Council Chamber City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask. Monday, December 14, 1998 at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: His Worship Mayor Dayday in the Chair;

Councillors Atchison, Birkmaier, Harding, Heidt, Langford, Maddin,

McCann, Roe, Steernberg and Waygood;

A/City Manager Richards; A/City Solicitor Manning;

City Clerk Mann;

City Councillor's Assistant Holmstrom

PRESENTATION

His Worship the Mayor and Mr. Mike Gawley, Vice President of I.B.E.W. Local No. 319, presented Ms. Amy Atchison with a joint City of Saskatoon/ I.B.E.W. Local No. 319 Scholarship. His Worship the Mayor and Mr. Gawley expressed their congratulations to Ms. Atchison.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on November 30, 1998, be approved.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

1) John Peters, President RCL Nutana Branch #362, dated December 7

Requesting permission to address Council to present a plaque on the occasion of the commissioning of the HMCS Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Peters be heard.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Harding,

THAT Mr. Peters be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. John Peters, President, Royal Canadian Legion Nutana Branch #362, and Mr. Conrad Roberts presented His Worship the Mayor with a plaque which is a replica of the "Cartoon Crest" which was on the original HMCS Saskatoon.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

2) Wes Ashwin, Saskatchewan Representative International Year of Older Persons 1999, dated November 30

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the International Year of Older Persons 1999. (File No. CK. 205-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Ashwin be heard.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

THAT Mr. Ashwin be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Wes Ashwin, Saskatchewan Representative, International Year of Older Persons 1999, encouraged Council to take a leadership role in planning IYOP events in Saskatoon. He presented Council with two Community Kits and pins.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

3) Mark Regier, General Manager Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition Corp., dated November 30

Requesting permission to address Council regarding a request for exemption to the Smoking Control Bylaw. (File No. CK. 185-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Regier be heard.

SASKATOON PRAIRIELAND EXHIBITION CORP. WAS NOT PREPARED TO ADDRESS COUNCIL AT THIS TIME AND THE REQUEST HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

4) Paul Jaspar 201 Guelph Cres<u>cent, dated December 11</u>

Requesting permission to address Council the Special Needs Transportation Service. (File No. CK. 7305-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Item AA. 9 of "Communications" brought forward for consideration and that Mr. Jaspar be heard.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Harding,

THAT Item AA. 9 of "Communications" be brought forward for consideration and that Mr. Jaspar be heard.

CARRIED.

AA9) Paul Jaspar, Special Needs Transportation Bus Driver 201 Guelph Crescent, dated December 7

Submitting comments regarding the Special Needs Transportation Service. (File No. CK. 7305-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Mr. Paul Jaspar, Special Needs Transportation Bus Driver, requested that Council reconsider its decision to contract the Special Needs Transportation Services.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Harding,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

AA. <u>ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL</u>

1) Ken Wood, General Manager Saskatchewan Place, dated December 3

Requesting a productivity improvement loan of \$160,000 to fund the purchase of video equipment for two large screen systems at Saskatchewan Place. (File No. CK. 1500-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that a productivity improvement loan in the amount of \$160,000 be

made to Saskatchewan Place for the purchase of video equipment for

two large screen systems.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT a productivity improvement loan in the amount of \$160,000 be made to Saskatchewan Place for the purchase of video equipment for two large screen systems.

CARRIED.

2) Glenda M. Giles Elrose, Saskatchewan, dated November 27

Submitting comments regarding parking in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 6120-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received and referred to the Parking Coordinator and to The Partnership as information.

CARRIED.

3) Eve Kotyk, Office Administrator Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium & Convention Centre, dated November 27

Submitting a copy of Saskatchewan Tourism Authority's "An Economic Assessment of the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium & Convention Centre on the Local and Provincial Economies".

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

4) Henry Gerbrandt

261 Western Crescent, undated

Submitting comments regarding aluminium in the drinking water. (File No. CK. 7920-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

5) The Honourable Christine S. Stewart Minister of the Environment, dated November 26

Submitting a response to Council's adoption of the resolution regarding employer paid bus passes. (File No. CK. 1910-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Harding,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

6) Inger DeCoursey 801 Colony Street, dated December 4

Submitting comments regarding the proposed south downtown development. (File No. CK. 4130-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the information be received and referred to the Planning and Operations Committee and to Princeton Developments.

CARRIED.

7) Barbara A. Farries 620 - 9th Avenue North, dated November 17

Submitting comments regarding rezoning of property at 916 Queen Street and adjacent properties from R2 to M2. (File No. CK. 4351-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Maddin, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

8) Betty Secord, President Saskatoon Council of Women, dated December 1

Submitting comments regarding the Special Needs Transportation Service. (File No. CK. 7305-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

9) Paul Jaspar, Special Needs Transportation Bus Driver 201 Guelph Crescent, dated December 7

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 3.

10) Don Kerr, Chair <u>Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, dated December 4</u>

Submitting comments regarding the review of Advisory Boards and Committees. (File No. CK. 225-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the information be received and referred to the Organizational Committee.

CARRIED.

11) Nayda Veeman, Fund-Raising Committee Chairperson Friends of the Broadway Theatre, Inc., dated December 2

Requesting capital funding in the amount of \$250,000 for the completion of restoration and renovation of the Broadway Theatre. (File No. CK. 710-22)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT the information be received and referred to the Administration for possible suggestions.

CARRIED.

12) Andrew Hubbertz 1109 - 514 - 23rd Street East, dated December 7

Submitting a letter in support of the request for capital funding from the Friends of the Broadway Theatre, Inc. (File No. CK. 710-22)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

13) William Slights 8 - 719 - 10th Street East, undated

Submitting a letter in support of the request for capital funding from the Friends of the Broadway Theatre, Inc. (File No. CK. 710-22)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

14) Roger Peters and Carolyn Taylor 809 Temperance Street, dated December 3

Submitting a letter in support of the request for capital funding from the Friends of the Broadway Theatre, Inc. (File No. CK. 710-22)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

15) Lorraine Hill 836 University Drive, dated December 6

Submitting a letter in support of the request for capital funding from the Friends of the Broadway Theatre, Inc. (File No. CK. 710-22)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

16) Anne Brander 301 - 8th Street East, dated December 4

Submitting a letter in support of the request for capital funding from the Friends of the Broadway Theatre, Inc. (File No. CK. 710-22)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

17) Jean Frydenlund 1033 - 9th Street East, dated December 6

Submitting a letter in support of the request for capital funding from the Friends of the Broadway Theatre, Inc. (File No. CK. 710-22)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

18) His Worship the Mayor, dated December 9

Submitting a letter regarding appointments and Chairmanship to the two Standing Committees of Council to the end of the Council term.

RECOMMENDATION:

that the following be appointed to the Planning and Operations Committee and Administration and Finance Committee for the terms indicated:

January 1 - June 30, 1999:

Administration and FinancePlanning and OperationsCouncillor Myles HeidtCouncillor Donna BirkmaierCouncillor James MaddinCouncillor Kate WaygoodCouncillor Peter McCannCouncillor Don AtchisonCouncillor Patricia RoeCouncillor Anita LangfordCouncillor Rik SteernbergCouncillor Howard Harding

July 1 - December 31, 1999:

Administration and FinancePlanning and OperationsCouncillor Don AtchisonCouncillor Myles HeidtCouncillor Howard HardingCouncillor James MaddinCouncillor Kate WaygoodCouncillor Patricia RoeCouncillor Rik SteernbergCouncillor Donna BirkmaierCouncillor Peter McCannCouncillor Anita Langford

January 1 - June 30, 2000:

Administration and Finance	<u>Planning and Operations</u>
Councillor Donna Birkmaier	Councillor Peter McCann
Councillor Anita Langford	Councillor Rik Steernberg
Councillor Don Atchison	Councillor Myles Heidt
Councillor Patricia Roe	Councillor Kate Waygood
Councillor Howard Harding	Councillor James Maddin

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Councillor Donna Birkmaier
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Planning and Operations
Councillor Peter McCann
Councillor Rik Steernberg
Councillor Don Atchison
Councillor Patricia Roe
Councillor Howard Harding

	Chairman	Chairman
<u>Date</u>	Administration & Finance	Planning & Operations
Jan 1 - Mar 31, 1999	Councillor James Maddin	Councillor Kate Waygood
Apr 1 - Jun 30, 1999	Councillor Patricia Roe	Councillor Don Atchison
Jul 1 - Sep 30, 1999	Councillor Rik Steernberg	Councillor Donna Birkmaier
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 1999	Councillor Howard Harding	Councillor Anita Langford
Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2000	Councillor Don Atchison	Councillor Myles Heidt
Apr 1 - Jun 30, 2000	Councillor Donna Birkmaier	Councillor Peter McCann
Jul 1 - Sep 30, 2000	Councillor Kate Waygood	Councillor Howard Harding
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2000	Councillor James Maddin	Councillor Patricia Roe

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the following be appointed to the Planning and Operations Committee and Administration and Finance Committee for the terms indicated:

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July 1 - December 31, 1999:
Administration and Finance

Planning and Operations

Councillor Don Atchison	Councillor Myles Heidt
Councillor Howard Harding	Councillor James Maddin
Councillor Kate Waygood	Councillor Patricia Roe
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<u>Date</u>	Administration & Finance	Planning & Operations
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Apr 1 - Jun 30, 2000	Councillor Donna Birkmaier	Councillor Peter McCann
Jul 1 - Sep 30, 2000	Councillor Kate Waygood	Councillor Howard Harding
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2000	Councillor James Maddin	Councillor Patricia Roe.

CARRIED.

19) Gerri Dickson 1520 Hillard Street, dated December 11

Submitting a letter in support of the request for capital funding from the Friends of the Broadway Theatre, Inc. (File No. CK. 710-22)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

20) Candace Savage 302 Albert Avenue, dated December 11

Submitting a letter in support of the request for capital funding from the Friends of the Broadway Theatre, Inc. (File No. CK. 710-22)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

21) Joe Penkala, Chairperson Larson Intervention House, dated December 14

Submitting a comments regarding a Request for Property Tax Exemption for Larson Intervention House Inc. (File No. CK. 1965-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause 3, Report No. 20-1998 of the Administration and Finance Committee.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Clause 3, Report No. 20-1998 of the Administration and Finance Committee be brought forward for consideration.

CARRIED.

REPORT NO. 20-1998 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

3. 1999 Property Tax Abatements (File No. CK. 1965-1)

RECOMMENDATION:

- that the abatements of taxes for 1999 be approved on a "grandfather" basis for all former applications, as outlined under Sections B to M of the attached summary report, and that these applications be phased out upon a move from the current premises and/or cease of operation;
- 2) that the applications for Parish Halls be removed from the Exemption Bylaw;
- 3) that the City Assessor be directed to exempt Parish Halls by statute under Section 275(1)(d) of *The Urban Municipality Act (1984)*;
- 4) that the new applications for property tax abatement received from Larson Intervention House Inc. and St. Paul's (Grey Nuns) of Saskatoon (property at 135 Avenue P South) be denied; and
- 5) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate bylaw.

Your Committee has reviewed the following report of the Acting General Manager, Finance Department, dated November 25, 1998, on the 1999 Property Tax Abatements, and the attached letter, dated November 27, 1998, from Ms. Sharon Sullivan, President & CEO, St. Paul's Hospital, with representatives of the Finance Department, and wishes to note that Recommendation No. 1) above will eventually result in the phase out of the program for providing Property Tax

Abatements (excepting for those that are legislated by the Province), in that there are more fair and equitable ways to provide funding to the applicants, an example being the Cash Grants Program:

"BACKGROUND

On an annual basis, the Administration and Finance Committee makes recommendations to City Council regarding properties which should be eligible for a rebate of their property tax under Section 275(2) of *The Urban Municipality Act (1984)*. In 1998, City Council adopted a motion regarding the 1998 Property Tax Abatement which, in part, read: 'and that a freeze be instituted for all new applications'. One such application was received but has not been included in the totals of the attachment.

As stated in 1998, we are providing the applications for the Committee's review in December prior to sending out 1999 assessment notices.

DISCUSSION

To assist the abatement process, the Administration has requested applications from all of the organizations whose properties were granted a tax abatement in 1998. All assessed owners of properties which qualified for the abatement in 1998 have reapplied for 1999 with the exception of the Western Region Metis Women's Association at 315 Ave F South (formerly the 'Family Healing Circle Lodge'). The value of the abatement for 1999 is \$628,681.76 in 1998 tax dollars.

In addition to the previous year's list, there is one new application from Larson Intervention House Inc. While this application would have qualified based on similarities with organizations currently in the exemption list, Council's recommendation to freeze all new applications results in this application not being included on the attached schedule. The applications for new abatements may also have been limited because we chose to communicate directly with those already receiving abatements rather than invite applications through general advertising.

Saskatoon is the only city in Saskatchewan which currently abates the taxes on Parish Halls by way of a special bylaw under Section 275(2) of *The Urban Municipality Act (1984)*. In each of the other major urban municipalities, Parish Halls are considered to be part of the public place of worship and exempted by statute under Section 275(1)(d) of *The Urban Municipality Act (1984)*. It is becoming very difficult for the Assessor to determine the split between church and hall in the newer churches due to the physical layout and design. As a result, the only halls which are subject to an abatement by bylaw are the older buildings that are separate from the actual church. In addition to this inequity, the process in Saskatoon is impacting negatively on the School Boards. The grants from the Province are being adjusted by the amount in the bylaw to reflect the 'voluntary' reduction in taxes. This

reduction is not considered in other major urban municipalities. Your Administration is recommending that Section 'A' Parish Halls be eliminated from the abatement bylaw and that they be exempted by statute under Section 275(1)(d) of *The Urban Municipality Act* (1984).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The 1999 Operating Budget is being prepared based on the continuance of the abatements of taxes on those properties which were approved in 1998. The City's share of any new approvals would be approximately 40% of the total taxes abated with the Public Library and School Boards absorbing the remainder.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Summary of 1999 applications approved in prior years.
- 2. New application from Larson Intervention House Inc."

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

- 1) that the abatements of taxes for 1999 be approved on a "grandfather" basis for all former applications, as outlined under Sections B to M of the attached summary report, and that these applications be phased out upon a move from the current premises and/or cease of operation;
- 2) that the applications for Parish Halls be removed from the Exemption Bylaw;
- 3) that the City Assessor be directed to exempt Parish Halls by statute under Section 275(1)(d) of The Urban Municipality Act (1984);
- 4) that the new applications for property tax abatement received from Larson Intervention House Inc. and St. Paul's (Grey Nuns) of Saskatoon (property at 135 Avenue P South) be denied; and
- *that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate bylaw.*

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS - CONTINUED

B. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

1) Audrey Currie River Heights Community Association Executive, dated November 19

Requesting the development of a landscape plan for the area around the Indoor Soccer Facility. **Referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.** (File No. CK. 610-6)

2) Bob Dybvig, President Saskatoon Twin Charities, Inc., dated December 1

Requesting the repeal of Bylaw No. 6066, Section 84A. Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee. (File No. CK. 185-11)

3) Alderman John Schmal, Co-Chair <u>Joint Committee on Corrections (FCM), dated November 10</u>

Requesting Council adopt some of the services provided by Corcan, which was created for the safe reintegration of offenders into Canadian society. **Referred to the Administration**. (File No. CK. 1000-1)

4) Kathy Thompson, Senior Policy Analyst Federation of Canadian Municipalities, dated November 20

Submitting a copy of the "Crime Prevention Digest 1997". A copy is available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office. Referred to the Safer City Committee. (File No. CK. 155-2)

5) Debby Claude, Market Coordinator Saskatoon Farmers' Market, dated November 25

Requesting permission to use 23rd Street and the City Hall Square for the Saskatoon Farmers' Market commencing May 1999 or assistance in finding another temporary location in the event that construction takes place redesigning 23rd Street in 1999. **Referred to the Budget Committee.** (File No. CK. 205-7)

6) Neal Cantin

Bros. On 3rd Bistro/Pub, dated November 30

Requesting that Council endorse issuance of a Tavern Permit as regulated under Section 12 (c) of the Alcohol Control Regulations for Bros. On 3rd Bistro/Pub. **Referred to the Administration.** (File No. CK. 311-1)

7) Jean-Louis Hebert, Chair Sierra Club Prairie Chapter, dated November 30

Submitting comments regarding the student's prairie grass project at St. Joseph's High School. **Referred to the Property Maintenance Appeal Board.** (File No. CK. 4400-5)

8) Tom Pinkham, President Colony 2000 Development Inc., undated

Submitting comments regarding the Zoning Bylaw No. 7800, Section 5.30 - 1 Secondary Suites regulations. **Referred to the Special Meeting of City Council.** (File No. CK. 4350-1)

9) Kevin Menard, President River City Auto Centre Inc., dated November 13

Submitting comments regarding the Zoning Bylaw No. 7800. **Referred to the Special Meeting of City Council.** (File No. CK. 4350-1)

10) Mel Lastman, Mayor and Jack Layton, Councillor - Don River City of Toronto, dated November 12

Submitting comments regarding "homelessness in Canada". **Referred to the Social Housing Advisory Committee.** (File No. CK. 750-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

C. <u>PROCLAMATIONS</u>

1) Tim Squire, President <u>Saskatoon Chapter, Canadian Association of Financial Planners, dated December 1</u>

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of January 11 - 16, 1999 as "Financial Planning Week" in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

2) Jack Aldcorn, Executive Director, Saskatchewan Division <u>Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, dated December 2</u>

Requesting Council to proclaim May 1999 as MS Month in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

- **RECOMMENDATION:** 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 Langford, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

- 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

Councillor Heidt, Chair, presented Report No. 3-1998 of the Budget Committee;

A/City Manager Richards presented Report No. 24-1998 of the City Manager;

Councillor Steernberg, Chair, presented Report No. 25-1998 of the Planning and Operations Committee;

Councillor Heidt, Chair, presented Report No. 20-1998 the Administration and Finance Committee;

Mr. L. Theissen, Chair, presented Report No. 4-1998 of the Board of Trustees - General Superannuation Plan; and

Mr. L. Theissen, Member, presented Report No. 2-1998 of the Pension Benefits Committee.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

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

- a) Report No. 3-1998 of the Budget Commission;
- b) Report No. 24-1998 of the City Manager;
- c) Report No. 25-1998 of the Planning and Operations Committee;
- *Report No. 20-1998 of the Administration and Finance Committee;*
- e) Report No. 4-1998 of the Board of Trustees General Superannuation Plan; and
- f) Report No. 2-1998 of the Pension Benefits Committee.

CARRIED.

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

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

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

THAT while in Committee of the Whole, the following matters were considered and dealt with as stated:

"REPORT NO. 3-1998 OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor M. Heidt, Chair Councillor D. Atchison, Vice Chair His Worship the Mayor Councillor D. L. Birkmaier Councillor H. Harding Councillor A. Langford Councillor J. Maddin Councillor P. McCann Councillor P. Roe Councillor R. Steernberg Councillor K. Waygood

1. City of Saskatoon 1999 Capital Budget 2000 - 2003 Capital Plan (File No. CK. 1702-1)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the 1999 financed expenditures for General Capital projects Boards and Commissions, summarized in Table 4, totaling \$980,000 be approved;
- 2) that Project 0740 (Centennial Auditorium Repair/Replacements) be amended by deleting provision for equipment tables, chairs, bar in the amount of \$55,000, for a revised gross cost total of \$140,000, to be funded from the Auditorium Capital Replacement Reserve;
- 3) that the 1999 Operating Provision of \$3,156,000 be allocated to the Reserve for Capital Expenditures;
- 4) that the 1999 reductions in debt charges be reallocated as an additional source of funding for the 1999 Capital Budget as follows:

- \$397,800 to the Civic Buildings Comprehensive Maintenance Reserve in order to include Saskatchewan Place as part of that reserve;
- an increased provision to the Computer Equipment Replacement Reserve totaling \$500,000; and
- an increased provision to the Reserve for Capital Expenditures totaling \$523,800;
- 5) that the Transportation Infrastructure Expansion Reserve be established with an initial provision of \$2,780,200 withdrawn from the Reserve for Capital Expenditures and that the Capital Reserve Bylaw 6774 be updated;
- 6) that \$500,000 be allocated as an additional provision to the Infrastructure Replacement Reserve Surface and Storm Sewer, funded from a reduction in the Reserve for Capital Expenditures;
- 7) that the 1999 financed expenditures for the capital projects identified in Table 2, totaling \$4,989,000 be approved;
- 8) that all 1999 projects totally or partially unfunded upon approval of the capital budget, be restated as 2000 projects;
- 9) that the Administration report further with regard to the allocation of any additional funding which may become available to finance unfunded capital expenditures;
- that the 1999 financed expenditures for General Capital projects Civic Departments, summarized in Table 3, totaling \$20,407,000 be approved;
- that the 1999 financed expenditures for Prepaid Land Development projects, summarized in Table 5, totaling \$10,082,000 be approved;
- that the 1999 financed expenditures for Water Utility projects, summarized in Table 6, totaling \$2,856,000 be approved;
- that the 1999 financed expenditure for Sewage Utility projects, summarized in Table 6, totaling \$1,021,000 be approved;
- that the 1999 financed expenditures for Electrical Utility projects, summarized in Table 7, totaling \$9,356,000 be approved; and
- 15) that the 1999 financed expenditures for Transit Utility projects, summarized in Table 8,

totaling \$550,000 be approved subject to the approval of increased funding to the Transit Capital Projects Reserve through the 1999 Operating Budget.

ADOPTED.

The preliminary version of the above-noted document was reviewed by the Budget Committee at a public meeting held on December 7, 1998.

Attached are copies of all of the tables referred to in the following recommendations.

REPORT NO. 24-1998 OF THE CITY MANAGER

Section A - Administration and Finance

A1) Replacement of Mirrored Wall Panels (File No. 1711-4)

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that an expenditure of \$99,500.00 be approved for the replacement of the mirrored wall panels in the Centennial Auditorium, and; 2) that the costs be funded from the Reserve for Capital Expenditures. ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Asset Management Department, November 24, 1998:

"During the 'Front of House' renovations in the Centennial Auditorium, it was discovered that some mirrored wall panels were loose along the base of both east and west lobby walls. Further investigation revealed that at all levels, additional panels appeared to be loose. The mirrored walls are approximately 50 feet high by 55 feet wide, and the concern was that should one of the panels fall, severe consequences could result. The scope of the problem area is approximately 11,000 square feet of vertical surface area. The City Solicitor's Risk Manager was notified and asked to assess the situation. Accompanied by an adjuster, he viewed the panels and concluded that the loose mirrors posed a serious risk. The Centennial Auditorium was instructed to immediately secure the area and remove the mirrored panels were removed within the week. The cost to secure the area and remove the panels was approximately \$10,000.00.

With the mirrors removed, all that remains is a wall of wood sheathing on strapping. We have determined that a proper air barrier was not in place, permitting considerable air movement within the wall. This condition allows condensation to flow up the wall creating an ice/frost build-up behind and on the face of the upper mirrored panels. When the ice melts, the resulting moisture saturates the wall assembly. Over the 30 years since the Auditorium was built, the moisture has deteriorated the mirror clips to the present point of failure. To repair the wall, a finish is required which is durable, easy to maintain, and in compliance with the building code, yet, is of quality in keeping with the formal atmosphere of the Auditorium.

To properly correct the problem, would require the removal and replacement of all wall components. A new wall system would then be installed to provide a permanent long-term solution. The cost to install such a wall system would be in excess of \$200,000.00 and would take 12 weeks to complete. Considering the high cost and lengthy completion time, it was felt that this type of replacement could not be accommodated at this time.

As an alternative, it is proposed to install a row of mirrored panels along the base of the wall and apply laminate panels to the balance of the upper wall area. This proposal will meet the requirements outlined above and provide a suitable replacement for the defective mirrored panels. Since the existing wall membrane will not be upgraded, the condensation problem will continue. Based on current operations of the Auditorium, we are hopeful that the repair will have a life expectancy of 10-20 years. The total cost associated with the repair will be \$99,500.00, which includes the initial cost of removing the defective mirrored panels."

A2) Taxicab Loading Zone Stands (File No. CK. 307-2 and 185-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 7812.

ADOPTED.

Report of the City Solicitor, December 7, 1998:

"The recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee was passed by City Council at its November 30, 1998 meeting. The recommendation stated in part:

- that City Council approve the renewal of taxi stands by Saskatoon Radio Cabs Ltd. and United Cabs Limited, for the period January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998, at the current rate of \$1,120 plus GST per stand;
- 2) that thereafter, the rate be increased to \$1,750 plus GST per stand, with

the increase of \$630 being phased in over a three-year period beginning in 1999; and

3) that the City Solicitor prepare the necessary amendments to Bylaw No. 7200, the Traffic Bylaw, to implement the above.'

We have prepared and enclose Bylaw No. 7812 which reflects these amendments."

ATTACHMENT

- 1. Proposed Bylaw No. 7812.
- A3) Increase in the Taxi Fare Rate (File No. CK. 307-2 & 185-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 7813.

ADOPTED.

Report of the City Solicitor, December 7, 1998:

"The recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee was passed by City Council at its November 30, 1998 meeting. The recommendation stated in part:

- '1) that City Council approve the following increase in taxi fare rates, effective January 1, 1999;
 - a) change the initial start amount or "drop" from the current \$2.30 for the first 90 metres to \$2.50 for the first 85 metres; and
 - b) change the subsequent distance charge from 10 cents every 90 meters to 10 cents every 85 metres; and
- 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary bylaw amendment to reflect the changes outlined in Recommendation No. 1) above.'

We have prepared and enclose Bylaw No. 7813 which reflects these amendments."

ATTACHMENT

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 7813.

A4) The City Administration Bylaw, 1998

Consequential Bylaw Amendments

Bylaw No. 7806 - The Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw, 1998

Bylaw No. 7807 - The Bank Account and Cheque Signing

Amendment Bylaw (No. 2)

Bylaw No. 7808 - The Waterworks Amendment Bylaw, 1998

Bylaw No. 7809 - The Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 1998 (No. 6)

Bylaw No. 7810 - The Emergency Planning Amendment Bylaw, 1998

Bylaw No. 7811 - The License Amendment Bylaw, 1998 (No. 2)

(File No. 185-1)

RECOMMENDATION:

that Council consider proposed Bylaw Nos. 7806, 7807, 7808, 7809, 7810, and 7811.

ADOPTED.

Report of the City Solicitor, December 3, 1998:

"With the adoption of The City Administration Bylaw, the title of City Commissioner was replaced with that of City Manager. This change has resulted in the need to make consequential amendments to several other Bylaws which make reference to the City Commissioner.

The proposed Bylaws listed above amend The Council Procedure Bylaw, The Bank Account and Cheque Signing Bylaw, The Waterworks Bylaw, 1996, The Traffic Bylaw, The Emergency Planning Bylaw and The License Bylaw to remove references to 'City Commissioner' and substitute 'City Manager'.

In addition, the amending Bylaws dealing with The Council Procedure Bylaw, The Emergency Planning Bylaw, and The License Bylaw contain amendments which reflect the past change in the administrative structure of the City by removing references to Directors and substituting references to the relevant General Managers."

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Proposed Bylaw No. 7806.
- 2. Proposed Bylaw No. 7807.
- 3. Proposed Bylaw No. 7808.
- 4. Proposed Bylaw No. 7809.
- 5. Proposed Bylaw No. 7810.
- 6. Proposed Bylaw No. 7811.
- A5) Albert Community Centre Roof Replacement (File No. 600-16)

RECOMMENDATION: that an expenditure of \$21,000.00 be approved for roof replacement

at the Albert Community Centre; and that the costs be funded from

the Albert Community Centre Major Repair Reserve.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Asset Management Department, December 7, 1998:

"The Albert Community Centre, one of the original schools in Saskatoon, was declared a Heritage Building in 1983. Asset Management has a representative on the Albert Community Centre Board and works with the Board to keep the building operational and maintained.

The roof is a combination of sloped slate sections and two flat built-up sections. The slate is in acceptable condition while the flat sections, totaling 3055 square feet, are in very poor condition. In October, 1998, after the heavy snowfall, there was some leaking below these flat sections, particularly in the daycare area, which caused interior damage to the ceiling and walls, plus resulted in a potential safety hazard if the ceilings were to collapse. Over the years, leaks have occurred and repairs made. These flat sections are estimated to be more than 30 years old and have reached the end of their useful life.

On November 20, 1998, the Albert Community Centre Management Committee approved a recommendation to replace all of the flat roof sections which will provide a life expectancy of 20 to 30 years. This recommendation came too late to include this project in the 1999 Capital Budget. However, since this work is considered to be urgent to prevent further interior damage to the building, approval is requested for a post Capital project to proceed as soon as possible. This project will be funded from the Albert Community Centre Major Repair Reserve. Following completion of this roof repair plus work included in the 1999 Capital Budget, the balance remaining in the Reserve at the end of 1999 will be \$34,550.00."

Section B - Planning and Operations

B1) Enquiry - Councillor Birkmaier (October 5, 1998) Water Meter Rates - Condominiums (File No. 1905-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Birkmaier at the meeting of City Council held on October 5, 1998:

"Would the Administration please report on the policy of applying residential vs commercial rates on water meters at a condominium site."

Report of the General Manager, Environmental Services Department, November 26, 1998:

"As outlined in Waterworks Bylaw No. 7744, a domestic service is defined as 'all consumers utilizing water exclusively for domestic purposes through a single meter servicing no more than four living units or apartments'. Those consumers not qualifying for inclusion under the domestic service definition are charged according to the Industrial and Commercial Service Rates. Thus condominiums with more than four units are charged at commercial rates. Property owner decisions, during the design phase, instruct the developer on the number of units to be served from a given water service, which in turn dictate whether commercial or residential rates are applied.

The table shows that the total water and sewer charge per individual unit, in a six-unit condominium, is slightly less than for a typical residential customer using the same value of water.

Rate Class	Estimated Monthly Consumption (cu ft)	Water Usage Revenue	Infrastructure Revenue	Sewage Cost	Total Cost	Per Unit Cost
Assı	Assuming a 1" meter service for Commercial and a 5/8" meter for Residential					
Commercial (6 units)	3600	\$48.19	\$14.36	\$61.47	\$124.02	\$20.67
Residential	600	\$8.78	\$4.92	\$8.47	\$22.17	\$22.17
Assuming a 1.5" meter service for Commercial and a 3/4" meter for Residential						
Commercial (6 units)	3600	\$56.74	\$14.36	\$70.02	\$141.12	\$23.52
Residential	600	\$9.78	\$4.92	\$9.47	\$24.17	\$24.17

Bylaw definitions, and/or policies for applying rates to condominiums, are not consistent throughout the industry. The City of Regina classifies condominiums as residential. Calgary and Edmonton bylaws define any multiple unit not individually metered as commercial. The City of Winnipeg uses the volume of consumption to classify customers and does not use a commercial or residential classification."

B2)	Enquiry - Councillor McCann (October 5, 1998)
	Sewage Treatment Plant Odor
	(File No. 7800-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

The following enquiry was made by Councillor McCann at the meeting of City Council held on October 5, 1998:

"Odor from the Sewage Treatment Plant has been a problem for many years for the residents of certain parts of Lawson and Silverwood Heights. ...

Will the administration please report on

- What measures can be taken to eliminate, or at least significantly reduce, the odor problem at the Sewage Treatment Plant
- What the capital costs associated with such measures might be
- The feasibility of covering the capital cost from land sales in University Heights"

Report of the General Manager, Environmental Services Department, October 22, 1998:

"History

In the late 1970's, as residential development approached the wastewater treatment plant, it became apparent that the operations of the plant would be complicated by the need to ensure that those operations did not create nuisance conditions. Operations' staff made a commitment to minimizing the impact of the treatment plant on the encroaching residential development and there is evidence over the past 20 years of ongoing efforts to reduce and control nuisance odors from the site:

- Odor studies and an ongoing monitoring program were implemented and the major sources of odors were identified. This work formed the basis for changes and improvements in operations.
- Land was purchased, high pressure pumps were installed at the treatment plant, and a pipeline was built to facilitate the relocation of the residual solids handling facility to a site 12 km north of the city.
- Plant housekeeping procedures were improved and tailored to avoid nuisance conditions.
- Preventative maintenance systems were expanded to include gas handling systems and treatment units susceptible to odor causing growths.
- Process shutdown and cleanup operations have been planned utilizing wind direction and time of the day considerations.
- An odor control chemical (ferric chloride) was introduced into the treatment process and was used until the treatment plant upgrade was completed in 1995.

The upgrade to secondary treatment did not, however, include any significant improvements for odor control. At the time the project was approved by Council, the cost for odor control facilities was considered prohibitive. The secondary process has introduced new and different odor problems which have given rise to complaints.

Current Status

Odor Complaints

Treatment staff continue to monitor operations for the generation of odors and to respond to public complaints. From January 1 to September 30, 1998, 67 odor complaints have been received. An analysis of the complaint data is summarized in the attached table. Of the total number of complaints, 63 percent were received from 10 households. The remaining complaints were one time complaints from 25 other households. During the nine-month period there were 49 odor complaint days, with 13 complaint days occurring in July.

The data may not appear significant in terms of total or frequencies, however, regulatory agencies in some jurisdictions have adopted '10 complaints in a 90-day period' as a standard demanding

increased monitoring at the property line and possible corrective action. This standard would have been exceeded from February to August.

Regulatory Compliance

Regulatory agencies throughout North America are being pressured to force owners and operators of wastewater treatment plants to control odors. Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management (SERM) has received the same pressure and has reviewed the treatment plant's existing Permit to Operate, which expired at the end of October, 1998. The revised Permit includes the following clause:

'Part B, 1. Measures must be taken to control odor emanating from the facility. Records must be kept of all odor complaints received and actions taken to handle the complaint and to control the odor.'

The revisions are somewhat general in nature, however, they are likely the first step toward much more specific guidelines. Many regulatory agencies include restrictions on hydrogen sulfide concentrations at the property line and costly, comprehensive air sampling, analysis, and reporting requirements. Representatives of SERM have also expressed concern over the Public Works Department's current practice of disposing of collection system grit at the wastewater plant. The practice has been identified as a significant source of odors at the site and is prohibited by the new Permit to Operate.

Odor Control Measures Undertaken in 1998

A number of changes were implemented during the course of 1998 to reduce or control odors from the treatment plant:

- On-site monitoring has been intensified and efforts have been made to keep the public better informed with respect to plant operations. Any planned or emergency operations that may cause odors are communicated to SERM and Councillor McCann to assist in notifying the public.
- The Public Works Department has been until year-end to move its grit disposal operation offsite. The existing plant grit disposal operation will be moved further east from the residential area. The present screenings disposal operation has been moved off-site to the Spadina Landfill.
- Overflow vents from the fermenter operation, which is a major source of odor in the secondary process, have been sealed with Styrofoam plugs.
- Wastewater surface levels in the secondary process have been increased in order to minimize
 the height of drops over the primary exit weirs. This reduces the volatilization of odorous
 compounds.
- Ferric chloride is being fed to the digesters to minimize hydrogen sulfide production.
- Potassium permanganate, a strong oxidizing chemical, has been introduced into the process headworks for odor control. The chemical feed was initiated in September and has not been

used long enough to fully evaluate its effectiveness. Various dosages have been investigated and compared to similar applications in other municipalities. Odor monitoring to date indicates the potassium permanganate is effective.

Odor Abatement Costs

The use of potassium permanganate has the potential for successful control of odors. At this point in time, it is not clear as to the effective dosage. Potassium permanganate is an expensive oxidant. Dosages required in Edmonton made its use cost prohibitive. The use of potassium permanganate will increase operating costs and impact sewer rates. The degree of impact on the rates may be reduced by seasonal, diurnal, and operation specific dosing; however, annual operating cost increases could be as high as \$300,000.

There are a number of odor abatement systems currently in use throughout North America. Odor abatement capital upgrades are expensive. The estimated cost for covering the primary treatment units at the wastewater plant, and a collection and scrubber, will be in excess of \$4,000,000, based on estimates prepared during the design phase of the secondary treatment upgrade project. A similar system for the headworks is estimated to be an additional \$1,000,000. Cost estimates for the digesters, fermenters, heating building, and possibly the bioreactors, are not available. However, some information is available on odor control facilities in other municipalities.

Penticton, which uses basically the same process as Saskatoon, installed a number of odor control features in 1996 based on a comprehensive consultant review and report. It is anticipated an additional \$1,800,000 expenditure is currently required. Kelowna, which uses a similar treatment process and also utilizes a number of odor control structures and treatment units, are allocating an additional \$1,300,000 to odour control in 1998. The Edmonton plant which has used a combination of chemical oxidants and deodorizers over the past number of years, have had odor control costs rise to \$700,000 per year. The Fish Creek treatment plant in Calgary was forced to cover four primary sedimentation basins and install air scrubbers at a cost of \$8,600,000. The City of Winnipeg has spent as much as \$500,000 for studies and reports by odor consultants. In 1992, an upgrade of the sludge handling facility to reduce odors cost approximately \$36,000,000 and two primary clarifiers were covered and equipped with scrubbers at a cost of \$6,500,000. The main treatment plant in Toronto uses chemicals for odor control (ozone, sodium hypochlorite, and ferrous sulfate) resulting in chemical operating costs in excess of \$125,000 per year. Ozone generating equipment was replaced in 1997 and 1998 at costs of \$400,000 and \$200,000, respectively.

The fact that contaminants that cause odors are often in very low concentrations, with complex related chemistry, makes the selection of the most appropriate control methodology difficult. Prior to large capital expenditures for odor control facilities, in-depth investigations must be carried out by experienced professionals.

In that the sewer utility's Capital Reserves have essentially been depleted by the upgrade to secondary treatment, any large capital expenditures for odor abatement facilities will require debenturing. A preliminary estimate for the capital cost of effective odor abatement facilities is \$5,000,000. Debenturing \$5,000,000 will require a sewer rate increase of approximately 5 percent.

Land Development and Odor Abatement

The Planning and Building Department has been considering for some time a proposal to amend the City of Saskatoon Subdivision Regulations Bylaw No. 6537 which would prohibit subdivisions for residential purposes within 800 meters of the boundaries of the wastewater treatment plant. The 800 meter separation distance was recommended as a minimum standard by C. P. Hwang, Manager, Wastewater Treatment and Lifts Branch.

Information provided by the Land Branch of the Planning and Building Department indicates that an 800 meter buffer would result in 183 acres of City-owned land on the east side of the river remaining undeveloped. An estimated \$2,700,000 of related revenues would be lost if effective odor abatement is not implemented. It is conceivable that some portion of these revenues could be used to fund odor abatement upgrades that would ensure the elimination of nuisance odors on the east bank. There is, however, a timing constraint in that the land is not scheduled for development before 2015."

ATTACHMENT

1. Table I: Odor Monitoring Data - January to August 1998.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the information be received and referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.

B3) Application for Registration of Condominium Plan 160, 166, and 172 Pinehouse Drive (RM4 Zoning District) Parcel F, Block 890, Plan 77S13019 Applicant: Barry Remai, Remai Holdings III Ltd. (File No. PL 4132-12/98)

1)

RECOMMENDATION:

- that the application submitted by Barry Remai of Remai Holdings III Ltd. (2402 Miller Avenue, Saskatoon SK, S7K 3V2) to convert the existing multiple-unit dwelling at 160, 166, and 172 Pinehouse Drive to a condominium be approved; and,
- 2) that after the necessary building modifications have been made, to the satisfaction of the General Manager, 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, November 25, 1998:

"An application has been submitted by Barry Remai of Remai Holdings III Ltd. requesting approval for the registration of a condominium plan through the conversion of an existing multiple-unit dwelling which is located on Parcel F, Block 890, Plan 77S13019 (160, 166, and 172 Pinehouse Drive).

The applicant wishes to convert the existing multiple-unit dwelling which contains eighty-one 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 20, 1998, each tenant received written notice that an application was being made to the City of Saskatoon to convert the multiple-unit dwelling 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

On September 11, 1998, each tenant was advised of their option to purchase a unit through a notice indicating estimated unit prices, monthly fees, and taxes. Engineer/architect reports were provided to the tenants at this time for their review.

Professional Review of Building

On September 8, 1998, the applicant submitted an engineer/architect report addressing the building's critical life safety conditions to the Planning and Building Department.

Compliance with the Zoning Bylaw

The site is zoned RM4 District in the City of Saskatoon Zoning Bylaw No. 7800. One hundred and twenty-four parking spaces are included on the site.

The proposal has been examined under the provisions of the Zoning Bylaw and, as such, a legal non-conformity has been identified with regard to required parking. One hundred and forty-two parking spaces are required with only one hundred and twenty-four parking spaces provided. The proposal complies with the Zoning Bylaw in all other respects.

Compliance with the National Building Code (UBAS Act)

The Building Standards Branch of the Planning and Building Department has reviewed the engineer/architect report submitted by the applicant. The engineer/architect report includes an assessment of the mechanical and electrical systems along with suggested repairs and upgrades as well as an assessment of the structural elements of the building. 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 multiple-unit dwelling at 160, 166, and 172 Pinehouse Drive to a condominium complies with the City of Saskatoon 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."

B4) Easement Requirement - SaskPower
Briarwood Subdivision - Briarvale Court
Part of Municipal Buffer Strips MB8 and MB9, Plan 98SA27190
Part of Walkway W6, Plan 98SA27190
Project No. E83-575-33; Subproject No. E833-15-310
(File No. 4090-3)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 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, on behalf of the City of Saskatoon under the Corporate Seal and in a form that is satisfactory to the City Solicitor, the agreement with respect to this easement.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, December 1, 1998:

"C.A. Moore, on behalf of SaskPower's Land Department, has requested an easement over part of Municipal Buffer Strips MB8 and MB9, Plan 98SA27190, and Walkway W6, Plan 98SA27190, as shown on the attached plan. The purpose of this easement is to provide underground servicing to the above-mentioned area.

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 and the Walkway, over which SaskPower requires an easement.

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

ATTACHMENT

- 1. Part of Registered Plan 98SA27190.
- B5) Easement Requirement SaskPower Wildwood Subdivision - Heritage Crescent Part of Lot 1, Block 412, Plan 95S41350 Project No. E83-575-33; Subproject No. E833-15-452

(File No. 4090-3)		
RECOMMENDATION:	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, on behalf of the City of Saskatoon under the Corporate Seal and in a form that is satisfactory to the City Solicitor, the agreement with respect to this easement.
ADOPTED.		

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, December 1, 1998:

"C.A. Moore, on behalf of SaskPower's Land Department, has requested an easement over part of Lot 1, Block 412, Plan 95S41350, as shown on the attached plan. The purpose of this easement is to provide underground servicing to the Bareland Condominium Units in the above-mentioned area.

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 land, over which SaskPower requires an easement.

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Part of Registered Plan 95S41350.

B6) Easement Requirement - SaskPower Arbor Creek Subdivision Part of Municipal Reserve MR8, Plan 96S28729 Municipal Buffer Strips MB46 and MB54, Plan 96S28728 Project No. E83-575-33; Subproject No. E833-15-289 (File No. 4090-3)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 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, on behalf of the City of Saskatoon under the Corporate Seal and in a form that is satisfactory to the City Solicitor, the agreement with respect to this easement.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, December 1, 1998:

"C.A. Moore, on behalf of SaskPower's Land Department, has requested an easement over part of Municipal Reserve MR8, Plan 96S28729 and Municipal Buffer Strips MB46 and MB54 Plan 96S28728, as shown on the attached plan. The purpose of this easement is to accommodate overhang for the cross arms of overhead 72kV distribution line with an understrung 25kV distribution powerline.

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 Reserve and Buffer Strips over which SaskPower requires an easement.

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Part of Registered Plans 96S28728 and 96S28729.

B7) Sale of City-Owned Land
Portion of Parcel F, Plan G 850
700 Block Circle Drive East
North Industrial
(File No. 4214-1)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that City Council approve the sale of the City-owned portion of Parcel F, Plan G 850 to 2871220 Canada Limited for the sum of \$89,630.31, plus GST, and;
- 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of Saskatoon under the Corporate Seal, the necessary documentation as prepared by the City Solicitor.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, December 10, 1998:

"The City owns a portion of Parcel F, Plan G 850, located adjacent the east boundary of the former Beaver Lumber Site - now being proposed by Home Depot as the location of a new store to be constructed in 1999 (Attachment 1). The City property is an abandoned rail-spur which is 23,280.6 square feet in size, but has no frontage on Circle Drive. The rail tracks have previously been removed from the property.

A request has been received by 2871220 Canada Limited, the Canadian real estate holding company for Home Depot, to purchase the City's property. Subject to City Council approval, your staff has negotiated a purchase price of \$89,630.31 (\$3.85 per square foot x 23,280.6 square feet) for the property in an 'as is' condition. On the basis that Home Depot has confirmed that it is the beneficial owner of the adjacent lands to the east and west of the City's property, your staff recommend approval of the sale."

ATTACHMENT

1. Map showing parcel F.

B8) Application for Registration of Condominium Plan 331 Pendygrasse Road (RM4 Zoning District) Parcel Y, Plan 77S05794

1)

Applicant: Thomas R. Webb, S.L.S.

(File No. PL 4132- 18/98)

RECOMMENDATION:

- that the application submitted by Thomas R. Webb, S.L.S. on behalf of Remai Holdings II Ltd. (222 Jessop Avenue, Saskatoon SK, S7N 1Y4) to convert the existing dwelling group at 331 Pendygrasse Road to a condominium be approved; and,
- 2) that after the necessary building modifications have been made, to the satisfaction of the General Manager, 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, December 1, 1998:

"An application has been submitted by Thomas Webb, S.L.S. on behalf of Remai Holdings II Ltd. requesting approval for the registration of a condominium plan through the conversion of an existing dwelling group which is located on Parcel Y, Plan 77S05794 (331 Pendygrasse Road).

The applicant wishes to convert the existing dwelling group, which contains one hundred units in twenty-one buildings, 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 dwelling group 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. Engineer/architect reports were provided to the tenants for their review.

Professional Review of Building

On September 8, 1998, the applicant submitted an engineer/architect report addressing the building's critical life safety conditions to the Planning and Building Department.

Compliance with the Zoning Bylaw

The site is zoned RM4 District in the City of Saskatoon Zoning Bylaw No. 7800. One hundred twenty-six parking spaces are provided on the site, including twenty-six visitor parking spaces.

The proposal has been examined under the provisions of the Zoning Bylaw and, as such, a legal non-conformity has been identified with regard to required parking. One hundred and seventy-five parking spaces are now required with only one hundred twenty-six parking spaces provided. The proposal complies with the Zoning Bylaw in all other respects.

Compliance with the National Building Code (UBAS Act)

The Building Standards Branch of the Planning and Building Department has reviewed the engineer/architect report submitted by the applicant. The engineer/architect report includes an assessment of the mechanical and electrical systems along with suggested repairs and upgrades as well as an assessment of the structural elements of the building. 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 dwelling group at 331 Pendygrasse Road to a condominium complies with the City of Saskatoon 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."

Section C - Routine Reports

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve the recommendations as outlined below.

ADOPTED.

C1) Schedule of Accounts Paid (File No. 1530-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the following information be received.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
November 24, 1998 - November 30, 1998	\$1,949,896.05
November 26, 1998 - December 2, 1998	\$1,111,281.71
December 1, 1998 - December 7, 1998	\$ 451,572.84
December 3, 1998 - December 9, 1998	\$ 513,860.54

C2) Land-Use Applications Received by the Planning and Building Department For the Period Between November 20 to December 3, 1998 (For Information Only) (File Nos. PL4300)

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

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

"The following applications have been received and are being processed:

Subdivision

• Application #60/98:

Applicant: Webster Surveys Ltd. (98-12891) Legal Description: Pt. 14, 15 & 16, Block 26, Plan FK

Current Zoning: R2

Neighbourhood: Caswell Hill

Date Received: November 23, 1998

• Application #61/98:

Applicant: Jastek Master Builder

Legal Description: Part Lot 1, Block 412, Plan 95S41350

Current Zoning: RM(Tn)
Neighbourhood: Wildwood

Date Received: November 25, 1998

• Application #62/98:

Applicant: Tri-City Surveys Ltd.
Legal Description: Parcel H, Plan 79S03074
Parcel V, Plan 91S06708

Current Zoning: B4

Neighbourhood: Wildwood

Date Received: November 30, 1998."

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan of Proposed Subdivision #60/98.

- 2. Plan of Proposed Subdivision #61/98.
- 3. Plan of Proposed Subdivision #62/98.

C3) Requests for Signing Revisions and Proposed Installations Received by the Transportation Department

RECOMMENDATION: that the signing revisions and proposed signing installations, as set

out in the following report, be approved.

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, December 1, 1998:

"School Signing Revisions File No. 6280-3

The Transportation Department has received requests from the Saskatoon Board of Education and the Catholic School Board to review the signing at the following schools. Consultations with the Principal/Vice-Principal of each school, a representative of the respective School Board, and a member of the Transportation Department have resulted in the preparation of new school signing plans (using the School Signing Guidelines) to address the particular needs of each facility. The following changes have been reviewed and approved by the Transportation Department, the respective School Board, and the respective Principal/Vice-Principal:

- College Park School: The recommended signing along the school side of Harrington Street are described below and shown on attached Plan No. N9-3D (Attachment 1):
 - Install a 'SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE, 08:00-17:00 MONDAY-FRIDAY' (RB-58L) of approximately 50 metres north of the school's main entrance. This area is currently posted 'PARKING 5 MINUTES, 08:00-17:00 MONDAY-FRIDAY' (RB-53B).
 - Replace the existing 'SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE, 08:00-17:00 MONDAY-FRIDAY' (RB-58L) south of the school's main entrance with an extension of the existing 'PARKING 5 MINUTES, 08:00-17:00 MONDAY-FRIDAY' zone (RB-53B).
- Brunskill School: The recommended signing changes are described below and shown on attached Plan No. J9-7B (Attachment 2):
 - Replace the existing 'NO PARKING' zones (RB-51) at the intersection of Wiggins Avenue and Colony Street with 'NO STOPPING' zones (RB-55).
 - Install a 'DISABLED PERSONS LOADING ZONE' (RB-58G) of six metres in length near the south entrance to the school on Colony Street. This area is currently posted '2 HOUR PARKING, 09:00-16:00, MONDAY-FRIDAY' zone (RB-54F).
- Dr. John G. Egnatoff School: The recommended signing changes are described below and shown on attached Plan No. P6-1A (Attachment 3):
 - Install a 'SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE, 08:00-17:00, MONDAY-FRIDAY' (RB-58L) of approximately 15 metres in length north of the existing 'BUS STOP' (RB-59) along the east side of Kenderdine Road north of the intersection of Kenderdine Road and Rogers Road. This area is currently posted 'PARKING 5 MINUTES, 08:00-17:00, MONDAY-FRIDAY' zone (RB-53B).
- Evan Hardy Collegiate: The recommended signing changes are described below and shown on attached Plan No. N10-6G (Attachment 4):
 - Replace the existing 'NO PARKING' zone (RB-51) located along the east side of Acadia Drive south of the intersection of Acadia Drive and Cronkite Street with a 'PARKING 5 MINUTES, 08:00-17:00, MONDAY-FRIDAY' zone (RB-53B).
 - Replace the existing '5 MIN LOADING ZONE, 24 HOURS' (RB-58V) immediately south

- of the intersection of Acadia Drive and Cronkite Street with a '5 MIN LOADING ZONE' (RB-58C) which is the current standard loading zone employed by the City.
- Install 'PEDESTRIANS PROHIBITED' signs (RB-66) at south side of the intersection of Acadia Drive and Cronkite Street.
- Extend the south limit of the existing northbound 'BUS STOP' (RB-59) located north of the intersection of Acadia Drive and Cronkite Street to a location approximately ten metres north of this intersection.
- Remove the existing 'NO PARKING' zone (RB-51) along the east side of Acadia Drive from the north end of the existing 'BUS STOP' (RB-59) in front of the school to ten metres south of the southeast corner of Acadia Drive and Summers Place.
- Replace the existing 'NO PARKING' zone (RB-51) located along the east side of and immediately north of the intersection of Acadia Drive and Cronkite Street with a 'NO STOPPING' zone (RB-55).
- Howard Coad School: The recommended signing changes are described below and shown on attached Plan No. D7-6B (Attachment 5):
 - Replace the existing 'NO STOPPING' zone (RB-55) located at the school's main entrance on the west side of Avenue T with a 'PARKING 5 MINUTES, 08:00-17:00, MONDAY-FRIDAY' zone (RB-53B).
 - Replace the existing 'NO PARKING' zone (RB-51) located along the west side of the intersection of Avenue T and Rylston Road with a 'NO STOPPING' zone (RB-55) extending ten metres north and south of the intersection.
 - Install a 'NO STOPPING' zone (RB-55) extending approximately 15 metres south of the southeast corner of the intersection of Avenue T and Rylston Road.
- Bishop Roborecki School: The recommended signing changes on Pearson Place are described below and shown on attached Plan No. A6-1M (Attachment 6):
 - Remove the existing 'NO PARKING, 09:00-17:00, MONDAY-FRIDAY' zone (RB-52B) along the west and north sides of the street and the '5 MINUTE LOADING ZONE' (RB-58C) near the school's front entrance.
 - Install a 'DISABLED PERSONS LOADING ZONE' (RB-58G) of approximately ten metres in length near the school's front entrance.
 - Install a 'NO STOPPING' zone (RB-55) of approximately 15 metres in length north of the northwest corner of the intersection of Diefenbaker Drive and Pearson Place.
 - Install a 'PARKING 5 MINUTES, 08:00-17:00, MONDAY-FRIDAY' zone (RB-53B) along the remaining portions of the west and north sides of the street.
 - Install a 'NO STOPPING' zone (RB-55) around the north end of the centre median of the street.
- St. Goretti School: The recommended signing changes along the west side of Avenue Q are described below and shown on attached Plan No. D7-6A (Attachment 7):
 - Remove the existing 'NO PARKING, 08:00-17:00, MON-FRI' zone (RB-52A).

- Extend the existing 'SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE, 08:00-17:00, MONDAY-FRIDAY' (RB-58L) along the remainder of the school frontage.
- St. Thomas School: The recommended signing changes along the south side of Arlington Avenue are described below and shown on attached Plan No. L12-3E (Attachment 8):
 - Install a 'DISABLED PERSONS LOADING ZONE' (RB-58G) of approximately 12 metres east of the existing 'SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE, 08:00-17:00 MONDAY-FRIDAY' (RB-58L). This area is currently posted 'PARKING 5 MINUTES, 08:00-17:00 MONDAY-FRIDAY' (RB-53B).
 - Replace the existing 'NO STOPPING' zone (RB-55) and 'DISABLED PERSONS LOADING ZONE' (RB-58G) near the school's main entrance with an extension of the adjacent 'PARKING 5 MINUTES, 08:00-17:00 MONDAY-FRIDAY' zone (RB-53B).
- St. Joseph High School: The recommended signing changes are described below and shown on attached Plan No. O5-2C (Attachment 9):
 - Replace the existing 'NO PARKING' zone (RB-51) along the school's frontage on Nelson Road with a 'PARKING 5 MINUTES, 08:00-17:00, MONDAY-FRIDAY' zone (RB-53B).

Proposed Stop/Yield Sign(s) File No. 6280-2

• Installation of yield sign on Avenue G at Bedford Road; installation of yield sign on Avenue F at Bedford Road; and, replacement of current yield sign with stop sign on Avenue G at Walmer Road

The Transportation Department has received a request from a resident in the Caswell Hill neighbourhood to investigate three locations for the possible installation of stop and yield signs. A site inspection revealed that the traffic control devices on opposing intersections were different (e.g. one approach would have a yield sign and the other a stop sign). It is City policy and sound engineering practice not to mix traffic control devices at intersections. Motorists on opposing intersection approaches must face the same control. The Transportation Department proposes to install traffic control devices at these intersections to assign right-of-way in a consistent manner.

There is a yield sign in place on northbound Avenue G at Bedford Road. It is proposed that a yield sign be installed for southbound Avenue G at Bedford Road.

There is a yield sign in place for southbound Avenue F at Bedford Road. It is proposed that a yield sign be installed for northbound Avenue F at Bedford Road.

On Avenue G at Walmer Road, southbound traffic has a stop sign and the northbound traffic flow has a yield sign. It is proposed that the yield sign be replaced with a stop sign.

All three intersections were inspected in the field and no sight restrictions were observed. Each intersection has a low collision rate.

These installations comply with Policy No. C0-007, Traffic Control - Use of Stop and Yield Signs. Attached Plan No. F7-19I (Attachment 10) shows the proposed sign installations."

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Plan No. N9-3D
- 2. Plan No. J9-7B
- 3. Plan No. P6-1A
- 4. Plan No. N10-6G
- 5. Plan No. D7-6B
- 6. Plan No. A6-1M
- 7. Plan No. D7-6A
- 8. Plan No. L12-3E
- 9. Plan No. O5-2C
- 10. Plan No. F7-19I

REPORT NO. 25-1998 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor R. Steernberg, Chair

Councillor D. Atchison

Councillor H. Harding

Councillor P. McCann

Councillor P Roe

1. Modified Joint-Use Agreement-City-L'École Canadienne-Française (File No. CK. 175-4-3)

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the City enter into a Joint-Use Agreement with L'École canadienne-française; and

2) that the Office of the City Solicitor be instructed to develop an agreement based upon the conditions outlined in this report.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered and concurs with the following report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department dated November 10, 1998:

"BACKGROUND

Before being granted its own School Board status, L'École canadienne-française had access to City recreation facilities as part of the Catholic Board of Education's Joint-Use Agreement with the City.

In 1997, L'École canadienne-française contacted the Leisure Services Department staff to request consideration to enter into a joint-use agreement so that they could still access some of the recreation facilities. It was explained to the school principal that for their school to have access to civic recreation facilities, they in turn would have to provide access to their school, as any agreement would have to be reciprocal, and that they would be expected to demonstrate a clear commitment to the agreement.

There are two neighborhoods providing recreational programs adjacent to L'École canadienne-française school and both community groups are in need of gym space, meeting room space, and craft room space.

At present, there are 195 students from all parts of the city attending L'École canadienne-française.

DISCUSSION

L'École canadienne-française school system is comprised of one school facility and access to the school's facilities will be limited because of the school system's own program priorities. The Leisure Services Department is proposing an agreement that would provide access to specific civic recreation facilities in exchange for access to the school by the Queen Elizabeth and Holliston Community Associations.

On September 30, 1998, L'École canadienne-française proposed to provide free access to its school to Queen Elizabeth and Holliston Community Associations. Access would be provided to the gym, meeting room space, and craft room space on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. School programs would require the gym and all other school spaces on Wednesday and Thursday evenings (see Attachment 1). Access to the school would be available throughout the school term. Sportsfields on the school grounds would also be available for allocation after 6:00 p.m. during the spring and fall seasons.

The Leisure Services Department is proposing to make Lions arena available between the hours of 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. for indoor skating; Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (other times and dates subject to availability)

and Lathey Pool, Monday to Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. during the public swimming periods; Cosmo Civic Center for dry land activities (i.e. gym, racquetball, weight room) and the zoo for nature interpretation, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Access to the noted civic facilities must be pre booked and would be available with no rental or admission fee during the school term. The cost of extra staff to accommodate either party's programs shall be recovered from the party using the space.

Any reduction in school commitments will result in a review of the agreement in order to re-establish the reciprocal balance of the agreement.

Each party would be responsible for maintenance of its own facilities and the program requirements of each party would take priority in their own facilities.

JUSTIFICATION

A joint-use agreement with L'École canadienne-française will support the Holliston and Queen Elizabeth Community Associations by providing access to L'École canadienne-française school facilities for community programs. The agreement will also allow the 195 children attending L'École canadienne-française to have similar recreation opportunities at civic recreation facilities (on a limited basis) as do children attending the Public and Catholic School systems.

OPTIONS

There are no options.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The existing agreement with the Catholic Board of Education continues to be in force and, therefore, the Catholic Board of Education requirements remain a priority if L'École canadienne-française requests the same rental time at the same facility.

Providing access to all civic recreation facilities to L'École canadienne-française could be perceived as unfair by the Public Board of Education and the Catholic Board of Education, as both Boards incur a considerable cost in providing all of their schools as per the Joint-Use Agreement. L'École canadienne-française is only faced with the cost of providing partial access to their one school.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

L'École canadienne-française has not made very much use of the civic recreation facilities, probably because of the fees they would have to pay. However, history has shown that once

facilities are covered under a joint-use agreement and no rental fees or admissions are charged, usage increases significantly.

The mill rate impact of an additional 195 users through the joint-use program would be \$1,400 - \$2,000 in lost revenues.

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

If Council approves of a joint-use agreement with L'École canadienne-française, both the Catholic Board of Education and the Public Board of Education will be notified.

ATTACHMENT

1. Letter from L'École canadienne-française, dated September 30, 1998"

2. Interim Report - Comprehensive Bicycle Plan (File No. CK. 6320-8)

RECOMMENDATION:

that City Council adopt the three-fold cycling policy for the encouragement and accommodation of cycling on roadways within the City of Saskatoon as outlined in the "Comprehensive Bicycle Plan - Interim Report" dated November, 1998.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered the report of the General Manager, Transportation Department dated November 13, 1998, regarding the above matter and is recommending the adoption of the three-fold cycling policy for the encouragement and accommodation of cycling on roadways within the City of Saskatoon as outlined in the Comprehensive Bicycle Plan - Interim Report.

This report was also forwarded to the Budget Committee for consideration during the discussion of the 1999 Capital Budget and Five Year Plan debate.

The following is a report of the General Manager, Transportation Department dated November 13, 1998:

"BACKGROUND

The Transportation Department has been working towards finalizing the policy statements developed for bicycling in Saskatoon under Capital Project No. 1137 - Comprehensive Bicycle Plan. Substantial research and study has been undertaken by the Transportation

Department, and the result of this work is presented for the Committee's review at this time; however, additional work is required to finalize the plan. A report entitled "Comprehensive Bicycle Plan – Interim Report" (Attachment 1) is attached for the Committee's review.

JUSTIFICATION

Cycling, as a mode of transportation, should be encouraged and included with other citywide initiatives for sustainable development. In addition to attracting users of all age groups and income levels, cycling:

- offers an additional travel choice;
- is economical and practical;
- consumes fewer City resources than other transportation modes;
- is environmentally friendly; and,
- promotes a healthy lifestyle.

In order to establish the City's position on the matter, and provide direction for the ongoing work, the Transportation Department is proposing the following three-fold cycling policy:

- 1. that facilities be provided to address the needs of cyclists;
- 2. that a legal framework be created for governing bicycle use; and,
- 3. that cyclists and motorists be informed of their rights and responsibilities, and be required to adhere to regulations and safe practices for the operation of their vehicles.

In order to implement these policies, the following initiatives are proposed:

- 1. that a cycling facility network be developed;
- 2. that City bylaws be examined, and amended where necessary, and that *The Highway Traffic Act* be examined and recommendations made to Saskatchewan Justice for amendments if required; and,
- 3. that an education program be developed for cyclists and motorists.

These initiatives have not been fully developed at this time. A cycling facility network has been developed by Transportation Department staff; however, a public process is required in order that the most appropriate routing is selected throughout the City. This activity was not originally envisioned when the Terms of Reference for this project were developed. It became apparent during the implementation stages of several bicycle planning processes across Canada, including Regina's, that the public is very interested in playing an active role in the selection of routes through neighbourhoods. An additional \$25,000 of funding in 1999 is required in order that a cycling network plan can be developed.

There is currently \$6,500 remaining in Capital Project No. 1137 – Comprehensive Bicycle Plan. This funding will be used to complete the examination of legislation and for the development of an education program.

The Transportation Association of Canada has recently released new standards for the signing and marking of bicycle facilities. In order that progress on bicycle facilities proceeds in 1999, it is proposed that the existing bicycle lanes and paths on City streets be upgraded to these new standards. The existing bicycle lanes and paths within roadway right-of-way will be examined, plans prepared, and new signing and pavement markings installed in the spring of 1999. It is estimated that this work will cost \$75,000, and it is proposed that this work be funded by a new allocation to Capital Project No. 1137 - Comprehensive Bicycle Plan.

OPTIONS

Although the preparation of the Comprehensive Bicycle Plan has been outstanding for several years, it remains a priority for the Transportation Department. The popularity of cycling as a mode of transportation has increased and strengthened since the initiation of this project. As well, the adoption of similar policies has been undertaken by municipalities throughout Canada and the United States of America.

Currently, the Transportation Department undertakes bicycle facility projects on a reactive basis without the guidance of an overall network plan. This results not only in a lack of prioritization of projects, but also in a discontinuous system of facilities.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The adoption of the three-fold cycling policy would result in the creation of a new direction for cycling in the City of Saskatoon. Currently, there is no explicit statement on cycling for the City of Saskatoon. The adoption of this policy is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan and Plan Saskatoon.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The detailed development of a cycling network plan is estimated to cost \$25,000. It is proposed that funding be allocated for preparation of the plan in the 1999 Capital Budget utilizing Reserve for Capital Expenditures (RCE) funding.

The review, redesign and addition of new signing and markings on existing on-street bicycle lanes and paths is estimated to cost \$75,000. It is proposed that funding be allocated in the 1999 Capital Budget utilizing RCE funding. It is further recommended that \$100,000

be budgeted in each of the years 2000 to 2003 to proceed with construction of the network plan on a City-wide basis.

ATTACHMENT

1. Comprehensive Bicycle Plan – Interim Report"

REPORT NO. 20-1998 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor M. Heidt, Chair Councillor D.L. Birkmaier Councillor A. Langford Councillor J. Maddin Councillor K. Waygood

1. Saskatoon Gun Club Tax Deferral Agreement Renewal (File No. CK. 1965-2 & 291-2-45/95)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that a five-year extension of the Tax Deferral Agreement for the Saskatoon Gun Club be approved, including the changes outlined in this report;
- 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the applicable Agreement; and
- 3) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Saskatoon.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of a letter dated October 29, 1998 from Mr. Ray Sladek, Vice President, Saskatoon Gun Club, requesting a renewal of their Tax Deferral Agreement. The following is the report of the A/General Manager, Finance Department, dated November 30, 1998, which outlines a change the Administration would like to be made to this Tax Deferral Agreement:

"The premises, originally the Saskatoon Gun Club, was annexed into the City's corporate limits in 1985. This resulted in a significant tax increase on the premises. The Club asked for relief on the increased tax burden and the City granted the relief in the form of a Tax Deferral Agreement on May 21, 1985. The current agreement expires on December 31, 1998. The Club has requested a further five-year extension and the Administration supports its request.

Under the terms of the Deferral Agreement, current taxes are deferred at the rate of 40% and subsequently abated five years later. The Administration requests the terms be changed in that taxes are abated at the rate of 40% in the year they are levied."

2. Creation of Reserve for Community Grant/ Cultural Participation Grant Program (File No. CK. 1870-2-1)

that funds remaining in the integrated Community Grant/Cultural Participation Grant Program at the end of the season be placed in a reserve for future use by non-profit culture, sport, and recreation organizations; and 2) that the Leisure Services Department report to the Administration and Finance Committee in 1999 on the details of how the reserve will be allocated. ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the following report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department, dated November 26, 1998, on the above matter, with representatives of the Leisure Services Department, and supports the establishment of a reserve, as noted therein:

"BACKGROUND

During its August 11, 1998 meeting, City Council approved the creation of a Cultural Participation Grant category, to be integrated with the Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant, and managed by the Leisure Services Department. The grant year runs from April 1 of one year to March 31 of the next. The 1998-99 grant year is the first in which the two grants have been integrated.

The experience of administering the Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Program from 1994 to the present has shown that from time to time some groups have difficulty carrying out their planned projects and, consequently, not all of the allocated funds are

utilized. The Leisure Services Department has to account for the lottery funds to Saskatchewan Lotteries. However, when there is money that does not need to be returned to Saskatchewan Lotteries, we would like to be able to redistribute it.

JUSTIFICATION

Based on past experience of administering the Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant, Leisure Services Department staff is anticipating some under-utilization of grant funds from the integrated Cultural Participation Grant. In order to manage these funds, your staff recommends the creation of a reserve for the purpose of redistribution of grants to sport, culture, and recreation organizations. The details of eligibility and criteria will be determined by the Leisure Services Department and the department will report back to the Administration and Finance Committee in 1999.

OPTIONS

There are no options.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

The Leisure Services Department will inform non-profit culture, sport, and recreation organizations about details, such as eligibility and criteria for allocating the funds from the reserve."

3. 1999 Property Tax Abatements (File No. CK. 1965-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 14.

4. Water, Sewer, and Infrastructure Rates (File No. CK. 1905-2)

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the rate changes be approved, as outlined in the attached table;

- 2) that the approved rate changes come into effect for the first billing in January, 1999; and
- 3) that City Council consider Bylaws No. 7815 and 7816 to provide for the rate changes referenced in Recommendation No. 1) above.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the following report of the General Manager, Environmental Services Department, dated December 1, 1998, on the above matter, and supports the rate changes outlined therein:

"BACKGROUND

Water, Sewer, and Infrastructure rates are reviewed on an annual basis and City Council is asked to approve rate changes prior to January 1 in order to ensure revenues meet the utilities estimated costs for the following year. The need for rate changes is driven by changes in operating costs, provisions to capital reserves, and consumer demands.

The customer's bill consists of the following components:

• Water Volumetric charges - No change required in 1999.

- Water Service Charge (fixed charge based on water meter size) No change required in 1999
- Sewer Volumetric Charge No change required in 1999.
- Sewer Service Charge (fixed charge based on water meter size) No change required in 1999.
- Sewer Volumetric Surcharge Where applicable, commercial customers are surcharged for extra strength sewage discharged to the collection system. Changes are required to the surcharge formula to reflect the annual adjustments towards achieving full cost recovery, which is part of a phase-in program approved by Council in 1992.
- Infrastructure levy This is a volumetric charge which generates funds for the capital replacement of the water distribution and sewage collection systems by the Public Works Department. These rates have not increased over the last five years. The Public Works Department is requesting an additional \$800,000 and hence an increase in this charge is being proposed. The average impact of a proposed increase in the infrastructure levy on the total bill is approximately 1.7 percent.

JUSTIFICATION

Water Rates

The Water Utility's 1999 operating budget includes a number of cost increases. However, these increases are offset primarily by a significant reduction in debt servicing costs due to debt retirement and an estimated increase in water sales volumes, and as a result, no increase in the water rate is required.

The Water Utility expenditure and revenue variances are summarized as follows:

 Suppl 	• Supplementary Provision to Waterworks Capital Projects Reserve			
Provis	ion to Capital Replacement Reserve	29,000		
 Contr 	actual Salary/Payroll costs (ESD)	158,000		
 Admi 	n/Billing/Collection Cross charges	40,000		
 Reduce 	ed Debt costs	(707,000)		
 Other 	net operational cost increases	9,000		
 Increa 	sed sales volume revenue	(307,000)		
• End lo	ad of May 1/98 Service Charge rate increase	(93,000)		
 Increa 	sed other earnings	(54,000)		
 Public 	Works Programs (i.e. Water mains, Hydrants, Service Connecti	ons,		
maint	enance)	248,000		
Water Utility Net Impact <u>\$ 0</u>				

The Supplementary Provision to Waterworks Capital Projects Reserve is required in accordance with the Capital Reserve Bylaw which calls for a supplemental provision that will contribute to funding a projected reserve shortfall. The shortfall is expected in 2000 related to the funding of the Northeast Sector Primary Water main river crossing project.

The Public Works Programs increase includes wage settlements, inflationary adjustments and a \$200,000 increase in emergency repairs to cast iron water mains. This is a one-time increase that should be sustained until such time that increased expenditures on replacement of cast iron water mains starts to have its impact in reducing emergency repairs. It is anticipated that the additional funds are needed for the next five to seven years. The need for this work was identified in the comprehensive review of the water main distribution system referred to later in this report.

Sewer Rates

The Sewage Utility's 1999 expenditure and revenue variances are summarized as follows. No rate increases are required.

Provisions to Sewer Capital Replacement Reserve	\$100,000
Contractual Salary/Payroll costs (ESD)	66,000
Admin/Billing/Collection Cross Charges	26,000
Chemicals cost primarily related to odor control	115,000
Debt costs	40,000
Grant-in-lieu	28,000
Other net operational cost increases	31,000
Increased sales volume revenue	(380,000)
• Endload of May 1/98 Service charge rate increase	(90,000)
Sewer Volumetric Surcharge Revenue decrease	40,000
Miscellaneous Revenue increase	
• Public Works Programs (i.e. Sewer mains and	
Service connections maintenance)	42,000
Sewage Utility Net Impact	<u>\$ 0</u>

Sewer Volumetric Surcharge

Annual adjustments are made to the surcharge formula to move towards full cost recovery as approved by City Council in 1992. Extra strength loadings have diminished significantly over the last few years to a point where the revenue generated recovers most of the costs and a \$40,000 reduction in revenue is estimated for 1999.

Infrastructure Levy

The Public Works Department is requesting an additional \$800,000 in Infrastructure funding for the Capital work as described below. The current rates are inadequate and the reserve is insufficient to adequately address the water and sewer capital infrastructure replacement requirements.

Water Distribution System

As part of the Asset Management Strategy of the City's Strategic Plan, the Public Works Department undertook a comprehensive review of the water distribution system.

Water Main Replacement:

The report before the Executive Committee recommends an increase of \$80,000 in expenditures on the replacement of cast iron water mains. This is the first step in a series of 10 percent per year increases until such time as the backlog of water main segments meeting their replacement criteria has been eliminated. Depending on the desired outcomes for customers affected by water main breaks, the backlog could take five to fifteen years to be eliminated using this funding strategy. The 10 percent per year increase is a minimum level required to first eliminate the backlog and then to be reasonably assured that a subsequent backlog does not occur.

Deferred Maintenance:

Deferred maintenance in the water distribution system is defined as pending repairs to valves, hydrants and service connections. Service to the customer is not affected until the operation of one or more of these components is required to satisfy an immediate need. When needed, however, it is usually, if not always, urgent.

The current backlog in deferred maintenance in the water distribution system is \$1,898,000. To reduce the backlog to acceptable levels within a reasonable period of time, a capital project for the replacement of water main valves is proposed. The proposed expenditure for 1999 is \$238,000 which, when combined with improved efficiencies, is projected to reduce the backlog to 1997 levels of \$1,565,000.

Sewage Collection System

Public Works is currently in the initial stages of the development of a sanitary and storm sewer condition model. The work will provide a framework for assessing the condition of the sewage collection systems, for optimizing expenditures on the basis of economic and impact on customer considerations, and for providing long-term funding projections. The

analytical framework for the sewage collection system is expected to be far more complex than that developed for the water distribution system. As a result, funding requirements in the short term will be based on urgent need, and not necessarily reflective of the current rate of deterioration in the systems.

Replacement of Sewer Service Connections:

One urgent need is the matter of replacing sewer service connections for properties experiencing a high frequency of sewer backups as a result of tree root infiltration. There are approximately 9,000 occurrences of blockages of the sewer connections. In the majority of the cases, the blockage is the result of tree roots infiltrating into the sewer main. Cleaning is only marginally successful in restoring service to the customer. Ultimately the root problem reoccurs. The only permanent solution is sewer connection replacement, which results in a water tight pipe that prevents infiltration of roots into the sewer. If the water connection does not meet current standards for new construction, it also is replaced at the same time.

Under this program, the City pays for the replacement of the services from the mains to the property line. The property owner pays for the replacement of the services within their property. Approximately 60 connections were replaced in 1998. The number of inquiries from other property owners indicates that the demand far exceeds the available funding for this project. It is recommended that the funding be increased by \$300,000 for a total of \$500,000 for 1999.

Sewer Main Rehabilitation:

The remaining funds would be allocated to sewer main rehabilitation. This project has received reduced funding in recent years due to the urgency of the Berini Drive project. The demands for sanitary sewer main rehabilitation exceeds the current availability of funds.

OPTIONS

The Public Works Department has given no other options.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The proposed increase in the Infrastructure Levy is intended to generate additional capital funding to address the water and sewer system replacement needs. The impact of the rate increase on the total water/sewer/infrastructure bill averages 1.7 percent. Examples of the impact on the monthly charges for various users are shown in Table II attached.

The proposed rates compare favorably with rates in other large western Canadian cities. The costs of combined monthly water/sewage/infrastructure bills for various users in other cities compared with Saskatoon is shown below in Table III attached.

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Public debate by Council, with respect to the Operating and Capital budgets in addition to a proposed rate change report to Council, have served as the primary methods of communicating rate changes. Based on customer response in the past, this process has been successful and appears to be generally acceptable to the majority of customers.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Table I
- 2. Table II and Table III"
- 3. Bylaws No. 7815 and 7816.

5. Downtown Housing Study (File No. CK. 4130-3)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the Downtown Housing Study recommendation to initiate a Five-Year Downtown Housing Development Action Program be approved, in principle;
- 2) that the Capital Budget Project Co-ordination of Downtown Housing Initiatives, be considered as part of the Capital Budget process;
- that the Administration be requested to provide a report and recommendations on the necessary actions required to implement the specific recommendations of the Downtown Housing Study for consideration by the Planning and Operations Committee and City Council; and

4) that copies of the Downtown Housing Study Final report be forwarded to The Partnership, Saskatoon Real Estate Board, Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority, Saskatoon Home Builders Association, and the Meewasin Valley Authority for information.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee met jointly with members of the Planning and Operations Committee to hear a presentation made by Mr. Richard Howse, Manager, Zoning Standards Branch, Planning and Building Department, Mr. Armin Preiksaitis, Armin A. Preiksaitis & Associates Ltd. (Consultant) and Mr. Derek Kindrachuk, Kindrachuk Agrey Architects Ltd. regarding the Downtown Housing Study, as provided under the following report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, dated November 30, 1998, and supports the recommendations jointly with the three members of the Planning and Operations Committee who were present: (Copies of the Downtown Housing Study were provided to members of Council only, and a copy is available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office.)

"BACKGROUND

The City of Saskatoon Downtown Housing Study was commissioned to examine ways to stimulate more residential development in the downtown area. The impetus for undertaking this study arose as a result of the January 9, 1996, resolution of the Planning and Operations Committee:

'that the Administration report on a marketing plan that would encourage greater residential development in the Central Business District which would include new units, renewed and re-use of existing buildings.'

In response to community perceptions that the downtown area had significant unrealized housing development opportunities which if realized, could yield significant benefits to the vibrancy and health of the Central Business District, the Planning and Building Department submitted and received capital budget approval in 1997 to proceed with a Downtown Housing Study at an estimated cost of \$75,000.00. This action occurred with the Partnership's acknowledgment that the Parking Reserve should be used for this purpose.

In 1997, the Planning and Building Department established a Project Steering Committee composed of representatives of the Administration and the Partnership which directed the preparation of the study terms of reference, requests for proposals from consultants and selected the firm Wardrop Engineering Inc. to undertake an environmental site evaluation of

the study area and the firm Armin A. Preiksaitis and Associates Ltd. to undertake the Downtown Housing Study.

As part of the process in the development of the attached 'City of Saskatoon Downtown Housing Study Final Report', the consulting Project Team and the Steering Committee undertook extensive stakeholder input through a variety of means including telephone surveys, personal communications, consumer focus group sessions, Vision Building Workshop, a Public Open House, and a briefing session for City Council.

The Study Report was directed to identify potential strategies to stimulate downtown residential development in three phases as follows:

- Phase 1 background research, market demand analysis, housing site suitability analysis and a Vision Building Workshop;
- Phase 2 preparation of housing development scenarios for four areas (neighbourhoods) within the study area and included an assessment of infrastructure capacities, development of financial models to test financial feasibility of various housing forms, a demonstration case study of warehouse-to-residential conversion feasibility using the Arthur Cook Building as a trial site;
- Phase 3 development of recommendations and action plans related to marketing, code requirements, financial incentives and public amenity improvements.

The Technical Appendix to the Study Report contains nine working papers which were produced during the study process. These working papers include Telephone Survey Results, Focus Group Results, Strategies to Stimulate Downtown Housing in Other Canadian Cities, Market Demand Analysis Summary, Site Suitability and Development Potential, Vision Building Workshop Summary, Residential Conversion Case Study, Public Open House Summary, and Financial Feasibility Analysis.

DISCUSSION

The City of Saskatoon Downtown Housing Study Final Report recommends that Council approve and initiate a Five Year Downtown Housing Development Action Program which would promote new housing units in four neighbourhood areas including East Riversdale/South Downtown, Spadina Promenade, Central Business District and Idylwyld Centre. As indicated on page E-14 of the Executive Summary of the Study Report, this Program is intended to stimulate the development of new downtown housing projects (approximately 3500 units over a 25-year period) through:

- new marketing initiatives building on the 'housing first' theme
- continued investment in urban infrastructure in improvement projects
- revisions to municipal zoning and building bylaws to reflect a 'housing first' theme in targeted downtown area
- financial incentives
- planning and implementation of priority projects

This Program seeks to secure the attainment of the 'Vision for Downtown Housing' as expressed in the study as follows:

- The residential population will have doubled to 10,000 people from its 1997 population level of 5,000.
- People that will have been attracted to live downtown include seniors, families without children, empty nesters, seniors, students, artists and others that want combined work and living space.
- A variety of housing forms will have been made available, including mid-rise apartments, residential conversion of commercial buildings, affordable housing in East Riversdale and Idylwyld Centre, work/live conversions in older warehouses or upper floors of commercial buildings.
- Public Amenities will have been developed, such as physical and visual connections between the Downtown and the river, a public market, etc.
- The City of Saskatoon will have effectively worked with the private sector to implement a number of public/private partnership projects, using a package of incentives to make the development of downtown housing, particularly rental accommodation, feasible.
- Downtown Saskatoon will have become the pride of any community: an active mixed-use activity centre; a place to work, live, and play.

The Program has been developed to take advantage of the unrealized potential for increased housing demand in the downtown study area through a combination of marketing, incentive and enhanced downtown amenity strategies. The benefits of such action, as identified on Page E-1 of the Executive Summary, include improved downtown security through 'around the clock' activity, enhanced business vitality, increased property assessment, infrastructure and service efficiencies, enhanced tourism related activities and business, and reduced development pressures for established neighbourhoods.

As indicated in the Study Report, the Program intends not only to retain and enhance the importance of the Downtown as the business centre of Saskatoon and the region, but also to diversify its role through the re-introduction of residential growth as a major component in the pursuit of a healthy and vibrant future. To encourage a renaissance in downtown

activity and development, other municipalities such as Regina, London, Calgary, and Edmonton have adopted similar stimulative programs.

In support of the Study Report recommendations, the Planning and Building Department has recently undertaken the following actions:

- 1) proposed the elimination of the 0.5 space per unit parking requirement for multipleunit dwellings in the B.6 District (approved by City Council on November 23, 1998);
- 2) proposed a reduction in the parking requirement for multiple-unit dwellings in the M.4 District from 0.8 to 0.5 spaces per unit and providing for the option to provide such parking on a remote site (approved by City Council on November 23, 1998);
- proposed that new retail development exceeding 5,000m² be listed as a discretionary use in order to evaluate potential impacts upon the Downtown Commercial Core and other significant commercial areas (currently under review by City Council);
- 4) proposed Capital Project Submissions for the following:
 - a) South Downtown and A.L. Cole Lands Concept Plan funded from either the Land Operations Reserve or Property Realized Reserve;
 - b) Coordination of Downtown Housing Initiatives funded from the Parking Reserve:
 - c) Spadina Promenade Visual Identification Project funded from the Parking Reserve in 2000.

The various specific recommendations identified in the Five Year Downtown Housing Development Action Program have been reviewed by representatives of civic departments involved. While further examination and preparation of civic administrative reports and recommendations will be required, your Administration recommends that the Program be approved in principle. Should the 1999 Capital Budget proposal to hire a Downtown Housing Program Coordinator for a 12-18 month period be approved, your Administration will undertake to bring forth specific reports and recommendations for implementation of the Downtown Housing Action Program commencing in 1999.

Representatives of the Project Team have been requested and will be available at the joint meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee and the Planning and Operations Committee to provide an overview of the findings and recommendations of the Downtown Housing Study Final Report.

ATTACHMENT

1. City of Saskatoon DOWNTOWN HOUSING STUDY Final Report - October, 1998 (limited distribution only)"

<u>REPORT NO. 4-1998 OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES -</u> GENERAL SUPERANNUATION PLAN

Composition of Board

Mr. L. Thiessen, Chair Mr. P. Richards, Vice Chair Councillor P. McCann Councillor R. Steernberg Mr. F. Smith

Mr. F. Smith Mr. W. Wallace Mr. M. Baraniecki Mr. M. Totland Mr. W. Furrer

1. Improvements to City of Saskatoon General Superannuation Plan Actuarial Valuation Report to December 31, 1997 (File No. CK. 1796-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

This report is to be considered with Clause 1, Report No. 2-1998 of the Pension Benefits Committee.

Attached is a copy of Clause 1, Report No. 3-1998 of the Board of Trustees - General Superannuation Plan which was considered by City Council at its meeting held on November 2, 1998 and referred back to the Board of Trustees for a joint meeting with the Pension Benefits Committee.

The referral was to clarify the future cost of providing the proposed indexing of 7.2% for all active and retired members of the Plan as at December 31, 1997.

The Board of Trustees has met with the Pension Benefits Committee and the Actuary, to review the Revised Summary of Plan Improvements and Costings for the excess surplus identified in the Actuarial Valuation Report as at December 31, 1997, as prepared by AON Consulting. (This

Report is included as an attachment of Clause 1, Report No. 2-1998 of the Report of the Pension Benefits Committee.) The Board is satisfied that there is sufficient surplus to cover the proposed improvements to the Plan, including the indexing.

REPORT NO. 2-1998 OF THE PENSION BENEFITS COMMITTEE

Composition of Board

Councillor P. McCann, Chair

Mr. M. Totland

Councillor R. Steernberg

Mr. P. Jaspar

Mr. B. Veltkamp

Mr. J. Cowan

Mr. W. Furrer

Ms. M. Caplan

Mr. M. Baraniecki

Mr. G. Bauman/Mr. V. Keindel

Mr. L. Thiessen

Mr. K. Johnston

Mr. G. Mearns

Mr. D. Ford

Mr. N. Fisher

Mr. K. Rapp

1. Improvements to the General Superannuation Plan Actuarial Valuation Report to December 31, 1997 (File No. CK. 1796-1)

RECOMMENDATION:

- that City Council approve the following improvements to the General Superannuation Plan from the excess surplus of \$23,940,000, as outlined in the Actuarial Valuation Report to December 31, 1997 prepared by AON Consulting Inc.:
 - a) Provide 100% indexing of the Consumer Price Index for 1997, to pensions being paid as of January 1, 1998;
 - b) Change the normal form of pension from Joint and Survivor 50% guaranteed 5 years for married members, to Joint and Survivor 60% guaranteed 5 years, effective for members retiring on or after January 1, 1998; and

Change the normal form of pension from life, guaranteed 5 years for single members, to life, guaranteed 10 years, effective for members retiring on or after January 1, 1998;

- c) Provide the full 2% formula for one additional year of service accrual, i.e. up to December 31, 2008;
- d) Change the average earnings calculation from 5-year averaging to 4-year averaging for members retiring on or after January 1, 1998;
- e) Provide guaranteed post-retirement indexing at a 7.2% value (with the value being the present value determined at retirement), using the calculation method outlined in this report, for all active and retired members as at December 31, 1997;
- 2) that the Administration be requested to file the Actuarial Valuation Report to December 31, 1997 with the Superintendent of Pensions and Revenue Canada; and
- 3) that City Council consider Bylaw No. 7814 which provides for the improvements to the Plan outlined in Recommendation No. 1) above.

ADOPTED.

City Council considered Clause 1, Report No. 1-1998 of the Pension Benefits Committee, at its meeting held on November 2, 1998 and the matter was referred back to the Pension Benefits Committee for a joint meeting with the Board of Trustees - General Superannuation Plan.

The Pension Benefits Committee has met with the Board of Trustees and the Actuary to review the costing for the indexing proposed in 1(e) above, and has determined that the excess surplus will cover this improvement. This indexing pertains to the utilization of \$14,362,000 of surplus as at December 31, 1997 to provide cumulative indexing representing a 7.2% increase in the value of a member's pension when they retire. This provision applies to all active and retired members in the plan as at December 31, 1997. This improvement is comprised of the following administrative features:

- indexing is payable the January 1st after a member has been retired at least one year and not prorated during the year of retirement (e.g. a member who retires July 1, 1998 receives one year's worth of indexing payable January 1, 2000),
- a member will receive an indexing adjustment up to the Consumer Price Index (as defined in the plan document) until they have used up their 7.2% value (with the value being the present value determined at retirement to commence on the January 1st as outlined above),

• to determine the value of the indexing remaining to the member, the amounts must be brought forward at the valuation interest rate so they are all valued at the same point in time.

As an example, the following calculations would apply for a member retiring in year Y with a monthly pension of \$1,000:

Increase Payable	CPI in Previous Year	Value of Remaining Increase*	SUM of CPI Paid	Increased Pension
Jan. 1, Y + 2	1%	7.2% - 1% = 6.2%	1%	\$1,010
Jan. 1, Y + 4	2%	$[1.07 \times 6.2\% = 6.6\%]$ $6.6\% - 2\% = 4.6\%$	2%	\$1,010 x 1.02 = \$1,030
Jan. 1, Y + 5	3%	$[1.07 \times 4.6\% = 4.9\%]$ $4.9\% - 3\% = 1.9\%$	3%	\$1,030 x 1.03 = \$1,061
Jan. 1, Y + 6	4%	$[1.07 \times 1.9\% = 2.1\%]$ $2.1\% - 2.1\% = 0\%$	2.1%	\$1,061 x 1.02 = \$1,084
			8.1%	

- the sum of the indexing percentages granted each year will not total 7.2% since they represent values at different points in time,
- the Consumer Price Index would be capped at a minimum of 0%, in the case that inflation were negative,
- the value of the 7.2% indexing provision will not be included in the calculation of the commuted value on termination or death.
- the value of the 7.2% indexing provision would not be included in the actuarial reserve calculation for members transferring in under reciprocal agreement or portability after January

- 1, 1998. In turn, these members would not be entitled to this benefit since they have not been charged for it, and
- the value of the 7.2% indexing provision should be included in the actuarial reserve for members buying back service for any active members in the Plan as at December 31, 1997.

Attached is a copy of the final Actuarial Valuation Report as at December 31, 1997, copy of the Revised Summary of Plan Improvements and Costings and a copy of Bylaw No. 7814 which provides for these improvements to the Plan. Also attached, as background information, is a copy of Clause 1, Report No. 1-1998 of the Pension Benefits Committee (excluding attachments which have been revised)."

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

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

CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES

Councillor Steernberg Comparison of Rates - City Franchise Area and SaskPower (File No. CK. 1905-3)

Would the Administration please report on a cost comparison between electrical rates, and additional surcharges such as reconstruction, standing charges, etc. between the City's franchise area and SaskPower

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 7806

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7806, being "The Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw, 1998" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Bylaw No. 7806 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7806.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7806 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7806 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Bylaw No. 7806 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. 7807

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7807, being "The Bank Account and Cheque Signing Amendment Bylaw, 1998 (No. 2)" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Bylaw No. 7807 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7807.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7807 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7807 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Bylaw No. 7807 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. 7808

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7808, being "The Waterworks Amendment Bylaw, 1998" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Bylaw No. 7808 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7808.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7808 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7808 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Bylaw No. 7808 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. 7809

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7809, being "The Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 1998 (No. 6)" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Bylaw No. 7809 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7809.

CARRIED

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7809 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7809 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Bylaw No. 7809 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. 7810

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7810, being "The Emergency Planning Amendment Bylaw, 1998" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Bylaw No. 7810 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7810.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7810 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7810 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Bylaw No. 7810 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. 7811

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7811, being "The License Amendment Bylaw, 1998 (No. 2)" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Bylaw No. 7811 be now read a second time.

CARRIED

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7811.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7811 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7811 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Bylaw No. 7811 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. 7812

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7812, being "The Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 1998 (No. 7)" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Bylaw No. 7812 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7812.

CARRIED

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7812 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7812 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Bylaw No. 7812 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. 7813

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7813, being "The License Amendment Bylaw, 1998 (No. 3)" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Bylaw No. 7813 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7813.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7813 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7813 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Bylaw No. 7813 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. 7814

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7814, being "A bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to amend Bylaw No. 6321, entitled 'A bylaw of the City of Saskatoon to amend Bylaw No. 4324, entitled "A bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to provide for a superannuation plan for City employees not covered by the Police and Fire Departments' superannuation plans"" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Bylaw No. 7814 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7814.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7814 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7814 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Bylaw No. 7814 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. 7815

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7815, being "The Waterworks Amendment Bylaw, 1998 (No. 2)" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Bylaw No. 7815 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7815.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7815 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7815 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Bylaw No. 7815 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. 7816

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7816, being "The Sewage Works Amendment Bylaw, 1998 (No. 2)" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Bylaw No. 7816 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7816.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7816 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7816 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,	
THAT Bylaw No. 7816 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Ma and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.	
	CARRIED.
The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.	
Moved by Councillor McCann,	
THAT the meeting stand adjourned.	
	CARRIED.
The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.	
Mayor	City Clerk