

Council Chamber
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Saturday, March 21, 1992
at 9:30 a.m.

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
1992 PRELIMINARY OPERATING BUDGET ESTIMATES
ADJOURNED FROM SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1992

PRESENT: His Worship Mayor Dayday in the Chair;
Aldermen Waygood, Penner, Cherneskey, Hawthorne,
Mann, McCann, Birkmaier, and Thompson;
City Commissioner Irwin;
Director of Finance Richards;
City Comptroller Veltkamp;
Assistant City Comptroller Richards; and
City Clerk Mann

Alderman Thompson excused himself from the meeting upon conclusion of consideration of the Indoor Rink Program.

LEGISLATIVE

Advisory Legislative Committees/Advisory Boards

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The City Clerk reported that during its Special Meeting held on March 11, 1992, Council referred the above-noted component of the Legislative Vote to the Legislation and Finance Committee for review and report. The City Clerk submitted a copy of a report of the Deputy Assistant City Clerk dated March 20, 1992, recommending the following amendments to the Legislative Committees/Advisory Boards budgets:

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| Development Appeals Board | • delete \$800 for Christmas reception, for a new balance of \$5,900 |
| Race Relations Committee | • delete \$7,400 globally, for a new balance of \$10,000 |

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| Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Council | • reduce conferences and workshops by \$500 and site visits in Saskatoon by \$300 for a total reduction of \$800 and a new balance of \$6,400 |
| Leisure Services Advisory Board | • reduce conferences by \$3,000 for a new balance of \$3,300 |
| Municipal Planning Commission | • reduce conferences by \$500 and delete \$800 for Christmas reception for a total reduction of \$1,300 and a new balance of \$5,000 |
| Social Housing Committee | • reduce conferences by \$1,000 for a new balance of \$3,100 |

IT WAS RESOLVED: that VOTE 1, as amended, be approved.

FINANCE

Central Purchasing and Stores

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The City Clerk reported that City Council, during at its Special Meeting held on March 14, 1992, deferred further consideration of the above program and referred it to the Legislation and Finance Committee for review and report.

The City Clerk submitted a report of the Deputy Assistant City Clerk dated March 19, 1992, submitting a recommendation of the Legislation and Finance Committee that there be no change to the Central Purchasing and Stores Department budget at this time, and that the Central Purchasing and Stores Department be placed on the audit schedule for 1993 at the latest.

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that VOTE 32 be approved; and

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- 2) *that the Central Purchasing and Stores Department be placed on the audit schedule for audit in 1993 at the latest.*

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Director of Planning and Development Pontikes was in attendance for all of the programs in the Planning and Development Division.

**Civic Buildings and Grounds Department
Design and Construction Branch
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Civic Buildings and Grounds Manager Man was in attendance for discussion of this program.

The City Clerk reported that during its Special Meeting held on March 14, 1992, Council deferred consideration of the above-noted program and requested that the recent audit of the Design and Construction Branch be tabled with Council.

The City Clerk submitted the following documents:

- Clause 1, Report No. 24-1991 of the Legislation and Finance Committee (Dealing with Audit Matters) containing a copy of the Comprehensive Audit undertaken on the Design and Construction Branch
- List of Capital Projects to be undertaken in 1992 by the Design and Construction Branch

VOTE 47 *APPROVED.*

Adjustment to Previous Votes

The City Clerk submitted a copy of a report of the Director of Finance dated March 19, 1992, advising that, due to the finalizing of a new lease with the Saskatchewan Abilities Council to relocate from the former Avenue W Fire Hall to the garage of the former Electrical Distribution building, a number of changes will need to be made to amend the budget to recognize the effects of the new lease.

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that VOTE 16 be amended to reduce revenue by \$28,800;

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- 2) *that VOTE 4 be amended to increase revenue by \$17,900;*
- 3) *that VOTE 118 be amended, with no mill rate impact; and*
- 4) *that VOTES 16, 4 and 118, as amended above, be approved.*

Leisure Services Department

Leisure Services Department Manager Gauthier and Support Services Branch Manager Box were in attendance.

The City Clerk submitted information regarding the Program Delivery Branch and the Program Development Branch of the Leisure Services Department.

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VOTE 51 *APPROVED.*

**Marketing
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VOTE 52 *APPROVED.*

**Cosmo Civic Centre - Facility Rental
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The City Clerk submitted a copy of a submission made to City Council on March 16, 1992, by Ms. Shelley Smith, a Leisure Activities Instructor at the Cosmo Civic Centre, expressing concern with respect to the cutbacks at the Cosmo Civic Centre.

- IT WAS RESOLVED:*
- 1) *that VOTE 53 be approved; and*
 - 2) *that the Planning and Development Committee be requested to review and report on the effects of reducing child care on program revenue generation.*

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**Forestry Farm Park and Zoo - Rental
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The City Clerk submitted a copy of Clause 2, Report 5-1992 of the Planning and Development Committee regarding the feasibility of reducing the size of operations at the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo.

- IT WAS RESOLVED:* 1) *that VOTE 54 be approved; and*
- 2) *that the matter of the utilization of the auditorium at the Forestry Farm be referred to the Planning and Development Committee for a report to Council.*

**Gordon Howe Bowl
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VOTE 55 *APPROVED.*

**Spectator Ball Fields
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VOTE 56 *APPROVED.*

**Indoor Rinks
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The City Clerk submitted the following documents:

- Report of the Director of Planning and Development dated March 11, 1992, regarding the recommended closure of Wheatland I and II.
- Letters from the Saskatoon Minor Hockey Association, the Commissioner of the Zone W Bobcats, and the Executive Director of Tourism Saskatoon regarding the proposed closure of indoor rinks.

Moved by Alderman Waygood,

THAT Wheatland I and II (rather than Archibald and Lions) be closed as indoor ice surfaces effective October 1, 1992, and that the building be utilized as an indoor soccer

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facility.

*YEAS: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Penner, Waygood,
Hawthorne and McCann* 5

*NAYS: Aldermen Birkmaier, Thompson, Cherneskey and
Mann* 4

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED: that VOTE 57, as amended, be approved.

**Lakewood Civic Centre - Facility Rental
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VOTE 58 *APPROVED.*

**Lawson Civic Centre - Facility Rental
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VOTE 59 *APPROVED.*

**Field House - Facility Rental
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VOTE 60 *APPROVED.*

**Harry Bailey - Facility Rental
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VOTE 61 *APPROVED.*

**Cosmo Civic Centre - Programming
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The City Clerk had previously submitted a copy of a submission made to City Council March 16, 1992, by Ms. Shelley Smith, a Leisure Activities Instructor at the Cosmo Civic Centre, expressing concern with respect to the cutbacks at the Cosmo Civic Centre.

The Assistant City Comptroller advised that, due to revised lesson fees, \$1,900 should be added to revenues, for a total budget impact of \$229,100.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that VOTE 62, as amended, be approved.

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**Forestry Farm Park and Zoo Program
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The City Clerk had previously submitted a copy of Clause 2, Report No. 5-1992 of the Planning and Development Committee regarding the feasibility of reducing the size of operations at the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo.

- IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the budget for the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo Program be reduced by \$5,000; and*
- 2) that VOTE 63, as amended, be approved.*

**Lakewood Civic Centre - Programming
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The Assistant City Comptroller advised that, due to revised lesson fees, revenue should be increased by \$9,300 for a total budget impact of \$193,400.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that VOTE 64, as amended, be approved.

**Lawson Civic Centre - Programming
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The Assistant City Comptroller advised that, due to revised lesson fees, revenue should be increased by \$6,000 for a total budget impact of \$289,300.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that VOTE 65, as amended, be approved.

**Field House - Programming
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The Assistant City Comptroller advised that, due to revised lesson fees, revenue should be increased by \$400 for a total budget impact of \$223,900.

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IT WAS RESOLVED: that VOTE 66, as amended, be approved.

**Confederation Park Learner Pool
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VOTE 67 *APPROVED.*

**Harry Bailey Pool - Programming
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The Assistant City Comptroller advised that, due to revised lesson fees, revenue should be increased by \$8,100 for a total budget impact of \$429,200.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that VOTE 68, as amended, be approved.

**Outdoor Pools
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The City Clerk submitted a copy of Clause 4, Report No. 5-1992 of the Planning and Development Committee recommending that one outdoor pool be opened on each side of the river in June, 1992, and that all four outdoor pools be operated during the 1992 summer season. It was noted that the above recommendation would result in a mill rate saving of \$37,600.

The Assistant City Comptroller advised that, due to revised lesson fees, revenue should be increased by \$7,900 for a total budget impact of \$353,600.

- IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that one outdoor pool be opened on each side of the river in June, 1992 (in accordance with last year's opening date);*
- 2) that all four outdoor pools be operated during the 1992 summer season; and*
- 3) that VOTE 69, as amended, be approved.*

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**Youth Sport Subsidies
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The City Clerk submitted a copy of Clause 5, Report No. 6-1992 of the Planning and Development Committee, as well as a copy of Clause 1, Report No. 1-1992 of the Leisure Services Advisory Board.

VOTE 70 *APPROVED.*

**Program Development
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VOTE 71 *APPROVED.*

**Community Development
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VOTE 72 *APPROVED.*

**Speed Skating Oval
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The City Clerk submitted a report of the Planning and Development Committee dated March 10, 1992, recommending that the 1992 Speed Skating Oval operating estimates be adjusted to reflect an overall increase of \$3,800 comprised of a \$4,600 increase in staff compensation and an \$800 reduction in non-staff operating costs.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that VOTE 73, as amended, be approved.

**Playgrounds and Recreation Areas
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VOTE 74 *APPROVED.*

Fall and Winter Program (Rec Centres)

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VOTE 75 *APPROVED.*

Youth Centres

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VOTE 76 *APPROVED.*

Assessibility Subsidy

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VOTE 77 *APPROVED.*

Skateboarding

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VOTE 78 *APPROVED.*

Holiday Park Golf Course

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VOTE 79 *APPROVED.*

Wildwood Golf Course

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VOTE 80 *APPROVED.*

Silverwood Golf Course

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VOTE 81 *APPROVED.*

Gordon Howe Campsite

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VOTE 82 *APPROVED.*

Kinsmen Park Rides

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VOTE 83 *APPROVED.*

GENERAL SERVICES

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External Agencies

It was noted that City Council, at its Special Budget Review Meeting held on March 9, 1992, resolved that \$300,000 be granted to Wanuskewin Heritage Park.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that VOTE 8, as amended on March 9, 1992, be approved subject to review upon receipt of information regarding revenue sharing.

**Taxation
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IT WAS RESOLVED: that VOTE 2 be approved subject to review upon receipt of information regarding revenue sharing.

**Grants in Lieu of Taxes
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The Assistant City Comptroller advised Council of the following adjustments:

- An increase in the Civic Utilities Grant in Lieu, based on the recent electrical rate increase, of \$309,400
- Increase in the SPC franchise fee of \$131,700
- Increase in the provision to the SaskEnergy franchise of \$84,500

Based on the above amendments, the budget impact is \$21,089,700-.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that VOTE 3, as amended, be approved.

The Director of Planning and Development indicated that, based on the actions taken by Council during the Budget Review sessions there is presently a 2.13% decrease in the mill rate. Once the Administration has received the revenue sharing information, a report will be submitted to City Council.

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Committee arose.

His Worship Mayor Dayday, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, reported on the activities of the Committee on March 9, March 11, March 14 and March 21, 1992, as recorded by the City Clerk.

Moved by Alderman Waygood, Seconded by Alderman Penner,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Alderman Cherneskey, Seconded by Alderman Penner,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Mayor

City Clerk