Council Chambers City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask. Tuesday, January 4, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:	His Worship the Mayor, in the Chair;
	Councillors Alm, Birkmaier, Dubois, Fortosky, Heidt, Hnatyshyn,
	Neault, Paulsen, Penner and Wyant;
	City Manager Richards;
	General Manager, Corporate Services Veltkamp;
	A/General Manager, Community Services Sully;
	General Manager, Infrastructure Services Uzelman;
	General Manager, Fire and Protective Services Bentley;
	General Manager, Utility Services Totland;
	City Solicitor Dust;
	City Clerk Mann; and
	Council Assistant Mitchener.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

- 1) THAT page 5 of the minutes of the special meeting held on December 20, 2004 be amended to reflect that speakers Mr. Henry Lashta, Chief Steward and Mr. Kevin Boychuk, Employee are from the Saskatoon Correctional Centre and not the Regional Psychiatric Centre; and
- 2) THAT the minutes of meeting of City Council held on December 13, 2004 and the minutes of the special meeting of City Council held on December 20, 2004, as amended, be approved.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider the reports of the Administration and Committees.

CARRIED.

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

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

Committee arose.

Councillor Wyant, 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:

"ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 1-2005

Section A – COMMUNITY SERVICES

A1) Municipal Enterprise Zone Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy 343 - 20th Street West (File No. CK. 4110-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> :	1)	that City Council provide a grant equivalent to one year of property taxes to Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy totaling no more than \$1,793.44; and
	2)	that the grant be funded from the Enterprise Zone Account.
ADOPTED.		

BACKGROUND

Purpose of Enterprise Zone

The Enterprise Zone was established by City Council in 2002 to provide financial incentives to encourage more economic development in seven core neighbourhoods and two core industrial areas of Saskatoon. The Enterprise Zone neighbourhoods were falling behind the rest of the city in terms of job growth, property investment, owner-occupancy, etc. The Enterprise Zone provides rebates of building and plumbing permit fees, rebates of land use fees such as rezoning and discretionary uses, tax abatements for up to five years, and grants in lieu of tax abatement to name a few. The program is temporary until the funds are spent. City Council provided \$500,000 of initial funding for the program in the spring of 2002.

REPORT

Description of Project

On December 2, 2004, the Municipal Enterprise Zone Adjudication Committee considered an application from Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy for a grant toward improvements at a new location at 343 20th Street West located in the Riversdale neighbourhood.

Please refer to Attachments 1 and 2.

The Medicine Shoppe's application for incentives under the Municipal Enterprise Zone was made through the Riversdale Business Improvement District (BID) office. The Riversdale BID conducted a thorough review of the application by Medicine Shoppe and has determined that the project warrants consideration for incentives under the Enterprise Zone. Medicine Shoppe has applied for a one-time cash grant equal to one year of existing property taxes.

Reasons for Support

The proposal by Medicine Shoppe will occupy currently vacant space within the Riversdale neighbourhood. This is consistent with the intent of the Enterprise Zone program.

During consideration of this application, the Adjudication Committee noted that cash grants equal to one year of existing taxes are listed in City of Saskatoon Policy No. A09-031 (Municipal Enterprise Zone), Section 3.4, as an Enterprise Zone Incentive. Tax abatements of up to five years on the incremental taxes are also available through the Enterprise Zone. Although some interior alterations will be undertaken, the incremental taxes on improvements to this building would be negligible. As a result, the incremental tax abatement did not provide a level of incentive needed to adequately assist with this project. Therefore, a grant is being requested.

The Adjudication Committee is recommending to City Council that a grant be provided which is equivalent to one-year of existing taxes in accordance with policy subject to completion of the project as outlined in Attachment 1. The Riversdale BID Office will conduct a follow-up inspection to ensure that the project is completed according to the proposal described in Attachment 1, before disbursement of the grant.

Financial Impact

As of October 31, 2004, there was \$216,789 remaining in the Enterprise Zone account. This application is requesting approval of a grant and rebate totalling \$1,793.44, which is within the means of the Enterprise Zone program.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of the City of Saskatoon Policy C01-021 (Public Notice Policy) is not required.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Project Proposal from Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy.
- 2. Location Plan of $343 20^{\text{th}}$ Street West.

A2) Municipal Enterprise Zone Eastern Market Ltd. 218 Avenue B South File No. PL 4110 – 34 – 24

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> :	1)	that City Council provide a grant equivalent to one year of property taxes to Eastern Market Ltd. totaling no more than \$4,560.78; and
	2)	that the grant be funded from the Enterprise Zone Account.
ADOPTED.		

BACKGROUND

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The Enterprise Zone was established by City Council in 2002 to provide financial incentives to encourage more economic development in seven core neighbourhoods and two core industrial areas of Saskatoon. The Enterprise Zone neighbourhoods were falling behind the rest of the city in terms of job growth, property investment, owner-occupancy, etc. The Enterprise Zone provides rebates of building and plumbing permit fees, rebates of land use fees such as rezoning and discretionary uses, tax abatements for up to five years, and grants in lieu of tax abatement to name a few. The program is temporary until the funds are spent. City Council provided \$500,000 of initial funding for the program in the spring of 2002.

REPORT

Description of Project

On December 2, 2004, the Municipal Enterprise Zone Adjudication Committee considered an application from Eastern Market Ltd. for a grant toward improvements at a new location at 218 Avenue B South located in the Riversdale neighbourhood.

Please refer to Attachments 1 and 2.

Eastern Market's application for incentives under the Municipal Enterprise Zone was made through the Riversdale Business Improvement District (BID) office. The Riversdale BID conducted a thorough review of the application by Eastern Market and has determined that the project warrants consideration for incentives under the Enterprise Zone. Eastern Market has applied for a one-time cash grant equal to one year of existing property taxes.

Reasons for Support

The proposal by Eastern Market Ltd. will occupy currently vacant space within the Riversdale neighbourhood. This is consistent with the intent of the Enterprise Zone program.

During consideration of this application, the Adjudication Committee noted that cash grants equal to one year of existing taxes are listed in City of Saskatoon Policy No. A09-031 (Municipal Enterprise Zone), Section 3.4, as an Enterprise Zone Incentive. Tax abatements of up to five years on the incremental taxes are also available through the Enterprise Zone. Although some interior alterations will be undertaken, the incremental taxes on improvements to this building would be negligible. As a result, the incremental tax abatement did not provide a level of incentive needed to adequately assist with this project. Therefore, a grant is being requested.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of the City of Saskatoon Policy C01-021 (Public Notice Policy) is not required.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Project Proposal from Eastern Market Ltd.
- 2. Location Plan of 218 Avenue B South

A3) Addition of Names to the Names Master List File No. PL 4001-5

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>:

that City Council approve the names contained in this report to be added to the Names Master List.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

According to City of Saskatoon Policy No. C09-008 (Naming of Civic Property and Development Areas), all requests for adding names to the Names Master List must be screened by the Naming Advisory Committee and approved by City Council.

The Naming Advisory Committee has reviewed and screened the following names in accordance with City Council's naming guidelines and recommends to City Council that they be added to the Names Master List.

- 1. **STEHWIEN, FRITZ:** talented artist, German-born, worked numerous art-related jobs in Germany, eventually immigrated to Canada with his family, settling in Saskatoon. Recently provided an oil painting of a Saskatoon winter scene for use in the Child Hunger and Education Program's Christmas card, due to it's overwhelming popularity, the painting, "Saskatoon In Winter", was also used the following year. He donates paintings annually to the local Boys & Girls Club and St. Paul's Hospital Foundation. (For any naming.)
- 2. **HANNA, JOSEPH:** well known 'Market Square' auctioneer from the 1930's in Saskatoon, owned property in Saskatoon which provided housing to service men and their brides returning home from the war, as well as, operated a retail store "Hanna's Yamaha Music Centre' and dance hall. Operated the first music store in Canada to offer group lessons to people ages 4 to 85, as well rented musical equipment to schools so that a school band program could be implemented. (For any naming.)

- 3. **SALLOUM, BERT:** born in Gary, Indiana, Bert moved with his family to Aneroid Saskatchewan, where he attended school, grades 1 through 12. Bert joined the Royal Canadian Artillery in 1940, and served overseas in WWII with the 17th Canadian Field Regiment. While Bert was overseas, his family moved from Aneroid to Saskatoon where they operated a family grocery store across from St. Paul's Hospital. Bert was active in many service and professional organizations, including serving as the Commissioner of the Board of Trade (1967-1986), and received Canada 125 Commemorative Medal. (For any naming.)
- 4. **COPE, RON:** born in Nottingham, England, in 1927; married in 1951; immigrated to Canada (Edmonton) in 1966. In 1968, Ron and his family moved to Saskatoon where Ron worked as the City Planner for 24 years. Before and during his retirement, Ron was very active on many committees in Saskatoon, including the Association of Professional Community Planners of Saskatchewan, and sessional lecturer at the University of Saskatchewan. He was interested in Horticulture and was an avid gardener (For park or street naming.)
- 5. FLANAGAN, JAMES (JIMMY): born in Ontario in 1850, moved to Saskatoon in August of 1902. Opened and operated the Western Hotel from 1903 until he sold it in 1907. Then built Flanagan House, another Hotel, which as of 1940 was referred to as the Senator Hotel. Refused to hold any public offices but contributed to various municipal and athletic causes. Died at the age of 59 in 1909. (For any naming.)
- 6. FARTHING, Daniel (Dan): born in Regina Saskatchewan on November 10, 1969. Attended Holy Cross High School in Saskatoon, the University of Saskatchewan (1987-1991), where he received his Physical Education Degree and the President's Medal of Convocation. While attending University, he played football with the Huskies for four years and won the Peter Gorman Trophy in 1987 for outstanding rookie of the year. In 1990, as a Husky Team Member, he won the Vanier Cup. He played with the Saskatchewan Roughriders from 1991-2001, was inducted into the Saskatchewan Hall of Fame in 2003 and Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame in November 2004. (For any naming.)

The Names Master List is kept in the Mayor's Office, and contains all screened and approved name suggestions for naming municipally owned or controlled facilities, streets, suburban development areas, neighbourhoods, and parks. There are currently 130 entries on the Names Master List.

The City Planning Branch will notify the applicants of the outcome of City Council's decision.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021 (Public Notice Policy), is not required.

A4) Naming Report – Renaming of 'Silverwood Industrial' to 'Marquis Industrial' (File No. CK. 4110-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the area defined as 'Silverwood Industrial' be renamed 'Marquis Industrial' as shown in Attachment 1.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

On October 16, 2004, the City of Saskatoon Land Branch brought forward a request to rename the 'Silverwood Industrial' area to 'Marquis Industrial'. The re-naming of this area would require that the boundaries for the current Marquis Industrial be extended to encompass the existing Silverwood Industrial area. (See attachment.)

The re-naming request was brought forward due to concerns raised by Silverwood neighbourhood residents at a recent public meeting regarding light industrial development in the Silverwood Industrial area. Residents were concerned about their neighbourhood name being the same as that of an industrial area, and felt a name change would remove the association of their residential neighbourhood from the light industrial area to the north.

This re-naming request was presented to and screened by the Naming Advisory Committee on Wednesday, November 10, 2004. The Naming Advisory Committee supported the re-naming request and sympathized with the concerns of the residents.

The applicant will be notified of City Council's decision regarding this matter.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021 (Public Notice Policy), is not required.

ATTACHMENT

1. Map showing proposed Marquis Industrial Area.

A5) Proposed Amendments to City Council Policy No. C09-008 Naming of Civic Property and Development Areas (File No. CK. 6310-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> that the City Clerk be instructed to amend City Council Policy No. C09-008 in accordance with this report.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

The City Planning Branch is responsible for the administration of City Council Policy C09-008 (please refer to Attachment 1), which deals with the naming of civic property and development areas. It is the opinion within the City Planning Branch that this policy needs to be updated to reflect the recent amendment made to the Naming Advisory Committee structure.

In 2004, the Executive Committee resolved to reduce the composition of the Naming Advisory Committee from twelve members to six members, which includes: the Mayor, two City Councillors, and three members of the Administration. The reduced Committee structure will come into effect beginning January 2005.

Specifically, the change that is being proposed is listed below.

Page 2 - Clause 3.2 (b) and (c) -

Existing:

- "b) The Naming Advisory Committee shall be comprised of the following members:
 - i. One member from the City Planning Branch.
 - ii. One member from the Parks Branch.
 - iii. One member from the Leisure Services Branch.
 - iv. One member from the Community Development Branch.
 - v. One member from the Development Services Branch.
 - vi. City Archivist.
 - vii. Heritage Co-ordinator.
 - viii. Two (2) City Councillors (appointed by City Council).
 - ix. Three (3) members of the General Public (appointed by City Council).
- c) The two City Councillors and three members of the General Public shall be appointed to serve on the Naming Advisory Committee for two (2) year terms."

Proposed:

- "b) The Naming Advisory Committee shall be comprised of the following members:
 - i. The Mayor.
 - ii. Two (2) City Councillors (appointed by City Council).
 - iii. Three (3) members from the Administration.
- c) The two City Councillors shall be appointed to serve on the Naming Advisory Committee for a one (1) year term."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021 (Public Notice Policy), is not required.

ATTACHMENT

1. City of Saskatoon Council Policy No.C09-008 - Naming of Civic Property and Development Areas.

A6) Naming Report – "Claypool Drive" (File No. CK. 6310-1)

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

ADOPTED.

REPORT

On November 25, 2004, the City of Saskatoon Land Branch and Dundee Developments notified the Naming Advisory Committee Administrator that a street name was required for the future east/west arterial roadway located on the northern boundary of the Hampton Village neighbourhood.

The future east/west arterial roadway originates west of Airport Drive, continues along the northern edge of the Hampton Village neighbourhood, and will eventually extend further west and link up with the other west side neighbourhoods in the new west sector.

According to Council Policy No. C09-008 (Naming of Civic Property and Development Areas), all requests for street names from the Names Master List will be selected by the Mayor. All of the names on the Names Master List have been previously screened by the Naming Advisory Committee and meet City Council's guidelines for name selection. The request was made through the Community Services Department to Mayor Donald Atchison to choose a name from the Names Master List.

On December 6, 2004, the Mayor selected "Claypool" as the name of the new road. A proper suffix for the new road was added, creating "Claypool Drive". (See Attachment 1.)

The "Claypool" name was submitted in honour of Brian and Ralph Claypool. Brian Claypool was a two-time Canadian Champion Bull Rider, a member of the Saskatoon and Saskatchewan Sports Halls of Fame, and a member of the Rodeo Cowboys Hall of Fame in Calgary. While on the rodeo circuit, Brian won numerous championships and awards, and once held the record for most money winnings in one riding season. Brian was competing on the American rodeo circuit when he lost his life in a plane crash on May 22, 1979.

Ralph Claypool opened the first western store in Saskatoon in 1960. Forty-four years later, "Claypool's Boot & Jean", located on Alberta Avenue in Saskatoon, remains a successful family business.

The decision of the Mayor was forwarded to the Land Branch.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021 (Public Notice Policy), is not required.

ATTACHMENT

1. Map indicating location of "Claypool Drive".

A7) Naming Report – Willowgrove Themed Street Names (File No. CK. 6310-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that 'Willowgrove Crescent', 'Willowgrove Avenue', 'Willowgrove Bay', 'Willowgrove Lane', 'Willowgrove Square', 'Willowgrove Court', and 'Willowgrove Terrace' be approved for use as street names in the Willowgrove neighbourhood, as shown in Attachment 1.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

On November 1, 2004, the City of Saskatoon Land Branch brought forward a request to the Naming Advisory Committee for the approval of additional street names in the Willowgrove neighbourhood. (See attachment.) The Land Branch's request included several 'Willowgrove' themed street names and three names from the Names Master List, dated September 14, 2004, which include:

Shepherd: served as alderman for Town Council of Sutherland, also a CPR Engineer; **Addison**: served as town foreman and policeman for Sutherland for 30 years; and, **Waters**: pioneer Sutherland business person.

Shepherd, Addison, and Waters were selected from the Names Master List due to their relationship with the Sutherland neighbourhood and a desire to use them in as close a proximity to Sutherland as feasible. According to Policy, the names selected from the Names Master List were forwarded to Mayor Donald Atchison for endorsement. The Mayor endorsed the names 'Shepherd', 'Addison', and 'Waters' for new streets in Willowgrove on December 6, 2004.

The other street names identified by the Land Branch for use in Willowgrove include the following 'Willowgrove' themed names: 'Willowgrove Crescent', 'Willowgrove Avenue', 'Willowgrove Bay', 'Willowgrove Lane', 'Willowgrove Square', 'Willowgrove Court', and 'Willowgrove Terrace'. The Land Branch selected the Willowgrove themed names for the area specifically surrounding the village centre or core of the neighbourhood.

As the 'Willowgrove' street names were not from the Names Master List, it is required by City of Saskatoon Policy No. C09-008 (Naming of Civic Property and Development Areas) that the names be screened by the Naming Advisory Committee for use or addition to the Names Master List. The Willowgrove street names were presented to and screened by the Naming Advisory Committee on Wednesday, November 10, 2004. The Committee supported the Willowgrove themed names selected by the developer and supported the desire to reinforce the village centre by using Willowgrove in the surrounding street names.

Following the Naming Advisory Committee meeting, the City Land Branch was notified of the Committee's resolution. The applicants will be notified of City Council's decision regarding this matter.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021 (Public Notice Policy), is not required.

ATTACHMENT

1. Map of Willowgrove Street Names

A8) Request For Encroachment Agreement 1515 Lorne Avenue Lots 7 & 8, Block 20, Plan G229 (File No. CK 4090-2, PL 4090)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u>	1)	that City Council recognize the encroachment at 1515 Lorne Avenue (Lots 7 & 8, Block 20, Plan G229);
	2)	that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the appropriate encroachment agreement making provision to collect the applicable fees; and
	3)	that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute, 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 encroachment.
ADOPTED.		

Stevenson Hood Thornton Beaubier, Barristers and Solicitors, on behalf of Greg McDonald & Donna Cameron, the new owners of the property located at 1515 Lorne Avenue, have requested to enter into an Encroachment Agreement with the City of Saskatoon. As shown on the attached Real Property Report, part of the garage encroaches onto the rear lane. The encroachment has likely existed since the garage was constructed in 1924. The total area of encroachment is approximately 1.86m² and will, therefore, be subject to an annual charge of \$50.00.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021 (Public Notice Policy), is not required.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Letter from Stevenson Hood Thornton Beaubier, Barristers and Solicitors dated December 21, 2004.
- 2. Real Property Report dated January 9, 1992.

Section B – CORPORATE SERVICES

B1) 2004 Residential Property Taxes and Utility Charges Survey Prepared by the City of Edmonton (File Nos. 1905-1 and 1920-1)

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

ADOPTED.

Attached, for City Council's information, is a copy of the most recent Residential Property Taxes and Utility Charges Survey that is prepared annually by the City of Edmonton. While a large part of the report pertains to Alberta, including a large component that deals specifically with the Edmonton region, comparisons are made to other cities across Canada.

Your Administration draws Council's attention to three tables that provide summary comparative information that gives a general overview of how Saskatoon compares to other municipalities in Canada. The intent of the survey is to have each municipality provide property tax information on a sample house that has been defined within the survey. Some municipalities have chosen to provide information based on the average taxes charged on single family homes. Where that has a potential to distort the comparative information, this will be noted.

<u>Table 1 on page 12</u> - the information on this table has been used to extract a comparison of taxes that are charged directly by each municipality (i.e. those taxes directly in the control of the local Council). At a value of 1,014, Saskatoon ranks 5th lowest of the 24 municipalities surveyed (Table 6 on page 27 adjusts that to 7th when Library taxes are added). Of the other four municipalities demonstrating lower taxes, three are from Alberta (Calgary, Red Deer and Medicine Hat), and the fourth is Surrey. Surrey reports based on average taxes. Had the City reported on the same basis as Surrey, its taxes would have been \$932, which would have improved Saskatoon's ranking to 4th lowest.

This table also reveals that the City of Saskatoon's ranking, when inclusive of school taxes and library taxes falls to 20th out of the 24 municipalities surveyed. While this is due in part to the fact that homeowner grants have been credited to five of the cities surveyed, and three of the cities pay no school taxes, Saskatoon's position is also severely impacted by the fact that Saskatoon school taxes were the highest of the 24 cities surveyed. Notably, the Saskatoon advantage has not only suffered when compared to municipalities in neighboring provinces, but also within Saskatchewan where Saskatoon's school taxes are 30% higher than Regina on the sample property.

<u>Table 5 on page 27</u> – the information on this table compares the total cost of the municipal property tax, the library tax, plus utility charges but excluding school taxes, and Saskatoon continues to rank 5^{th} out of the 24 municipalities.

<u>Table 3 on page 19</u> also provides an interesting perspective on property taxes. This table takes into account all of the taxes generated by each municipality (property taxes on residential, multi-family and commercial properties plus any business taxes still collected by some municipalities). The taxes collected by each municipality are then divided by population to determine the average tax paid per person. Saskatoon, which previously stated ranked 20th overall when residential taxes were compared (Table 1, page 12), moves well up the ranking to 8th lowest when total taxes collected are taken into account. City's such as Calgary, that ranked 2nd overall in the residential category, move down to 14th place when all taxes are included. This is largely due to the substantial business tax that is still collected by that City.

To summarize, it should be noted that those taxes under the direct control of City Council compare favorably with other cities in Canada. The City's ranking for having one of the lowest municipal tax rates in Canada has not changed considerably in recent years despite the fact that Council has implemented a tax policy that is reducing the tax rates on multi-family and commercial properties, with a corresponding shift to the residential sector. By remaining competitive, Saskatoon can attract business so that these businesses add to the City's tax base by way of increased assessment, not increased tax rates. However, that competitive advantage will be not be achieved if the City remains encumbered by the highest school taxes in Canada.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Police, is not required.

ATTACHMENT

1. 2004 Edmonton Survey.

Section C – FIRE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

- C1) Major Urban Disaster Mutual Aid Agreement (File No. CK. 270-1)
- **<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>:** 1) that City Council approve entering into an agreement with the Cities of Moose Jaw, Regina, Prince Albert, Swift Current, Yorkton, North Battleford, and Weyburn that would permit the sharing of emergency fire services in the event of a major urban disaster; and,

2) that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Saskatoon under the Corporate Seal.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

In the post September 11, 2001, environment, all urban centres are actively reviewing emergency preparedness procedures. As part of this planning, the City of Saskatoon, Fire and Protective Services Department, has been in discussions with the other major urban centres in Saskatchewan to address how to share resources in the event of a major disaster that would severely tax the emergency services of any single department.

The key terms in the proposed agreement are the following:

- 1. In the event of a major urban disaster, the City requiring assistance would make a specific request of any of the other Cities for assistance.
- 2. The assistance would be for emergency fire services, including personnel, equipment or resources for fire suppression, emergency medical services, rescue, or dangerous goods response teams.
- 3. The City that is requested to provide assistance could refuse if it did not have the necessary resources.
- 4. The City requesting assistance would pay the labour and material costs of the responding City.
- 5. The City requesting assistance would indemnify the responding City from any claims of third parties.
- 6. The Cities agree to provide a mutual release of each other.
- 7. Any City can end its participation by providing the others with 30 days' notice.

The Administration advises that should any City of Saskatoon fire equipment or personnel respond to an emergency outside the corporate limits, the insurance coverage would not be affected.

JUSTIFICATION

In accordance with the Corporate Business Plan, under Service Delivery Initiatives, it was agreed that the City pursue partnership opportunities with other levels of government (i.e. formulate mutual response agreement for disasters and major emergencies with other Saskatchewan cities).

OPTIONS

There are no practical alternatives.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None. The City requesting assistance would assume the costs of any response by the City of Saskatoon. The Fire Chief for the City of Saskatoon would be responsible for any request for assistance and would do so only as a last resort. The City's comprehensive general liability insurance does not contain any exclusion relative to this matter.

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

None is required except between the Cities.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3, Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

ATTACHMENT

1. Draft Major Urban Disaster Mutual Aid Agreement.

Section D – INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

D1) Speed Limit Revisions – Traffic Bylaw 7200 (File No. CK. 6320-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: 1) that the City Solicitor be instructed to amend Bylaw 7200 – The Traffic Bylaw as follows:

a) that the speed limit on Cartwright Street, between Clarence Avenue and Lorne Avenue, be changed from 60 km/h to 50 km/h; and

b) that the speed limit on Circle Drive, from 200 metres west of Airport Drive to Laurier Drive, be changed from 80 km/h to 90 km/h.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

Cartwright Street

The reconstruction of Cartwright Street as part of the Willows Development has introduced geometric changes to the roadway between Clarence Avenue and the Willows Golf and Country Club entrance. These changes, as well as the introduction of a curve where the Willows entrance used to be, now require slower speeds to maintain an adequate level of safety. Infrastructure Services is therefore recommending that the speed limit on Cartwright Street, between Clarence Avenue and Lorne Avenue, be decreased to 50 km/h, and therefore be removed from the 60 km/h section of Schedule 4 of Bylaw 7200. (Note Cartwright Road referred to in Bylaw 7200 is actually Cartwright Street).

Circle Drive between Airport Drive and Laurier Drive

Circle Drive between Airport Drive and Laurier Drive currently has a posted speed of 80 km/h, with an advisory speed of 70 km/h to the north and south of Laurier Drive due to the signalized intersection. In November 2004, a speed study was conducted at two locations along this section of roadway and the results are shown in Table 1.

Circle Drive	15 th Percentile Speed	Average Speed	85 th Percentile Speed
Eastbound	82 km/h	90 km/h	99 km/h
Westbound	80 km/h	89 km/h	98 km/h

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Traffic engineering practice for establishing the posted speed for a roadway generally uses the 85th percentile speed as the benchmark. The 85th percentile speed is the speed at which 85% of motorists are comfortable driving at or below. Subsequently, the 15th percentile speed is the speed at which 85% are travelling above. Care must be taken to ensure that the speed differential is not too great along a section of roadway as this decreases the safety of the roadway. Also, the design of the horizontal and vertical curves of the roadway must be capable of safely accommodating vehicles travelling at the posted speed of the roadway. The proximity of roadside obstructions must also be considered including their visual and physical affect on the motorist as well as their impact on the roadway conditions due to blowing snow. All of these factors were evaluated for this section of roadway, and neither the differential speeds, the

geometry of the roadway, nor roadside obstructions, limit the proposal for raising the posted speed to 90 km/h.

Infrastructure Services is therefore recommending that the 80 km/h maximum speed section in Schedule 4 of Bylaw 7200 be modified to read "Circle Drive from a point 200 metres north of Laurier Drive to a point 250 metres north of 11th Street." and the following be added to the 90 km/h section "Circle Drive from a point 200 metres west of Airport Drive to a point 200 metres north of Laurier Drive. In addition to the changes to the speed signs, the existing signs will be relocated and enhanced similar to the changes which occurred on Circle Drive between Taylor Street and the Circle Drive bridge in 2003, including the 'starburst' on the 'slower traffic keep right' signs and installation/relocation of key signs along the route to better improve their conspicuity.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

D2)	Circle Drive/College Drive Interchange
	Structure Design, Addition to Scope
	Capital Project No. 2002
	(File No. CK. 6000-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> :	1)	that the scope of the Engineering Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Ltd. for the detailed design of the Circle Drive/College Drive overpass structure be revised to include design of the Central Avenue Flyover;
	2)	that the Engineering Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Ltd. for the detailed design of the Circle Drive/College Drive overpass structure be revised to a total upset cost of \$440,010.00, including G.S.T. and P.S.T.; and
	3)	that the City Solicitor be instructed to revise the existing Engineering Services Agreement for execution by His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk under the Corporate Seal.
ADOPTED.		

BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on August 16, 2004, City Council adopted the following recommendations:

"that the safety improvement measures proposed for College Drive and Central Avenue, as detailed in this report, be approved." (design and construction of a single lane overpass from College Drive eastbound to Central Avenue northbound), and

"that these safety improvement measures be identified in the Capital Budget document as a separate project from Capital Project No. 2002 – Circle Drive and College Drive Grade Separation."

On December 13, 2004, the 2005 Capital Budget was tabled with City Council and Capital Project 2002 – Circle Drive/College Drive Interchange was approved subject to financing under the 'New Federal Funding Arrangement for Cities'. The safety improvements for College Drive and Central Avenue were listed as a separate line item inside this same Capital Project 2002, and were also approved subject to financing under the 'New Federal Funding Arrangement for Cities'.

REPORT

Stantec Consulting Ltd. is currently in an Engineering Services Agreement for the detailed design of the Circle Drive/College Drive overpass. Since this agreement was entered into, the addition of safety improvements at the intersection of College Drive and Central Avenue has been approved by City Council. These safety improvement measures involve the construction and associated works to build a 'flyover' structure to allow for a free flow eastbound College Drive to northbound Central Avenue movement. Infrastructure Services is recommending that the scope of the existing Engineering Services Agreement be increased to include additional work to produce the detailed design and tender documents for the Central Avenue Flyover structure complete with on/off ramps, sound attenuation, retaining walls, road alterations, utility accommodation, and pedestrian accommodation. The additional upset cost for this work is \$195,000 plus G.S.T. and P.S.T.

As stated, the original Engineering Services Agreement only included the design of the College Drive/Circle Drive overpass structure, as the proposal for the College Drive/Central Avenue improvements had not yet been finalized. This additional work is a natural extension of the current overpass design and by utilizing the same consultant, the Administration will be able to take advantage of the geotechnical information and design knowledge already in place as part of the Circle Drive/College Drive Interchange work. By proceeding in this fashion, it is anticipated that the design will be completed in time to allow for the construction contract to be tendered and awarded in mid 2005. As such, this consulting services assignment has been sole sourced with Stantec Consulting Ltd. and the Administration is very confident that competitive pricing has been obtained.

The final cost of the work to be performed in the Engineering Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Ltd. is as follows:

Additional work to complete the detailed design	
of the College Drive/Central Avenue Flyover	\$ 195,000.00
P.S.T.	\$ 13,650.00
G.S.T.	\$ 13,650.00
Total Fees	\$ 222,300.00
Less G.S.T. Rebate	\$ (13,650.00)
Incremental Net Cost to City	\$ 208,650.00
Current Agreement Net Cost to City	\$ <u>207,780.00</u>
Total Revised Engineering Services Agreement Net Cost	\$ 416,430.00

Funding has been allocated within Capital Project No. 2002 to complete the design and construction of the College Drive/Central Avenue Safety Improvement Measures, but will not be available until the 'New Federal Funding Arrangement for Cities' is announced by the Federal government. This will likely not occur until after the Federal Budget is announced. Capital Project No. 2002 does, however, have \$600,000 of interim funding that was approved by City Council in 2004 to complete embankment construction and to realign a 500mm primary watermain. The watermain reconstruction has been completed, but due to poor summer and fall weather conditions, approximately \$250,000 of this funding has not been spent, and the work has now been deferred to the spring of 2005.

Infrastructure Services is proposing that this previously approved unspent budget be utilized to fund the detailed design of the Central Avenue Flyover Structure as described above. This will allow the design to be completed now and be ready for tender without having to wait for the federal funding to be put in place. If the 'New Federal Funding Arrangement for Cities'' does not materialize by spring of 2005, the balance of the earthworks planned for 2005 would be cancelled thereby allowing the project to stay within approved funding levels.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 1-2005

Section B – OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

B1) Licensing fees for Dogs and Cats (File No. CK. 151-15)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8374.

ADOPTED.

The current Bylaw provides for differing license fees for cats and dogs under 12 months old on the basis of whether they are spayed or neutered. Given the differing views on the appropriate age for altering a pet, your Administration has recommended simplifying the license fee structure to eliminate this distinction. Bylaw No. 8374 amends the Animal Control Bylaw to achieve this purpose and reflects the simplified license fee structure under Schedule 1.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Bylaw No. 8374.

REPORT NO. 1-2005 OF THE LAND BANK COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor M. Heidt, Chair Councillor E. Hnatyshyn Councillor G. Penner Councillor M. Neault Councillor G. Wyant

1. Request to Sell City-owned Property Parcel X, Plan 101855998 (923 Kristjanson Road) Parcel EE, Ext. 2, Plan 96S22416 (915 Kristjanson Road) Silverspring Neighbourhood (File No. CK. 4215-1)

RECOMMENDATION:	1)	that the Land Branch Manager be authorized to sell Parcel X, Plan 101855998 and Parcel EE, Ext. 2, Plan 96S22416, to the highest bidders through a tender process, with reserve bids as stated in this report;
	2)	that any parcels not sold through the tender process be placed for sale over-the-counter, on a first-come, first-served basis; and
	3)	that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documentation to complete the sale by public tender.
ADOPTED.		

The Land Bank Committee has reviewed the following report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 25, 2004 with the Administration and supports the sale of lots, as described therein:

"BACKGROUND

On June 4, 2002 the Land Branch offered Parcel EE, Plan 96S22416 in the Silverspring neighbourhood for sale by way of public tender (See Attachments 1 and 2). This site, which was zoned B2 – District Commercial, comprised 1.75 acres and was developed at the corner of Somers Road and Kristjanson Road. Development of this site was intended to serve both the residents of Silverspring as well as future developments to the north and northeast.

Although the site was offered for sale by public tender, no bids were received. Since that time, the parcel has been available for sale over-the-counter, but the site has received little interest and remains in inventory.

Potential customers have indicated to the Land Branch that the size of the site is too large for the developments that they wished to pursue and have requested that we provide smaller sites in this area.

Therefore, in order to promote the sale of this land and to facilitate the development of commercial space in this neighbourhood, the Land Branch has subdivided this parcel into two smaller parcels (See Attachment No. 3). Parcel X is a 0.5 acre site at the corner of Somers Road and Kristjanson Road. Remnant parcel EE comprises 1.25 acres. Both of these parcels front onto Kristjanson Road and are visible from Central Avenue.

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval for the sale of these two parcels by public tender and to establish the reserve bid price for each.

REPORT

The original reserve bid price for the 1.75-acre site was \$475,000.00 plus taxes. This price was based on \$6.23 per square foot (\$271,429.00 per acre). Since June 2002, this price has been adjusted due to increases in servicing rates. The current price is now \$523,355.00 plus taxes (\$6.87 per square foot or \$299,060.00 per acre).

Although smaller commercial sites are generally more affordable and therefore more valuable, it is recommended to keep the same price per acre and set the price for each parcel accordingly. This recommendation is being made in order to stimulate commercial development in Silverspring. The resulting prices for these two parcels are therefore proposed to be as follows:

Parcel X	0.500 acres	Reserve Bid Price: \$149,530.00
Parcel EE	1.250 acres	Reserve Bid Price: \$373,825.00

Tenders will be awarded to the highest bidder at or above the reserve bid price. If there is any uncertainty with regard to the bids, the appropriate report and recommendations will be provided to City Council.

Any parcels that do not sell through the tender process will be made available for direct purchase at the Land Branch.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Plan showing the sites within the Silverspring neighbourhood.
- 2. Plan showing the original subdivision.
- 3. Plan showing the revised subdivision."

2. Sufficiency/Increased Funding – Affordable Housing Reserve (File No. CK. 750-4)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u>	1)	that for 2004, the contribution to the Affordable Housing Reserve be made in accordance with current policy for those land transactions excluding Willowgrove and Hampton Village neighbourhoods;
	2)	that beginning in 2005, the annual contribution to the Affordable Housing Reserve be funded from the Property Realized Reserve at a defined dollar amount (to be determined based on a current affordable housing needs analysis), and that the Property Realized Reserve be reimbursed for these contributions from land profit proceeds in the Land Development fund once these profits have been realized;
	3)	that City Council be advised that the Land Bank Program is able to sustain a contribution of up to \$500,000 per year to the Affordable Housing Reserve based on the projected return on investment from Willowgrove and Hampton Village neighbourhoods, plus anticipated returns from future developments; and
	4)	that the Finance Branch of the Corporate Services Department be responsible for monitoring whether the Land Bank Program is able to meet their obligation to reimburse the Property Realized Reserve from realized land profit proceeds.
ADOPTED.		

The following report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 24, 2004 has been reviewed by the Land Bank Committee, with the Administration, and the Committee supports the funding proposal outlined therein:

"BACKGROUND

At its meeting of February 21, 2003, the Land Bank Committee considered the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated December 31, 2002 (see Attachment 1), dealing with the ability of the Land Bank Program to sustain a level of contribution to the Affordable Housing Reserve of 20% of land component proceeds versus the current level of 10%. The Land Bank Committee resolved:

'that this matter be referred to the Administration for a further report on the ability of the Land Bank Program to sustain a level of contribution to the Affordable Housing Reserve of 20% of land component proceeds versus the current level of 10%.'

REPORT

The Affordable Housing Reserve is funded per Section 24.2 (b) of City of Saskatoon Policy C03-003 (Reserves for Future Expenditures), which specifies that "10% of the value of the land component of the annual sales by the City of its residential, commercial, and industrial land" be transferred into the Affordable Housing Reserve to fund the City's housing activities. The value of the "land component" is calculated as sales proceeds less servicing costs and the land administration fee.

Beginning in 2004, the Land Bank Program implemented a revised accounting model to reflect a full-costing approach for new development areas such as Willowgrove and Hampton Village neighbourhoods. Sales and cost of sales are accumulated in a separate fund (rather than recorded directly to the Property Realized Reserve) in order to more completely report net profits and Return on Investment (ROI). Under the full-costing approach, cost of sales include all development costs including initial land purchase costs, enhancement costs over and above prepaid services, Grants-in-Lieu of property taxes and interest charges. These additional costs are not reflected under the current formula used to calculate the 10% contribution to the Affordable Housing Reserve.

The revised land accounting model raises a number of questions with regard to the contributions to the Affordable Housing Reserve, including:

- What should be the basis for establishing the annual contribution to the Reserve?
- What is the nature/source of the contribution?
- Can the identified source sustain the proposed level of contribution?

Basis for Establishing Annual Contribution

The December 31 report (see Attachment 1) stated that the percentage contribution approach (i.e. tied to land sales) allows contributions to match development activity that in

most years correlates with need. It indicated that high land sales means a high level of growth in the city, that while primarily met by market housing supply, also means an expected increase in demand for affordable housing.

However, it is the Administration's recommendation that the annual contribution to the Affordable Housing Reserve be based on a defined dollar amount. A defined contribution approach would have the advantage of providing a stable funding source to meet any affordable housing needs in years of low levels of development activity thereby ensuring that programs would not have to be postponed. Also, under the percentage approach, an exceptional year of strong sales would result in a larger than usual contribution of surplus to the Affordable Housing Reserve that may not be required, but is then unavailable for other Council priorities. Under a defined contribution approach, reserve sufficiency can be reviewed periodically based on demand rather than in response to a variable funding source.

See Attachment 2 for a review of the contributions made to the Affordable Housing Reserve under the current approach over the past seven years.

Nature/Source of the Contribution

The Land Bank Committee has approved a business plan and a ROI for Willowgrove and Hampton Village under the new approach. However, the profits from these development projects are not fully realized until project completion (e.g. an estimated 15 to 17 years for neighbourhood development). It is the view of the Administration that the contribution to the Affordable Housing Reserve should be considered a distribution of profit/retained earnings from the Land Bank Program rather than as a cost of sales. The Land Bank should not be held accountable for an ROI that does not place them on an even playing field with private land developers. Adding annual contributions to the Affordable Housing Reserve into the Land Bank accounting system would result in decreased cash flows in the early years of development resulting in an additional cost to finance future development costs.

We recommend that, for 2004, the Affordable Housing Reserve continue to be funded in accordance with current policy for those land sales excluding Willowgrove and Hampton Village neighbourhoods. This will provide an estimated contribution for 2004 to the Affordable Housing Reserve of \$490,600. However, beginning in 2005, we propose that the Affordable Housing Reserve be funded from the Property Realized Reserve at a defined contribution amount per year, and that when land development profits are ultimately realized, the Land Development Fund disburses this surplus to reimburse the Property Realized Reserve for amounts receivable.

City Council the authority to determine the use of land profits once realized. By providing a contribution to the Affordable Housing Reserve, Council is "preauthorizing" a future distribution of land profits for this use.

Sustainability of Proposed Source of Funds to the Reserve

Sustainability is first determined based on an identification of the funding amount required. The December 31, 2002 report stated that an average contribution of \$400,000 would enable the Affordable Housing Reserve to remain reasonably well funded through the course of the next five years. As noted above, the proposed 2004 contribution would result in estimated proceeds of \$490,600 to the Affordable Housing Reserve. Beginning in 2005, it is anticipated that the Land Bank Program would also be able to sustain a \$500,000 contribution level based on the business plans completed to date for Willowgrove and Hampton Village. However, it is our understanding that a current affordable housing needs analysis is being undertaken to determine the required level of funding for this reserve, and that this required contribution amount might change. A report is expected to be provided to Council in early 2005.

Secondly, sustainability is tied to the projected and actual ROI experienced for new land development projects. It is our recommendation that the Finance Branch of the Corporate Services Department be responsible for monitoring whether the Land Bank Program is able to meet their obligation to reimburse the Property Realized Reserve from realized land profit proceeds. Financial reports comparing actual results against the proposed business plan for the Willowgrove, Hampton Village, and all future developments would be provided to the Finance Branch on an annual basis and reviewed to determine their continued ability to generate the projected ROI. Any variation of the overall projected ROI for these developments that would hamper the ability of the Property Realized Reserve to meet the defined annual contribution to the Affordable Housing Reserve would be reported to the Planning and Operations Committee and Land Bank Committee for immediate review and recommendation.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. December 31, 2002 Report to Planning and Operations Committee re: Sufficiency/Increased Funding – Affordable Housing Reserve
- 2. Contributions to Affordable Housing Reserve (1998-2004)"

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Penner,

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

CARRIED.

His Worship the Mayor resumed the Chair.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

AA. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

1) Bob Bjornerud, MLA Melville-Saltcoats Saskatchewan Party Critic of Intergovernmental Affairs, dated December 1

Providing information with respect to Bill 81, which was introduced during the Fall Session of the Saskatchewan Legislature. (File No. CK. 127-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

2) Mayor Brad Woodside City of Fredericton, dated December 1

Submitting comments with respect to the Youth Advisory Council. (File No. CK. 175-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

3) Dan Danielson, Chairman Saskatoon Board of Education, dated December 6

Expressing appreciation to the Board of Trustees of the Saskatoon Public Library for hosting the meeting held on October 19, 2004 with the Saskatoon Board of Education. (File No. CK. 175-19)

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

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

4) <u>Colleen Duncan, dated December 9</u>

Requesting that a pedestrian actuated light be installed at Clarence Avenue and Main Street. (File No. CK. 6150-3)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> that the matter be referred to the Administration for a report.

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration for a report.

CARRIED.

5) Irene Davidson-Fisher, CEO Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association, dated December 9

Submitting an invoice with respect to the 2005 Municipal Contribution to the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association. (File No. CK. 155-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that the 2005 Membership fee for the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association be paid in the amount of \$22,111.72.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the 2005 Membership fee for the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association be paid in the amount of \$22,111.72.

CARRIED.

6) <u>Katie Edwards, dated December 9</u>

Submitting comments with respect to the transit fare increase. (File No. CK. 1905-4)

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

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

7) Rose Marie Le Poudre, Social Work Coordinator St. Paul's Hospital, dated December 9

Requesting Council to approve the appointment of Cheryl Stewart to the Access Transit Advisory Committee representing the Saskatoon Health Region replacing Diane McNeil. (File No. CK. 225-58)

RECOMMENDATION:

that Cheryl Stewart be appointed to the Access Transit Advisory Committee representing the Saskatoon Health Region replacing Diane McNeil.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Cheryl Stewart be appointed to the Access Transit Advisory Committee representing the Saskatoon Health Region replacing Diane McNeil.

CARRIED.

8) <u>Veronica Larcher, dated December 13</u>

Suggesting that proceeds from parking tickets be given to a charitable cause. (File No. CK. 150-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

9) <u>Lillian Heichman, dated December 11</u>

Submitting comments with respect to the Persephone Theatre and funding. (File No. CK. 150-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

10) <u>Vaughan Evans, dated December 7</u>

Submitting suggestions with respect to recycling. (File No. CK. 7830-5)

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

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

11) Blaine Canitz, dated December 13

Submitting comments with respect to the eastern portion of the perimeter highway. (File No. CK. 6000-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

12) <u>Glen Metivier, dated December 15</u>

Submitting suggestions with respect to river events held in the City. (File No. CK. 150-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

13) Cal Moneo, President Harmon Int'l Industries Inc., dated December 13

Expressing concerns with respect to Harmon International Industries Inc.'s request for a property tax abatement. Attached is a copy of Clause B3, Administrative Report No. 22-2004 regarding the matter, which was dealt with by City Council at its meeting held on December 13, 2004. (File No. CK. 1965-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

14) Paul Bunka, President Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Saskatoon Branch, dated December 15

Requesting that the City of Saskatoon support a free and democratic electoral process in Ukraine. (File No. CK. 150-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT a letter of congratulations be sent to Saskatoon's Sister City of Chernivtsi on their democratic electoral process.

CARRIED.

15) <u>Allan Wagner, dated December 16</u>

Expressing comments with respect to property taxes in the City. (File No. CK. 150-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the information be received and a letter be sent to the writer indicating that 39% of property taxes are paid to the City.

CARRIED.

16) <u>Colette Bischoff, dated December 16</u>

Submitting comments with respect to the composting program and the trees planted along east Circle Drive. (File No. CK. 7830-5-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

17) <u>Peter H. Cribb, dated December 20</u>

Expressing opposition to the temporary boat launch in Kiwanis Park becoming a permanent location. (File No. CK. 5520-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the information be received and joined to the file.

CARRIED.

18) Debby Claude, Market Coordinator Saskatoon Farmers' Market, dated December 21

Expressing appreciation to the City for the use of 23rd Street and City Hall Square for the Farmers' Market during the past year. Also requesting use of 23rd Street and the Lakewood Civic Centre parking lot for next year's operations starting May 2005. (File No. CK. 205-7)

RECOMMENDATION: that permission be granted to the Saskatoon Farmers' Market to use 23rd Street and City Hall Square starting May 2005 subject to administrative conditions and that the request for the use of the Lakewood Civic Centre parking lot starting May 2005 be referred to the Administration for a report.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT permission be granted to the Saskatoon Farmers' Market to use 23rd Street, City Hall Square and the Lakewood Civic Centre parking lot starting May 2005 subject to administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

19) J. Korobejko, dated December 22

Submitting comments with respect to property taxes. (File No. CK. 1920-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received and that Mr. Korobejko be advised that funding education is a provincial responsibility.

CARRIED.

20) Grant Wruck, Coordinator Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan, Inc., dated December 23

Requesting transit services for "Saskatchewan's Native Plants: A Historical Expedition" conference tour to be held February 3 – 5, 2005. (File No. CK. 1871-10)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration for a report.

CARRIED.

21) <u>SUMA Resolutions Committee, dated December 29</u>

Submitting resolutions to the 2005 SUMA Convention to be held January 29 – February 2, 2005. (File No. CK. 155-3-2)

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

Moved by Councillor Alm, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the matter be referred to the public portion of the Executive Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED.

22) <u>W.J. Baker, dated December 29</u>

Expressing concerns with respect to evening transit service. (File No. CK. 7300-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> that the matter be referred to the Administration for further handling.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration and to the Saskatoon Transit Strategic Plan Study.

CARRIED.

23) David Klatt, Executive Director Western Development Museum, dated December 27

Requesting \$250,000 from the federal centennial funds recently announced by the Honourable Ralph Goodale. (File No. CK. 205-30)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> that the matter be referred to the Administration for a report.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration for a report.

CARRIED.

B. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

1) Lyn Gray, A/Manager Saskatchewan Homelessness Operations, dated December 8

Submitting a copy of the document "Keeping the Plan Alive 2004". (A copy of the document can be viewed in the City Clerk's Office.) (File No. CK. 750-6) (**Referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.**)

2) Jim Moltner, P. Eng. <u>Teknyx Limited, Broadcast and Telecommunications Engineering, dated December 9</u>

Submitting notice of a change of facilities of FM Radio Station CFCR-FM. (File No. CK. 233-1) (**Referred to the Administration for appropriate action.**)

3) Donald L. Page, Executive Director Industry Task Force II on 2,4D Research Data, dated December 7

Submitting information with respect to use of lawn care herbicides on public and private property. (A copy of the attachments is available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office.) (File No. CK. 4200-7) (Referred to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee.)

4) Noel Brady, Pesticides Alternatives Committee Saskatchewan Environmental Society, dated December 8

Submitting information with respect to the cosmetic use of pesticides. (File No. CK. 4200-7) (**Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.**)

5) Scott A. Matheson, President Curl Saskatoon, dated December 13, 2004

Submitting a request from the Boards of the Curling Clubs of Saskatoon that the City Council exempt the land and buildings owned and occupied by Saskatoon's Curling Clubs from property taxes. (File No. CK. 1965-1) (**Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.**)

6) Grant Stevenson, Program Head Saskatoon Special Olympics Curling, undated

Expressing support for the request for property tax exemption from the Boards of the Curling Clubs of Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 1965-1) (**Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.**)

7) Bob Westad, Junior Coordinator Curl Saskatoon, dated December 12

Expressing support for the request for property tax exemption from the Boards of the Curling Clubs of Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 1965-1) (**Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.**)

8) Sid Katzman, Sports Director Care & Share Saskatoon, Inc., dated November 30

Expressing support for the request for property tax exemption from the Boards of the Curling Clubs of Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 1965-1) (**Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.**)

9) Kelly Bowers, Consultant, SSSAD Athletics Saskatoon Public Schools, dated December 8

Expressing support for the request for property tax exemption from the Boards of the Curling Clubs of Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 1965-1) (**Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.**)

10) Andrea Muir, Program Director Saskatchewan Wheelchair Sports Association, dated December 14

Expressing support for the request for property tax exemption from the Boards of the Curling Clubs of Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 1965-1) (**Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.**)

11) <u>Dan LePage, dated December 16</u>

Submitting comments with respect to the smoking bylaw in the City. (File No. CK. 185-3) (**Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.**)

12) Judy Lang, December 19

Submitting comments with respect to the smoking bylaw in the City. (File No. CK. 185-3) (**Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.**)

13) Roy Cushway, dated December 19

Submitting comments with respect to the smoking bylaw in the City. (File No. CK. 185-3) (**Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.**)

14) Jerry Dirks and Tammy Gordon-Dirks, dated December 16

Submitting comments with respect to the smoking bylaw in the City. (File No. CK. 185-3) (**Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.**)

15) <u>Blaine Gysler, dated December 17</u>

Submitting comments with respect to the smoking bylaw in the City. (File No. CK. 185-3) (**Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.**)

16) Ann McLean, President Federation of Canadian Municipalities, dated December 17

Submitting information with respect to the Partners for Climate Protection. (File No. CK. 375-4) (**Referred to the Administration.**) **RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

C. **PROCLAMATIONS**

1) Robert Barkman, Executive Director Knights of Columbus Indoor Games Inc., dated December 8

Requesting that Council proclaim the week of January 31 to February 6, 2005 as Knights of Columbus Saskatchewan Indoor Games week. (File No. CK. 205-5)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: 1

- 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 Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

- 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.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw 8374

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8374, being "The Animal Control Amendment Bylaw, 2005", and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT Bylaw No. 8374 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8374.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8374 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8374 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Bylaw No. 8374 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 meeting recessed at 6:50 p.m. and reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

HEARINGS

4a) Proposed Annexation of Akzo Nobel From R.M. of Corman Park No. 344 Blk/Par A, Plan No. 63S09313, Extension 0 As described on Certificate of Title 64S00939 (File No. CK. 4060-1)

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

"In accordance with Section 43(6) of *The Cities Act*, City Council is to hear all persons who wish to make representation regarding the proposed annexation of the Akzo Nobel property.

BACKGROUND

Attached is a copy of Clause A4, Administrative Report No. 18-2004, which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on October 18, 2004. City Council resolved:

- (1) that City Council agree to the annexation of the lands identified in Attachment 1;
- 2) that the assessed owner and school division affected by the annexation be served notice in accordance with Section 43 of The Cities Act, 2003;
- 3) that the City Clerk be instructed to request a complementary resolution from the RM of Corman Park;
- 4) that the effective date of annexation and taxation be set at January 1, 2005; and
- 5) that compensation in the amount of \$79,995.60 be paid to the R.M. of Corman Park upon annexation.'

A notice was published in the *StarPhoenix* on October 23 and 30, 2004, indicating that anyone who objected to the proposed annexation must do so by November 29, 2004. On November 29, 2004, City Council received three written objections concerning the proposed annexation. Copies of the objections are attached.

Section 43(3) of *The Cities Act* states that if an objection is filed, Council must call a public meeting in order to hear all persons who wish to make representations relevant to the proposed annexation. Attached is a copy of the notice that was published in the local press on December 4, 2004 and December 11, 2004.

REPORT

The following is a report of the General Manager, Community Services, respecting the matter:

"According to Akzo Nobel, the date established by Environment Canada (December 31, 2004) for cessation of effluent discharge into the river is not negotiable. The following information provides more detail about the options available to Akzo Nobel.

Connection to an Existing Treatment Facility (annexation)

According to the City's Infrastructure Services Department, an existing sanitary sewer and water line is within close proximity to the Akzo Nobel site. Akzo Nobel may connect to the existing sanitary sewer or, depending on discharge levels, may be required to discharge into the main sewer trunk located further south. Akzo Nobel is prepared to pay the cost of connection in either event. Infrastructure Services is satisfied that <u>the chemical composition of the effluent is</u> acceptable for treatment at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Construction of an On-site Effluent Treatment Facility

Akzo Nobel has determined that it would cost close to \$2.5 million dollars to construct an on-site treatment facility. The company has indicated it cannot justify investing this amount of money in a 40-year old facility; therefore, investment is not being considered by the company. If annexation is not an option, Akzo Nobel would consider closure of the plant.

Connection to the City's Sanitary Sewer without Annexation

As a matter of policy, the City of Saskatoon does not extend sanitary sewer service beyond city limits. The extension of sanitary sewer service outside city boundaries represents a major departure from policy and sets a precedent for development throughout the Saskatoon Planning District.

At the present time, Akzo Nobel is hauling its effluent to a discharge point by truck 3 to 4 times per day for treatment at the City's Water and Pollution Control Plant, until such time as the annexation issue is concluded.

Marquis Industrial Sector Plan

The Akzo Nobel site is located immediately adjacent to the Marquis Industrial Area. On November 4, 2002, City Council endorsed the Marquis Industrial Sector Plan (**Attachment 2**), which identified the future growth of this industrial sector. The Akzo Nobel site is located immediately adjacent to an area identified for future industrial development. As such, no land use incompatibilities are anticipated. The planned arterial roadway system and servicing is being designed to accommodate such uses.

Saskatoon Planning District Study

The Saskatoon Planning District Study is underway and will include an examination of the issue of extension of sanitary sewer service outside city limits. The study will examine the best practices in Western Canada. However, the study findings and recommendations are not expected to be available until May 2005, at the earliest. This does not coincide with the Environment Canada directive to Akzo Nobel. The City's Administration cannot recommend the extension of sanitary sewer service beyond city limits until the impacts of such a policy change are fully considered in the Planning District Study.

Future growth and development of non-residential land in Saskatoon is being examined as part of the Saskatoon Planning District Study. The properties adjacent to Akzo Nobel (Harris Rebar and Erco Worldwide) will be examined and the future growth and development along Wanuskewin Road will form part of the recommendations contained in the Saskatoon Planning District Review. At the present time, the Administration is recommending that only the Akzo Nobel site be considered for annexation until such time as the Planning District Study is completed.

Current and Future Use of the Akzo Nobel site

Akzo Nobel takes tallow, vegetable oils, and fats, and processes them into glycerine and fatty acids which ultimately form an amine. It is the amine that is produced by Akzo Nobel and sold to the potash industry in Saskatchewan.

Under normal operation, there is no risk of airborne contamination or a major accident causing the leakage of dangerous airborne chemicals. Akzo does acknowledge that an odour is produced through production, but has indicated that connection to the City sanitary system will reduce the frequency of this nuisance. Anhydrous Ammonia is stored on site under license regulated by Saskatchewan Environmental Resource Management (S.E.R.M.), which requires a 1 kilometre separation distance from any residential use. Akzo Nobel is under full compliance with the separation distance regulation.

At present, Akzo Nobel is operating at full capacity. Akzo Nobel has indicated that they have no plans for plant or capacity expansion in the foreseeable future.

According to Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management, there are no outstanding regulatory issues concerning the Akzo Nobel chemical site or operations. Akzo Nobel is willing to discuss zoning and land use control issues with the City upon annexation.

On October 18, 2004, Councillor Wyant requested a report from the City Administration on 'zoning alternatives' as a means of restricting further heavy industrial development in this area. If the Akzo Nobel plant was annexed into the city, there are a number of options available to the City of Saskatoon to limit the future use of the Akzo Nobel site. On December 13, 2004, City Council received a report from the Community Services Department on zoning options. City Council decided at that meeting to defer consideration of the zoning options until the issue of annexation was concluded.

OPTIONS

- 1. <u>Proceed with Annexation (recommended)</u> upon receipt of a complementary resolution from the RM of Corman Park, City Council may apply to the Minister of Government Relations for alteration of boundaries to annex Akzo Nobel. The application must include a written summary of the Public Meeting as well as copies of any submissions received.
- 2. **Do Not Proceed with Annexation** City Council may resolve not to proceed with annexation. It has been indicated by Akzo Nobel that this may cause the permanent closure of the chemical plant.
- 3. <u>Connection without Annexation</u> City Council may instruct the Administration to allow the connection of Akzo Nobel to the City's sanitary sewer system without annexation. This would be a major departure from existing policy and may have implications for the Planning District Study currently underway.
- 4. <u>Defer Decision</u> City Council may defer any decision on the annexation request to allow more time for public review. Although not required by The Cities Act, 2003, City Council may opt for more time for public review and feedback. Akzo Nobel is under an Order from Environment Canada to stop discharge into the river on December 31, 2004.

Your administration is recommending Option 1, which is to proceed with an application for boundary alteration (annexation) to the Minister."

COMMUNICATIONS

Attached are the following communications received regarding this public meeting:

- Mr. Richard Stobbs, Plant Manager, Akzo Nobel, dated December 23, 2004, providing information on the proposed annexation and requesting permission to address City Council;
- Ms. Sandy Preston, dated December 29, 2004, requesting permission to address Council with respect to the above; and
- Ms. Erica Emery, dated December 30, 2004, expressing support for the proposed annexation."

His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.

Mr. Richard Stobbs, Plant Manager, Akzo Nobel, provided background information on the operations of the Akzo Nobel Chemical Plant. He assured Council that if the proposed annexation

was to proceed, that there would be no harmful chemicals that would be discharged into the City's sewer system.

Mr. Gerry Mooney, Laboratory Environmental Manager, Akzo Nobel, provided Council with clarification on the environmental aspect of the Akzo Nobel Chemical Plant.

Ms. Sandy Preston expressed concerns with respect to potential health risks from the proposed annexation of Akzo Nobel. Ms. Preston provided Council with a copy of her presentation.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the submitted correspondence be received.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,

THAT upon receipt of a complementary resolution from the RM of Corman Park, City Council apply to the Minister of Government Relations for alteration of boundaries to annex Akzo Nobel.

<u>IN REFERRAL</u>

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT the matter be referred back to the Administration for a report back to City Council before June 2005 on any potential deleterious effect of the effluent stream on the City's sewer system.

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

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the Administration report with respect to the discharge routing from Akzo Nobel and its proximity to the residential neighbourhood.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL - CONTINUED

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

1) Chris Ransom, Program Manager Canadian Youth Business Foundation, dated December 7

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the Canadian Youth Business Foundation. (File No. CK. 150-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Chris Ransom be heard.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Chris Ransom be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Chris Ransom, Program Manager, Canadian Youth Business Foundation, spoke with respect to the Canadian Youth Business Foundation charity. She provided Council with an information package.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

2) Pat Tymchatyn, President Meadowgreen Community Association, dated December 20

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the proposed relocation of W.P. Bate School. (File No. CK. 4131-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> that Pat Tymchatyn be heard.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT items A3), A4), A5) and A6) be brought forward and that the speakers be heard.

CARRIED.

"A3) <u>Robert A. Roy, dated December 20</u>

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the proposed relocation of W.P. Bate School. (File No. CK. 4131-1)

A4) Jerry Bartzen, dated December 20

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the proposed relocation of W.P. Bate School. (File No. CK. 4131-1)

A5) <u>Connie Head, dated December 21</u>

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the proposed relocation of W.P. Bate School. (File No. CK. 4131-1)

A6) <u>Peter Kozakavich, dated December 21</u>

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the proposed relocation of W.P. Bate School. (File No. CK. 4131-1)"

Ms. Pat Tymchatyn, President, Meadowgreen Community Association, expressed safety concerns with respect to the relocation of W.P. Bate School in the Meadowgreen neighbourhood. Ms. Tymchatyn provided Council with a copy of her presentation.

Mr. Roy was not present in the gallery.

Mr. Peter Kozakavich expressed safety concerns with respect to the relocation of W.P. Bate School in the Meadowgreen neighbourhood. Mr. Kozakavich provided Council with a copy of his presentation.

Mr. Jerry Bartzen expressed safety concerns with respect to the relocation of W.P. Bate School in the Meadowgreen neighbourhood.

Ms. Head was not present in the gallery.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

3) Robert A. Roy, dated December 20

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 48.

4) Jerry Bartzen, dated December 20

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 48.

5) <u>Connie Head, dated December 21</u>

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 48.

6) <u>Peter Kozakavich, dated December 21</u>

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 48.

7) Glenn Lipsett, President Canadian Cowboys Association, dated December 29

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to rental of facilities at Credit Union Centre. (File No. CK. 175-31)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> that Glenn Lipsett be heard.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Glenn Lipsett be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Ken Barteski requested that he be allowed to address Council in Mr. Lipsett's absence. Mr. Barteski, on behalf of the Board of Directors, Canadian Cowboys' Association, indicated that the Canadian Cowboys' Association has been denied the opportunity to enter into a rental agreement with Credit Union Centre for the CCA Finals Rodeo. Mr. Barteski provided Council with a copy of his presentation.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Birkmaier gave the following Notice of Motion:

"TAKE NOTICE that at the next regular meeting of City Council I will move the following motion:

'THAT the City of Saskatoon congratulate the Province on its January 1st kick off of its Centennial celebrations and wish the citizens of Saskatchewan a great 2005 and future growth in the years to follow.'"

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Notice of Motion be waived.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the City of Saskatoon congratulate the Province on its January 1st kick off of its Centennial celebrations and wish the citizens of Saskatchewan a great 2005 and future growth in the years to follow.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk