Council Chamber City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask. Tuesday, September 8, 1998 at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:His Worship Mayor Dayday in the Chair;
Councillors Atchison, Birkmaier, Harding, Heidt, Langford, Maddin,
Roe, Steernberg and Waygood;
A/City Manager Richards;
City Solicitor Dust;
City Clerk Mann;
City Councillor's Assistant Holmstrom

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on August 10, 1998 be approved.

CARRIED.

HEARINGS

2a) Proposed Zoning Bylaw/Map Amendments 1111-1117 Broadway Avenue Haultain Neighbourhood R.2 District to M.1 District & R.2 District to M.1 District by Agreement Proposed Bylaw No. 7781 (File No. CK. 4351-1)

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

"Attached is a copy of Clause 2, Report No. 10-1998 of the Municipal Planning Commission which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on June 29, 1998.

A copy of Notice which appeared in the local press under dates of August 15 and August 22, 1998 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. 7781, copy attached.

The matter is also being reported on under Clause 1, Report No. 15-1998 of the Municipal Planning Commission.

Also attached are copies of the following communications:

- Letter dated August 31, 1998 from Joe Lapointe, All-Sask Financial Services;
- Letter dated August 31, 1998 from Terry Boucher, 4-1910 Main Street;
- Letter dated August 31, 1998 from Aron and Betty Braun, 1119 Broadway Avenue;
- Letter dated September 1, 1998 from Brent Wachs, 623 7th Street East; and
- Letter dated September 2, 1998 from Joe LaPointe, All-Sask Financial Services, requesting permission for John or Joanne Benesh, current land owners, Joe LaPointe, All-Sask Financial Services, Chuck LaPointe of Home Life Realty, and Darrell Epp, Architect, to address Council."

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. Joe Lapointe, All-Sask Financial Services, proposes building an office building on the site if the proposed rezoning is approved.

Ms. Betty Braun, 1119 Broadway Avenue, spoke against the proposed rezoning.

Mr. Terry Boucher, 4-1910 Main Street, spoke in favour of the proposed rezoning.

Mr. Chuck Lapointe, Home Life Realty, requested that Council support the proposed rezoning.

Mr. Jon Benesh, current property owner, spoke in support of the proposed rezoning.

Mr. Glen Grismer, Chair, Municipal Planning Commission, outlined the rationale of the Municipal Planning Commission in recommending denial of the rezoning application.

Mr. Darrel Epp, Architect, described plans for the proposed building if the proposed rezoning is approved.

Mr. Brent Wachs, 6231 -7th Street East, spoke against the proposed rezoning.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT Clause 1, Report No. 15-1998 of the Municipal Planning Commission be brought forward and considered.

CARRIED.

"REPORT NO. 15-1998 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Proposed Rezoning 1111 to 1117 Broadway Avenue Lots 7, 8, 9 & the North 2 feet of Lot 10, Block 21 Plan G 103 R.2 to M.1 District by Agreement Haultain Neighbourhood Applicant: Joe Lapointe (File No. CK. 4351-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the information be received.

Your Commission has reviewed the supplementary report of the Planning and Building Department dated August 13, 1998, regarding a previous proposal for the rezoning of 1111 to 1117 Broadway Avenue from an R.2 District to an M.1 District by Agreement with the Administration. Your Commission has been advised that the supplementary report addresses modifications made by the applicant with respect to the three technical variances from the M.1 District as set forward in the previous application and that the necessary advertisements have included these modifications.

Your Commission has determined that its previous position as outlined in Clause 2, Report No. 10-1998 of the Municipal Planning Commission (see copy attached under Item 2a of the Public Hearings) is appropriate. These technical modifications do not affect this position.

Your Commission has reviewed and is submitting the following supplementary report of the Planning and Building Department to City Council as information:

'B. <u>PROPOSAL</u>

Mr. Darrell Epp, who is representing the applicant, has submitted a set of revised drawings for a previous proposal for the rezoning of 1113 to 1117 Broadway Avenue from an R.2 District to an M.1 District by Agreement.

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

The revisions submitted by Mr. Epp are intended to resolve three technical variances from the M.1 Zoning District which were identified in the Planning and Building Department's June 8, 1998 report to City Council.

D. <u>BACKGROUND INFORMATION</u>

On June 16, 1998, the Municipal Planning Commission received a report of the Planning and Building Department containing a proposal for rezoning by agreement for 1113 - 1117 Broadway Avenue from an R.2 District to an M.1 District by Agreement. In the June 16, 1998 proposal, the Planning and Building Department identified three technical variances from the requirements of the M.1 District contained in the development proposal. The technical variances related to number of off street parking stalls, dimensions of parking stalls abutting the lane and a side yard encroachment.

On June 16, 1998, the Municipal Planning Commission agreed with the Planning and Building Department recommendation for denial. On July 13, 1998, City Council gave authorization to advertise the development proposal. The revised proposal contained in this report will be advertised at the request of the applicant. A Public Hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday September 8, 1998 for City Council to make a decision on this matter.

E. JUSTIFICATION

1. Planning and Building Department Comments

The previous proposal submitted by Mr. Darrell Epp, did not meet the minimum requirements of the Zoning Bylaw in three (3) respects:

a) According to Section 38(10)(g) of the Zoning Bylaw, off-street parking spaces must be provided at a rate of 1 space for each $24m^2$ of building floor area. The building floor area is calculated as gross leasable space which does not include stairwells or mechanical rooms. The applicant showed a proposed kitchen on the second floor of the office building. The floor area of the kitchen was considered to be building floor area and was included in the required parking calculation. The required parking was calculated as 462.068 m² of building area divided by 24 m² = 19.25 or 19 parking spaces. Eighteen spaces were shown in the previous proposal.

- b) According to Section 18(7)(e)(iii) of the Zoning Bylaw, all required off-street parking spaces are required to be a minimum of 2.7 metres (8.9 feet) by 6.7 metres (22 feet) in size where the parking space backs onto a public lane. The previous proposal showed parking spaces which were 2.7 metres by 6.0 metres (19.7 feet) in size, a variance of 0.7 metres (2.3 feet) in length.
- c) According to Section 14(4)(b) of the Zoning Bylaw, no canopy may project more than 25% into the required side yard. 25% of the required side yard is equal to 0.375 metres (1.5m x 25% (1.23 feet)). The previous application showed canopies which projected 0.610 metres (2.0 feet), a variance of 0.235 metres (0.77 feet).

The attached proposal has been amended to resolve the above variances. Firstly, an extra parking space has been provided at the front of the building. Secondly, all parking spaces abutting the lane are now provided to a depth of 6.7 metres. Thirdly, the canopy on the South side of the building has been removed to eliminate any side yard encroachment. The main difference between the previous and current proposal is the reduction in building floor area on the main floor (-6.8 m2).

Although the proposal has been amended to meet the minimum requirements of the M.1 District, the Planning and Building Department is <u>not</u> recommending approval of this application for the reasons as stated in the Department's June 8, 1998 report (please refer to June 16, 1998 MPC agenda). The primary reasons for not supporting the application are related to <u>land use and orderly development</u>. The technical variances from the M.1 District, although important, did not form the primary reason for denial and could be waived by City Council in any event. The Department's concerns about land use and orderly development related to this application are still present in the revised proposal. The applicant is aware of the Department's position on this matter.

2. Conclusion

It is the opinion within the Planning & Building Department that this proposal is not desireable from a land use standpoint and does not promote orderly development. The extension of the Broadway Avenue commercial area south of the existing B.2 zoning cannot be supported from a community planning perspective. The proposal does not promote orderly development and orphans an existing R.2 property at 1119 Broadway Avenue. It is the opinion within the Planning and Building Department that an extension of the Broadway Avenue commercial area may set an undesireable precedent

and may lead to more rezoning requests for this area. According to the latest commercial space inventory, there is sufficient existing land available in the vicinity which is already zoned for the proposed use of land (offices).

Compatibility with adjacent sites is an important issue since the proposed building is in very close proximity to existing single family homes, but this has not been adequately addressed by the applicant.

On this basis, the Planning & Building Department is recommending that the proposed rezoning be denied.

F. <u>COMMUNICATION PLAN</u>

On June 29, 1998, City Council authorized the advertising of this proposal. On Tuesday September 8, 1998 a Public Hearing will be held. The proposed amendment will be advertised in the Star-Phoenix on Saturday August 15 and 22nd. Notice boards will also be placed on the site. The Community Associations of Queen Elizabeth and Nutana have already been notified of this application.

G. <u>ATTACHMENTS</u>

1 - 4) Revised Development Proposal for 1113 to 1117 Broadway Avenue.""

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT the submitted correspondence be received.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 7781.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the regular Order of Business be suspended and Bylaw No. 7781 be brought forward and considered.

CARRIED.

"INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 7781

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7781, being "The Zoning Amendment Bylaw, 1998 (No. 14)" and to give same its first reading.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND LOST."

2b) Hearings Discretionary Use Application Private School & Pre-school 2815 Estey Drive Applicant: Donald M. M. Miller (File No. CK. 4355-1)

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

"City Council, at its meeting held on June 29, 1998 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 2, Report No. 15-1998 of the Municipal Planning Commission.

Also attached is a copy of the following communication:

• Letter dated September 2, 1998 from Susan M. Tatler, 214 - 11th Street East."

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 Roe,

THAT Clause 2, Report No. 15-1998 of the Municipal Planning Commission be brought forward and considered.

CARRIED.

"REPORT NO. 15-1998 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

2. Discretionary Use Application Use of Property as Private School and Pre-School (Montessori School) Lot 4, Block 368, Plan G924 2815 Estey Drive B.1 Zoning District Applicant: Donald M.M. Miller (File No. CK. 4355-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>:

that the application submitted by Donald M. M. Miller requesting permission to use Lot 4, Block 368, Plan G924 (2815 Estey Drive) for the purpose of a private school and pre-school for a Montessori School be approved subject to:

- a) the paved boulevard area along the property frontage being restored to landscaping or applying for a lease with the City of Saskatoon for the use of this boulevard for parking;
- b) five hard surfaced off-street parking spaces and one hard surfaced off-street loading space; and,

c) the applicant obtaining a development permit and all other relevant permits and licenses prior to any alterations or change in use.

A summary page, 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 August 6, 1998, regarding an application submitted by Donald M. M. Miller requesting permission to use Lot 4, Block 368, Plan G924 (2815 Estey Drive) for the purpose of a private school for approximately 22 students and a pre-school for approximately 16 children:

B. <u>PROPOSAL</u>

An application has been submitted by Donald M. M. Miller requesting City Council's approval to use Lot 4, Block 368, Plan G924 (2815 Estey Drive) for the purpose of a private school for approximately 22 students and a pre-school for approximately 16 children. This property is zoned B.1 District in the City of Saskatoon Zoning Bylaw No. 6772 and as a consequence, a private school and pre-school may only be permitted by City Council at its discretion. Refer to the attached plan for details of the proposal.

C. <u>REASON FOR PROPOSAL (BY APPLICANT)</u>

Members of the Montessori School System feel that this older, well treed and quiet neighbourhood will provide an excellent environment for a private school and preschool. The applicant feels that a private school and pre-school are a more suitable land use than a confectionery or similar business. Furthermore, the applicant has also indicated that they are limited in locations and feel that they have found a viable location at 2815 Estey Drive.

D. <u>JUSTIFICATION</u>

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

Public Works Department - Water and Sewer Branch

The proposed discretionary use is acceptable to this department. Any required water and sewer upgrades will be at the owners expense.

Transportation Department

The Transportation Department has reviewed the application for discretionary use and has the following requirements:

- 1) that the paved boulevard area along the property frontage be restored to landscaping; or,
- 2) that the applicant apply for a lease with the City of Saskatoon for the use of this boulevard for vehicle parking.

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

- a) In May of 1998, The Planning and Building Department became aware that a private school had been established at 2815 Estey Drive and signage for the private school had been placed on the building. The registered owner of the property was advised at that time that private schools are only permitted in the B.1 District at the Discretion of Council. A discretionary use application was received and the applicant has been permitted to continue operating the preschool and private school pending Council's decision.
- b) The proposed pre-school will accommodate approximately 16 children and will operate in conjunction with the private school. The proposed pre-school is consistent with the Guidelines for the Location and Development of Day Care Centres, Family Day Care Homes and Pre-Schools approved by Council in 1985. As per the locational and site development guidelines for day care and pre-school centres in residential areas:
 - i) the proposed pre-school is an integral part of the Montessori School System, and therefore, it will not adversely affect the enrollment of other pre-school facilities in the immediate area;
 - ii) the proposed pre-school is located adjacent to a bus stop;
 - the proposed pre-school includes a large fenced on-site outdoor play yard located adjacent to the building. The proposed site has 536.5 metres square of open space in the rear yard.

The proposed private school will accommodate approximately 22

students between the ages of six to eleven years old.

c) The minimum off-street parking requirements for a private school in the B.1 District is one space for every teacher, employee and administrator, plus one space for each ten students and one off-street loading space. Therefore, the private school will require four offstreet parking spaces and one off-street loading space.

> The B.1 District does not provide any off-street parking requirements for pre-schools. However, the Guidelines for the Location and Development of Day Care Centres, Family Day Care Homes and Pre-Schools approved by Council in 1985, recommends that offstreet parking should be provided at a rate of one parking space plus one parking space for each ten children. The paved parking noted on the site plan would provide for five off-street parking spaces and one off-street loading space which would provide adequate off-street parking for the proposed private school and pre-school.

- d) The discretionary use application, in all other respects, is in conformance with the Zoning Bylaw.
- e) The proposed private school and pre-school are consistent with the Neighbourhood Commercial designation for this area within the Development Plan.
- f) In consideration of any discretionary use application, it should be noted that Section 74(2) of *the Planning and Development Act* applies, whereas:

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

- i) reject the application, or,
- ii) approve the application where the facts presented establish that the proposed use or form of development:
 - (1) will not be detrimental to the health, safety, convenience and general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity or injurious to property, improvements or potential developments in the vicinity; and,

(2) 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 President of the Nutana Park Community Association was notified of this application by letter dated July 8, 1998. 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 by regular mail to all assessed property owners within a radius of 60 metres (200 feet) of the site. Notice signs prepared by the Planning and Building Department will be placed on site by the applicant.

F. <u>ATTACHMENTS</u>

- 1. Location Facts
- 2. Site Plan
- 3. Site Photo'"

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT the submitted correspondence be received.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT the application submitted by Donald M. M. Miller requesting permission to use Lot 4, Block 368, Plan G924 (2815 Estey Drive) for the purpose of a private school and pre-school for a Montessori School be approved subject to:

- a) the paved boulevard area along the property frontage being restored to landscaping or applying for a lease with the City of Saskatoon for the use of this boulevard for parking;
- *b) five hard surfaced off-street parking spaces and one hard surfaced off-street loading space; and*
- *c) the applicant obtaining a development permit and all other relevant permits and licenses prior to any alterations or change in use.*

CARRIED.

2c) Hearings Discretionary Use Application Converted Dwelling - 3 dwelling units 1811 - 20th Street West Applicant: Delilah Enterprises Ltd. (File No. CK. 4355-1)

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

"City Council, at its meeting held on June 15, 1998 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. 15-1998 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 Harding, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Clause 3, Report No. 15-1998 of the Municipal Planning Commission be brought forward and considered.

CARRIED.

"REPORT NO. 15-1998 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

3. Discretionary Use Application Conversion of Property for use as 3 Dwelling Units E ½ Lot 7 and all of Lot 8, Block 11, Plan FF 1811 - 20th Street West RM1 Zoning District Applicant: Delilah Enterprises Ltd. (File No. CK. 4355-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>:

that the application submitted by Fredrick Weeks of Delilah Enterprise Ltd. requesting permission to use the East $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 7 and all of Lot 8, Block 11, Plan FF (1811 20th Street West) for the purpose of a converted dwelling containing 3 dwelling units be approved subject to the following:

- a) minimum of three hard surfaced off-street parking spaces located in the rear of the property; and,
- b) the applicant obtaining a development permit and all other relevant permits and licenses prior to any alterations or change in use.

A summary page, 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 August 10, 1998, regarding an application submitted by Fredrick Weeks of Delilah Enterprise Ltd. requesting permission to use the East ½ of Lot 7 and all of Lot 8, Block 11, Plan FF (1811 20th Street West) for the purpose of a converted dwelling containing three dwelling units, in order to establish the legal use of the property as a multiple-unit dwelling:

B. <u>PROPOSAL</u>

An application has been submitted by Fredrick Weeks of Delilah Enterprise Ltd. requesting City Council's approval to use the East ½ of Lot 7 and all of Lot 8, Block 11, Plan FF (1811 20th Street West) for the purpose of a converted dwelling containing 3 dwelling units. This property is zoned RM1 District in the City of Saskatoon Zoning Bylaw No. 6772 and, as a consequence, a converted dwelling may only be permitted by City Council at its discretion. Refer to the attached plan for details of the proposal.

C. <u>REASON FOR PROPOSAL (BY APPLICANT)</u>

This property was purchased by the applicant on August 1, 1997, as a revenue property. The applicant is seeking City Council's discretionary use approval to establish the legal use of the property as a multiple unit dwelling.

D. <u>JUSTIFICATION</u>

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

Public Works Department - Water and Sewer Branch

The proposed converted dwelling is acceptable to this department. Any replacement of water and sewer connections will be at the owners expense.

Transportation Department

The Transportation Department has reviewed the application for discretionary use and does not have any objections or concerns with the proposed use.

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

- a) The Zoning Bylaw defines a converted dwelling as a dwelling which is more than thirty years old which was originally designed as, or used as, a one-unit or two unit dwelling and in which additional dwelling units have been created. In this instance, the dwelling at 1811 20th Street West was constructed in 1959 as a one-unit dwelling.
- b) In April of 1998, The Planning and Building Department became aware that 1811 20th Street West contained three dwelling units. The current legal use of the property is a one-unit dwelling. The applicant has submitted a discretionary use application to legally

establish the use of the property as a converted dwelling containing three units.

- c) The site is in close proximity to a City Transit stop and is served by bus route No. 2.
- d) The minimum off-street parking requirements for a converted dwelling is 1 parking space for each unit, therefore, the proposed converted dwelling at 1811 20th Street West would require 3 off-street parking spaces. The site plan indicates that the required off-street parking will be provided in the rear yard, with one space being located in an existing detached garage and the other two spaces immediately adjacent to the garage.
- e) The discretionary use application, in all other respects, is in conformance with the Zoning Bylaw.
- f) The proposed converted dwelling is consistent with the Residential designation for this area within the Development Plan. More specifically, the 1990 Core Neighbourhood Study identifies this area as 'Low Density Policy District - conversions'. This policy district is intended to preserve the area as a low density residential district but will accommodate dwelling unit conversions and new residential development of up to 4 units.
- g) In consideration of any discretionary use application, it should be noted that Section 74(2) of *the Planning and Development Act* applies, whereas:

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

- i) reject the application, or,
- ii) approve the application where the facts presented establish that the proposed use or form of development:
 - (1) will not be detrimental to the health, safety, convenience and general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity or injurious to property, improvements or potential developments in the vicinity; and,

(2) 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 President of the Pleasant Hill Community Association was notified of this application by letter dated June 17, 1998. 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 by regular mail to all assessed property owners within a radius of 60 metres (200 feet) of the site. Notice signs prepared by the Planning and Building Department will be placed on site by the applicant.

F. <u>ATTACHMENTS</u>

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

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Harding,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Maddin, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the application submitted by Fredrick Weeks of Delilah Enterprise Ltd. requesting permission to use the East ¹/₂ of Lot 7 and all of Lot 8, Block 11, Plan FF (1811 20th Street West) for the purpose of a converted dwelling containing 3 dwelling units be approved subject to the following:

a) minimum of three hard surfaced off-street parking spaces located in the rear of the property; and

b) the applicant obtaining a development permit and all other relevant permits and licenses prior to any alterations or change in use.

CARRIED.

2d) Hearings Discretionary Use Application Bed and Breakfast Home 110 - 31st Street West Applicant: Lance and Cyndi Lauze (File No. CK. 4355-1)

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

"City Council, at its meeting held on September 6, 1996 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 1, Report No. 14-1998 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 Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

THAT Clause 1, Report No. 14-1998 of the Municipal Planning Commission be brought forward and considered.

CARRIED.

"REPORT NO. 14-1998 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Discretionary Use Application Bed and Breakfast Home 110 - 31st Street West Lot 15, Block 21, Plan FK R.4 Zoning District Applicant: Lance and Cyndi Lauze (File No. CK. 4355-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: th

that the application submitted by Lance and Cyndi Lauze requesting permission to use Lot 15, Block 21, Plan FK (110 - 31st Street West) for the purpose of a bed and breakfast home be approved, subject to the following:

- i) a maximum of three guest bedrooms;
- ii) a minimum of two (2) hard-surfaced off-street parking spaces be provided in the rear yard; and
- iii) the applicant obtaining a development permit and all other relevant permits and licenses prior to any alterations or change in use.

Your Commission has reviewed the above-noted Discretionary Use Application, and supports the Planning and Building Department's recommendation for approval of this proposed use. The Commission wishes to note that the operators would reside in the home. The home is located in an area whereby it would provide easy access to various amenities, and only three guest bedrooms would be involved, with only breakfast served on the premises.

Attached is a summary page including a location plan for this Discretionary Use Application, which forms part of the report of the Planning and Building Department dated July 22, 1998, as follows:

`B. <u>**PROPOSAL**</u>

An application has been submitted by Lance and Cyndi Lauze requesting City Council's approval to use Lot 15, Block 21, Plan FK (110 - 31st Street West) for the purpose of a bed and breakfast home. This property is zoned R.4 District in the City of Saskatoon Zoning Bylaw No. 6772 and as a consequence, a bed and breakfast home may only be permitted by City Council at its discretion. Refer to the attached plan for details of the proposal.

C. <u>REASON FOR PROPOSAL (BY APPLICANT)</u>

The previous owners have used the home as a boarding house. The applicant feels this area is of interest to tourists with easy access to many of Saskatoon's amenities.

D. JUSTIFICATION

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

Public Works Department - Water and Sewer Branch

The proposed bed and breakfast home is acceptable to this department. Any replacement of water and sewer connections will be at the owners expense.

Transportation Department

The Transportation Department has reviewed the application for discretionary use and does not have any objections or concerns with the proposed use.

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

- a) The Zoning Bylaw defines a 'bed and breakfast home' as a dwelling unit in which the occupants thereof use a portion of the said dwelling unit for the purpose of providing, for remuneration, sleeping accommodations, and one meal per day to members of the general public, for periods of one week or less, and which:
 - i) not more than three bedrooms within the dwelling unit are used to provide such sleeping accommodations;
 - ii) the dwelling unit is the principal residence of the person or persons receiving the remuneration and providing the sleeping accommodation and one meal per day; and,
 - iii) the meal which is provided is served before noon each day.

The applicant has indicated that they will be operating three guest bedrooms, and that they will be residing in the house and providing breakfast services.

b) The minimum off-street parking requirements for a bed and breakfast home is 1 parking space. Due to the close proximity of the

proposed bed and breakfast home to institutional land uses such as the Saskatoon Convalescent Home and Kelsey Institute, the Planning and Building Department recommends that a minimum of two hard surfaced off-street parking stalls be required in the rear yard. The applicant has agreed to provide the two hard surfaced off-street parking stalls in the rear yard.

- c) The discretionary use application, in all other respects, is in conformance with the Zoning Bylaw.
- d) The proposed bed and breakfast home is consistent with the Residential designation for this area within the Development Plan.
- e) In consideration of any discretionary use application, it should be noted that Section 74(2) of *the Planning and Development Act* 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:
 - i) will not be detrimental to the health, safety, convenience and 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 President of the Caswell Hill Community Association was notified of this application by letter dated June 18, 1998. 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 by regular mail to all assessed property owners within a radius of 600 metres (200 feet) of the site. Notice signs prepared by the Planning and Building Department will be placed on site by the applicant.

F. <u>ATTACHMENTS</u>

- 1. Location Facts
- 2. Site Plan
- 3. Site Photo'"

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Maddin, Seconded by Councillor Harding,

THAT the application submitted by Lance and Cyndi Lauze requesting permission to use Lot 15, Block 21, Plan FK (110 - 31^{st} Street West) for the purpose of a bed and breakfast home be approved, subject to the following:

- *i) a maximum of three guest bedrooms;*
- *ii)* a minimum of two (2) hard-surfaced off-street parking spaces be provided in the rear yard; and
- *iii) the applicant obtaining a development permit and all other relevant permits and licenses prior to any alterations or change in use.*

CARRIED.

2e) Hearings Proposed Zoning Bylaw/Map Amendments Lot "B", Block 180, Plan 82-S-03197 55 Borden Crescent Confederation Park Neighbourhood R.2 District to RM4 District Proposed Bylaw No. 7777 (File No. CK. 4351-1)

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

"Attached is a copy of Clause 3, Report No. 9-1998 of the Municipal Planning Commission which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on June 15, 1998.

A copy of the Notice which appeared in the local press under dates of August 15 and August 22, 1998, 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. 7777, 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 Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Harding, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 7777.

CARRIED.

2f) Hearings Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment Lot "A", Block 960, Plan 79-S-16566 Dundonald Neighbourhood Alteration to Planned Unit Development Agreement Proposed Bylaw No. 7783 (File No. CK. 4351-1)

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

"Attached is a copy of Clause 1, Report No. 11-1998 of the Municipal Planning Commission which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on July 13, 1998.

A copy of the Notice which appeared in the local press under dates of August 15 and August 22, 1998, 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. 7783, 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 Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 7783.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

A. <u>REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL</u>

1) Kent Smith-Windsor, Executive Director The Chamber, dated August 21

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the Tax Review Committee Report. (File No. CK. 225-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Clause 3, Report 14-1998 of the Administration and Finance Committee be brought forward for consideration and that Mr. Smith-Windsor be heard.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Clause 3, Report 14-1998 of the Administration and Finance Committee and Items A2 and A3 of Communications be brought forward for consideration and that Mr. Smith-Windsor be heard.

CARRIED.

"REPORT NO. 14-1998 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

3. Tax Review Committee Report (File No. CK. 225-1)

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that SUMA be requested to commence negotiations with the Province to provide additional funding towards Education, with a corresponding reduction to the level of funding received by Education from the property tax base;

- 2) that SUMA be requested to lobby the Province to make appropriate amendments to Legislation which would require Crown Investments Corporation to pay property taxes on vacant land; and
- 3) that non-profit owners of multi-residential properties remain in the same class as all other multi-residential properties.

Attached is an excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of City Council held on June 15, 1998, at which City Council adopted the following motions:

"6) that the following motion be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee for consideration:

THAT revenue from service fees, licenses, and grants recommended in this report be used to reduce the effective tax rate on commercial property until that rate reaches 1.75 times the residential effective rate, and that if these sources of revenue are greater than \$7 million, any additional amount be used to reduce the effective rate on all classifications of property. (Recommendation 11)"

"8) that the following recommendations be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee for a report:

THAT, assuming the City continues to impose an annual license fee of \$100, owners of home-based businesses be subject to a total annual levy of \$350. We further recommend that this fee be reviewed when there are significant changes in either the business license fee and/or in the differential property tax levy between residential and commercial property. (Recommendation 10)

THAT the phase-in negotiated for commercial property be extended to include the years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002. (Recommendation 16)"

Your Committee has considered the following report of the A/General Manager, Finance Department, dated August 5, 1998, in response to Council's referral, and supports a change in legislation regarding the separation of Education tax from the property tax base, and also the requirement for Crown Investments Corporation to pay property taxes on vacant land, in order to increase the City's tax base:

`<u>REPORT</u>

At its meeting of June 22, 1998, upon reviewing the recommendations made by City Council, the Administration and Finance Committee adopted the following recommendations:

- (1) that the Administration be requested to report on the impact of the decisions made by City Council regarding the recommendations of the Tax Review Committee, based on the legislation in effect and the different scenarios that could be applied;
- 2) that this report include an indication of the cost per year; and,
- 3) that the Administration also report on supporting arguments as to why the taxation rate for multiple-unit residences with non-profit ownership are considered the same as single-unit ownership, while condominium ownership is taxed at almost one-half of the rate of these multiple-unit residences (as outlined in the letter dated June 15, 1998, from Columbian Manor Tenants Association).'

During its discussions, the Committee indicated that its primary interest was in receiving a report that quantified the impact of the tax shifting contained in the recommendations accepted by City Council, and provide some direction regarding how the identified funding sources should be allocated in order to address the tax shifts. This report will address each of the Administration and Finance Committee's three recommendations under separate headings.

1. Impact of Decisions Made by City Council

City Council addressed each of the recommendations contained in the Tax Review Committee's report. From a materiality perspective, we believe that Council's acceptance of the Tax Committee's recommendation that all residential property (single family, condominium and multi-residential) be taxed at the same rate, and commercial property be taxed at 1.75 times the residential rate, has the greatest financial impact. In addition, Council has recommended that the primary source of funding for this policy change would be from reductions in the school board portion of property taxes, offset by increased Provincial support of education services. This report will only address the financial impact of the above decisions, and will exclude any further reference to those issues noted below:

- a) The requirement that Crown Investments Corp. (CIC) should begin paying taxes on vacant land the total impact is estimated to be \$200,000 which, relative to the matter of shifting, is not considered material for purposes of this report.
- b) Tax Review Committee recommendations 1 (market value assessment) and 5 (sales comparison assessment) insufficient data is available to determine what impact, if any, this may have on tax shifting. We are assuming, therefore, that the adoption of these recommendations is more critical to the principles underlying the criteria of 'fair taxation' rather than a tool to effect a tax shift.
- c) Home-based business levies this item has been referred to the Administration and Finance Committee for a separate report.
- d) All Tax Review Committee recommendations which were not adopted by City Council.
- 2. <u>Costing</u>

Table 1 of the Appendix outlines the effective tax rates which existed in 1997 before the application of any of the recommendations of the Tax Review Committee. Table 2 applies the full shifting within the framework adopted by City Council (i.e. Residential, Condominiums and Multi-residential are all equalized, and Commercial is equal to 1.75 times the Residential rate).

The Tax Review Committee's recommendation regarding School Board access to property taxes (maximum of 40%) would result in additional 'tax room' of \$28,000,000. Council's recommendations, as previously summarized above, would require that \$18,558,000 of this total is needed to fund the tax shifts which were adopted. While accepting the Tax Committee's recommendation regarding the School Board reductions, Council has not made any specific recommendations which adopts the Committee's implied proportional application of such reductions. Table 2, therefore, applies the entire \$18,558,000 to the

<u>current</u> situation (Table 1), which means that the entire amount is allocated to Multiresidential and Commercial. Table 3 provides examples of the impact that School Board reductions would have on the Effective Tax Rates (ETR) using various multiples (\$1,000,000, \$5,000,000 etc.). In each example, the reductions are pro-rated (based on fair value) between Multi-residential and Commercial. If Council considers this a reasonable approach for distribution, the goal of attaining the Commercial ETR of 3.72% would be reached when the total School Board reduction approximates \$14,000,000. Any further reduction (between that amount, and the required \$18,558,000) would be then applied 100% to the Multi-residential class.

Table 4 identifies the impact of both the tax shift, as represented in Table 3, as well as the further distribution (based on fair value of all classes) of \$9,442,000 (\$28,000,000 less \$18,558,000) should the Province adopt the Tax Committee's recommendation that the Education share of the City's property taxes not exceed 40%.

3. <u>Non-profit Ownership of Multiple-unit Residences</u>

While not part of the Tax Review Committee Report, the Administration and Finance Committee also wished the Administration to address concerns expressed to City Council on the matter of non-profit ownership of multi-residential units. As we understand the Committee's enquiry, it wishes a report which provides input on the motion that non-profit owners of multi-residential properties should be treated differently than for-profit owners of similar buildings.

To effect this treatment, Council would need to place these owners in a separate property class. However, Legislation only allows the City to establish property classes based on the physical nature of the property or on the use of the property, not ownership. On this basis alone, we would not make any recommendations which would suggest changes to the current situation. However, we believe there are considerations, other than legislation, which would suggest that preferential treatment is not appropriate.

Should Council proceed with its recommendation to eliminate the differences which exist between residential/condo ETR's and multi-residential ETR's, then the matter of ownership of the multi-residential units is no longer a factor. We are assuming that the Committee wished us to address this issue should tax shifting not take place, or that a phase-in of that shifting is not considered acceptable for non-profit owners.

The existing tax structure (i.e. the differences between residential and multi-residential) is primarily based on historical factors. It was the decision by Council that reassessment not change the total revenues which were being derived from any one class of property. Therefore, <u>reassessment</u> has not caused this differential (as may be inferred from reading the letter written by residents of the Columbian Manor). The following are some unique circumstances which apply to multi-residential properties:

- a) The basis for assessment has changed from one based on replacement cost to one based closer to market values. As part of the former system, land values for multi-residential properties were substantially regulated and with a built in disparity (i.e. residential properties were valued to a <u>maximum</u> of \$150 per front foot, with multi-residential property valued at a <u>minimum</u> of \$250 per front foot). Because land values were treated at 100% of their assessed values for taxation purposes (compared to 50% for building replacement costs), an automatic variance existed between residential and multiresidential properties. When Council decided to retain the same level of revenue among the various classes, this variance was maintained.
- b) Multi-residential units are being converted to condominiums, or constructed as condominiums. While on the surface it may appear that conversions would provide substantial property tax relief (because of the different ETR), the experience has not confirmed that such is necessarily the case. Condominium conversions have attracted upgrades to the units previously considered rental, and the units, when sold individually, have attracted a market price which collectively exceeds the market value of the building had it been sold as a whole. These changes in market rates, while not in direct correlation with the current disparity between taxation levels, have a significant impact on any implied preferential tax treatment between condominium owners and apartment renters.
- c) While non-profit ownership of multi-residential units has been in existence since approximately 1960, until the last decade most were owned by Provincially-sponsored agencies set up for the purpose of subsidized housing. Grants-in-lieu of property taxes were received, and the City became a partner in funding any operating shortfalls.
- d) Income tax deductibility of property taxes for profit-oriented properties is offset by the fact that rental revenues are taxable. Property tax is, therefore, an expense for both non-profit and for-profit organizations an expense which must be recovered in full from renters.

While the above might support that some differences should exist between taxation levels for residential and multi-residential properties, it does not validate the current level. Council has recognized that and, in fact, has decided to eliminate any disparity. However, none of the above statements suggest that non-profit owners of multi-residential properties should be treated any differently from for-profit owners.

Summary

The Administration and Finance Committee requested the Administration to examine the impact of Council's decisions regarding the report from the Tax Review Committee, note the financial consequences/opportunities which exist, and to comment on any special circumstances which may apply to non-profit multi-residential properties. Since Council did not adopt any of the major revenue generating recommendations, nor other tools identified by the Tax Committee which, if implemented, would have resulted in tax shifts, an agreement must be reached with the Province to restrict the education component of the property tax base if substantial tax shifting is to be accomplished. Since we have not been requested by the Province to make recommendations regarding taxation policy, we assume that SUMA would be the appropriate vehicle for such a lobby. This would require that the recommendation become more generic (i.e. a 40% maximum may not necessarily be an appropriate number for other Saskatchewan municipalities). Your Administration is also recommending that no special consideration be given to non-profit multi-family properties (i.e. that they remain in the same class).'

A2) Barry Remai, Chair Property Tax Committee Saskatchewan Rental Housing Industry Association, dated September 2

Requesting permission for Bonnye Moncrief, Past-President, of the Saskatoon Rental Housing Industry Association to address Council regarding Recommendation #8 of the Tax Review Committee Report. (File No. CK. 225-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Ms. Moncrief be heard.

A3) Jerry Fraser <u>Columbian Manor Tenants Assoc., dated September 2</u>

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the Tax Review Committee Report. (File No. CK. 225-1)"

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Mr. Fraser be heard.

Mr. Kent Smith-Windsor, Executive Director, The Chamber, submitted a presentation for Council's review and requested a meeting with the Administration to review the outstanding issues of the report.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

THAT the Administration meet with the Chamber to review further observations and opportunities with respect to the Local Tax Committee Report.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Harding,

THAT Ms. Moncrief be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Bonnye Moncrief, Past-President of the Saskatoon Rental Housing Industry Association, requested that Council establish a fair payment of property taxes for multi-unit dwellers.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Harding,

THAT Mr. Fraser be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Jerry Fraser, Columbian Manor Tenants Assoc., submitted a written proposal to Council regarding the disparity in the tax rates. Mr. Ernie Boechler requested fair taxation for people with fixed incomes.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

- 1) that SUMA be requested to commence negotiations with the Province to provide additional funding towards Education, with a corresponding reduction to the level of funding received by Education from the property tax base;
- 2) that SUMA be requested to lobby the Province to make appropriate amendments to Legislation which would require Crown Investments Corporation to pay property taxes on vacant land; and

3) that non-profit owners of multi-residential properties remain in the same class as all other multi-residential properties.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS - CONTINUED

2) Barry Remai, Chair Property Tax Committee Saskatchewan Rental Housing Industry Association, dated September 2

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 24.

3) Jerry Fraser Columbian Manor Tenants Assoc., dated September 2

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 24.

4) Cesar Hernandez, Marketing Manager, Chemical Products United Chemical Company, dated September 1

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the proposed changes in the Water Treatment Plant process. (File No. CK. 670-3)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Clause 8, Report No. 16-1998 of the Planning and Operations Committee be brought forward for consideration and that Mr. Hernandez be heard.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Clause 8, Report No. 16-1998 of the Planning and Operations Committee be brought forward for consideration and that Mr. Hernandez be heard.

CARRIED.

"REPORT NO. 16-1998 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

8. Proposed Water Treatment Process Changes (File No. CK. 7920-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the use of Aluminum Sulfate as a coagulant in the City's water treatment process be phased out over one year, and replaced with coagulants that do not produce an aluminum residual in the potable water.

Your Committee has reviewed the following report of the General Manager, Environmental Services Department dated July 22, 1998 with representatives of the Environmental Services Department and supports the change in the type of coagulants to be used in the City's water treatment process, to coagulants that do not produce an aluminum residual:

`<u>BACKGROUND</u>

The release of guidelines for residual levels of aluminum in drinking water are anticipated sometime in the next six months. The guidelines are likely to be based on issues of aesthetics, not health. If this is the case, the City will have some latitude in determining what levels it finds appropriate in relation to the cost of meeting those levels.

Over the past few years meetings have been held with representatives of Public Health Services and Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management (SERM) to discuss the anticipated changes to the guidelines and related water treatment options. SERM has indicated that it will support Health Canada's recommendations and suggests that the City, the health district, and consumers assess the benefits and risks of aluminum based coagulants in order to make a decision, in cooperation with SERM, on the best option to manage the potential risk.

At its meeting of December 8, 1995, City Council was provided with a report summarizing the studies to be carried out at the water treatment plant to evaluate alternate treatment processes. That work has been completed and based on the findings, changes to the process have been recommended.

DISCUSSION

In that the anticipated aluminum guidelines will not be included in the City's Permit to Operate and will only be suggested operational values, that are not health related, the City has the opportunity to effect water quality outcomes in one of two ways:

- Aluminum levels meet Health Canada's operational guidelines (less than 0.2 mg/L)
- Aluminum levels reduced significantly below current levels (less than 0.4 mg/L).

In that the softening process used at the City's treatment plant is the main reason for high aluminum residuals, the two approaches were considered by investigating the following treatment processes:

- 1) Continue using alum and discontinue softening.
- 2) The addition of acids to reduce the impact of the softening process.
- 3) Replace alum with ferric sulfate.
- 4) Replace alum with ferric sulfate and discontinue softening.

The foregoing processes were considered the most practical and each is capable of producing a high quality potable water. The processes were tested initially in the laboratory and then full scale by isolating treatment units within the treatment plant.

JUSTIFICATION

A change from the use of alum (aluminum sulfate) in the treatment process to an iron salt (ferric sulfate) with no changes to the softening process will produce potable water that will meet the pending guidelines. Other water quality parameters will not be significantly changed and thus the effect upon the consumer will be minimal. The change can be phased in with minimum disruptions to the existing process and with a short learning curve for operations staff.

A change to ferric sulphate is the least per capita cost alternative short of discontinuing the softening process. It is estimated that the annual capital and operating per capita cost increase due to the change will be \$0.97. Table 1 summarizes the water quality and the present value per capita cost change for each option.

Options	Anticipated Water Hardness (mg/L)	Anticipated Aluminum Residual (mg/L)	Total Cost Per Capita Per Year
pH Adjustment - Softening	120 - 140	0.2 - 0.3	\$4.48
Ferric Sulfate - Softening	120 - 140	0.10	\$0.97
Alum - No Softening	~ 180	~ 0.2 - 0.4	-\$1.30
Ferric Sulfate - No Softening	~ 180	0.10	-\$0.34

Table 1: Process Options

While Table 1 indicates cost savings are available in the options that discontinue softening, it should be pointed out that any cost savings to the consumer currently due to softer water

have not been included in the analysis. In addition, some of the savings are due to deferred costs of a future project and thus would not be realized until 2005.

OPTIONS

The two remaining practical options involve discontinuing the softening process. The option that maintains alum as a coagulant results in the greatest cost savings, however, the process would not meet the pending guidelines. Residual aluminum levels would, however, be significantly reduced. The matter of discontinuing softening has been raised on a number of occasions in the past and has not been well received by the public and/or politically.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The change to ferric sulfate will require a number of changes and upgrades to process piping and pumping equipment at an estimated capital cost of \$136,000. The higher cost of ferric sulfate, as compared to alum, and additional operation and maintenance costs will result in an operating budget increase of approximately \$176,000. It is expected that a switch to ferric sulfate will also result in a need to advance the construction of a facility to handle water treatment sludges that are currently discharged directly to the river. The sludge handling project is currently included in the five year Capital Plan and scheduled for completion in 2005 at an estimated cost of \$3,844,000.

The process change will be phased in over a period of one year thus minimizing the operational costs impact on the water rates. The capital costs will be funded by the Water Utility's capital reserves and as such will likely have no immediate impact on the rates.

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

The details of the communications plan will be worked out with the Communications Manager. Bill stuffers and the City Page will be used for the residential and smaller commercial customers. Letters will be sent to the larger industrial customers. The phase-in approach will facilitate two-way communication as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The water treatment and wastewater treatment effluents to the river will be improved with the reduction of aluminum concentrations. Increased iron concentrations from the ferric sulfate are not considered to be as much of an environmental concern. The distinct rust color of iron wastes will discolor the treatment plant sludge discharges which may become an aesthetic concern.""

Mr. Cesar Hernandez, Marketing Manager, Chemical Products, United Chemical Company, requested that Council postpone the recommendation of replacing Aluminum Sulfate with other coagulants in order that there be further review and discussion.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the use of Aluminum Sulfate as a coagulant in the City's water treatment process be phased out over one year, and replaced with coagulants that do not produce an aluminum residual in the potable water.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND LOST.

COMMUNICATIONS - CONTINUED

5) Carole Courtney, General Manager SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival, dated September 2

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the Major Arts Institutions and Festival Grants Report. (File No. CK. 1870-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that Clause 7, Report 16-1998 of Planning and Operations Committee be brought forward for consideration and that Ms. Courtney be heard.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Harding,

THAT Clause 7, Report 16-1998 of Planning and Operations Committee be brought forward for consideration and that Ms. Courtney be heard.

CARRIED.

"REPORT NO. 16-1998 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

7. Major Arts Institutions and Festivals Grants Formula Implementation (File No. CK. 1870-2)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>:

- 1) that a three-year phase-in of the Major Arts and Festivals Grant Formula be implemented as indicated in the report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department dated July 20, 1998;
- 2) that the 1998 Major Arts and Festivals Grant allocations be approved, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the report; and
- 3) that, as of 1999, Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan be classified as a Major Arts Institution, as long as it continues to meet the eligibility criteria.

Your Committee has reviewed the following report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department dated July 20, 1998, with representatives of the Leisure Services Department and representatives of Major Festivals, and supports the Grant Formula and implementation plan as outlined therein:

`BACKGROUND

Up to and including 1997, the City of Saskatoon provided grants to arts groups and festivals through the Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grant - Cultural Component. The implementation of the grant program involved adjudication through a volunteer committee (Cultural Advisory Subcommittee) appointed by City Council. This committee spent several hours reviewing all of the grants and made recommendations to the Administration and Finance Committee. The Administration and Finance Committee in turn reviewed the grants and recommendations of the Cultural Advisory Subcommittee, and made recommendations to City Council. City Council reviewed the recommendations and made the final decision on allocation of grants.

The drawbacks to the Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grant - Cultural Component were:

- the diverse nature of the organizations funded made it difficult to allocate funding equitably and efficiently
- there was no evaluation process
- the adjudication process was cumbersome

• the eligibility criteria created difficulties because of limitations regarding the nature of eligible organizations (e.g. non-cultural groups could not apply to implement a cultural project)

In a report to the Administration and Finance Committee, dated September 18, 1995, the General Manager, Leisure Services Department, advised that staff had determined that there was a need to deal with the broader issue of the effectiveness of the Cultural Component of the Cash Grant, given the reduction in the total amount of the grant, the increasing number of applicants, Cultural Advisory Subcommittee reports regarding issues such as identifying the value of 'flagship' organizations, and the Leisure Services Department's own needs assessment and trend data.

In a report by the General Manager, Leisure Services Department, dated August 28, 1996, your staff reviewed the Cultural Component of the Assistance to Community Groups Cash Grant program, identified outcomes the City wishes to achieve by providing cultural funding, and provided an outline for discussion purposes, describing how those outcomes might be achieved. During its September 16, 1996, meeting, the Administration and Finance Committee considered the report and resolved, in part:

'that this matter be referred back to the Administration to include tax abatements and donations-in-kind as sources of funding cultural groups, and that these amounts be included in the discussion paper prior to the consultation process.'

Responding to these directives, your staff reformatted the original report in the form of a discussion paper with the appropriate amendments for consideration by the Administration and Finance Committee at its meeting held on November 25, 1996. The Committee resolved:

'that the discussion paper on the re-allocation of funds for cultural (arts and heritage) grants (Attachment 1 of the report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department, dated October 15, 1996) be presented to the Cultural Advisory Subcommittee and user groups for review and comments, and that the Administration report back on the outcome.'

Leisure Services staff obtained stakeholder input for the discussion paper 'Review of the Assistance to Community Groups Cash Grant Program - Cultural Component'. Two meetings were attended by twenty-four groups and seven written briefs were received, as well as comments from the Cultural Advisory Subcommittee and the Leisure Services Advisory Board. The Leisure Services Department received strong endorsement for the general approach taken to restructuring the cultural grants as described in the discussion paper. Suggestions for changes were taken into consideration in writing the report to the Administration and Finance Committee.

During its August 11, 1997, meeting, the Administration and Finance Committee considered a report, dated June 16, 1997, from the General Manager, Leisure Services Department, on the subject of Assistance to Community Grants: Cash Grant - Cultural Component. The Committee resolved, in part:

- (1) that the Administration and Finance Committee recommend to City Council:
 - a) that the Cultural Component of the Assistance to Community Groups Cash Grant Program be deleted, including the deletion of the Cultural Advisory Subcommittee, and that the necessary amendments be made to City Policy No. C03-018 (Assistance to Community Groups);
 - b) that the Cultural Grant Program be established under the management of the Leisure Services Department, using the following guidelines:
 - i) the program will meet the outcome statements in Attachment 1;
 - there will be four grant categories: Major Arts Institutions, Major Heritage Institutions, and Festivals (all of which will be operating grants), and the Cultural Participation Grant Program (program grants);
 - iii) operating grants in the categories of Major Arts Institutions and Festivals will be allocated based on the revenue of the eligible groups, taking into account other benefits provided by the City, such as property tax abatements or exemptions, donations-in-kind, and amusement tax exemptions;'
- (1) d) "that Leisure Services evaluate the need for phase-out funding in 1998 on a case-by-case basis using the criterion of significant hardship, and implement the necessary adjustments;"

The amount of the past grant (Assistance to Community Groups Cash Grant - Cultural) has been \$96,900. As directed by City Council, at its December 1, 1997, meeting, \$3,000 of this has been allocated to the Western Development Museum this year. The remainder (\$93,900) has been converted to the new Cultural Grant Program as follows:

- 55% to Major Arts Institutions \$51,645
- 20% to Festivals \$18,780

• 25% to the Cultural Participation Grant (projects) - \$23,475

DISCUSSION

The June 16, 1997 report, 'Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grant - Cultural', included the criteria that organizations must meet in order to qualify for the Major Arts Institutions and Festivals operating grants (see Attachment 2). Based on the criteria, it was stated that the following organizations <u>might</u> be eligible as Major Arts Institutions: The Saskatoon Symphony, Persephone Theatre, Twenty-fifth Street Theatre (including the Fringe Festival), and Friends of the Broadway Theatre. It was stated that the following organizations <u>might</u> be eligible as Festivals: the Saskatchewan Jazz Festival, the NSI Children's Festival, Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan, and Folkfest.

Since the above report, the Leisure Services Department received a request from the Saskatchewan Craft Council and Gallery to be considered as a Major Arts Institution. This organization met the eligibility criteria and has been included. In addition, the Leisure Services Department received a request from Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan to be considered as a Major Arts Institution rather than as a Festival. Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan also made a presentation in this regard at the June 23rd Planning and Operations Committee meeting (see Attachment 3). Leisure Services Department staff reviewed the request and determined that Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan does meet the criteria for a Major Arts Institution. However, in order to ensure that the potential negative impact on the grant allocations for groups be minimized, the Leisure Services Department is recommending that Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan remain in the Festival classification for 1998, and be included in the Major Arts Institutions category beginning in 1999, as long as it continues to meet the eligibility criteria. Leisure Services Department staff has consulted with Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan and they are amenable to this proposal.

Leisure Services Department staff has now completed the calculations for 1998 to implement the operating grant formula as approved in the June 16, 1997 report. The amount of money available for operating grants this year is \$51,645 for Major Arts Institutions and \$18,780 for Festivals (total grant fund of \$70,425). If the formula is strictly applied, three groups will receive an increase over their previous year's grant, five will receive significant decreases that will likely cause significant hardship, and one group that has not applied in the past will receive a grant.

In the opinion of the Leisure Services Department, a three year phase-in period is required before the formula can be fully applied in order to minimize the hardships to organizations.

Because this was the first year of implementing the formula, the process of grant approval has been slower than in the past. With this experience behind us, your staff is confident that the process will go more quickly and smoothly in the future.

JUSTIFICATION

The grant formula takes into consideration the benefits received from the City such as tax exemptions and donations-in-kind, as well as total revenues of the organizations. In some cases, this means that an organization may already receive its share of the grant through tax exemptions or donations-in-kind.

To ease the impact of implementing the operating grant formula, your staff is recommending the following phase-in:

- For 1998, each of the eligible major arts institutions and festivals will be guaranteed at least the same grant as they received in 1997. The remaining funds will be allocated according to the formula.
- For 1999, each of the eligible organizations will be guaranteed at least 75 percent of the amount they received in 1997. The remaining funds will be divided and allocated to the eligible organizations according to the formula and added to the 75 percent of the amount received in 1997.
- For the year 2000, each of the eligible organizations will be guaranteed at least 50 percent of the amount they received in 1997. The remaining funds will be divided and allocated to the eligible organizations according to the formula and added to the 50 percent of the amount received in 1997.
- From the year 2001 on, the formula will be applied fully.

See Attachment 1 for 1997 grant levels and 1998 recommendations.

In order to provide a rough estimate of granting levels for 1999 and the year 2000, Leisure Services Department staff has calculated the formula holding all factors constant (the total amount of the grant allocation, the size of each organization's total revenue, the amount of donations-in-kind, and tax exemptions received from the City. See Attachment 4). It should be noted that these figures will undoubtedly change, thereby changing the exact amount of the grant allocated to each organization. For example, your staff is anticipating that for Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan, there will be a decrease in site preparation costs (donations-in-kind from the City).

OPTIONS

If the three year phase-in is not implemented and the grant formula strictly applied starting this year, several groups will face significant hardship in the decrease of their grant from previous years.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Major Arts Institutions and Festivals will be informed of their grant approval by letter and sent their grant as soon as possible.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. 1998 Major Arts Institutions and Festivals Operating Grant
- 2. Eligibility Lists for Major Arts Institutions and Festivals
- 3. Letter from Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan, dated June 23, 1998
- 4. Estimated 1999 and 2000 grants""

Ms. Carole Courtney, General Manager, SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival, requested Council to support the proposed recommendations.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Harding,

- 1) that a three-year phase-in of the Major Arts and Festivals Grant Formula be implemented as indicated in the report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department dated July 20, 1998;
- 2) that the 1998 Major Arts and Festivals Grant allocations be approved, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the report; and

3) that, as of 1999, Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan be classified as a Major Arts Institution, as long as it continues to meet the eligibility criteria.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS - CONTINUED

6) Brian Nixon, Shop Steward Amalgamated Transit Union Local 615, dated August 31

Requesting permission to address Council regarding a resolution requesting the Federal Government to pass a tax law which would make employer paid bus passes a tax free benefit. (File No. CK. 1910-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Mr. Nixon be heard.

Moved by Councillor Harding, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Mr. Nixon be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Brian Nixon, Shop Steward, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 615, requested that Council consider the submitted proposal.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Council adopt the following motion:

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has acknowledged that reduced air pollution is an important national objective and has subsequently initiated programs in conjunction with provincial authorities to reduce air pollution and emission levels, and reduce traffic congestion significantly;

WHEREAS public transit systems have the potential to significantly reduce emissions air pollution levels, and problems associated with traffic congestion by enabling and encouraging commuters to utilize more efficient and environmentally sound vehicles;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Saskatoon

- 1. Urges both the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Finance and Transportation and the Government of Canada to therefore treat employers' contributions towards employee public transit commuting expenses as a tax free benefit;
- 2. That the City of Saskatoon strongly encourage the Minister of Finance and the Government of Canada to include in the next federal budget provisions which treat employer contributions toward employee public transit commuting expenses as a tax free benefit; and
- 3. That the City of Saskatoon forward copies of this resolution to Finance Minister Paul Martin, Environmental Minister Sergio Marchi, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Saskatoon Transit Services, the Transportation Association of Canada, the Amalgamated Transit Union, Saskatchewan Members of Parliament, Saskatchewan MLAs and major Canadian transit properties.

CARRIED.

7) Frances Petit, Committee Co-Chair <u>The Renew our Community Committee, dated August 12</u>

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the problems of vandalism, prostitution, substance abuse, and crime on the West Side and ways of controlling these activities. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Items AA.10 to AA.18 and AA.22 to AA.26 of "Communications" be brought forward for consideration and that Ms. Petit be heard.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Items A8 to A33, A35, AA.10 to AA.18 and AA. 22 to AA.26 of "Communications" be brought forward for consideration and that Ms. Petit be heard.

CARRIED.

A8) Bob Fink 516 Avenue K South, dated August 18

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the outreach vans and the Action Now petitions. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Mr. Fink be heard.

A9) Jan Jonsson <u>100 - 310 Idylwyld Drive North, undated</u>

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Ms. Jonsson be heard.

A10) Jacqui Barclay <u>325 Avenue E South, dated August 19</u>

Requesting permission for a representative of the Riversdale Community and School Association to address Council regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that a representative of the Riversdale Community and School Association be heard.

A11) Jacqui Barclay <u>325 Avenue E South, dated August 19</u>

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Ms. Barclay be heard.

A12) Melissa Kelsey <u>717 Main Street, dated August 18</u>

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Ms. Kelsey be heard.

A13) Jeff Dodds, Executive Director AIDS Saskatoon, dated August 18

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1) **<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>**: that Mr. Dodds be heard.

A14) Tom Morgan, Civics Director Riversdale Community & School Association, dated August 31

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Mr. Morgan be heard.

A15) Tracey Scott and Vincent Pearson <u>QUINT Development Corp., dated August 31</u>

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Ms. Scott and Mr. Pearson be heard.

A16) Dr. Clarence E. Clottey, Medical Health Officer/General Manager Public Health Services - Saskatoon District Health, dated September 1

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Dr. Clottey be heard.

A17) Sarah Ninnie 426 Avenue T North, dated August 31

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Ms. Ninnie be heard.

A18) Brian Ast, Chairperson Saskatoon Inner City Ministry, dated August 31

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Mr. Ast be heard.

A19) Susan Cross 214 Neatby Crescent, dated September 1

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Ms. Cross be heard.

A20) Beryl Lane, Chairperson, Executive and Council St. Thomas-Wesley United Church, dated September 2

Requesting permission for Elaine Findlay to address Council regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Ms. Findlay be heard.

A21) LeeAnn Bird <u>#5 - 1910 - 22nd Street West, dated September 2</u>

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Ms. Bird be heard.

A22) Maggy Larmour <u>Pleasant Hill Community Association, dated September 3</u>

Requesting permission for a representative of the Pleasant Hill Community Association to address Council regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that representative of the Pleasant Hill Community Association be heard.

A23) Morris Cherneskey 400 - 105 - 21st Street East, dated September 2

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the problems on 21st Street West. (File No. CK. 380-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Mr. Cherneskey be heard.

A24) David Pillipow Fairlane Motors, dated September 2

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the problems on 21st Street West. (File No. CK. 380-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Mr. Pillipow be heard.

A25) Terri Martineau <u>136 Avenue M South, dated September 2</u>

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the problems on 21st Street West. (File No. CK. 380-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Ms. Martineau be heard.

A26) Mary Boyko 201 Avenue M South, dated September 2

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the problems on 21st Street West. (File No. CK. 380-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Ms. Boyko be heard.

A27) El Hrytsak 203 Avenue K South, dated September 2

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the problems on 21st Street West. (File No. CK. 380-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Mr. Hrytsak be heard.

A28) Frank Huchkowsky 201 Avenue M, dated September 2

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the problems on 21st Street West. (File No. CK. 380-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Mr. Huchkowsky be heard.

326 Avenue D South, dated September 2

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the problems on 21st Street West. (File No. CK. 380-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Mr. Maxin be heard.

A30) Carmel Kerelchuk <u>136 Avenue M South, dated September 2</u>

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the problems on 21st Street West. (File No. CK. 380-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Ms. Kerclchuk be heard.

A31) Amillia Liapanmaroff <u>Ukrainian Museum, dated September 2</u>

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the problems on 21st Street West. (File No. CK. 380-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Ms. Liapanmaroff be heard.

A32) Al Martineau <u>136 Avenue M South, dated September 2</u>

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the problems on 21st Street West. (File No. CK. 380-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> that Mr. Martineau be heard.

A33) Alice Farness <u>118 Avenue F North,</u>

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the problems on 21st Street West. (File No. CK. 380-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Ms. Farness be heard.

A35) Douglas Bottrell, undated

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Mr. Bottrell be heard.

AA10) Moira Brownlee <u>334 O'Regan Crescent, dated August 19</u>

Submitting comments regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the information be received and considered with Item A.7 of "Communications".

AA11) Carol Riekman Saskatoon Community Mediation Services, dated August 19

Submitting comments regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the information be received and considered with Item A.7 of "Communications".

AA12) Grant Hodgson, Executive Director Saskatoon Friendship Inn, dated August 19

Submitting comments regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the information be received and considered with Item A.7 of "Communications".

AA13) Rita DeGagne, President

Persons Living with AIDS Network of Saskatchewan Inc., dated August 17

Submitting comments regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the information be received and considered with Item A.7 of "Communications".

AA14) Indergeet Ramgotra <u>404 Isabella Street East, dated August 19</u>

Submitting comments regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the information be received and considered with Item A.7 of "Communications".

AA15) Rebecca Elder <u>STC Urban First Nations Services Inc.</u>, undated

Submitting comments regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the information be received and considered with Item A.7 of "Communications".

AA16) Dave Forbes, President <u>Caswell Community Association, dated August 19</u>

Submitting comments regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the information be received and considered with Item A.7 of "Communications".

AA17) Ann Schulman, Chair Advisory Committee on Family Planning, dated September 1

Submitting comments regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the information be received and considered with Item A.7 of "Communications".

AA18) Stephen Helliar, M.D., Margaret Shearer, President Saskatoon Community Clinic, dated August 28

Submitting comments regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the information be received and considered with Item A.7 of "Communications".

AA22) Kathi Cridland, Executive Director and Pat Harcolt, Office Co-ordinator Saskatoon Sexual Assault & Information Centre, dated September 2

Submitting comments regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>:

that the information be received and considered with Item A.7 of "Communications".

AA23) Pat Harcolt <u>#210 - 1802 - 22nd Street West, dated September 3</u>

Submitting comments regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the information be received and considered with Item A.7 of "Communications".

AA24) Douglas Bottrell, undated

Submitting comments regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the information be received and considered with Item A.7 of "Communications".

AA25) Rev. Linda Smith Stowell <u>Unitarian Congregation of Saskatoon, dated September 7</u>

Submitting comments regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the information be received and considered with Item A.7 of "Communications".

AA26) Frances Petit, Committee Co-Chair The Renew our Community Committee, dated August 12

Submitting comments regarding the outreach vans. (File No. CK. 280-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the information be received and considered with Item A.7 of "Communications".

Ms. Frances Petit, Committee Co-Chair, The Renew Our Community Committee, expressed concerns regarding prostitution and other illegal activities along 21st Street.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT all of the people requesting to speak to Council on this issue be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Bob Fink, 516 Avenue K South, spoke in support of the work done by the outreach vans.

Ms. Jan Jonsson, 100 - 310 Idylwyld Drive North, expressed support for the work done by the outreach vans.

Ms. Pamela Golden, representative of the Riversdale Community and School Association, expressed support for the outreach vans.

Ms. Jacqui Barclay, 325 Avenue E South, an Outreach worker, related statistics of the program.

Ms. Melissa Kelsey requested that Mr. James Fro speak on behalf of the clientele of the Safe Generation Program. Mr. Fro indicated that he had worked with an aboriginal health centre in Toronto which founded a street outreach program called Street Patrol and he expressed the need for outreach vans to reach the people on the streets.

Mr. Jeff Dodds, Executive Director, AIDS Saskatoon, expressed support for the outreach program.

Mr. Tom Morgan, Civics Director, Riversdale Community & School Association, expressed support for the work done by the outreach vans.

Ms. Tracey Scott spoke of the changes in her life because of the outreach program and requested continued support for the vans.

Dr. Clarence E. Clottey, Medical Health Officer/General Manager, Public Health Services -Saskatoon District Health, expressed comments regarding the usefulness of the vans.

Ms. Sarah Ninnie, 426 Avenue T North, spoke in favour of the outreach vans.

Mr. Brian Ast, Chairperson, Saskatoon Inner City Ministry, spoke in favour of the outreach vans.

Ms. Beryl Lane, Chairperson, Executive and Council, St. Thomas-Wesley United Church, expressed support for the outreach vans.

Ms. LeeAnn Bird, #5 - 1910 - 22nd Street West, expressed support for the vans.

Ms. Dorothy Ross, President, Pleasanthill Community Association, commented on how the Community Association has been approaching the concerns in the neighbourhood and expressed support for the outreach vans.

Mr. Morris Cherneskey, 400 - 105 - 21st Street East, requested that Council:

- *1) institute police foot patrols;*
- 2) use the provincial funds given to the City of Saskatoon to monitor repeat offenders;
- *3) use police ghost cars;*
- *4) improve lighting on the street; and*
- *5) install more frequent stop signs.*

Mr. David Pillipow, Fairlane Motors, expressed concerns for the long-time residents of the neighbourhood.

Ms. Terri Martineau, 136 Avenue M South, expressed concern for the problems in the neighbourhood.

Mr. El Hrytsak, 203 Avenue K South, commented on the conditions of the neighbourhood and the problems that the vans create by providing condoms and needles.

Mr. Frank Huchkowsky, 201 Avenue M, related some of the problems in the neighbourhood.

Mr. John Maxin, 326 Avenue D South, requested that "stroll" be moved from the residential area to an industrial area.

Ms. Carmel Kerelchuk, 136 Avenue M South, requested that her neighbourhood be cleaned up so she could raise her children in a safe environment.

Ms. Amillia Liapanmaroff, Ukrainian Museum, expressed concern for her staff and the harassment to visiting tourists.

Mr. Al Martineau, 136 Avenue M South, requested Council to help clean up the neighbourhood.

Ms. Alice Farness, 118 Avenue F North, expressed concerns for the elderly people in the neighbourhood who are being harassed.

Mr. Douglas Bottrell expressed support of the vans on the streets and expressed concern regarding the vigilante groups on the street.

Mr. Gary Beaudin, representing the STC Urban First Nations Services Inc., advised that he works at the Family Centre on 20^{th} Street and advised of the need for the vans to reach the people on the streets.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the information be received and referred to the Safer City Committee.

CARRIED.

A. <u>REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL - CONTINUED</u>

8) Bob Fink 516 Avenue K South, dated August 18

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

9) Jan Jonsson <u>100 - 310 Idylwyld Drive North, undated</u>

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

10) Jacqui Barclay 325 Avenue E South, dated August 19

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

11) Jacqui Barclay 325 Avenue E South, dated August 19

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717 Main Street, dated August 18

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

13) Jeff Dodds, Executive Director AIDS Saskatoon, dated August 18

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

14) Tom Morgan, Civics Director Riversdale Community & School Association, dated August 31

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

15) Tracey Scott and Vincent Pearson <u>QUINT Development Corp., dated August 31</u>

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

16) Dr. Clarence E. Clottey, Medical Health Officer/General Manager <u>Public Health Services - Saskatoon District Health, dated September 1</u>

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

17) Sarah Ninnie 426 Avenue T North, dated August 31

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

18) Brian Ast, Chairperson Saskatoon Inner City Ministry, dated August 31

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

19)Susan Cross214 Neatby Crescent, dated September 1

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

20) Beryl Lane, Chairperson, Executive and Council St. Thomas-Wesley United Church, dated September 2

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

21) LeeAnn Bird #5 - 1910 - 22nd Street West, dated September 2

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

22) Maggy Larmour <u>Pleasanthill Community Association, dated September 3</u>

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

23) Morris Cherneskey <u>400 - 105 - 21st Street East, dated September 2</u>

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

24) David Pillipow <u>Fairlane Motors, dated September 2</u>

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

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136 Avenue M South, dated September 2

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

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DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

31) Amillia Liapanmaroff <u>Ukrainian Museum, dated September 2</u>

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

32) Al Martineau <u>136 Avenue M South, dated September 2</u>

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

33) Alice Farness <u>118 Avenue F North,</u>

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

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

34) Randy T. Klein Lakeridge Community Association, dated September 2

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the future of the Crocus Park Tennis Court. (File No. CK. 5800-1)

RECOMMENDATION:

that Clause B8, Report No. 16-1998 of the City Manager and Item AA.27 of "Communications" be brought forward for consideration and that Mr. Klein be heard.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Clause B8, Report No. 16-1998 of the City Manager and Item AA.27 of "Communications" be brought forward for consideration and that Mr. Klein be heard.

CARRIED.

"REPORT NO. 16-1998 OF THE CITY MANAGER

B8) Enquiry - Councillor D.L. Birkmaier (June 29, 1998) Closure of Tennis Courts Crocus Park (File No. 5800-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> that the following report be received as information.

The following enquiry was made by Councillor D.L. Birkmaier at the meeting of City Council held on June 29, 1998:

"I've received numerous letters from residents in the Ward 9 area that have dealt with regards to Council's decision in December, 1997 to close the tennis courts in Crocus Park. Would the Administration please report on whether or not it warrants reconsideration by Council."

Report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department, August 27, 1998:

"The Lakeridge Community Association has requested that the Leisure Services Department reconsider our decision to decommission the tennis court in their neighbourhood park (Attachment 1).

Background

The tennis court report that was approved by City Council in December, 1997, (Tennis Court Inventory - Priority for Upgrading Tennis Courts, November 20, 1997) was to secure funding to repair and replace the City's tennis courts. Because tennis courts are beginning to deteriorate, it was timely for the City to review the tennis court inventory and provide a program to upgrade these facilities. Prior to the report, there was no funding allocated for tennis court upgrading beyond that which was provided to install and remove nets and sweep courts at the beginning of the tennis playing season. The tennis court infrastructure is now aging and consideration had to be given to determine how many tennis facilities the City continues to require in its inventory for current and projected demand for courts. There are currently 55 courts in the City's inventory of tennis facilities. Through a survey to determine how often "frequent users" (participants who play tennis a minimum one hour twice per week) use outdoor tennis courts, it was determined that 45 tennis courts were required to provide an adequate number of hours of court time for tennis players. The number of courts to be retained was based on the premise that all of the 3,100 tennis participants, who identified in the Needs Assessment survey that they use public tennis facilities, are playing tennis frequently. By using this premise, staff from the Leisure Services Department consider the recommendation of 45 courts to be a generous supply of tennis courts to meet existing demand.

Criteria was developed to determine which of the courts should be prioritized to receive funding for the repair and replacement of the court surface. The criteria focused on funding the upgrade and resurfacing of those courts located in district and multi-district parks, therefore ensuring a fair and equitable distribution of tennis courts across the city to enable all residents of Saskatoon the same opportunity of access to tennis facilities. Forty of the tennis courts in the inventory are located in district and multi-district parks. The remaining five courts are located in neighbourhood parks for the following reasons:

- 1. There is no district park in the inner city, and in order to assist in addressing the deficiency of recreational facilities in those areas, three courts were retained in the inner city area: two courts in Optimist park and one court in Ashworth Holmes (Caswell Hill).
- 2. The remaining two courts are located at Albert Community Centre (Varsity View). Because the community centre provides access to washrooms, water, and parking, these courts are used intensely. A focus group of tennis players who are "frequent users" of City-owned tennis courts identified Albert as the preferred location for the playing of tennis.

According to the Park Development Guidelines, approved by City Council in 1995, tennis is a program more suited to being located in district parks (i.e. Lakeview) than in neighbourhood parks (i.e. Crocus). Programs in a neighbourhood park are intended for children under 12 and young families (i.e. play apparatus) while the program in district parks is designed for the recreational needs of teens and adults (i.e. tennis). Both Lakeview and Sid Buckwold parks, district parks that are intended to serve the recreational needs of four to five neighbourhoods including Lakeridge, qualify to receive funding to resurface their courts. These parks are both accessible to residents of the Lakeridge neighbourhood. As a result of the funding priorities identified in the tennis report, the three tennis courts in Lakeview were resurfaced and relined this August with new acrylic protective surfacing. In addition, private indoor tennis facilities exist adjacent to the Lakewood Civic Centre. The survey that was conducted on tennis court facilities also determined that for people who enjoy tennis, transportation is not a barrier to their participation in the game. There are ample tennis court facilities available to the residents of the Lakeridge neighbourhood. Consequently, staff from the Leisure Services Department does not recommend that the tennis court in Crocus Park be added back into the City's inventory of tennis facilities.

Options for the Lakeridge Community Association

The following options may be considered by the community association:

1. The community association may take over the operation of the court in Crocus Park. The tennis court will not be decommissioned until it has deteriorated to the point of being unsafe. The City and a representative of the community association will meet each year to assess the condition of the court. The assessment of the condition of the court surface

that was carried out approximately one year ago (June, 1997) indicated that the tennis court in Crocus Park are in reasonable condition and may remain usable for tennis for approximately five or more years. The posts that support the nets will remain in place and will not be removed until decommissioning takes place. The community association has time to plan for the provision of financial resources to fund the costs for court resurfacing. The protective acrylic surface costs \$5,000 (per court) and lasts for approximately seven years. When amortized over seven years, \$715 for the court could be saved each year in order to fund the resurfacing. Nets last seven to ten years and cost \$300 each to replace. Leisure Services staff would facilitate the process of the community association operating the court by sharing our program information, technical expertise, and supplier contacts.

2. The community association may explore alternate program uses for the court. The community association has written to Leisure Services (Attachment 2) to indicate their interest in exploring the feasibility of a skateboard facility for their area. This court surface may offer such an opportunity. Other examples of program uses acceptable for tennis court surfaces include basketball courts, volleyball, or rollerblading. Alternatively, passive leisure uses are available such as the creation of a seating node and picnic area in the space created should the courts be removed.

Further Considerations by City Council

The addition of the tennis court in Crocus Park to the City's inventory is not proposed at this time. City Council is reminded of the following considerations:

- 1. Leisure Services has stated that 45 courts *generously* provide for the needs to the tennisplaying public. If the court in Crocus Park is retained, then one court from another neigbourhood will have to be eliminated and City Council would be faced with the decision of determining from which neighbourhood that would occur.
- 2. There is no indication that the trends in the number of people participating in tennis has changed since our initial assessment last year at this time. This summer, through informal observation by your staff, despite ideal weather for the playing of tennis, courts throughout the city were not highly utilized. The tennis court report stated that, through the information obtained through the Leisure Services Needs Assessment survey conducted annually, your staff will continue to monitor tennis participation trends and reassess the tennis court inventory five years from the time the report was written. In 2002, the tennis court inventory and the priorities for upgrading facilities will be re-examined.
- 3. Wilson and Parc Canada are the two other neighbourhood parks with tennis facilities that have not been identified to receive funding for tennis court upgrading. If the court in Crocus Park is added back into the City's inventory, then, to be fair to all, these other

neighbourhood facilities would also have to be included. Your staff is unable to rationalize increasing the inventory from the 45 courts to the original 55 since we know that the 45 courts more than adequately provide for the needs of tennis players.

The Tennis Court Upgrade Program is intended to keep the City's tennis courts in a safe and playable condition. The attached correspondence from Tennis Saskatchewan (Attachment 3) acknowledges that this program supports and encourages the playing of tennis in Saskatoon. An equitable distribution of well-maintained tennis court surfaces in each suburban area ensures that all residents have the same opportunity to access the City's tennis facilities."

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Letter from Lakeridge Community Association, dated June 27, 1998.
- 2. Letter from Lakeridge Community Association, dated June 16, 1998.
- 3. Letter from Tennis Saskatchewan, dated May 21, 1998.

AA27) Paula Klien and Owen Fortosky, Vice Principal St Luke Elementary School, dated September 8

Submitting a petition of approximately 60 students in support of the Crocus Park Tennis Court. (File No. CK. 5800-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the information be received and considered with Item A.34 of "Communications".

Mr. Randy T. Klein, Lakeridge Community Association, requested that Council retain and maintain the court in Lakeridge.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT funds be placed in the 1999 budget for the resurfacing of the Crocus Park Tennis Court.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND LOST.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS - CONTINUED

35) <u>Douglas Bottrell, undated</u>

DEALT WITH EARLIER.. SEE PAGE 44.

AA. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

1) Fern Sawchuk 219 - 730B Heritage Lane, dated August 4

Expressing concerns regarding park development adjacent to Heritage Lane and Taylor Street. (File No. CK. 4205-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

2) David Hnatyshyn, Vice President, Eugene Paquin, Executive Director

Saskatoon Services for Seniors, dated August 4

Submitting a letter of appreciation to Council for the continued support through the Cash Grant Program - Social Services Component. (File No. CK. 1871-3)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

3) Jeanne Remend, Executive Director Saskatoon Association for Community Living, dated August 13

Submitting a letter of appreciation to Council for the support through the Cash Grant Program. (File No. CK. 1871-3)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

4) Mayor Mel Lastman - Toronto, Team Canada Captain Councillor Ed Manis - Montreal West, Team Canada Executive Dr. Maurice Suissa, Team Canada Co-president <u>Team Canada for Unity, dated August, 1998</u>

Requesting Council to pass a resolution endorsing "The People's Resolution for a United Canada" (File No. CK. 155-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>:

that Council adopt the following motion put forward by Team Canada for Unity:

WHEREAS the municipality of Saskatoon believes that Canada is a country that is second to none, enriched by the presence of the Aboriginal peoples and their cultures, graced with the vitality of the English and French languages and gifted with the diversity of multiculturalism.

WHEREAS the municipality of Saskatoon believes that all Canadians are equal and all Canadian provinces have equality of status.

WHEREAS the municipality of Saskatoon believes that Canada, with its existing Constitution and Charter of Rights and Freedoms, offers all of its citizens and provinces an equal opportunity to prosper and flourish. This same Constitution has enabled and must continue to enable the Province of Quebec, a fundamental and valued partner of the Canadian confederation, the opportunity to promote and protect it culture, civil law tradition and French language.

WHEREAS the municipality of Saskatoon recognizes the English and French languages, Canada's two official languages, as a fundamental and enriching part of our heritage as well as an unequivocally important part of its future AND that Canadians and their governments must endeavour, in a spirit of good faith, to ensure the vitality of these two official languages.

WHEREAS the municipality of Saskatoon believes that Canadians and their governments must be committed to the protection and promotion of official languages minority communities throughout Canada.

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the municipality of Saskatoon in a spirit of friendship and unity, proudly adopt this "People's Resolution for a United Canada" and we hereby urge all Canadian municipalities to join us in this grassroots effort to resolve the issue of Canadian unity.

We, the people call upon the Government of Canada (and all federal parties) as well as all provincial legislatures/assemblies (and all

provincial parties) to join together with municipal governments, the level of government closest to the people, to ensure that all Canadians from all provinces are consulted on the issue of national unity.

We, the people call upon the Government of Canada and all provincial legislatures/assemblies to ensure the continuance of a united Canada in accordance with the moral, political, legal and constitutional obligations of our nation.

We, the people demand that the Government of Canada and all provincial legislatures/assemblies ensure that any future constitutional negotiations not lead to the break-up of our country.

That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada and the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, and sent to the Premier of Quebec, Members of the National Assembly, Members of Parliament, all Provincial Legislatures, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all Provincial Municipal Associations.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

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CARRIED.

5) Mayor Dave Kucherawy, Association President Yellowhead Highway Association, dated August 11

Requesting Council to endorse resolutions passed at the Yellowhead Highway Association Annual Conference regarding the National Highway System. (File No. CK. 155-5) <u>**RECOMMENDATION**</u>: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT WHEREAS the Yellowhead Highway Association has supported the establishment of a National Highways Program since its first Annual Meeting in 1947; and

WHEREAS the federal and provincial governments reached an agreement in principle on the highways, including the Trans-Canada Yellowhead Highway, to be included in a National Highway System; and

WHEREAS the combined effect of the Western Grain Transportation Act and Rail line abandonment has been a significant increase in truck traffic on western Canadian highways; and

WHEREAS an increasing proportion of east/west transport of Canadian goods is occurring on United States highways due to the lower standards of Canadian east/west routes.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Yellowhead Highway Association reaffirm its support for a National Highways Policy, Standards and Program which includes:

- *a) a co-operative federal/provincial/territorial approach*
- *b) a system of designated highways*
- *c) s set of minimum standards for highways*
- *d) committed funding sources not subject to annual budget decisions*
- e) funding sources related to roadway use, such as fuel tax
- *f) a standard formula for allocation of federal funds to provinces/territories*
- *g) a standard formula for cost-sharing for construction and renovation of highways to the agreed minimum standards;*

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Yellowhead Highway Association urge the Premiers of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba to co-operatively pressure the Prime Minister of Canada to agree to cost-share a National Highways Policy, Standards and Program to be implemented before the year 2000 as an essential public infrastructure component of supporting economic and tourism development in the 21st century.

CARRIED.

6) Maria Styacko 407 Delaronde Road, dated August 18

Submitting comments regarding the road closure of Kingsmere Boulevard on August 18, 1998. (File No. CK. 6000-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

7) Jane MacDougal, President Westmount Community and School Association, dated August 28

Requesting the temporary closure of Avenue K Bedford Road to Rusholme Road, Avenue L from Bedford Road to Rusholme Road and Bedford Road from Avenue K to Avenue L on Saturday, September 19, 1998 in conjunction with Westmount Community and School Association Fun Day in the Park. (File No. CK. 205-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

8) Jean-Louis Cbos <u>1351 De Launay, Ancienne-Lorett, PQ, dated August 14</u>

Submitting comments to Council regarding pilot project LETSGO for Pegasus. (File No. CK. 150-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

9) Francesca Pagnin, Race Coordinator, Race for Recovery Hope Cancer Help Centre Inc., undated

Requesting that waive all or part to the rental cost of the community stage for the opening ceremonies of the Race for Recovery on October 4. (File No. CK. 1704)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>:

that the request be denied since it is Council's policy not to waive rental fees.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

THAT the request be denied since it is Council's policy not to waive rental fees.

CARRIED.

10) Moira Brownlee <u>334 O'Regan Crescent, dated August 19</u>

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

11) Carol Riekman Saskatoon Community Mediation Services, dated August 19

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE 44.

12) Grant Hodgson, Executive Director Saskatoon Friendship Inn, dated August 19

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

13) Rita DeGagne, President Persons Living with AIDS Network of Saskatchewan Inc., dated August 17

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

14) Indergeet Ramgotra 404 Isabella Street East, dated August 19

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

15) Rebecca Elder <u>STC Urban First Nations Services Inc.</u>, undated

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

16) Dave Forbes, President Caswell Community Association, dated August 19

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

17) Ann Schulman, Chair Advisory Committee on Family Planning, dated September 1

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

18) Stephen Helliar, M.D., Margaret Shearer, President Saskatoon Community Clinic, dated August 28

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

19) Marlene Hall, Secretary

Development Appeals Board, dated August 11

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding property at 1137 Avenue J North. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

20) Marlene Hall, Secretary Development Appeals Board, dated August 14

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding property at 913 - 6th Avenue North. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

21) Marlene Hall, Secretary Development Appeals Board, dated September 2

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding property at 635 Whiteswan Drive. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

22) Kathi Cridland, Executive Director and Pat Harcolt, Office Co-ordinator Saskatoon Sexual Assault & Information Centre, dated September 2

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

23) Pat Harcolt #210 - 1802 - 22nd Street West, dated September 3

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

24) <u>Douglas Bottrell, undated</u>

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

25) Rev. Linda Smith Stowell <u>Unitarian Congregation of Saskatoon, dated September 7</u>

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

26) Frances Petit, Committee Co-Chair <u>The Renew our Community Committee, dated August 12</u>

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

27) Paula Klien and Owen Fortosky, Vice Principal St Luke Elementary School, dated September 8

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 59.

B. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

1) Valerie J. Shordee <u>840 - 8th Avenue North, dated August 6</u>

Submitting a request to Council under Section 9 of the Local Improvement Act for sidewalk to be installed on the east corner of 8th Avenue and Duke Street. **Referred to the Administration.** (File No. CK. 4140-1)

2) Andrea Paul <u>466 Russell Road, dated August 3</u>

Submitting a letter regarding sprinklers spraying on sidewalks and pedestrians being forced to walk on the street. **Referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.** (File No. CK. 150-1)

3) Hildred E. Richardson 2511 Wiggins Avenue, dated August 19

Submitting a letter regarding land use - Saskatoon Public School Board. Referred to the Administration. (File No. CK. 4000-1)

4) Jean Feather <u>The Broadway Neighbours, dated August 17</u>

Submitting comments regarding the 1998 Fringe Festival. **Referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.** (File No. CK. 205-25)

5) Frank Lang <u>1646 Empire Avenue, dated August 26</u>

Submitting comments regarding the skateboarding at Archibald Arena. **Referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.** (File No. CK. 100-14-10 & 610-1)

6) George Evens <u>The Council (CLAW), dated August 13</u>

Submitting information regarding Animal Rights Legislation. **Referred to the Advisory Committee on Animal Control**. (File No. CK. 151-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

C. <u>PROCLAMATIONS</u>

1) Jean Greenman Korchin, Development Officer Saskatchewan Division, The Arthritis Society, dated August 7

Requesting Council to proclaim September as Arthritis Month in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

2) Bruce Hoggard

Hoggard & Associates, dated August 12

Requesting Council to proclaim September 13 to 19, 1998 as Saskatoon's International Business and Export Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

3) Anne Gosselin, Chairperson <u>The Saskatoon Volunteer Terry Fox Run Committee, dated August 6</u>

Requesting Council to proclaim September 13 to 20, 1998 as Terry Fox Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

4) Ruth McGowan Saskatchewan Parkinson's Disease Foundation, dated August 18

Requesting Council to proclaim October 4 to 10, 1998 as Saskatchewan Parkinson's Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

5) Francesca Pagnin, Race Coordinator; Race for Recovery Hope Cancer Help Centre Inc., undated

Requesting Council to proclaim October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: 1) that City Council approve all proclamations as set out in Section C; and

2) that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamations on behalf of City Council.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

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

CARRIED.

REPORTS

Mr. G. Grismer, Chair, submitted Report No. 14-1998 of the Municipal Planning Commission;

Mr. G. Grismer, Chair, submitted Report No. 15-1998 of the Municipal Planning Commission;

Acting City Manager Richards submitted Report No. 16-1998 of the City Manager;

Councillor Harding, Chair, presented Report No. 16-1998 of the Planning and Operations Committee;

Councillor Harding, Chair, presented Report No. 17-1998 of the Planning and Operations Committee; and

Councillor Langford, Chair, presented Report No. 14-1998 the Administration and Finance Committee.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

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

- a) Report No. 14-1998 of the Municipal Planning Commission;
- a) Report No. 15-1998 of the Municipal Planning Commission;
- b) Report No. 16-1998 of the City Manager;
- *c) Report No. 16-1998 of the Planning and Operations Committee;*
- *c)* Report No. 17-1998 of the Planning and Operations Committee; and
- *d) Report No. 14-1998 of the Administration and Finance Committee.*

CARRIED.

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

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

Committee arose.

Councillor Waygood, 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. 14-1998 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Composition of Commission

Mr. Glen Grismer, Chair Ms. Ann March, Vice-Chair Councillor P. Roe (shared position) Councillor K. Waygood (shared position) Mr. Ron Mantyka 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 Mr. Ken McDonough

 Discretionary Use Application Bed and Breakfast Home 110 - 31st Street West Lot 15, Block 21, Plan FK R.4 Zoning District Applicant: Lance and Cyndi Lauze (File No. CK. 4355-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 18.

REPORT NO. 15-1998 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Composition of Commission

Mr. Glen Grismer, Chair Ms. Ann March, Vice-Chair Councillor P. Roe (shared position) Councillor K. Waygood (shared position) Mr. Ron Mantyka 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 Mr. Ken McDonough

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE 1.

2. Discretionary Use Application Use of Property as Private School and Pre-School (Montessori School) Lot 4, Block 368, Plan G924 2815 Estey Drive B.1 Zoning District Applicant: Donald M.M. Miller (File No. CK. 4355-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 7.

3. Discretionary Use Application Conversion of Property for use as 3 Dwelling Units E ½ Lot 7 and all of Lot 8, Block 11, Plan FF 1811 - 20th Street West RM1 Zoning District Applicant: Delilah Enterprises Ltd. (File No. CK. 4355-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 13.

REPORT NO. 16-1998 OF THE CITY MANAGER

Section A - Administration and Finance

A1) Routine Reports Submitted to City Council

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the following information be received.

ADOPTED.

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	TO
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$981,574.06	August 3, 1998	August 10, 1998
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$2,679,648.62	August 10, 1998	August 13, 1998
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$5,274,183.04	August 12, 1998	August 17, 1998
Schedule of Accounts Paid	July 23, 1998	August 12, 1998

\$12,924,977.22		
Schedule of Accounts Paid	August 13, 1998	August 19, 1998
\$1,631,064.57		
Schedule of Accounts Paid	August 18, 1998	August 20, 1998
\$2,468,703.24		
Schedule of Accounts Paid	August 21, 1998	August 26, 1998
\$1,556,104.67		
Schedule of Accounts Paid	August 26, 1998	August 31, 1998
\$882,069.46		
Schedule of Accounts Paid	August 31, 1998	September 2, 1998
\$545,204.93		
(File No. 1530-2)		

A2) Enquiry - Councillor Steernberg (August 10, 1998) Grant Funding to Replace Tax Abatement Program (File No. 1960-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

At Council's meeting of August 10, 1998, Councillor Steernberg made the following enquiry:

"Would the Administration please report possible criteria for qualification of community organizations for grant funding to replace the current tax abatement program."

Report of the A/General Manager, Finance Department, August 18, 1998:

"Councillor Steernberg's enquiry proposes that those organizations who historically have received a tax abatement now have those abatements considered as part of a granting program. Upon reviewing those organizations who received such abatements in 1998, it would appear that all would fulfill at least one of the criteria which we currently require for our grant program (i.e. they provide a service which is of a social, recreational, or cultural nature). As such, it would seem reasonable that the policies which apply to the existing granting program (Policy C03-018 - Assistance to Community Groups) would apply to this extended program. This would, of course, not provide any guarantee that the existing organizations would retain all or any part of their current tax abatement benefit, as they may not be prioritized by the Advisory Groups which make recommendations to the Administration and Finance Committee.

In 1998, City Council granted tax abatements (including School Boards' and Libraries' taxes) totalling \$653,745. However, if these funds were to be transferred as an increase to the

Assistance to Community Groups grant program, the City would need to increase its operating budget by \$387,962 (approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ a mill). Tax abatements, by nature, include taxes for all three taxing authorities - the City, the Public Library, and the School Boards. Without a tax abatement, the unabated taxes must be remitted to the latter two authorities. The City's share of the taxes (\$265,783) could be used to offset an increase to the grant program, leaving the shortfall of \$387,962."

A3) Investments (File No. 1790-3)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> that City Council approve the attached purchases and sales.

ADOPTED.

Report of the A/General Manager, Finance Department, August 31 1998:

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

ATTACHMENT

1.	Schedule of Securities	Transactions	(Julv 18 - 31, 1998)
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- 2. Schedule of Securities Transactions (August 1 15, 1998)
- 3. Schedule of Securities Transaction (August 16 31, 1998)

A4) 1998 Property Tax Abatements (File No. 1965-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve an extension of the 1998 Property Tax Abatement for Cosmopolitan Industries Ltd., to include the leased property at 1310 Alberta Avenue.

Report of the A/General Manager, Finance Department, August 24, 1998:

"At its meeting of August 10, 1998, City Council approved the 1998 Property Tax Abatement report. In the body of that report was a deferral of any decision regarding the abatement of taxes on property leased by Cosmopolitan Industries. The City Assessor has now received a copy of the lease between Cosmopolitan Industries Ltd. and CMS Industries Ltd. and determined that Cosmopolitan is liable for property taxes. The City Assessor has, therefore, placed that company on the assessment/tax roll under Section 244 of *The Urban Municipality Act*.

Cosmopolitan Industries Ltd. has previously qualified for a tax abatement on the property it owns. We believe that the extension of the property tax abatement to include the leased property does not conflict with City Council's decision not to allow new applications. Only by a technicality was this application not included in the previous year's approved list. The value of the abatement is \$1,890.00, of which the City's share is \$861.32.

The 1998 Property Tax Abatement bylaw, being considered by City Council at this meeting, includes the above adjustment. Should City Council decide not to grant the request, that Bylaw should be amended accordingly."

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Summary of Application.
- 2. Application letter from Cosmopolitan Industries Ltd.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

that the matter of the 1998 Property Tax abatement for Cosmopolitan Industries Ltd. be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.

CARRIED.

A5) Tax Abatement Request (File No. 1965-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> that City Council consider Bylaw No. 7788.

Report of the A/ General Manager, Finance Department, August 28, 1998:

"City Council, at its meeting of August 10, 1998, received a report from the A/General Manager, Finance Department recommending tax exemptions for 1998, for various properties listed in the report. City Council approved the exemptions with the exception of all new applications and resolved that a freeze be instituted for all new applications. In that report, a request from Cosmopolitan Industries Ltd. was deferred until the Administration received more information regarding a lease between Cosmopolitan Industries and C.M.S. Industries Ltd.

This information has been received by the City Assessor and the abatement request is now before City Council.

The attached Bylaw includes all approved exemptions as well as the deferred request by Cosmopolitan Industries Ltd.

We are pleased to enclose Bylaw No. 7788, The Tax Exemption Bylaw 1998, for consideration and passage by City Council."

ATTACHMENT

1. Bylaw No. 7788, The Tax Exemption Bylaw 1998.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Bylaw No. 7788 not be considered at this meeting in light of the referral of the 1998 Property Tax abatement for Cosmopolitan Industries Ltd. to the Administration and Finance Committee.

Section B - Planning and Operations

B1) Communications to Council From: Clifford A. Matthews #703 - 315 - 5th Avenue North Date: April 22, 1998 Subject: Traffic Lights at the Intersection of 5th Avenue and 25th Street (File No. 6150-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, August 6, 1998:

"On April 30, 1998, the City Clerk forwarded the above-noted communication to the Transportation Department for a report. Subsequent to that, the communication was placed on City Council's agenda of May 4, for its information.

Staff of the Electronics Shop, Traffic Planning and Operations Branch, have reviewed and evaluated the operation of the signalized pedestrian timings at the intersection located at 5th Avenue and 25th Street. The review confirmed that the distance to cross 25th Street is approximately 15 metres in length from curb to curb. The City of Saskatoon uses a walking speed of 1.2 metres per second for normal conditions throughout the City. As such, the necessary time for crossing the intersection would amount to approximately 12 seconds. Even at more conservative walking speeds, a time of 15 seconds would be more than adequate to make the crossing.

The present timings at this intersection for pedestrians crossing 25th Street are as follow:

Walk	5 seconds
Pedestrian Clearance	12 seconds

Amber and All Red	<u>5 seconds</u>
TOTAL:	22 seconds

A review of pedestrian timing data, as well as an on-site inspection, has determined the intersection's operation as safe and efficient with the present signal timing configuration for pedestrians. In light of this, no timing changes are recommended for this location at this time."

A copy of this report has been forwarded to Mr. Matthews for his information.

B2) Proposed Disabled Person's Loading Zone B4 McNab Park (File No. 6145-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that a Disabled Person's Loading Zone be installed in front of B4 McNab Park.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, August 12, 1998:

"The Transportation Department has received a request from the resident of B4 McNab Park, for the installation of a Disabled Person's Loading Zone in front of their residence. The resident's daughter is physically handicapped and requires direct access to the front of their home. The Saskatchewan Abilities Council will utilize this Disabled Person's Loading Zone.

The loading zone conforms to City guidelines with respect to Disabled Person's Loading Zones, and no fee is assessed for its installation."

B3) Application for Development of Trailer Park Prairieland Exhibition Corporation August 25, 1998 (File No. PL 4225 - 2)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u>	from	he application for the development of a 20-pad trailer park the Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition Corporation be wed subject to:
	a)	the proposed trailer park being located no closer than 112 metres from the established South boundary of the future Circle Drive extension;

	b)	the proposed trailer park only being used for seasonal,
		temporary occupancy between May 1 and October 1 of each
		year;
	c)	each trailer pad being connected to the City of Saskatoon
		Sanitary Sewer System through the construction of a buried
		summer sewer line; and,
	d)	a development permit being obtained from the City of
		Saskatoon.
ADOPTED.		

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, August 25, 1998:

"On July 24, 1998, the Prairieland Exhibition Corporation applied to the City of Saskatoon, through the City Manager's Office, to develop a 20-pad trailer park for temporary, seasonal accommodation for horsemen who work at Marquis Downs. The request was forwarded to the Planning and Building Department for processing.

The Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition Corporation has been providing temporary accommodation for the horsemen who work at Marquis Downs during each racing season for over seventy years. The temporary accommodation has typically been in the form of small camper trailers located on the north boundary of the Exhibition Grounds adjacent to Ruth Street. Each year, the use of the trailers coincides with the horse racing season which begins on May 1st and runs to October 1st. It has never been the intent of the Prairieland Exhibition to provide long-term or permanent accommodation. In 1995, the City of Saskatoon and the Prairieland Exhibition Corporation entered into a new 50-year lease agreement which runs until April 30, 2045. The lease agreement between the Prairieland Exhibition and the City of Saskatoon prohibits any permanent residential or industrial use of the Exhibition Grounds.

In 1996, the Exhibition Community Association filed a formal complaint to the City of Saskatoon about the number of trailers which existed on the Exhibition Grounds adjacent to Ruth Street. The association complained that the trailers were an eyesore, poorly maintained, and untidy. The Exhibition Community Association was informed by the Praireland Exhibition Corporation in 1996 that it planned to move the trailers away from Ruth Street and closer to Marquis Downs.

Section 4.02 of the lease agreement between the Prairieland Exhibition Corporation and the City of Saskatoon states:

'All plans for the Development, and any addition, alteration or improvement thereto, are subject to the prior written approval of the Council of the City.'

The Exhibition Grounds are currently zoned as an A.G. District in the Zoning Bylaw. The A.G. District permits 'permanent structures of agricultural and industrial fairs'. Furthermore, the lease agreement contains Section 8.01 which restricts the use of the Exhibition Grounds as described below:

'The Exhibition Grounds shall not be used for any purpose other than the facilitation and promotion in the City of Saskatoon, and North-Central Saskatchewan, of agriculture, industry, education, culture, entertainment and sporting activities, and all things necessary and incidental thereto,...'

It is the opinion within the Planning and Building Department that a trailer park for seasonal, temporary use is a permitted, incidental use on the Exhibition Grounds. The Planning and Building Department supports the relocation of the trailer park closer to Marquis Downs and away from Ruth Street and the Exhibition neighbourhood. Although the proposed trailer park is currently proposed as a temporary facility by the Prairieland Exhibition Corporation, it may become a permanent facility over time.

Transportation Department Comments

The Transportation Department has reviewed the above-noted application, and has a concern over the potential conflict the trailer park may have with the future alignment of the South Circle Drive river crossing corridor. The future roadway alignment passes very close to the Marquis Downs track and, judging from the sketch that has been submitted, the proposed trailer park may lie too close to the proposed right-of-way. Attached is a detailed sketch of the future right-of-way through Parcel A, Plan 89-S-08307. The right-of-way is 90 metres in width and comes in close proximity to where the trailer park is planned. The south property line of the right-of-way has already been created; therefore, we request that the following be submitted before granting approval to this application:

- a detailed site plan showing the exact proximity of the trailer park in relation to the established south property line of the right-of-way;
- the boundary of the trailer park should be no less than 112 metres away from the south property line;
- written assurance from the Prairieland Exhibition Corporation agreeing to the proposed separation distance will be required prior to approval of this application.

Public Works Department Comments

The City of Saskatoon requires individual properties to connect into the sanitary sewer system if a sanitary sewer main is available. The Exhibition property is serviced by water and sewer mains. The Public Works Department will not approve the development plan, which indicates the proposed construction of a sanitary sewer holding tank.

On August 24, 1998, representatives of the Prairieland Exhibition Corporation and the City of Saskatoon Planning and Building, Public Works and Transportation Departments met to discuss the proposed trailer park. It was agreed that the proposed trailer park would be located no less than 112 metres from the established South boundary of the proposed Circle Drive extension. Furthermore, it was agreed that each trailer pad would be connected to the City of Saskatoon Sanitary Sewer Main through a shallow, buried summer connection line.

The Prairieland Exhibition Corporation has provided written assurance that it will provide both the minimum separation distance from the South property line of the future Circle Drive extension and connection of each trailer pad to the sanitary sewer main. The Prairieland Exhibition Corporation intends to begin construction of the 20-pad trailer park in the early part of fall 1998 for use in May 1999."

ATTACHMENT

1. Location H

Location Plan for Proposed 20-Pad Trailer Park - Exhibition Grounds.

B4) Request For Assignment of an Encroachment Agreement 3198 Eastview Lot 47, Block 562, Plan 66-S-12133 (File No. 4090-2)
RECOMMENDATION:

that City Council approve the assignment of the existing encroachment agreement for 3198 Eastview (Lot 47, Block 562, Plan 66-S-12133); and,
that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the assignment document on behalf of the City under the Corporate Seal.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, August 18, 1998:

"A portion of the eave of the garage encroaches the adjacent lane for a total of approximately 0.834 square meters. There is an existing encroachment agreement, dated September 12, 1995, for this property which contains a clause permitting the assignment of the agreement with consent of the City. On June 4, 1998, Burlingham Cuelenaere, Barristers and Solicitors, requested approval of an assignment of the existing encroachment agreement from Kevin Erich Kuebler to Chandra Elizabeth Morgan and Denise Yvonne Jabusch. The sale of the property has closed and is currently registered in the names of the assignees and the \$50.00 encroachment fee has been paid for 1998. The assignment documents were signed by the vendor and the purchasers on June 2, 1998. The assignment documents now require the signatures of the Mayor and City Clerk."

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Copy of the existing Encroachment Agreement dated September 12, 1995.
- 2. Real Property Report for 3198 Eastview.
- 3. Letter from Burlingham Cuelenaere dated June 4, 1998.

B5) Request For Encroachment Agreement 425 - 3rd Avenue North (Lot 34, except the most northerly 5.08 metres and all of Lots 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40, Block 178, Plan Q13) (File No. PL 4090-2)

RECOMMENDATION:1)that City Council recognize the encroachment at 425 - 3rd
Avenue North (Lot 34, except the most northerly 5.08
metres and all of Lots 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40 in Block
178, Plan Q13);2)that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the

- 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the appropriate encroachment agreement making provision to collect the applicable fees; and,
- 3) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City under the Corporate Seal.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, August 18, 1998:

"Boardwalk Equities Inc. has requested to enter into an Encroachment Agreement with the City of Saskatoon. As shown on the attached Surveyor's Certificate, part of the underground parkade

east wall encroaches onto City property. The total area of encroachment is approximately 0.1568 square metres and will, therefore, be subject to an annual charge of \$50.00. From our records the encroachment has likely existed since 1978 when the parkade was constructed."

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Real Property Report for 425 3rd Avenue North.
- 2. Letter from Shirkey, Ulmer, Willner & Megaw dated July 27, 1998.

B6) Request For Encroachment Agreement 431 - 3rd Avenue North (The South 2.539 metres of lot 27 and all of Lots 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and the North 5.08 metres of Lot 34, Block 178, Plan Q13) (File No. 4090-2)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> :	1)	that City Council recognize the encroachment at 431 - 3rd Avenue North (the South 2.539 metres of Lot 27 and all of Lots 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and the North 5.08 metres of Lot 34 in Block 178, Plan Q13);
	2)	that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the appropriate encroachment agreement making provision to collect the applicable fees; and,
	3)	that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City under the Corporate Seal.
ADOPTED.		

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, August 18, 1998:

"Boardwalk Equities Inc. has requested to enter into an Encroachment Agreement with the City of Saskatoon. As shown on the attached Surveyor's Certificate, part of the underground parkade east wall encroaches onto City property. The total area of encroachment is approximately 1.701 square metres and will, therefore, be subject to an annual charge of \$50.00. From our records the encroachment has likely existed since 1977 when the parkade was constructed."

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Real Property Report for 431 3rd Avenue North.
- 2. Letter from Shirkey, Ulmer, Willner & Megaw dated July 27, 1998.
- B7) Easement Requirement SaskPower Saskatoon URD - Wildwood Golf Course NE ¼ of 24-36-5-W3M Project: E83-275-33; Subproject: E833-15-251 (File No. PL 4090 - 3)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u>	1)	that City Council grant an easement to SaskPower as outlined on the attached plan; and,
	2)	that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute, under the Corporate Seal and in a form that is satisfactory to the City Solicitor, the formal agreement with respect to this easement.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, August 4, 1998:

"C.A. Moore, on behalf of SaskPower's Land Department has requested an easement over part of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 24-36-5-W3M as shown on the attached plan.

The proposed easement is required to service a pump house for a pond on the golf course.

The Planning and Building Department and Parks Branch of the Public Works Department have no objections to granting the proposed easement to SaskPower."

ATTACHMENT

1. Plan indicating Part of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 24-36-5-W3M.

B8) Enquiry - Councillor D.L. Birkmaier (June 29, 1998) Closure of Tennis Courts Crocus Park (File No. 5800-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 59.

B9) Land-Use Applications Received by the Planning and Building Department For the Period Between July 30 to August 28, 1998 (File Nos. PL 4300, 4350, 4355, 4132)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, August 28, 1998:

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

Discretionary Use

•	Application D7/98:	100 - 109 th Street
	Applicant:	Mike Katsiris (Athena Restaurant)
	Legal Description:	Lot 3, Block 2, Plan HA
	Current Zoning:	R.2
	Proposed Use:	Parking Station
	Neighbourhood:	Sutherland
	Date Received:	July 30, 1998
•	Application D8/98:	100 - 109 th Street
	Applicant:	Mawson Hotels (Eldon Mawson)
	Legal Description:	Lot 3, Block 1, Plan HA
	Current Zoning:	R.2
	Neighbourhood:	Sutherland
	Date Received:	August 24, 1998

Rezoning

 Application Z25/98: Applicant: Legal Description: Current Zoning: Proposed Zoning: Neighbourhood: Date Received:

Subdivision

- Application #41/98: Applicant: Legal Description: Current Zoning: Neighbourhood: Date Received:
- Application #42/98: Applicant: Legal Description: Current Zoning: Neighbourhood: Date Received:
- Application #43/98: Applicant: Legal Description: Current Zoning: Neighbourhood: Date Received:
- Application#44/98: Applicant: Legal Description: Current Zoning: Neighbourhood: Date Received:

700 - 33rd Street West Dwight Nelson Lots 1 & 2, Block 7, Plan FU R.2 RM2 Mayfair July 29, 1998

1107 - 13th Street East Carroll Homes Ltd. Lot 16, Block 20, Plan G18 R.2 Varsity View July 30, 1998

633 Avenue N South Barry Divall Lots 1 - 5, Block 8, Plan GF R.2 King George August 6, 1998

102 Apex Street Tri- City Surveys for CIC Industrial Interests Inc. Lot 10, Block 235, Plan 87-S-17074 I.D.1A Agriplace August 12, 1998

2922/2924 Preston Avenue Gillian Smith Lot 8, Block 376, Plan 67-S-10220 R.2 Nutana Park August 18, 1998

- Application #45/98: Applicant: Legal Description: Current Zoning: Neighbourhood: Date Received:
- Application #46/98:

Legal Description: Current Zoning: Neighbourhood: Date Received:

Condominium

 Application #11/98: Applicant: Legal Description: Current Zoning: Neighbourhood: Date Received: 231/233 Lochrie D.J. Homes Ltd. Lot 13, Block 148, Plan 80-S-18197 R.2 Fairhaven August 19, 1998

Heritage View/Crescent(No Civic Address) Applicant: Webster Surveys Ltd. for J-Rob Housing & Land Co. Part of Lot 1, Block 412, Plan 95-S-41350 RM(Tn) Wildwood August 27, 1998

4230 DeGeer Street M. McNinch, Colliers McClocklin Lot 38, Block 800, Plan 78-S-14625 R.4 College Park East August 14, 1998."

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Plan of Proposed Severance #42/98.
- 2. Plan of Proposed Severance #43/98.
- 3. Plan of Proposed Subdivision #46/98.
- B10) Easement Requirement SaskPower Arbor Creek Subdivision Part of Municipal Buffer Strips MB27A and MB28 Saskatoon, Plan No. 98-SA-18473 Project No. E83 - 33, Subproject No. E833-15-324 (File No. PL 4090)

1)

RECOMMENDATION:

that City Council grant an easement to SaskPower as outlined on the attached plan; and

2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute, under the Corporate Seal and in a form that is satisfactory to the City Solicitor, the formal agreement with respect to this easement.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, August 26, 1998:

"C.A. Moore, on behalf of SaskPower's Land Department, has requested an easement over part of Municipal Buffer Strips MB27A and MB28, Plan 98-SA-18473, as shown on attached plan. The purpose of this easement is to provide underground servicing to the adjacent areas.

When the property in this application was considered by City Council, the approval did not include the granting of easements. The City now has title to the Municipal Buffer Strips over which SaskPower requires an easement. City Council approved Subdivision Application #8/98 at its March 23, 1998, meeting.

The Planning and Building Department and the Parks Branch of the Public Works Department have no objection to granting the proposed easement to SaskPower."

ATTACHMENT

- 1. Part of Registered Plan 98-SA-18473.
- B11) The Alcohol Control Regulations, 1994 Application for Municipal Endorsement for a Tavern/Nightclub with Restaurant Endorsement Permit "Lydia's"
 650 Broadway Avenue (File No. PL 4110 - 3)

RECOMMENDATION:	that the City Clerk advise the Liquor and Gaming Authority and the applicant that City Council endorses the issuance of a liquor
	permit for a Tavern/Nightclub with a Restaurant Endorsement to Mr. Robert Montgomery for the premises at 650 Broadway Avenue in Saskatoon.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, August 27, 1998:

"An application has been submitted by Mr. Robert Montgomery, President of Lydia's at 650 Broadway Avenue requesting City Council to grant a municipal endorsement towards obtaining a liquor permit for a 'Tavern/Nightclub' at 650 Broadway Avenue (Lydia's). Lydia's is currently operating under a 'Restaurant permit with a Nightclub endorsement'. City Council's endorsement is necessary to enable the applicant to alter his liquor permit to operate a Tavern/Nightclub with Restaurant endorsement, from the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority, pursuant to Section 11 (1) of The Alcohol Control Regulations, 1994.

On September 11, 1995, City Council resolved that it would receive and review all applications for a liquor license from establishments which are situated adjacent to a residential zoning district. It has been determined that 650 Broadway Avenue is located adjacent to a residential area in the Nutana neighbourhood (please refer to the attached location plan). Lydia's is located within a B.6 District.

In 1984, Lydia's underwent interior alterations and an expansion. In 1993, a dance floor was added and in 1994 the lounge was expanded. A total of 99 seats exists in the restaurant and lounge. The reason for requesting the new permit is to *allow the owner to serve alcohol after* 5:00 p.m. without having to serve a full meal. The existing restaurant permit for Lydia's requires the owner to ensure that alcohol sales equal food sales throughout all hours of operation. The proposed Tavern/Nightclub permit will permit the owner to serve alcohol without serving a full meal after 5:00 p.m. Before 5:00 p.m., however, sales from meals must equal sales from alcohol. Mr. Montgomery has indicated that he is not planning to renovate the existing establishment as a result of a change to his liquor permit.

It has been determined that 650 Broadway Avenue is located within a B.6 Zoning District. The proposed nightclub for 650 Broadway Avenue is presently in conformance with the Zoning Bylaw.

Some minor interior alterations are being made to the premises to bring the building in conformance with the Building Bylaw (Permits 1165 & 1440/98). Mr. Montgomery has provided the Planning and Building Department with written assurance that the outstanding work in conjunction with the permits will be completed on or before September 30, 1998.

The owner currently provides live entertainment on weekends which are usually solo artists, live theatre, and small bands. It should be noted that there is a public lane separating the B.6 uses and the residential uses to the west. It is not expected that the operation of the restaurant will change drastically as the result of the change in liquor permit. The adjacent residential area to the west is an RM.4 District which permits multiple-unit dwellings. The sites immediately to the west of Lydia's are currently one-unit dwellings. It is the opinion within the Planning and Building Department that the issuance of a Tavern/Nightclub permit with a Restaurant endorsement will not have a negative effect on the adjacent residential area."

ATTACHMENT

1. Location Plan for 650 Broadway Avenue (Lydia's Restaurant).

B12) Application for Registration of Condominium Plan 418 Berini Drive (RM2 Zoning District) Lot 55, Block 224, Plan 84-S-48862 Applicant: John and Tanya Grabowski (File No. PL 4132- 10/98)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u>	1)	that the application submitted by Gordon A. Webster
		(Webster Surveys Ltd., 611 - 9 th Street East, Saskatoon,
		S7H 0M4) on behalf of John and Tanya Grabowski to
		convert the multiple-unit dwelling at 418 Berini Drive to a
		condominium be approved in principle; and,

2) that after the necessary building modifications have been made, to the satisfaction of the General Manger, Planning and Building Department, to correct the building code variances as noted in the architect's report submitted and any other variances that are encountered during the plan review and inspection process, the City Clerk be authorized to prepare and forward the certificate to the applicant.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, August 27, 1998:

"An application has been submitted by Gordon A. Webster of Webster Surveys Ltd. on behalf of John and Tanya Grabowski requesting approval in principle, for the registration of a condominium plan through the conversion of a building which is located on Lot 55, Block 224, Plan 84-S-48862 (418 Berini Drive).

The applicant wishes to convert the existing multiple-unit dwelling which contains four units to condominium ownership. If City Council provides approval, the applicant will undertake all building improvements in order to meet the building code prior to requesting final project approval.

This application has been reviewed in accordance with City of Saskatoon Policy C09-004 - Condominium Conversions. The results of this review are as follows:

Written Notice

On April 1, 1998, each tenant received written notice that an application was being made to the City of Saskatoon to convert the apartment building for condominium purposes. A copy of this notice was provided by the applicant to the Planning and Building Department, along with a list of the tenants who received the notice.

Option to Purchase

Each tenant was advised of their option to purchase a unit through a notice indicating estimated unit prices, monthly fees, and taxes. Engineering reports were provided to the tenants at this time for their review.

Professional Review of Building

On July 8, 1998, the applicant submitted an engineering report addressing the building's critical life safety conditions to the Planning and Building Department.

Compliance with the Zoning Bylaw

The site is zoned RM2 District in the City of Saskatoon Zoning Bylaw No. 6772. Eight parking spaces have been included on the site, four of which are enclosed.

The proposal has been examined under the provision of the Zoning Bylaw and as such, complies with the requirements of this bylaw in all respects.

Compliance with the National Building Code (UBAS Act)

The Building Standards Branch of the Planning and Building Department has reviewed the engineering report submitted by the applicant. The engineering report identifies several minor deficiencies which must be addressed prior to the certificate being issued. In addition, the Building Standards Branch will be required to review the conversion of this building in accordance with the 1995 National Building Code which was introduced July 1, 1998. All upgrades required by the 1995 National Building code will be identified at the time of the plan review for the new building permit. In the meantime, the Building Standards Branch has no objection to this application going to Council for approval in principle.

It is the opinion of the Planning and Building Department that the proposal to convert the existing apartment building at 418 Berini Drive to a condominium complies with the City of Saskatoon's Policy C09-004 - Condominium Conversion and will not negatively affect the availability of rental accommodations or put undue hardship on the existing tenants.

Taking the preceding considerations into account, the Planning and Building Department advise that:

- a) separate occupancy of the units will not contravene the requirements of the Zoning Bylaw;
- b) the approval required under the Zoning Bylaw has been given in relation to separate occupancy of the units; and,
- c) the building and the division of the building into units of separate occupancy will not interfere with the existing or likely future amenities of the neighbourhood."
- B13) Sale of City-Owned Property North Portion Lot 1, Block 412, Plan 95S41350 and Lot 5, Block 404, Plan 97S49157 Heritage View and Heritage Green (File Nos. 4217-33 & 4214-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> :	1)	that City Council accept the bid from Jastek Master Builder, or assignee, in the amount of \$347,000.00 for the north portion of Lot 1, Block 412, Plan 95S41350;
	2)	that City Council accept the bid from Sun Land Corporation, or assignee, in the amount of \$525,510.00 for Lot 5, Block 404, Plan 97S49157; and,
	3)	that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documentation as prepared by the City Solicitor.
ADOPTED.		

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, August 31, 1998:

"The above-noted lots, zoned RM(Tn), were advertised for sale by public tender in <u>The</u> <u>StarPhoenix</u> with the tenders closing at 2:00 p.m. on August 11, 1998. The reserve bids for the north portion of Lot 1 and Lot 5 were \$322,500.00 and \$504,000.00 respectively.

Single bids were received on each of the two lots. Jastek Master Builder bid \$347,000.00 for Lot 1 and Sun Land Corporation bid \$525,510.00 for Lot 5. Your staff recommend acceptance of the bids."

B14) Sale of City-Owned Building 324 - 11th Street East (File No. 4020-46)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u>	1)	that City Council approve the award of tender for the building only, located at Lot 14, Block 41, Plan Q1, to James Kozmyk for the sum of \$3,551.51;
	2)	that the proceeds of the sale be placed in the Dedicated Lands Account; and,
	3)	that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute any necessary documentation as prepared by the City Solicitor.
ADOPTED.		

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, September 3, 1998:

"City Council, at its meeting held December 15, 1997, approved the purchase of 324 - 11th Street East for \$81,500. The purchase was to be funded from the Dedicated Lands Account. The purpose of the purchase was to create a pocket park adjacent to the Marr Residence.

It was proposed in the report that the house be moved off-site to another lot in the city, the basement foundation removed and back-filled, and the sewer and water connection capped off in the street. After additional consideration, it was determined that the house would be tendered for sale as is, with the condition that the above-noted work on the basement and connection be performed.

The tender, with a reserve bid of \$7,500.00, closed on July 29, 1998, with no bids received. The tender was advertised again with no reserve bid. The tender closed on August 28, 1998, with two bids received.

Your staff recommend the tender be awarded to Mr. James Kozmyk on the basis of the high bid in the amount of \$3,551.51. Upon acceptance of the bid, Mr. Kozmyk will have 45 days to remove the building and remediate the site as outlined in the conditions of the tender."

B15) School Signing Revisions Queen Elizabeth School (File No. 6280-3)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the signing changes at Queen Elizabeth School, as shown on attached Plan No. G11-1B, be approved.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, August 26, 1998:

"The Transportation Department has received a request from the Queen Elizabeth Community Association and the Saskatoon Board of Education to review the signing at Queen Elizabeth School. The review has been completed, and it is proposed that the signing be revised so that it meets the current needs of the school. The investigation procedure for this school included a site meeting with representatives of the Transportation Department and the School's Principal. Based upon the results of this investigation, a new school signing plan has been prepared using the School Signing Guidelines and considering the particular needs of this school.

The recommended signing changes are described below:

- Replace the existing 'NO PARKING' zone (RB-51) located along the east side of the intersection of Eastlake Avenue and Maple Street with a 'NO STOPPING' zone (RB-55).
- Install a standard painted crosswalk across the south side of the intersection of Eastlake Avenue and Maple Street with 'PEDESTRIAN CROSSING' signs (RA-4).
- Replace the existing 'NO STOPPING' zone (RB-55) at the main entrance to the school on Eastlake Avenue with an extension of the adjacent 'PARKING, 5 MINUTES, 08:00-17:00, MON-FRI' zone (RB-53B).
- Install a 'DISABLED PERSONS LOADING ZONE' (RB-58G) of approximately 17 metres north of the main entrance to the school on Eastlake Avenue.
- Extend the existing 'SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE, 08:00-17:00, MON-FRI' (RB-58L) to the north by approximately 5 metres.
- Replace the existing 'NO PARKING' zone (RB-51) located on the north side of Taylor Street near the northeast corner of the intersection with Eastlake Avenue with a 'NO STOPPING' zone (RB-55) located approximately 22 metres east of the intersection.

The above changes have been reviewed and approved by the Transportation Department, the Saskatoon Board of Education, and the School's Principal."

ATTACHMENT

- 1. Plan No. G11-1B
- B16) Fluoride Reduction in the City's Finished Water (File No. 7920-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Environmental Services Department, August 31, 1998:

"In May of 1997, Health Canada released a notice of change for the optimum range of fluoride in drinking water, lowering it from 1.0 - 1.2 mg/L to 0.8 to 1.0 mg/L. In December of 1997, the City of Calgary Standing Policy Committee on Operations and Environment, and the Calgary Regional Health Authority decided that a review of water fluoridation as a public health policy was needed. A panel of five experts was formed and Terms of Reference were defined, focusing the work on scientific literature produced since 1989. The findings of the panel were unanimous in the 'support of reducing the recommended optimum level of water fluoridation'. In a report dated March 1998, the panel of experts recommended a change from Calgary's previous optimum level of 1.0 mg/L to 0.7 mg/L. A copy of this report is available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office.

The City of Calgary continues to investigate public opinion with the expectation to reduce to 0.7 mg/L. The City of Edmonton has lowered its optimum level to 0.8 mg/L, in accordance with the lower level of the newly proposed optimum range.

There has been no new scientific evidence on the health and safety effects of fluoridation which would support a substantial reduction to the current levels. However, the health benefits, which are still well-documented, are of a lesser degree because of the dietary sources of fluoride that have developed over recent years. The City of Saskatoon has now reduced its fluoride feed rates to lower the optimum level from 1.0 mg/L to 0.8 mg/L in the finished water."

ATTACHMENT

1. Federal-Provincial Subcommittee on Drinking Water.

B17) Communications to Council From: Michael Kiepen Box 4043, Saskatoon Date: July 17, 1998 Subject: Safe Crossing - Farmers' Market (File No. 205-7)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

On July 30, 1998, the City Clerk forwarded a copy of the above-noted communication to the Transportation Department for a report. Additionally, the communication was placed on City Council's agenda of August 10, 1998, for its information.

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, August 31, 1998:

"The Transportation Department has investigated the placement of vendor stalls at the Farmers' Market on 23rd Street. The Saskatoon Farmers' Market Association has been contacted to ensure that a free and safe passage for pedestrians is available on 23rd Street at 3rd and 4th Avenues.

Vendors have been placed within the crosswalk areas, and a clear pedestrian area was to have been established inside the Farmers' Market area to facilitate safe pedestrian crossings of 23rd Street. These crossing areas, in fact, were not established and pedestrians were being forced to either walk into the intersections or walk between vendor stalls. This was not consistent with the administrative conditions set for the Farmers' Market operation. The Saskatoon Farmers' Market Association has ensured the Transportation Department that crosswalks will be maintained at each end of market operation on 23rd Street."

A copy of this report has been forwarded to Mr. Michael Kiepen.

B18)	Communications to Council		
	From:	Martin Arndt, President	
		Sutherland Business Association	
	Date:	June 3, 1998	
	Subject:	Request to Erect a Sutherland Welcome Sign on the Northeast	
		Corner of Central Avenue and College Drive	
	<u>(File Nos. 10</u>	0-11 and 4350-13)	
	<u>(1.116 1.108. 10</u>	U-11 anu 455U-15j	

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: 1) that the Sutherland Business Association be granted use of the boulevard in the northeast quadrant of the intersection

of Central Avenue and College Drive for the purpose of erecting a "Welcome to Sutherland" sign; and,

2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare a letter of agreement with the Sutherland Business Association for the placement of this sign.

City Council, at its meeting held June 15, 1998, when considering the above-noted communication, resolved that:

"the information be received and referred to the Administration for a report."

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, October 23, 1996:

"The Transportation Department has investigated this request and is proposing that a welcome sign, as suggested by the Sutherland Business Association, be placed on City boulevard.

The location was examined by the Transportation Department and it was found that the sign's placement on the boulevard would not cause a visibility or physical hazard to traffic on the adjacent roadways. The following conditions should apply to the placement of the sign:

- that the sign remain the property of the Sutherland Business Association (the owner);

- that all costs of the project including design, construction and ongoing maintenance of the sign be the responsibility of the owner;

- that the sign be placed within 15 metres of the chain-link fence defining the edge of City right-of-way and directly to the rear of 121 Jessop Avenue, as shown on Plan No. N9-2C (Attachment 1);

- that the City not be held responsible in any way should occurrences arise from the placement of this sign on City boulevard;

- that the sign be removed, at the owner's expense, within 90 days, if necessary to accommodate work within the right-of-way; and,

- that the sign may be permanently removed if required by the City for any reason.

Additionally, the Electric System Branch of the Public Works Department has agreed to provide an electrical service to the sign subject to the following conditions:

- that the cost of provision of a metered electrical service be at the expense of the owner (estimated at \$1,350);

- that the maintenance of all electrical components be the responsibility of the owner; and,

that the cost of electricity be that of the owner.

These conditions have been discussed and verbally agreed to by Mr. Arndt; however, a written agreement must be established in order to limit liability to the City. It is proposed that a letter of agreement between the Sutherland Business Association and the City of Saskatoon, for the placement of this sign on City right-of-way, be prepared by the City Solicitor."

A copy of this report has been forwarded to Mr. Martin Arndt.

ATTACHMENT

1. Plan No. N9-2C.

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1)	that the Sutherland Business Association be granted use of the boulevard in the northeast quadrant of the intersection of Central Avenue and College Drive for the purpose of erecting a "Welcome to Sutherland" sign;
2)	that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare a letter of agreement with the Sutherland Business Association for the placement of this sign; and
3)	that the Sutherland Business Association be asked to consider the use of the incorporation date of Sutherland as the number on the train.

B19) Communications to Council From: Hugh MacKenzie, Planning Assistant Meewasin Valley Authority Date: June 25, 1998 Subject: Saskatoon Golf and Country Club (File Nos. 6050-1, 9000-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

On July 3, 1998, the City Clerk forwarded a copy of the above-noted communication to the Transportation Department for a report. Additionally, the communication was placed on City Council's agenda for July 13, 1998, for its information.

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, August 26, 1998:

"The Transportation Department has reviewed the proposal from the Saskatoon Golf and Country Club to relocate the Club House and carry out modifications to the east course. Comments were forwarded directly to the Saskatoon Golf and Country Club in a letter dated July 31, 1998 (see Attachment 1).

The letter reiterated the City's long-term plans to construct a south river crossing and roadway in the vicinity of the golf course. We advised that the Golf Course Improvement Proposal, specifically the construction of the new club house, would not affect our future plans for the south river crossing. We also pointed out that other issues, confidential at this time, may necessitate that the river crossing alignment be shifted further to the south. If this were to occur, the north-west quadrant of the west golf course may be impacted by the new roadway and that the shift in alignment could possibly result in the relocation of existing holes 4, 5 and 6. We advised that we would inform them of the exact impact of such an occurrence once concrete proposals from other land owners/proponents were made available."

A copy of this report has been forwarded to Mr. Hugh MacKenzie.

ATTACHMENT

1. Letter dated July 31, 1998, from the Transportation Department to the Saskatoon Golf and Country Club.

B20) Amendments to The Poster Bylaw (File No. 185-6)

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 7789.

ADOPTED.

Report of the City Solicitor, September 2, 1998:

"The Urban Design Branch of the Transportation Department has added postering facilities to 20th Street from Idylwyld Drive to Avenue E and 22nd Street from Idylwyld Drive to 1st Avenue. The addition of these postering facilities necessitates a change in The Poster Bylaw 1996 because a different style of postering facility has been added and because the designated locations for postering have been expanded. Attached is Bylaw No. 7789 which reflects the necessary changes to The Poster Bylaw."

ATTACHMENT

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 7789 with attached Schedules "A" and "B".

REPORT NO. 16-1998 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor P. McCann, Chair Councillor D. Atchison Councillor H. Harding Councillor P. Roe Councillor R. Steernberg

1. Installation of New Parking Meters on 1st Avenue, 25th to 26th Streets (File No. CK. 6120-5)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>:

- 1) that 19, two-hour metered parking stalls be installed along the west side of 1st Avenue between 25th Street and 26th Street;
- 2) that 15, two-hour metered parking stalls be installed along the east side of 1st Avenue between 25th Street and 26th Street; and
- 3) that the existing parking restrictions be changed to "Two Hour, 09:00 to 18:00, Monday to Saturday".

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the following report of the General Manager, Transportation Department dated July 27, 1998 with the General Manager, and supports the installation of parking meters as proposed:

"<u>BACKGROUND</u>

One of the functions of the Parking Branch is to investigate and recommend new sites for parking meters. The east and west sides of 1st Avenue between 25th Street and 26th Street have been identified as locations for new parking meters.

JUSTIFICATION

The locations identified above are in the downtown where demand for on-street parking is high. This demand will increase as recent development in this area will add to the requirement for additional vehicle turnover.

A parking study was conducted to determine the parking situation. The study concluded that there is a need for additional vehicle turnover in the area and parking meters are the most effective method to achieve this goal.

Presently these sites are posted with either a one hour or a three hour parking restriction. These inconsistent parking restrictions along 1st Avenue can be very confusing for motorists searching for a place to park. A two hour parking restriction is recommended in this area instead of the current mixture of one hour and three hour parking restrictions. The two hour restriction would be implemented throughout this area, and is consistent with other parking restrictions implemented in the other fringe areas of the downtown.

The recommendations for the east side of 1st Avenue will involve the conversion of ten, one hour metered parking stalls to ten, two hour metered parking stalls; the conversion of a 'Three Hour, Monday to Friday, 09:00 to 16:00' parking restricted area into 15 'Two Hour, Monday to Saturday, 09:00 to 18:00' metered parking stalls; and the conversion of a parking restriction from a 'Three Hour, Monday to Friday, 09:00 to 16:00' zone to a 'Two Hour, Monday to Saturday, 09:00 to 18:00' zone for 16 parking stalls.

If the recommendations are approved, the existing 'One Hour, Monday to Friday, 09:00 to 18:00' and 'Three Hour, Monday to Friday, 09:00 to 18:00' parking restrictions on the west side of 1st Avenue will be converted to 'Two Hour, Monday to Saturday, 09:00 to 18:00' parking meters.

The above has been discussed and endorsed by The Partnership, the Traffic Planning and Operations Branch, and the Transit Services Branch.

OPTIONS

The only option to the proposed recommendation is the status quo. The status quo is not recommended since it does not address the high demand for parking stalls on 1st Avenue and the existing inconsistent parking restrictions.

POLICY IMPLICATION

There are no policy implications resulting from this proposal.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The approximate revenue generated by the installation of these new meters will be \$41,000 annually.

The increase in parking revenues will be assigned to General Revenues (45%), the Streetscape Reserve (43%), the Parking Operating Reserve (5%), the Parking Capital Reserve (4%), and to the three Business Improvement Districts (1% each)."

2. Proposed Speed Limit Revisions Circle Drive Boychuk Drive (File No. CK. 6000-6)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>:

- 1) that the speed limit on Circle Drive from 860 metres south of Taylor Street to Taylor Street be changed from 80 km/h to 90 km/h;
- 2) that the speed limit on Boychuk Drive from Nemeiben Road to Heritage Crescent be changed from 50 km/h to 70 km/h;
- 3) that the speed limit on Boychuk Drive from Heritage Crescent to 8th Street be changed from 50 km/h to 60 km/h; and
- 4) that the City Solicitor be instructed to amend Bylaw No. 7200, *The Traffic Bylaw*, accordingly.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the following report of the General Manager, Transportation Department dated July 16, 1998 with the General Manager, and supports the speed limit revisions as proposed:

"BACKGROUND

The Transportation Department has reviewed operating speeds on two roadways within the City that have recently been reconstructed to a higher roadway design standard. These two roadways are Circle Drive between the south City limit and 8th Street, and Boychuk Drive between Highway No. 16 and 8th Street (Attachment 1).

JUSTIFICATION

In 1996, Circle Drive was reconstructed between Highway No. 16 and 8th Street. With the addition of an interchange at Taylor Street and the removal of traffic signals on Circle Drive, it is now appropriate that Circle Drive operate at a higher speed limit. It is proposed that the speed limit be raised on the portion of Circle Drive south from Taylor Street to the City limit from 80 km/h to 90 km/h. Taylor Street is a logical location for the speed limit change to take place. For northbound traffic, the speed reduction will take place prior to the northbound on-ramp from Taylor Street. Likewise, there are lane changes taking place north of Taylor Street for southbound Circle Drive traffic that should occur at 80 km/h conditions. These roadway changes have been in place and operating for almost one year with no safety concerns related to operating speed. Considering that the roadway was designed and constructed to accommodate 90 km/h traffic and that no concerns have arisen, it is now appropriate to increase the speed limit on Circle Drive to the speed limit for which it was designed. This would also make the speed limit consistent with other similar roadways within the City.

Boychuk Drive was reconstructed in the fall of 1996 with paving completed in 1997. The speed limit was planned to be raised to 70 km/h from Heritage Crescent south and to 60 km/h from Heritage Crescent north following the construction. Concerns were raised following construction regarding pedestrian and cyclist safety which postponed the speed limit change. Now that a separate pedestrian and cyclist path has been constructed, it is proposed that the speed limit be raised to the designed level.

POLICY IMPLICATION

The proposed speed limits are consistent with the establishment of speed limits within the City.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The costs associated with these changes will be minimal and limited to the replacement of roadway signing. These costs will be funded by the operating budget of the Sign and Paint Shop.

OPTIONS

The option to this proposal is to have the speed limits remain at their current limits. Considering that the roadways have been designed to operate at these speeds, and that there is no evidence of safety concerns on these roadways, it is appropriate that the speed limits be raised.

ATTACHMENT

1. Plan of proposed speed limits on Circle Drive and Boychuk Drive"

3. Status of Stern-Wheeler Paddle Boat Operation North Saskatchewan River Tours Incorporated (File No. CK. 290-71)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee submits the following report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department dated June 15, 1998, to City Council as information:

"BACKGROUND

During its May 4, 1998, meeting, City Council adopted Clause 2, Report No. 10-1998 of the Planning and Operations Committee, granting a request from Mr. Weldon Parsons and Mr. John Scissions of North Saskatchewan River Tours Incorporated to operate a stern-wheeler on the South Saskatchewan River. Subsequently, a lease agreement, which remains unsigned, was drafted by the City Solicitor's Office for a trial term from May 15 to October 12, 1998, with the option to renew for an additional two years to October, 2000.

REPORT

Leisure Services has received correspondence from Mr. John Scissons of North Saskatchewan River Tours Incorporated indicating that he will not be operating the boat on the South Saskatchewan River this summer. Mr. Scissons has also requested that his current proposal be considered by the City at some future date.

The lease was drafted to allow for the option to renew based on the viability of the operation for the current season. Since your staff were unable to monitor the impact of the operation, and in consideration of future requests from other river boat operators, we recommend that the file be closed. Leisure Services will contact Mr. Scissions to advise him that we will consider any future proposal, should he decide to operate on the South Saskatchewan River.

ATTACHMENT

- 1. Letter from Mr. John Scissions"
- 4. Decision Saskatoon Development Appeals Board 646 Brabant Place - R1A Zoning District Michael Chyzowski

(Files CK. 4352-1 and PL4005)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that th

that the General Manager, Planning and Building Department appeal the Decision of the Saskatoon Development Appeals Board to grant an appeal for 646 Brabant Place to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the following report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department dated July 22, 1998, and supports the decision to appeal to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board:

"<u>BACKGROUND</u>

An application for a building permit for an addition to the one-unit dwelling at 646 Brabant Place was denied by The Planning and Building Department because the proposed addition did not meet the minimum rear yard setback required in the R1A Zoning District. Section 28(9) of the Zoning Bylaw requires that a rear yard setback be provided of not less than 7.5 metres. The proposed rear yard addition will be setback 6.556 metres which results in an encroachment of 0.944 metres into the required rear yard.

In June, 1998 the owner of the subject property appealed this refusal to the Saskatoon Development Appeals Board and the hearing was held on June 29, 1998. The Board granted the appeal in a decision dated June 30, 1998, on the following basis:

'It is the Board's opinion that granting this appeal would not be granting a special privilege that would be inconsistent with the restrictions placed on neighboring properties in the same district, in that there are unique circumstances in this situation. It is difficult to provide an addition that allows for adequate living space and still be compatible with two levels of roof line, and therefore the more suitable way is to extend the addition towards the back of the property rather than across the back of the dwelling. The Board also believes that granting this appeal would not be granting a relaxation of the provisions of the Zoning Bylaw that would be contrary to its purpose and intent nor injuriously affect neighboring properties, in that the rear yard encroachment is minimal, a majority of the rear yard setback will be provided and therefore the encroachment will not be noticeable nor detrimental to any neighboring properties.'

The Planning and Development Act requires that an appeal of a decision of the Development Appeals Board be made to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board within twenty days of the date of the decision. In order to meet this time frame, the request for appeal has

been filed with the Saskatchewan Municipal Board, subject to ratification by City Council. This action was taken in accordance with City Council Policy No. C09-007.

JUSTIFICATION

The Planning and Building Department is recommending that this decision be appealed to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board. The Department does not agree with the conclusion of the Development Appeals Board, to grant this appeal, in that the decision would grant the property owner a special privilege inconsistent with the restrictions on other residential property owners. This property has a depth of 38.25 metres, which is greater than the average lot depth in the newer neighbourhoods, therefore, there is nothing unique or special about this property in relation to other properties in the same district. In addition, the owner of the property has the option of reducing the proposed addition from a proposed depth of 7.01 metres to approximately 6.0 metres in order to comply with the Zoning Bylaw. As well, the granting of this appeal would amount to a relaxation of the Zoning Bylaw contrary to its purpose and intent; which is to provide for appropriate separation from rear property lines to provide for an appropriate amount of rear yard open space and ensure a sense of uniformity of development.

OPTIONS

The alternative option to the recommended action is to not appeal the decision of the Development Appeals Board. This option is not supported by the Planning and Building Department, as the decision of the Development Appeals Board may establish a precedent for other similar situations.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Development Appeals Board Decision 646 Brabant Place
- 2. Location Plan
- 3. Site Plan"
- 5. Decision Saskatoon Development Appeals Board 251 Egnatoff Crescent - R1A Zoning District Garth and Rita Wall (Files CK. 4352-1 and PL4005)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>:

that the General Manager, Planning and Building Department appeal the Decision of the Saskatoon Development Appeals Board to grant an appeal for 251 Egnatoff Crescent to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the following report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department dated July 22, 1998, and supports the decision to appeal to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board:

"<u>BACKGROUND</u>

An application for a building permit for an addition to the one-unit dwelling at 251 Egnatoff Crescent was denied by the Planning and Building Department because the proposed addition did not meet the minimum rear yard setback required in the R1A Zoning District. Section 28(9) of the Zoning Bylaw requires that a rear yard setback be provided of not less than 7.5 metres. The proposed rear yard addition will be setback 5.334 metres which results in an encroachment of 2.166 metres into the required rear yard.

In June, 1998 the owner of the subject property appealed this refusal to the Saskatoon Development Appeals Board and the hearing was held on July 13, 1998. The Board granted the appeal in a decision dated July 14, 1998, on the following basis:

'It is the Board's opinion that granting this appeal would not be granting a special privilege that would be inconsistent with the restrictions placed on neighboring properties in the same district, in that the shape of the subject lot is unique. It is also the Board's opinion that granting this appeal would not be granting a relaxation of the provisions of the Zoning Bylaw that would be contrary to its purpose and intent, nor injuriously affect neighboring properties, in that the shape of the lot in question is unique, and the proposed development does have the support of the neighbours and therefore would not have a negative impact on the neighbourhood.'

The Planning and Development Act requires that an appeal of a decision of the Development Appeals Board be made to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board within twenty days of the date of the decision. In order to meet this time frame, the request for appeal has been filed with the Saskatchewan Municipal Board, subject to ratification by City Council. This action was taken in accordance with City Council Policy No. C09-007.

JUSTIFICATION

The Planning and Building Department is recommending that this decision be appealed to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board. The Department does not agree with the conclusion of the Development Appeals Board, to grant this appeal, in that the decision would grant the property owner a special privilege inconsistent with the restrictions on other residential property owners. This property has a depth of 33 metres, which is consistent with the average lot depth in the newer neighbourhoods and is shaped in a manner which is similar to many other residential lots, therefore, there is nothing unique or special about this property in relation to other properties in the same district. In addition, the existing rear yard setback of this property is consistent with the rear yard setback of other adjoining properties. As well, the granting of this appeal would amount to a relaxation of the Zoning Bylaw contrary to its purpose and intent; which is to provide for appropriate separation from rear property lines to provide for an appropriate amount of rear yard open space and ensure a sense of uniformity of development.

OPTIONS

The alternative option to the recommended action is to not appeal the decision of the Development Appeals Board. This option is not supported by the Planning and Building Department, as the decision of the Development Appeals Board may establish a precedent for other similar situations.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Development Appeals Board Decision 251 Egnatoff Crescent
- 2. Location Plan
- 3. Site Plan"

6. Five Year Land Development Program 1999 - 2003 (File No. CK. 4110-2)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the Five Year Land Development Program 1999 - 2003 be approved.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the following report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department dated July 27, 1998 including the Five Year Land Development Program 1999 - 2003, with representatives of the Planning and Building Department, and supports the approval of this Program:

"<u>REPORT</u>

The Program is prepared annually as a joint effort of the Planning and Building Department and the Public Works Department. It is intended to:

- forecast the servicing and absorption of residential and non-residential lands;
- form the basis for capital budgets and programs for the City of Saskatoon, School Boards and utility agencies;
- provide a framework for information exchange with land developers; and,
- provide a guide in decision making respecting timing and sequence for subdivision approval and servicing.

The 1999 - 2003 Land Development Program is forecasting that lot servicing and absorption will remain at constant levels for the next 3 to 5 year period. The annual number of new dwelling units, including multiple-unit dwellings, has remained at a constant level for the third year in a row.

On July 15, 1998, the Technical Planning Commission and the members of the Developers Liaison Committee received and endorsed the attached Five Year Land Development Program.

ATTACHMENT

1. Five Year Land Development Program 1999 - 2003"

7. Major Arts Institutions and Festivals Grants Formula Implementation (File No. CK. 1870-2)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 36.

8. Proposed Water Treatment Process Changes (File No. CK. 7920-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 32.

REPORT NO. 17-1998 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor P. McCann, Chair Councillor D. Atchison Councillor H. Harding Councillor P. Roe Councillor R. Steernberg

1. Howell Avenue Traffic Calming (File No. CK. 6330-1)

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that all speed humps, and corner and mid-block narrowings installed as part of traffic calming measures on Howell Avenue in 1997, be retained on a permanent basis;
2) that a new speed hump be installed at observation station number 1, in the vicinity of 107 Howell Avenue, with the artimated asst of \$4,000 haing funded from Capital Project

- estimated cost of \$4,000 being funded from Capital Project No. 1512: Neighbourhood Traffic Management; and,
- 3) that the stop signs facing northbound and southbound traffic on Howell Avenue at Bowerman Street be removed.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered and concurs with the following report of the General Manager, Transportation Department dated August 25, 1998, with respect to traffic calming measures on Howell Avenue:

"<u>BACKGROUND</u>

City Council, at its meeting held on September 9, 1996, when considering Report No. 15-1996, of the Planning and Operations Committee with respect to the above-noted matter resolved, in part:

(6) that the installation be considered a pilot/trial project subject to an evaluation at the end of one year.'

In 1995, City Council approved Capital Project No. 1512: Neighbourhood Traffic Management. The purpose of this capital project was to address traffic issues, such as speeding and the increasing amount of shortcutting traffic on some residential streets, in residential neighbourhoods. In 1997, as a pilot project, several traffic calming measures were installed along Howell Avenue, between Avenue I and Bowerman Street. The objective of the measures was to reduce traffic speed and traffic volumes. This report presents an evaluation of the measures installed along Howell Avenue.

JUSTIFICATION

Traffic Speed

The main objective of installing traffic calming measures along Howell Avenue was to reduce traffic speed. Prior to the installation of traffic calming measures, the 85th percentile speed was measured to be approximately 59 km/h. This was 9 km/h above the legal speed limit. The speed was relatively uniform along the entire length of the street from Avenue I to Bowerman Street. Following the installation of traffic calming measures, the traffic speed characteristics listed below have been observed:

- 1. 85th percentile speed is no longer uniform along the entire stretch of Howell Avenue; rather, speeds vary from section to section depending upon the type of traffic calming measure in place along the section of the street. There has been a dramatic decrease in the 85th percentile speed, the biggest decrease being in the vicinity of the speed humps as evidenced by the Speed Profiles (Attachment 1). Along the residential section of Howell Avenue, the traffic calming measures have managed to contain the 85th percentile speed below the speed limit, with an average 85th percentile speed of 46 km/h being recorded along this stretch of Howell Avenue where the traffic calming measures are in place (a reduction of 13 km/h on average or 22%).
- 2. One of the important parameters in the location of speed humps is their spacing. It has been observed that the spacing between speed humps has a major effect on speed reduction. The narrower the spacing between speed humps, the more effective they are in reducing traffic speed.

New Speed Hump

Observation Station Number 1 (see Attachment 1) shows an 85th percentile speed of 54 km/h. This is the only section within the residential area where the 85th percentile speed is still higher than the legal speed limit of 50 km/h. The high 85th percentile speed is due to the large spacing between the speed humps. It is, therefore, recommended that a new speed hump be installed at this location to make the speed consistent with other residential sections of Howell Avenue.

Traffic Volume

Prior to the installation of traffic calming measures, there was a daily average of 3,700 vehicles traveling on Howell Avenue at Valens Drive. During this observation of traffic speed, the same location recorded an average of 3,570 vehicles. Statistically, this is an insignificant drop in traffic volume, which can easily be accounted for in the day-to-day variation of traffic volumes depending upon the day of the observation. Research from other cities has indicated that speed humps and mid-block narrowings have minimal effect on traffic volumes. This appears to be the situation here as well.

Traffic Collisions

Prior to installation of the traffic calming measures on Howell Avenue, 11 reportable collisions occurred over a five-year period. This included all collision occurrences between Bowerman Street and Avenue I. One collision occurred in the single-year period preceding implementation of the traffic calming measures. Although it cannot be considered statistically significant, there have been no reported collisions along this stretch of Howell Avenue since the traffic calming measures were installed. If nothing else, the fear that the speed humps may cause motorists to lose control of their vehicles has certainly not materialized.

Resident Survey

A survey of all residents along Howell Avenue has shown that there is strong support for the calming measures. Questionnaires were delivered to all 77 houses along Howell Avenue. The survey asked residents questions regarding traffic speed, traffic volume, pedestrian safety and whether they had attended any of the public meeting. Residents were asked to choose an answer which best reflected their observation. A sample question was: 'Since the installation of traffic calming measures do you find that traffic speed has (a) Remained the same (b) Decreased or (c) Increased.'

To date, 28 (or 36% of the total) residents have responded. The majority indicated that the measures have improved the quality of life in one form or another. Sixty one percent (61%) of respondents indicated that they have noticed that traffic speed has decreased (which has been validated by our speed study); 60% of respondents indicated that traffic volumes have decreased along Howell Avenue. Although we cannot validate this observation, the fact

that the residents perceive traffic volumes as decreasing again supports the success of the project. Similarly, almost half of the respondents indicated that pedestrian safety has increased in the area. Again, this is really a perception of the residents as there is no statistical evidence that this is, in fact, the case. Aesthetically, most residents viewed the measures as being pleasing to the eye. This was particularly more important in that those comments came from residents living close to where the measures have been installed. Attachment 2 shows the addresses from which responses to the questionnaire were received.

	Decreased	Remained the Same	Increased	
Traffic Speed	61%	39%	0%	
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Traffic Volume	60%	35%	1%	
Pedestrian Safety	10%	46%	44%	

Tabulated Resident Survey Results

	Adequate: 89%
How do you view the signage	Not Enough: 7%
	Too Many Signs: 4%
Did you attend at least one	Yes: 50%
Public Meeting	
	No: 50%

Emergency Access

Verbal communication with representatives of the Fire and Protective Services Department, the Saskatoon Police Service, and M.D. Ambulance Care indicate that the measures have not affected emergency response access to the area. Of note is the comment from the Saskatoon Police Service which indicates 'a dramatic effect' as they have not received a speeding complaint since the measures were implemented.

Stop Signs on Howell Avenue/Bowerman Street

As part of the traffic calming measures, stop signs were installed on Howell Avenue and Bowerman Street, converting the traffic control to a three-way stop. The stop signs were not in the original traffic calming proposal developed by the Transportation Department, but were included later at the request of community representatives. Since their installation, it has become apparent that the stop signs facing Howell Avenue motorists are unnecessary and are often met with non-compliance. A field investigation revealed that the majority of motorists do not come to a complete stop, but rather approach the stop signs as yield signs. A compliance rate of only 30% was observed during the one-hour observation period. This implies that 70% of all motorists do not obey the stop signs. This high non-compliance is due to the fact that the stop signs are viewed as unnecessary. At a public meeting held on March 31, 1998, the majority of those in attendance expressed the desire to have the signs removed.

Now that it has been established, both from a traffic-safety and motorist-compliance perspective, that these stop signs are unnecessary, the Transportation Department is recommending that the stop signs facing Howell Avenue motorists be removed. The stop signs facing Bowerman Street will be retained.

Snow Removal

The Roadways Branch, Public Works Department, which is responsible for roadways operations, had the following comments:

'In discussion with our field staff, the measures on Howell Avenue have not affected our operations except snow removal. When the grader operator goes around the humps, snow is carried past the hump and then has to be dropped off in front of the next house. It is difficult to evenly distribute the snow immediately past the hump. We have had to go back on some occasions to make the conditions more acceptable. This is not a frequent request but it does happen. Otherwise, the installations seem to be working and do not affect the operations of the Roadways Branch.'

Transit Route

Transit has reported no effect on route scheduling as a result of traffic calming measures; however, they believe that the humps are hard on the equipment and that buses have to travel slower than before. The bus drivers have also noticed that some motorists swerve to the curb to avoid the speed humps.

Public Meeting

A public meeting organized by the Hudson Bay Community Association was held on March 31, 1998. The purpose of the meeting was to obtain an update from the Transportation Department regarding the effect of the traffic calming measures. The results of the monitoring and evaluation, similar to what is contained in this report, were presented during the meeting. The majority of those attending the meeting were in favour of retaining the measures on a permanent basis, except for the stop signs on Howell Avenue at Bowerman Street. The community association carried a motion stating that, with the exception of the stop signs on Howell Avenue and Bowerman Street, all measures should be retained on a permanent basis.

Conclusions

From what has been observed to date, the measures have achieved the primary objective, which was to reduce traffic speed. The average 85th percentile speed is now 46 km/h, down from 59 km/h prior to the installation of traffic calming measures. As for a reduction in traffic volume, long-term observation is required in order to make a conclusive statement on the effect of the measures on traffic volumes. A reduction in traffic speed to an acceptable level will improve overall traffic safety. In general, the measures have been well accepted by residents as an improvement to the streetscape of Howell Avenue, and have had minimal negative impact upon other services requiring the use of Howell Avenue. The Transportation Department is pleased with the results of this project and it validates the effectiveness of implementing traffic calming measures as a means to manage neighbourhood traffic and maintain an acceptable quality of life for the residents.

POLICY IMPLICATION

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The new speed hump will be financed from Capital Project No. 1512: Neighbourhood Traffic Management, at an estimated expenditure of \$4,000.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Speed Profiles
- 2. Survey Respondents"

2. Sportsfield Development Schedule 1998-2002 (File No. CK. 1711-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the information be received.

Your Committee has reviewed the report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department dated August 20, 1998, with the Administration and is forwarding the report to City Council as information. In addition, the report has been forwarded to the Budget Committee for consideration at the time of the 1999 Capital Budget.

The following is the report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department:

"BACKGROUND

In November 1997, the Planning and Operations Committee reviewed the report, *Sportsfield Development - District/Multi-District Parks*, and recommended to the Budget Committee approval of *Capital Project #1143 - Sportsfield Upgrade*. The report on sportsfield development identified a shortfall of 25 to 30 sportsfields in the City's inventory to meet current and future demands for facilities for softball/slo-pitch, baseball, and soccer over the next 10 to 15 years. The report proposed a funding strategy for Capital Project #1143 that was subsequently approved by the Budget Committee that provided for \$500,000 per year for five years to redevelop sportsfields. The Parks and Recreation Levy Capital (funded by multi-district pre-paid) provides for \$300,000 and the remaining \$200,000 is from the reserve for capital expenditure (unfunded).

The plan provides for three to four fields to be constructed per year based on preliminary cost estimates of \$125,000 for ball diamonds and \$135,000 per soccer pitch. This would result in the reduction in the shortfall of sportsfields by approximately 15 fields. Based on input from user groups, the Sportsfield Development Schedule 1998-2002 (Attachment A) has been developed and now your staff have proceeded with the tendering for construction to begin this fall for year one of the plan.

REPORT

In January 1998, your staff met with the Park Design Branch, Public Works to begin the process of identifying potential sites for sportsfield development. The first step of the process involved a preliminary technical assessment of potential park sites to include spatial relationships, irrigation and grading requirements, and soil analysis. These assessments assisted with determining those parks which are most feasible and cost effective for sportsfield development. Based on consultation with the user groups, your staff formulated an implementation strategy that, if funding is approved and if actual costs do not exceed estimates for each of the five years of the plan, the Sportsfield Development Schedule will provide 15 sportsfields to decrease the current shortfall.

In 1998, the sportsfield redevelopment involves:

1. Gordie Howe 'Six Pack'

The phasing in of the redevelopment of diamonds 6, 7, and 8 at Gordie Howe 'Six Pack' to begin this fall. (The second phase will redevelop diamonds 3, 4, and 5 scheduled for fall 1999.) The plan will realign the fields to accommodate adult competitive play and will provide a first class site for international, national tournament and league play.

2. James Anderson District Park

Three regulation-size soccer pitches will be constructed this fall which will begin to address the rapid increase in participation in all age categories in soccer. The new regulation fields will be utilized by mini, youth, and adult soccer and the groupings of three fields provides for the possibility of tournament play at this location.

As identified in the Sportsfield Development Schedule, the following parks have been designated for development and when completed, will meet the program needs of each of the user groups. It is important that funding for each year of the plan be approved in order that the needs of each of the user groups be met.

- 1998/1999 Gordie Howe (6 existing ball diamonds upgraded; no increase to inventory) and James Anderson 3 soccer pitches
- 2000 Sifton Park 3 ball fields
- 2000/2001 Gladstone or Umea 2 soccer pitches
- 2001/2002 Parc Canada 4 ball diamonds
- 2001/2002 TBA: Churchill or Pacific Park 3 ball diamonds

Further analysis is required to determine the most appropriate site in the last year of the plan.

Other sites that were initially considered included the parks in the Hudson Bay Park System (Henry Kelsey North, Radisson, and Scott parks) and Victoria Park. The preliminary assessment of the parks in the Hudson Bay Park System determined that due to soil conditions and drainage problems, construction costs were prohibitive. The cost per field averaged \$100,000 higher than for the other sites selected. The feasibility of a soccer pitch for Victoria Park was also considered. Based on costs to develop sportsfields, it was not cost effective to develop a stand alone field. In addition, the Program Plan for the Kiwanis/Riverbank Parks, approved by City Council in December 1991, does not identify sportsfields as a program requirement for Victoria Park.

Through the implementation of the Sportsfield Development Plan to its completion in 2002, the inventory of charge fields will increase by approximately 15 fields. However, based on present participation rates and projected growth, there will continue to be a shortfall of quality playing fields at the end of the Sportsfield Development Schedule in 2002. The user groups (Saskatoon Minor Softball Association, Saskatoon Amateur Softball Association, Saskatoon Baseball Council Inc, Saskatoon Youth Soccer and Saskatoon District Soccer) have been consulted and are in support of the development schedule as presented in this report and continue to work with Leisure Services to improve sportsfields in a cooperative manner by contributing their own resource to provide shale for ball diamonds, home run fencing, bleachers or other amenities for their sportsfields.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Sportsfield Development Plan 1998-2002"

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the information be received and that the Administration report on the location of an inner-city sportsfield in the 1998/99 year.

3. Encroachment Agreement The Owners: Condominium Plan No. 97858297 Erindale Neighbourhood (File No. CK. 4090-2)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> :	1)	that an Encroachment Agreement be entered into between The City of Saskatoon and The Owners: Condominium Plan No. 97S58297 on the terms outlined in the attached Agreement; and
	2)	that the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the enclosed Agreement.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed and supports the following report of the City Solicitor dated August 26, 1998:

"<u>REPORT</u>

At the Planning and Operations Committee meeting on June 23, 1998, approval was given to enter into an Encroachment agreement with Jastek Master Builder for a portion of Parcel H, Plan 96S55464, located in the University Heights Suburban Centre. Since the date of this meeting, the land has been transferred to The Owners: Condominium Plan No. 97S58297. A draft of the Agreement was forwarded to The Owners: Condominium Plan No. 97S58297 and they are in agreement with its contents and are willing to execute the document.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Encroachment Agreement with attached Schedule 'A'".

REPORT NO. 14-1998 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor A. Langford, Chair Councillor D.L. Birkmaier Councillor M. Heidt Councillor J. Maddin Councillor K. Waygood

1. 1997 Capital Budget Over-Expenditures Project 698 - Arterial Road - McKercher (College - 105th) (File No. CK. 1702-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

City Council considered Clause B1, Report No. 10-1998 of the City Commissioner on the above matter at its meeting held on May 19, 1998 and referred the matter to the Administration and Finance Committee for a report.

Your Committee submits the following report of the A/General Manager, Finance Department dated July 22, 1998, in response to Council's referral:

"BACKGROUND

At its meeting of June 22, 1998, the Administration and Finance Committee requested a further report from the Administration that would provide additional information and clarification regarding Project 698. The Administration had previously issued an explanatory report to City Council who in turn had referred the item to the Committee.

REPORT

The table below provides a comparison of the original project budget to the budget as revised and approved by Council at its meeting of December 15, 1997:

	Original Budget	Adjusted Budget	Variance
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Estimated Cost	825	820	-5
Funding:			
Arterial Road Reserve	105	105	0
Electrical Distribution	6	6	0
RCE	21	152	131
Can/Sask Works Program	404	362	-42
Muskeg Lake Band	289	195	-94
			0
	825	820	-5

The variances are as follows:

- 1. Total estimated cost is under budget by \$5,000.
 - 2. The Canada/Saskatchewan Infrastructure program was estimated to provide 51.3% of the total budget (to be funded by an application to the Program for new funds as well as a request to transfer unused grant funding from other capital projects). Design work, estimated at \$35,000, had been completed prior to the introduction of the Program and did not qualify for the grant program. Therefore, only \$404,000 had been budgeted. However, total requests for funding from the City of Saskatoon for all Infrastructure Projects, including the \$404,000 exceeded the limit of the program by \$42,100. This required the City to contribute that amount from its own sources (RCE).
 - 3. The budget was prepared on the premise that the Muskeg Lake Band had agreed to fund 50% of the <u>total project cost</u>. In fact, they had agreed to fund 50% of the <u>City's share</u>, assuming full application of the Infrastructure funding (50% of \$820,000 x

48.7% = \$199,666). To date, \$194,666 has been billed to Muskeg Lake, with another \$5,000 expected to be billed once the project has been completed (final asphalt lift). The difference of \$94,334 is being funded from RCE, with the intent that \$5,000 be recovered once final arrangements have been reached with the Muskeg Lake Band.

The funding request on December 15, 1997, which is now the subject of this report, totalled 131,434 (42,100 + 94,334 - 55,000)."

Attached, as background information, is a copy of Clause B1, Report No. 10-1998 of the City Commissioner.

2. Communications to Council

From:	Mr. Walter Riddell
	334 Saskatchewan Crescent West
Date:	Undated
Subject:	Submitting comments and requesting that Council consider subsidizing Cosmopolitan Industries to enable them to handle other cardboard besides corrugated ones
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(File No. CK	7830-5)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the application for project funding for a study on waste reduction under the regional waste management program be reactivated.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee considered the following report of the General Manager, Environmental Services Department, dated July 17, 1998, in response to the above-noted communication (copy attached), and supports the concept. [However, your Committee understands the financial implications involved, and wishes to have the application for a grant for a study on Waste Reduction reactivated, in order to determine viable recycling programs.]

"<u>REPORT</u>

The City of Saskatoon is working in partnership with Cosmopolitan Industries (Cosmo) in the Old Newspaper and Magazine Program (ONP) collecting and transporting the material from depots to Cosmo. This program currently costs the City \$130,000. When the agreement with Cosmo was initially investigated, the possibility of including corrugated cardboard in the program was considered. The unit cost of transporting this material was prohibitive and cardboard was not included in the agreement. Cosmo accepts corrugated cardboard if delivered on site, however, it is not cost effective to collect it.

Other cardboard (boxboard), which includes materials such as cereal boxes, is not classified as cardboard by the industry, but rather as a contaminant in recycled paper products. It must be separated from paper and cardboard, and marketed as mixed paper waste, for which there is a limited market and marginal prices. Cosmo estimates that since asking the public not to include boxboard with the ONP, they have realized only a five percent reduction in the amount of boxboard received and thus this material is still being processed and sold. Cosmo presently receives and processes over 100 tonnes per month of mixed paper waste, for which it receives \$25.00 per tonne. The cost of processing this waste is \$50.00 per tonne, yielding a \$25.00 tonne loss.

Based on no increases in processing or collection costs, an increase of 100 tonnes/month of the mixed waste component, due to other cardboard products, would increase the City's current subsidization costs by \$50,000 per year.

The City's Waste Minimization Coordinator estimates the increase in processing and collection costs, due to an increase of 100 tonnes per month of other cardboard products, will be as much as 10 and 23 percent, respectively. Based on these increases, the City's annual subsidization costs would increase by approximately \$120,000.

Cosmo's contract price of \$25.00/tonne for mixed paper waste is considerably higher than average. When that contract expires, the rate may be lowered, thus further increasing the City's subsidization costs. Based on the present costs and possible future increased cost, subsidizing Cosmopolitan Industries to enable them to handle other cardboard is not recommended at this time."

3. Tax Review Committee Report (File No. CK. 225-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 24."

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

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

CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES

Councillor D.L. Birkmaier Sidewalk Asphalt Overlay Program (File No. CK. 6220-0

Would the Administration please review and report to the next regular meeting of Council:

Was the policy change of focusing the Sidewalk Asphalt Overlay Program on commercial areas and flankage of residential streets primarily along arterial or collector roads changed and approved by Council?

Councillor Steernberg Pest Control (File No. CK. 151-1)

In light of animal control being transferred to the SPCA, the City provides funding for pest control such as gophers. Would the Administration please report on the rational exclusion of other species ie: skunks? Are there any plans to bring other animals under animal control?

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 7777

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7777, being "The Zoning Amendment Bylaw, 1998 (No. 12)" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Bylaw No. 7777 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7777.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7777 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7777 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Bylaw No. 7777 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. 7783

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7783, being "The Zoning Amendment Bylaw, 1998 (No. 15)" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Bylaw No. 7783 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7783.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7783 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7783 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Bylaw No. 7783 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. 7789

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7789, being "The Poster Amendment Bylaw, 1998" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Bylaw No. 7789 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7789.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7789 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7789 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Bylaw No. 7789 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 Waygood,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.