

Council Chambers
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Monday, March 3, 2008
at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, in the Chair;
Councillors Clark, Dubois, Heidt, Hill, Lorje, Neault,
Paulsen, Pringle;
City Manager Richards;
City Solicitor Dust;
General Manager, Corporate Services Bilanski;
General Manager, Community Services Gauthier;
General Manager, Fire and Protective Services Bentley;
General Manager, Infrastructure Services Totland;
General Manager, Utility Services Wandzura;
City Clerk Mann; and
Council Assistant Mitchener

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the minutes of meeting of City Council held on February 28, 2008, be approved.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

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

CARRIED.

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

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

Committee arose.

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

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

“REPORT NO. 1-2008 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Composition of Commission

Mr. Brad Sylvester, Chair
Mr. Kurt Soucy, Vice Chair
Mr. Gord Androsoff
Councillor Bev Dubois
Ms. Carole Beitel
Mr. Bruce Waldron
Ms. Debbie Marcoux
Mr. Art Evoy
Mr. Randy Warick
Mr. Fred Sutter
Mr. Bruce Cory
Ms. Leanne DeLong
Mr. Stan Laba

**1. Development Plan Amendment
DCD1-Removal of Reference to Storeys
Central Business District - Direct Control District (DCD1)
(File No. CK. 4110-08-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve the required advertising to amend the City of Saskatoon Development Plan Bylaw No. 7799, Section 19.2.3.3, as described in the report of the General Manager, Community Services dated February 6, 2008;
 - 2) that the General Manager, Community Services Department, be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendment;
 - 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaw; and
 - 4) that at the time of the Public Hearing, City Council consider the Municipal Planning Commission’s recommendation that the following amendments to the City of Saskatoon Development Plan Bylaw No. 7799, Section 19.2.3.3 be approved:

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- a) Amend Section 19.2.3.3 a) – DCD1 Maximum Building Height Map No. 2 to remove reference to storeys, but maintain the existing maximum height requirements described in metres.
- b) Amend Section 19.2.3.3 b) i) and iii) – Building Setbacks to remove reference to storeys, but maintain the existing setback requirement as described in metres.

ADOPTED.

Your Commission has reviewed the attached report of the General Manager, Community services Department dated February 6, 2008, with respect to proposed amendments to the Development Plan.

Following review of the proposed amendments with the Administration, your Commission is supporting the recommendations, as outlined above.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 4-2008

Section A – COMMUNITY SERVICES

**A1) Land-Use Applications Received by the Community Services Department
For the Period Between February 7 to February 20, 2008
(For Information Only)
(File Nos. PL. 4132, 4350, 4300; CK. 4000-5)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

The following applications have been received and are being processed:

Condominium

- Application No. 3/08: 601 Lansdowne Ave. (Conversion of 18 Units)
Applicant: Meridian Dev. Corp. for Lansdowne Dev. Corp.
Legal Description: Lots 8, 9, 10, Block 113, Plan B1856
Current Zoning: RM3
Neighbourhood: Nutana
Date Received: January 30, 2008

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Rezoning

- Application No. Z11/08: 1111 Broadway Avenue
Applicant: Shell Canada Limited
Legal Description: Lot 50, Block 21, Plan 101394255
Current Zoning: R2
Proposed Zoning: B2
Neighbourhood: Haultain
Date Received: February 13, 2008

Subdivision

- Application No. 9/08: Fleming Crescent and Lucyk Cres.
Applicant: Saskatoon Land Surveyors for City of Saskatoon
Legal Description: Part of Parcel A, Plan 93S45207 and
Part of Parcel B, Plan 94S01779
Current Zoning: R1A
Neighbourhood: Willowgrove
Date Received: February 6, 2008
- Application No. 10/08: 110 Dulmage Crescent
Applicant: Webb Surveys for Dundee Realty Corp.
Legal Description: Parcel XX, Plan 101921228
Current Zoning: RMTN
Neighbourhood: Stonebridge
Date Received: February 6, 2008
- Application No. 11/08: 418A and B Gardiner Place
Applicant: Webster Surveys Ltd. for Alison/Marvin/Joel and
Cory Deck
Legal Description: Lot 5, Block 951, Plan 78S07845
Current Zoning: R1A
Neighbourhood: Lakeview
Date Received: February 8, 2008
- Application No. 12/08: 622 Lamarsh Road
Applicant: Webb Surveys for City of Saskatoon
Legal Description: Parcel C, Block 518, Plan 101876519
Current Zoning: RMTN
Neighbourhood: Willowgrove
Date Received: February 8, 2008

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- Application No. 13/08: 3035 Clarence Avenue
Applicant: Webster Surveys for Saskashop Centre Inc.
Legal Description: Parcel H, Plan 101892809
Current Zoning: DCD5
Neighbourhood: Stonebridge
Date Received: February 12, 2008

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan of Proposed Condominium No. 3/08.
2. Plan of Proposed Rezoning No. Z11/08.
3. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 9/08.
4. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 10/08.
5. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 11/08
6. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 12/08
7. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 13/08

**A2) Naming Report – Stonebridge Park Names
File No.: PL. 4001-5; CK. 6310-1**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

On January 8, 2008, a request for park names was provided to the Naming Advisory Committee Administrator from the Leisure Services Branch. His Worship, Mayor Donald Atchison has selected five names from the Names Master List, which are indicated on the attached plans. The names selected comprise of:

- 1) Genereux Park – George Genereux - 1952 Olympic Gold Medalist, 1952 Citizen of the Year, Sports Hall of Fame inductee, and Doctor - Willowgrove Pocket Park;
- 2) Evelyn G. Edwards Park – City Councillor 1967-1971 - Stonebridge Pocket Park;
- 3) Oren Wilson Park - City Councillor 1976-1982 – Stonebridge Pocket Park;
- 4) Cecil A. Wheaton Park - City Councillor 1958-1967 – Stonebridge Pocket Park; and

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- 5) Al Anderson Park – Al Anderson - local retailer and volunteer – Hampton Core Neighbourhood Park.

According to City of Saskatoon 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.

On January 30, 2008, His Worship, Mayor Don Atchison notified the Naming Advisory Committee Administrator of the names selected. The decision of His Worship, Mayor Don Atchison was forwarded to the Leisure Services Branch and the families have been notified.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Map of Genereux Park
2. Map of Evelyn G. Edwards Park
3. Map of Oren Wilson Park
4. Map of Cecil A. Wheaton Park
5. Map of Al Anderson Park

Section B – CORPORATE SERVICES

- B1) Enquiry – Councillor B. Dubois (January 28, 2008)
Taxicab Licensing
(File No: CK. 307-4)**
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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be considered with the requests to speak on the matter. See Page No. 28.

- B2) Neighbourhood Land Development Fund ROI
(File Nos. CK. 4110-1, 4131-1, 1702-1 and 1704-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that a \$1,500,000 return on investment from the Neighbourhood Land Development Fund be transferred to the 2008 Operating Budget; and

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- 2) that the remaining disbursements, as outlined in this report, be approved in principle.

REPORT

The Neighbourhood Land Development Fund replaces the existing use of the Property Realized Reserve for new neighbourhood land development. It quantifies the actual return on investment (ROI) by neighbourhood.

The most recent projected ROI from Willowgrove and Hampton Village is an estimated \$39.7 million, which can be disbursed by the City.

Throughout 2007, a number of commitments were made against this return, specifically:

City's share of funding for Urban Development Agreement	\$ 1,000,000
Pleasant Hill land acquisition	1,000,000
Station 20 West	40,000
Surface deficiencies in Local Area Plan areas	1,960,000
Transfer to Affordable Housing (\$2.5 million x 5 years)	<u>12,500,000</u>
Total commitments	<u>\$16,500,000</u>
Funds remaining:	<u>\$23,200,000</u>

Your Administration has reviewed options for disbursement of the remaining returns and has categorized them separately.

Return on Investment to Saskatoon Taxpayers

Your Administration acknowledges that the Land Bank Program provides a benefit to the taxpayers of Saskatoon. Accordingly, your Administration feels it is appropriate to include a portion of the return to the taxpayers through the annual operating budget. Any transfer, however, needs to be sustainable into the future. Your Administration is recommending the following initial five-year transfer:

2008	\$1,500,000
2009	1,250,000
2010	1,000,000
2011	750,000
2012	<u>500,000</u>
Total	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

As noted above, the \$39.7 million return relates only to the Willowgrove and Hampton Village neighbourhoods. The City has additional neighbourhood developments planned and estimated

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returns and cash flow will be updated annually. As a result, the above-noted distribution will also be reviewed annually.

Capital Reinvestment

With respect to the remaining return of \$18.2 million, your Administration has identified the following list of outstanding capital-related items that require a funding source (future reports are forthcoming):

• East Side Fire Hall	\$ 6,000,000
• Urban Development Agreement (funding of the final year)	500,000
• Anticipated renewal of the Urban Development Agreement	2,500,000
• Reserve for Capital Expenditures (\$1M per year for five years)	5,000,000
• Pleasant Hill Redevelopment	1,000,000
• Future land acquisitions	<u>3,200,000</u>
	<u>\$18,200,000</u>

OPTIONS

1) Revise the transfer to the 2008 Operating Budget

City Council has the option of either increasing or decreasing the transfer to the 2008 Operating Budget. The risk of increasing the transfer is whether it will be sustainable into 2009 and the future.

2) All returns be reinvested into capital

This option would provide an additional \$5 million for reinvestment into the City's capital infrastructure. City Council would have the opportunity to add investments to the above-noted list.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that a \$1,500,000 return on investment from the Neighbourhood Land Development Fund be transferred to the 2008 Operating Budget;

2) that the remaining disbursements, as outlined in this report, be approved in principle; and

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- 3) *that the Administration review and report annually regarding the matter of on going returns on investment.*

**B3) Preliminary Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
Year Ended December 31, 2007
(File No. CK. 1704-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the information be received; and
 - 2) that the direction of City Council issue regarding the creation of the Police Investigation Project Contingency Reserve and the transfer of \$218,712.41 from the 2007 operations to this reserve.

REPORT

Attached for City Council's information, is a copy of the Preliminary Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the year ended, December 31, 2007. This statement, still subject to external audit, reveals a deficit of \$1,482,000. The Revenue Stabilization Reserve has sufficient funds to offset this deficit so there is no mill rate impact in 2008 leaving a balance in the reserve of about \$349,000 after this withdrawal.

Enclosed with the statement is a letter of transmittal highlighting the major variances contributing to this deficit.

The year-end projection prepared by the Administration for the eight months to August 31, 2007, revealed a projected deficit of \$2.287 million. This estimate was based on the most current information at the time. At the time the projection was provided to Senior Management, the City Manager directed the Administration to cut all discretionary spending. This assisted in considerable expenditure savings to help reduce the deficit.

The external audit of the financial statements is expected to be completed in April at which time the final financial statements will be forwarded to the Audit Committee and then City Council for approval.

Civic Year-End Results

While there are many variances between actual results and budget, which are explained in the attached Letter of Transmittal, the main factors for this deficit are related to increased snow removal during the year, as well as transit related expenditures. The snow removal and sanding program expenditures exceeded budget, as well as the reserve, by \$1.2 million while Transit exceeded its budget and stabilization reserve by \$903,000.

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Boards and Commission Year-End Results

All Boards and Commission, except for TCU Place, are reporting surpluses for 2007, subject to external audits. TCU Place is reporting a small deficit of approximately \$24,000 which is included in the City's operating results for the year.

The Police Commission has a surplus of \$733,044. This surplus is included in the City's 2007 overall year-end results.

The Credit Union Centre is reporting a surplus of \$1,587,000; the Mendel Art Gallery a surplus of \$155,608; and the Public Library a surplus of \$586,960. Any surplus funds are retained by these Boards and transferred into their respective stabilization funds or capital reserves as dictated by policy.

Police Investigation Project Contingency Reserve

The Board of Police Commissioners approved a policy to help fund major crime investigations and smoothing the impact of unpredictable investigations, by transferring any unspent budgeted dollars in that program to a new reserve. This reserve (Investigation Project Contingency Reserve) allows for the ability to fund heavy activity in the investigations program by reserving money from periods of low activity. Due to the nature of the program, budgeting for investigations is difficult since the demand for these services are uncontrollable. The reserve is to be capped to an amount equal to one year's operating budget in the Major Crime and Drug Unit Special Services program.

The City Solicitor advises that *The Police Act* is not clear on the establishment of reserves and suggests that Council (rather than just the Police Board) authorize the establishment of the reserve and corresponding transfer.

The financial impact of this decision in 2007 is a transfer from the year-end results of \$218,712.41 to the new reserve increasing the year-end deficit to \$1,701,000. The current total program budget in 2007 is \$239,200 which would be the current maximum limit of the reserve.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Preliminary Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2007.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the information be received.

B4) Urban Development Agreement
Saskatoon Habitat for Humanity Inc.
(File No. 1815-9-5; CK. 1815-1)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve a contribution to Saskatoon Habitat for Humanity Inc. not to exceed \$47,000 under the Urban Development Agreement; and,
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the appropriate contribution agreement.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

The Saskatoon Urban Development Agreement is a five-year (2005-2009), tri-party agreement between the City (\$2.5 million), the Province (\$2.5 million) and Western Economic Diversification (\$5 million). The Management Committee meets on a regular basis to review and recommend approval to various project requests that are consistent with the following priorities:

- community-based approaches to affordable housing, homelessness and the improvement and renewal of older neighbourhoods in Saskatoon;
- the development of cultural and recreational opportunities to enhance the quality of life in Saskatoon;
- initiatives to support protection of the environment and address climate change;
- promotion and enhancement of Aboriginal participation in the economy;
- promotion of innovative initiatives to achieve a positive business climate and enhance Saskatoon's competitiveness; and,
- the strategic infrastructure needs to achieve the continued physical, social and economic development of Saskatoon and, in particular, to address the other priority areas.

REPORT

On December 19, 2007, the Management Committee met and approved a funding request from Saskatoon Habitat for Humanity Inc. (Habitat) for a project involving renovations to their recently purchased new facility for their ReStore and upgrades to their existing Avenue L location. Habitat is involved in the construction and renovation of homes for low income working families. Interest-free loans are given to the homeowners in order to pay for the cost of construction or renovation. ReStore activities include receiving and selling donated building materials. All proceeds from the ReStore activities are re-invested in Habitat's home building loan funds.

The total cost of the project is approximately \$1.12 million. The total funding approved under the agreement is \$940,000 and will be cost shared as follows:

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Western Economic Diversification	75% or \$705,000
Provincial Municipal Affairs	20% or \$188,000
City of Saskatoon	5% or \$47,000

The remainder of the funding will be provided by Habitat. Your Administration is requesting approval of this project under the Saskatoon Urban Development Agreement with the City's contribution set at \$47,000.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Section C – FIRE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

**C1) Capital Projects 2376 and 2374
Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP)
and
Capital Project 2375 – Additional Fire Apparatus
(File No. CK. 1703-FR)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that Project 2376 (Fire – Emergency Operations Centre) be revised from \$386,000 to \$120,000;
 - 2) that Project 2374 (Fire – Draeger BG-4 CC Breathing Apparatus) for \$41,000 be approved;
 - 3) that Project 2375 (Fire – Additional Apparatus) for \$42,000 be approved; and,
 - 4) that the remaining \$50,000 be returned to the Reserve for Capital Expenditures.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

On December 3, 2007, the Budget Committee of Council approved Capital Project 2376 (Fire – Emergency Operations Centre), totalling \$386,000, subject to confirmation of external funding (Joint Emergency Planning Program - JEPP). Capital Project 2374 (Fire – Draeger BG-4 CC Breathing Apparatus) was below the black line.

The Budget Committee also agreed to receive as information the report of the General Manager, Fire and Protective Services Department, on the requirements of Capital Project 2375 (Fire – Additional Apparatus).

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REPORT

Your Administration applied to the 2008 JEPP funding initiative to support two main Capital Projects:

1. Emergency Operations Centre Enhancement (Project 2376); and,
2. Specialized Draeger BG-4 closed circuit long-duration Breathing Apparatus (Project 2374).

As noted above, Project 2376 totalling \$386,000 was approved with the City's share being \$193,000. This project has now been reduced to \$120,000 with the City's share being \$60,000.

On January 14, 2008, your Administration and the Emergency Measures Coordinator met with the Joint Emergency Planning Program (JEPP) review committee to discuss alternatives for funding the 2008 applications submitted by Fire and Protective Services. Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services has benefited from JEPP funding for a number of years supporting various emergency preparedness and emergency incident mitigation initiatives. Also, Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services has formed valuable partnerships with both public and private organizations for the mitigation of and response to large scale major emergencies.

The City of Saskatoon is developing a dedicated Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) that will also serve our commitment to the surrounding communities comprising the North Saskatoon Mutual Aid Response Agreement area. Currently, no such dedicated facility exists in the City or the region and it is with this in mind that your Administration is applying for both JEPP funding and a more functional partnership with the Provincial Government. The proposal is part of a much bigger commitment by Council and the City of Saskatoon to address emergency planning and preparedness in that the facility will provide valuable opportunity for practical training to all civic departments. The Province, through Public Safety and Sask911, has agreed with this proposal and therefore has committed to provide JEPP support.

In addition to the JEPP financial support, one of the portions previously identified in Capital Project 2376 will be provided by the Province, through Public Safety and Sask911, at no cost. This is the Emergency Management/Geometrics software that is currently being implemented throughout the Province. The City of Saskatoon is not currently equipped to manage and display all of the information required in a large scale emergency. This software will enable the capture and display of critical information for the management of all responders and resources. It is intended that this equipment be installed in the dedicated EOC and secured in a manner that will see it used only for training purposes and for an actual emergency.

The Provincial and Federal Governments remain very committed to planning, preparedness and response to hazardous materials related incidents. Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services has been very progressive in this area and has partnered with the Federal Government on Hazardous Materials and CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear) training and response development through the Canadian Emergency Management College in Ottawa. In recognition of our continued participation and the Department's preparedness efforts to certify all operational

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staff to international standards, JEPP has offered to support Capital Project 2374. The project provides a unique combination of response capability and extended responder safety. In addition to improved capability in hazardous materials incidents, the long duration Draeger BG-4 breathing apparatus provide extended search and rescue capabilities for fire and technical rescue situations in larger complexes or high-rise buildings.

Lastly, in May 2007, City Council approved the addition of two full-time Fire Inspector positions due to a general increase in the demand for a wide variety of fire prevention and bylaw enforcement services. The new positions began on September 17, 2007. In addition to regular Fire Inspector inspections, by the end of 2007 the Department had completed 2,080 rental property inspections related to the Home First Inspection Program. This has contributed to increased time spent on inspections/re-inspections. Also, the Fire Prevention Division responds to an average of 3,500 complaints received via the Health and Safety Hotline.

Your Administration requests approval for two new support vehicles (sub-compact cars) for the two new Fire Inspectors as they have completed their orientation training and have been assigned to inspection districts. The impact to the Operating Budget for these vehicles is estimated to be \$18,000 per year on a continual basis, with a life expectancy of 12 years before replacement.

CONCLUSION

The above-mentioned will see the City receiving funding from JEPP in the total amount of \$101,000, calculated as follows:

Original Budget Request

Project 2376 – EOC:	\$386,000
To be funded 50/50 with JEPP	
City share is:	\$193,000

Approved by Council and JEPP

Revised Budget Request

Project 2376 – EOC:	\$120,000
To be funded 50/50 with JEPP	
City share is:	\$60,000

Returning to RCE (\$193,000 - \$60,000):	\$133,000
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Project 2374 – BG-4:	\$82,000	
To be funded 50/50 with JEPP		
City share is:	\$41,000	-\$41,000

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Not approved by Council but
approved by JEPP

Project 2375 – Additional Apparatus:	\$42,000	
To be funded through RCE		
City share is:	\$42,000	<u>-\$42,000</u>

Not approved by Council

Net return to RCE:	<u>\$50,000</u>
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Section D – INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

**D1) Enquiry – Councillor M. Neault (August 13, 2007)
Bond for Builders Who Damage Sidewalks
(File No. CK. 4110-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Neault at the meeting of City Council held on August 13, 2007:

“Would the Administration look at the possibility of asking for a bond on builders for damage to sidewalks due to construction. Let them police the problem, not us.”

REPORT

Damage to sidewalks, curb box water connection valves and public infrastructure in the City’s Land Branch developments is an ongoing problem. City developments are open to public purchase by individuals and builders alike. Unless the individual inflicting damage to this infrastructure is witnessed by City staff and documented, it would be virtually impossible to prove or enforce the damage repair later.

It is extremely unlikely that a “bond” or requirement for a “letter of credit” from a builder or an individual who has purchased a lot would be practical for the same reason. Unless there is verifiable proof of responsibility for damage, the Administration is unsure how the City would

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collect on the letter of credit or bond. It is also likely that the Administration would require additional staff years to implement the operation of such a program.

The Land Branch currently budgets a warranty account of \$25,000 per year in a development, and the Municipal Engineering Branch is responsible for fixing all damages before it becomes part of the City's inventory. Private developers in Saskatoon control damage by limiting lot purchases in a subdivision to a select group of builders.

It should also be noted that sidewalks are located on public rights-of-way and available for public use, therefore, it would be unfair for the City to charge the owner of a lot or a builder with the responsibility of protecting the condition of a sidewalk when they are not allowed to barricade or protect it.

The Administration is recommending that we continue with the present practice of providing a warranty account on an annual basis to deal with damage caused during construction.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**D2) Enquiry – Councillor M. Neault
Traffic Calming – Diefenbaker Drive
(File No. CK. 6320-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

BACKGROUND

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Neault at the meeting of City Council held on June 11, 2007:

”Could the Administration look at traffic calming measures on Diefenbaker Drive from the school zone to Monck Avenue going west, and from the same school zone to Laurier Drive going east; and also 33rd Street from Hughes Avenue going west out of the city. Excessive speeds have been reported in these two areas and Police have been notified. Critical times are 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily.”

REPORT

Diefenbaker Drive runs between Monck Avenue and Laurier Drive and is classified as a minor arterial street with a posted speed limit of 50 kph. It is on a transit route and has two lanes of traffic in either direction separated by a centre median. The only traffic control device is a set of pedestrian actuated signals at Diefenbaker Drive and Pearson Place, otherwise, traffic on Diefenbaker Drive has right-of-way over all connecting streets.

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Studies were completed in September at two locations on Diefenbaker Drive to determine traffic volume and speed; one east of the school zone between Smallwood Crescent and Douglas Crescent; and the other west of the school zone between Fisher Crescent East and Fisher Crescent West.

Typically, traffic volumes for minor arterial streets range between 5,000 and 25,000 vehicles per day. The traffic study indicated that the average daily traffic was 9,200 vehicles per day at the location east of the speed zone and 6,600 vehicles per day at the location west of the speed zone.

A speed study measures the 85th percentile speed (the speed at which 85 percent of the vehicles are travelling at or less than). The results of the study indicated that the 85th percentile speed at the location east of the school zone was 60 kph and the speed at the location west of the school zone was 57 kph.

Table 1 below shows an hourly breakdown of vehicles travelling between 30 kph and 55 kph, and those travelling above 55 kph.

Table 1- Hourly Breakdown of Vehicles Travelling over 55 Kph

Hour	Speed Breakdown			
	Diefenbaker Drive: Smallwood & Douglas Location 1		Diefenbaker Drive: Fisher Crescent & Fisher Crescent Location 2	
	30-55 kph	55 & up	30-55 kph	55 & up
2400-0100	63	72	69	18
0100-0200	31	50	41	12
0200-0300	26	34	29	9
0300-0400	23	25	22	9
0400-0500	24	25	23	8
0500-0600	49	51	54	23
0600-0700	85	152	157	58
0700-0800	172	245	275	107
0800-	284	211	293	72

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0900				
0900-1000	190	182	202	66
1000-1100	220	171	217	68
1100-1200	249	199	269	81
1200-1300	254	255	291	96
1300-1400	241	235	266	94
1400-1500	246	265	317	83
1500-1600	343	331	419	103
1600-1700	323	407	434	144
1700-1800	294	474	370	166
1800-1900	260	410	379	138
1900-2000	276	333	365	101
2000-2100	325	218	337	64
2100-2200	252	179	259	49
2200-2300	168	134	164	39
2300-2400	103	90	109	30
Total (vpd)	4503	4748	5330	1637
%	46%	51%	76%	24%

Typically, it is acceptable to have traffic speed within five kph of the posted speed limit. In this case, many motorists are not complying with the posted signs.

Traffic calming is typically used on collector and local streets as a measure to reduce the adverse impact of motor vehicles on residential neighbourhoods by using physical measures. It encourages motorists to slow down to reduce collisions; enhances safety for pedestrians; and reduces short-cutting. For higher volume streets with higher vehicle speeds, such as arterials, traffic calming devices are not usually implemented in order to maintain traffic flow.

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Because Diefenbaker Drive is an arterial street with the primary goal of moving traffic, the Administration does not recommend traffic calming, however, the results of the speed studies will be forwarded to Saskatoon Police Services for enforcement.

Due to the high demand for traffic studies, the Administration was unable to complete a study on 33rd Street in 2007. One will be conducted in 2008 and if a high volume of traffic speeding is identified, the results will also be forwarded to Saskatoon Police Services for enforcement.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the information be received; and

2) that the Administration report to City Council regarding the 33rd Street traffic study.

**D3) Capital Project 1615 - Water Distribution System Preservation
Proposed Pilot Project
Watermain Rehabilitation
(File No. 7820-62; CK. 7820-5)**

RECOMMENDATION:

1) that the City of Saskatoon conduct a pilot project using a 'less trench' method to rehabilitate deteriorated watermains in four locations within the city;

2) that the sole source bid submitted by Insituform Technologies for the supply and installation of pipe lining and the reinstatement of any connections to the watermain, at a total cost of \$160,700 (including G.S.T.) be accepted; and

3) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary agreement for execution by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the corporate seal.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

Watermain rehabilitation has historically been done by excavation to expose the pipe and then lay new pipe. New technologies have been developed to address the rising costs involved with road restoration and the impact of road closures that result from this traditional replacement method.

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“Trenchless” and “less trench” techniques have been done in Saskatoon with great success. The wastewater collection system has benefited the most with the application of cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining. Unfortunately, the development of watermain rehabilitation techniques are more challenging and have not advanced to the same stage as sewer rehabilitation. Currently, the industry has several different technologies and the Administration is proposing a pilot project intended to field trial one of the available techniques.

Insituform Technologies Ltd. is the industry leader in lining sewer systems. They have installed approximately 30 kilometres of CIPP in Saskatoon since 1989, and have developed a good working relationship with the City of Saskatoon. Trenchless technologies for watermains are rapidly growing and the method that Insituform utilizes has huge potential for future savings as well as for a more effective method of rehabilitation of watermains.

The proposed pilot project will be a joint effort, utilizing City of Saskatoon maintenance crews in conjunction with Insituform Technologies Ltd, using a ‘less trench’ method to rehabilitate deteriorated watermains in four locations in the city. City maintenance crews will dig and restore access pits and reconnect to hydrants and valves. Insituform Technologies will supply and install the liners, as well as reinstate any connections to the watermain. High density polyethylene (HDPE) will be installed at three locations and a technology trademarked by Insituform, Thermopipe®, a polyester reinforced polyethylene, will be installed at the fourth location. There are other contractors that line watermains using a similar method, however, no other vendor lines the sections in this manner, and reinstate the connections remotely, which is the technology that the pilot project will be investigating.

Advantages of Watermain Lining:

- Cost savings estimated to be 50% of replacement costs.
- Shorter construction time for rehabilitation.
- Minimal restoration of construction site required.

Limitations of Watermain Lining:

- Capacity requirements must be available with current pipe size.
- Sufficient spacing between wastewater collection system and water distribution system must currently exist.
- Systems with lead water connections or fibre sewer connections will not qualify.

Insituform costs have been quoted at \$160,700, including G.S.T., and it is anticipated that City crews cost, including restoration, will be approximately \$140,000. Based on 2007 contract costs for open trench watermain replacement and roadway restoration, it is estimated that using this ‘less trench’ technology at these locations will save approximately \$300,000.

The net cost to the City as quoted by Insituform is as follows:

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Base Price	\$153,047.62
G.S.T.	<u>\$ 7,652.39</u>
Subtotal	\$160,700.00
Less GST Rebate	<u>\$ 7,652.39</u>
Net Cost to the City of Saskatoon	\$153,047.62.

There is sufficient funding within Capital Project 1615 - Water Distribution Preservation – 2007 to fund this pilot project.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**D4) Lease Agreement
T&T Realty Ltd. – 610, 350-3rd Avenue North
(File No. 520-07-4; CK. 4225-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that a five-year lease of office space at 610, 350-3rd Avenue North, with T&T Realty Ltd., with the terms as set out in this report be approved; and
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to review and prepare the appropriate agreement for execution by the Mayor and City Clerk under the Corporate Seal.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

To address the shortage of space at City Hall, a request for proposal (RFP) was issued in November, 2007 for leasable office space. Twelve submissions were received.

Based on a combination of price, location, size, condition, parking, accessibility, computer connection speed, landlord's work and landlord's financing of tenant improvements, the submission from T&T Realty Ltd., for office space located at 610, 350-3rd Avenue North, was selected to consolidate Infrastructure Services' Strategic Services Branch staff who are currently located at the John Deere Building and City Hall, as well as some Community Services Department staff.

The key terms of the proposed Agreement are:

- a) the lease is for 4,917 square feet of office space beginning no later than May 15, 2008;

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- b) the annual lease rate for the space is \$12.00 per square foot for five years, plus the cost of nine parking stalls at \$115.00 per month per stall, and occupancy costs estimated at \$8.95/square foot per year; and
- c) the landlord will perform renovations required by the City estimated at \$196,000, and will pay \$42,000 of the cost of these tenant improvements/renovations with the balance being amortized over the term of the lease.

The estimated set up and operating costs for 2008 is \$134,000 plus GST; and the estimated annual operating cost is \$169,000, plus GST.

This lease will be funded from the Facilities Branch Operating Budget.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**D5) River Landing Phase I and II Development
Temporary Closure of 19th Street between 2nd Avenue and Avenue A and
Closure of Access to Senator Sid Buckwold Bridge from 1st Avenue South
File No. (6250-01; CK. 4129-14)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that 19th Street between 2nd Avenue and Avenue A be temporarily closed to traffic commencing April 15, 2008, or sooner if the roadway fails or becomes unserviceable;
 - 2) that the westbound to southbound left turns from 20th Street onto Avenue B and Avenue C be temporarily prohibited during the 19th Street closure;
 - 3) that the eastbound to northbound left turns from 20th Street onto Avenue B and Idylwyld Drive be temporarily prohibited during the 19th Street closure; and
 - 4) that the westbound left turns from 20th Street onto Idylwyld Drive southbound be temporarily allowed and a left-turn signal be installed during the closure of the 1st Avenue access to the Senator Sid Buckwold Bridge.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

As part of the River Landing Phase I and II development, various construction activities on 19th Street will resume in early spring of 2008 requiring the closure of 19th Street between 2nd Avenue

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and Avenue A; and the closure of the access to the Senator Sid Buckwold Bridge from 1st Avenue; requiring traffic detours, as well as some restrictions to ensure safe and efficient traffic flow.

19th Street Roadwork/Streetscaping

The continuation of roadwork on 19th Street which began in 2007, installation of underground utilities and various streetscaping projects will necessitate the complete closure of 19th Street between 2nd Avenue and Avenue A. The detours to accommodate this work will affect access to major destination points such as the Farmers' Market, as well some businesses on Avenues A and B. At various times, temporary restrictions may occur on 19th Street between Avenue A and Avenue C to accommodate streetscaping work.

The temporary road surface on this section of 19th Street has deteriorated to the point where vehicular safety is becoming a concern and it is anticipated that the rough road conditions and rutting will worsen as the weather warms up. For safety reasons, the Administration is recommending that 19th Street be closed to traffic by the middle of April, or sooner if the roadway becomes unserviceable. Depending on the contractor's schedule and availability, this could also enable an early construction start, possibly completing the projects sooner.

The detour plan will be similar to that implemented in 2007, with the exception that access from the west of 19th Street to Avenue C will be retained at all times. Alternative routes to bypass the closed road segments will be identified and clearly signed. Access to destination points and affected businesses in the area will be maintained where possible and designated with additional signage. While some degree of inconvenience is to be expected, motorists will be able to follow the detour without a great deal of difficulty and adjust their travel patterns accordingly.

In 2007, considerable congestion occurred on 20th Street from diverted traffic which was further compounded by vehicles attempting to turn left onto Avenues B and C from the inside shared left/through lane. To improve traffic progression along 20th Street, the Administration is recommending that westbound left turns at the intersections of Avenue B and Avenue C; and eastbound left turns onto Avenue B and Idylwyld Drive be temporarily prohibited for the duration of the 19th Street closure.

19th Street and 1st Avenue/Pedestrian Linkage and Parking Improvements

The pedestrian linkage and parking improvements planned for the area include the demolition of the 1st Avenue southbound overpass (on-ramp) and construction of an at-grade intersection at 19th Street and 1st Avenue. Commencing in late April, the on-ramp south of 20th Street will be closed and traffic will not be able to access Idylwyld Drive southbound onto the Senator Sid Buckwold Bridge via 1st Avenue until the project is complete and the new intersection at 19th Street opens to traffic, which is anticipated to be completed in the fall of 2008. This ramp accommodates a significant amount of traffic, approximately 1,000 vehicles during the afternoon rush hour, which will need to be diverted to the intersection of Idylwyld Drive and 20th Street. At the present time, westbound left turns onto Idylwyld Drive southbound are prohibited. The Administration is,

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therefore, recommending that the restriction be temporarily lifted and a left-turn signal (arrow) be installed to accommodate the heavy demand.

This signal alteration alone will not be sufficient to address the anticipated traffic volumes, therefore, additional measures will be implemented to limit congestion in the south downtown, including advanced detour signs and adjustments to traffic signal timing at key intersections. Additionally, it is expected that many motorists will choose to use the Traffic or Broadway Bridges instead of the Senator Sid Buckwold Bridge.

As construction progresses, the Administration will continue to monitor the traffic flows in the area and make additional modifications to the detour plans as required.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. 19th Street Road Closure.

Section F – CITY MANAGER

- F1) River Landing Directories**
(File No. CC 4130-2 & SPR 4129-29; CK. 4129-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve the sole source purchase of directory signs from the Pattison Sign Group for River Landing Phases I and II, the pedestrian connections and parking area, and for the 19th Street (2nd Avenue to 4th Avenue) streetscape project in the amount of \$251,946.66.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

On August 26, 2006, tenders for directory signs for a portion of River Landing Phase I were received, and the Pattison Sign Group was awarded the contract for supply and installation of these goods. Of the 12 directories purchased, 10 have been installed on site.

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The directories were custom designed by the Urban Design team to complement the streetscape furniture and to meet the programming needs of the site in close collaboration with the Pattison Sign Group. The streetscape furniture selection occurred in a sequential process whereby various stakeholders in the project selected site furnishings deemed appropriate for River Landing Phase I. The River Landing site furniture design criteria is:

- modern/clean design;
- reference to the River Landing logo;
- complementary products that reflect similar design influences;
- high quality craftsmanship and durability; and,
- use of modern materials and colour pallets.

REPORT

To date, most of River Landing Phase I has been outfitted with directory signs from the Pattison Sign Group, and it is important that the next phases of construction be consistent with the implemented portion of River Landing. Therefore, we request that additional directories in the same style from the Pattison Sign Group be procured through sole source purchasing, rather than a competitive tender process.

The 2008 quote for the products originally purchased through a 2006 tender can be compared in the following table:

Item and Type	Unit Price 2006	Unit Price 2008	Difference (\$/%)
Type D1-10	\$13,995.54	\$14,645.45	\$649.91/ 4.4%
Type P1-P2	\$15,312.06	\$15,769.85	\$457.79/ 2.9%

The table illustrates an average increase for the directories to be 3.65% over two years. Compared with the average construction, labour, and materials cost increases over the past two years, the quoted cost increase is well below industry standard.

JUSTIFICATION

The quality and materiality of the Pattison Sign Group product is exceptionally high and it is doubtful that other manufacturers could produce an equivalent product at a similar cost due to the design development and process that was carried out between both Urban Design and the Pattison Sign Group. Costs and time associated with creating a prototype would not be necessary, as Pattison has previously manufactured the signs.

The rationale behind choosing Pattison Sign Group directories is:

- consistent with existing directories ordered in 2006 and installed in 2007;
- modern/clean design;
- complementary products create a suite of furniture that reflect similar design influences;

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- modern materials and colours; and,
- quality of craftsmanship and materiality of the Pattison product is exceptionally high.

A total of 16 directories will be purchased at a total cost of \$251,946.66.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding is from the River Landing project and the proposed furniture price is within the furniture budget.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

His Worship the Mayor assumed the Chair.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

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

CARRIED.

MATTERS REQUIRING PUBLIC NOTICE

- 5a) Proposed Amendment to Hampton Village Neighbourhood Concept Plan
Applicant: Community Services Department, City of Saskatoon
(File No. CK. 4131-1)**
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REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“The purpose of this matter requiring public notice is to consider the following recommendation of the General Manager, Community Services Department:

RECOMMENDATION: that the revised Hampton Village (Residential) Neighbourhood Concept Plan, as shown on Attachment 2 to the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 4, 2008, be approved.’

Attached are copies of the following:

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- Report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 4, 2008;
- Letter from the Secretary of the Municipal Planning Commission dated February 25, 2008 advising that the Commission supports the above-noted recommendation;
- Letter from the Secretary of the Planning and Operations Committee dated February 25, 2008 advising that the Committee supports the above-noted recommendation; and
- Notice that appeared in the local press under dates of February 23 and 24, 2008.”

Mr. Randy Grauer, Development Services Manager, and Mr. Trevor Bell, Land Bank Manager, reviewed the application.

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

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT the revised Hampton Village (Residential) Neighbourhood Concept Plan, as shown on Attachment 2 to the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 4, 2008, be approved.

CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT NO. 4-2008 – continued

**B1) Enquiry – Councillor B. Dubois (January 28, 2008)
Taxicab Licensing
(File No: CK. 307-4)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

BACKGROUND:

At the January 28, 2008, meeting of City Council, Councillor Dubois made the following inquiry:

“Would the Administration please report on the number of taxis in the City of Saskatoon. Also include in the report, the criteria used to determine and ensure an adequate number of taxis to accommodate the needs in our city. Also include information on what other cities do in this regard.”

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REPORT

History

On September 10, 2001, City Council considered a report of the Administration and Finance Committee recommending amendments to License Bylaw 6066, consideration of Bylaw 8037, and amendments to Policy C02-011, Taxicab Licenses – Allocation Criteria. The report (Attachment 1) contains detailed history of the license allocation process in Saskatoon.

In summary, City Council capped the number of licenses, and agreed that additional licenses would only be issued when requested by the industry. The Taxicab Licenses – Allocation Criteria Policy, C02-011, was revised from a waiting list/draw system to reflect that decision and states:

3.2 a) When Council considers it appropriate, it may issue additional licenses for owners of taxicabs used for the conveyance of passengers, through a public tender process.

Current Situation

The operations of taxis in Saskatoon are regulated under License Bylaw No. 6066 which caps the number of regular taxis to be licensed in the City at 160.

The Bylaw also provides for five permanent and five temporary licenses for wheelchair accessible taxis. Among the stipulations, to receive license approval, vehicles must be equipped with a mechanical device that can load, transport and unload a person using a wheelchair without that person having to leave the wheelchair. Further, these vehicles may be used as regular taxis, but at least 50% of all trips must be for the purpose of transporting a person with disabilities. Operators are required to maintain a log of the number of trips indicating which trips were for the purposes of transporting persons with disabilities. These logs are currently submitted on a quarterly basis for review to the License Inspector.

Other Jurisdictions

Research into practises of other jurisdictions are summarized in the following table:

<i>City</i>	<i>Current Number of Taxicabs Licensed</i>	<i>Formula for calculating number of licenses</i>	<i>License/franchise numbers are reviewed.</i>
Saskatoon	160, five permanent five temporary wheelchair licenses	None	At request of industry
Regina	120, additional 30% in winter months	None	At request of industry
Red Deer		1 taxi plate / 750 people	Reviewed after annual census

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Lethbridge	Does not regulate number of taxicabs	n/a	n/a
Edmonton	1,220	None	Currently reviewing recommendations of recently commissioned consultant report
Calgary	1411, includes accessible licenses	None	Taxi Commission will review based on complaints received from public.
Winnipeg	409	None	At request of industry

The number of permanent licenses available has not changed since 1993. However, on a number of occasions, prior to reporting to City Council, your Administration has met with representatives of the Saskatoon taxi industry to discuss joint proposals for fare increases and implementation of the wheelchair accessible taxi licenses. Your Administration has not recently received a formal request from the industry to increase the number of taxi licenses available in Saskatoon.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Clause 3, Report No. 11-2001 of the Administration and Finance Committee.

The City Clerk distributed copies of the following letters:

- *James Robinson, dated March 3, 2008, requesting permission to address Council.*
- *Vasilie Angheluta, Elegant Taxi Service, dated March 3, 2008, requesting permission to address Council.*
- *Jack Richeleau, CAW Shop Steward, United Cabs, dated March 2008, requesting permission to address Council.*
- *Karen Naylor, CAW National Representative, dated March 2008, requesting permission to address Council.*
- *Mr. Ken Yuzik, General Manager, Saskatoon Radio Cab Ltd., dated March 3, 2008.*

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT item B3) of Communications to Council be brought forward and that the speakers regarding the matter be heard.

CARRIED.

“B3) Samuel Wishlow, dated February 19

Expressing concern about taxicab service in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 307-4)”

Mr. James Robinson indicated that he and several interested parties understood that the matter was to be debated tonight, as opposed to being an information item, and that they would defer speaking to the matter until Council debates the matter.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration to meet with the interested parties and report to public Executive Committee, and that the issue of airport service be included in the review.

CARRIED.

REPORT NO. 4-2008 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

His Worship Mayor D. Atchison, Chair
Councillor C. Clark
Councillor B. Dubois
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor D. Hill
Councillor P. Lorje
Councillor M. Neault
Councillor T. Paulsen
Councillor G. Penner
Councillor B. Pringle
Councillor G. Wyant

1. Appointment to Wanuskewin Heritage Park Board of Directors
(File No. CK. 175-33)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Bev Dubois be nominated to the Wanuskewin Heritage Park Board of Directors for 2008.

The above nomination is necessary due to Councillor Pringle’s resignation from the Board.

Councillor Lorje excused herself from discussion and voting on the matter due to a conflict of interest and left the Council Chamber.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

Councillor Lorje re-entered the Council Chamber.

**2. Willowgrove Integrated Community Centre/School Site Project
(File No. CK. 4131-26)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the preliminary site footprint for the Willowgrove Integrated Community Centre/School Site, as shown in Attachment 1 to the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 12, 2008, be approved.

Your Committee has considered and supports the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 12, 2008.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

**3. Proposed Resolution
Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association
(File No. CK. 155-5)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the Administration be requested to submit an appropriate resolution to the annual conference of the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association regarding the twinning of the Yellowhead between Saskatoon and Yorkton.

Your Committee has received a Call for Resolutions to the annual conference of the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association to be held in Yorkton on May 1 – 3, and submits the above recommendation.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

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**4. Membership
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee
(File No. CK. 175-16)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the following motion adopted by City Council on December 17, 2007 be rescinded:

“that, effective in 2009, the composition of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee be further revised to include two representatives of the four existing Business Improvement Districts, with representation on a rotational basis to be determined by the Business Improvement Districts.”
 - 2) that the Terms of Reference of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee be amended so as to include representation from the Sutherland Business Improvement District.

The Terms of Reference of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee currently include representation from the Broadway, Downtown, and Riversdale Business Improvement Districts.

City Council, at its meeting held on December 17, 2007, during the annual appointment process, resolved, in part:

- 2) that an invitation be extended to Tourism Saskatoon to have representation on the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, and if agreed, the terms of reference be amended accordingly; and
- 3) that, effective in 2009, the composition of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee be further revised to include two representatives of the four existing Business Improvement Districts, with representation on a rotational basis to be determined by the Business Improvement Districts.

Your Committee has subsequently been advised by the BIDs that since most of the heritage commercial properties are located within the four Business Improvement Districts, they would prefer that they all have representation on the Committee.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

REPORT NO. 4-2008 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor G. Wyant, Chair
Councillor B. Dubois
Councillor P. Lorje
Councillor C. Clark
Councillor B. Pringle

**1. Traffic Concerns – Saskatchewan Crescent
(File No. CK. 6320-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Attached is a report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated February 1, 2008, with respect to a review of the above matter. The concerns were brought forward by a number of residents in the area and through an enquiry from former Councillor Hnatyshyn. Copies of the letters received are also attached.

Your Committee has reviewed the report with the Administration and has been advised that based on the speed and volume studies and the collision history, traffic calming devices are not being recommended at this time. The report also provides information on the current guidelines for traffic calming devices. As requested by your Committee, the report has been forwarded to Saskatoon Police Services for information regarding enforcement. The report is being forwarded to City Council as information.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

**2. Application to Heritage Conservation Program
870 University Drive
(File No. CK. 710-53 and PL. 907)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the owners of 870 University Drive receive a tax abatement through the Heritage Conservation Program to a maximum of \$2,500 amortized in equal instalments over seven years commencing in the year following the satisfactory completion of the rehabilitation project with the source of funding for the abatement, being the Heritage

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Fund, and with the satisfactory completion to be determined by the Manager, Development Services Branch, Community Services Department; and

- 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate agreement regarding the tax abatement.

Attached is a report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 22, 2008, with respect to the above application under the Heritage Conservation Program.

Your Committee has been advised that the application was reviewed and supported by the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee. Your Committee also supports the recommendations, as outlined above.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

**3. 2007 Annual Report – Traffic Safety Committee
(File No. CK. 430-59)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Attached is the 2007 Annual Report of the Traffic Safety Committee, outlining the traffic safety education and awareness initiatives, as well as the referrals from City Council, and the review of specific issues identified by the Committee.

Your Committee has reviewed the report with the Administration, including the policy role of the Committee as it pertains to traffic safety, and is forwarding the report to City Council, as information.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

4. White Buffalo Youth Lodge – Municipal Project
(Files CK. 610-9 and LS. 220-42)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council declare the White Buffalo Youth Lodge as a municipal project in order to provide for the issuance of charitable donation receipts for various donations received from within the community;
 - 2) that the Treasurer's Branch, Corporate Services Department, be authorized and directed to accept donations for this project and to issue appropriate receipts to donors who contribute to the project; and
 - 3) that the City of Saskatoon act as a sponsor guarantor for the White Buffalo Youth Lodge in their application for funding from the United Way of Saskatoon Community Initiatives Fund and that the Administration be authorized to sign the grant agreement.

Attached is a report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 13, 2008, with respect to the above matter.

Your Committee has reviewed and supports the above recommendations submitted by the Administration.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

5. Cost Recovery – Indoor Arenas
(Files CK. 1720-3 and 611-1 and LS. 611-1)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that in order to maintain market comparability for ice rental rates, City of Saskatoon Policy No. C03-030 (Recreation Facilities – Rental Fees) recoverable costs include operation, maintenance, project services, and exclude building reserve costs;
 - 2) that effective October 1, 2008, the prime rental rate for the indoor arenas be increased by \$12 per hour per year from 2008 to 2012; and

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- 3) that the Youth Sports Subsidy Program be reviewed by the Budget Committee during the 2008 Operating Budget deliberations.

Attached is a report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 19, 2008 with respect to ice rental rates for indoor arenas.

Your Committee has reviewed the report with the Administration and has also discussed the matter of the subsidization available to sports organizations through the Youth Sports Subsidy Program with respect to eligible rental costs. Mr. Kelly Boes, Saskatoon Minor Hockey Association, has also addressed your Committee urging Council to look at a lower rate than the 100% cost recovery target for indoor arenas and to review the level of subsidization available through the Youth Sports Subsidy Program.

Following review of this matter, your Committee is supporting the recommendations relating to the ice rental rates at indoor arenas. Your Committee is recommending further that the matter of the Youth Sports Subsidy Program be referred to the Budget Committee for review during the 2008 Operating Budget deliberations.

The City Clerk distributed copies of a letter from Mr. Craig Adams, dated February 27, 2008, submitting comments regarding the matter.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

**6. Parking Meter Rate Increase
(File No. CK. 6120-3)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that parking meter rates in Riversdale be increased to \$1.00 per hour and all other metered areas to \$1.50 per hour, effective April 1, 2008;
 - 2) that the revenue generated by the increase in parking meter rates from \$0.50 to \$1.00 in Riversdale and \$1.00 to \$1.25 in all other metered areas be distributed as per the existing formula as outlined in the report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated February 14, 2008;

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- 3) that the report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated February 14, 2008, be forwarded to the Budget Committee to determine the distribution of the additional revenue generated by the increase in parking meter rates from \$1.25 to \$1.50; and
- 4) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary amendments to Traffic Bylaw 7200 to reflect the changes outlined in the report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated February 14, 2008.

Your Committee has reviewed and supports the recommendations outlined in the attached report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services dated February 14, 2008, with respect to the above matter.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

**7. Snow and Ice Program – Snow Routes
(File No. CK. 6120-3)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Your Committee has reviewed the attached report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated February 15, 2008, providing an update on the above matter, and is forwarding the report to City Council for its information.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated.

B. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

1) Colin McFadzean, undated

Requesting that the Saskatchewan Provincial Flag be flown over the police station, City Hall and the downtown library. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT the letter be forwarded to the Administration.

CARRIED.

2) Donald F. Cousins, Sports Hall of Fame, dated February 13

Requesting assistance with respect to the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame. (File No. CK. 1870-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT the letter be forwarded to the Administration.

CARRIED.

3) Samuel Wishlow, dated February 19

Expressing concern about taxicab service in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 307-4)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 27.

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4) Irene Boychuk, Credit Union Centre, dated February 19

Submitting 2007 Annual Report from the Board of Directors. (File No. CK. 430-1)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the information be received; and
 - 2) that the matter of the \$50,000 provision to the building maintenance reserve be referred to the Budget Committee.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

- 1) *that the information be received; and*
- 2) *that the matter of the \$50,000 provision to the building maintenance reserve be referred to the Budget Committee.*

CARRIED.

5) Michael Wyant, Vaughn Wyant Automotive Group, undated

Requesting Brand Place be closed to traffic on Saturday, August 30, 2008, from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., to enable display of automobiles in conjunction with the Saskatoon Mustang Club hosting the International Meet. (File No. CK. 205-1)

- RECOMMENDATION:** that the request to close Brand Place to traffic on Saturday, August 30, 2008, from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., to enable display of automobiles in conjunction with the Saskatoon Mustang Club hosting the International Meet be granted subject to any administrative conditions.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT the request to close Brand Place to traffic on Saturday, August 30, 2008, from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., to enable display of automobiles in conjunction with the Saskatoon Mustang Club hosting the International Meet be granted subject to any administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

6) Clayton Dell, High Voltage Classic, dated February 25

Requesting permission to close 23rd Street, between 3rd and 4th Avenues at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday March 15 to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 16, 2008 for the annual High Voltage Classic charity road hockey tournament. (File No. CK. 205-1)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the request to close 23rd Street, between 3rd and 4th Avenues at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday March 15 to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 16, 2008 for the annual High Voltage Classic charity road hockey tournament be granted subject to any administrative conditions.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT the request to close 23rd Street, between 3rd and 4th Avenues at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday March 15 to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 16, 2008 for the annual High Voltage Classic charity road hockey tournament be granted subject to any administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

7) Leslie Bennett, Saskatoon Centre Constituency Executive, dated February 19

Submitting resolution with respect to condo conversion. (File No. CK. 4132-1)

8) Harry H. Janzen, Saskatoon Region Association of Realtors, dated February 20

Commenting on condo conversion. (File No. CK. 4132-1)

9) Wendy Weseen, Bernice Shih, Marikay Falby and Jim Osborne, dated February 22

Submitting copy of letter to The Honourable Brad Wall with respect to condo conversion.

10) Kent Smith-Windsor, Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce, dated February 25

Commenting on condo conversion. (File No. CK. 4132-1)

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RECOMMENDATION: that these letters be considered with the motion by Councillor Pringle on the matter of condo conversion and items A2 and A3 of Communications to Council, and that they be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration at the appropriate time.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT these letters be considered with the motion by Councillor Pringle on the matter of condo conversion and items A2 and A3 of Communications to Council, and that they be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration at the appropriate time.

CARRIED.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS

1) Vanessa J. Charles, Saskatoon Anti-Poverty Coalition, dated February 14

Expressing gratitude for the discounted bus pass program. (File No. CK. 1905-7)

2) K. Stevens, dated February 17

Commenting on snow removal. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

3) David Dorogi, dated February 18

Commenting on recent condo conversions. (File No. CK. 4132-1)

4) Tom Eremondi, dated February 19

Commenting on requests to close the Traffic Bridge. (File No. CK. 205-1)

5) Dr. Monte Keene Pishny-Floyd, dated February 22

Commenting on funding for the Saskatoon Symphony. (File No. CK. 175-1)

6) Darcy Bellamy, dated February 26

Commenting on backyard fire pits. (File No. CK. 2500-1)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

D. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

1) Erica Bird, dated February 13

Suggesting a children's museum be part of River Landing. (File No. CK. 4020-1) **(Referred to Administration for further handling.)**

2) Helen Smith-McIntyre, Saskatoon Community Mediation Services, dated February 14

Requesting the Race Relations and Cultural Diversity Committee assist in organizing a workshop during the Provincial Restorative Justice Conference being held on March 12 to 14, 2008. (File No. CK. 247-1) **(Referred to Race Relations and Cultural Diversity Committee for further handling.)**

3) Linda Van Impe, Parkside Place, dated February 15

Reporting damages sustained from dry storm water retention pond construction. (File No. CK. 4110-1) **(Referred to Administration for further handling.)**

4) Waneta Goldstein, dated February 17

Commenting on difficulties encountered being located on a snow route. (File No. CK. 6290-1) **(Referred to Administration for appropriate action.)**

5) Michael Pirot, dated February 19

Expressing concern about signage on Cumberland and 8th. (File No. CK. 6280-1) **(Referred to Administration for further handling.)**

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6) Pat Tymchatyn, Meadowgreen Community Association, dated February 19

Requesting that a wellness park be considered for Dutchak Park. (File No. CK. 4205-1)
(Referred to Administration to report to Council.)

7) Phyllis Nykiforuk and Ken Esler, dated February 19

Requesting a sound attenuation wall backing Highlands Crescent. (File No. CK. 375-2)
(Referred to Budget Committee for further handling.)

8) Kevin King, dated February 20

Commenting on a recent parking ticket he received. (File No. CK. 6120-1) **(Referred to Administration for review and response to the writer.)**

9) Ron Morey, dated February 20

Commenting on snow removal issues. (File No. CK. 6290-1) **(Referred to Administration for consideration.)**

10) Michael Pirot, dated February 21

Expressing concern about garbage containers overflowing in parks. (File No. CK. 7830-3)
(Referred to Administration for appropriate action.)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT, with respect to Item D3), Councillor Heidt be provided a copy of the response.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

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E. PROCLAMATIONS

1) Marji Triol, dated February 19

Requesting City Council proclaim April 25, 2008 Red Hat Anniversary Day. (File No. CK. 205-5)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve the proclamation as set out in Section E; and
 - 2) that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamation, in the standard form, on behalf of City Council.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

- 1) *that City Council approve the proclamation as set out in Section E; and*
- 2) *that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamation, in the standard form, on behalf of City Council.*

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**9a) Proposed Closure of Portion of Public Right-of-Way
Portion of Boulevard on Eastlake Avenue
(File No. CK. 6295-1)**

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“Attached is an excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of City Council held on January 28, 2008 regarding the above matter. Council resolved that consideration of the application be deferred for five weeks in order for further public consultation with the interested parties.

Council should now consider the following recommendation of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department:

- 1) that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8652;
- 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to take all necessary steps to bring the intended closing forward and to complete the closing;

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- 3) that upon closing the portion of right-of-way as described in Plan of Proposed Road Closure prepared by Webster Surveys, dated November 19, 2007, it be sold to Richard Bedard for \$13,063.92, plus GST; and
- 4) that all costs associated with this closing be paid by the applicant.”

Mr. Murray Totland, General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department, and Mr. Randy Grauer, Development Services Manager, Community Services Department, reviewed the application.

The City Clerk distributed copies of the following letters:

- *Howard Willems, dated March 2, 2008, requesting permission to address Council.*
- *Marianne Hladun, dated March 3, 2008, requesting permission to address Council.*
- *Bob Littlejohn, dated March 2, 2008, requesting permission to address Council.*
- *Caron Pyne, dated March 3, 2008, submitting comments.*
- *Mel Herperger, dated March 2, 2008, submitting comments.*

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT item A1) of Communications to Council be brought forward and that the speakers regarding the matter be heard.

CARRIED.

“A1) Richard Bedard, dated February 6

Requesting permission to address City Council with respect to the boulevard on Eastlake Avenue. (File No. CK. 6295-1)”

Mr. Bedard indicated that if the proposed sale of right-of-way is not approved, he feels a future discretionary use application will also not be approved.

Mr. Howard Willems listed concerns that were raised at the public meeting including traffic concerns, strain on infrastructure, parking, and keeping the integrity and character of the Buena Vista neighbourhood.

Ms. Marianne Hladun indicated that there needs to be a plan for the neighbourhood in order to maintain the character and asked that the sale not be approved.

Mr. Bob Littlejohn expressed concerns regarding the loss of the boulevard and indicated that he does not support the proposed sale.

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Moved by Councillor Clark, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT the request for closure of public right-of-way and subsequent sale of said right-of-way to Richard Bedard be denied.

CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES

**Councillor M. Heidt
Sunday Metered Parking
(File No. CK. 6120-3)**

Would the Administration please look at enforcing 2-hour parking at meters Sundays and holidays.

I have had a few complaints as well as observing parking problems on Sundays with people parking all day at a metered parking stall.

MOTIONS

Councillor Pringle gave the following Notice of Motion at the meeting of City Council held on January 28, 2008:

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

‘Due to “significant hardship” being placed on increasing number of Saskatoon renters, I give notice that at the next Council meeting, I will move a motion asking Council to approve a temporary freeze on any new condo conversion applications until the policy review has been completed and dealt with by Council.’”

Mr. Paul Gauthier, General Manager, Community Services Department, provided background information regarding the Condominium Conversion Policy and described the Department’s intentions regarding 21 conversion applications currently held by the Department.

The City Clerk distributed copies of the following letters:

- *Karl Miller and Ken Achs, Meridian Development, dated March 3, 2008, requesting permission to address Council.*
- *John Nasser, dated March 3, 2008, submitting comments.*
- *Shirley Ryan, North Saskatchewan Business Association, dated March 3, 2008.*

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Moved by Councillor Pringle, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT items A2) and A3) of Communications to Council be brought forward and that the speakers regarding the matter be heard.

CARRIED.

“A2) Jim L. Osborne, dated February 15

Requesting permission to address City Council in regard to the motion with respect to condo conversions. (File No. CK. 4132-1)

A3) Tom Shumlich, Harbour Rock Development Corp., dated February 26

Requesting permission to address City Council with respect to condo conversions. (File No. CK. 4132-1)”

Mr. Jim Osborne expressed concerns with the current condominium conversion policy indicating that it has adverse implications for apartment renters.

Mr. Tom Shumlich, Harbour Rock Development Corp., indicated that time is of the essence regarding the 21 applications that are currently being held by the City and asked that the City proceed with these applications under the current policy.

Mr. Karl Miller, President, Meridian Development, expressed concerns that business is difficult to conduct until a decision has been made by Council regarding the condominium conversion policy.

Mr. Ken Achs, Meridian Development, expressed his concerns regarding putting a freeze on condominium conversions indicating that the market will eventually correct itself.

Moved by Councillor Pringle, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT all new applicants be advised that City Council is reviewing its Condominium Conversion Policy and that their applications will be subject to the policy which emerges from that review.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL – continued

A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

1) Richard Bedard, dated February 6

Requesting permission to address City Council with respect to the boulevard on Eastlake Avenue. (File No. CK. 6295-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 44.

2) Jim L. Osborne, dated February 15

Requesting permission to address City Council in regard to the motion with respect to condo conversions. (File No. CK. 4132-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 46.

3) Tom Shumlich, Harbour Rock Development Corp., dated February 26

Requesting permission to address City Council with respect to condo conversions. (File No. CK. 4132-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 46.

4) Alan Thomarat, Saskatoon Homebuilders, dated February 12

Requesting permission for he and Terry Alm to address City Council with respect to the Saskatoon Housing Plan. (File No. CK. 750-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Alan Thomarat and Terry Alm be heard.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Alan Thomarat and Terry Alm be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Terry Alm, CEO, Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP), spoke on behalf of himself and Mr. Alan Thomarat, President, SHIP. Mr. Alm presented SHIP's proposal to the City

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on increasing affordable housing and requested a contribution in the amount of \$250,000 from the City in order to allow SHIP the resources to hire staff.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT the matter be referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.

CARRIED.

5) Sue Barrett, Marr Residence Management Board, dated February 25

Requesting permission to address City Council with respect to the Marr Management Board Annual Report. (File No. CK. 430-60)

RECOMMENDATION: that Sue Barrett be heard.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Sue Barrett be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Sue Barrett, Chairperson, Marr Residence Management Board, presented the 2007 Marr Residence Annual Report.

Moved by Councillor Clark, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

6) Victoria Neufeldt, Saskatoon Heritage Society, dated February 25

Requesting permission to address City Council with respect to the current issue of the Saskatoon History Review. (File No. CK. 205-1)

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RECOMMENDATION: that Victoria Neufeldt be heard.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Victoria Neufeldt be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Don Kerr, Saskatoon Heritage Society, presented City Council with a copy of the current issue of the Saskatoon History Review.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

GIVING NOTICE

Councillor Hill gave the following Notice of Motion:

“TAKE NOTICE THAT at the next regular meeting of City Council, I will move the following motion:

‘THAT Administration be permitted to bring the eight condominium applications that are ready for approval to Council to the next meeting for individual review and/or approval at the same time as the interim report in two weeks.

Moved by Councillor Hill,

THAT notice be waived.

NOT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Moved by Councillor Hill,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk