

Council Chamber  
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.  
Monday, June 20, 1994,  
at 7:00 p.m.

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

**PRESENT:** His Worship Mayor Dayday in the Chair;  
Councillors Waygood, McCann, Penner, Mostoway,  
Birkmaier, Dyck, Mann, and Thompson;  
City Commissioner Irwin;  
Director of Planning and Development Pontikes;  
Director of Works and Utilities Gustafson;  
Director of Finance Richards;  
City Solicitor Dust;  
City Clerk Mann;  
City Councillors' Assistant Kanak

Councillor Hawthorne entered the meeting at 8:08 p.m. during consideration of Clause B5, Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner.

City Commissioner Irwin excused himself from the meeting at 9:30 p.m. during consideration of Item 8, "Motions".

City Solicitor Dust excused herself from the meeting at 10:10 p.m. during consideration of Clause 1, Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Mostoway,*

*THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on June 6, 1994, be approved.*

*CARRIED.*

### **HEARINGS**

- 2a) Discretionary Use Application**  
**Proposed Boarding (Personal) Care Home - Maximum 15 Boarders**  
**214/216 Whitecap Crescent - R.2 District**  
**Applicants: Gerri Hitchings and Loretta Blair**  
**(File No. CK. 4355-1)**

REPORT OF CITY CLERK:

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"The above matter is being reported on under Clause 1, Report No. 8-1994 of the Municipal Planning Commission.

The City Planner has now advised that the necessary on-site notification poster has been placed on the site and letters have been sent to adjacent land owners within 60 metres of the site.

Council, at this meeting, is to consider granting its permission for the proposed use."

*His Worship Mayor Dayday ascertained that there was no one present in the gallery who wished to address Council with respect to the matter.*

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,*

*THAT Clause 1, Report No. 8-1994 of the Municipal Planning Commission be brought forward and considered.*

*CARRIED.*

**REPORT NO. 8-1994 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**1. Discretionary Use Application  
Proposed Boarding House for 15 Residents  
Lots 19, Block 889, Plan No. 79-S-23995  
214/216 Whitecap Crescent  
(File No. CK. 4355-1)**

Attached is a copy of a report of the Planning and Construction Standards Department dated May 11, 1994, regarding an application submitted by Gerri Hitchings and Loretta Blair requesting approval to use Lot 19, Block 889, Plan No. 79-S-23995 (214/216 Whitecap Crescent) for the purpose of a Boarding House to care for 15 residents. This property is zoned R.2 District in the Zoning Bylaw and, as a consequence, a Boarding House to care for 15 residents may only be permitted by City Council at its discretion.

City Council will note that this application is one of several Personal Care Homes which has been operating under a license from the Continuing Care Branch of the Provincial Health Department, but is not in conformance with the City's Zoning Bylaw and the minimum Building Code requirements.

Your Commission concurs with the recommendation of the Planning and Construction Standards Department that the application be approved subject to the provision of two off-street parking spaces.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that this report be brought forward under Item No. 2a) during the Public Hearing process, and that City Council consider the following recommendation:

"that the application by Gerri Hitchings and Loretta Blair requesting permission to use Lot 19, Block 889, Plan No. 79-S-23995 (214/216 Whitecap Crescent) for the purpose of a Boarding House to provide care to 15 residents be approved, subject to the provision of two off-street parking spaces."

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,*

*THAT the hearing be closed.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,*

*THAT the application by Gerri Hitchings and Loretta Blair requesting permission to use Lot 19, Block 889, Plan No. 79-S-23995 (214/216 Whitecap Crescent) for the purpose of a Boarding House to provide care to 15 residents be approved, subject to the provision of two off-street parking spaces.*

*CARRIED.*

**2b) Hearing  
Discretionary Use Application  
Proposed Boarding (Personal) Care Home - Maximum 11 Boarders  
3447 Cassino Avenue - R.2 District  
Applicants: James White and Jane Thul  
(File No. CK. 4355-1)**

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REPORT OF CITY CLERK:

"The above matter is being reported on under Clause 2, Report No. 8-1994 of the Municipal Planning Commission.

The City Planner has now advised that the necessary on-site notification poster has been

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placed on the site and letters have been sent to adjacent land owners within 60 metres of the site.

Council, at this meeting, is to consider granting its permission for the proposed use."

*His Worship Mayor Dayday ascertained that there was no one present in the gallery who wished to address Council with respect to the matter.*

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*

*THAT Clause 2, Report No. 8-1994 of the Municipal Planning Commission be brought forward and considered.*

*CARRIED.*

**REPORT NO. 8-1994 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**2. Discretionary Use Application  
Boarding (Personal) Care Home  
for 11 Residents  
Lot 18, Block 1, Plan No. 79-S-24053  
3447 Cassino Avenue  
(File No. CK. 4355-1)**

Attached is a copy of a report of the Planning and Construction Standards Department dated May 11, 1994, regarding an application submitted by James White and Jane Thul requesting approval to use Lot 18, Block 1, Plan No. 79-S-24053 (3447 Cassino Avenue) for the purpose of a Boarding House to care for 11 residents. This property is zoned R.2 District in the Zoning Bylaw and, as a consequence, a Boarding House to care for 11 residents may only be permitted by City Council at its discretion.

City Council will note that this application is one of several Personal Care Homes which has been operating under a license from the Continuing Care Branch of the Provincial Health Department, but is not in conformance with the City's Zoning Bylaw and the minimum Building Code requirements.

Your Commission concurs with the recommendation of the Planning and Construction Standards Department that the application be approved subject to the provision of two off-street parking spaces.

**RECOMMENDATION:** that this report be brought forward under Item No. 2b) during the

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Public Hearing process, and that City Council consider the following recommendation:

"that the application by James White and Jane Thul requesting permission to use Lot 18, Block 1, Plan No. 79-S-24053 (3447 Cassino Avenue) for the purpose of a Boarding House to provide care to 11 residents be approved, subject to the provision of two off-street parking spaces."

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*

*THAT the hearing be closed.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*

*THAT the application by James White and Jane Thul requesting permission to use Lot 18, Block 1, Plan No. 79-S-24053 (3447 Cassino Avenue) for the purpose of a Boarding House to provide care to 11 residents be approved, subject to the provision of two off-street parking spaces.*

*CARRIED.*

- 2c) Hearing  
Discretionary Use Application  
Proposed Boarding (Personal) Care Home - Maximum 14 Boarders  
327 Wedge Road - R.1A District  
Applicants: Richard and Dorothy Gerbrandt  
(File No. CK. 4355-1)**
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**REPORT OF CITY CLERK:**

"The above matter is being reported on under Clause 3, Report No. 8-1994 of the Municipal Planning Commission.

The City Planner has now advised that the necessary on-site notification poster has been placed on the site and letters have been sent to adjacent land owners within 60 metres of the site.

Council, at this meeting, is to consider granting its permission for the proposed use."

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*His Worship Mayor Dayday ascertained that there was no one present in the gallery who wished to address Council with respect to the matter.*

*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,*

*THAT Clause 3, Report No. 8-1994 of the Municipal Planning Commission be brought forward and considered.*

*CARRIED.*

**REPORT NO. 8-1994 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**3. Discretionary Use Application  
Boarding (Personal) Care Home  
for 14 Residents  
Lot 6, Block 965, Plan No. 79-S-16566  
327 Wedge Road  
(File No. CK. 4355-1) \_\_\_\_\_**

Attached is a copy of a report of the Planning and Construction Standards Department dated May 11, 1994, regarding an application submitted by Richard & Dorothy Gerbrandt requesting approval to use Lot 6, Block 965, Plan No. 79-S-16566 (327 Wedge Road) for the purpose of a Boarding House to care for 14 residents. This property is zoned R.1A District in the Zoning Bylaw and, as a consequence, a Boarding House to care for 14 residents may only be permitted by City Council at its discretion.

City Council will note that this application is one of several Personal Care Homes which has been operating under a license from the Continuing Care Branch of the Provincial Health Department, but is not in conformance with the City's Zoning Bylaw and the minimum Building Code requirements.

Your Commission concurs with the recommendation of the Planning and Construction Standards Department that the application be approved subject to the provision of two off-street parking spaces.

**RECOMMENDATION:** that this report be brought forward under Item No. 2c) during the Public Hearing process, and that City Council consider the following recommendation:

"that the application by Richard and Dorothy Gerbrandt requesting permission to use Lot 6, Block 965, Plan No. 79-S-16566 (327

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Wedge Road) for the purpose of a Boarding House to provide care to 14 residents be approved, subject to the provision of two off-street parking spaces."

*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,*

*THAT the hearing be closed.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,*

*THAT the application by Richard and Dorothy Gerbrandt requesting permission to use Lot 6, Block 965, Plan No. 79-S-16566 (327 Wedge Road) for the purpose of a Boarding House to provide care to 14 residents be approved, subject to the provision of two off-street parking spaces.*

*CARRIED.*

**2d) Hearing  
Discretionary Use Application  
Proposed Boarding (Personal) Care Home - Maximum 12 Boarders  
438 Avenue Y North - R.2 District  
Applicants: Margaret DeFehr  
(File No. CK. 4355-1)**

**REPORT OF CITY CLERK:**

"The above matter is being reported on under Clause 4, Report No. 8-1994 of the Municipal Planning Commission.

The City Planner has now advised that the necessary on-site notification poster has been placed on the site and letters have been sent to adjacent land owners within 60 metres of the site.

Council, at this meeting, is to consider granting its permission for the proposed use."

*His Worship Mayor Dayday ascertained that there was no one present in the gallery who wished to address Council with respect to the matter.*

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*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Mostoway,*

*THAT Clause 4, Report No. 8-1994 of the Municipal Planning Commission be brought forward and considered.*

*CARRIED.*

**REPORT NO. 8-1994 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**4. Discretionary Use Application  
Boarding (Personal) Care Home  
for 12 Residents  
Lots 29 & 30, Block 31, Plan No. G180  
438 Avenue Y North  
(File No. CK. 4355-1)**

Attached is a copy of a report of the Planning and Construction Standards Department dated May 11, 1994, regarding an application submitted by Margaret DeFehr requesting approval to use Lots 29 & 30, Block 31, Plan No. G180 (438 Avenue Y North) for the purpose of a Boarding House to care for 12 residents. This property is zoned R.2 District in the Zoning Bylaw and, as a consequence, a Boarding House to care for 12 residents may only be permitted by City Council at its discretion.

City Council will note that this application is one of several Personal Care Homes which has been operating under a license from the Continuing Care Branch of the Provincial Health Department, but is not in conformance with the City's Zoning Bylaw and the minimum Building Code requirements.

Your Commission concurs with the recommendation of the Planning and Construction Standards Department that the application be approved subject to the provision of two off-street parking spaces.

**RECOMMENDATION:** that this report be brought forward under Item No. 2d) during the Public Hearing process, and that City Council consider the following recommendation:

"that the application by Margaret DeFehr requesting permission to use Lots 29 & 30, Block 31, Plan No. G180 (438 Avenue Y North) for the purpose of a Boarding House to provide care to 12 residents be approved, subject to the provision of two off-street parking



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spaces."

*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Mostoway,*

*THAT the hearing be closed.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dyck,*

*THAT the application by Margaret DeFehr requesting permission to use Lots 29 & 30, Block 31, Plan No. G180 (438 Avenue Y North) for the purpose of a Boarding House to provide care to 12 residents be approved, subject to the provision of two off-street parking spaces.*

*CARRIED.*

- 2e) **Hearing**  
**Rezoning - All of Legal Subdivisions 4 & 5, of Section 21-37-5 W/3rd, Except Parcel "A", Plan No. 59-S-06159, Parcels "A", "B" and "C", Plan No. 79-S-32846, and all that portion taken for roadway as shown on Plan No. 85-S-35508 - Idylwyld Drive North and 60th Street A.G to I.D.1A District - Proposed Bylaw No. 7418 (File No. CK. 4351-1)**
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REPORT OF CITY CLERK:

"Attached is a copy of Clause 4, Report No. 4-1993 of the Municipal Planning Commission which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on April 25, 1993.

A copy of Notice which appeared in the local press under dates of Saturday, May 28, 1994 and Saturday, June 4, 1994 is also attached.

Council, at this meeting, is to hear and determine any submissions with respect to the proposed amendment prior to its consideration of proposed Bylaw No. 7418, copy attached."

*His Worship Mayor Dayday ascertained that there was no one present in the gallery who wished to address Council with respect to the matter.*

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Mann,*

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*THAT the hearing be closed.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Mann,*

*THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 7418.*

*CARRIED.*

**COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL**

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

**A. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL**

**1) Marlene Hall, Secretary  
Development Appeals Board, dated June 8**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding refusal to allow fence in front yard area higher than allowed by bylaw at 203 Berini Drive. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

**2) Marlene Hall, Secretary  
Development Appeals Board, dated June 9**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding refusal to issue a development permit for proposed boarding house at 702 Dufferin Avenue. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

**3) Marlene Hall, Secretary  
Development Appeals Board, dated June 10**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding existing one-unit dwelling with front yard deficiency/encroachment at 60 Lindsay Drive. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dyck,  
THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**4) Charlotte Kurtz, Office Manager  
Saskatoon Habitat for Humanity, dated June 7**

Requesting permission for temporary closure of 23rd Street between 3rd and 4th Avenues on Wednesday, July 13, 1994 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. in conjunction with a welcome at City Hall for bicyclists riding across Canada to raise money and awareness for Habitat for Humanity. (File No. CK. 205-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,  
THAT the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.*

*CARRIED.*

**5) Louise Mulligan  
2014 Park Avenue, dated June 8**

Submitting comments regarding free access to outdoor pools. (File No. CK. 613-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Moved by Councillor Dyck, Seconded by Councillor Penner,  
THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

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**6) Robert Schmeiser  
1309 - 13th Street East, dated June 9**

Requesting permission to sell helium balloons in downtown Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 300-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Mann,*

*THAT the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.*

*CARRIED.*

**7) Rick Friesen, President  
Saskatoon Symphony Society, dated June 9**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding grant application under the Cultural Component of the 1994 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program. (File No. CK. 1871-2)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Mr. Friesen be heard during consideration of Clause 1, Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

*Moved by Councillor Dyck, Seconded by Councillor Mann,*

*THAT Mr. Friesen be heard during consideration of Clause 1, Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

**8) Janice Mann  
City Clerk, dated June 13, 1994**

Submitting a copy of a letter to the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association regarding

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administering District Health Board Elections. (File No. CK. 265-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Dyck,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**9) Kris Magnus, Festival Manager  
Saskatchewan Jazz Festival Inc., dated May 13**

Requesting permission for exclusive use of Kiwanis Park, temporary closure of Spadina Crescent between 22nd and 23rd Streets and exclusive rights for concessions for Jazznic in the Park on Sunday, June 26, 1994 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. (File No. CK. 205-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

*Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Penner,*

*THAT the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.*

*CARRIED.*

**10) Terry Scadden, Chair  
Downtown Merchants' Association, dated June 13**

Requesting Council to extend the hours under the Noise Bylaw for The Original Music Party to be held from Saturday, July 30 to Saturday, August 6, 1994. (File No. CK. 185-9)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that permission be granted to the Downtown Merchants' Association

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to extend the time during which The Original Music Party may be conducted at the National Bank Parking Lot located at 116 Second Avenue South from 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 31, 1994 and to 10:00 p.m. on Monday, August 1 to Thursday, August 4, 1994 inclusive.

*Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,*

*THAT permission be granted to the Downtown Merchants' Association to extend the time during which The Original Music Party may be conducted at the National Bank Parking Lot located at 116 Second Avenue South from 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 31, 1994 and to 10:00 p.m. on Monday, August 1 to Thursday, August 4, 1994 inclusive.*

*CARRIED.*

**11) J. Korobejko  
335 Winnipeg Avenue South, dated June 14**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding property tax. (File No. CK. 1930-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Moved by Councillor Dyck, Seconded by Councillor Mostoway,*

*THAT Mr. Korobejko be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*Mr. Korobejko addressed Council regarding the payment of school taxes by seniors.*

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dyck,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

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**12) Terry Boucher  
4 - 1910 Main Street, dated June 15**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the proposed subdivision of the former Grosvenor Park School site. (File No. CK. 4300-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Mr. Boucher be heard during consideration of Clause B5, Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner.

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*

*THAT Mr. Boucher be heard during consideration of Clause B5, Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner.*

*CARRIED.*

**13) Oli and Jean Laxdal  
215 Copland Crescent, dated June 13**

Submitting concerns regarding the proposed subdivision of the former Grosvenor Park School site. (File No. CK. 4300-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received and considered with Clause B5, Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner.

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*

*THAT the information be received and considered with Clause B5, Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner.*

*CARRIED.*

**14) John R. Beckman  
374 - 3rd Avenue South, dated June 16**

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Requesting permission to address Council regarding the proposed subdivision of the former Grosvenor Park School site. (File No. CK. 4300-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Mr. Beckman be heard during consideration of Clause B5, Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner.

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*

*THAT Mr. Beckman be heard during consideration of Clause B5, Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner.*

*CARRIED.*

**15) Roman Bergerman  
403 Copland Crescent, dated June 16**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the proposed subdivision of the former Grosvenor Park School site. (File No. CK. 4300-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Mr. Bergerman be heard during consideration of Clause B5, Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner.

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*

*THAT Mr. Bergerman be heard during consideration of Clause B5, Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner.*

*CARRIED.*

**16) Garry Mak, Senior Project Engineer  
UMA Engineering Ltd., dated June 14**



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Requesting permission to address Council regarding the proposed subdivision of the former Grosvenor Park School site. (File No. CK. 4300-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Mr. Mak be heard during consideration of Clause B5, Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner.

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*

*THAT Mr. Mak be heard during consideration of Clause B5, Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner.*

*CARRIED.*

**17) R. C. Begg, M.D. F.R.C.S.  
Orthopaedic Associates, dated June 14**

Submitting concerns regarding the proposed subdivision of the former Grosvenor Park School site. (File No. CK. 4300-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received and considered with Clause B5, Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner.

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*

*THAT the information be received and considered with Clause B5, Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner.*

*CARRIED.*

**18) Marlene Hall, Secretary  
Development Appeals Board, dated June 14**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding refusal to issue a

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development permit for proposed detached garage with rear yard deficiency/encroachment at 38 Cantlon Crescent. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Penner,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**19) Sandy Huckerby, Marketing Director  
Skydive Saskatoon Inc., dated June 15**

Requesting permission to perform demonstration parachute jumps in Saskatoon this summer on July 1, 10 and 24 and August 13, 18, 19 and 20, 1994 at various locations. (File No. CK. 205-13)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Penner,*

*THAT the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.*

*CARRIED.*

**20) Ivar Moen  
2502 Cumberland Avenue South, undated**

Submitting comments regarding proposal for South Downtown. (File No. CK. 4130-2-9)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

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*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Dyck,*

*THAT the information be received and joined to the file.*

*CARRIED.*

**21) Ewanda Boehr, Goodwill Ladies Aid  
Zoar Mennonite Church, Langham, undated**

Submitting petition expressing concerns regarding a casino in downtown Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 4130-2-9)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,*

*THAT the information be received and joined to the file.*

*CARRIED.*

**22) Joan Champ, Chair  
Citizens for a Quality South Downtown, dated June 14**

Requesting permission to address Council to provide a progress report on the drive to gather 24,000 signatures on a petition calling for a vote on the proposed South Downtown casino and trade and convention centre. (File No. CK. 4130-2-9)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Ms. Champ be heard during consideration of Clause D3, Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner.

*Moved by Councillor Dyck, Seconded by Councillor Penner,*

*THAT Ms. Champ be heard during consideration of Clause D3, Report No. 14-1994 of*

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*the City Commissioner.*

*CARRIED.*

**23) Gordon W. MacAulay, Treasurer  
Varsity View Community Association, dated June 15**

Advising Council of a motion passed at the Annual General Meeting of the Community Association regarding green and/or open space within the boundaries of the Varsity View Community Association. (File No. CK. 4205-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received and referred to the Planning Department.

*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Penner,*

*THAT the information be received and referred to the Planning Department.*

*CARRIED.*

**24) Gwen McDonald, President  
Saskatoon Services for Seniors Inc., dated June 14**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding grant application under the Social Services Component of the 1994 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program. (File No. CK. 1871-3)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Ms. McDonald be heard during consideration of Clause 2, Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

*Moved by Councillor Mostoway, Seconded by Councillor Mann,*

*THAT Ms. McDonald be heard during consideration of Clause 2, Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.*

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*CARRIED.*

**25) Susan Menzies, Chair  
Sonningdale Branch of Wheatland Library, dated June 14**

Submitting concerns regarding restrictions the Public Library Board is considering on out-of-town borrowers. (File No. CK. 298-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received and referred to the Library Board.

*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Penner,*

*THAT the information be received and referred to the Library Board.*

*CARRIED.*

**26) Marilyn Harrison  
509 Copland Crescent, dated June 15**

Submitting comments regarding grant application under the Cultural Component of the 1994 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program. (File No. CK. 1871-2)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received and considered with Clause 1, Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

*Moved by Councillor Mostoway, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,*

*THAT the information be received and considered with Clause 1, Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

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**27) Ken Gunn, President  
Saskatoon Amateur Softball Association, undated**

Submitting copy of letter sent to the Leisure Services Department regarding preliminary work to develop a new diamond directly east of Bob Van Impe field. (File No. CK. 4205-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Moved by Councillor Thompson, Seconded by Councillor Dyck,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**28) Stephan Dershko, Chair  
Riversdale Business Improvement District, dated June 15**

Commenting regarding retendering of contracts in connection with 20th Street West Streetscaping Project. (File No. CK. 4125-4)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received and considered with Clause A6, Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dyck,*

*THAT the information be received and considered with Clause A6, Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner.*

*CARRIED.*

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**29) Lorraine Stewart, Administrator  
Saskatoon Food Bank, dated June 14**

Requesting permission for Rev. Colin Clay to address Council regarding grant application under the Social Services Component of the 1994 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program. (File No. CK. 1871-3)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Rev. Clay be heard during consideration of Clause 2, Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

*Moved by Councillor Dyck, Seconded by Councillor Mostoway,*

*THAT Rev. Clay be heard during consideration of Clause 2, Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

**30) George O. Thomas, Executive Director  
Saskatchewan Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Inc., dated June 14**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding grant application under the Social Services Component of the 1994 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program. (File No. CK. 1871-3)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Mr. Thomas be heard during consideration of Clause 2, Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Mostoway,*

*THAT Mr. Thomas be heard during consideration of Clause 2, Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

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**31) James Yuel, Chair, Board of Directors  
Economic Development Authority of Saskatoon, dated June 2**

Requesting Council to pass a resolution that the Economic Development Authority of Saskatoon be given charitable status. (File No. CK. 3500-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the direction of Council issue.

*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,*

- 1) THAT City Council designate the Economic Development Program of the Economic Development Authority of Saskatoon as a municipal project; and*
- 2) THAT the Treasurer's Department be authorized to accept donations on behalf of the Economic Development Program and to issue appropriate receipts to donors who contribute funds to the Program.*

*CARRIED.*

**32) Marie Kishchuk, Chair, Finance/Fundraising  
Saskatoon Council on Aging, dated June 16**

Submitting comments regarding grant application under the Social Services Component of the 1994 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program. (File No. CK. 1871-3)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received and considered with Clause 2, Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Mostoway,*

*THAT the information be received and considered with Clause 2, Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.*



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*CARRIED.*

**33) Lynn McGuigan, General Manager/Fringe Producer  
Twenty-Fifth Street Theatre Centre, dated June 16**

Advising Council that a representative of the Twenty-Fifth Street Theatre Centre will be available to answer questions regarding the Saskatoon International Fringe Festival. (File No. CK. 205-25)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received and considered with Clause A3, Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner.

*Moved by Councillor Dyck, Seconded by Councillor Mann,*

*THAT the information be received and considered with Clause A3, Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner.*

*CARRIED.*

**34) George Stushnoff, Chair  
Doukhobor Cultural Society of Saskatchewan Inc., dated June 16**

Submitting comments regarding grant application under the Cultural Component of the 1994 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program. (File No. CK. 1871-2)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received and considered with Clause 1, Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Mostoway,*

*THAT the information be received and considered with Clause 1, Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

**35) Ivor Parbery, Civic Director**

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**Riversdale Community and School Association, dated June 14**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the final draft of the proposal of the Riversdale Project. (File No. CK. 155-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that a representative of the Riversdale Community and School Association be heard.

*Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,*

*THAT a representative of the Riversdale Community and School Association be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*Mr. Ivor Parbery, Civics Director, Riversdale Community and School Association, presented Council with the proposal for "The Riversdale Project". He indicated the importance of an integrated and inter-agency approach to provide services to inner city communities. Mr. Parbery noted that the Association is requesting that The City of Saskatoon:*

- co-sponsor with the Riversdale Community and School Association the application for provincial funding of a Coordinator for the Kids' Day Project - Summer '94. This may mean that the City would be asked to provide some administrative support for the on-site coordinator.*
- assist in the development of the Kids' Day Project - Summer '94.*
- approve in principle the concept of an integrated community for inner city neighbourhoods.*

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*

*1) THAT City Council:*

- a) co-sponsor with the Riversdale Community and School Association the application for provincial funding of a Coordinator for the Kids' Day Project - Summer '94;*

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- b) *assist in the development of the Kids' Day Project - Summer '94;*
- c) *approve in principle the concept of an integrated community for inner city neighbourhoods; and*
- 2) *that the Planning and Development Committee be requested to review and report on the implications of the above.*

*CARRIED.*

**36) Louise Welen, Community Programs Coordinator  
Saskatoon Open Door Society Inc., dated June 17**

Submitting comments regarding grant application under the Social Services Component of the 1994 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program. (File No. CK. 1871-3)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received and considered with Clause 2, Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Mostoway,*

*THAT the information be received and considered with Clause 2, Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

**37) Shelley Arvay, Chair  
Child Hunger and Education Program, dated June 15**

Submitting comments regarding grant application under the Social Services Component of the 1994 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program. (File No. CK. 1871-3)

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received and considered with Clause 2, Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Mostoway,*

*THAT the information be received and considered with Clause 2, Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

**38) Gens Hellquist, Executive Director  
Gay & Lesbian Health Services, dated June 16**

Requesting permission for Marusha Taylor to address Council regarding grant application under the Social Services Component of the 1994 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program. (File No. CK. 1871-3)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Ms. Taylor be heard during consideration of Clause 2, Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Mostoway,*

*THAT Ms. Taylor be heard during consideration of Clause 2, Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

**39) Brian Mitzel  
127 Smoothstone Crescent, undated**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding application for water connection. (File No. CK. 7781-2)

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that Mr. Mitzel be heard during consideration of Clause 1, Report No. 15-1994 of the Works and Utilities Committee.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dyck,*

*THAT Mr. Mitzel be heard during consideration of Clause 1, Report No. 15-1994 of the Works and Utilities Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

**40) Lynn McGuigan, General Manager  
Twenty Fifth Street Theatre Centre, dated June 17**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding grant application under the Cultural Component of the 1994 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program. (File No. CK. 1871-2)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that a representative of the Twenty Fifth Street Theatre Centre be heard during consideration of Clause 1, Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

*Moved by Councillor Mostoway, Seconded by Councillor Mann,*

*THAT a representative of the Twenty Fifth Street Theatre Centre be heard during consideration of Clause 1, Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

**41) Peter Dufour, President  
Saskatoon Minor Hockey Association, dated June 20**

Submitting comments regarding the leasing of City rinks. (Files CK. 610-6 and 611-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received and considered with Clause 6, Report No. 11-1994 of the Planning and Development Committee.

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*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Dyck,*

*THAT the information be received and considered with Clause 6, Report No. 11-1994 of the Planning and Development Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

**42) Rowena McLellan, President  
Saskatoon Council of Churches, dated June 14**

Commenting regarding the development of a casino as part of the South Downtown proposal. (File No. CK. 4130-2-9)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Moved by Councillor Dyck, Seconded by Councillor Penner,*

*THAT the information be received and joined to the file.*

*CARRIED.*

**43) Mike Kalist  
V.I.P. Stage & Lighting Ltd., dated June 20**

Requesting permission for a fireworks display at the Saskatoon Riot game on June 27, 1994 at 10:30 p.m. in Cairns field. (File No. CK. 205-14)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

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*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,*

*THAT the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.*

*CARRIED.*

**44) Elena Schacherl, Administrative Director  
Persephone Theatre, dated June 20**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding grant application under the Cultural Component of the 1994 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program. (File No. CK. 1871-2)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that a representative of Persephone Theatre be heard during consideration of Clause 1, Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

*Moved by Councillor Mostoway, Seconded by Councillor Mann,*

*THAT a representative of Persephone Theatre be heard during consideration of Clause 1, Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

**45) Hugh L. MacKenzie, Planning Assistant  
Meewasin Valley Authority, dated June 20**

Submitting comments regarding City-owned lots north of 19th Street between First and Second Avenue. (File No. CK. 4130-2-9)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received and considered with Clause B1, Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner.

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*Moved by Councillor Dyck, Seconded by Councillor Mostoway,*

*THAT the information be received and considered with Clause B1, Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner.*

*CARRIED.*

**46) Mayor Henry Dayday, dated June 20**

Providing comments regarding an article in The StarPhoenix entitled "City Council in need of public relations adjustment". (File No. CK. 100-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**47) L.J. (Dick) Batten, Chair, Board of Management  
The Partnership, dated June 20**

Requesting permission for Mr. Kent Smith-Windsor to address Council regarding a report on a vote on the use of City-owned land for The Landing project. (File No. CK. 4130-2-9)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Mr. Smith-Windsor be heard during consideration of Clause D3, Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner.

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*



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*THAT Mr. Smith-Windsor be heard during consideration of Clause D3, Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner.*

*CARRIED.*

**B. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION**

**1) Betty Clark  
44 Mount Royal Court, dated June 6**

Submitting concerns regarding parking on 31st Street West. **Referred to the Works and Utilities Committee.** (File No. CK. 6120-1)

**2) Joyce Bowers, President  
Dundonald Community Association, dated June 10**

Submitting petition with approximately 700 signatures regarding rezoning of area on Sumner Crescent across from St. Peter's School. (A copy of one page of the petition is attached.) **Referred to the Planning and Development Committee.** (File No. CK. 4351-1)

**3) Pat Switucka  
659 Candle Way, dated June 16**

Submitting comments regarding offsite levies for property at 329 Avenue T North. **Referred to the Works and Utilities Committee.** (File No. CK. 4216-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Penner,*

*THAT the information be received.*

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*CARRIED.*

**REPORTS**

Mr. R. Tennent, Chair, submitted Report No. 8-1994 of the Municipal Planning Commission;

City Commissioner Irwin submitted Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner;

Councillor Waygood, Chair, presented Report No. 11-1994 of the Planning and Development Committee;

Councillor Mostoway, Chair, presented Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee;

Councillor Hawthorne, Chair, presented Report No. 15-1994 of the Works and Utilities Committee;

Councillor Thompson, Chair, presented Report No. 3-1994 of the Audit Committee;

Councillor McCann, Member, presented Report No. 4-1994 of the Land Bank Committee;

Councillor Thompson, Chair, presented Report No. 6-1994 of the Personnel and Organization Committee; and

Councillor Hawthorne, Member, presented Report No. 7-1994 of A Committee of the Whole Council.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,*

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

- a) Report No. 8-1994 of the Municipal Planning Commission;*
- b) Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner;*
- c) Report No. 11-1994 of the Planning and Development Committee;*
- d) Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee;*

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- e) *Report No. 15-1994 of the Works and Utilities Committee;*
- f) *Report No. 3-1994 of the Audit Committee;*
- g) *Report No. 4-1994 of the Land Bank Committee;*
- h) *Report No. 6-1994 of the Personnel and Organization Committee; and*
- i) *Report No. 7-1994 of A Committee of the Whole Council.*

*CARRIED.*

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

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

*Committee arose.*

*Councillor Dyck, 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. 8 - 1994 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

- 1. Discretionary Use Application  
Proposed Boarding House for 15 Residents  
Lots 19, Block 889, Plan No. 79-S-23995  
214/216 Whitecap Crescent  
(File No. CK. 4355-1) \_\_\_\_\_**

*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 1.*

- 2. Discretionary Use Application  
Boarding (Personal) Care Home  
for 11 Residents  
Lot 18, Block 1, Plan No. 79-S-24053  
3447 Cassino Avenue  
(File No. CK. 4355-1) \_\_\_\_\_**

*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 3.*

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- 3. Discretionary Use Application  
Boarding (Personal) Care Home  
for 14 Residents  
Lot 6, Block 965, Plan No. 79-S-16566  
327 Wedge Road  
(File No. CK. 4355-1)\_\_\_\_\_**

*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 5.*

- 4. Discretionary Use Application  
Boarding (Personal) Care Home  
for 12 Residents  
Lots 29 & 30, Block 31, Plan No. G180  
438 Avenue Y North  
(File No. CK. 4355-1)\_\_\_\_\_**

*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 7.*

**REPORT NO. 14 - 1994 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER**

**Section A - Works and Utilities**

- A1) Enquiry - Councillor Hawthorne (May 24, 1994)  
Traffic Lights  
Circle Drive at Laurier Drive  
(File No. CC 6250-1)\_\_\_\_\_**

**"Would the Administration review and report on the need for yellow flashing warning lights**

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**for westbound traffic on Circle Drive approaching the lights on Laurier Drive."**

Report of the City Engineer, June 3, 1994:

"The Engineering Department is currently conducting a study of the need for advance warning flashers at signalized intersections on higher speed roadways. These would include, but may not be limited to, the following intersections:

- Circle Drive and 8th Street
- Circle Drive and College Drive
- Circle Drive and Airport Drive
- Circle Drive and Laurier Drive

The City's current policy with respect to the installation of advance warning flashers is as follows:

1. The roadway speed must be at or close to highway speed (i.e. 90km/h or greater).
2. Flashers are installed at locations where the approaching traffic signal is obscured due to roadway geometrics, that is, locations where the visibility of the traffic signal is impaired due to the construction of the roadway alignment or some other feature. An example is on Circle Drive northbound, approaching Attridge Drive, where the combination of the curve in the road and the CPR rail bridge obscure the traffic signals at Attridge Drive.
3. Advance warning flashers are recommended to be installed at the first set of traffic signals upon entering the City at highway speeds.

All intersections within the City of Saskatoon which fall within the above criteria presently have advance warning flashers installed.

The intent of the study is to determine if advance warning flashers are effective at reducing the number of vehicle collisions at signalized intersections on higher speed roadways, and if so, what revisions to the existing criteria need to be developed to formulate a warrant system for their installation.

It is expected that the study will be complete by the fall and recommendations will be brought forward at that time."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*ADOPTED.*

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**A2) Saskatoon and Area Regional Waste Management Project  
(File No. CC 7830-4-1)**

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City Council, at its meeting held on April 11, 1994, considered Clause A3, Report No. 9-1994 of the City Commissioner, and resolved:

- "1) that the information be received; and,**
- 2) that the matter be referred to the Works and Utilities Committee to follow up on the Intermunicipal Infrastructure Program."**

At its meeting held on April 20, 1994, the Works and Utilities Committee resolved:

**"that the matter be referred to the Administration to meet with the Waste Management Project group and report back."**

As background to this report, the partners in the Canada/Saskatchewan Infrastructure Works Program have set aside a \$4 million pool for inter-municipal projects. The allocations are based on \$2 per capita for Saskatoon and Regina, \$3 per capita for Prince Albert and Moose Jaw, and \$5 per capita for the remaining urban and rural municipalities. The populations are determined on the basis of the 1991 census figures. The City of Saskatoon would be eligible to attract \$372,116 of Canada/Saskatchewan Infrastructure Works Program funds to apply to inter-municipal projects.

On June 9, 1994, the Director of Works and Utilities met with the Planning Committee for the Saskatoon and Area Regional Waste Management Project. Some of the municipalities represented at the meeting indicated that they had already committed some of their allocation to other inter-municipal projects. However, a large majority indicated that they would be prepared to support a joint application for Canada/Saskatchewan Infrastructure Works Program funds for regional waste management and that a portion of their allocation be applied to the Saskatoon and Area Regional Waste Management Project. This would require a Council resolution from each of the joint applicants.

It is understood that the respective allocations for each of the applicants would be applied to expenditures for which the municipality would be responsible in the Regional Waste Management Project. For the most part, the small urban and rural municipal allocations would be applied to the construction of transfer stations, while the City's allocation would be applied to the site development. Some flexibility may be required as a result of factors such as time constraints.

With respect to time constraints, projects under the Canada/Saskatchewan Infrastructure Works Program must be completed by March 31, 1997. While we believe it is feasible to have the works covered by the Canada/Saskatchewan Infrastructure Works Program completed by March 31, 1997, we do not want to jeopardize the environmental assessment process for siting the proposed regional waste management centre. If there are problems, environmental assessment procedures can be drawn out over an extensive period of time. The Director of Works and Utilities has made the commitment that the environmental assessment process for the proposed Regional

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Waste Management Centre not be rushed as a result of the Canada/Saskatchewan Infrastructure Works Program.

In terms of process, City Council is being asked to pass a resolution allocating its eligible funds for the inter-municipal component of the Canada/Saskatchewan Infrastructure Works Program to the Saskatoon and Area Regional Waste Management Project. Following a resolution by City Council, a letter will be forwarded to each of the participating municipalities seeking a similar resolution from each Council for at least a portion of its allocation. Upon receipt of the various Council resolutions, an application will be forwarded to the Management Committee of the Canada/Saskatchewan Infrastructure Works Program.

In the meantime, the siting process for the proposed Regional Waste Management Centre is proceeding as anticipated. Letters of intent for 18 sites have been received. The City is currently screening these sites in terms of the evaluation matrix developed by the Siting Committee for the Saskatoon and Area Regional Waste Management Project.

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve an assignment of 100% of its eligible allocation under the inter-municipal component of the Canada/Saskatchewan Infrastructure Works Program to the Saskatoon and Area Regional Waste Management Project;
  - 2) that each participating municipality in the Saskatoon and Area Regional Waste Management Project be requested to pass a resolution assigning of a portion of its eligible allocation under the inter-municipal component of the Canada/Saskatchewan Infrastructure Works Program to the Saskatoon and Area Regional Waste Management Project; and,
  - 3) that upon receipt of the Councils' resolutions in Recommendation 2), the Administration be authorized to forward the application to the Management Committee for the Canada/Saskatchewan Infrastructure Works Program.

*ADOPTED.*

- A3) Communications to Council**  
**From: Kent Smith-Windsor, Executive Director**  
**The Partnership**  
**Date: April 7, 1994**  
**Subject: Submitting comments regarding the 1994 Fringe Festival**

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**AND**

**Communications to Council**

**From: Lynn McGuigan, General Manager/Fringe Producer  
Twenty Fifth Street Theatre Centre**

**Date: March 31, 1994**

**Subject: Requesting special concessions regarding relocation of the Saskatoon  
International Fringe Festival from Broadway Avenue to Downtown in  
1994**

**(File No. CC 205-25)**

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During its April 11, 1994 meeting, City Council, when dealing with the communication from Kent Smith-Windsor, resolved:

**"that the matter be referred to the Administration to be considered along with the requests from the Twenty Fifth Street Theatre Centre regarding the Saskatoon International Fringe Festival."**

Report of the City Engineer, June 8, 1994:

"A meeting to discuss the various proposals involved with the relocation of the Fringe Festival was held in The Partnership's Board Room on March 9, 1994. In attendance were organizers from the Fringe Festival, representatives from The Partnership, and civic officials from the Saskatoon Police Service, Fire, Transit, and Engineering Departments.

As a result of the above-noted meeting, and subsequent communications and on-site meetings, it was determined that:

1. The Fringe Festival Beer Gardens and Concession area will be located on 21st Street from 1st Avenue to 2nd Avenue, and the outdoor stage will be located on 2nd Avenue between 19th Street and 20th Street. The street closures to facilitate these venues will be in effect from Friday, July 29 at 9:00 a.m. until Monday, August 8 at 6:00 p.m.
2. It was also determined that additional road closures will be necessary for pedestrian safety during peak festival times. To determine the necessity and timing of these road closures, they will be monitored by The Partnership in consultation with the Saskatoon Police Service and the Engineering Department. The street closures are:
  - 2nd Avenue from 20th Street to 22nd Street
  - 21st Street from 2nd Avenue to 3rd Avenue
  - 20th Street from 1st Avenue to 3rd Avenue.

The proposed timing for the above road closures would be as follows:

- weekdays (Monday to Friday) from 6:15 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.
- weekends (including August 1) from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.



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Note: If the closure of 20th Street, from 1st to 3rd Avenues, on Saturday, July 30, and Saturday, August 6, is deemed necessary, event organizers will marshall the barricades to allow Transit buses access on those days between 1:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

The initial traffic controls will be erected by City crews under the Provision of Civic Services Program and subsequent erection and dismantling of signing and barricading will be done by Fringe Festival/Partnership crews, with assistance from City crews where necessary.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) that the information be received;
- 2) that the necessary street closures to facilitate the event as outlined in the report, be approved;
- 3) that the provisions of the Noise Bylaw be waived during the Festival as follows:
  - a) Friday, July 29; Saturday, July 30; Monday, August 1; Tuesday, August 2; Wednesday, August 3; Thursday, August 4; Friday, August 5; and Saturday, August 6;  
    - extension to 2:00 a.m.; and,
  - b) Sunday, July 31; and Sunday, August 7;  
    - extension to 12:00 midnight; and,
- 4) that, subject to prior street vendor approvals, exclusive concessionaire rights be granted to the 25th Street Theatre Centre for the Festival site bounded by 1st Avenue, 4th Avenue, 19th Street and 23rd Street, from 9:00 a.m., July 29, 1994, through to 9:00 a.m., August 8, 1994.

*Pursuant to earlier resolution, Item A.33 of "Communications" was brought forward and considered.*

- IT WAS RESOLVED:*
- 1) *that the information be received;*
  - 2) *that the necessary street closures to facilitate the*

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*event as outlined in the report, be approved;*

- 3) *that the provisions of the Noise Bylaw be waived during the Festival as follows:*
  - a) *Friday, July 29; Saturday, July 30; Monday, August 1; Tuesday, August 2; Wednesday, August 3; Thursday, August 4; Friday, August 5; and Saturday, August 6;*
    - *extension to 2:00 a.m.; and,*
  - b) *Sunday, July 31; and Sunday, August 7;*
    - *extension to 12:00 midnight; and,*
- 4) *that, subject to prior street vendor approvals, exclusive concessionaire rights be granted to the 25th Street Theatre Centre for the Festival site bounded by 1st Avenue, 4th Avenue, 19th Street and 23rd Street, from 9:00 a.m., July 29, 1994, through to 9:00 a.m., August 8, 1994.*

**A4) 1994 Sidewalk Construction  
Contract No. 4-0004  
(File No. CC 6220-1)**

Report of the City Engineer, June 13, 1994:

"The work included as part of this contract is to construct 15 Local Improvement locations of sidewalk, or curb and gutter, or sidewalk, curb, and gutter. Tenders were received and opened publicly on June 7, 1994, for sidewalk, curb, and gutter construction.

The following bids were received and are shown on the attached tabulation sheet:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Total Tender Price</u>
Interprovincial Concrete Ltd. and Rebel Concrete Services Ltd. A Joint Venture SASKATOON, Sask.	\$251,247.64
Mid-West Concrete & Paving Stone Ltd.	

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MOOSE JAW, Sask.

\$252,199.50

The Engineering Department's estimate for this work is \$269,131.75. The low bid represents a 1.7% increase compared to similar work in 1993.

The net estimated cost to the City is as follows:

Base Tender	\$234,810.88
GST at 7%	<u>16,436.76</u>
Contract Amount	\$251,247.64
GST Rebate	<u>9,392.44</u>
Net Estimated Cost to the City	<u>\$241,855.20</u>

The low bidder, Interprovincial Concrete Ltd. and Rebel Concrete Services Ltd. A Joint Venture, has previously performed similar work for the City of Saskatoon, has experienced personnel, and equipment of sufficient capacity and quality to undertake a project of this scope and nature."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council accept the unit prices submitted by Interprovincial Concrete Ltd. and Rebel Concrete Services Ltd. A Joint Venture, for the 1994 Sidewalk Construction at a total estimated cost of \$251,247.64, GST included; and,
  - 2) that the City Commissioner and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the required contract documents, as prepared by the City Solicitor, under the Corporate Seal.

*ADOPTED.*

**A5) Amendments to Traffic Bylaw No. 7200  
(File No. CC 5300-2)**

Report of the City Solicitor, June 14, 1994:

"Enclosed is Bylaw No. 7428 which incorporates a number of amendments to the Traffic Bylaw. The first amendment is made pursuant to a recommendation of City Council dated February 7,

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1994. City Council considered a report of the Works and Utilities Committee recommending speed changes on 71st Street, Preston Avenue and Clarence Avenue. The amendment reflects the changes in speed recommended by the Works and Utilities Committee and adopted by City Council.

The second amendment is made pursuant to a recommendation of City Council dated May 24, 1994. City Council considered a report of the Works and Utilities Committee requesting installation of one-hour parking meters along the front driveway of the Centennial Auditorium. This amendment includes the Centennial Auditorium driveway as a new parking place as recommended by the Works and Utilities Committee and adopted by City Council.

The other amendments are housekeeping matters which include a section to deal with yielding the right-of-way when pulling away from a curb. Also, an amendment to change Section 59 of the Traffic Bylaw to remove the word 'registered'. This brings the Traffic Bylaw in line with *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984*.

Finally, an amendment which deals with parking in front of fire hydrants. There has been some trouble with the interpretation of the Section as it reads now. The amendment is meant to clarify where a vehicle may be parked in relation to a fire hydrant."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council consider proposed Bylaw No. 7428.

*ADOPTED.*

**A6) 20th Street Streetscape  
Concrete Sidewalk & Curb  
Contract No. 4-0025  
Capital Project No. 1140  
(File Nos. CC 4125-4 and 1703)**

At its meeting held on May 24, 1994, City Council, when dealing with the above matter, resolved in part:

**"2) that the City Commissioner be authorized to approve contracts up to \$125,000 on the 20th Street Streetscape Project."**

Report of the City Engineer, June 15, 1994:

"Tenders for the above-noted contract, involving sidewalk and curb construction work on the 20th Street Streetscape Project, were advertised and opened publicly on Tuesday, June 14, 1994. The following bids were received and are shown on the attached tabulation sheet.

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<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Total Tender Price</u>
Interprovincial Concrete Ltd. and Rebel Concrete Services Ltd., A Joint Venture SASKATOON, Sask.	\$133,512.62
Midwest Concrete & Paving Stone Ltd. MOOSE JAW, Sask.	\$164,754.00

The Engineering Department's estimate for the work is \$122,000.00. The estimate was based on unit prices received for similar work completed on 21st Street (1989) and 2nd Avenue (1992) with adjustments for inflation and differences in scope of work.

The net estimated cost to the City is calculated as follows:

Base Tender	\$125,432.35
GST (7%)	<u>8,080.27</u>
Contract Amount	\$133,512.62
GST rebate	<u>4,617.30</u>
Net estimated cost to the City	\$128,895.32

Interprovincial Concrete Ltd. has carried out work for the City on several occasions including the 21st Street and 2nd Avenue Streetscape Projects, has experienced personnel, and equipment of sufficient capacity and quality to complete this project.

Tenders for four other contracts for the 20th Street Streetscape Project also closed on June 14, 1994. They involved water and sewer work, paving stone installation, installation of an irrigation system and trenching work. Because the value of these individual tenders was less than \$100,000, City Council approval of these tenders is not required. The value of the low bids received for all five tenders, combined with other project costs, results in a total construction cost less than the approved budget.

In view of the above information, it is recommended that Contract No. 4-0025, Concrete Sidewalk and Curb, be awarded to the low bidder, Interprovincial Concrete Ltd. and Rebel Concrete Services Ltd., a Joint Venture. Approval of this tender will allow construction to begin as soon as the Contractor can mobilize its forces."

**RECOMMENDATION:** 1) that City Council accept the unit prices submitted by Interprovincial Concrete Ltd. and Rebel Concrete Services

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Ltd., a Joint Venture, for the 20th Street Streetscape Project, for an estimated total cost of \$133,512.62, including GST; and,

- 2) that the City Commissioner and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract documents, as prepared by the City Solicitor, under the Corporate Seal.

*Pursuant to earlier resolution, Item A.28 of "Communications" was brought forward and considered.*

*IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that City Council accept the unit prices submitted by Interprovincial Concrete Ltd. and Rebel Concrete Services Ltd., a Joint Venture, for the 20th Street Streetscape Project, for an estimated total cost of \$133,512.62, including GST; and,*

- 2) *that the City Commissioner and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract documents, as prepared by the City Solicitor, under the Corporate Seal.*

**A7) Collection of Residential Solid Waste  
(File No. CC. 7830-3)**

The Works and Utilities Committee, at its meeting held on June 8, 1994, during consideration of this matter, resolved in part:

- "2) that Administration provide City Council with any additional information regarding the operating costs and the overall budget for front street and rear lane garbage collection."**

Report of the City Engineer, June 16, 1994:

"The approved Garbage Collection Budget for 1994 is: (all amounts are in thousands of dollars)

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REVENUES		210.0
Staff Compensation	1,054.8	
Operating Costs	819.5	
Debt Charges	<u>835.3</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>2,709.6</u>
BUDGET IMPACT		<u>2,499.6</u>

The approved Landfill Budget for 1994 is: (all amounts are in thousands of dollars)

REVENUES		500.0
Staff Compensation	379.5	
Operating Costs	276.6	
Transfer to Funds/Reserves	<u>80.0</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>736.1</u>
BUDGET IMPACT		<u>236.1</u>

The Automated Residential Collection program costs, consistent with other garbage collection programs, are evaluated in terms of:

1. Truck costs.
2. Operator costs.
3. Foreman costs.
4. Actual tonnes hauled (in 1993 automated lane was 32,104 tonnes and front street was 17,675 tonnes).
5. Actual kilometres driven (in 1993 automated lane was 123,392 kilometres and front street was 84,390 kilometres).

Table 1 is a summary of the 1993 actual costs on a month-by-month basis. A high monthly cost is usually indicative of low weights per container.

One would expect that there would be a more significant difference between the two programs since the lane collection picks up on average 3.5 residences' waste at one time. However, other factors come into consideration, such as:

- the tipping time is only a small portion of the loading time

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- the lanes are more difficult to negotiate
- once the garbage in one lane is picked up, there is driving time involved to get to the next lane
- the front street residences contribute more waste by weight per household than the lane residences
- the driving time to the landfill can vary from as low as 30 minutes to as high as 1.25 hours (round trip)
- the type of waste disposed (one would suspect that the lane container waste would be more bulky than the front-street container waste)

Since the average tonne per kilometre is higher for the automated lane collection system, one would suspect that the major factor attributing to the small difference in the average cost per tonne is that it takes significantly more time to collect, under this system, the tonne of waste from the lane than from the front street."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*ADOPTED.*

**Section B - Planning and Development**

**B1) Enquiry - Councillor Waygood (May 24, 1994)  
Sale of City-Owned  
South Downtown Property  
(File No. CC 4130-2)**

**"Would Administration please report on the procedures followed for the sale of publicly-owned land and transfer of title to new owner(s) -- in particular, the land known as South Downtown (City-owned lots in blocks north and south of 19th Street between 1st and 2nd Avenues)."**

All of the City-owned properties which are held by the Land Department are available for sale in accordance with the following procedures:

1. Each property (or group of properties) has a price which is approved by City Council.
2. The property is then sold on a draw-basis for single-family lots or by tender for other parcels of land.
3. Any properties which are unsold after Step 2 are then put on a list for sale over the counter and on a first-come, first-served basis.



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4. The title is transferred upon the receipt of payment in full and in the case of parcels of land, after any applicable construction requirements are met.

As City Council is aware, the City-owned block in the South Downtown area has been the subject of negotiations. However, at this time, no final agreement has been approved by City Council.

In addition, on City-owned land, just as on privately-owned land, all proposed developments must meet the zoning requirements. In the case of the land in the South Downtown, the City has a direct control district (with specified requirements in the form of the D.C.D.1 guidelines) in place. City Council must approve all proposed developments, in accordance with the procedures which are specified in *The Planning and Development Act* for direct control districts. (If City Council does not approve the development, this decision can be appealed to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board.)

The City's block in the South Downtown area is also within the jurisdiction of *The Meewasin Valley Authority Act*. The Authority's Board must, therefore, separately approve any proposed development. (The Planning and Development Committee is currently discussing with the Meewasin Valley Authority some suggested amendments to the City's D.C.D.1 guidelines and to the Authority's development review policies in order to ensure that the requirements of the approving-authorities are complementary and that their respective intentions cannot be misinterpreted by potential developers.)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Pursuant to earlier resolution, Item A.45 of "Communications" was brought forward and considered.*

*IT WAS RESOLVED: that the information be received.*

**B2) Land-Use Applications Received by the Planning and Construction Standards Dept.  
For the Period Between May 30, 1994 - June 10, 1994  
(For Information Only)  
(File Nos. CC 4355-1, 4300-2, 4300-2-2)**

The City Planner has received the following applications which are being processed and which will subsequently be submitted to City Council for its consideration:

Discretionary Use

- Application D18/94: 510 Spencer Cres.

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Applicant: Albert and Carole Konowski  
Legal Description: Lot 16, Block 261, Plan No. 84-S-51468  
Current Zoning: R.1  
Proposed Use: Personal Care Home  
Date Received: June 1, 1994

- Application D19/94: 1426 Avenue T North  
Applicant: Mike Zivkovich  
Legal Description: Lots 30 & 31, Block 39, Plan FU  
Current Zoning: R.2  
Proposed Use: Personal Care Home  
Date Received: June 6, 1994

- Application D20/94: 113 Avenue Q North  
Applicant: Victoria Crawford  
Legal Description: Lots 19 & 20, Block 2, Plan G131  
Current Zoning: R.2  
Proposed Use: Personal Care Home  
Date Received: June 6, 1994

Subdivision

- Application #18/94: 801 46th Street East  
(See Attached Map No. 1)  
Applicant: Tri-City Surveys Ltd.  
Legal Description: Lot 5, Block 378, Plan 59-S-01097  
Current Zoning: I.D.4  
Date Received: June 7, 1994

- Application #19/94: 314 109th Street East  
Applicant: Gerard and Lynn Ackerman  
Legal Description: Lot 8, Block 10, Plan G8  
Current Zoning: R.2  
Date Received: June 7, 1994

- Application #20/94: 103rd Street - Sutherland Industrial  
(See Attached Map No. 2)  
Applicant: Land Manager - City of Saskatoon  
Legal Description: Lot 8, Block 529, Plan 65-S-02405  
Current Zoning: I.D.4  
Date Received: June 8, 1994

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*ADOPTED.*

**B3) Subdivision Application #16/94  
Lavalee Court and Place, Brightwater Crescent and Bay  
(File No. CC 4300-2)**

The following subdivision application has been submitted for approval:

Subdivision Application: #16/94  
Applicant: Don V. Franko  
Legal Description: Lot A, Block 391, and Parcel G, Plan 94-S-17318  
Location: Lavalee Court and Place, Brightwater Crescent and Bay

The June 8, 1994, report of the City Planner concerning this application is attached.

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council resolve that, in connection with the approval of Subdivision Application #16/94, it would be impractical and undesirable to require full compliance with Section 14(10) of the Subdivision Bylaw for the following reasons:
    - a) the proposed Buffer MB11 is adjacent to the existing Buffer MB5, which will provide physical access from MB11 to Brightwater Crescent; and,
    - b) both parcels will be entitled to the City of Saskatoon and will be used and developed for the purpose of a buffer;
  - 2) that Subdivision Application #16/94 be approved, subject to:
    - a) the payment of \$1,850.00 which is the required approval fee; and,
    - b) the owner entering into a Development and Servicing Agreement with the City of Saskatoon; and,

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- 3) that the requested easements, as shown on the plan of proposed subdivision, be granted and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute, under the Corporate Seal and on behalf of the City of Saskatoon, the formal Easement Agreements, with respect to these easements, in a form that is satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

*ADOPTED.*

**B4) Demolition  
119 Avenue D North  
(File No. CC 530-2)**

Report of the City Planner, June 14, 1994:

"The building at 119 Avenue D North has been vacant for several years. Staff of the Planning and Construction Standards Department have visited the site on numerous occasions to ensure that the building is secure to prevent unauthorized entry.

In January of 1993, a fire caused considerable damage to the building. It was suggested to the owner that it would be more feasible to demolish the building than to repair it.

A number of inspections were undertaken following the fire. The owner was requested to ensure that the building was secure until a decision on its future had been made. No information on such a decision has been received from the owner. The property is zoned I.D2 District (i.e. light industrial).

Recent inspections by staff of the Fire and the Planning and Construction Standards Departments and of the Saskatoon Community Health Unit indicate that in the interests of the public's safety and health, the building should be demolished. (Photographs of the building have been filed with the City Clerk.) The reports on these inspections indicate that the following situation exists:

- 1) The vacant building is in a state of extreme disrepair.
- 2) The front portion of the building shows extensive damage from the fire. Ceilings have been torn down and the fire's damage to the roof-joists is evident.
- 3) Large openings exist in the roof and walls, thereby allowing moisture to penetrate the building.
- 4) The rear portion of the building shows extensive wood-rot in the ceiling and rafters.
- 5) The exterior walls are made of wood-frame construction and are in poor condition. The front portion facing Avenue D has been re-sided with siding which has been damaged by the fire. Other siding (metal) is rusting.

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- 6) The interior of the building is cluttered with waste material.
- 7) The condition of the building would allow for the harbourage of rodents and vermin.

Section 124 (2) of *The Urban Municipality Act* states:

'that Council may declare any building to be a nuisance if, because of its ruinous or dilapidated state or its faulty construction, or for any other reason, the Council is of the opinion that the building:

- (a) is dangerous to the public safety or health; or,
- (b) substantially depreciates the value of the other land or improvements in the vicinity.'

It is the opinion within the Planning and Construction Standards Department that the building is a danger to the public's safety and health and that the property should be declared a nuisance pursuant to Section 124 of *The Urban Municipality Act*. It is also this Department's opinion that the building is not worth repairing and that a Demolition Order should be issued."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the information be received;
  - 2) that the building at 119 Avenue D North (Lots 9 and 10, Block 4, Plan DJ) be declared a nuisance pursuant to Section 124 of *The Urban Municipality Act* because, in City Council's opinion, the building is a danger to the public's safety and health; and,
  - 3) that the City Solicitor be instructed to advise the owner, and all persons having any interest in the abandoned property, of the date of the hearing wherein City Council will consider the making of a Demolition Order.

*ADOPTED.*

**B5) Subdivision Application #17/94  
Former Grosvenor Park School Site  
(File No. CC 4300-2)**

The following subdivision application has been submitted for approval:

Subdivision Application: #17/94  
Applicant: Garry Mak, P. Eng., UMA Engineering  
Legal Description: Part of Lot 41, Block 200, Plan G779  
Location: 222 Copland Crescent

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The June 7, 1994, report of the City Planner concerning this application is attached.

During the past year, City Council, the Planning and Development Committee, the Planning and Construction Standards Department, and the Engineering Department have received various inquiries, letters, and written submissions with respect to the possible subdivision and redevelopment of the former Grosvenor Park School site. In this regard, also attached is a comprehensive package of the written materials which have been received by City Council and by the Civic Administration, as well as the responses where applicable, on this matter.

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that Subdivision Application #17/94 be approved, subject to:
    - a) the payment of \$950.00 which is the required approval fee; and,
    - b) the owner entering into a servicing agreement with the City of Saskatoon; and,
  - 2) that the requested easements, as shown on the Plan of Proposed Subdivision, be granted and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute, under the Corporate Seal and on behalf of the City of Saskatoon, the formal Easement Agreements with respect to these easements, in a form that is satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

*Pursuant to earlier resolution, Items A.12, A.13, A.14, A.15, A.16 and A.17 of "Communications" were brought forward and considered.*

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier,*

*THAT the speakers be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*Mr. Terry Boucher, resident of 4 - 1910 Main Street, expressed opposition to the proposed subdivision of the former Grosvenor Park School site.*

*Mr. John Beckman, resident of 303 Copland Crescent, expressed the opinion that the proposed subdivision does not preserve the character of the neighbourhood. Mr. Beckman circulated a copy of a letter dated February 16, 1994 from Darlene McLeod, Planning and Construction Standards Department, regarding an application for a building permit for a dwelling in the Grosvenor Park neighbourhood that was denied and made reference to comments regarding the proposed structure*

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*being perceived to be out of character with the existing neighbourhood. He urged Council to deny the proposed subdivision application and if Council is not prepared to do that, the application should be examined by the City Solicitor or the Planning Department to ensure that it complies with the development plan in the event that it is out of character with other residences in the area.*

*Mr. Roman Bergerman, 403 Copland Crescent, addressed Council on behalf of residents of Grosvenor Park and indicated the concerns of the residents regarding the proposed subdivision. He outlined an alternate plan developed by the Grosvenor Park residents as indicated in his submitted brief.*

*Mr. Garry Mak, Senior Project Engineer, UMA Engineering Ltd., introduced Mr. Daniel Kuhlen, Lawyer representing the Islamic Association of Saskatchewan, who provided background and an overview about the Association. He addressed various concerns raised by area residents regarding the proposed subdivision. Mr. Kuhlen asked Council to approve the subdivision application subject to the recommendations contained in Clause B5, Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner.*

*Dr. Jack Shiffman, resident of 213 Copland Crescent, expressed opposition to the proposed subdivision. He indicated that he is the resident most affected by the proposed access to the subdivision and suggested that access should be from Main Street. Dr. Shiffman asked Council to preserve the trees on Copland Crescent.*

*IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be referred to the Planning and Development Committee for review and report back to Council by the end of July.*

**B6) 1994 Capital Budget  
Project 1133: Civic Buildings and Grounds Department -- Sawdust  
Collection/Ventilation System -- Trades and Stores Building  
(File No. CC 600-1)**

Report of the General Manager, Civic Buildings and Grounds Department, June 14, 1994:

"Project 1133 (Civic Buildings and Grounds Department -- Sawdust Collection/Ventilation System -- Trades and Stores Building) in the approved 1994 Capital Budget includes a provision to purchase and to install a sawdust-collection system for the carpentry workshops and to upgrade the ventilation systems for the equipment-repair shops, the paint-bay area, and the lunch-room at the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department's trades and stores building. The Personnel Services Department's Occupational Health and Safety Section has determined that the existing systems are inadequate and that the air-ventilation levels do not meet the code requirements. The current electrical system must also be upgraded in order to accommodate the proposed new ventilation

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systems.

Bids for this project were received by the Central Purchasing and Stores Department on June 9, 1994, and were accompanied by the required bid bonds and letters of surety. Exclusive of the G.S.T., the results of the tender are as follows:

Inter-City Mechanical (1985) Ltd.	Saskatoon	\$107,540.19
Saskatoon Mechanical Ltd.	Saskatoon	\$127,400.00

The lowest bidder, Inter-City Mechanical (1985) Ltd. of Saskatoon, is acceptable to the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department. The low tender is within the budget which was established for this portion of the work. (As part of the call for tenders, the City requested separate prices for different capacities for the sawdust-collection system. Within the available budget, the lowest bid has permitted the Department to recommend a higher capacity than is identified in the base bid.)

Additional work which will be performed by our own staff in this building includes upgrading the electrical system. This work will take place concurrently with the installation of the new sawdust collection and ventilation systems. All the proposed work for the building is within the total approved budget for this project.

The cost to the City of accepting the low tender is:

Base bid, including applicable P.S.T.	\$107,540.19
Revisions to base bid (i.e. higher capacity of dust-collection system)	<u>2,429.90</u>
Revised base bid	\$109,970.09
G.S.T.	<u>7,697.91</u>
Contract amount	\$117,668.00
G.S.T. rebate	<u>4,398.59</u>
Net cost to the City	\$113,269.41"

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the low tender for improving the air-quality in the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department's trades and stores building, as submitted by Inter-City Mechanical Ltd. (Saskatoon) in the amount of \$117,668.00 which includes the revised base bid and the applicable goods and services tax, be accepted; and,
  - 2) that the City Commissioner and the City Clerk be authorized to execute, under the Corporate Seal, the appropriate contract documents, as prepared by the City Solicitor.



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*ADOPTED.*

**B7) Demolition  
218 - 27th Street West  
(File No. CC 530-2)**

Report of the City Planner, June 13, 1994:

"A fire in December of 1992 caused considerable damage to the building at 218 - 27th Street West. Because of the extent of the damage to the building, the owner was requested to demolish the structure and to clean up the site. By July of 1993, the building had been demolished; however, the foundation remained.

According to a number of inspections which were made to the site, no effort has been made to remove the foundation. This matter has been discussed with the owner of the property. In a May 18, 1994, letter, the City requested the owner to remove the foundation and to fill in, to grade, the open excavation on or before June 10, 1994.

Our inspection of the property on June 13, 1994, indicates that no effort has been made to remove the foundation and to fill in the basement area. A portion of the perimeter foundation, which is built partially of large rocks, had been pushed in at the south-east corner, thereby leaving a small opening into the basement. In addition, a 15-inch diameter hole through the cover over the stairway to the basement was noted.

In its present condition, the site is a nuisance and is dangerous to the public's safety and health. Steps have been taken by the Planning and Construction Standards Department to secure, temporarily, the two openings.

There has been no response from the owner of the building as to his intentions for the property. The present unsatisfactory situation has existed for a year and therefore, action by the City is warranted.

Section 124 (2) of *The Urban Municipality Act* states:

that Council may declare any building to be a nuisance if, because of its ruinous or dilapidated state or its faulty construction, or for any other reason, the Council is of the opinion that the building:

- (a) is dangerous to the public safety or health; or
- (b) substantially depreciates the value of the other land or improvements in the vicinity.'

It is the opinion within the Planning and Construction Standards Department that the foundation at

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218 - 27th Street West is a danger to the public's safety and health, that the property should be declared a nuisance pursuant to Section 124 of *The Urban Municipality Act*, and that a Demolition Order should be issued. (Photographs of the property have been filed with the City Clerk.)"

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the information be received;
  - 2) that the foundation remaining at 218 - 27th Street West (Lot 12, Block 46, Plan DJ) be declared a nuisance pursuant to Section 124 of *The Urban Municipality Act* because, in City Council's opinion, the foundation is a danger to the public's safety and health; and,
  - 3) that the City Solicitor be instructed to advise the owner, and all persons having any interest in the property, of the date of the hearing wherein City Council will consider the making of a Demolition Order.

*ADOPTED.*

- B8) Communications to Council**  
**From: Curtis Olson, Director**  
**The Great Escape**  
**Date: May 30, 1994**  
**Subject: Requesting City to allow The Great Escape free access**  
**to water for the Churchill Park paddling pool**  
**(File No. CC 613-1)**

On June 6, 1994, City Council received the above-noted request from the Summer Program Director of Churchill Park Full Gospel Fellowship. The request is for the City not to charge this organization for the water which is used in its paddling pool. The matter was referred to the Administration for a report. The following report from the General Manager of the Leisure Services Department addresses this question from the perspective of integrating the Churchill Park Full Gospel Fellowship's request within the City's paddling and spray-pool programs. This report does not address the eligibility of this request for funding from the civic grants which are available to local organizations through the Legislation and Finance Committee.

Report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department, June 14, 1994:

"Churchill School, its school-grounds, the recreation-unit building, and the paddling pool were sold to the Churchill Park Full Gospel Fellowship in 1985. The City continued to operate the playground and paddling-pool program at this location, on a full-time basis, until 1986. Due to declining attendance and enrolments, the playground and paddling-pool program was reduced to a

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half-time operation in 1986. In 1987, City Council decided to operate the playground program at this location, but not to place water in the paddling pool.

Complete closure of the Churchill playground and paddling-pool program was approved by City Council in 1988. At the same time, City Council decided to close similar programs at Henry Kelsey and Sifton Parks. In all three locations, the major factors for closing these facilities were the declining attendance and enrolments and their close proximity (within eight to ten blocks) to the playground and paddling-pool programs in another neighbourhood.

Currently, the City operates the following four playground and paddling-pool programs within close proximity of Churchill Park:

- Adelaide Park -- within approximately 7 blocks to the south
- Harold Tatler -- within approximately 10 blocks to the south-east
- Avalon -- within approximately 10 blocks to the west
- W. W. Ashley -- within approximately 7 blocks to the north-west

The Leisure Services Department is of the opinion that these four locations are meeting the programming needs of the children in the Adelaide/Churchill Neighbourhood. This does not mean that The Great Escape is not a good summer program and will be unable to attract interested participants. However, from a public-programming perspective, the Leisure Services Department cannot justify re-allocating funding from its current community-wide playground and paddling-pool program's budget to pay for the water which is used to fill the Churchill Park Full Gospel Fellowship's paddling pool."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the request from the Churchill Park Full Gospel Fellowship for the provision of water, at no charge, to fill its paddling pool near Churchill Park be denied; and,
  - 2) that the Churchill Park Full Gospel Fellowship be advised to consider submitting an application to the Legislation and Finance Committee for financial support under either the Provision of Civic Services Program or the Assistance to Community Groups -- Cash Grants Program.

*ADOPTED.*

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**B9) Assignment of Easement Agreement  
Saskatoon Tower Ltd. to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation  
Saskatoon Police Headquarters Building  
(File No. CC 4090-1)**

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Report of the City Solicitor, June 15, 1994:

"On January 1, 1983, the City of Saskatoon entered into an Easement Agreement with Saskatoon Tower Ltd. providing for access between the latter's vehicle parkade at 125 - 5th Avenue North and the Saskatoon Police Headquarter's Building by means of a vehicular bridge.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation ('CMHC') has now taken possession of the subject property and wishes to formalize the said arrangement by Assignment of the Easement Agreement between the Saskatoon Tower Ltd. and The City of Saskatoon to Saskatoon Tower Ltd. and CMHC. Such assignment requires execution by The City of Saskatoon. To this end, CMHC has forwarded an Assignment of Easement Agreement executed by Saskatoon Tower Ltd. and CMHC requesting execution by The City of Saskatoon."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council authorize His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Assignment of Easement Agreement between Saskatoon Tower Ltd. and CMHC.

*ADOPTED.*

**Section C - Finance**

**C1) Enquiry - Councillor Birkmaier (May 24, 1994)  
Purchase of Computers  
(File No. CC 1100-1)**

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"Would the Administration please report on the recent purchase of computers and disposal of those replaced:

- number purchased
- department
- number that were replaced
- number that are new applications."

Report of the Manager, Corporate Information Services, June 15, 1994:

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"Our last completed Blanket Order for microcomputers (P30861/01) was awarded to the Hewitt Rand Corporation (c/o Compulogic Management Information Systems Inc.) and ran from August 10, to December 31, 1993. The brand of microcomputers purchased is Hewitt Rand. I reviewed the purchases made from the various departments on this Blanket Order and have summarized the information in the table on the following page.

There were a total of 51 microcomputers purchased of which 23 were for new uses and 28 to replace old units. Microcomputers that were replaced were either reallocated within the department, used for parts, traded in or put into inventory for future reallocation. Departments may also send old units to Stores where they will either forward them to C.I.S. for reallocation in the corporation or to the Electronics Shop to be used for parts.

<b>Department</b>	<b># Units Purchased</b>	<b># New Units &amp; Replaced Units</b>	<b>Dispersal of Replaced Units</b>
Comptrollers	1	1 replaced	Reallocated within department.
Mayor's Office	1	1 replaced	Unit not in working order, CIS reallocated usable parts to other units in the corporation.
City Clerk	2	2 replaced	Reallocated within department.
Civic Buildings & Grounds	6	4 new units 2 replaced	1 reallocated within department, other unit used for parts within department.
C.I.S.	17	13 new units* 4 replaced	2 reallocated within department, 2 in inventory to be reallocated within corporation.
Planning	3	1 new unit 2 replaced	2 reallocated within department.
Leisure Services	3	3 new units	
E.M.O.	1	1 new unit	
City Solicitor	3	3 replaced	1 reallocated within department, 2 used for parts within department.
Personnel Services	8	8 replaced	8 traded in for new units.

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Commissioner's Office	5	5 replaced	5 traded in for new units.
Fire	1	1 new unit	

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\* - purchased for capital projects new Platinum Financial System."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Councillor Thompson excused himself from discussion and voting on the matter.*

*IT WAS RESOLVED: that the information be received.*

**C2) Saskatoon Fire Department  
Department Chaplain  
(File Nos. CC 2500-1 and 4510-1)**

Report of the Fire Chief, June 15, 1994:

"The Saskatoon Fire Department together with the Saskatoon Professional Fire Fighters' Union have appointed Rev. Doug Sider to the position of Chaplain for the Saskatoon Fire Department. This is a non-salaried honorary position and is made possible by both his personal commitment and that of Circle Drive Alliance Church where he serves as Assistant Pastor.

Rev. Sider has committed himself to the following duties:

- (1) Presiding at official functions.
- (2) Being available to members of the Department, when requested, for occasions such as weddings, funerals, etc.
- (3) Being available to assist with personal tragedy and need, upon request by the family.
- (4) Visiting staff at the stations as his time permits."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*ADOPTED.*

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**C3) 1993 and Previous Business Tax Write-offs  
(File No. CC 1985-2)**

Report of the City Treasurer, June 15, 1994:

"Attached is a list of Business Tax Accounts for which the businesses discontinued business in 1993 and prior, leaving a business tax balance outstanding.

The Treasurer's Department has made all reasonable efforts to collect the accounts.

All files relating to the designated accounts have been reviewed with the City Solicitor and are, in our opinion, uncollectible. In the case of bankruptcies, claims have been processed; however, confirmation has been received from the receivers that there are insufficient funds to pay the City's claims.

The distribution of this write-off will be as follows:

City	\$14,376.29
School Boards	17,864.75
Business Improvement Districts	<u>1,682.31</u>
	<u>\$33,923.35"</u>

**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council approve of the Business Tax accounts recommended for write-off in the list dated June 1994, in the amount of \$33,923.35.

*ADOPTED.*

**Section D - Services**

**D1) Routine Reports Submitted to City Council**

**SUBJECT**

**FROM**

**TO**

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Business Tax - General License (copy attached) (File No. CC 435-13)	May 1, 1994	May 31, 1994
Property Tax Collections (copy attached) (File No. CC 435-8)	May 1, 1994	May 31, 1994
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$524,701.73 (File No. CC 1530-2)	June 2, 1994	June 6, 1994
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$1,058,012.67 (File No. CC 1530-2)	June 7, 1994	June 13, 1994
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$4,428,868.06 (File No. CC 1530-2)	June 10, 1994	June 14, 1994
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$431,604.22 (File No. CC 1530-2)	June 15, 1994	June 16, 1994

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*ADOPTED.*

**D2) Advance Poll - 1994 Civic Election  
(File No. CC 265-1)**

Report of the Returning Officer, June 13, 1994:

"Section 92 of *The Local Government Election Act* allows Council to authorize the establishment of one or more advance polls for the convenience of persons who would otherwise be unable to cast their votes on election day (October 26, 1994). The Act requires that the advance poll be held at least three days but not more than thirteen days prior to election day.

It is recommended that advance polls be held at the following locations:

College Park School  
3440 Harrington Street



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Holliston School  
1511 Louise Avenue

Lawson Heights School  
430 Redberry Road

Estey School  
441 Witney Avenue North

The hours of operation of the above would be:

Wednesday, October 19, 1994 -	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 20, 1994	- 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 22, 1994	- 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

In addition, it is recommended that an advance poll be established in the City Hall lobby on Saturday, October 22, 1994, between the hours of 1:00 and 6:00 p.m."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Council authorize the establishment of the following advance polls for the 1994 Civic Election:

College Park School  
3440 Harrington Street  
Wednesday, October 19, 1994 - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Thursday, October 20, 1994 - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday, October 22, 1994 - 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Holliston School  
1511 Louise Avenue  
Wednesday, October 19, 1994 - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Thursday, October 20, 1994 - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday, October 22, 1994 - 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Lawson Heights School  
430 Redberry Road  
Wednesday, October 19, 1994 - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Thursday, October 20, 1994 - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Saturday, October 22, 1994	-	1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Estey School 441 Witney Avenue North		
Wednesday, October 19, 1994 -		6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 20, 1994	-	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 22, 1994	-	1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
City Hall Lobby		
Saturday, October 22, 1994	-	1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*ADOPTED.*

*Councillor Thompson re-entered the Council Chamber.*

**D3) Communications to Council from "Citizens for a Quality South Downtown" -- Requesting Submission of a Bylaw to the Electors of the City of Saskatoon  
(File Nos. CC 4130-2 and 300-13)**

Report of the City Solicitor, June 14, 1994:

**"Background**

City Council at its meeting held on June 6, 1994, was addressed by Joan Champ representing 'Citizens for a Quality South Downtown', and was presented with a form of proposed petition which is currently being circulated for signature throughout the community. The proposed petition, copy attached, expresses the signatories desire that a bylaw be submitted to the electors seeking their approval of any transfer or use of certain City-owned lands in the South Downtown as a site for casino gambling and a trade and convention centre. City Council resolved, in part:

**'that the information be received and referred to the Administration for a report in two weeks' time with respect to the wording of the proposed petition and the implications**

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**under *The Urban Municipality Act.***

Section 88 of *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984*, provides in part as follows:

- 88 (1) If a petition requesting the submission of a bylaw concerning a matter within the jurisdiction of the council signed by a number of electors equal to the greater of 15% of the electors or 25 electors is presented to a council, the council shall introduce a bylaw in accordance with the request of the petitioners within eight weeks after the presentation of the petition, and shall take the necessary steps to submit the bylaw to the electors.
- (2) When a petition is received by a council:
- (a) on or before July 1 in any year, the council shall submit the bylaw to the electors before the end of that year;
  - (b) after July 1 in any year, the council shall submit the bylaw to the electors before the end of the next following year.'

In order to satisfy the requirements of Section 88, City Council must be presented with a sufficiently signed petition requesting the submission of a bylaw concerning a matter within the jurisdiction of the Council. Should the requirements of the section be satisfied, a council's function becomes purely 'ministerial', and a bylaw must be introduced and submitted to the electors in keeping with the petition.

**Sufficiency**

Dealing firstly with the question of sufficiency. To meet the statutory requirement, a valid petition must be signed by 15% of the electors of the City of Saskatoon. Based on statistics supplied by the Provincial Department of Health the City Clerk advises that the City of Saskatoon currently has approximately 139,000 electors. Accordingly, to be sufficiently signed, the proposed petition will require the signatures of some 20,850 electors.

**Jurisdiction**

Petitions pursuant to Section 88 must concern 'a matter within the jurisdiction of the council'. The proposed petition provides that those signing:

'Petition City Council to submit to Saskatoon Electors a bylaw asking whether they approve the transfer or use of City Owned Land in the South Downtown to provide a site for casino gambling and a Trade and Convention centre;'

and states on its face that it is '... submitted pursuant to Section 88 of *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984* ...'. The preamble to the proposed petition indicates that 'City Owned Land' means 'Block 146, Plan (Q2) C 195, Saskatoon, bordered by 19th Street, First Avenue, Second Avenue and 20th Street'.

While the wording of any particular petition is subject to interpretation or question, in our view the proposed petition herein sets forth with sufficient clarity the intention of the petitioners.

It should be expressly noted that the petition does not seek a vote upon the issue of gaming and casinos in the City

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of Saskatoon generally. Rather, the petition seeks the submission of a bylaw relating to the manner in which specific City-owned lands may be used or transferred. The manner and conditions upon which City-owned lands may be used or transferred is clearly a matter within the jurisdiction of Council.

Accordingly, we conclude that the proposed petition herein relates to a matter within the jurisdiction of the council, and upon receipt of a sufficiently signed petition in this regard, a bylaw would require to be introduced and submitted to the electors in keeping with the prayer of the petition.

**Implications**

As noted above, should a sufficiently signed petition be presented to the Council on or before July 1, 1994, the Council would be bound to submit the requested bylaw to the electors before the end of 1994. Should a sufficiently signed petition be presented after July 1, 1994, the requested bylaw need not be submitted to the electors until the end of 1995.

In the case of a petition received after July 1, the Council need not wait for the next following year to submit the bylaw to the electors. If Council so wishes, it may place a late-arriving matter on the 1994 civic election ballot rather than holding a separate vote in 1995. (The City Clerk advises that a vote taken apart from the civic election would cost approximately \$140,000.00, which cost would be borne entirely by the City.) In terms of election procedures generally, any petition received prior to August 15 could conveniently be placed upon the ballot for the October 26, 1994, general civic election.

In the event that City Council is presented with a sufficiently signed petition, it should be recognized that the ability of Council to deal with the lands in question will be constrained throughout the period of time leading up to the vote.

**Other Options**

As Council is aware, Section 88 is not the only procedure for placing a matter on the civic ballot. Council may, of its own volition, initiate procedures to submit this matter to the electors at the general civic election to be held this fall.

Section 49 of *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984* provides that Council may "... submit to a vote of the electors any question on any matter within the jurisdiction of the council". Such votes are not binding on Council.

Section 87 of *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984* allows Council to submit a binding bylaw to a vote of the electors, in a manner similar to that set out in Section 88."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Pursuant to earlier resolution, Items A.22 and A.47 of "Communications" were brought forward and considered.*

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*Moved by Councillor Penner,*

*THAT the speakers be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*Ms. Joan Champ, Chair, Citizens for a Quality South Downtown, indicated that 11,000 electors have signed the petition calling for a vote on the proposed South Downtown casino and trade and convention centre. She circulated a copy of letter dated June 14, 1994 addressed to Chief Roland Crowe indicating that the issue is not whether there should be gambling in Saskatoon; it is strictly related to the proposed South Downtown location. Ms. Champ urged Council to reconsider its endorsement of the proposed development and allow the people of Saskatoon to have a say in the decision during the fall civic election.*

*Mr. Smith-Windsor addressed Council and expressed concern regarding the difficulty in marketing the South Downtown property.*

*IT WAS RESOLVED: that the information be received.*

*Moved by Mayor Dayday,*

*THAT the Committee of the Whole rise without reporting at this time and revert back into Council to consider Item 8, "Motions".*

*CARRIED.*

*His Worship Mayor Dayday assumed the Chair.*

**MOTIONS**

**REPORT OF CITY CLERK:**

"Councillor Waygood gave the following Notice of Motion at the meeting of City Council held on June 6, 1994:

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

"THAT the City of Saskatoon rescind its motion of April 18 to support in principle the proposed development of a trade and convention centre and gambling casino on land known as South Downtown.""

For Council's information, the following motion was passed by City Council at its meeting held on April

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18, 1994:

- 1) THAT the City of Saskatoon adopt in principle the project consisting of a farmers market, casino and trade and convention centre to be located on the south downtown project block bordered by 19th Street, First Avenue, Second Avenue and 20th Street, and that this adoption be subject to a due diligence report and subsequent analysis by the City substantiating the viability of the proposed project;
- 2) THAT the Trade and Convention Centre be designated as a top priority under the National Infrastructure Program on the condition that this designation in no way impact on the \$13.4 M funding already committed to the City, nor affect the timing or scheduling of the list of projects already approved;
- 3) THAT the Province be advised that the City of Saskatoon is not prepared to underwrite any operating deficit for a trade and convention centre; and
- 4) THAT City Council answer 'yes' to the following questions which have been put by the Provincial government:
  - a) Does City Council want a major casino developed within the City of Saskatoon?
  - b) If yes, is it the wish of Council that this casino be developed in the project mix proposed for the South Downtown?"

*Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Hawthorne,*

*THAT the City of Saskatoon rescind its motion of April 18 to support in principle the proposed development of a trade and convention centre and gambling casino on land known as South Downtown.*

YEAS: *Councillors Hawthorne, Penner, Birkmaier and Waygood* 4

NAYS: *His Worship the Mayor, Councillors Thompson, Dyck, Mann, Mostoway and McCann* 6

*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Mostoway,*

*THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole with Councillor Dyck in the Chair to consider the reports of the Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

*Councillor Dyck assumed the Chair.*

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Composition of Committee

Councillor K. Waygood, Chair  
Councillor G. Penner  
Councillor P. McCann

**1. Comprehensive Audit  
Planning and Construction Standards Department  
Zoning Standards Branch  
(File No. CK. 1600-7)**

Report of City Planner, June 3, 1994:

"On December 6, 1993, City Council considered a report of the Audit Committee concerning the Planning and Construction Standards Department's implementation plan for the June 11, 1993, comprehensive-audit of the Zoning Standards Branch (formerly called the Development Control Branch). In its report, the Committee requested "that a status report of this implementation plan be submitted to Council through the Planning and Development Committee in June of 1994". City Council received this report and the request as information.

Attached is a copy of an updated (June 2, 1994), status report on the Planning and Construction Standards Department's actions on each recommendation in the Zoning Standards Branch's comprehensive-audit. The most significant actions over the past year were with respect to City Council's decisions on:

- delegating authority to the City Planner for the approval of minor variances to certain requirements in the Zoning Bylaw,
- delegating authority to the City Planner to decide if decisions of the Development Appeals Board should be appealed by the City, and
- increasing the fees, based on an 80% cost-recovery target, for processing rezoning, discretionary-use, and subdivision applications.

In addition, the Zoning Standards Branch is actively engaged in a consultative process to review the City's sign regulations. The audit's recommendations concerning an overall review of the Zoning Bylaw are being addressed through the Plan Saskatoon project which received initial funding in this year's Capital Budget."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*ADOPTED.*

**2. Proposed Closure and Sale of Lane  
Northeast Corner of Circle Drive and Idylwyld Drive  
(File No. CK. 6295-1)**

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Report of Land Manager, June 6, 1994:

"The Engineering Department has requested the establishment of a price for a portion of a lane, which it intends to close, at the northeast corner of Circle Drive and Idylwyld Drive. (See the attached plan.) If the closure is approved, the lane will be sold to Meidl Honda for the construction of a commercial building. Meidl Honda is currently in the process of purchasing the property which is located adjacent to the northeast and south limits of the lane.

Based on past sales in the area, the Land Department estimates the value of the land at \$2.15 per square foot. The total area of the lane that is proposed for closure equals approximately 7746.9 square feet, resulting in a total land-value of \$16,655.83."

Your Committee has reviewed this matter with the Land Manager and

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the sale price for the portion of the lane at the northeast corner of Circle Drive and Idylwyld Drive, which is proposed to be closed, and which is shown on attached Plan G3-SL3, be \$16,655.83.

*ADOPTED.*

**3. Offer to Purchase Tax-Title Property  
Lot 12 and the Southerly 5 feet of Lot 11, Block 43, Plan No. G 198  
324 Montreal Avenue South  
(File No. CK. 4215-1)**

Report of Land Manager, June 6, 1994:

"In 1991, the City Solicitor advised the Land Department that pursuant to *The Tax Enforcement Act*, the City had taken title to the above-noted property. The outstanding taxes and costs on this property totalled \$16,453.32. The property was advertised for sale in accordance with the requirements of *The Tax Enforcement Act*, with the outstanding taxes and costs being the reserve bid.

The tenders closed on April 7, 1992, and no bids were received. The property was then advertised for tender, without a reserve bid being required. Again, there were no bids received when the tenders closed on May 12, 1992.

An offer of \$6,500 for the property has been negotiated with Mr. Darrel Epp. Prior to bringing this offer forward for consideration by the Planning and Development Committee, the Land Department offered the property to Habitat for Humanity, for the sum of \$6,500. However, this organization advised the Department that it is not interested in purchasing the property. Therefore, the Land Department is now submitting Mr. Epp's offer to the Planning and Development Committee for its consideration.



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The Land Department supports Mr. Epp's offer for the following reasons:

- There has been no other offer made on this property during the past two years.
- The City will gain tax revenues and will save maintenance costs by selling the property.
- The price, which represents \$675.60 per front-metre, is consistent with the per-metre price for City-owned land that is currently for sale in the Dundonald and Westview Subdivisions.

The following is the pertinent lot-information:

Legal Description:                      The most southerly 5 feet in perpendicular width throughout of Lot 11  
and all of Lot 12, Block 43, Plan No. G 198.

Zoning District:                      R.2

Frontage:                                9.14 metres."

Your Committee has reviewed this matter with the Land Manager, and

**RECOMMENDATION:**               that the most southerly 5 feet in perpendicular width throughout of Lot 11,  
and all of Lot 12, Block 43, Plan No. G 198, be offered for sale for the sum  
of \$6,500.00 plus G.S.T.

*ADOPTED.*

**4.     Leisure Services Department  
       Summer Recreation Programs -- 1994  
       - Playgrounds  
       - Paddling Pools  
       - Youth Centres  
       - Skateboard Centre  
       File No. CK. 5500-1**

Your Committee has considered the following report of General Manager, Leisure Services Department, dated June 6, 1994:

"Throughout the summer months, the Leisure Services Department's Community Development Branch provides a variety of supervised recreational programs at the neighbourhood and district levels. These programs provide children, youth, teens, and families with opportunities for free access to good quality leadership and balanced recreational activities. They are also provided to encourage a healthy leisure-lifestyle and to enhance the social, physical, and cultural skills of children and youth.

All programs are available free of charge to all participants. As well, their parents and families are welcome at all of our sites.

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Playground and Water-Play Program (Weekdays)

A supervised playground program for children who are from two to twelve years of age will be provided in 43 neighbourhood locations for eight weeks, or 38 full days, in 1994 (i.e. between June 27 and August 19, inclusive). Program leaders will design and deliver a balanced variety of activities at the playgrounds in accordance with the categories which were identified in the Leisure Services Department's needs-assessment survey. The daily activities include sports and games, crafts, music, and special events. Two sites (McNab Park and Dr. J. Valens Park) will be served by a travelling playground program. Water-play is provided as part of the playground program at the 37 locations which have water features (33 paddling pools and 4 spray pools).

The dates of operation for 1994 are different than the previous year. In order to leave less of a gap in programming between the City's summer programs and the start of the school year, our programs will operate one full week longer in August and will not open for two weeks of afternoon and evening operation in June. This change responds to the input that the Department received through polling the participants, feedback from the community and the general public, and comments from the summer program leaders.

The dates and hours of operation for the regular playground program (including the paddling pools and spray pools) are as follows:

June 27 to August 19	Monday to Thursday	12:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
	Friday	12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The dates and hours of operation for the travelling playgrounds are:

June 27 to August 19	Monday and Wednesday	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
McNab Park	Tuesday and Thursday	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

June 27 to August 19	Monday and Wednesday	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Dr. J. Valens Park	Tuesday and Thursday	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
	Friday	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Paddling Pool and Spray Pool Operation (Weekends)

In addition to the regular playground and water-play programs, the Leisure Services Department will provide attendants, through a contractual-service arrangement, to supervise the weekend operations of the 33 paddling pools. These individuals will be responsible for attending to water-quality and participant-safety requirements.

The hours of operation for the weekend paddling pool operation are:

July 2 to August 13	Saturday and Sunday	12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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This represents a change in service from 1993 when the paddling pools were supervised outside of the playground program on weekends from mid-June to mid-August and afternoons for two weeks in June. This service will not be provided in June of 1994 in order to offset the addition of a week of full-time

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operation of the playground and paddling pool programs in August.

The four spray pools (Holliston, Pleasant Hill, Dundonald, and Parkridge Parks) provide an opportunity for self-directed play and do not require supervision. Two of these locations (Dundonald and Parkridge Parks) are new facilities which will operate for the first time this summer. The hours of operation for the spray pools are:

June 1 to June 30	Monday to Sunday	11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
July 1 to August 28	Monday to Sunday	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Youth Centre Program

The Leisure Services Department will once again offer a supervised recreational program, at ten locations, for youth who are from 10 to 19 years of age. The program will run for 33 days over a seven-week period in July and August. The youth centres will be staffed with trained leaders who will work with the youth to design and deliver a balanced variety of program-activities. The dates and hours of operation for all youth centres are:

June 27 to August 12	Monday to Friday	3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
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At the Evan Hardy and Bishop Mahoney Youth Centres, the programming emphasis will be on sports and games. These two centres, which are located in high schools, are responding to a high demand from the older youth for these types of specialized activities.

The centres at St. Mary's and Westmount Schools will be designated as Me Ta We Tan Centres and will have a programming emphasis on experiencing and appreciating the Aboriginal culture. The centre at King George School will also emphasize the Aboriginal culture.

Skateboard Program

A skateboard program will be offered at the Archibald Arena to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for skateboarding in Saskatoon. Trained leaders will supervise self-directed activities, provide instruction and special events, and train participants in skateboard-safety. The dates and hours of operation for the Skateboard Centre are:

June 13 to June 22	Monday to Saturday	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
June 23 to August 13	Monday to Saturday	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*ADOPTED.*

- 5. Value of Maintaining the Level of Leisure and Recreation in Saskatoon  
(File No. CK. 175-4)** \_\_\_\_\_

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City Council, at its meeting held on December 20, 1993, considered Clause 1, Report No. 4-1993 of the Leisure Services Advisory Board recommending various measures to meet the future challenges of the leisure services sector, and resolved that the matter be referred to the Planning and Development Committee for a report.

Your Committee has met with the Leisure Services Advisory Board to discuss the recommendations contained in the Board's report and is still deliberating on various recommendations. In the meantime, your Committee submits the following administrative response to the following recommendation. (Recommendation 4):

- "4) that the City of Saskatoon research and compile:
- a) the percentage of the city labour force that is employed in sports, recreation, the arts and culture to fully realize the major contribution to both the social and economic well-being that this sector makes to the city;
  - b) the number of hours contributed by volunteers in the planning and delivery of leisure services at the community/neighbourhood level;
  - c) the spending on "leisure" pursuits generating economic activity, as well as the economic impact and spin-off benefits;
  - d) the tourist dollars that are generated by recreation, culture, arts and sport activities in the city;
  - e) the amount spent to support recreation, culture, arts and sport programs, facilities and services compared to the amount spent by Saskatoon families participating in these activities;
  - f) the "leisure" contributions to the economic diversification of our city;"

Report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department, May 27, 1994 (in part):

"The Leisure Services Department has reviewed the Advisory Board's report and in general, supports the principles, concepts, and direction that it suggests with respect to the 'value' of leisure and recreation to our community's quality of life. The Department has always believed that an investment in leisure and recreation generates individual, social, economic, and environmental benefits for both current and future generations.

With respect to the specific information which the Leisure Services Advisory Board has requested in the fourth recommendation of its report, the Leisure Services Department has identified the following sources of research and statistical information:

**'The percentage of the city labour force that is employed in sports, recreation, arts, and culture to fully realize the major contribution to both the social and economic well-being that this sector makes to the city'.**

Through Statistics Canada, information is available on the labour force, aged fifteen years and over. Information by industry can be obtained specifically on Saskatoon, but is only updated when the Census is taken.

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Attachment A is an excerpt from this information which identifies the portion of the labour force which is applied to the amusement- and the recreational-services industries. Based on the 1991 Census, the labour force in these industries represented two percent of the total labour force, aged fifteen years and over.

**'The number of hours contributed by volunteers in the planning and delivery of leisure services at the community/neighbourhood level.'**

The Leisure Services Department's Community Development Branch works with the executives of forty-two community associations that represent forty-eight neighbourhoods. Community associations have stated the importance of recognizing the involvement of volunteers in planning and delivering recreational programs and in addressing park issues at a neighbourhood level.

In order to better understand the impact of the community associations' work, the Community Development Branch records the number of hours worked by the associations' volunteers. The tracking of volunteer-hours is done monthly and is summarized into a yearly report.

A volunteer-log was started as a pilot project for 1994. A sample of the log is attached for the Committee's reference. (See Attachment D.) Volunteer-hours are being recorded for the community associations' executive members (e.g. the president and treasurer), as well as ball-coaches, rink-coordinators, volunteers for social events and newsletters, indoor and outdoor coordinators, and volunteer instructors. (An average community association has approximately 12 to 14 members on its executive. The association then has a varying number of workers on subcommittees, as well as people who volunteer on a one-time basis.) The number of individual volunteers and their hours are collected monthly by the Area Recreation Consultant, during the meetings of the community associations' executives.

From January 1, 1994, to April 30, 1994, Saskatoon's forty-two community associations logged approximately 24,570 hours of volunteer-time. An average of 19 volunteers per month are working on the associations' activities. The actual number for each association depends on the needs, interests, availability of volunteers, and season.

The average amount of time spent by any one volunteer is approximately eight hours per month. A community association accumulates an average of approximately 146 hours of volunteer-work per month or on a city-wide basis, approximately 73,710 volunteer-hours per year. At this time, this number does not include the outdoor (summer) recreational activities, such as softball, soccer, and touch football. These activities utilize volunteer coaches from the community.

**'The spending on "leisure" pursuits generating economic activity, as well as the economic impact and spin-off benefits.'**

Statistics Canada gathers information on household expenditures for each metropolitan area. The latest survey was undertaken in 1992. Based on this information, the average household in Saskatoon spends \$2,080 per year on recreation. Attachment B is an excerpt from this survey.

**'The tourist dollars that are generated by recreation, culture, and arts and sport activities in the city'.**

Through the Saskatchewan Department of Economic Development, information is available on tourism-dollars generated from recreational activities in Saskatoon. (See Attachment C.) Based on data from the

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Canadian Travel Survey which is conducted by Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan Department of Economic Development estimates that \$0.08 of every tourist dollar is spent on recreation and entertainment. Using this ratio, \$8 million is generated by tourists from within Saskatchewan and another \$4 million by tourists from other parts of Canada. The Canadian Travel Survey is conducted every two years.

**'The amount spent to support recreation, culture, arts and sport programs, and facilities and services compared to the amount spent by Saskatoon families participating in these activities.'**

Assuming that the term 'support' refers to municipal tax-dollars, this information can be obtained from the Operating Budget which is approved, annually, by City Council. The second half of the information request has been addressed above with respect to Statistics Canada's survey of household expenditures.

**'The 'leisure' contributions to the economic diversification of our city.'**

The Leisure Services Department was unable to identify a source of information on how leisure activities can affect the diversification of Saskatoon's economy. The Leisure Services Advisory Board may wish to meet with the Saskatoon Economic Development Authority to discuss this matter."

Also attached, as background information, is a copy of Clause 1, Report No. 4-1993 of the Leisure Services Advisory Board.

A copy of this report has also been forwarded to the Leisure Services Advisory Board for its information.

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*ADOPTED.*

**6. Leisure Services Department  
Indoor Rink/Soccer Centre Program  
File No. CK. 610-6 and 611-1**

At its meeting held on September 13, 1993, City Council considered Clause 1, Report No. 3-1993 of the Task Force to Review Current Civic Programs, Services and General Government of The City of Saskatoon and resolved:

- 1) that no change be made, at this time, to the City's current involvement in the operation of various City-owned indoor rinks in Saskatoon; and
- 2) that the proposal by Mr. Schroh be referred to the Planning and Development Committee for ongoing review and a report to Council by no later than February 28, 1994."

On February 7, 1994, your Committee reported that more time was needed to do the requested analysis and that a report would be available for City Council's consideration by the end of June, 1994.

At its meeting held on April 11, 1994, City Council considered a report of A Committee of the Whole Council regarding the A.C.T. Arena and the agreement with the Associated Canadian Travellers (Saskatoon Club). City

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Council passed the following motion (in part):

- "2) that the current lease for the A.C.T. Hall continue to apply, but that the terms of a new lease (including any fees for exclusive use of the facility and making a suitable arrangement to accommodate the Saskatoon Figure Skating Club) to extend the agreement to 2007, and possibly to 2017, be referred to the Planning and Development Committee for consideration, and a report back to City Council, within the context of the overall review that the Committee will be undertaking in June of 1994 with respect to turning over the operation of the City-owned indoor rinks to external organizations and/or to the private sector."

If Council concurs with the Committee's recommendation contained in this report, the above matter will be pursued further by the Planning and Development Committee.

On May 2, 1994, your Committee considered a letter dated April 20, 1994 from the Saskatoon Minor Hockey Association regarding the matter of leasing City-owned rinks to private firms. This letter was subsequently referred to the Administration for a response at the time that the Committee considers its outstanding file regarding the operation of ice sheets in the City.

Your Committee has reviewed the following report of Director of Planning and Development dated June 9, 1994:

"In May of 1993, City Council approved a long-term revenue-generating and cost-reduction strategy which will result in fully cost-recovering the rental operations of the City-operated indoor rinks. Subsequently, City Council has received various proposals from the private sector to operate several or all of these rinks. These proposals have been referred to the Planning and Development Committee for consideration in June of 1994.

The following report has been prepared as background information on the current operations of the City-operated indoor rinks and of the various revenue-generating activities and subsidized programs that these facilities are supporting. The purpose of this report is to assist the Committee in determining its strategy for addressing the various requests and issues that have been referred to its attention.

The City's Role in Owning and Operating Indoor Rinks

Since the early 1970s, the Leisure Services Department (formerly the Parks and Recreation Department) was unable to provide all the leisure programs and services which were demanded by the public. Therefore, the Department actively solicited volunteer-organizations to become direct-providers of leisure programs.

Various non-profit organizations have developed to the point where they are the primary delivery-agents for sport and recreational programs for youth (e.g. Saskatoon Softball Association, Saskatoon Youth Soccer Association, community associations, etc.). They have become self-sufficient in their ability to deliver these programs from the beginner to the high-excellence levels.

The Indoor Rink/Soccer Centre Program provides six indoor ice-surfaces and two indoor soccer-pitches in various locations throughout the city. These facilities are primarily made available to accommodate the youth-sports programs. In addition to supporting these groups by maintaining the facilities, the City provides rental subsidies (e.g. Youth Sports Subsidy) and in some instances, project-specific grants (e.g. Community Initiatives Program, Special Events Reserve).

As the operator of the indoor rinks, the City is able to directly influence the activities in and to prioritize

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the use of these facilities. The allocation of space at specific times and dates to youth-sports groups (i.e. Saskatoon Figure Skating Club, Saskatoon Lions Speed Skating Club, Saskatoon Ringette Association, and Saskatoon Minor Hockey Association), to public skating, and to school-aged children and youth (under the joint-use agreement/arrangement with the local School Boards) ensures that the expressed need of the community for priority-use of these facilities for youth-programming is maintained.

In other words, the City's primary reason for controlling the indoor rinks is not to serve recreational hockey teams and tournaments for adults. Rather, the number of rinks and their use is to support the hockey, skating, ringette, and soccer programs of our volunteer-based youth-sports organizations. This support includes ensuring that adequate ice-time is available to serve their programs, that the rental prices (net of the youth-sports subsidy) are affordable, and that the facilities are conducive to youth-oriented activities (e.g. the absence of liquor lounges, providing a smoke-free environment, committing prime-time hours to supporting the development and practice of basic skills, etc.) The City can also support community-based programs such as public skating and Aboriginal sports-training and leadership initiatives.

During the 1993-94 programming season, youth-sports programs and public skating accounted for approximately 96.8 percent of the total allocated prime-time hours of weekly ice-time at the City-operated rinks. The eight privately-owned and operated indoor ice-surfaces (excluding Saskatchewan Place) accommodate the majority of the adult ice-related programs and the higher level youth-hockey leagues (e.g. midget triple-A, junior-B hockey, etc.) in Saskatoon.

Various members of the public, community associations, the Saskatoon Police Service, and special-interest organizations are stressing the increasing importance of providing affordable and accessible recreational opportunities for Saskatoon's youth. They believe that youth who are involved in recreational activities are much less likely to turn to self-destructive and negative social behaviour (e.g. vandalism, drug abuse, etc.). They also believe that recreational activities help to build confidence and self-esteem. Through their involvement in meaningful activities, the participants learn positive attitudes and values that build the individual and that strengthen the community. The support of volunteer-based programs which will serve these aims is not the primary concern of the private-sector indoor-rink operators.

The City's Approved Long-term Strategy to Eliminate the Operating Deficit at its Indoor-Rink Facilities

The projected prime-time ice rentals for 1994 at the City-operated indoor-ice facilities are estimated at 93.5% of the available capacity. The demand for prime-time ice at these rinks has remained relatively constant since 1992.

Based on the Indoor Rink/Soccer Centre Program's approved revenue-strategy, the Leisure Services Department projected that a recoverable cost per available prime-time hour of \$108 (in 1993 dollars) was achievable over a four-year period. Table I shows that, currently, a rate of \$109.51 per prime-time hour is required to break-even on the rental component at the City-operated indoor rinks. (See Attachment I.)

As part of the long-term strategy to reduce the net loss on the rental-operations at the City-operated indoor rinks, the Leisure Services Department has already taken a number of initiatives:

- Converting two rink-supervisory positions to facility-attendant positions, thereby achieving \$11,100 of cost-savings in the 1994 operating budget,
- Installing power capacitors at Lions and Archibald Arenas where the capital cost will be paid



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back by 1996 and where annual operating savings of \$4,000 will be realized thereafter,

- Increasing the non-prime-time rental-fee from \$60 per hour to \$75 per hour, resulting in additional revenues of \$11,400,
- Increasing the rental activities during the summer (e.g. \$5,000 of additional revenue from the Saskatoon Ball Hockey League's use of the Cosmo Arena), and
- Promoting the facilities to achieve more non-prime-time rentals, resulting in \$12,000 per year of additional revenues.

In the future, the City intends to implement additional measures and to pursue other opportunities to reduce the operating deficit of these facilities. For example, an alternative method for cooling the compressors at the A.C.T. Arena has been found. By financing the \$38,500 capital cost through a Productivity Improvement Loan, a five-year payback period has been calculated, after which the annual operating savings will be approximately \$9,000. (A separate report on this matter will be provided to the Planning and Development Committee.) In addition, all of the indoor-rinks are being reviewed under the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department's Energy Management Program.

The Leisure Services Department is also pursuing various ways of expanding the use of these facilities during the summer. Currently, the rinks are being used for activities such as skateboarding and community-sponsored events (e.g. Folkfest, socials, flea markets).

Recently, the Department has been in contact with the National In-Line Hockey Association which promotes and organizes amateur in-line hockey (rollerblade) activities for youth and adults. In conjunction with this Association, the Leisure Services Department is sponsoring two one-day clinics to promote this sport to local youth. Following these clinics, the Department plans to organize an Indoor Roller Hockey League for youth between the ages of 8 and 15. The League will operate during the months of July and August. Because in-line hockey is now one of Canada's fastest growing sports, this initiative by the Leisure Services Department has considerable revenue-generating potential for the City-operated facilities.

Other Considerations

The Indoor Rink/Soccer Centre Program is one of the most complex and integrated programs in the City's operating budget. Over the years, the City has entered into numerous contractual arrangements and City Council has made various commitments to local organizations with respect to the operations of these facilities and to facilitating the provision of various programs.

For example, the license agreement between the City of Saskatoon and the Saskatoon Figure Skating Club for the club's use of the A.C.T. Arena does not expire until June 30, 1996. The agreement between the City and Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. governing the use of the Wheatland B Building as a soccer facility is in effect until April 15, 1998, with a provision to renew the agreement for an additional five years. A long-term agreement also is in effect with the A.C.T. Club of Saskatoon with respect to the use of the meeting room in the A.C.T. Arena.

The Indoor Rink/Soccer Centre Program provides the largest component of the City's contribution to the joint-use agreement/arrangement with the local School Boards. Approximately 804 hours of ice-time will be allocated for this purpose in 1994. These hours represent \$86,100 of deemed rental revenue.

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There is also the City's program of providing time for public-skating at its indoor rinks. Currently, the Indoor Rink/Soccer Centre Program includes a \$38,600 subsidy to support this winter-recreational service to the community.

Conclusion

The City's Administration is facing considerable uncertainty with respect to its future involvement in operating various indoor rinks. Just over a year ago, City Council approved a long-term deficit-reduction strategy which is being implemented. This strategy includes potential capital expenditures which will be financed from future cost-savings, as well as the pursuit of new uses of the facilities for the summer season. The implementation of these initiatives requires a commitment by City Council that the City will continue to operate these facilities for the foreseeable future. The City's Administration cannot recommend long-term commitments to capital projects and cannot negotiate long-term agreements with potential renters if there is uncertainty as to how long the City will continue to operate these facilities.

The uncertainty also has implications for the City's relationship with the youth-sports organizations which it serves. These organizations need to know the City's long-term intentions with respect to the operations of these facilities in order to plan their future programs and financial positions. Similar concerns have been expressed by the Catholic School Board with respect to its joint-use agreement with the City.

Finally, through the strategic-planning process and in consultation with the civic unions, the City's Administration is currently reviewing the City's role and mandate in providing all of its services and in operating its facilities. Recently, the existence of this process convinced City Council to cancel its plans to contract-out the maintenance of Silverspring Neighbourhood Park. A similar rationale could be applied to addressing the proposals which have made by the private sector to operate various indoor rinks.

Attached, as background information, are copies of the following documents:

- Clause 1, Report No. 3-1994 of The Task Force to Review Current Civic Programs, Services and General Government of The City of Saskatoon (Appendix `A`);
- Letter dated April 20, 1994 from the Saskatoon Minor Hockey Association outlining their concerns should the City privatize the operation of indoor rinks, (Appendix `B`); and
- Letter dated June 9, 1994 from the Saskatoon Figure Skating Club in support of the City operating the indoor rinks, (Appendix `C`).

After a careful and thorough review of this matter, your Committee

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the status quo be maintained with respect to the operation of the City's indoor rinks, i.e. that the City continue to operate these facilities.

*Pursuant to earlier resolution, Item A.41 of "Communications" was brought forward and considered.*

*IT WAS RESOLVED: that the status quo be maintained with respect to the operation of the City's indoor rinks, i.e. that the City continue to operate these facilities.*

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**7. Property for Municipal Reserve  
Options to Purchase Property for Additional Park Space  
Riversdale Neighbourhood  
(Files CK. 4020-1 and 4206-1)**

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As City Council is aware, the City has been attempting to address a neighbourhood park deficiency in the Riversdale Neighbourhood by working with its community association to identify suitable properties to acquire and to redevelop for this purpose. Based on the revised open-space guidelines, this neighbourhood is deemed to be deficient in neighbourhood parkland by 2.0 hectares.

Report of Director of Planning and Development, June 8, 1994 (excerpt):

"On October 7, 1991, City Council agreed to take out options to purchase several properties which are located to the east of Princess Alexandra School. However, subsequent analysis revealed that some of the land was contaminated and therefore, was not suitable for use as a park. At the request of the owner of the contaminated land and with the support of the Riversdale Community and School Association, the City deferred pursuing alternative sites for the new park until consideration could be given to the feasibility of having the contaminants removed by the vendor.

On July 3, 1993, the Committee received a status report on these properties. While the City had formally withdrawn its interest in acquiring this land, the vendor was still looking into cleaning up the contaminated site and the Riversdale Community and School Association was still considering its future course of action with respect to whether alternative, but less desirable, sites would be pursued. With respect to the latter, one of the alternatives which had been suggested by the Leisure Services Department involved re-programming Optimist Park.

The following June 7, 1994, report of the General Manager of the Leisure Services Department will update the Committee on the actions which have been taken over the past year and will propose a strategy to conclude the search for additional parkland for the Riversdale Neighbourhood:

**Background**

On August 25, 1993, representatives of the Riversdale Community and School Association and of the Leisure Services and the Land Departments met to discuss several alternatives for addressing the deficiency of parkland in the Riversdale Neighbourhood. The following were the major alternatives which were discussed, as well as the feasibility of their implementation:

**Option 1: Clean up the Avenue F and 21st Street Property which is Adjacent to Princess Alexandra School**

The Riversdale Community and School Association's Executive Subcommittee was informed that it would take a considerable period of time before any resolution could be found to removing the contaminants from the property. In light of this information, the Community Association decided to drop this option; however, the Association agree to continue to press the owner to clean up the property.

**Option 2: Seek Alternative Park-Sites**

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The City was asked to investigate the purchase of property on 19th Street and Avenue F. The Chinese Benevolent Society owns this property, but is not interested in selling it.

The Riversdale Community and School Association's Executive Subcommittee was also informed that the Leisure Services Department could not support a neighbourhood-park project on the site of the former A. L. Cole Power Plant because it would overlap with the existing river-valley park-system which already has more than ample developed park-space.

**Option 3: Relocate the Baseball Program from Optimist Park to Another Venue**

While part of Optimist Park contains some neighbourhood features, approximately three-quarters of the Park has been developed to serve a baseball program which draws its participants from throughout the city. This is a district-park function. By relocating this program, Optimist Park could be redeveloped and be used to serve the neighbourhood-park requirements of the Riversdale Neighbourhood. While Optimist Park is not centrally located in this Neighbourhood, it would nevertheless significantly address this community's 2-hectare park-deficiency. The total area of this Park is 2.9 hectares.

Proposed Strategy for Addressing the Riversdale Neighbourhood's Park-Deficiency

After considering the status of each of the above-noted options, the Riversdale Community and School Association's Executive Subcommittee decided to ask the Leisure Services Department to explore whether the Saskatoon Baseball Council would consider relocating the baseball program from Optimist Park to another venue. In addition, the Executive Subcommittee made the necessary arrangements to present this option to the Community Association's full Executive Committee for ratification and subsequently, to a general public meeting for confirmation. As a result of these discussions, attached is a March 29, 1994, letter from Mr. Ken Redekopp, President of the Riversdale Community and School Association, which officially informs the Department that the Association and its residents are prepared to accept Optimist Park as their neighbourhood park. (See the attached March 29, 1994, letter.)

On March 17, 1994, the Leisure Services Department commenced discussions with representatives of the Saskatoon Baseball Council. At that time, the Baseball Council was asked to consider relocating its program to the existing rugby fields which are adjacent to the Gordon Howe Ballfields and north of the Holiday Park Golf Course's driving range. (This site will be vacated when the new rugby facility on 61st Street is operational in late 1994.) The Baseball Council was assured that the new location would contain the same type and number of amenities as are now available at Optimist Park -- that is, three baseball diamonds, one home-run fence, fully-irrigated fields, access to storage and washrooms similar to the space that is available at the Optimist Play-unit Building, and a gravel parking-lot).

Subsequent to these initial discussions, the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department determined that the proposed site could not totally accommodate the Saskatoon Baseball Council's requirements. Therefore, the Leisure Services Department negotiated with the Land Department to acquire the additional property that would be required. A proposal has been developed whereby approximately 0.38 hectares of adjacent land for the new baseball facility will be traded for the same amount of surplus municipal-reserve land in another location within the city. The Engineering Department has also agreed to support a recommendation to close Schuyler Street and part of Avenue W (which do not presently exist as useable roadways) in order to provide another 0.43 hectares of land for the new baseball facility. (Attached is a drawing of the proposed site for the baseball program that will result from the consolidation of these

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various properties.)

The Leisure Services Department has received the attached June 8, 1994, letter from the Saskatoon Peewee Baseball League (on behalf of the Saskatoon Baseball Council) confirming its agreement with the proposed relocation of its program. The Peewee Baseball League has also committed to provide between \$5,000 and \$7,500 to the financing of this project. This funding will be available upon the completion of the project.

The Cost and Proposed Financing for Moving the Baseball Program and for Redeveloping Optimist Park into a Neighbourhood Park

The following estimates to relocate the baseball program and to redevelop Optimist Park into a full neighbourhood park are based upon the preliminary programming discussions which have taken place with the Riversdale Community and School Association and with the Saskatoon Baseball Council. The Land Department has provided the estimate for the value of the roads which will be closed.

Estimated Capital Costs:

Relocate the baseball program (site development costs, design, construction, land costs)	\$ 427,421
Redevelop Optimist Park (site development costs, design, construction)	250,630
Cost Associated with Closing Schuyler Street and part of Avenue V	<u>7,790</u>
Total Estimated Capital Costs	<u>\$ 685,841</u>

Source of Financing:

Dedicated Lands Account	\$ 680,841
Saskatoon Baseball Council	<u>5,000</u>
Total Financing	<u>\$ 685,841</u>

The present balance in the Dedicated Lands Account is \$1,254,145.

Conclusion

The proposed land exchanges between the Land Department and the Leisure Services Department and the proposed closing of Schuyler Street and part of Avenue V involve somewhat complex and time-consuming processes. However, because the City owns all of the affected properties, the technical details to effect the street-closures and the land-exchanges can be accomplished and reported to City Council at a later date, without delaying the approval of the proposed relocation of the baseball program and the neighbourhood-park development. Therefore, City Council is now being asked to support the relocation and redevelopment strategies, as well as the associated financing, which are outlined in this report as a method of addressing the deficiency of neighbourhood-park space within the Riversdale Neighbourhood.

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It has taken several years to arrive at a feasible and satisfactory approach to addressing the park-deficiency in the Riversdale Neighbourhood. This is best option which is currently available and it has the support of the Riversdale Community and School Association and the Saskatoon Baseball Council. The implementation involves finalizing certain technical requirements, obtaining various formal approvals, and proceeding through the City's participatory and consultative program-identification and design-process for developing the resulting park and baseball facilities. It will take some time before the two facilities are ready for use. The residents of the Riversdale Neighbourhood understand the timing implications and support the process which is being taken to address their park-space deficiency."

Your Committee supports the proposal outlined in the above-noted report.

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the proposed relocation of the baseball program and the related amenities from Optimist Park to the existing rugby site on Avenue U (north of the Holiday Park Golf Course's driving range) be approved, subject to the completion of the relocation of the rugby program to the new facility at 61st Street;
  - 2) that Optimist Park be redeveloped and reclassified as a neighbourhood park for the Riversdale Neighbourhood;
  - 3) that the \$685,841 estimated cost of relocating the baseball program and of redeveloping Optimist Park be approved, with the City's share of the cost (\$680,841) being financed from the Dedicated Lands Account; and
  - 4) that the City's Administration proceed with the appropriate action to effect the land-exchanges and the street-closures that will accommodate the relocation of the baseball program and the redevelopment of Optimist Park.

*ADOPTED.*

**REPORT NO. 10 - 1994 OF THE LEGISLATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Composition of Committee

Councillor P. Mostoway, Chair  
Councillor M. Thompson  
Councillor M.T. Cherneskey, Q.C.

**1. 1994 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program  
Cultural Component  
(File No. CK. 1871-2)**

Report of Chair, Cultural Advisory Subcommittee, May 9, 1994:

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"Overall Comments

The Cultural Advisory Subcommittee has completed its review of the 1994 Cultural Component of the Assistance to Community Groups Cash Grant Program. In order to assist in the equitable distribution of funds this year, the Cultural Advisory Subcommittee stressed two financial factors during the adjudication process.

- First, the Subcommittee considered the ability of applicants to access other sources of funding, such as from corporate sources and from other levels of government. Preference was usually given to applicants who had limited opportunity to obtain funding from other sources.
- Second, the Subcommittee took into account the size of the cash surplus of the applicants, generally providing less funding to applicants with relatively large cash holdings.

Cultural 'Flagships'

In all larger communities there are cultural organizations which, in addition to the specific benefits they provide to citizens and visitors through their programs and community activities, are valued for the signal they send to the outside world that this is a sophisticated city which can support a diversity of cultural institutions. These groups are often described as cultural 'flagships' for the community. Two examples of such cultural 'flagships' which are currently funded through the cultural component of the Cash Grant program are the Saskatoon Symphony Society and the Western Development Museum.

In past years, there have been disagreements between the Cultural Advisory Subcommittee and the Legislation and Finance Committee on the level of funding which should be allocated to the Symphony and to the Western Development Museum. Last year, for example, the Subcommittee recommended funding of \$36,000 for the Symphony, the Legislation and Finance Committee recommended \$37,000; and the Subcommittee recommended \$2,750 for the Western Development Museum, the Legislation and Finance Committee recommended \$4,000. On that occasion City Council chose to fund the increases for the General Contingency Fund. However, in other years such changes have been made by reducing the funding proposed by the Subcommittee for other groups.

The Subcommittee believes that these ongoing differences reflect the 'flagship' nature of these institutions and have arisen because the process by which a dollar value is placed on the contribution of a cultural organization to the City's external image is essentially a political judgement, not one based on cultural benefits to the community. Under the existing process, the Subcommittee must determine which groups City Council wishes to regard as 'flagships' and what level of funding for these groups will be acceptable to City Council, basing this on previous Legislation and Finance Committee decisions.

The Cultural Advisory Subcommittee recommends that City Council identify which organizations are deemed to be the cultural flagships of Saskatoon, make these organizations ineligible for Cash Grants, and allocate a specific amount of funding for these groups outside the Cultural Component of the Cash Grant. The Cultural Advisory Subcommittee assumes that the total dollar value of the Cultural Component of the Cash Grant would be adjusted accordingly. In addition to more accurately reflecting the role these groups play in projecting Saskatoon's image externally, this split in funding will enable the

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other cultural groups to be judged in a more equitable manner and will clearly define the real size of the funding pool available to the remaining groups.

Policy - Sectarian Restrictions

Section 3.1(a)i of City Policy C03-018 (Assistance to Community Groups) states:

**'Community groups that exist primarily for political or sectarian purposes or for the purpose of providing funding to other groups are not eligible for assistance under this policy.'**

The sectarian portion of this clause has presented the Cultural Advisory Subcommittee with difficulties this year. The Subcommittee has assumed that the term 'sectarian' refers to religious affiliation. On that basis problems have arisen, for example, where ethnicity and religion form one entity, the Sikhs. A dual standard then arises whereby a non-religious ethnic group, applying for support for such programs as a language workshop for its members or a community-oriented program to promote a better understanding of its culture, is eligible for a Cash Grant, but a religion-based ethnic group applying for assistance for the same projects would be ineligible. Yet all the projects provide the same level of cultural benefit to the community. There are also groups whose primary purpose is cultural, but which restrict membership based on belief in a particular religion. Should these be considered sectarian groups?

Three examples highlight the Subcommittee's dilemma:

1. The Sikh Society of Saskatchewan (application number 6) applied for funding for a language and culture workshop for its members. Its constitution states that it is primarily a religious group and therefore ineligible for funding. The Subcommittee has recommended denying the application on that basis. (It should be noted, however, that even if it had been considered eligible, it is unlikely that funding would have been recommended in this particular case; little information was supplied on the content of the workshop, nor was any budget for the workshop provided as required.)
2. The Musee Ukraina Museum (application number 11) applied for operational funding. While the mandate of this non-profit group is historical, the qualification for membership is "Any individual who is at least 18 years old and who is a member of a Ukrainian Catholic parish within the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon". That is, membership is based on religious affiliation. The Subcommittee is recommending a grant for this group.
3. The Doukhobor Society of Saskatchewan (application number 12) applied for a grant to prepare a travelling museum exhibit. The objectives of the society are preserving Doukhobor culture and supporting a better understanding of the Doukhobors by Canadian society at large. Membership is open to 'any person who is a resident of Saskatchewan or who is a member of a Doukhobor Society in Saskatchewan and who agrees with the philosophy and creed of the Doukhobors in general.' In this case, the Subcommittee did not make a decision about the eligibility of the organization. It was not necessary since the exhibit will not be displayed until 1995, and therefore, the project itself was ineligible. (Past practice for project-based applications has been to provide funding only for the City's fiscal year in which the event occurs.)

It is recommended that the City review the clause of the Cash Grant policy which denies funding to



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groups which exist primarily for religious purposes and provide policy guidelines for clarification. The Subcommittee supports the principals that public accessibility to City-funded programs is essential and that religious groups should not receive funding under the Cash Grant program. In our multicultural community, however, the reality is that religion and culture cannot always be separated. Therefore, it is important for the City of Saskatoon to ensure that its policies are not inadvertently discriminatory.

Adjudication Process

As part of its adjudication process, the Cultural Advisory Subcommittee considered the amount to be made available for travel grants in 1994. In 1992, travel grants for cultural groups totalled \$1,500, in 1993 the total was \$500, and to date in 1994 grants approved and those recommended total \$1,000. The varying nature of these figures poses difficulties in budgeting for travel grants; however, the Subcommittee believes that a baseline travel grant contingency of \$2,000 for 1994 is realistic.

As a result of its initial adjudication, the Cultural Advisory Subcommittee allocated funding which exceeded the budget of \$98,900 by \$5,700. (See the 'Baseline' column in Appendix A.) In order to meet the available budget, the Cultural Advisory Subcommittee recommends that the top three applicants receiving more than \$10,000, (i.e. the Saskatoon Symphony Society, Persephone Theatre, and Twenty-Fifth Street Theatre [for both its theatre and its Fringe Festival operations]) have their baseline grants reduced by 9.67 percent. (For the impact on their grants, see the 'Recommended' column in Appendix A.) The shaded amounts in the two columns then represent the Subcommittee's recommendations. As an alternative, the Legislation and Finance Committee may wish to consider a cut of 5.575 percent to all groups receiving more than \$1,000 and to the travel grant contingency in order to achieve the budgeted amount. (For the impact on those grants, see 'Alternative' column in Appendix A.)"

Your Committee has reviewed this report and has referred the matter of 'Flagships' to the first budget review session of City Council for 1995. The Committee has also referred the matter of a policy change to the City Solicitor for review and report.

Your Committee has made the following amendments to the recommendations submitted by the Cultural Advisory Subcommittee:

- a) #7 - Immigrant Women of Saskatchewan - be provided with a grant in the amount of \$200.00 (rather than denied);
- b) #8 - Children's International Summer Villages -be provided with a grant in the amount of \$800 (rather than \$1,000);
- c) #9 - Saskatchewan Writers Guild - be provided with a grant in the amount of \$1,500 (rather than \$1,800);
- d) #16 - Yevshan Ukrainian Folk Ballet Ensemble - be provided with a grant in the amount of \$2,300 (rather than \$2,500);
- e) #18 - Persephone Theatre - be provided with a grant in the amount of \$11,000 (rather than \$10,840);
- f) #19 - 25th Street Theatre Centre - be provided with a grant in the amount of \$5,000 (rather than \$5,435);

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- g) #20 - Saskatoon Gateway Players - be provided with a grant in the amount of \$1,200 (rather than \$1,300);
- h) #29 - Magic City Chorus - be provided with a grant in the amount of \$750 (rather than \$1,000);
- i) #30 - The Photographers Gallery Society Inc. - be provided with a grant in the amount of \$1,750 (rather than \$2,500);
- j) #31 - AKA Gallery Inc. - be provided with a grant in the amount of \$1,200 (rather than \$1,500);
- k) #32 - Friends of Broadway Theatre - be provided with a grant in the amount of \$1,750 (rather than \$2,500);
- l) #36 - Saskatoon Fringe International Theatre Festival - be provided with a grant in the amount of \$3,700 (rather than \$3,600); and
- m) Contingency Fund - \$4,825 (rather than \$2,000);

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the 1994 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program - Cultural Component - be allocated as outlined under the last column, "L & F Recomm.", of the attached report.

*Pursuant to earlier resolution, Items A.7, A.26, A.34, A.40 and A.44 of "Communications" were brought forward and considered.*

*Moved by Councillor Mostoway,*

*THAT the speakers be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*Mr. Rick Friesen, President, Saskatoon Symphony Society, addressed Council regarding the services provided by the Society and urged Council to review the recommendation of the Committee and reexamine a long-term plan to increase funding.*

*Ms. Kathy Gray, President, Twenty Fifth Street Theatre Centre, indicated the impact the reduction in funding would have on the Theatre and the ability of Twenty Fifth Street Theatre Centre to carry out its mandate.*

*Ms. Frances Daw Bergles, President, and Ms. Elena Schacherl, Administrative Director, Persephone Theatre, addressed Council regarding their grant application. Ms. Schacherl provided Council with a copy of her brief and highlighted the importance of the Theatre to the City. She urged Council to reconsider the proposed grant to Persephone Theatre.*

*Pursuant to a motion by Councillor Birkmaier and carried by a majority of members of Council the hour of the meeting was extended beyond 10:30 p.m.*

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- IT WAS RESOLVED:*
- 1) *that applications from Saskatoon Symphony Society, Twenty-Fifth Street Theatre Centre and Persephone Theatre be referred to the Legislation and Finance Committee for a further report; and*
  - 2) *that the 1994 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program - Cultural Component - be allocated as outlined under the last column, "L & F Recomm.", of the attached report, with the exception of the applications from Saskatoon Symphony Society, Twenty-Fifth Street Theatre Centre and Persephone Theatre.*

**2. 1994 Assistance to Community Groups - Cash Grants Program  
Social Services Component  
(File No. CK. 1870-2-2)**

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Report of Chair, Social Services Subcommittee:

"General Comments

Recommendations from the Social Services Sub-Committee in 1994 addressed the need for enhanced communication and networking of resources among Social Services organizations. The Committee encouraged community groups to work in a cooperative and collaborative climate to better assess the delivery of services to various consumer groups. Those organizations with a community development focus were supported in their attempts to address community issues through the involvement of consumers in project development.

Applications for 1994 were examined in the context of funding made available. The committee was overwhelmed by the requests as community organizations continue to struggle to meet the demands placed on their service providers. A total of 39 applications were received with requests of \$372,737 with \$138,500 made available in grants. In response to previous years' discussions concerning categories the sub-committee reviewed all applications in the context of services to individuals and families living in the Saskatoon community.

Community Initiatives Grants

The committee recommended an increase to the Child Hunger and Education Program of \$2,055, due to its community development focus with the Saskatoon Inner City. A grant increase of \$500 to Saskatoon Community Mediation Services is recommended due to the value of the peer mediation project in the school system. Both agencies provide education and support services to children and youth.

One organization, Services For Seniors, was recommended for a \$500 increase due to its

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ongoing support to seniors in enabling independent living.

The committee recommended an increase of \$500 to Tamara's House due to its developmental focus on women's issues, and attempt to meet the needs of abuse survivors in the community. The Voyageur Club was recommended for a \$500 increase as the committee recognized the initiative of this organization in meeting the needs of mentally challenged adults who do not fit with established service models.

New Applications

A total of eleven (11) organizations requested \$72,375 in funding. Three agencies are being recommended for funding totalling \$1,680. although the grants are small, the allocations support the initiative of these organizations in addressing community concerns and supports.

Two (2) organizations who had received previous funding in 1992 reapplied in 1994 requesting \$12,750. One organization is being recommended for funding totalling \$500 to address isolation and aging issues in the community.

Community Issues

Through the application review process, the sub-committee identified a number of issues which it felt should be brought to the attention of the Legislation and Finance Committee for further discussion and potential development. These issues are as follows:

- \* Community/Organizational Networking
- \* Short Term Funding
- \* Social Planning

The sub-committee feels strongly that organizations need to begin the process of working in a cooperative and collaborative fashion in the delivery of human services. It is a recommendation of the committee that in future years, priority for funding be given to organizations who take the initiative to assess their mandate and range of services in consultation with other organizations and community groups. It is recommended that future sub-committees redirect funding to those organizations who are working in a developmental focus and meet the highest community needs.

In light of the 1994 review, the sub-committee has identified a number of organizations who now depend on grants year after year to meet their core operating budgets. It is recommended that core funding not be encouraged in policy or practice, and the focus centre on new initiatives and developments. Other means of supporting organizations through income in kind should also be considered.

It is our hope that a social planning model of community planning and development be encouraged through the City of Saskatoon to facilitate the ongoing assessment of community needs and coordination of services. A social planning process would greatly assist in determining program and funding priority in the community.

Conclusion

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The sub-committee wishes to reiterate the need to shift the focus in the allocation of funding and planning for services.

The subcommittee feels the recommendations presented fairly represents their assessment of organizational and community needs at this time. On behalf of the sub-committee, we would like to thank Cal McCarthy, Fiscal Analyst for his knowledge and skill base in the area of community grants."

Your Committee has made the following amendments to the recommendations submitted by the Social Services Subcommittee:

- a) #62 Saskatoon Food Bank - that this application be approved at \$21,450 and referred back to the Committee for further consideration by October 1, 1994;
- b) #71 Saskatoon Services for Seniors - that funding in the amount of \$10,000 be approved, towards the proposal explained in the letter dated March 10, 1994 from Saskatoon Services for Seniors (Attachment 2.A), and that this amount be funded from the Contingency Fund; and
- c) #78 YWCA - (transferred from Recreation Division) - that funding in the amount of \$1,500 be approved, and that this amount be funded from the Contingency Fund;

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the 1994 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program - Social Services Division - be allocated as outlined under the last column, "L & F Recomm.", of the attached report (Attachment 2.B); and
  - 2) that #62 - Saskatoon Food Bank - be allocated as outlined in Attachment 2.B and referred back to the Legislation and Finance Committee for further consideration by October 1, 1994.

*Pursuant to earlier resolution, Items A.24, A.29, A.30, A.32, A.36, A.37 and A.38 were brought forward and considered.*

*Moved by Councillor Mostoway,*

*THAT the speakers be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*Ms. Gwen McDonald, President, Saskatoon Services for Seniors Inc., expressed appreciation to Council for the grant recommended and stressed the importance of this grant to achieve the long-term goals of the organization to improve the quality of life for seniors.*

*Reverend Colin Clay, Chair, Saskatoon Food Bank Board, thanked Council for the recommendation to maintain*

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*the grant of \$21,450. He requested Council to reexamine the way funding is done in the future and urged Council to take wider responsibility for the Food Bank.*

*Mr. George Thomas, Executive Director, Saskatchewan Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Inc., expressed concerns with respect to the grant application being turned down. He indicated the need for this grant to provide interpretive services for citizens to attend various community events.*

*Ms. Marusha Taylor, Member, Board of Directors, Gay and Lesbian Health Services, expressed concern with respect to the recommendation regarding the grant application. She indicated the importance of providing funding to the organization.*

- IT WAS RESOLVED:*
- 1) that the 1994 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program - Social Services Division - be allocated as outlined under the last column, "L & F Recomm.", of the attached report (Attachment 2.B); and*
  - 2) That #62 - Saskatoon Food Bank - be allocated as outlined in Attachment 2.B and referred back to the Legislation and Finance Committee for further consideration by October 1, 1994.*

**3. Letters of Credit - Centennial Auditorium  
(Files No. CK. 620-3 and 1500-1)**

Attached is a copy of a memo dated June 1, 1994 from Rob Jones, Executive Director, Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium and Convention Centre containing a proposal for a Reimbursement Agreement with the City in support of the Centennial Auditorium for obtaining Letters of Credit to secure major theatrical productions, which resulted from negotiations with the Director of Finance at the request of the Committee.

Your Committee has determined that the administration supports the proposal, which essentially provides that the City will authorize Letters of Credit providing the Auditorium places an equivalent amount of cash on deposit to secure the Letters. This provides the Auditorium with the necessary financing requirements, while exposing the Auditorium and the City to minimum cash loss.

Your Committee has reviewed this proposal and

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue Letters of Credit for the Centennial Auditorium, up to a maximum total issue of \$600,000 (U.S.), providing an equivalent amount of cash is held in deposit by the Centennial Auditorium.

*ADOPTED.*

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**4. Revised Assessment Taxation System  
Capital Project #964  
(Files No. CK. 1703 and 1615-2)**

Report of Director of Finance, June 7, 1994:

"At City Council's December 6, 1993 meeting, the Legislation and Finance Committee presented the attached report which was approved. The report outlined the strategy to upgrade our current tax and assessment computer system. Administratively, we have proceeded to implement this upgrade.

The report also outlined the potential future requirements to purchase a computer-assisted mass appraisal system. The report states:

**'There may be future requirements for an independent computer-assisted mass appraisal (CAMA) system. This system would allow the City to develop its own valuation approach to assessments and not be dependent upon the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency for calculations of assessments. The City of Saskatoon is an independent real estate market compared with only the City of Regina and the current SAMA system does not separate the larger cities from the rest of the Province. It is anticipated that any future CAMA system would be jointly developed and funded with the other three major cities (Moose Jaw, Prince Albert and Regina). The cost of Phase 2 is estimated at \$300,000.'**

The Committee is well aware of the incompatibility of the present SAMA computer system and our own. This difficulty has led to many frustrations as we have attempted to prepare for a total reassessment. The City of Regina has had similar problems. For the last two years, SAMA, the City of Regina and ourselves have attempted to find a computer system that will resolve these difficulties. Many systems were examined, but were all rejected for a variety of reasons. Then a proposal from KB Systems Inc. of Clearwater, Florida, was evaluated. This system appears to meet the needs of SAMA and the two major cities. The system has the capacity to handle all assessments in the province, including the unique requirements of Saskatoon and Regina. By everyone having the same system, obviously all compatibility problems are resolved, and one major hurdle to reassessment has been eliminated.

Once the acceptance of the system was determined, negotiations took place with KB Systems as to the total cost of the system, and with SAMA as to the share of the costs Saskatoon and Regina would be responsible for. KB Systems reduced its original cost estimate from \$1,140,000 to \$950,000, and SAMA agreed to share in the costs based on the distribution of assessment within the province. The estimated costs of the total system are shown in Appendix "A". The Saskatoon costs will be approximately \$176,000, plus the associated hardware costs.

The specific costs for our corporation would be:

KB Systems Software	\$176,000
Server Hardware & Operating System	85,300
Uninterrupted power supply & cabling	700

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Connectivity software	2,500
PST & GST	34,400
Contingency	<u>10,000</u>
Total cost	<u>\$308,900</u>

It is estimated that if the City purchased the system as a stand-alone system, the cost would have been in excess of \$400,000. This joint venture has provided savings for all parties.

The SAMA Board and the City of Regina's Council have approved the purchase and are awaiting approval from the City of Saskatoon to proceed with purchasing and installing the system.

FINANCING STRATEGY

The System Development Reserve and Electronic Machine Replacement Reserve are sufficient to fund the Server Hardware and Operating Systems at a cost of \$85,000, plus GST and PST. The remainder of the project can be funded by the Reserve for Capital Expenditures.

CONCLUSION

The KB computer-assisted mass-appraisal system is the best alternative for SAMA, Regina and Saskatoon in resolving their historical computer capability difficulties. The cost-shared funding benefits are evident in implementing the system, and as the SAMA Board and City Council in Regina have approved the purchase, administratively we are prepared to recommend the purchase of the KB mass-appraisal assessment system."

Your Committee has reviewed this matter with the City Assessor and

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) that City Council approve the purchase of KB mass - appraisal computer system and related hardware;
- 2) that the source of funding for the computer hardware be the System Development Reserve and the Electronic Machine Replacement Reserve, and the software package and related items be funded from the Reserve for Capital Expenditures;
- 3) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary documents, under the Corporate Seal; and,
- 4) that all of the above be subject to the finalization of a contract that is satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and finalization of a cost-sharing agreement with SAMA and the City of Regina.

*ADOPTED.*

5. **Request for Review of Taxes on Land  
1701 - 16th Street West  
Saskatoon Fresh Pack Potatoes Ltd.  
(File No. CK. 1920-1)**

Attached is a copy of a letter dated June 7, 1994 from Alesa Verreault, Corporate Development, Saskatoon Fresh



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Pack Potatoes Ltd., expressing concern about the reassessment of the land at 1701 - 16th Street West.

Your Committee met with representatives of Saskatoon Fresh Pack Potatoes Ltd. to discuss their concerns and determined that they believe there has been a mistake made in the assessment of the land, in that it includes the cost of the environmental clean up that was done by the previous owner, and does not reflect the actual price they paid for the land. This matter has been dealt with by the Board of Revision and the Assessment Appeals Committee of the Saskatchewan Municipal Board, resulting in no change to the current assessment value of the land. Your Committee has no jurisdiction to rule on such matters, and has suggested to Saskatoon Fresh Pack Potatoes Ltd. that if they wish to pursue the matter, it should be through the Board of Revision.

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*ADOPTED.*

**6. Proposed Amendment - Policy C01-009  
"Flypasts and Parachute Jumps - City Approval"  
(File No. CK. 205-0)**

The Legislation and Finance Committee has considered two requests which fall under the above Policy (copy attached) at recent meetings, and provided the City's approval subject to the appropriate administrative conditions, because the events were to be held before the next meeting of City Council. The Committee would like to provide the administration with the authority to administer these events rather than City Council, and therefore would like the appropriate amendments made to Policy C01-009 "Flypasts and Parachute Jumps - City Approval" to effect this change in procedure. The Policy currently reads, under Section 3.3(b):

*"City Council will deal with each application on its own merits."*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) that Policy C01-009 "Flypasts and Parachute Jumps - City Approval" be amended to provide that approval be obtained from the Administration rather than City Council; and
- 2) that this matter be referred to the Administration for preparation of the appropriate Policy amendment in consultation with the City Solicitor.

*ADOPTED.*

**REPORT NO. 15 - 1994 OF THE WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

Composition of Committee

Councillor M. Hawthorne, Chair  
Councillor B. Dyck  
Councillor D. L. Birkmaier  
Councillor O. Mann

**1. Application for Water Connection  
Saskatchewan Water Corporation East Treated Water Line**

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**Brian Mitzel**  
**NE 18-35-03-W3M**  
**(File No. CK. 7781-2)**\_\_\_\_\_

Report of the Manager, Water and Pollution Control Department, June 1, 1994:

"The attached application for connection to the Saskatchewan Water Corporation East Treated Pipeline was received on May 30, 1994, from Brian Mitzel. The application is for domestic and agricultural uses on a 70-acre property. He has not indicated what his estimated monthly water consumption would be, but rather has shown the records of his current consumption as a resident of the City.

The property does abut the treated water pipeline, however, the application does not meet the criteria of Policy C09-018 'Potable Waterline Connections' with regard to the size of the parcel, and the owner's source of income. It is also unclear whether or not Mr. Mitzel has agreed to refrain from reducing his land by subdivision, or he has simply not answered affirmatively due to the fact that the land parcel is only 70 acres."

Your Committee has met with Mr. and Mrs. Mitzel to discuss this application.

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the application to the Saskatchewan Water Corporation Pipeline East by Brian Mitzel be denied; and
  - 2) that the Saskatchewan Water Corporation be so advised.

*Pursuant to earlier resolution, Item A.39 of "Communications" was brought forward and considered.*

*Mr. Brian Mitzel addressed Council regarding his application for water connection.*

- IT WAS RESOLVED:*
- 1) *that the application to the Saskatchewan Water Corporation Pipeline East by Brian Mitzel be denied; and*
  - 2) *that the Saskatchewan Water Corporation be so advised.*

**2. Collection of Residential Solid Waste**  
**(File No. CK. 7830-3)**\_\_\_\_\_

Report of the City Engineer, May 24, 1994:

"Since 1985, the City of Saskatoon has been moving toward a fully automated residential garbage collection service, with approximately 95% of the estimated 52,000 single family/duplex dwelling units now served by the automated system.

The current system employs two types of garbage containers; the large 300-gallon containers placed in the back lanes and serving 3 or 4 dwelling units, and the smaller 100-gallon containers serving individual dwelling units. For the most part, the 100-gallon containers are used in the residential areas not provided with rear lanes. However, there are some areas that have rear lanes but, for a variety of reasons, it was deemed necessary to use the individual containers (e.g. lanes too narrow for trucks to manoeuvre).

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In converting to the automated system, the City of Saskatoon has invested significant capital expenditure. At the present time, there are approximately 16,400 individual containers serving the front street system, and 9,000 containers serving the rear lane system. The most recent tender for the two types of containers, resulted in costs of approximately \$90.00 per small container (1992) and \$197.00 per large container (1993). The trucks used for the automated system are capable of picking up either the small or large containers.

A long-term goal of the Engineering Department is to have the collection of residential garbage operate as a utility. This is consistent with other municipalities like: Kincardine in Ontario; Gananogne in Ontario; Victoria, Oak Bay, Saanich and Esquimalt in B.C.; Manitoba; Lethbridge and Calgary in Alberta. Quebec and New Brunswick are also interested in promoting solid waste management as a utility. The benefits of operating garbage collection as a utility (i.e. charging on individual basis) are:

1. It permits a more equitable method of charging for the collection and removal of garbage. The more an individual produces the more he/she is charged.
2. It can be used to encourage garbage reduction, reuse, and recycling.
3. It would reduce one demand on general taxation and replace it with a user fee.
4. By having their own container, some residences would find it more convenient than competing with their neighbours for the container capacity.

A fundamental requirement for going to a utility is that customers be charged on an individual basis for the garbage they generate. In the case of residential garbage pickup, this requires that each residential unit have its own garbage container. This would make the large 300-gallon containers, serving three or four residential units, obsolete for our system. However, there are approximately 9,000 large containers in use at the present time, and to remove them from service prior to their full life expectancy is not an efficient use of public funds.

We are proposing to phase out the use of 300-gallon garbage containers for residential garbage collection over a period of time. Each year some garbage containers require replacement. We would convert an area from rear lane pickup using the large containers to front street pickup using the small containers. The large containers would then be used as replacements in the remaining areas of rear lane pick up. This proposal would achieve two objectives: to convert to separate containers for each residential unit, and to utilize the full life of our existing large containers.

There are two drawbacks to the conversion to front street pickup using individual containers for each residence:

1. The cost of three small containers is greater than the cost of a single large container.
2. The operating costs for front street pickup using small containers is approximately 6% (approximately \$1.50 per metric tonne) higher than for rear lane pickup using the large containers.
3. All residential garbage pickup would be done on a designated day basis, which some residents would find inconvenient.

As noted, the concept of a utility for garbage collection is a long-term goal. We believe that conversion

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to the use of small containers for individual residences is a pre-requisite to a utility. However, the conversion does not force us to go to a utility. It does provide the flexibility.

We are seeking approval for the conversion at this time so that we can cease purchasing the large containers. A decision now is not critical, but if the long-term direction is to go to a utility, the sooner we have that capability the better."

Your Committee has considered this report and supports the long-term conversion from rear lane residential garbage pickup using large containers to front street residential garbage pickup using small containers. The Administration has been requested by your Committee to explore further the matter of the collection of garbage operating as a utility.

**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council approve the long-term conversion from rear lane residential garbage pickup using large containers to front street residential garbage pickup using small containers.

*IT WAS RESOLVED: that City Council approve on an interim basis for a one-year trial basis the long-term conversion from rear lane residential garbage pickup using large containers to front street residential garbage pickup using small containers.*

**REPORT NO. 3 -1994 OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Councillor M. Thompson, Chair  
His Worship Mayor Dayday  
Councillor D.L. Birkmaier  
Councillor P. McCann

**1. Audit Report - Transit Department  
(File No. CK. 1600-9)**

Attached is a copy of the Report of the City Auditor on the Transit Department which has been considered by the Audit Committee and the Works and Utilities Committee. The Works and Utilities Committee has indicated that it agrees with all of the management responses contained in the report, and that additionally, the Committee will be undertaking a review of the role and responsibilities of the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Transit Operations, as recommended under Recommendation No. 11 of the report.

The Audit Committee also agrees with all of the management responses contained in the report, and

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- RECOMMENDATION:**
- a) that City Council endorse the recommendations contained in the Report of the City Auditor on the Transit Department;
  - b) that within two months, the Administration table a completed Implementation Plan with City Council; and
  - c) that the Administration be instructed to report to City Council, on an annual basis, the status of the recommendations contained in the Report of the City Auditor on the Transit Department.

*ADOPTED.*

**REPORT NO. 4 - 1994 OF THE LAND BANK COMMITTEE**

Composition of Committee

Councillor M.T. Cherneskey, Q.C., Chair  
Councillor P. McCann  
Councillor O. Mann  
His Worship the Mayor  
City Commissioner  
Director of Finance  
Director of Works and Utilities  
Director of Planning and Development

**1. Offer to Purchase City-Owned Land  
The Most Northerly 101.38 metres in Perpendicular Width Throughout  
of Parcel B, Plan 94-S-17318, Lakeridge Subdivision  
Carma Developers Ltd. (Cairns Developers)  
File No. CK. 4215-1**

Report of Land Manager, June 2, 1994:

"When the Lakeridge Subdivision was replotted in 1984, the lots on Swan Crescent were created with a depth which could be consolidated with the land from the road allowance which would eventually be closed and moved to the new alignment further to the east. (See the attached map.) With the additional land from the closed road allowance, legal single-family lots which fronted onto Swan Crescent would be created.

A replot is now in progress. This action will close the existing road allowance and create a City-owned parcel that can be sold to the owners of the land fronting onto Swan Crescent. Cairns Developers has requested to purchase that portion of the old road allowance that is immediately behind its property (Parcel M, Plan 84-S-30069). Cairns installed all frontage services to Parcel M when the balance of the area was serviced in 1986.

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As an alternative to selling the old road allowance, the City could purchase Cairns' property; however, the City would then have to pay Cairns for the land plus all of the direct services. In the opinion of the Land Department, it is more reasonable to sell our land, rather than to attempt to purchase that which belongs to Cairns.

A similar sale to Cairns of a residual road-allowance parcel in the Lakeridge Subdivision occurred in 1991. The approved selling price of this land at that time was \$8.15 per square metre. The Land Department recommends using the same price of \$8.15 per square metre for this proposed sale.

The particulars of the land which is proposed to be sold are as follows:

Area: Approximately 1,935 square metres (0.478 acres)  
Selling Price: \$15,800.00 (approximately)."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the most northerly 101.38 metres in perpendicular width throughout of Parcel B, Plan 94-S-17318 (former road allowance land) be sold to Carma Developers Ltd. for a price of \$8.15 per square metres, plus any applicable taxes.

*ADOPTED.*

**2. Request to Option City-Owned Property  
Lot G, Block 622, Plan 79-S-43600  
M.1 Zoned Property on LaRonge Road, Lawson Heights  
Saskatoon Christian Assembly  
File No.CK. 4215-1**

Report of Land Manager, June 2, 1994:

"The Saskatoon Christian Assembly wishes to purchase Lot H, Block 622, Plan 79-S-43600 for its church building and to option the adjacent Lot G to allow for future expansion. (See the attached plan.) Both lots are currently offered for sale, over the counter, on the City's list of miscellaneous properties that are available for sale. The sale of Lot H can occur under the terms which were previously-authorized by City Council. The option on Lot H will required City Council's approval.

The following is the pertinent information on these lots:

- Lot to be purchased
  - Legal Description: Lot H, Block 622, Plan 79-S-43600
  - Zoning District: M.1
  - Area: 0.1372 ha. (0.34 acres)
  - Price: \$58,840.32
  
- Lot to be optioned
  - Legal Description: Lot G, Block 622, Plan 79-S-43600

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Zoning District: M.1  
Area: 0.0633 ha. (0.16 acres)  
Price: \$27,145.51

The City's practice for non-profit groups is to option land for up to five years, with the annual option fee being two percent of the sales price. The price of the land is fixed for the term of the option, except for increases to the price which are caused by changes to the prepaid-services rates.

The Land Department supports the request to option Lot G, under the following conditions:

- a) Lot H, Block 622, Plan 79-S-43600 is purchased;
- b) The option term is one year, with two one-year extensions for a maximum option-term of three years;
- c) The option fee is paid annually in advance;
- d) The annual option fee (\$542.91) is two percent of the approved selling price; and
- e) Lot G is consolidated with Lot H as a condition of exercising this option."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that Lot G, Block 622, Plan 79-S-43600 be optioned to the Saskatoon Christian Assembly under the terms and conditions which are outlined in the above report; and
  - 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary Option Agreement and that His Worship The Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement under the Corporate Seal.

*ADOPTED.*

**3. Request for a Restrictive Covenant on City-Owned Land  
Public Works Canada/Transport Canada  
Parcel A, Plan G375, Pt. NW 1/4 7-35-5-W3rd  
File No. CK. 4214-1**

Report of Director of Planning and Development, June 3, 1994:

"On May 2, 1988, City Council considered the attached report concerning the new comprehensive air-traffic-control radar system (RAMP) at John G. Diefenbaker Airport. The Federal Government had requested the City's agreement to have a restrictive covenant placed on City-owned Parcel A, Plan G375 which is located in the NW 1/4 7-35-5-W3rd immediately adjacent to the airport. At that time, City Council resolved:

- "1) that City Council agree in principle to the proposed restrictions on Parcel A, Plan G375; and
- 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to submit to City Council, for approval, an agreement covering the proposed restrictions."

Since 1988 (and until recently), the City's Administration had been unsuccessful in concluding the agreement with Public Works Canada. This matter seemed to have been given very low priority by the Federal Government and the City's Administration was unable to obtain the approval of the appropriate

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federal officials to a draft agreement on this matter which had been prepared by the City Solicitor. Rather than keeping the City's file open indefinitely, City Council agreed to the following resolutions during its October 26, 1993, meeting:

- "1) **that City Council's May 2, 1988, resolution concerning the placing of a restrictive covenant on Parcel A, Plan G375, NW 1/4 7-35-5-W3rd, be rescinded;**
- 2) **that the Land Manager advise the Federal Government that City Council has rescinded its previous decision on this matter, but that the City would be prepared to reconsider this matter whenever the Federal Government comes forward with a proposal; and**
- 3) **that the City's file on this matter be closed."**

Report of the Land Manager, June 3, 1994:

"In the attached February 23, 1994, letter from Mr. J.C. Duperreault, Q.C., of the Federal Department of Justice, we have been advised that the Federal Departments of Transport and of Public Works have accepted the draft agreement which was submitted to them by the City Solicitor on September 5, 1991. (See the attached agreement.) Therefore, we have been requested to provide four executed copies of the agreement and a certified copy of City Council's resolution authorizing the City to enter into this agreement.

The Land Department and the City Solicitor are satisfied that the proposed agreement accurately reflects Council's intention in its original May 2, 1988, resolution. Therefore, we recommend that City Council should again approve the proposed restrictive covenant agreement on this land and authorize the execution of the agreement."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the attached Restrictive Covenant Agreement for Parcel A, Plan G375 between the City of Saskatoon and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, be approved as prepared by the City Solicitor; and
  - 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement under the Corporate Seal.

*ADOPTED.*

**4. Offer of City-Owned Land  
Ideas Challenge Program  
File No. CK. 4215-1**

Report of Director of Planning and Development, June 3, 1994:

"On March 28, 1994, City Council considered a proposal to make the City-owned M.3-property at the corner of 5th Avenue and 25th Street available for sale to successful applicants for funding under the Ideas Challenge Program. The purpose of this Program is to encourage innovative designs and



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construction-practices for multi-unit residential buildings of five storeys or greater. One of five demonstration projects is being funded in the prairie region under this Program. By identifying this property as being available for sale to a successful applicant, the City could support and facilitate the preparation of applications from local firms. As a result, City Council resolved:

- 1) **that the City-owned property at 5th Avenue and 25th Street, being Lots 1 - 12, except the North 5' of Lot 12, Block 181, Plan No. Q.13, be made available, until September 30, 1994, to all project teams who submit proposals under the Ideas Challenge Program;**
- 2) **that this property be offered for sale to an Ideas Challenge Program's project if one is approved to be built in Saskatoon; and**
- 3) **that the price of the property be \$500,000.00, plus applicable taxes.'**

Report of the Land Manager, June 3, 1994:

"Through the attached June 2, 1994, letter from Mr. Bill Dyck of U.F.A. Systems, we have been advised that the submission from Saskatoon under the Ideas Challenge Program was not chosen by the competition-jury as one of the finalists. However, Mr. Dyck is asking the City to hold the property at 5th Avenue and 25th Street for possible sale to his company. He wants to attempt to negotiate financial arrangements with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (C.M.H.C.) to proceed with his proposed project in any event. According to our discussions with representatives of C.M.H.C., there has been no application submitted to date by U.F.A. Systems Inc.; marketability is the only criteria that the Corporation will consider when underwriting such projects.

The City's policy, when offering property for sale for the first time, is to tender it, with a reserve bid. By advertising the tender in the newspaper, all potential purchasers are given a fair opportunity to bid on the property. If there are no bidders, then the property is placed on our sales-list and is sold, over the counter, on a first-come first-served basis.

This property is currently used to provide 100 electrified parking-stalls to the employees of the Saskatoon Police Service; a further 29 non-electrified stalls are leased to Imperial Parking. If this property is sold, then another location must be found to satisfy the Police Services' parking requirements. At this time, the City has no other property in the Downtown area that can accommodate 100 cars; this parking requirement would likely have to be supplied by privately-owned parking-lots.

Because there was no winner of the Ideas Challenge Program from Saskatoon, the property should now revert back to its current primary use (i.e. providing 100 parking stalls for the Police Service), as was specified by City Council in its March 28, 1994, resolution. The lease-rate for this parking is \$60,000.00 a year and is considered to be a good return (assuming that the sales-price of the property is \$500,000.00).

The following are the alternative courses of action that may be taken with respect to Mr. Dyck's request:

- hold the land for U.F.A. Systems Inc., as requested in the attached June 2, 1994, letter;
- place a reserve bid on the land, offer it for sale by public tender, and advise the Saskatoon Police Service that the property may not be available for parking in the near future; and

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- do not offer the property for sale and continue to lease the land to the Saskatoon Police Service for \$60,000.00 a year."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the City-owned property on the north-east corner of 5th Avenue and 25th Street not be offered for sale at this time, and that the City continue to lease the property to the Saskatoon Police Service and others for parking purposes.

*ADOPTED.*

**REPORT NO. 6 - 1994 OF THE PERSONNEL AND ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE**

Composition of Committee

Councillor M. Thompson, Chair  
Councillor D.L. Birkmaier  
Councillor O. Mann  
Councillor M.T. Cherneskey, Q.C.  
Councillor P. McCann

**1. Enquiry - Councillor Birkmaier - February 14, 1994  
Appointment of Individuals to Boards, Committees  
and Commissions as City Representatives  
(File No. CK. 225-5)**

Councillor D.L. Birkmaier made the following enquiry at the meeting of City Council held on February 14, 1994:

*"Would the Personnel and Organization Committee please review the reporting process with respect to individuals who are appointed to Boards, Committees or Commissions as a City representative. How is Council informed of these appointments? What authority does this individual have?"*

Report of City Commissioner, May 13, 1994:

"When members of the Administration are appointed to civic Boards, Committees, or Commissions, they are provided with a copy of City Council Policy No. C01-003, copy of which is attached. Section 3.2 reads as follows:

**'In addition to Section 3.1 above, City employees are expected to respect and represent the official views of the City and act in conformity with City policies and practices. It is expected that appointed officials would report important matters to their superiors in the normal manner, and could ensure that other civic operations would be represented and relevant activities and interests would be coordinated with appropriate City departments'.**

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As Section 3.2 indicates, the expectation is that City employees represent the official views of City Council and report back to either City Council or to their appropriate supervisor.

I trust this information will be of assistance to the Committee."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*ADOPTED.*

**2. Report on Recommendations of  
the Focus Group on Women's Issues in the Community  
(File No. CK. 175-38)**

City Council considered Clause 1, Report No. 4-1994 of the Personnel and Organization Committee on the above matter at its meeting held on March 28, 1994, and adopted the following recommendation, being one of several:

*"that the Director of Personnel Services be requested to provide a report to the Personnel and Organization Committee on the Employee Assistance Programs currently being undertaken by the City, (Reference: Recommendation C.4, p.14);"* (copy attached)

Report of the Director of Personnel Services, June 7, 1994:

"Since 1990 the City of Saskatoon has had an Employee and Family Assistance Program in place, with the following objectives:

- To help improve the quality of life at home and in the workplace;
- To assist employees in resolving personal problems which have affected job performance;
- To provide early intervention which will prevent job performance decline;
- To prevent disciplinary action for employees who are experiencing personal problems.

After six months accumulated work time, all employees, retirees and their dependents are eligible to use the Employee and Family Assistance program.

The program is funded by employee deductions of \$2.00 per pay period, which are matched by the City. All professional counselling services offered by the program are paid out of the program fund.

The service is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

The program provides help for a broad range of personal issues, including:

- financial concerns;
- conflict resolution;
- dealing with grief and anger;
- marital, family and relationship concerns;

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- substance abuse (alcohol, drugs, food);
- organizational and family mediation;
- legal concerns;
- any other personal issues which employees have not been able to resolve on their own.

Counselling is provided by qualified psychologists, social workers and addiction counsellors. Employee confidentiality is strictly preserved; the only information shared with the EFAP Board of Directors or City Administration is a statistical report of usage rate.

The Employee and Family Assistance Program is governed by a joint union-management Board of Directors which has full authority regarding the implementation, operation and evaluation of the Program. It is staffed by the program co-ordinator, Maria Besenski."

Your Committee has all other recommendations of the above-noted Clause under study and will report further once decisions have been made.

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*ADOPTED.*

**REPORT NO. 7 - 1994 OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL**

Composition of Committee

His Worship the Mayor, Chair  
Councillor D. L. Birkmaier  
Councillor M. T. Cherneskey, Q.C.  
Councillor B. Dyck  
Councillor M. Hawthorne  
Councillor O. Mann  
Councillor P. McCann  
Councillor P. Mostoway  
Councillor G. Penner  
Councillor M. Thompson  
Councillor K. Waygood

**1. Mendel Art Gallery Roof Replacement  
(Files CK. 620-1 and 153-1)**

Your Committee has considered and discussed with Trustees of the Board of the Mendel Art Gallery the attached report regarding the requirement for replacement of the roof of the Mendel Art Gallery.

**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council authorize the expenditure of \$345,900 for replacement of the roof covering of the Mendel Art Gallery, such expenditure to be financed from the Federal Infrastructure Program in the sum of \$180,000 and the remainder from the Mendel Art Gallery's Reserve Funds.

*ADOPTED."*

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*Moved by Councillor Dyck, Seconded by Councillor Penner,*

*THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted with the exception of Clause C1, Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner.*

*CARRIED.*

*Councillor Thompson excused himself from discussion and voting on the report of the Committee of the Whole dealing with Clause C1, Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner.*

*Moved by Councillor Dyck, Seconded by Councillor Penner,*

*THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole dealing with Clause C1, Report No. 14-1994 of the City Commissioner be adopted.*

*CARRIED.*

**MOTIONS**

*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 73.*

**GIVING NOTICE**

Councillor Penner gave the following Notice of Motion:

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

"THAT City Council agree to co-operate with those citizens wishing to put a plebescite at the fall civic election regarding the south downtown development by jointly developing the wording of the question. The wording to be developed by representatives of the citizens group and our Administration for presentation to City Council at our next meeting."

*Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Penner,*

*THAT Notice of Motion be waived.*

*NOT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.*

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**INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS**

**Bylaw No. 7418**

Moved by Councillor Dyck, Seconded by Councillor Thompson,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7418, being "*A Bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to amend Bylaw No. 6772, entitled, 'A Bylaw Respecting Zoning in the City of Saskatoon'*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Dyck, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Bylaw No. 7418 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Dyck, Seconded by Councillor Hawthorne,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7418.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7418 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Dyck, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

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

CARRIED.

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Moved by Councillor Dyck, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7418 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Dyck, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT Bylaw No. 7418 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

**Bylaw No. 7428**

Moved by Councillor Dyck, Seconded by Councillor Thompson,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7428, being "*The Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 1994 (No. 2)*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Dyck, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Bylaw No. 7428 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Dyck, Seconded by Councillor Hawthorne,

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THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7428.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7428 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Dyck, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Dyck, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7428 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Dyck, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT Bylaw No. 7428 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

*Moved by Councillor Dyck, Seconded by Councillor Mostoway,*

*THAT the meeting stand adjourned.*

*CARRIED.*

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.



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Mayor

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City Clerk