Council Chambers City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask. Monday, March 17, 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,
Pringle, and Wyant;
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 Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the minutes of meeting of City Council held on March 3, 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:

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

"REPORT NO. 2-2008 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. Proposed Rezoning from R1A to R1B and RMTN Blocks 973, 979, 982, 983, 984, and 985 Lots A and B from Block 979 and Parcel X Hampton Village - Zoning R1A (File No. CK. 4351-08-1)
- **<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>**: 1) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to rezone the sites along Greary Crescent, Klassen Crescent, Klassen Lane, and Hampton Circle (Blocks 973, 979, 982, 983, 984, and 985), as indicated on Attachment 2 of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 4, 2008, from R1A District to R1B District;
 - 2) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to rezone the sites along McClocklin Road and Hampton Circle (Block 979, Lots A and B, and Parcel X), as indicated on Attachment 2 of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 4, 2008, from R1A District to RMTN District;
 - 3) that the General Manager, Community Services Department, be requested to prepare the required notices for advertising the proposed amendments;

- 4) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required bylaws; and
- 5) that at the time of the public hearing, City Council consider the Municipal Planning Commission's recommendation that the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendments be approved.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 4, 2008, with respect to the above proposed rezoning.

Your Commission has reviewed the matter with the Administration and is supporting the recommendations as outlined above.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 5-2008

Section A – COMMUNITY SERVICES

A1) Land-Use Applications Received by the Community Services Department For the Period Between February 21, 2008 to March 5, 2008 (For Information Only) File Nos. PL.: PL. 4132, PL. 4115, PL. 4350, PL. 4300; CK. 4000-5

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

ADOPTED.

The following applications have been received and are being processed:

Condominium

 Application No. 4/08: Applicant: Legal Description: Current Zoning: Neighbourhood: Date Received: 1002 – 14th Street East (Conversion – 9 units) Corie Roth for 101105725 Saskatchewan Ltd. Lots 21 and 22, Block 21, Plan G18 RM3 Varsity View February 22, 2008

Devel •	opment Plan Amendment No. DPA 12/08: Applicant: Inc.) Legal Description: Current Land Use Designation: Proposed Land Use Designation: Neighbourhood: Date Received:	2213 – 20 th Street West F. Nafees and Ehsan Chaudhary (Fazal Investments Lot 6, Block 27, Plan G4995 Low Density Low-Medium Density Pleasant Hill February 15, 2008
Rezon	ling	
•	Application No. Z13/08: Applicant: Inc.)	2213 20 th Street West F. Nafees and Ehsan Chaudhary (Fazal Investments
	Legal Description:	Lot 6, Block 27, Plan G4995
	Current Zoning:	R2
	Proposed Zoning: Neighbourhood:	RM2 Pleasant Hill
	Date Received:	February 15, 2008
Subdi	vision	
•	Application No. 14/08: Applicant: Legal Description: Current Zoning: Neighbourhood: Date Received:	901/903 2 nd Street East Webster Surveys for Randy and Wendy Ratzlaff Lot 27 and 28, Block 6, Plan G186 R2 Haultain February 19, 2008
•	Application No. 15/08:	Muzyka Road, Masuda Terrace/Padget Crescent/Way/Lane, Sefaniuk Crescent/Bay
	Applicant:	George, Nicholson for the City of Saskatoon
	Legal Description:	Part of Parcel A, Plan 93S45207; Part of Parcel B,
	Current Zoning	Plan 94S01779; Parcel VV, Plan 86S17947 R1A
	Current Zoning: Neighbourhood:	Willowgrove
	Date Received:	February 21, 2008
•	Application No. 16/08 : Applicant: Legal Description: Current Zoning: Neighbourhood: Date Received:	127 Trent Crescent George, Nicholson for the City of Saskatoon Lot 14, Block 798, Plan 75S19611 R1 East College Park February 21, 2008

Application No. 17/08: 206/208 Central Avenue • Applicant: George, Nicholson for Nusrat Shah Legal Description: Lot 25, Block 487, Plan 62S18696 Current Zoning: R2 Sutherland Neighbourhood: Date Received: February 21, 2008 Application No. 18/08: 102/104 Gray Avenue • Applicant: Tri-City Surveys for Neil and Kathryn Ashdown Legal Description: Lot A, Block 22, Plan 84S32566 Current Zoning: R2 Neighbourhood: Forest Grove Date Received: February 22, 2008 Application No. 19/08: Adjacent to 1st Avenue South • Tri-City Surveys for Midtown Plaza Inc. Applicant: Parcel C, Plan 65S12125 Legal Description: Current Zoning: B6 Neighbourhood: Forest Grove Date Received: February 22, 2008 Application No. 20/08: 1123 Avenue H North • Applicant: Tri-City Surveys for Brennen Mills Legal Description: Lots 11 and 12, Block 36, Plan G4296 Current Zoning: R2 Hudson Bay Park Neighbourhood: February 25, 2008 Date Received:

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. 4/08
- 2. Development Plan Amendment No. DPA 12/08
- 3. Plan of Proposed Rezoning No. Z13/08
- 4. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 14/08
- 5. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 15/08
- 6. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 16/08
- 7. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 17/08
- 8. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 18/08
- 9. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 19/08
- 10. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 20/08

A2) Municipal Enterprise Zone Home Building Centre 420 Avenue M South File No.: PL 4110-34-135; CK 3500-15

- **<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u>** 1) that City Council approve a five-year tax abatement of the incremental taxes to the property at 420 Avenue M South for the construction of a new store by Home Building Centre in the West Industrial Area;
 - 2) that the five-year tax abatement be effective in the next taxation year following completion of the project; and
 - 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary bylaw and agreement.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

On February 7, 2008, the Municipal Enterprise Zone Adjudication Committee considered an application from Home Building Centre for assistance with its plans to construct a new building at its 420 Avenue M South address. This project represents a 9,000 square foot, \$800,000 expansion of its operations at the current location in the West Industrial Area of Saskatoon.

The company has been operating in the area since 1980 and has operated at its current location under the Home Hardware franchise since 1984. Home Building Centre currently employs 20 staff members and expects to add five full-time and five part-time staff members as a result of this project.

REPORT

Home Building Centre's application for incentives under the Municipal Enterprise Zone was made through the Riversdale Business Improvement District (RBID). A thorough review of the application was conducted, and it has been determined that the project warrants consideration for incentives under the Municipal Enterprise Zone.

All required Building and Plumbing Permit fees will be automatically rebated to the applicant upon completion of the project. These fees are estimated to be \$2,250.

Home Building Centre is also applying for a five-year abatement of the incremental property taxes. According to the Corporate Services Department, Assessment Branch, the incremental increase in annual property taxes for the property is estimated to be \$16,406. The value of this abatement over the five-year period is estimated to be \$82,030.

The Adjudication Committee considered the merits and value of the development to the Municipal Enterprise Zone. The Adjudication Committee agrees with the report from RBID and its recommendation to approve this application. This development is a significant retail expansion of an existing business in the Enterprise Zone. It will also add a total of ten new jobs in the area. This is consistent with the purpose of the City of Saskatoon Policy A09-031 (Municipal Enterprise Zone). Therefore, the Adjudication Committee is recommending that City Council grant the five-year property tax abatement commencing in the next taxation year after completion of the project.

Summary of incentives pending City Council approval of a five-year incremental tax abatement:

Decision	`Incentive	Estimated Value
Automatic	Building and Plumbing Permit Fee Rebate:	\$ 2,250
Council	Property Tax Abatement (five years at \$16,406 per year)	82,030
	Total	\$ 84,280

RBID will conduct a follow-up inspection to ensure that the project is completed according to the proposal prior to disbursement of any rebates or commencement of the abatement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The above application was considered by the Enterprise Zone Committee on February 7, 2007. As of February 26, 2007, there is approximately \$309,000 remaining in the Municipal Enterprise Zone Account. The above application totals \$2,250 in automatic cash incentives and is within the means of the Municipal Enterprise Zone Program.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Location Map

A3) Naming Report – "Stonebridge Street Names" File No. PL 4001-5; CK. 6310-1

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

ADOPTED.

REPORT

The street name plan for Stonebridge neighbourhood was provided to the Naming Advisory Committee Administrator from the developer, Dundee Developments. (See Attachment 1.) The developer has requested seven names from the Names Master List, which are indicated on the attached plan. The names requested comprise:

- a) Ashworth City Councillor (1910)
- b) Dickson City Councillor (1919-1923)
- c) Hunter City Councillor (1934-1951)
- d) Langlois City Councillor (1994-1997)
- e) Snell City Councillor (1911)
- f) Whalley City Councillor (1979-1982)
- g) Rempel (#174) John Rempel Rempel Bros. Construction Ltd., a family operated business, with a long involvement in residential basement excavation and construction was active in community sports and the Rempel Bros. Fastball Team.

According to City of Saskatoon Council Policy C09-008 (Naming of Civic Property and Development Areas), all requests for street names from the Names Master List will be selected by His Worship the Mayor. All names on the Names Master List have been previously screened by the Naming Advisory Committee and meet City Council's guidelines for name selection.

His Worship, Mayor Donald Atchison notified the Naming Advisory Committee Administrator that the street names for Stonebridge had received City Council's approval. The selection of His Worship, Mayor Donald Atchison was forwarded to Dundee Developments 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.

ATTACHMENT

1. Map of Stonebridge Street Names.

 A4) City of Saskatoon Policy C03-007 (Special Events) Requests for Funding – 2008 and 2009 Masters of Curling, 2008 CIS Women's Basketball Championships, 2009 XII Men's World Fast Pitch Softball Championship, 2009 BMO Canadian Figure Skating Championships, Canadian Golf Tour, and We Are Many Festival FILE NO: LS. 1870-12-2 and CK. 1870-15

RECOMMENDATION:	1)	that	the	Major	Special	Events	funding	be	approved	as
		follo	ws:							

- 2008 Masters of Curling \$22,500
- 2008 CIS Women's Basketball \$9,000
- 2009 XII Men's World Fast Pitch Softball Championships - \$90,000 (\$45,000 in 2008 and \$45,000 in 2009)
- 2009 BMO Canadian Figure Skating \$81,000 (\$40,500 in 2008 and \$40,500 in 2009);
- 2) that funding in the amount of \$22,500 be approved for the We Are Many Festival, as an exception to the policy and subject to conditions outlined in this report; and
- 3) that the application for funding from the Canadian Golf Tour be denied.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

On November 29, 2007, the Administration received business plans and funding requests from Saskatoon Sports Tourism on behalf of the Host Committees of the following events:

- 2008 and 2009 Masters of Curling;
- 2008 CIS Women's Basketball Championships;
- 2009 XII Men's World Fast Pitch Softball Championship;
- 2009 BMO Canadian Figure Skating Championships; and
- Canadian Golf Tour.

As well, on December 19, 2007, the Administration received a funding request from the We Are Many Festival to be held in August 2008.

The Host Committees of these events are requesting funding of \$400,000 in total for these events, with \$230,000 of this total being provided in 2008, and the remaining \$170,000 being provided in 2009 respectively. These funding requests from Saskatoon Sport Tourism were submitted in this

manner to provide funding over two years so as not to deplete the Major Special Event Reserve completely in 2008.

This report will address the funding requests from the Host Committees for financial assistance from the Major Special Event Reserve based on City of Saskatoon Policy C03-007 (Special Events). (See Attachment 1.)

DISCUSSION

Funding Submissions

The Administration has reviewed each of the funding submissions and has provided a summary of the funding requests (see Attachment 2). Copies of the individual business plans submitted by the Host Committees for these events are available for review in the Office of the City Clerk.

The following is a list of the events and the requested funding amounts:

•	2008 and 2009 Masters of Curling	\$50,000
•	2008 CIS Women's Basketball Championships	\$10,000
•	2009 XII World Men's International Softball Federation Championship	\$100,000
•	2009 BMO Canadian Figure Skating Championships	\$90,000
•	2008 to 2010 Canadian Golf Tour	\$100,000
•	We Are Many Festival	\$50,000

City Administration Business Plan Assessment

The Administration has reviewed the six business plans submitted by the Host Committees for these events and assessed each plan to determine if the event met the objectives and criteria of City of Saskatoon Policy C03-007 (Special Events). Attachment 3 is a summary of the Administration's assessment of the business plans.

The Administration is recommending the approval of funding for the following events:

•	2008 Masters of Curling	\$22,500
•	2008 CIS Women's Basketball Championships	\$9,000
•	2009 XII World Men's International Softball Federation Championship	\$90,000
	(\$45,000 in 2008 and \$45,000 in 2009)	
•	2009 BMO Canadian Figure Skating Championships	\$81,000
	(\$40,500 in 2008 and \$40,500 in 2009)	
•	We Are Many Festival (subject to conditions outlined below)	\$22,500

These funding amounts are recommended in order to accommodate all of the funding requests that have been received by the Administration from a variety of event Host Committees.

The Administration wishes to bring to City Council's attention that the 2008 and 2009 Masters of Curling is a multi-year event and consequently, it does not meet the definition of a special event as described in section 2.1 of the City of Saskatoon Policy C03-007 (Special Events). In 2008, this international, recurring event will be held in Saskatoon for the first time. As part of the bid process, Saskatoon had to put forward a bid to host this event for two consecutive years. Seeing that this is the first time that Saskatoon is hosting this event and that it meets all other funding criteria, the Administration is recommending approval of one-time seed money to host this recurring event in January 2008.

The Administration also brings to City Council's attention that the We Are Many Festival does not meet the objectives of a special event as described in section one of the City of Saskatoon Policy C03-007 (Special Events). This festival plans to use art, music, theatre, and entertainment to attract and raise public awareness to the issue of environmental sustainability. Symposia and workshops will be offered in conjunction with the event, in order for the public to share ideas and learn skills crucial to achieving sustainability in their own lives. Seeing that the issue of environmental awareness is an important one, the Administration is recommending approval, as an exception to the policy, of funding in the amount of \$22,500 for this event, subject to the following conditions:

- An admission fee being charged;
- There being a tangible and measurable legacy; and
- An equivalent amount of Federal and Provincial funding being obtained.

As per Attachment 2, the Administration has recommended that the Canadian Golf Tour event not receive funding assistance.

The Canadian Golf Tour is also a multi-year event; consequently, it does not meet the definition of a special event as described in section 2.1 of the City of Saskatoon Policy C03-007 (Special Events). In addition, this event has been able to secure significant financial support of \$150,000 from the private business community. According to the Host Committee business plan, this \$150,000 will go towards the prize money for the Professional Golfers participating in this tournament. The business plan indicates that the Dakota Dunes Casino and Golf Resort has committed the \$150,000 required prize money. In the opinion of the Administration, this event is fully funded by the private sector and one-time seed money would not be required. Consequently, the Administration is recommending that their funding request be denied.

JUSTIFICATION

According to City of Saskatoon Policy C03-007 (Special Events), three of the events outlined in Attachment 2 are eligible for funding and satisfy the requirements outlined in the policy. Based on the detailed business plans submitted by the Host Committees, these events are consistent with the objectives of the policy, which are as follows:

• to attract visitors to the City of Saskatoon and, in so doing, generate significant economic benefit for the community;

- to enhance the profile and visibility of the City of Saskatoon, nationally and internationally;
- to enhance community spirit and pride; and
- to develop an awareness, understanding, and appreciation of art, culture, and recreation.

These events will have an economic impact on the city and region. The Host Committees of these events have demonstrated that the events will bring visitors to Saskatoon from across the country and the world, and will attract national and international media attention.

The Administration is recommending approval of the 2008 Masters of Curling event as one-time seed money to host the event in January 2008. The Administration is also recommending approval, as an exception to policy, of the We Are Many Festival, subject to the conditions, outlined above, being met.

The Canadian Golf Tour, which the Administration recommends not receive funding from the Special Event Reserve, does not meet the definitions of a special event as described in Section 2.1 of the City of Saskatoon Policy C03-007 (Special Events).

OPTIONS

City Council can deny the recommendations for funding.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

In order to approve funding assistance to the We Are Many Festival, an exception to policy would be required as this event does not meet the objectives and criteria of the City of Saskatoon Policy C03-007 (Special Events). Specifically, the policy states in part that, the objective is:

"to develop an awareness, understanding and appreciation of art, culture and recreation."

The focus of the We Are Many Festival is environmental sustainability. The issue of environmental awareness is important and timely; and the Administration is requesting an exception to the policy on this basis.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

During its September 22, 2003 meeting, City Council approved a goal of \$250,000 annually in a reserve to fund special events. The funding support was to be incrementally phased-in over a five-year period at \$50,000 a year, starting in 2004. As of 2008, the annual contribution will be \$250,000 if approved by City Council.

Attachment 4 identifies additional pending requests for funding from the Special Event Reserve for 2008 to 2010.

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

The Administration will inform the Host Committees of City Council's decision regarding the outcome of the recommendations proposed in this report.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. City of Saskatoon Policy C03-007 (Special Events)
- 2. Special Events Funding Requests Summary Table
- 3. Administration's Assessment of the Business Plans Recommended for Approval
- 4. Reserve Sufficiency Worksheet, Leisure Services Branch, Special Events

A5) Review Process for Condominium Conversion Applications Received Prior to March 3, 2008 File No.: CK. 4132-1, PL. 4132-0

1)

- **RECOMMENDATION:**
- that the Administration bring forward to City Council at its April 21, 2008, meeting the nine condominium conversion applications that are ready for a decision; and
- 2) that the Administration bring forward the remaining applications as they become ready for approval.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be considered with the speakers on the matter. See Page No. 38.

A6) Pleasant Hill Revitalization Proposed Purchase of Land and Buildings 1400 Block 20th Street West <u>File No.: PL. 951-22, LA. 4110-11, CK. 4131-31</u>

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that City Council approve the purchase of the six properties located at 1401, 1409, 1411, 1413, 1417, and 1421 20th Street West at a purchase price of \$1,127,500;

2) that the property value established in 1) above be rendered in the form of \$902,000 in cash and \$225,500 as a donation receipt;

- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary purchase agreements, and that His Worship the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreements; and
- 4) that this purchase be funded from the Pleasant Hill Revitalization Project in the amount of \$902,000 plus other legal costs and disbursements; and

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

In January 2007, the City of Saskatoon entered into an Agreement to purchase 29 individual properties from Patrick Wolfe in two phases. These properties are concentrated together between Avenues O and N.

In May 2007, the City of Saskatoon purchased the first phase of the Wolfe properties. The second phase of the purchase contained the properties fronting onto 20^{th} Street including three properties not owned by Patrick Wolfe. These properties are 1405, 1407, and 1415 20^{th} Street West.

On July 16, 2007, City Council resolved to purchase 1405 and 1415 20th Street West. The property at 1407 20th Street West is currently occupied by Kubica Glass under a one-year Lease Agreement with the Affinity Credit Union with an option to purchase at any time during the time of the lease.

On October 15, 2007, the Executive Committee received an update on the Pleasant Hill Revitalization Project. The Committee resolved that the Administration continue to hold discussions with Mr. Wolfe and report back to the Executive Committee.

Attachment 1 illustrates the subject properties along 20th Street and their current ownership.

REPORT

The City's Land Branch has received a revised Offer to Purchase from Patrick Wolfe for the remaining properties on 20th Street West.

The six subject properties are comprised of:

- 1401 vacant, one-unit dwelling;
- 1409 one-unit dwelling, currently rented;
- 1411 one-unit dwelling, currently rented;
- 1413 vacant, one-unit dwelling;
- 1417 vacant, one-unit dwelling; and
- 1421 existing storage for commercial property company.

The vacant one-unit dwellings were formerly rented out.

Pleasant Hill Revitalization Concept Plan

The properties along 20th Street represent the land base for proposed Parcel E in the Pleasant Hill Revitalization Concept Plan (See Attachment 2). Parcel E is intended to be a high density, mixed use development. This site is intended to provide a significant number of dwelling units in a high-rise form with commercial/office/retail uses at the street level.

Parcel E is an important part of the Pleasant Hill Revitalization project for the following reasons:

- 1. The parcel is adjacent to 20th Street and would provide the revitalization project with more visibility from the 20th Street side. This allows the public to readily see signs of change occurring in the area.
- 2. The benefits of redevelopment and new commercial and retail uses at street level will further benefit the 20th Street corridor.
- 3. New development on Parcel P will have a positive impact on the redevelopment expected south of 20th Street such as the new school, Parcels A through D and the new park space.

The Offer to Purchase is set out in Table 1 below:

	Sale Price (in	Assemblage Premium (in a Charitable Donation	Total
Address	Cash)	Receipt)	Requested
1401 20th St. W.	\$150,000	\$ 37,500	\$187,500
1409 20th St. W.	143,000	35,750	178,750
1411 20th St. W.	144,000	36,000	180,000
1413 20th St. W.	145,000	36,250	181,250
1417 20th St. W.	146,000	36,500	182,500
1421 20th St. W.	174,000	43,500	217,500
	\$902,000	\$225,500	\$1,127,500

The sale prices, as indicated above, are based on independent appraisals recently completed on the subject properties in October 2007 with a slight adjustment in consideration of increased market conditions. The appraised values were determined through research and analysis of recent sales of comparable properties within the subject neighbourhood. Similar to other areas of the city, properties in Pleasant Hill have experienced significant increases in market value over the past nine months.

The assemblage premiums represent 25 percent of the individual appraised values. This premium, which is to be paid out in the form of a charitable donation receipt, is to recognize the additional costs incurred and efforts required by the vendor to acquire adjacent properties as part of an

assemblage project. It is the same formula utilized in the earlier acquisition of Wolfe Properties situated along the 300 and 400 Blocks of Avenues N and O South.

It is the opinion with the Land Branch that the values and terms of the sale, which have been agreed to, are fair and reasonable in today's real estate market.

Subject to City Council's approval, an Offer to Purchase has been signed by the City's Property Agent with the following terms and conditions:

1. Purchase Price

- a) \$902,000 in cash to be paid on Closing; and
- b) \$225,500 in the form of a Charitable Donation Receipt to be provided to the Vendor subsequent to the Closing Date (March 31, 2008).
- 2. Conditions Precedent

Approval of the transaction by Saskatoon City Council before March 18, 2008.

3. <u>Closing Date</u>

Closing date of this transaction shall be March 31, 2008, or such other date as is agreed to in writing by both parties.

- 4. <u>Adjustments</u> Taxes and all other adjustments shall be made as of the closing date.
- 5. <u>Legal Costs and Disbursements</u> Each party shall be responsible for its own legal costs.
- 6. <u>Other Terms</u>

The lands are being purchased "as is" with no warranties or representations from the seller as to the state of the properties.

Use of the Housing Stock for Affordable Housing

Discussions with non-profit housing providers are underway to continue to use these properties for affordable and entry level housing in our community. The Administration will report the progress in due course.

With the purchase of the Wolfe Properties along 20th Street West, the Community Services Department believes that a redevelopment could proceed in substantial conformance with the approved Pleasant Hill Concept Plan. The Land Branch will continue to negotiate for the purchase of 1407 20th Street West (Affinity Credit Union/Kubica Glass) and report back to City Council in due course.

OPTIONS

- 1. Purchase the subject properties. This option will allow the substantial redevelopment of this block in accordance with the Pleasant Hill Revitalization Concept Plan (Recommended).
- 2. Decline to purchase these properties. Should City Council decide not to proceed with this purchase, the City would not be in any position to advance the revitalization project along 20th Street. The existing houses and other non-residential uses would remain along 20th Street. The Administration does not recommend this option. The Pleasant Hill Revitalization Concept Plan envisages a high density, mixed use development on this site. Such a use would add considerable value to the revitalization effort by creating a new development on 20th Street and add much needed new housing stock to the area.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Pleasant Hill Revitalization Project has its own funding source from the Urban Development Agreement (\$3.6 million). The land acquisition portion of this budget is \$2 million. The unspent balance in this portion of the budget is \$446,000; however, an additional \$1 million was allocated by City Council from the Neighbourhood Land Development Fund on March 3, 2008, for a total of \$1,446 remaining for land acquisition.

The purchase of the second phase of the Wolfe Properties will cost \$902,000. This will leave \$544,000 for future acquisitions.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

However, it should be noted that the original idea for new housing in this area originated from Mr. Wolfe in 2004. If City Council agrees to the proposed purchase, the City of Saskatoon will issue a Press Release highlighting the completion of the land acquisition for his portion of the land. Mr. Wolfe has provided the City of Saskatoon with a rare opportunity to revitalize a neighbourhood in need of new housing and other amenities.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Location Map
- 2. Approved Pleasant Hill Revitalization Concept Plan

Section B – CORPORATE SERVICES

B1) City Telephone Service Alternative (File No. CK, 231-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> 1) that City Council approve the purchase of the network and Voice Over Internet Protocol telephone equipment at an approximate cost of \$800,000 over four years; and

2) that City Council approve the dedication of four years of annual savings resulting from the new telephone contract towards the purchase of the above-noted equipment.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

Over the past few years, a number of municipalities and private businesses have made the decision to implement Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) for their telephone needs. This means that your telephone, personal computer and surveillance cameras could all connect into a single internet protocol network. The move to VOIP is based on real and sustainable cost savings to the corporation through the elimination of telephone rental costs, some electricity savings, and potentially a reduction in the number of trunking lines used by the existing service provider (the City has approximately 2,000 telephones and each one uses a trunking line within the centrex environment). The move has also been driven by the convergence of voice, data and video running on a single Internet Protocol (IP) network. Currently, the City has a telephone and data network.

REPORT

The City has been a long time SaskTel Centrex customer. While this technology has been very successful for the city in the past, there has been little or no opportunity for the City to reduce its telephone costs. Centrex is basically a very mature technology, in the twilight of its lifecycle. The City's Centrex contract was scheduled for renewal in December of 2007. With this in mind, your Administration made the decision to research the market place for alternative telephone solutions for the City. Your Administration also entered into negotiations with SaskTel around the renewal of the Centrex contract and to see if there was a possibility for long-term sustainable savings from SaskTel.

In the fall of 2007, senior members of the Administration met with officials from CISCO and NORTEL to discuss their telephone solutions and the various options open to the City. This included going to a premise-based (in-house) solution, partnering with one of the vendors, or outsourcing our telephone needs to a company such as IBM. At the same time your Administration continued to negotiate telephone rates with SaskTel.

It would take a little over four years and a capital budget of \$800,000 to fully implement a VOIP solution using a phased-in approach. Based on industry standards for a Centrex-based organization the size of the City, annual savings of approximately \$180,000 to \$200,000 should result by moving to a premise-based VOIP telephone system, once fully implemented. In order to implement a VOIP solution at the City, all of the City's network equipment would need to be upgraded and VOIP telephones would need to be purchased – hence the requirement for the capital budget. There is an added benefit of upgrading the network for VOIP purchases, specifically a more reliable and higher performing data network with redundancy, which is missing in the current data network.

SaskTel was fully aware that the City was considering moving to a premise-based VOIP solution. SaskTel was interested in retaining one of their major customers in Saskatoon and were open to discussions on how the City could continue its relationship with them and be in a position to realize long-term sustainable cost savings. Your Administration and SaskTel conceived a very innovative solution that would allow the City to continue as a SaskTel customer, plus put the City in a position to realize annual savings of over \$200,000 a year. To this end, SaskTel and the City entered into a new five-year contract that would see the City moving from the current Centrex telephone service to a VOIP-based solution. The new contract with SaskTel gives the City savings of over \$200,000 annually. For the first four years of this contract, your Administration would like to direct the savings toward upgrading the data network to be VOIP compliant and toward the purchasing of VOIP phones. The City will be phasing in the VOIP telephone service over four years. In the fifth year of the contract, and on an ongoing basis, 100% of the savings will be available to the City. This approach allows the City to move to a VOIP telephone service without the need to secure an alternative funding source for an \$800,000 capital budget for the network refresh and purchase of VOIP phones.

OPTIONS

The City has the option of applying the mill rate savings directly to reducing the 2008 mill rate. However, this would not meet the spirit of the contract with SaskTel, that is, the move to a VOIP phone service. This would potentially be a short-term gain, as SaskTel provided the rate savings with the anticipation that the city would move towards VOIP. Once the renewed contract expires, SaskTel will take this into consideration.

As indicated earlier in this report, the industry is phasing out Centrex, and the City will have limited options other than moving towards VOIP. As a result, the City will incur significant costs to implement a VOIP solution at that time. The current option provides an opportunity for the City to implement VOIP with no capital financial impact.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial impact is identified throughout this report.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

- B2) 2007 Contract Negotiations Amalgamated Transit Union Local 615 (File No. CK. 4720-2)______
- **<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u>** 1) that the proposed changes set out in the attached report dated March 12, 2008, with respect to the 2007 contract with the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 615, be approved; and
 - 2) that City Council authorize completion of the revised contract incorporating all the changes for execution by His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk under the Corporate Seal.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a report dated March 12, 2008, detailing conditions agreed upon by the bargaining team of the City and the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 615.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Report dated March 12, 2008.

Section C – FIRE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

C1) Capital Project 1911 Fire – New Station - East Saskatoon (File No. CK. 630-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: 1) that Capital Project 1911 (Fire – New Station – East Saskatoon), totalling \$5,347,857, be approved; and

2) that the source of funding be an allocation from the return on investment within the Neighbourhood Land Development Fund.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

A report tabled at Council on October 6, 2003, by the General Manager, Fire and Protective Services Department, identified the need for a new Fire Station in the Lakewood Suburban Centre which would provide 4-minute first-in response to the existing areas of East College Park, Briarwood and Lakeridge, in addition to the new area of Rosewood. This location would also be strategically located to provide 8-minute full first alarm response on the east side of Saskatoon in compliance with the NFPA 1710 Standard. At that time, Council approved the location of the station at the corner of Herold and Slimmon Roads in the Lakewood Suburban Centre. Previous Budget approval of \$225,000.00 for the purchase of the land has been granted and in place since the 2004 Capital Budget.

On December 17, 2007, City Council resolved, in part:

"that Project 1911 (Fire – New Station – East Saskatoon) be approved in principle according to the established time frame (purchase of land and design in 2008, construction and staffing in 2009) and that the Administration be instructed to report back on an alternate funding source."

REPORT

On March 3, 2008, City Council approved, in principle, funding for a number of capital projects from the return on investment within the Neighbourhood Land Development Fund. Project 1911 (Fire – New Station – East Saskatoon) was identified as one of the projects.

Recent decisions by Council to approve growth in the Briarwood, Stonebridge, Willows, and more recently Rosewood neighbourhoods, increases the Department's concern on the east side of the city. This concern is supported by the current Five-Year Land Development Program 2006 - 2010 stating that 79% of planned City growth is on the east side and the remaining 21% is on the west side.

The demand for fire and emergency services has dramatically changed in the past decade. Not only is Saskatoon's growth a factor in this change but also the scope and frequency of incidents. To continue to ensure the protection of citizens and property, Fire Station No. 8, located at the corner of Herold and Slimmon Roads in the Lakewood Suburban Centre will be constructed.

The following is a summary of the total project development funding and the associated cost estimates:

2008

Purchase of .98 acres of land (\$562,000 – 225,000) (Previous budget approval of \$225,000.00, from the Reserve for Capital	\$337,000
Expenditures, for purchase of the land has been granted and in place since the 2004 Capital Budget.)	
Design	\$300,000
2008 Impact to Capital	<u>\$637,000</u>
2009 Impact to Capital	
Design	\$200,000
Construction	3,770,000
Equipment	740,857
Subtotal (including GST and GST Rebate)	4,710,857
Total Projected Capital Costs	<u>\$5,347,857</u>

The anticipated schedule would see the facility in operation by the end of the third quarter in 2009. The total annual operating impact of this project (including new station, staff, and the new apparatus) will be $\frac{\$1,538,204}{\$1,538,204}$

CONCLUSION

The strategic placement of fire stations is key to the effective and efficient delivery of emergency services to the residents in all areas of the City. The Department's long-term planning must address a number of factors affecting its ability to achieve the national response and deployment standard. Your Administration considers fire stations as critical infrastructure to be considered with growth and development trends, changing neighbourhood demographics, and general increases in demands for a wide range of emergency services.

To financially support this growth, your Administration will be exploring strategies and opportunities to create alternate or separate funding sources as additional fire stations are required.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

C2) 2008 Capital Budget – Project No. 0582 Bulk Purchase of Fire Apparatus Award of Tender 8-0218 UHPS Bush Truck (File No. CK. 1703-FR)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> 1) that the proposal submitted by Rocky Mountain Phoenix for one Rosenbauer Ultra High Pressure System (UHPS) Bush Truck, at a total estimated cost of \$121,592.10 including GST, be accepted; and

2) that the Corporate Services Department, Purchasing Services, issue the appropriate Purchase Order.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

This project is for the supply and delivery of one (1) Rosenbauer UHPS Bush Truck. The pump system allows for the combination of volume and pressure with its integral foam system.

One proposal was received and reviewed based on the evaluation criteria.

Rocky Mountain Phoenix	Base Price	\$115,802.00
	G.S.T.	\$ 5,790.10
	Subtotal	\$121,592.10
	G.S.T. Rebate	\$(5,790.10)
	Subtotal	\$115,802.00
	Price Reduction	(\$1,541.00)
	GST	\$77.05
	GST Rebate	(\$77.05)
	Net Cost to City	\$114,261.00

The price reduction of \$1,541.00 plus GST is applied when one progress payment equal to the laid in value of the chassis is received.

The Evaluation Criteria is based on the following:

- Price
- Company Experience and Capabilities
- Suitability/Design for Intended Use
- Delivery Schedule
- Meeting all Standards as Listed
- References
- Availability of After Sales Service

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

C3) 2008 Capital Budget – Project No. 0582 Bulk Purchase of Fire Apparatus Award of Tender 8-0217 Top Mount Enclosed Pumpers (File No. CK. 1703-FR)

RECOMMENDATION:	1)	that the proposal submitted by Rocky Mountain Phoenix for three (3) Rosenbauer Top Mount Enclosed Pumpers, at a total estimated cost of \$1,511,622.00 including GST, be accepted; and
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2) that the Corporate Services Department, Purchasing Services, issue the appropriate Purchase Order.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

This project is for the supply and delivery of three (3) Rosenbauer Top Mount Enclosed Pumpers. These pumpers are the same as the two most recently purchased from Rosenbauer (one delivered in 2007, one expected to be delivered in May 2008).

One proposal was received and reviewed based on the evaluation criteria. Following is a breakdown of the cost of each pumper:

Rocky Mountain Phoenix	Base Price	\$479,880.00
	G.S.T.	\$ 23,994.00
	Subtotal	\$503,874.00
	G.S.T. Rebate	<u>\$(23,994.00)</u>
	Subtotal	\$479,880.00
	Price Reduction	(\$7,336.00)
	GST	\$366.80
	GST Rebate	(\$366.80)
	Net Cost to City	<u>\$472,544.00</u>

The price reduction of \$7,336.00 plus GST is applied when one progress payment equal to the value of the chassis is received.

The Evaluation Criteria is based on the following:

- Price
- Company Experience and Capabilities
- Suitability/Design for Intended Use
- Delivery Schedule
- Meeting all Standards as Listed
- References
- Availability of After Sales Service

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Section D – INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

D1) Appointment of Municipal Dutch Elm Disease Inspectors – 2008 Dutch Elm Disease Control Regulations, *The Forest Resources Management Act* (File No. IS-4200-1 IS-4510-1; CK. 4200-4)

- **<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>:** 1) that Mr. Ian Birse and Mr. Geoff McLeod of the Infrastructure Services Department be appointed as the City of Saskatoon's 2008 Municipal Dutch Elm Disease Inspectors, in accordance with the provisions of *The Forest Resources Management Act*; and
 - 2) that the City Clerk notify the Minister of the Environment.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

Section 8, Article 2 of the Forest Resources Management Act requires that City Council appoint one or more Municipal Dutch Elm Disease Inspectors annually. The function of the Inspectors is to enforce the Dutch elm disease regulations specified in the act.

Mr. Ian Birse, Superintendent, Urban Forestry and Mr. Geoff McLeod, Pest Management Supervisor, both of the Infrastructure Services Department, are recommended for appointment to this office for 2008.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

D2) Proposed Service Upgrade to SaskWater Corporation Thatcher Avenue and 60th Street File No. CK 7500-1

<u>RECOMMENDATIONS</u> :	1)	that the request by SaskWater Corporation for a service upgrade at the Thatcher Avenue and 60 th Street connection be approved;
	2)	that the City Solicitor be instructed to amend the Master Supply Agreement with SaskWater Corporation;
	3)	that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the amended agreement; and
	4)	that upon completion of the infrastructure required to provide this additional supply, the City Treasurer bill SaskWater Corporation the Primary Water Main Capital Levy equivalent of 156.25 single-family residences and credit the Primary Water Main Reserve.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

In early 2005, SaskWater Corporation inquired about an upgrade to the service connection at the intersection of Thatcher Avenue and 60th Street in order to provide potable water to the proposed BizHub Industrial Park to be located in the R.M. of Corman Park, as shown in Attachment 1.

Attached is a copy of a letter dated November 6, 2007, from SaskWater Corporation formally requesting an upgrade to the service connection to provide the following flow rates and volumes (Attachment 2):

Average rate of flow:	8.56 litres per second (113 IGPM)
Maximum daily rate of flow:	47.35 litres per second (625 IGPM)
Annual Volume:	270 million litres (59.4 million Imperial Gallons)

As part of this service upgrade, SaskWater will be responsible for all aspects of design and construction of a new meter pit and associated infrastructure, including all construction costs. SaskWater will also be required to pay a one-time capital levy calculated as follows:

- Maximum flow rate is 625 IGPM
- Average household peak demand is 4 IGPM
- Therefore, this connection is equivalent to 156.25 average households (625 IGPM/4 IGPM per household) or 2,381 metres of frontage at 15.24 m per lot; and

• Levy payable if the connection was made today = 2,381 metres X \$89.50 per metre (2007 rate) = \$213,100.

It is anticipated that the 2008 rate will be higher than the 2007 rate. SaskWater Corporation will be billed the appropriate rate at the time of connection.

If SaskWater wishes to increase the flow rate beyond 625 IGPM, they will be required to pay additional levies at that time.

The City sells potable water to SaskWater at a number of locations for distribution to customers located in the Rural Municipality of Corman Park. The request received from SaskWater for the proposed BizHub Industrial Park is in accordance with City policies and procedures governing SaskWater connections.

The Infrastructure Services and Utility Services Departments will review all plans and drawings related to this project, which must be approved prior to commencement of construction. As-built drawings, completed to City standards, shall be provided to the City upon completion of the project.

The Administration has reviewed the proposed connection and its impact on the City of Saskatoon water distribution system. Computer modeling results show that any pressure-drop in the system would be minimal, therefore, there would be no adverse affects to City of Saskatoon property owners.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Plan view of the proposed BizHub Industrial Park; and
- 2. Letter from SaskWater dated November 6, 2007.

D3) Proposed Disabled Person's Parking Zone (File No. CK. 6145-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> that a Disabled Person's Parking Zone be installed in front of 2225 Albert Avenue.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

Infrastructure Services has received a request from the resident at 2225 Albert Avenue for the installation of a Disabled Person's Parking Zone in front of their residence, as shown on Plan 217-0057-001r001 (Attachment 1). The resident has a physical impairment such that direct access to the front of their home is required.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Plan No. 217-0057-001r001

Section F – CITY MANAGER

F1) River Landing Management Structure and Operations (File No. CC 4130-2 & SPR 4129-1 CK. 4129-1)

- **<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u>** 1) that, for the operations and maintenance of River Landing, City Council approve:
 - a) the establishment of a civic-owned non-profit corporation, similar to that for TCU Place;
 - b) the dedication of River Landing municipal property taxes and parking revenue to fund management, maintenance, and operations;
 - c) amendments to the boundaries of The Partnership and the Riversdale Business Improvement Districts to remove River Landing from their jurisdiction;
 - 2) that an agreement be reached with The Partnership and the Riversdale Business Improvement District to provide them funds equivalent to the annual levies they would have received from within River Landing;

- 3) that City Council recommend to the Budget Committee the transfer of existing and future River Landing operating budgets to capital, and that this allocation be replaced by incremental revenues that accrue as a result of recommendation 1b; and,
- 4) that the City Solicitor be authorized to take all steps necessary to achieve the above recommendations.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

The South Downtown Concept Plan defined twelve principles to guide planning and development within River Landing. Among these were:

- design to be a destination
- provide for special events
- plan for all day and all season use
- plan for safety and security

Wherever possible, these principles were incorporated into the physical design and development of the numerous projects identified in the Concept Plan. However, the Concept Plan is largely silent on how these principles relate to the management, maintenance, and operations of the area once complete.

REPORT

Management Structure: City-Owned Corporation

Following a review of current City of Saskatoon management structures and similar park-like organizations around the country, Administration is recommending the establishment of a city-owned, non-profit corporation. City Council would approve its mandate, budgets, and appoint the board of directors. The board could consist of two City Councillors, the City Manager, and four to five board members from a list of applicants received from around the city. This would ensure a broad base of expertise and input. The board would then be responsible for direction, policy, budgets, and the hiring and supervision of an executive director. It is important to note that the mandate would involve maintenance, operations, and governance – the board would not be involved in the current capital construction plan. As with other boards, the City of Saskatoon support systems would be used (e.g. Human Resources, Payroll Services, Occupational Health and Safety, etc.).

Unique Services

There are many new pathways and hard surfaces throughout River Landing that could be left with snow accumulation and be unusable for a large portion of the winter without additional snow clearing and removal services being provided. As well, Council will note that, to make River Landing a true year-round destination and a unique district within the city, funds for the special features of River Landing (water play feature, public art, amphitheatres, etc.) will be required and funds for additional services are being budgeted for snow removal, custodial services, security, and promotions and event programming.

Operational Funding Source

Portions of River Landing have already become operational including the Farmers' Market, Ideas Inc., Prairie Wind, the Spadina and 2nd Avenue extensions, and a portion of the Phase I riverfront park. Operational/maintenance costs totalling \$174,600 were included in the 2007 Operating Budget. Additional segments, including the pavilion, the children's water play feature, new streets and streetscape, and Isinger Park are planned to become operational in 2008. An additional provision of \$234,400 for incremental operational/maintenance costs is included in the 2008 Operating Budget.

The intent is that all management, maintenance, and operating costs will be funded through dedicated property taxes and parking revenue generated from within the development. However, significant revenue will not begin to flow for another two to three years. Accordingly, general property taxes are currently being used to fund River Landing operational/maintenance costs.

Based on recent returns to the Reserve for Capital Expenditures (RCE), your Administration has identified an option whereby current operational/maintenance costs could be charged to a capital project, funded from RCE. The costs would be phased back to the annual operating budget as revenues begin to flow. Each year, this project would require funding from RCE until revenues meet costs.

Under this strategy, \$409,000 would be transferred from the 2008 Draft Operating Budget. This project will become the first priority in the 2009 Capital Budget "black-line" report.

Business Improvement Districts

Currently, River Landing Phase I is completely within The Partnership boundary, while only a small portion of River Landing Phase II (properties along 19th Street) is within the Riversdale Business Improvement District (Riversdale BID). As Council will recall, the Riversdale BID has requested an expansion of its boundaries to include all of River Landing Phase II.

To ensure a unique district and a contiguous development with expanded services for River Landing (Phase I and II together), Administration is recommending a management committee structure that would require an amendment to remove River Landing from both BIDs' jurisdictional boundaries.

It would be more difficult to ensure a unique district and one contiguous development with expanded services for River Landing should certain services be divided between the Riversdale BID and The Partnership. The inclusion of the BIDs would also incorporate three levels of authority over the area – The Partnership, the Riversdale BID, and the civic-owned corporation. Therefore, to achieve standardized service levels and one level of authority, it is recommended that one board operate the development.

To compensate the BIDs for the potential loss in revenue, it is proposed that an equivalent amount that would be generated by the BID levy would be transferred annually.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

F2) Productivity Improvements - 2007 (File No. CC 100-27; CK 3500-1)

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

ADOPTED.

City Council, at its meeting of February 7, 2005, adopted the following recommendations:

- 1) that City Council confirm its commitment to continually attempt to increase the corporation's productivity and efficiency; and,
- 2) that City Council instruct the Administration to prepare a report annually on the efficiencies implemented in the previous year.

Based on the instructions of City Council, your Administration is pleased to present a report on innovations and efficiencies that have occurred in 2007 (Attachment 1).

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. City of Saskatoon – 2007 Productivity Improvements (dated March 17, 2008)

F3) 2008-2010 Corporate Business Plan Year 2007 Annual Report (File No. CC 100-14; CK 430-71 and 430-72)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that City Council receive the 2008-2010 Corporate Business Plan and the 2007 Annual Report.

ADOPTED.

At its annual planning session in January, 2008, senior management reviewed the Strategic Plan, and prepared the 2007 Annual Report, and the 2008-2010 Corporate Business Plan.

Your Administration is now pleased to present its eighth Annual Report (Attachment 1). As in the past, this report highlights the major accomplishments that took place in the year 2007.

Also, attached is the new three-year Corporate Business Plan for the years 2008-2010 (Attachment 2). This plan includes the objectives that will guide the Administration over the next three years.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Year 2007 Annual Report
- 2. 2008-2010 Corporate Business Plan

LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 3-2008

Section B – OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

B1) TILMA (File No. CK. 127-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATIONS:</u> 1) that the information be received; and

2) that the study be forwarded to the provincial Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Affairs.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

On April 25, 2007, the Province of Saskatchewan released a series of reports which it had commissioned regarding the impact of Saskatchewan joining the BC-Alberta Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement ("TILMA"). The reports indicated that joining TILMA could affect municipal legislation and programs. However, no specifics were given as this was not within the mandate of the commissioned reports. On further investigation, the Administration found that British Columbia and Alberta did not have any studies which were specifically about the impact of TILMA on cities.

At the meeting of May 28, 2007, City Council received a report from Executive Committee indicating that it was important that the specifics of the potential effect of TILMA on cities be clearly identified. As a result, Saskatoon joined forces with eleven other Saskatchewan cities to produce such a study.

At its meeting on June 25, 2007, Executive Committee reported to Council that the Estey Centre for Law and Economics in International Trade (which is based here in Saskatoon) had agreed to participate in the study as trade experts. Dr. William Kerr, Senior Associate of the Centre and Van Vliet Professor of International Trade at the University of Saskatchewan would be leading the Estey team. As well, Ms. Merrilee Rasmussen, Q.C., (who drafted *The Cities Act* in 2002) had agreed to participate as the legislative drafting expert.

The study is now complete and a copy is being presented to Council. Dr. Kerr and Ms. May Yeung from the Estey Centre, together with Mr. Chris Dekker, will be providing a brief overview.

REPORT

The main part of the study is the report of the Estey Centre on the effect of TILMA on cities ("A Space for Cities in Trade Agreements: A Cities' Perspective on the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement"). To our knowledge, this is the first in-depth study in Canada on how interprovincial trade agreements such as TILMA affect the jurisdiction of Canadian cities.

The report notes that an ever increasing proportion of economic activity is located in cities, and that they will be the engines of future economic growth: "In essence, in the globalized economy, it is cities that compete, not countries." [p. 2]

The report goes on to say:

"The question of what makes a competitive city is complex. One thing is clear, however, each city is unique. There is no *cookie cutter* model for creating a competitive city. Each city has a unique geography, culture, values and perspective. Thus, it is vitally important that city governments be allowed *space* in trade agreements to foster those aspects of their uniqueness that enhance their competitiveness." [p. 2]

The report makes clear that cities:

"... benefit from trade agreements as they help support their economic and social foundations. The majority of Canadian businesses are small and medium sized enterprises that are also citizens and tax payers of cities. Trade gives these Canadian businesses access to larger markets for their products and services and more varied sources for cost-effective inputs, technology and investment. This, in turn, delivers increased efficiency, productivity and competitiveness, all of which translate into jobs and higher incomes for cities' citizens." [p. 8]

The issue is how to balance the provisions of trade agreements with the need of cities for space. The report concludes:

"Essentially, cities should ensure as much as possible that the *space* they require to operate effectively is guaranteed in trade agreements. It appears that in the negotiation of international trade agreements, considerable care has been taken to provide *space* for cities to undertake the activities that will allow them to develop their unique character and foster economic growth. Cities need not be particularly concerned that existing international trade obligations restrict their policy *space*.

This is not true for internal trade (including labour and investment) agreements, particularly for a negative list structured agreements. Therefore, cities must ensure their *space* is guaranteed in writing. The best means of ensuring that *space* exists is to exclude cities from such agreements entirely. Excluding cities from specific articles or areas of activity under an agreement is a less effective but potential means to obtain that essential *space*." [p. 30]

The second part of the study is a review of what it is that cities actually do, that may infringe on internal trade agreement goals and that cities should consider discontinuing or prohibiting. The findings indicate that there are four items in this category, namely:

- 1. Economic development subsidies to attract new or expansion of industrial or manufacturing businesses to or within the jurisdiction. (This does not include socio-economic incentives such as incentives for downtown housing.)
- 2. Differential business licensing fees based upon residency in the jurisdiction (eg. for out-of-town contractors).
- 3. Local preference policies (which cities do not currently have, but which are permitted).
- 4. Cities should consider having the Province control size and weight restrictions for interprovincial trucks, on designated urban connector routes only, provided that:
 - (a) the Province pays the higher maintenance and replacement costs for those routes if the weights are increased; and

(b) the urban connectors are physically capable of accommodating increased dimensions.

As part of collecting the information for this part of the study, the City, in cooperation with the Estey team and Fast Consulting, undertook a survey of out-of-province companies from across Canada which had recently conducted business with, or considered conducting business with, a Saskatchewan city. The survey found that the vast majority of these companies did not believe that there were discriminatory practices or barriers to doing business at the civic level.

Finally, Merrilee Rasmussen, Q.C. was asked to explore the legislative avenues available to the Province to ensure compliance with the principles of trade agreements, outside of a TILMA-type agreement. Her findings constitute the last part of the study.

We are recommending that this study be officially forwarded to the Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Affairs for consideration, as appropriate, at the time of any future review of TILMA.

As well, because this is the first study of its kind in Canada, His Worship the Mayor plans to send it to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the 22 Mayors in the Big City Mayors Caucus, the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association, the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, and various other municipal organizations.

ATTACHMENT

1. Copy of "A Space for Cities in Trade Agreements" prepared by Dr. W. Kerr, Ms. M. Yeung and Ms. D. Larsen of The Estey Centre for Law and Economics in International Trade together with Merrilee Rasmussen, Q.C. (A copy of the document can be viewed in the City Clerk's Office, at any of the public libraries, or at the following link: www.saskatoon.ca/org/clerks_office/a_space_for_cities.pdf)

B2) Parking Meter Rate Increase (File No. CK. 6120-2)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> that City Council consider proposed Bylaw No. 8664.

ADOPTED.

City Council, at its meeting of March 3, 2008, considered a report from the Planning and Operations Committee recommending an increase to parking meter rates in Riversdale to \$1.00 per hour and for all other metered areas to \$1.50 per hour, effective April 1, 2008.

The attached Bylaw reflects the requested changes to these rates.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 8664.

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REPORT NO. 5-2008 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. Development Services Branch Cost Recovery for Development Applications (Files CK. 1720-1 and PL. 1704-2)

- **<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>**: 1) that the existing 60 percent cost recovery objective for development applications be confirmed, with the exception of condominium conversion applications, which will be reviewed at the appropriate time;
 - 2) that the Administration bring forward the proposed fee changes (as outlined in the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 5, 2008, with the removal of consideration of the condominium conversion application fees at this time), through reports, bylaws and advertising, as necessary, to implement the 60 percent cost recovery objective; and
 - 3) that the development industry be appropriately updated on the proposed fee changes and advised as to when they will be considered by City Council.

Attached is a report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 5, 2008, with respect to the cost recovery objectives for development applications.

Your Committee has reviewed the report with the Administration and supports the recommendations to confirm the existing 60 percent cost recovery objective for development

applications, with the exception of the condominium conversion applications which will be considered after matters relating to condominium conversions have been dealt with by the courts. The recommendations also outline the process and communication plan for bringing forward the proposed fee changes for Council's consideration.

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the existing 60 percent cost recovery objective for development applications be confirmed, with the exception of condominium conversion applications, which will be reviewed at the appropriate time;

- 2) that the Administration bring forward the proposed fee changes (as outlined in the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 5, 2008, with the removal of consideration of the condominium conversion application fees at this time), through reports, bylaws and advertising, as necessary, to implement the 60 percent cost recovery objective;
- 3) that the development industry be appropriately updated on the proposed fee changes and advised as to when they will be considered by City Council;
- 4) that the following requests of the development industry be incorporated into the draft bylaws:
 - *a) that the fee for new neighbourhood concept plan reviews* (\$5,000) *be removed at this time;*
 - b) that the fee for routine rezoning applications in new neighbourhoods, where an approved concept plan is in place, be established at the \$2,000 level, regardless of zoning density; and
 - *c)* that the fee for a permanent sign application be established at \$75, or \$10 per \$1,000 construction value, which ever is the greater.
- 5) that the matter of cost recovery for development applications be reviewed again in November 2008.

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.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 5-2008 - continued

A5) Review Process for Condominium Conversion Applications Received Prior to March 3, 2008 File No.: CK. 4132-1, PL. 4132-0

The City Clerk distributed copies of the following letters:

- Darrel Epp, dated March 13, requesting permission to address Council; and
- Tom Shumlich, dated March 14 and March 17, submitting comments and requesting permission to address Council.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

THAT Clause A5, Administrative Report 5-2008 and item A4 of Communications to Council be brought forward and that Darrel Epp, Tom Shumlich and Jeff Sheckter be heard.

CARRIED.

"ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 5-2008

A5) Review Process for Condominium Conversion Applications Received Prior to March 3, 2008 File No.: CK. 4132-1, PL. 4132-0

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: 1) that the Administration bring forward to City Council at its April 21, 2008, meeting the nine condominium conversion applications that are ready for a decision; and

2) that the Administration bring forward the remaining applications as they become ready for approval.

BACKGROUND

In 2007, the City of Saskatoon received applications to convert 1,544 dwelling units to condominium ownership. This compares with the previous record year, 2006, when applications were received for 310 dwelling units. In addition, in December 2007, Canadian Mortgage and

Housing Corporation (CMHC) reported that the vacancy rate for rental apartment buildings in Saskatoon had dropped to 0.6 percent, the lowest rate on record.

In response to concerns arising from these circumstances, during its January 28, 2008 meeting, City Council adopted the following motion:

"That the condominium approval policy be referred to the Executive Committee to consider measures that can be taken to provide balance to the condominium conversion process."

During its February 25, 2008 meeting, the Executive Committee deferred consideration of this matter pending the outcome of the Milroy legal action. During its March 3, 2008 meeting, City Council resolved that all new applicants be advised that City Council is reviewing its City of Saskatoon Policy C09-004 (Condominium Approvals) and that their applications will be subject to the Policy that emerges from that review.

In the meantime, there are 48 applications representing 1,396 dwelling units being processed under the existing Policy. Of these, 25 applications representing 917 dwelling units have received conditional approval and will receive their condominium approval certificates as soon as the required conditions have been met.

There are also 23 applications representing 479 dwelling units that are being processed under the existing Policy but that have not yet been approved. This report is about these 23 applications.

REPORT

The Condominium Property Act requires that the City of Saskatoon only approve a condominium conversion if it is satisfied that the conversion will not create significant hardship for any or all existing tenants, and that the conversion will not significantly reduce the availability of rental accommodation in the area. More recently, the province now requires that local municipalities issue a certificate declaring that those conditions have been met.

The Condominium Approval Policy is City Council's direction to the Civic Administration as to when it can approve applications under *The Condominium Property Act*. The Policy provides that the Administration may approve condominium conversion applications involving 100 units or less when it is satisfied that the application has met the following requirements:

- compliance with *The Condominium Property Act*;
- the provision of the necessary written notices to tenants as set out in the Policy;
- compliance with the National Building Code with respect to critical life safety aspects; and
- the protection of existing tenants in accordance with the requirements set out in the Policy.

If an application is not approved, a report and recommendation must be submitted to City Council for its decision.

At the present time, the Administration is faced with the following combination of circumstances:

- a decline in the vacancy rate from 3.0 percent in April 2007 to 0.6 percent in October 2007, as reported by CMHC in December 2007;
- a five-fold increase from 2006 to 2007 in the number of dwelling units being proposed for condominium conversion;
- most of the applications were received when the vacancy was known to be in the 3.0 percent range, but are now being reviewed when the vacancy rate is known to be 0.6 percent;
- City Council is reviewing the existing Policy;
- the legal challenge related to the Milroy decision; and
- the requirement to certify that the requirements of *The Condominium Property Act* have been met in approving an application.

The City Solicitor has advised that the general rule on all City of Saskatoon policies is that City Council sets specific criteria to authorize Administrative approval. When those criteria no longer apply or unique circumstances arise, the Administration is required to return the matter to City Council for a decision. This is because City Council cannot delegate discretion to the Administration. However, City Council always retains discretion itself.

In light of the above, the Administration has reviewed this matter and is recommending that the outstanding 23 applications under the existing Policy be submitted to City Council for a decision as they become eligible for conditional approval. The Administration would review these applications in terms of the present circumstances and provide a report and recommendation for each application.

The 23 outstanding condominium conversion applications fall into two general categories:

- 1) Those which have completed everything necessary to be granted conditional approval. The requirements for final approval generally include completion of necessary construction work and submission of a surveyed condominium plan.
- 2) Those which have not yet completed all the requirements. These requirements generally include items such as the provision of required notices to tenants, submission of the necessary professional reports, or obtaining a building permit for required building renovations.

The following tables summarize the outstanding condominium conversion applications:

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS		
ADDRESS	NUMBER OF UNITS	RESIDENT STATUS
720 Main Street	16	Partially Occupied
106 104 th Street	30	Partially Occupied
2326 Arlington Avenue	36	Partially Occupied
116 111 th Street	8	Partially Occupied
2901 7 th Street East	12	Partially Occupied
2903 7 th Street East	12	Partially Occupied
2905 7 th Street East	12	Partially Occupied
2907 7 th Street East	12	Partially Occupied
2707 7 th Street East	45	Partially Occupied

APPLICATIONS REQUIRING FURTHER INFORMATION OR NOTICES TO TENANTS		
ADDRESS	NUMBER OF UNITS	RESIDENT STATUS
3113 7 th Street East	12	Partially Occupied
830/840 Idylwyld Drive	78	Vacant
306 Tait Crescent	8	Partially Occupied
310 Tait Crescent	8	Vacant
314 Tait Crescent	8	Vacant
1010 McPherson Avenue	12	Partially Occupied
1425 Embassy Drive	39	Partially Occupied
605 Wilson Crescent	11	Vacant
1014 Colony Street	7	Partially Occupied
127 Avenue U South	16	Vacant
1919 22 nd Street West	27	Partially Occupied
400 4 th Avenue North	43	Partially Occupied
601 Lansdowne Avenue	18	Partially Occupied
1002 14 th Street East	9	Partially Occupied

If City Council wishes, the nine applications which are complete could be brought forward for consideration by City Council in April 2008. The Administration is recommending that City Council wait until April 21, 2008, rather than April 7, 2008 because the court decision regarding the Milroy Apartments is expected to be received prior to April 21, 2008. The City Solicitor advises that the Milroy decision may provide guidance to City Council for decisions such as these. The other applications would be brought to City Council, at such time, as they submit all the required information and provide all necessary notices.

There is no formal public hearing required when City Council considers these applications; however, where a building is occupied, an appropriate notice will be provided to advise the tenants that City Council will be considering this matter and outlining the process to provide comments to City Council. Any person may request to speak to City Council on an application.

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Each of the 23 applicants will receive a copy of this report prior to its consideration by City Council.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

A4) Jeff Sheckter, dated March 6

Requesting permission to address Council regarding condominium conversion approvals and policies. (File No. CK 4132-1)"

Mr. Darrel Epp indicated that the property he owns is at the application approval stage and that further delays are causing problems with respect to securing a general contractor as well as providing information to current tenants on construction schedules, and loss of revenue on the empty suites. He asked that Council reinstate the condominium approval process or begin reviewing individual applications.

Mr. Tom Shumlich indicated that projects could be jeopardized if there are further delays in the condominium application approval process. He requested that there be no further delays in this process.

Mr. Jeff Sheckter spoke regarding the 23 applications suggesting that it is unfair to not approve these applications under the current policy. He advised that significant capital has been invested and revenue has been reduced because tenants had been notified of the conversion. He asked that these 23 applications be moved to the approval stage.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the recommendation of the Administration be adopted.

REPORT NO. 6-2008 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. Updated Housing Business Plan 2008 (Files CK. 750-4 and PL. 950-12)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the General Manager of Community Services be authorized to issue the Requests for Proposals as attached to the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 21, 2008.

Your Committee has reviewed and supports the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 21, 2008. Also attached, for City Council's information, is a copy of an information sheet on affordable housing incentives and new initiatives.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

2. Business License Program - Business Profile - 2007 Annual Report (Files CK. 430-32 and PL. 4005-9)

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

Attached is a report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 28, 2008, forwarding the Business License Program - Business Profile 2007 Annual Report. Your Committee is forwarding the report to City Council for information.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

3. Safety Audit - Recommendations Implementation Capital Budget Status Report 2007 (Files CK. 5000-1 and PL. 5400-2

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

Your Committee has considered the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 20, 2008, and is forwarding the report to City Council as information.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

REPORT NO. 5-2008 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. Dedicated Lands Account – Ministerial Approval Required To Address Nutana Park Space Deficiency (File No. LS and CK 4205-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the Administration, in conjunction with Saskatoon Public Schools, request approval from the Minister responsible for the dedicated Land Regulations for an exception to policy, thereby allowing access to the Dedicated Lands Account to fund development of the school yards at Victoria School and Nutana Collegiate as neighbourhood park space.

Your Committee has reviewed and supports the following report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, relating to the above matter:

"BACKGROUND

In late Fall 2006, the Community Development Branch consulted the Nutana neighbourhood residents to identify both their park needs and potential solutions to resolving the issue of a park space deficiency in Nutana. Then on January 24, 2007, a report was presented to and approved by City Council recommending that Administration enter into negotiations with the Saskatoon Public Schools to develop or co-develop the school yards at Victoria School and Nutana Collegiate as neighbourhood park space. The report presented recommendations for the Nutana neighbourhood that included a series of qualitative solutions to what has traditionally been regarded as a quantitative problem. This approach recognizes the fact that a deficit of 9.5 hectares (24 acres) of neighbourhood park space is virtually impossible to overcome. In Nutana's situation, the development of school yard properties in combination with the upgrade of existing parks would go a long way in addressing park programming shortfalls such as the lack of children's open play areas and community sports fields. As well, developing school yards reduces the impact of barriers such as distance and major roadways that some children and families face in accessing what should be standard neighbourhood park space amenities.

The intent of the recommendations was to finance the park upgrade projects through the Dedicated Lands Account, which is set up under the City of Saskatoon's Capital Reserve Bylaw and is governed by The Dedicated Land Regulations passed pursuant to *The Planning and Development Act, 2007.* Specifically, the Bylaw provides that funds from the Dedicated Lands Account shall only be used for the purchase of land to be dedicated to public use, such as for additional parks in neighbourhoods that are determined by City Council as having insufficient park land; and for the development of existing dedicated lands as additional parks.

DISCUSSION

The Nutana neighbourhood park space allocation is clearly a deficiency situation that could be considered within the parameters of the Dedicated Lands Account section of the Capital Reserve Bylaw with one exception. The exception being that neither the Victoria School site nor the Nutana Collegiate site is dedicated lands. Both properties are fee simple-titled lands owned by the Board of Education of the Saskatoon School Division No. 13 of Saskatchewan (known as Saskatoon Public Schools).

In view of the foregoing, the City Solicitor's Office advised that the Dedicated Lands Account could only be used to develop the school sites if the title to the municipal reserve land is in the name of the municipality. Accordingly, either the entire school site would have to be transferred to the City and dedicated as municipal reserve, or the portion to be used as park could be subdivided into a separate title and dedicated as municipal reserve in the name of the City. If the Saskatoon Public Schools would be prepared to sell all or part of the two school sites, the site or portion of the site can be dedicated municipal reserve. The intent would then be to lease back the school sites to the Saskatoon Public Schools for as long as The Dedicated Lands Regulations will allow. In doing this, the Dedicated Lands Account could then be accessed to fund the park upgrade improvements.

Subsequent to receiving the advice from the City Solicitor's Office, various meetings were held with representatives of the Saskatoon Public Schools and a formal letter from General Manager, Community Services Department was sent to the Saskatoon Public Schools on November 2, 2007. In the letter, the City of Saskatoon was proposing to purchase a portion of the two school sites to be used as park space for the cost of one dollar and in return lease the land back to the Saskatoon Public Schools for one dollar. The City of Saskatoon would then be in a position to fully fund the park space upgrades through our Dedicated Lands Account.

In response to this letter, the Saskatoon Public Schools representatives met with the General Manager, Community Services Department to further discuss the possible options for consideration. Both parties are strongly committed to the concept of community partnerships and fully recognize the benefit to both the community and the school in upgrading both school grounds to City of Saskatoon neighbourhood park standards. That being said, neither party has ready access to funds to cover the costs for this type of a capital project other than the Dedicated Lands Account.

The Saskatoon Public Schools representatives have considered the options and strongly support the option of pursuing discussions with the Province of Saskatchewan. Specifically, to approach the Minister responsible for The Dedicated Lands Regulations to request Ministerial approval for an exception to policy, thereby permitting access to the Dedicated Lands Account to upgrade the school property without requiring the land to be in title of the City of Saskatoon and dedicated at municipal reserve.

JUSTIFICATION

It is important to note that if the City is unable to fund this project using the Dedicated Lands Account, the only other source of funding would be through the Reserve for Capital Expenditures (RCE). Given the substantial number of projects requiring funding from RCE, this park upgrade project, in all likelihood, would be substantially delayed as other priority projects are funded from the limited resources within the RCE.

OPTIONS

As outlined in the body of this report, the Administration, in consultation with the City Solicitor's Office and the Saskatoon Public Schools sees three options for consideration. The options are as follows:

1. The Board of Education of the Saskatoon School Division No. 13 of Saskatchewan, as owners of the land, will sell the property to the City of Saskatoon for one dollar,

and in return, the City will upgrade the lands to City park standards and lease the land back to the Saskatoon Public Schools for one dollar.

- 2. The Board of Education of the Saskatoon School Division No. 13 of Saskatchewan, as owners of the land, will sell the property to the City of Saskatoon for one dollar, and in return, the City will upgrade the lands to City park standards and sign an agreement stating the City, in the future, would not sell the property to anyone other than the Saskatoon Public Schools.
- 3. The Civic Administration, in collaboration with the Saskatoon Public Schools' Administration, will contact the Minister responsible for The Dedicated Lands Regulations to request Ministerial approval for an exception to policy, thereby allowing access to the City's Dedicated Lands Account to upgrade the school property without requiring the land to be in title of the City and dedicated as municipal reserve. This option would also require a tripartite agreement to enshrine the principles of use for municipal reserves. The agreement would ensure the Saskatoon Public Schools preserve the use of the land as park space, would ensure the City's investment in upgrading the space to City park standards is protected in perpetuity, and would assure the Minister that the use of the property is consistent with the conditions outlined in The Dedicated Lands Regulations.

Your Administration and the Administration from Saskatoon Public Schools are advocating for Option 3.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The policy implications are as outlined in the report and would require an exception to policy and Ministerial approval to make an exception to The Dedicated Lands Regulations in order to access The Dedicated Lands Account to develop property that is not designated as municipal reserve.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The planned capital improvements for both school sites are estimated to cost \$350,000. If Ministerial approval is granted for an exception to policy, this cost would be financed from the Dedicated Lands Account. There is currently \$1.7 million in The Dedicated Lands Account to fund this project.

The preliminary concept plan includes the design and construction costs for a sports field at Victoria School and the design and construction costs for a sports field and tot-lot play structure at Nutana Collegiate. Once we are ready to proceed with the project, we would then do further public consultation and consultation with Saskatoon Public Schools staff to verify the final design and program components to be included. The planned timelines are to complete the design of the two school sites in 2008 and then the construction would occur in 2009.

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

The Community Services Department will continue to consult the Nutana community residents, the Community Association, the Saskatoon Public Schools, and the school community councils for the two schools with regard to the development of school properties for park space.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

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

1) Karen Archibald, CHEP Good Food, dated February 25

Requesting permission for the Board of Directors of CHEP to address Council to provide an update on CHEP food security activities during March, Nutrition Month. (File No. CK 205-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the representatives of CHEP be heard.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

THAT the representative of CHEP be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Laverne Szejvolt, Chair, and Ms. Twyla Markham, Board Member, CHEP Good Food Inc., provided a copy of the 2007 Annual Report of CHEP Good Food Inc. and spoke with respect to CHEP's initiatives in the community.

Moved by Councillor Neault, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

2) Sasha and Xochitl Hanson-Pastran, dated March 3

Requesting permission to address Council regarding an informal international symbolic day of action against climate change called Earth Hour 2008. (File No. CK 375-4)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> that Item B7 of Communications to Council be brought forward and that Sasha and Xochitl Hanson-Pastran be heard.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

THAT Item B7 of Communications to Council be brought forward and that Sasha and Xochitl Hanson-Pastran be heard.

CARRIED.

"B7) Taylor Marlowe, dated March 1

Submitting information as well as a letter of support from Honourable Carol Skelton, MP, regarding Earth Hour 2008. (File No. CK 375-4)"

Ms. Sasha Hason-Pastran and *Ms.* Xochitl Hanson-Pastran spoke regarding an international event for action against climate change called "Earth Hour" scheduled for March 29, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. and showed a video clip regarding the matter. They asked Council to consider signing on to this global movement and agree to turn off the City's non-essential lights.

The General Manager, Utility Services Department advised Council the majority of City facilities will be closed during Earth Hour, but that aesthetic lighting on the bridges will be turned off.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT City Council endorse "Earth Hour" on March 29, 2008 from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

3) Lisa Marie Finn, dated March 6

Requesting permission to address Council regarding an idea to work towards helping the less fortunate residing in the city. (File No. CK 205-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> that Lisa Marie Finn be heard.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

THAT Lisa Marie Finn be heard.

CARRIED.

It was noted that Ms. Finn was not present in the gallery.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

4) Jeff Sheckter, dated March 6

Requesting permission to address Council regarding condominium conversion approvals and policies. (File No. CK 4132-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 38.

5) <u>M. Irene Desjarlais, dated March 11</u>

Requesting permission to address Council regarding rental costs. (File No. CK 750-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> that M. Irene Desjarlais be heard.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

THAT M. Irene Desjarlais be heard.

Ms. Irene Desjarlais expressed concerns regarding the rental crisis in Saskatoon.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Dubois, THAT the information be received and that Ms. Desjarlais be provided information regarding who to contact in the Province for rental assistance.

CARRIED.

6) <u>Shannon Christensen, dated March 11</u>

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the housing crisis in Saskatoon. (File No. CK 750-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> that Shannon Christensen be heard.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

THAT Shannon Christensen be heard.

CARRIED.

It was noted that Ms. Christensen was not present in the gallery.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

B. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

1) <u>Régis Labeaume, Mayor, Québec City, PQ, dated February 14</u>

Invitation to City Council to participate in a symbolic gesture with respect to the 400th anniversary of the founding of Québec City on July 3, 2008, by ringing the bells of the community in unison. (File No. CK 205-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the request be approved subject to administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

2) Sheldon Wasylenko, Chair Sutherland Business Improvement District, dated March 6

Submitting his name as the Sutherland Business Improvement District's representative to the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee. (File No. CK 175-16)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that Sheldon Wasylenko be appointed to the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee as the representative of the Sutherland Business Improvement District, to the end of 2009.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the matter be referred to the Executive Committee.

CARRIED.

3) Arnold Grambo, President <u>Hudson Bay Route Association, dated March 5</u>

Providing an update on the Hudson Bay Route Association, and submitting an invoice in the amount of \$200 for the 2008 membership fee. (File No. CK. 155-7)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the 2008 membership fee of \$200 for the Hudson Bay Route Association be paid.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT the 2008 membership fee of \$200 for the Hudson Bay Route Association be paid.

CARRIED.

4) J. D. McNabb, Chair, Disabled Action Group, dated February 23

Submitting comments regarding Access Transit. (File No. CK 7305-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> that the matter be referred to the Administration and to the Access Transit Advisory Committee.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration and to the Access Transit Advisory Committee.

CARRIED.

5) Bob Forward, President, Saskatchewan British Car Club, dated March 1

Requesting temporary closure of the 400 block of 21^{st} Street East on July 20, 2008, for the Saskatchewan British Car Club 10^{th} anniversary car show. (File No. CK 205-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the request be approved subject to administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

6) Brad Sylvester, Chair, Official Ceremonies Optimist Canada Day 2008, undated

Submitting various requests in order to hold Optimist Canada Day on July 1, 2008, in Diefenbaker Park, including request for noise bylaw extension, park hours extension and transit services, as noted in his letter. (File No. CK 205-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> that the requests be approved subject to administrative conditions.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the requests be approved subject to administrative conditions.

7) <u>Taylor Marlowe, dated March 1</u>

Submitting information as well as a letter of support from Honourable Carol Skelton, MP, regarding Earth Hour 2008. (File No. CK 375-4)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 49.

8) John and Maxine Cross, dated March 7

Submitting comments with respect to condominium conversion standards. (File No. CK 4132-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the letter be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration during the upcoming review of the Condominium Conversion Policy.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the letter be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration during the upcoming review of the Condominium Conversion Policy.

CARRIED.

9) Judy Koutecky, Administrative Assistant Mendel Art Gallery, dated February 21

Advising Council of the Annual General Meeting of the Members of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation to be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. (File CK 175-27)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: that the City of Saskatoon, being a member of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, appoint Donald Atchison, or in his absence, Gordon Wyant of the City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the members of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, to be held on the 18th day of March, 2008, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT the City of Saskatoon, being a member of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, appoint Donald Atchison, or in his absence, Gordon Wyant of the City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the members of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, to be held on the 18th day of March, 2008, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

CARRIED.

10) Kelly Caplette, dated March 9

Submitting comments regarding the white water development proposal. (File No. CK 4129-1)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> that the information be received and joined to the file.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT the information be received and joined to the file.

CARRIED.

C. <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

1) Adrianne Van Egmond, dated February 27

Requesting input regarding a University of Guelph class project, "The Canada Question". (File No. CK 150-1)

2) <u>Tyrone McKenzie, dated February 27</u>

Submitting comments of appreciation regarding the snow bylaw and Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. (File No. CK 6290-1)

3) Frank Regier, dated March 2

Submitting comments regarding property taxes. (File No. CK 1920-1)

4) Louise Lambert, dated March 3

Submitting comments regarding rental rates and condominium conversions in the city. (File No. CK 4132-1)

5) Norma Scott, dated March 5

Submitting a suggestion that the city become a sister city to Khmelnitsky in Western Ukraine. (File No. CK 150-1)

6) Sheena Rudock, dated March 8

Submitting comments regarding the homeless in the city. (File No. CK 750-1)

7) <u>Stewart Vickers, dated March 7</u>

Submitting comments regarding the 1st Avenue on ramp to the freeway. (File No. CK 4129-14)

8) <u>Cindy Wiebe, dated March 10</u>

Submitting comments regarding rental rates and condominium conversions in the city. (File No. CK 750-1)

9) Peggy Sarjeant, dated March 11

Submitting comments regarding the Civic Square. (File No. CK 640-1)

10) Crystal Pederson, dated March 12

Submitting comments regarding housing in the city. (File NO. CK 750-1)

11) Joanne Sproule, Deputy City Clerk Secretary, Development Appeals Board, dated February 27

Submitting Notice of Hearing of Development Appeals Board regarding property located at $157 - 2^{nd}$ Avenue North. (File No. CK 4352-1)

12) Joanne Sproule, Deputy City Clerk Secretary, Development Appeals Board, dated February 27

Submitting Notice of Hearing of Development Appeals Board regarding property located at 1802 Saskatchewan Avenue. (File No. CK 4352-1)

13) Joanne Sproule, Deputy City Clerk Secretary, Development Appeals Board, dated February 27

Submitting Notice of Hearing of Development Appeals Board regarding property located at 709 Duke Street. (File No. CK 4352-1)

14) Joanne Sproule, Deputy City Clerk Secretary, Development Appeals Board, dated February 27

Submitting Notice of Hearing of Development Appeals Board regarding property located at 211 – 11th Street East. (File No. CK 4352-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT, with respect to Item C7, the letter be referred to the Administration to respond to the writer on what the City is doing with the 1st Avenue on ramp.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT the information be received.

D. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

1) <u>Glenn Stephenson, dated February 28</u>

Submitting comments regarding condominium conversions in the city. (File No. CK 4132-1) (**Referred to the Executive Committee for consideration at the appropriate time.**)

2) Rev. Sharon Ferguson-Hood <u>Meewasin Valley United Church, dated March 1</u>

Submitting comments regarding housing in Saskatoon. (File No. CK 750-4) (**Referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.**)

3) Gary Leeman, dated March 4

Submitting comments regarding road work at the south end of the city. (File No. CK 6315-1) (**Referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.**)

4) Jason Bender, dated February 22

Submitting comments regarding the status of renovations to Cairns Field. (File No. CK 150-1) (**Referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.**)

5) Judy Nagus, Executive Director Mechanical Contractors Association of Saskatchewan Inc., dated March 4

Requesting to meet with the Planning and Operations Committee regarding plumbing code administration and enforcement. (File No. CK 530-1) (**Referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.**)

6) <u>Chantelle Pierce, dated March 7</u>

Expressing concerns regarding the school zone on Witney Avenue. (File No. CK 5200-5) (Referred to the Administration and Saskatoon Police Service for appropriate action.)

7) Pat Hackett, dated March 10

Submitting comments regarding the condition of 3rd Avenue North. (File No. CK 6315-1) (**Referred to the Administration for appropriate action.**)

8) <u>Richard St. George, dated March 11</u>

Expressing concern regarding fraudulent activity. (File No. CK 5000-1) (**Referred to the Saskatoon Police Service.**)

9) Arthur Baalim, President, Board of Directors Saskatoon Crisis Intervention Service, dated March 3

Requesting an increase in funding for the Saskatoon Crisis Intervention Service. (File No. CK 1870-1) (**Referred to the Budget Committee.**)

10) Seniors' Advisory Committee, February 22

Letter containing approximately 122 signatures submitting comments, concerns and suggestions regarding sidewalk clearing, transit, and traffic signage. (File No. CK 7300-1 x6280-1) (**Referred to the Administration for appropriate action.**)

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

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

E. **PROCLAMATIONS**

1) Kelly Harrington, President Saskatoon & District Labour Council, dated March 3

Requesting Council proclaim April 28, 2008, as Annual Day of Mourning in Saskatoon. (File No. CK 205-5)

2) <u>City of Kingston, dated March 4</u>

Requesting Council proclaim April 25, 2008 as World Malaria Day in Saskatoon. (File No. CK 205-5)

3) Cathy Hanselmann, Volunteer Coordinator Child Find Saskatchewan, dated February 25

Requesting Council proclaim the month of May 2008 as Missing Children's Month and May 25, 2008, as International Missing Children's Day in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

4) Leo Fritz, Woodshow Director, Saskatchewan Woodworkers' Guild, dated March 10

Requesting Council proclaim the week of May 25 to 31, 2008 as Wood Workers Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK 205-5)

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

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

Moved by Councillor Neault, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

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

CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES

Councillor M. Heidt Security - Tunnels Under Circle Drive and Transit Bus Malls (File No. CK. 6150-1)

Regarding the last couple of acts of violence at these locations, would the Administration please look at closing 1 or 2 or all tunnels, and /or the costs to put cameras in the tunnels and at Transit Bus Malls.

Would the Administration identify the funding source if the camera option would provide a deterrent.

Councillor B. Dubois Deer Crossing Signs - Silverspring (File No. CK. 6280-1)

Would the Administration please report on the feasibility of placing "Deer Crossing" signs in the Silverspring area, specifically to begin with, Konihowski Road at the section between Somers Road and Lemay Crescent. With the area growing and more and more people driving through the area, I think it would be a good reminder to everyone that the deer still live in the natural grassland section in Silverspring and use that particular piece of road as their crossing on a regular basis.

MOTIONS

Councillor Hill gave the following Notice of Motion at the meeting of City Council held on March 3, 2008:

"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.""

Councillor Hill indicated that in light of the previous decision of City Council regarding the matter, he would not be moving the motion.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw 8664

Moved by Councillor Hill, seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8664, being "The Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 2008" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Hill, seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT Bylaw No. 8664 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8664

CARRIED.

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:

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8664 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8664 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT Bylaw No. 8664 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.

Moved by Councillor Hill,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk