism, with respect to concerns regarding the proposed increase in the fee for convention permits. Attached are copies of the above-noted communications.

Upon consideration of the matter, your Committee is recommending that there be no change in the fee for convention permits and is submitting for Council's consideration the above-noted recommendations pertaining to parking permits.

REPORT NO. 6-1997 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor H. Langlois, Chair Councillor D.L. Birkmaier Councillor M. Heidt Councillor A. Langford Councillor K. Waygood

1. Communications to Council

From: Kenneth Ziegler, President

Saskatoon and District Chamber of Commerce

Date: January 29, 1997

Subject: License Fee (File No. CK. 115-1 & 1720-2)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 51.

2. Request for Exemption from Amusement Tax Saskatoon Shrine Circus - May 16, 17 and 18, 1997 (File No. CK. 1910-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the request from the Saskatoon Shrine Circus for

exemption from amusement tax for the 1997 Shrine Circus to be

held on May 16, 17 and 18, 1997, be approved.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of a letter dated March 31, 1997 from Noble Bill Pizzey, Saskatoon Circus Chairman - 1997, Saskatoon Shrine Circus, requesting an exemption from amusement tax for the Saskatoon Shrine Circus to be held on May 16, 17 and 18, 1997.

Your Committee has reviewed this application, and supports this exemption from amusement tax, as in previous years.

3. Communication to Council

From: Greg Hertz, President

Hertz Northern Bus

Date: December 9, 1996

Subject: School Buses Stopping at Controlled

and Uncontrolled Railway Crossings

(File No. CK. 6170-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the Administration be authorized to formally request The

Highway Traffic Board for an exemption to *The School Bus Operating Regulations (1987)* at all controlled railway crossings in

the City of Saskatoon.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered the above communication, and submits the following report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, dated March 25, 1997, in response to the Committee's questions, which are quoted in the report:

"BACKGROUND

The Administration and Finance Committee, at its meeting held on February 24, 1997, while considering a report of the City Solicitor regarding the above item, resolved:

- 1) that the report of the City Solicitor dated February 12, 1997, with respect to the above matter be received as information;
- 2) that the matter be referred to the Transportation Department for a report on the feasibility and implications of the request by Hertz Northern Bus and that the Solicitor be requested to report with respect to the requirements for the different types of buses in the City at the same time as the report is received from the Transportation Department; and
- 3) that a letter be forwarded to the School Boards advising them of the request and that the Committee has asked the Transportation Department to consult with the School Boards with respect to the matter.

REPORT

Under *The School Bus Operating Regulations (1987)*, school buses are required to stop at all controlled and uncontrolled railroad crossings. The implication of this is that when approaching a railway crossing, school buses have to move to the far right lane, come to a complete stop, and check for any oncoming trains. When it is safe to proceed, the buses then move back into the main stream of traffic. According to Hertz Northern Bus, this manoeuvre may create dangerous conditions at some locations as the bus operator is moving in and out of the stream of traffic.

It is the sudden stopping of school buses, at a time when the rest of the traffic stream is not expected to stop, that has the potential to cause accidents. The elimination of such an uncertainty on the part of other motorists by letting buses proceed in the same manner as the rest of the traffic has a likelihood of improving safety.

Due to lack of statistically significant collision data involving school buses at rail intersections, no detailed analysis of the effect of the exemption on direct traffic safety was carried out by the Transportation Department. Utilizing professional judgement, it can be stated with a degree of confidence that exempting school buses from existing regulations at all controlled railway crossings within the City of Saskatoon would not result in any adverse implications as school buses would proceed in the same manner as the rest of the traffic.

There have been preliminary discussions with both the Highway Traffic Board and SGI. Both organizations indicated that an exemption request would be entertained. The Saskatoon Board of Education and Saskatoon Catholic Schools are also in agreement with the proposal as evidenced in the attached letters.

POLICY IMPLICATION

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Letter dated March 14, 1997 from D. B. Lloyd, Saskatoon Catholic Schools.
- 2. Letter dated March 14, 1997 from W. O. Cooke, Saskatoon Board of Education."

Report of City Solicitor, April 1, 1997:

"BACKGROUND

The Administration and Finance Committee at its meeting on February 24, 1997 resolved, in part, that this Office report on whether City buses, when providing charter service to the School Boards, are governed by *The School Bus Operating Regulations*, 1987.

REPORT

The term 'school bus' is not defined in *The Highway Traffic Act* or in *The School Bus Operating Regulation*, 1987. However, there is a definition in *The Vehicle Equipment Regulations*, 1987:

'school bus' means a bus or van operated primarily for the purpose of transporting people to school and registered as Class PS under *The Vehicle Administration Act*.

Class PS vehicles are to be used primarily for the transportation of:

- (i) students to and from school;
- (ii) students under the administration of a school board to and from academic, social or athletic events connected with the programs of the school board;
- (iii) teachers, educational officers and other persons employed by a school board supervising students mentioned in subclause (ii) or for any other purpose connected with the performance of their duties.

In our opinion, City buses cannot be considered 'school buses' for two reasons. Firstly, City buses are not operated primarily for the purpose of transporting people to school. The City operates a public transit system to be used for the transportation of passengers generally. The charter service is not the primary purpose of the transit service. Rather it is an adjunct of the public transit service.

Secondly, City buses are not registered as Class PS vehicles under *The Vehicle Administration Act*. City buses are registered as either Class PB or PC.

Therefore, in our opinion, City buses, when providing charter service to the School Boards, are not required to comply with *The School Bus Operating Regulations*, 1987."

Attached is a copy of the above-noted communication from Greg Hertz (Attachment "A"), as well as a copy of the report of the City Solicitor, dated February 12, 1997, as referenced in the above-noted report from the General Manager, Transportation Department, dated March 25, 1997 (Attachment "B").

4. The Temporary Sign Bylaw and the Poster Bylaw Regulating Election Signs and Posters (File No. CK. 6280-1)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that City Council consider passage of proposed Bylaw Nos. 7620 and 7621;
- 2) that City Council repeal City Council Policy No. C01-019 entitled "Postering During Elections"; and
- 3) that City Council instruct the Administration to develop an information pamphlet and distribute this pamphlet appropriately, so that the rules are clear to everyone involved with temporary signs.

Attached is a copy of Clause A4, Report No. 7-1997 of the City Commissioner, which was DEALT WITH AS STATED by City Council at its meeting held on March 17, 1997:

that the matter be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.

Your Committee has reviewed the Bylaws and supports the intent to control the size and location of temporary signs on City property. Attached are copies of the existing Bylaws with the amendments clearly identified (Attachment "A").

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be deferred until the April 28, 1997 Council meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6a) Zoning Bylaw Amendment
Keevil Crescent/Attridge Drive
University Heights Suburban Development Area
(M.3A to M.2, B.4 to M.2, B.4 to M.3 and M.3A and R.2 to M.3 Districts)
Proposed Bylaws No. 7606 and 7607
(File No. CK. 4350-1)

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

Attached is an excerpt from the minutes of meeting of City Council held on March 17, 1997, regarding the above matter. City Council closed its hearing and resolved that consideration of Bylaws No. 7606 and 7607 be deferred until the April 14, 1997 Council meeting."

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT the matter be deferred until the April 28, 1997 Council meeting.

CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES

Councillor Postlethwaite Operation of Community Police Station in Riversdale (File No. CK. 5000-1)

Would the Police please report on the cost of maintaining the operation of the Community Police Station in the Riversdale neighbourhood, and also report on how the Police may work with other volunteer organizations to help defray some of those costs.

Councillor Waygood Creation of Community Development Reserve Fund (File No. CK. 1815-1)

Would the Administration please report on the feasibility of using funds from the Property Realized Reserve Fund to create a Community Development Reserve Fund that could serve to facilitate self-directed projects and initiatives in targeted neighbourhoods (e.g. Community school neighbourhoods). Capital projects could include among others, a community centre.

GIVING NOTICE

Councillor Atchison gave the following Notice of Motion:

'TAKE NOTICE THAT at the next regular meeting of City Council, I will move the following motion:

- 1. THAT City Council approve the advertising to amend the Development Plan from Suburban Centre to Suburban Centre Commercial for the lands described as Parcel H and MB3 Plan 96S55464 and the most westerly 52.83 metres in perpendicular width throughout of Parcel G and MB4 Plan 96S55464 and to amend the Zoning Bylaw from M3A District to B4 District for the lands described as Parcel H, Plan 96S55464, and MB3, Plan 96S55464;
- 2. THAT City Council approved the advertising to amend the Zoning Bylaw for the remaining lands that were formally part of Bylaw 7606 being the Parcel G and MB4 Plan 96S55464 except the most westerly 52.83 metres in perpendicular width throughout of Parcel G and MB4 Plan 96S55464, from B4 District to M2 District, and Parcels D and E and MB5 Plan 96S55464 from B4 District to M2 District;
- 3. THAT the General Manager, Planning and Building Department be requested to prepare the required notices for advertising the proposed amendments;
- 4. THAT the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required bylaws; and
- 5. THAT the Municipal Planning Commission be invited to submit its comments and/or recommendations concerning the proposed amendments at the time of the public hearing.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 7614

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7614, being "The Zoning Amendment Bylaw, 1997 (No. 9)" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Bylaw No. 7614 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7614.

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. 7614 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7614 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT Bylaw No. 7614 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. 7616

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7616, being "The Development Plan Amendment Bylaw, 1997 (No. 2)" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Bylaw No. 7616 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7616.

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. 7616 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7616 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT Bylaw No. 7616 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. 7617

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7617, being "The Development Plan Amendment Bylaw, 1997 (No. 3)" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Bylaw No. 7617 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7617.

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. 7617 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7617 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT Bylaw No. 7617 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. 7618

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7618, being "The Development Plan Amendment Bylaw, 1997 (No. 4)" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Bylaw No. 7618 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7618.

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. 7618 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7618 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT Bylaw No. 7618 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. 7624

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7624, being "The Broadway Theatre Heritage Designation Bylaw, 1997" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Bylaw No. 7624 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7624.

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. 7624 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7624 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT Bylaw No. 7624 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. 7626

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7626, being "The Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 1997" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Bylaw No. 7626 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7626.

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. 7626 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7626 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT Bylaw No. 7626 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. 7628

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7628, being "The Cover-All Shelter Systems Inc. Incentives Bylaw, 1997" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Bylaw No. 7628 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7628.

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. 7628 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7628 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT Bylaw No. 7628 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. 7629

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7629, being "The Discounts and Penalties Amendment Bylaw, 1997 (No. 3)" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Bylaw No. 7629 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7629.

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. 7629 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7629 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT Bylaw No. 7629 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. 7630

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7630, being "The Business License Amendment Bylaw, 1997" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Bylaw No. 7630 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7630.

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. 7630 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7630 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT Bylaw No. 7630 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. 7631

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7631, being "The Waste Amendment Bylaw, 1997" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Bylaw No. 7631 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7631.

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. 7631 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,
THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.
CARRIED.
Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,
THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7631 read a third time at this meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,
THAT Bylaw No. 7631 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 Roe,
THAT the meeting stand adjourned.
CARRIED.
The meeting adjourned at 12:25 a.m.
Mayor City Clerk