

Council Chamber
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Monday, October 23, 1995,
at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: His Worship Mayor Dayday in the Chair;
Councillors Atchison, Birkmaier, Heidt, Langford, Langlois,
Postlethwaite, Roe, Steernberg and Waygood;
City Commissioner Irwin;
City Solicitor Dust;
General Manager, Planning and Building Coveyduck;
City Clerk Mann;
City Councillors' Assistant Kanak

PRESENTATION

His Worship the Mayor and Pat Hyde, President, I.B.E.W. Local No. 319, presented Jodie Pongracz with the joint City of Saskatoon/I.B.E.W. Local No. 319 Scholarship. His Worship the Mayor offered congratulations on behalf of Council, and noted that Ms. Pongracz is an Arts and Sciences student at the University of Saskatchewan.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT the minutes of regular meeting of City Council held on October 10, 1995 and of the special meeting of City Council held on October 16, 1995, be approved.

CARRIED.

HEARINGS

- 2a) Development Plan Amendment
Lots 6, 7 and 8, Block 12, Plan G 171
205 - 115th Street East
Residential to Neighbourhood Commercial
Proposed Bylaw No. 7496
(File No. CK. 4110-3)**

REPORT OF CITY CLERK:

"Attached is a copy of Clause 1, Report No. 10-1995 of the Municipal Planning Commission which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on August 28, 1995.

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A copy of the Notice which appeared in the local press under dates of September 30 and October 7, 1995, is attached.

Council, at this meeting, is to hear and determine any submissions with respect to the proposed amendment prior to its consideration of Bylaw No. 7496, copy attached.

Also attached are copies of the following communications:

- Letter dated October 16, 1995 from Lisa and Greg Peters, 108 - 115th Street East; and
- Letter dated October 18, 1995 from Dorothy and Neil Campbell, owners of 217 Boyd Street.
- Letter dated October 18, 1995 from Charlene McArthur, 106 - 115th Street East."

His Worship Mayor Dayday opened the hearing and ascertained whether there was anyone present in the gallery who wished to address Council with respect to the matter.

Ms. Leslie Belloc-Pinder, Member, Municipal Planning Commission, addressed Council regarding the proposed Development Plan amendment and advised Council of the recommendation of the Municipal Planning Commission in support of the proposed amendment.

Moved by Councillor Postlethwaite, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the submitted correspondence be received as information.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 7496.

CARRIED.

His Worship the Mayor welcomed the 24th St. Martins Scout Group and the 22nd Bethel Scout Group along with their leaders to the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

**1) Kaaras Tiffin, Volunteer Chair, Saskatoon Business Committee
Heart and Stroke Foundation of Saskatchewan, dated October 13**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding a request to provide City employees with the opportunity to contribute to the Heart and Stroke Foundation through payroll deduction. (File No. CK. 200-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Ms. Tiffin be heard.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Ms. Tiffin be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Kaaras Tiffin, Volunteer Chair, Saskatoon Business Committee, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Saskatchewan, asked Council to consider looking at providing City employees with the opportunity to contribute to the Heart and Stroke Foundation through payroll deduction.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT the information be received.

IN AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

AND referred to the Administration and Finance Committee for further discussions.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED.

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS PUT AND CARRIED.

**2) Ed Holgate, President
Saskatchewan Health Coalition, dated October 11**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the Canada Health and Social Transfer and the

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Ten Goals for Health Care. (File No. CK. 277-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Holgate be heard.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Mr. Holgate be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Ed Holgate, Saskatchewan Health Coalition, asked Council to endorse the resolutions in his submitted correspondence regarding health care.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT City Council endorse the two resolutions submitted by Mr. Holgate in his letter and presentation to Council.

CARRIED.

**3) John Riggs, Chair, Campaign Cabinet
Saskatoon Soccer Centre, dated October 19**

Requesting permission for Mr. Jim Cook to address Council regarding a request for a land lease and for a grant to assist with the construction of a new and permanent dedicated indoor soccer facility in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 1871-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Cook be heard.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Mr. Cook be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Jim Cook, Saskatoon Soccer Centre, provided a slide presentation on a request for assistance regarding an indoor soccer facility in Saskatoon, and provided background information on the matter. He highlighted the benefits of recreation and sports programs and expressed the need for a permanent facility for the growing sport. Mr. Cook asked Council to provide support for this facility, highlighting the requests of the Saskatoon Soccer Centre.

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Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received and referred to the Administration for a report to be brought forward to Council prior to consideration of the Capital Budget.

CARRIED.

**4) Mary G. Fedun
333 - 10 Pearson Place, dated October 18**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the transit terminal. (File No. CK. 7311-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that Ms. Fedun be heard.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT Ms. Fedun be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Mary G. Fedun addressed Council regarding concerns for public safety in the downtown transit terminal, and the lack of information for transit users. She suggested that space could be provided in the transit terminal on a trial basis for volunteers or commissionaires to be present to alleviate safety concerns of transit users, and to provide information regarding transit routes.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT the information be received and referred to the Planning and Operations Committee and to the Board of Police Commissioners.

CARRIED.

**5) Heather Nordick
433 Avenue C South, dated October 16**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding pedestrian safety in the area of Avenue C South and Spadina Crescent. (File No. CK. 5200-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Ms. Nordick be heard.

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Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Ms. Nordick be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Heather Nordick, 433 Avenue C South, expressed concern regarding pedestrian safety in the area of Avenue C South and Spadina Crescent. She indicated that the excessive speeds used by drivers in this area must be regulated in some manner, and submitted a petition, with approximately 233 signatures, requesting the provision of speed bumps and a crosswalk at the corner of Avenue C South and Spadina Crescent. Ms. Nordick indicated that she understood that speed bumps could not be used on a curve, but suggested that pony ripples be used to slow drivers down.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the information be received and referred to the Administration for a report.

CARRIED.

AA. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

- 1) Ron Reynolds**
214 Avenue K North, dated October 6

Submitting comments regarding services provided by the City. (File No. CK. 150-1)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT the information be received and referred to the Budget Committee's file.

CARRIED.

**2) Murray Westby, President
SUMA, dated October 6**

Providing information regarding reimbursement of investment in SaskGIS. (File No. CK. 155-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**3) Honourable Bob Mitchell, MLA
Saskatoon Fairview Constituency, dated October 6**

Expressing support for application to Green Streets Canada Program for the planting of trees in main entrances into our city. (File No. CK. 4139-4)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**4) Marlene Hall, Secretary
Development Appeals Board, dated October 17**

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Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding existing one-unit dwelling with south side yard deficiency at 2418 Jarvis Drive. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

**5) Marlene Hall, Secretary
Development Appeals Board, dated October 17**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding existing attached garage with south side yard deficiency at 214 East Place. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**6) Bill Reader, Deputy Minister
Saskatchewan Municipal Government, dated October 12**

Providing Council with tax policy proposals related to the province-wide reassessment. (File No. CK. 1615-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the matter be referred to the Administration for a report.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration for a report, and that City Council invite submissions from the public, regarding the tax policy, to be considered at 8:00 p.m. at the regular Council meeting scheduled for November 20, 1995.

CARRIED.

**7) Heino Wahrer, President, Saskatoon Branch
United Nations Association in Canada, dated October 21**

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Requesting permission for the City to raise the United Nations flag on October 24, 1995 in front of City Hall. (File No. CK. 205-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the City raise the United Nations flag on October 24, 1995 in front of City Hall.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT the City raise the United Nations flag on October 24, 1995 in front of City Hall.

CARRIED.

B. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

1) Students from Cardinal Leger School, dated October 6

Requesting the installation of lights in Dr. Gerhard Herzberg Park. Similar letters were received from approximately 300 students at Cardinal Leger School. (The letters are available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office.) **Referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.** (File No. CK. 4205-1)

**2) Joyce and Albert Jackson, 401 Spruce Drive
E. Smith, 361 Birch Crescent
J. and C.A. Bergen, 1618 Forest Drive
Susan B. Lamb, 418 Spruce Drive, dated October 3**

Expressing concern regarding pedestrian access to the Forestry Farm Park. **Referred to the Administration for a report.** (File No. CK. 4205-8)

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- 3) **Gee Tsang**
1643 Alexandra Avenue, dated October 14

Requesting parking restrictions in the 1600 Block of Alexandra Avenue and expressing concern regarding the safety of children attempting to cross the street in the vicinity of St. Paul School. **Referred to the Administration for a report.** (Files CK. 6120-2 and 5200-1)

- 4) **Ken A. Miller**
202 Braemar Bay, dated October 14

Expressing concerns regarding reassessment. **Referred to the Administration for a response.** (File No. CK. 1615-2)

- 5) **B. Matz**
1713 Avenue C North, dated October 11

Expressing concern regarding a portion of the boulevard at Avenue C North and 38th Street. **Referred to the Administration.** (File No. CK. 4070-1)

- 6) **Remi Valois, on behalf of**
Residents of Coppermine Crescent, dated October 10

Expressing concerns regarding the heavy traffic flow through Coppermine Crescent and submitting a petition signed by approximately 116 residents in support of the closure of Coppermine Crescent at the Churchill Drive entrance. **Referred to the Administration for a report.** (File No. CK. 6320-1 and 6295-1)

- 7) **Tiona Mutch**
427 Sylvian Crescent, dated October 18

Submitting comments regarding the condition of the road in front of the Willows Golf Course. **Referred to the Administration for a report.** (File No. CK. 6315-1)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT, with respect to Item B.4) of "Communications", the referral to the Administration include a report to Council.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Postlethwaite, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

C. PROCLAMATIONS

- 1) L.W. (Larry) Brown, Secretary**
The Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Saskatoon, dated October 9

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of November 5 to 12, 1995 as Unity in Diversity Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

- 2) Clifford A. Wiegers**
Saskatoon Life Underwriters Association, dated October 6

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of November 13 to 17, 1995 as Life Insurance Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

- 3) Toni MacNeil, Chair**
Saskatoon Fibromyalgia Association, dated October 6

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of November 12 to 18, 1995 as Fibromyalgia Awareness Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

- 4) Val Dunphy, Regional Director, Manitoba/Saskatchewan Region**
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada, dated October 2

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Requesting Council to proclaim the month of November, 1995 as Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada Month in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**5) Bill Collins, Youth Chair
UNICEF, dated October, 1995**

Requesting Council to proclaim Tuesday, October 31, 1995 as Saskatoon UNICEF Day. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**6) Robert Burr, Director of Public Affairs and Communications
Canadian Public Health Association, dated October 11**

Requesting Council to proclaim December 1, 1995 as World AIDS Day in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**7) Frank Jackson, Saskatoon Branch No. 63,
T.V.S. Branch No. 78 and Nutana Branch No. 362,
Royal Canadian Legion, dated October 13**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of November 4 to 11, 1995 as Veterans Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve all proclamations as set out in Section C; and
 - 2) that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamations on behalf of City Council.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

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

CARRIED.

REPORTS

Ms. Leslie Belloc-Pinder, Member, presented Report No. 12-1995 of the Municipal Planning Commission;

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City Commissioner Irwin submitted Report No. 24-1995 of the City Commissioner;

Councillor Langlois, Chair, presented Report No. 6-1995 of the Planning and Operations Committee; and

His Worship the Mayor, Chair, presented Report No. 4-1995 of the Executive Committee.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

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

- a) Report No. 12-1995 of the Municipal Planning Commission;*
- b) Report No. 24-1995 of the City Commissioner;*
- c) Report No. 6-1995 of the Planning and Operations Committee; and*
- d) Report No. 4-1995 of the Executive Committee.*

CARRIED.

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

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

Committee arose.

Councillor Atchison, 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:

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"REPORT NO. 12-1995 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION"

Composition of Committee

Mr. Jim Kozmyk, Chair
Councillor J. Postlethwaite
Mr. Ken Rauch
Ms. Ann March
Mr. Glen Grismer
Ms. Leslie Belloc-Pinder
Mr. Gregory Kitz
Mr. Victor Pizzey
Ms. Lina Eidem
Mr. Paul Kawcuniak
Ms. Sheila Denysiuk
Mr. Al Ledingham
Dr. Brian Noonan

- 1. Rezoning -
Parcel Z, Plan G821
1800 Block of 7th Street East
R.4 to RM.4 and RM(Tn) District
Applicant: City of Saskatoon
(File No. CK. 4350-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to rezone:
 - a) the north one-half of Parcel Z, Plan No. G821 (Edmund Heights) from an R.4 District to an RM.4 District; and
 - b) the south one-half of Parcel Z, Plan No. G821 (Edmund Heights) from an R.4 District to an RM(Tn) District;
 - 2) that the City Planner be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendments;
 - 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required bylaw; and
 - 4) that the Municipal Planning Commission's report be brought forward for consideration at the time of the public hearing, and that City Council consider the Commission's

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recommendation that the proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment, as outlined in Recommendation 1) above, be approved.

ADOPTED.

Ms. Leslie Belloc-Pinder, Member, presented the report of the Municipal Planning Commission.

Attached is a copy of a report of the Planning and Building Department dated September 20, 1995, regarding a proposal to rezone Parcel Z, Plan No. G821 (Edmund Heights at the 1800 Block of 7th Street East) from an R.4 District to an RM.4 and RM(Tn) District.

Also attached, as background information, are copies of the following documents which were considered by the former Planning and Development Committee, at its meeting held on June 26, 1995:

- report of the former Director of Planning and Development dated June 16, 1995;
- letter dated June 8, 1995, from Dianne Carlson, UMA Engineering;
- letter dated June 26, 1995 from J. McKibbon, Vice-President, Gladmer Developments Limited.

Your Commission has reviewed this proposal and notes that this application deals only with Edmund Heights. Additionally, your Commission has been advised by Ms. Dianne Carlson, that Housing Leaseholds concurs with the rezoning proposal. Copies of graphs showing "Residential Densities by Zone" and "Existing and Possible Dwelling Units" are attached.

REPORT NO. 24-1995 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER

Section A - Administration and Finance

A1) Routine Reports Submitted to City Council

RECOMMENDATION: that the following information be received.

ADOPTED.

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$702,264.31 (File No. 1530-2)	September 29, 1995	October 3, 1995
Schedule of Accounts Paid	October 5, 1995	October 11, 1995

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\$923,696.86
(File No. 1530-2)

Schedule of Accounts Paid \$5,428,788.13 (File No. 1530-2)	October 6, 1995	October 15, 1995
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Schedule of Accounts Paid \$940,209.69 (File No. 1530-2)	October 13, 1995	October 17, 1995
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Business Tax - General License (copy attached) (File No. 435-13)	September 1, 1995	September 30, 1995
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Property Tax Collections (copy attached) (File No. 435-8)	September 1, 1995	September 30, 1995
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**A2) Business Tax Adjustments
(File No. 1985-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve of the 1995 Business Tax write-off in the amount of \$30,013.40, for the reasons detailed on the attached list, for the period September 1, 1995, to September 30, 1995.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Finance Department, October 10, 1995:

"Submitted, copy attached, is a listing of 1995 Business Tax Adjustments in the total of \$30,013.40, which requires Council's approval for write-off.

The listing represents businesses which have discontinued business at the premises indicated; these accounts are not uncollectible, but require adjustment in keeping with Business Tax Bylaw #6714(12) which states:

Where a business is commenced after the 31st day of January or is discontinued before the 1st day of December, the Council shall, upon written request, adjust the amount levied with respect of that business to correspond with the portion of the year during which the business is, or was, carried on; PROVIDED that such request is made before the expiration of one year following the year in respect of which the

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amount levied is to be adjusted.'

Business tax adjustments are offset by supplementary assessments on new businesses or businesses that relocate, renovate or enlarge premises.

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

City	\$ 12,889.17
School Boards	16,018.14
Business Improvement Districts	<u>1,106.09</u>
	\$ 30,013.40"

**A3) Vehicle and Equipment Purchases
 Aerial-Bucket Truck
 (File No. 1005-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve the purchase of one Aerial-Bucket Truck from Canadian Aerial Lift (Alta) Co. Ltd. at a cost of \$139,102.68 including G.S.T. and P.S.T.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Asset Management, October 16, 1995:

"BACKGROUND

Tenders for the purchase of one Aerial-Bucket Truck were received by the Asset Management Department, Purchasing Services Branch, on August 8, 1995. The unit is a replacement for one used by the Public Works Department for the purpose of pruning trees. The specifications called for an aerial device with an end-mounted bucket. Neither of the three suppliers met the requirement of the end-mounted bucket, thus the Purchasing Services Branch retendered, and on August 29, 1995, the following tender prices were received:

	Aerial Device	Truck Chassis	Price
General Body and Equipment Ltd. (Saskatoon)	Altec AN650	GMC Topkick	\$116,870.00
Danco Equipment (Saskatoon)	Altec AN650	IHC 4700	\$123,362.00
	Holan 850	GMC Topkick	\$120,871.00
	Holan 850	IHC 4700	\$126,062.00
Canadian Aerial Lift (Alta) Co. Ltd. (Saskatoon)	Versalift VN50-PI	IHC 4700	\$119,916.11

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DISCUSSION

The Asset Management Department, Vehicle and Equipment Services Branch, met with the Staff of the Public Works Department, Parks Branch, to review the tenders. The tender submitted by General Body and Equipment Ltd., offering a GM Chassis and the Altec AN650 Aerial Device, does not meet the requirements of the specifications and is, therefore, not acceptable. A major deviation in the chassis is the limited head clearance of the cab. A major deviation in the aerial device is a single-lever control as opposed to the specified three-lever controls. The single-lever control is a safety concern for the operators of the unit. The chances of moving the boom in an unexpected direction is greatly increased with the single-lever control and is of great concern when working around tree trunks and power lines. The IHC Chassis offered by General Body and Equipment Ltd. was not considered as this tender was no longer the low bid with the IHC Chassis.

The second low bid submitted by Canadian Aerial Lift (Alta) Co. Ltd. meets the requirements of the specifications and is therefore acceptable.

JUSTIFICATION

The unit being recommended for purchase will replace unit 1324, a 1983 tree-pruning unit which has been assigned to full-time use since going into service. Unit 1324 has had minimal major work done to date, and will soon require major expenditures on both the chassis and the aerial device. The engine, which has burnt in excess of 70,000 litres of fuel, will soon require rebuilding if continued full-time usage is expected. The transmission and all hydraulic components are still original. Rather than continue with full-time use, the recommendation is to replace the unit and turn unit 1324 over to the Forestry Farm where light intermittent service will allow several years of tree-pruning service with minimum expenditure. The Forestry Farm had the use of a unit (purchased in 1968) which was replaced by unit 1324 in 1983. The unit was no longer serviceable in 1995 and was disposed of through public tender. Purchase of a new unit will help control the spread of diseases of the Urban Forest.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Replacing the unit at this time will allow Vehicle and Equipment Services the ability to carry out its mandate of providing vehicles and equipment to program departments at the lowest overall cost.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The source of funding will be the approved 1995 Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Capital Budget, which is self supporting."

- A4) Lease of Right-of-Way
Western Ltd. - Circle 8 Building
(File No. 290-1)**
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RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 7501.

ADOPTED.

Report of the City Solicitor, October 16, 1995:

"City Council, at its meeting February 28, 1995, authorized a lease of a portion of the boulevard along Circle Drive to the owners of the Circle 8 Building on the southwest corner of 8th Street and Circle Drive for an annual fee of \$3,000.00. Under Section 156 of *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984*, the consent of the Minister of Highways to such a lease must be obtained and the lease must be authorized by bylaw. Council directed that the City Solicitor prepare the appropriate lease and obtain the consent of the Minister of Highways and Transportation.

Proposed Bylaw No. 7501 authorizes the boulevard lease attached as Schedule 'A' to the Bylaw. The lease has been executed by Western Ltd. and Circle Properties Ltd. who are the owners of the property adjacent to the boulevard. The consent of the Minister of Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation is also endorsed on the lease."

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 7501 with attached Schedule "A".

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**A5) Amendment - Terms of Reference
Budget Committee
(File No. 225-46)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 7500.

ADOPTED.

Report of the City Solicitor, October 16, 1995:

"City Council, at its October 10, 1995 meeting, resolved that the Terms of Reference of the Budget Committee be amended to provide for the annual election of a Vice-Chair by members of the Committee on the understanding that the Vice-Chair will act as the Chair in the subsequent year and directed that this Office prepare the appropriate amendment to the Council Procedure Bylaw.

In the course of reviewing the Bylaw, we also noted that Section 25, which deals with who may come within the Bar during Council proceedings, does not reflect the current situation. Accordingly, we have included a new Section 25 to reflect the revised administrative structure."

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 7500.

**A6) Vehicle for Sale
(File No. 1250-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following information be received.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Asset Management Department, October 16, 1995:

"The following used vehicle will be sold by public auction on Saturday, October 28, 1995, 10:00 a.m. at PBR Auto Auction, 71st Street and Idylwyld Drive, Saskatoon. The vehicle will be sold to the highest bidder and is available for viewing at the auction sale location.

Unit #546 - 1986 Dodge 3/4 Ton."

**A7) Junked Vehicles
3326 John A. MacDonald Road
(File No. 4400-5)**

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RECOMMENDATION: that City Council instruct the Fire and Protective Services Department to serve the Notice of Junked Vehicles on the owners at 3326 John A. MacDonald Road pursuant to Section 132(2) of *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984*.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Fire and Protective Services Department, October 16, 1995:

"City of Saskatoon's Fire and Protective Services Department conducted an inspection of 3326 John A. MacDonald Road on April 19, 1995. At this time, it was observed there were unlicensed and disassembled and partially disassembled vehicles located on the said property. On August 1, 1995, a letter was sent to the owners, Wesley Filipchuk and Eugene Kotyk, at R.R. #4, Box 508, Saskatoon, SK, S7K 3J7, requesting that the situation be remedied by September 1, 1995.

Fire Inspector Beer did a reinspection of the property on October 2, 1995. He observed that there were 2 vehicles on the property. Both of the vehicles did not have current plates, both were rusted, partly wrecked, dismantled or partly dismantled, inoperative or in an abandoned condition. Both were located on the owner's property. (Photographs are available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office.) The following is a list of the vehicles:

Make:	Volvo	Make:	Dodge
Model:	Wagon	Model:	4 door
Colour:	Yellow	Colour:	Blue
Licence:	None	Licence:	None

The Fire and Protective Services Department would like Council to issue a Notice of Junked Vehicles on the owners of the property pursuant to Section 132(2) of *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984*. The Fire and Protective Services Department will give the owners until November 24, 1995, to remove and destroy or remedy the condition of the vehicles. The owners will be given the opportunity to appear in Council to show cause why the vehicles should not be removed and destroyed or their condition remedied by November 24, 1995, at City Council's meeting of November 6, 1995."

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ATTACHMENT:

1. Draft Notice of Junked Vehicles.
2. Letter to Wesley Filipchuk and Eugene Kotyk dated August 1, 1995.

**A8) The City of Saskatoon
Nine-Month Statement
(File No. 1895-2-3)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following information be received.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Finance Department, October 18, 1995:

"Attached is a copy of the Nine-Month Statement for the period January 1, 1995 to September 30, 1995."

Section B - Planning and Operations

**B1) Enquiry - Councillor Heidt (August 28, 1995)
Parking for Vehicles with Handicap Stickers
(File No. 6120-5)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following information be received.

ADOPTED.

"I have received complaints from these people regarding parking areas in front of medical clinics, drug stores, etc. in the downtown area where there are city meters.

Would the Administration advise on what or how these areas are designated and how many are allowed on a block. Also, how do these people get the locations designated."

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Services, October 4, 1995:

"Special parking accommodations for people with disabilities are made in retail business districts in two ways. General five minute loading zones can be used by vehicles, with the appropriate identification, for a duration equal to the timed parking restriction on the block (e.g. for one hour in one-hour parking restricted areas). Appropriate identification consists of either disabled person's

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license plates or dash placards issued by the Province or Saskatchewan Abilities Council. Blocks within business districts have one general loading zone and many have two. Secondly, owners of vehicles with handicapped identification can purchase an annual unrestricted parking permit at a cost of \$20.00 from the City of Saskatoon. This allows vehicles to park in metered stalls for a duration longer than the signed time restriction, and without having to place money in the meter.

Transportation Services does make provision to have Disabled Person's Loading Zones installed on City streets; however, they are not placed within retail business districts due to the high utilization of on-street parking within these areas. By allowing parking in general loading zones and through the use of unrestricted parking permits, it is possible to allow an increased amount of flexibility in parking space use. The use of Disabled Person's Loading Zones, as the sole supply of parking designated for the disabled, would limit the number of parking locations available for this group of individuals. The current policy has been effective in providing parking opportunities for people with disabilities."

**B2) Enquiry - Councillor Heidt (July 17, 1995)
Traffic Signs
Corner of Witney Avenue and Rusholme Road
File No. 6280-1**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following information be received.

ADOPTED.

"There have been many accidents and close calls at the corner of Witney Avenue and Rusholme Road.

Would the Administration look at upgrading the signs (i.e.) larger or closer to road on Rusholme Road. There is difficulty in seeing signs proceeding east on Rusholme Road."

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Services, October 3, 1995:

"The Transportation Services Department has reviewed the intersection of Witney Avenue and Rusholme Road, with regards to upgrading the existing signing.

A review of the accident history at this location indicated six right angle accidents occurring over the past five years, which would not be considered excessive for this type of intersection. A site inspection revealed that tree branches are partially obscuring the westbound stop sign at this intersection. The fact that the westbound stop sign is obstructed by tree branches may be reflected in the accident history, with twice as many westbound accidents as eastbound.

We have requested the Public Works Department to have the trees along the south side of Witney

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Avenue trimmed to ensure that the westbound stop sign is clearly visible. The Transportation Services Department feels that making the existing stop sign more clearly visible will alleviate the problems occurring at this location."

**B3) Enquiry - Councillor Heidt (May 23, 1995)
Intersection of Matheson Drive and Massey Drive
(File No. 6280-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following information be received.

ADOPTED.

"Over 43 accidents - Would the Administration look at changing the Yield signs at Matheson Drive and Massey Drive to a Stop sign, as visibility is poor."

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Services, October 3, 1995:

"The Transportation Services Department has reviewed the intersection of Matheson Drive and Massey Drive, with regards to upgrading the existing signing.

Massey Drive is a two-lane minor collector roadway with an approximate traffic volume of 1,000 vehicles per day. Matheson Drive is a two-lane local roadway with yield signs at Massey Drive. A review of the accident history has shown that there has been four reportable accidents at this location since 1990, all of which were right angle. According to City Policy No. C07-007 'Use of Stop and Yield Signs', an intersection should be experiencing an accident rate of three to five right angle accidents per year to warrant investigation for installation of stop signs.

A site inspection indicated that the northbound yield sign is partially obscured by tree branches. The Transportation Services Department has requested the Public Works Department to have the tree branches trimmed to allow the yield sign to be clearly visible. Visibility to the southbound yield sign and of oncoming traffic from all directions is good.

In view of the low accident rate, low traffic volumes, and sight distances at this intersection, the Transportation Services Department feels that no further changes need to be made to the traffic control devices at this intersection."

**B4) Proposed Street and Lane Closing
Schuyler Street and Avenue V
(File No. 6295-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that City Council give notice of its intention to consider the closing described in the attached Engineer's Plan No.

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D10-SL10;

- 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to:
 - a) take all necessary steps to bring the intended closing forward;
 - b) complete the closing and obtain title in the name of the City of Saskatoon, should formal Council assent issue; and,
- 3) register the following easements: over the most southerly 10m of the portion of Schuyler Street being closed and over the most westerly 10m of the portion of Avenue V being closed from the northerly extent of the closing south to the easement being created on Schuyler Street for City of Saskatoon Water and Sewer facilities.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Public Works Department, October 3, 1995:

"A request has been received from the Land Manager, for the closing of portions of Schuyler Street, Avenue V, and the lane east of Avenue V. The purpose of the closing is to include the streets and lane in a future subdivision to create a parcel for use as a Municipal Reserve.

The various Civic Departments, as well as SaskTel and SaskEnergy, have approved this closing proposal.

Attached to this report is a copy of Engineer's Closing Plan No. D10-SL10 setting forth a detailed description of the closing described in general terms above. This description complies with the recommendations of the Chief Surveyor, Land Titles Office, Regina."

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1. Plan No. D10-SL10 - Street and Lane Closing Blocks 14 & 15
 Registered Plan FT.

**B5) Enquiry - Councillor McCann (August 28, 1995)
 Usage of Outdoor Pools - 1995 Season
 (File No. 613-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following information be received.

ADOPTED.

"Will the Administration please report as soon as possible following the outdoor pool season, on the usage of the City's outdoor pools this summer.

The information should review revenues, costs, numbers of visitors, and any other aspects of the program which would indicate the level of effectiveness of the outdoor pools program and the value for money it represents."

Report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department, October 10, 1995:

"The following table provides a summary of the 1995 season operating results for the City's four outdoor pools, including the average subsidy per participant. All revenue and attendance results are based on actual recorded paid admissions only and, therefore, does not include preschool children (who are admitted free of charge) or attendance during free access times.

1995 OPERATING RESULTS							
	Revenue	Expenditures	Subsidy	Volume: Admission	Volume: Lessons	Total Volume	Cost per Participant
George Ward Pool	\$ 68,900	\$118,000	\$ 49,100	22,300	980	23,280	\$ 5.00
Lathey Pool	28,700	95,400	66,700	9,300	425	9,725	\$ 9.80
Mayfair Pool	31,100	120,600	89,500	9,000	480	9,480	\$12.70
Riversdale Pool	82,900	186,600	103,700	30,100	775	30,875	\$ 6.00
TOTAL	\$211,600	\$520,600	\$309,000	70,700	2,660	73,360	\$ 7.10"

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1. Appendix A - Outdoor Pool Revenue Trends

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**B6) Enquiry - Councillor Postlethwaite (September 11, 1995)
Tree Pruning Cycle
(File No. 4200-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following information be received.

"A recent item in SOS Elm's newsletter by the City's Supervisor of Arboriculture reported that the current tree pruning cycle in the city is once every 24 years for medium and large trees.

This means that young trees are not being regularly maintained. Regular maintenance would reduce the frequency for pruning when the tree is larger in future.

In other words, apart from protecting our valuable trees from extinction, an increased budget would save us money in the long-term.

Would the Administration look into the financial implications of increasing the tree pruning cycle closer to the desirable once every 5 to 7 years, in time for inclusion in the 1996 budget."

Report of the General Manager, Public Works Department, October 13, 1995:

"Tree pruning is a major component of any tree management plan. According to recommendations from professional institutions such as the International Society of Arboriculture, an ideal pruning cycle for trees growing on city boulevards and parks is once in every 5 to 7 years. The Cities of Edmonton and Regina currently have a five-year pruning cycle, while Winnipeg has an average seven-year pruning cycle. Research carried out by and for the International Society of Arboriculture demonstrates that this frequency will maintain tree health and increase its lifespan. The result will be reduced liability from falling trees or tree branches, an increased property value to adjacent home owners, and a greater capability to prevent or control disease infestation such as Dutch Elm Disease.

Prior to 1991, the tree-pruning cycle for boulevard trees in the City of Saskatoon, was once in approximately 50 years. This meant that each tree might be pruned only once in its entire lifetime. Increased funding for tree pruning since 1991 has reduced the pruning cycle for boulevard trees, from once every 50 years, to once every 24 years in 1994. This reduction in the pruning cycle is very encouraging. The funding has been directed to the oldest trees on boulevards, which are in the greatest need of pruning and provide the City and its residents with the greatest asset value. Unfortunately, boulevard trees which are less than 10 cm (4 inches) in trunk diameter have not received any pruning care.

The tree-pruning program in the Urban Forestry Section targets all boulevard trees which have a trunk size greater than a 10 cm diameter at breast height (dbh). Our tree inventory indicates there are 35,588 boulevard trees of this size. These trees are large enough that they can not be effectively

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pruned without the aid of a truck-mounted, aerial-lift unit. Currently, through the work of our staff and pruning contractors, the program is able to prune 2,625 trees each year at an average cost of \$88.00 per tree. This average cost includes contractor costs, in-house costs, and contract supervision.

The tree inventory also indicates there are an additional 11,171 park trees, in the size category greater than 10 cm (dbh), which receive a minimal amount of pruning. These trees have not been included in the previous consideration of pruning cycles. Tree maintenance within parks has not been part of the Urban Forestry Program, except in emergent situations when public safety was at risk. In these instances, the work involved removal of dangerous trees or tree branches and did not address the greater need for overall tree maintenance. Recently, through reallocation of existing resources, there has been a minimal program put in place. Currently, this program prunes approximately 810 trees annually. If this pruning rate is continued, it would achieve a cycle of once every 32 years. The present park tree maintenance operation focuses on trees with a trunk diameter greater than 10 cm.

The total number of boulevard and park trees, of a trunk diameter greater than 10 cm, is 46,759. The present effort of the Urban Forestry and Grounds Maintenance programs, results in 3,435 trees pruned annually. To achieve a pruning cycle of once in five years for all boulevard and park trees, an additional 5,917 trees would have to be pruned annually. This would cost an additional \$502,945 in annual operating funds.

The boulevard and park tree inventories indicate there are 19,428 boulevard trees and 15,046 park trees in the 1 to 10 cm dbh size range. One advantage of pruning these trees at this early stage of their lifespan is that they will be cheaper to prune now than in the future when they have grown much larger. Pruning of young trees to develop structural strength and good form will also result in fewer storm damaged trees in the future and lower pruning costs in subsequent years. Based on assessment of the tree inventory, an estimated cost of pruning would be \$35.00 per tree. This cost would include labour, material, and truck rentals. Presently, there is no programmed tree pruning carried out on this size category of tree. In order to achieve the pruning cycle of once every five years, a total of 6,895 trees would have to be pruned annually. At the rate of \$35.00 per tree this would require an additional \$241,325 in annual operating funds."

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the information be received and referred to the Budget Committee.

B7) Communications to Council

**From: Helen Oleskiw, Saskatoon Diocesan Communication Representative
Catholic Women's League**

Date: September 19, 1995

**Subject: Requesting permission for the Diocesan Council of the Catholic
Women's League to hold a White Ribbon Against Pornography
Campaign in Saskatoon**

(File No. 205-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council proclaim October 27 to October 31, 1995,

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inclusive, as White Ribbon Against Pornography Campaign in
Saskatoon.

ADOPTED.

Report of the City Commissioner, October 16, 1995:

"During its September 25, 1995, meeting the Administration and Finance Committee considered this matter and resolved:

- 1) that a letter be forwarded to Helen Oleskiw, Saskatoon Diocesan Communication Representative, Catholic Women's League, requesting information on the White Ribbon Against Pornography Campaign in Saskatoon as to whether it is a tag day being requested or a proclamation; and**
- 2) that the Administration be requested to submit an appropriate report to City Council or the Committee for consideration (depending on time lines), once a response is received from the Catholic Women's League on Resolution No. 1) above.'**

Your staff has corresponded with Ms. Oleskiw, and she has stated that they wish to proclaim October 27 to October 31, 1995, inclusive, as 'White Ribbon Against Pornography Campaign in Saskatoon'. If Council makes this proclamation, the Catholic Women's League simply wish to distribute white ribbons, on the above-mentioned dates, to anyone wishing to recognize its cause."

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**B8) 1995 Capital Budget
Project No 726: 72 kV to 138 kV Transmission Line Upgrade
(Section 4 - J.R. Cowley Substation to W.A. Friebel Substation)
(File No. 2010-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the General Manager, Public Works Department, be instructed to prepare a submission to the Meewasin Valley Authority's Board of Appeal regarding the September 1, 1995, decision of the Meewasin Valley Authority's Board of Directors to deny the application for overhead construction of the 138 kV transmission line through Archibald Park and across the river; and,
 - 2) that a further report be submitted to City Council pending the decision of the Meewasin Valley Authority's Board of Appeal.

Report of the General Manager, Public Works Department, October 13, 1995:

"BACKGROUND

The City of Saskatoon's Public Works Department is currently upgrading the high voltage transmission line that provides the supply power to the substations around the City of Saskatoon's franchise area. In order to meet the future electrical demands of the City, the existing 72 kV transmission line is being converted to 138 kV which requires the replacement of the existing wood pole structures and insulators. Due to the age of the conductors, they are also being replaced.

This multi-year project was approved by City Council in 1990 (Capital Project #726), with construction starting in 1991. The project was divided into seven sections to distribute the design, construction, and funding requirements over nine years, with completion scheduled in the year 1999.

Sections 1 and 2 have been completed, bringing the new 138 kV line from the Queen Elizabeth Power Station to the Pleasant Hill Substation (at Circle Drive and 18th Street), and to the Edmonton Avenue Substation (at 33rd Street and Edmonton Avenue). Section 3 is scheduled for completion in 1995 which will bring the new line from the Edmonton Avenue Substation to the J.R. Cowley Substation (at Circle Drive and Warman Road).

Section 4 is currently in the design and engineering stage, and will provide for the 138 kV line to extend from the J.R. Cowley Substation, across the river to the W.A. Friebel Substation (at Preston Avenue and 108th Street). The new line was proposed to follow the existing 72 kV overhead transmission line, and the cost was estimated accordingly for budget purposes.

A portion of the proposed route for this section of line falls within the Meewasin Valley Authority's (MVA) jurisdiction; therefore, formal approval from the MVA's Board is required in order to

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proceed. An application was submitted to the MVA on June 11, 1995, and the following decision was made:

'At it's meeting of July 7, 1995, the MVA partially approved the application by the City of Saskatoon to upgrade the powerline from Cowley to Taylor Substation. A decision relating to the section from Preston Avenue, west across the river, and through Archibald Park is deferred until all the options are presented including comparative data on burying the line across the river.'

On July 18, 1995, a letter was received from the MVA describing the additional information required, the underground alternatives to consider, and the cost of these alternatives. To get the latest information, the Public Works Department approached two cable manufacturers for a realistic budget estimate, engineering information, and typical drawings on the supply and installation of 138 kV underground cable through the park and river.

The information was received and presented to the MVA's Development Review Committee and the MVA's Board at their meeting on September 1, 1995. The information presented to the MVA contained the following direct costs to construct the overhead transmission line for Section 4 and compares the direct costs of different alternatives to cross Archibald Park and the river:

	Alternative Methods	Cost	Section 4 Total Cost
1.	Overhead across park and river	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 1,170,000.00
2.	Underground through park and river	\$ 1,924,840.00	\$ 3,094,840.00
3.	Underground through park and under bridge	\$ 1,932,440.00	\$ 3,102,440.00

JUSTIFICATION

The September 1, 1995 decision of the MVA's Board of Directors was to deny the application for the proposed overhead construction of the transmission line through Archibald Park and across the river. The recommendation by the MVA's Board is to bury the cable underground through the park and under the river. This decision has financial, engineering, construction, and maintenance implications for the City of Saskatoon that need to be addressed. The decision to proceed in this manner must be made with a full understanding of the issues.

The financial implications are likely the most urgent. In addition to this particular section of Capital Project #726 requiring significant increases in budget, similar increases may be required for Section 7 to cross the river on the south side of the City.

Due to the special nature of the work, much of the engineering and construction work will have to be done by outside forces. Other utilities have successfully installed high voltage cables under rivers with no problems to date, so the technology is certainly available, but not in-house.

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Maintenance of this type of facility is also an issue. The companies who install these lines normally require that they also provide the long-term maintenance for the line.

OPTIONS

- 1) Proceed with the underground, under-river line as recommended by the MVA. Approve the Capital Budget increase for this Project. Set the precedent for future park and river crossings.
- 2) Appeal the MVA's decision based on the incorrect interpretation of *The Meewasin Valley Authority Act*, its precedent-setting ramifications, and economic implications. If the decision is reversed, proceed with the overhead line, as proposed by the Public Works Department - Electric System.

The Meewasin Valley Authority Act allows for applicants to appeal decisions of the MVA's Board. The General Manager of Public Works has filed a notice of possible appeal on behalf of the City dependent upon the decision of City Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

If Option 1 is chosen, the immediate financial impact is to increase the funding for Section 4 of Capital Project #726 from \$1,400,000 to \$3,265,000. Future implications will imply a further increase in Capital Project #726, for Section 7 (south river crossing) in 1998.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

As indicated above, proceeding with the underground, under-river section of this line may have implications in the future for all river and park crossings, not just those within the MVA's jurisdiction."

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1. Overview Map of Capital Project #726

Moved by Mayor Dayday,

- 1) *that the Administration be instructed to prepare a submission to the Meewasin Valley Authority's Board of Appeal regarding the September 1, 1995, decision of the Meewasin Valley Authority's Board of Directors to deny the application for overhead construction of the 138 kV transmission line through Archibald Park and across the river; and,*
- 2) *that a further report be submitted to City Council pending the decision of the Meewasin Valley Authority's Board of Appeal.*

*YEAS: His Worship the Mayor, Councillors Waygood, Birkmaier,
Langlois, Heidt and Atchison 6*

NAYS: Councillors Postlethwaite, Langford, Steernberg and Roe 4

**B9) Land-Use Applications Received by the Planning and Building Department
For the Period Between October 2, 1995 - October 13, 1995
(For Information Only)
(File No. 4351-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following information be received.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, October 13, 1995:

"The following application has been received, is being processed, and will subsequently be submitted to City Council for its consideration:

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Rezoning:

Application Z12/95:	1602 Herman Avenue
Applicant:	Larry Grozell
Legal Description:	Pt. of Parcel C, Plan 61-S-15526
Address:	1602 Herman Avenue
Current Zoning:	M.3 District
Proposed Zoning:	Rezoning by Agreement to permit restaurant
Date Received:	October 4, 1995."

**B10) Enquiry - Councillor Postlethwaite (June 5, 1995)
Loading and Unloading
Handi Bus - Midtown Plaza
(File No. 6145-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following information be received.

ADOPTED.

"I would like the Administration to look into the problem experienced by users of the handi bus when loading at Midtown Plaza. In view of the fact that there are at least 10 scheduled stops at that location every day, (i.e. the two zone buses on their regular route, plus incidental service by the remaining handi buses serving the rest of the city) some effective solution is urgently needed. Currently, wheelchair users must unload in a very short designated point beyond the crossing, turn and proceed to the entrances along the sidewalk. All year round they must compete with cars hovering to pick up shoppers, and now during the summer months, they must also compete with the outdoor tables of the Elephant and Castle.

I propose one immediate and one long-term solution:

1. That the handi bus drivers be given means to lower the chain between the posts directly in front of the mall doors, as needed.
2. That a dedicated loading zone be constructed immediately in front of the mall doors, isolated from the traffic by sidewalk bulbs at the pedestrian crossing points, with a median boulevard on which the present posts and chains could be located and 'NO ENTRY except for _' signs posted at the entrance to the loading zone.

Both solutions would give the wheelchairs direct access to the mall without turning twice. The latter long-term arrangement would have the added advantage of increasing pedestrian safety at that location by reducing the number of lanes to cross."

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Report of the General Manager, Transportation Services Department, October 16, 1995:

"BACKGROUND

The Saskatchewan Abilities Council provides bus service to persons with disabilities to the Midtown Plaza and currently utilizes a 'No Parking' area immediately to the south of the main entrance, at 1st Avenue and 21st Street, as its drop-off/pick-up point. This arrangement is legal under *The Highway Traffic Act* as vehicles can stop in 'No Parking' areas as long as they are in the act of loading or unloading. It has been brought to our attention that this arrangement is currently causing two concerns: the Abilities Council bus has to compete with other vehicles that have stopped to pick-up or drop-off passengers and a sidewalk cafe operated at this location, by the Elephant and Castle Restaurant, at times restricts the loading and unloading of the bus.

REPORT

Several options for improvement have been discussed in order to increase the ease and availability of loading space for the Abilities Council bus. The first course of action will be to replace the existing 'No Parking' signs immediately south of the main entrance with 'Bus Stop' signs. There currently is a bus stop to the south of this 'No Parking' area and this signing change will simply extend the length of the existing bus stop to include sufficient space for the Abilities Council bus. By changing this designation, the Abilities Council bus should no longer have to compete with private vehicles for this space. Following this signing change, the City Police will be notified in order to provide enforcement of the new signing. The Transportation Services Department will follow-up with the Abilities Council as to their satisfaction with these changes.

The Urban Design Committee is presently considering a proposal to expand the sidewalk area in front of the mall entrance to reduce pedestrian congestion. The proposal will not effect the area currently proposed for use by the Abilities Council bus, and will in fact provide a better area for their bus.

The Elephant and Castle Restaurant will be contacted regarding the layout of their sidewalk cafe so that the needs of the Abilities Council and others sidewalk users are considered while their sidewalk cafe is in operation."

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**B11) Proposed Debenture Bylaw No. 7499
\$18,000,000.00 Issue and Sale
Secondary Sewage Treatment Facility
H. McIvor Weir Pollution Control Plant
(File Nos. 7800-4 and 1703)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council consider passage of proposed debenture Bylaw No. 7499; and,
 - 2) that upon such passage, the City Solicitor be instructed to obtain all such further approvals as may be required with respect to Bylaw No. 7499.

ADOPTED.

Report of the City Solicitor, October 19, 1995:

"BACKGROUND

City Council at a special meeting held on October 16, 1995, approved the terms and conditions of an \$18,000,000.00 debenture issue and sale relating to the financing of the secondary sewage treatment facility at the H. McIvor Weir Pollution Control Plant, and instructed the City Solicitor to prepare and bring forward the required debenture Bylaw specifically authorizing the proposed issue and sale, and to obtain all necessary approvals respecting such financing and the Bylaw relating thereto.

REPORT

As instructed, I have prepared and forward herewith for consideration form of debenture authorizing Bylaw No. 7499 to provide for the issue and sale herein. Proposed Bylaw No. 7499 specifically provides for the issue and sale of debentures in the principal amount of \$18,000,000.00 to pay a further portion of the cost of constructing a secondary sewage treatment facility at the H. McIvor Weir Pollution Control Plant. The debentures proposed to be issued are fully registered, serial type, ten-year term, with semi-annual interest varying with the maturity date of the securities. The debentures are to be dated November 22, 1995, and mature in the years 1996 to 2005, inclusive.

Our application with respect to this issue and sale, together with proposed Bylaw No. 7499, have been placed before the Saskatchewan Municipal Board, and in a telephone attendance with the Board on October 19, 1995, I was advised that the Board had completed its consideration of this matter and approved the passage of proposed Bylaw No. 7499 under Section 212 of *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984*. Formal documentation will follow in due course. Further formal approvals will be required from the Saskatchewan Municipal Board following passage of the proposed Bylaw,

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and I shall attend to obtaining all such approvals.

Proposed Bylaw No. 7499 has also been placed before Messrs. MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman, Barristers and Solicitors, being the reviewing solicitors appointed by our fiscal agents, and has similarly received their approval.

Accordingly, it is now in order for City Council to consider passage of Bylaw No. 7499."

ATTACHMENT

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 7499.

REPORT NO. 6-1995 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor H. Langlois, Chair
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor P. Roe
Councillor D.L. Birkmaier
Councillor K. Waygood

1. **City of Saskatoon Application to
Western Grain Transition Payments Program
(File No. CK.4225-2)**_____

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the existing farm leases for City-owned property be reduced by 10% for the 1995 and 1996 crop years to compensate for the cancellation of the Crow Rate, August 1, 1995;
 - 2) that the existing 1995 lessees be offered the option to renew their leases for the 1996 crop year at the reduced lease rate;
 - 3) that the Administration review the 1997 farm lease rates and report back to the Land Bank Committee by November, 1996; and
 - 4) that the disposition of the balance of funds be the subject of a further report upon receipt from the Western Grain Transition Payments Program.

ADOPTED.

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Your Committee has considered and concurs with the following report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, dated October 10, 1995:

"BACKGROUND

The Planning and Operations Committee, at its In-Camera meeting held September 5, 1995, considered the report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, dated August 24, 1995, regarding the Western Grain Transition Payments Program (WGTPP) and resolved:

- 1) that a report be forwarded to City Council recommending that the City Land Manager be authorized to make an application under the Western Grain Transition Payments Program;**
- 2) that the matter of the division of funds be referred back to the administration for discussions with the Farm Credit Corporation and report back to the Planning and Operations Committee; and**
- 3) that the Administration report further with respect to the disposition of the funds.'**

REPORT

The Land Manager applied for payment under the WGTPP on October 4, 1995, for a total of 4,496 acres. The application was made with the necessary crop information acquired from 21 tenant farmers. The deadline for filing the application is November 1, 1995. The deadline for our tenants to file for arbitration if they are not satisfied with the arrangement regarding the transition payment is November 15, 1995.

Discussions have been held with the Farm Credit Corporation (FCC) and with the Provincial Lands Branch to better understand what other large landowners are planning to do with the payment. The following briefly describes the respective positions of the FCC and the Provincial Lands Branch, and outlines the terms being proposed by the City's Administration with regard to lessees:

Farm Credit Corporation

A share of the WGTPP payment will be passed on in the form of a one-time rebate cheque when the payment is received in 1996. FCC suggest that this rebate will be between 5% and 10% of the lease rate. This is a one-time payment which would only apply to the 1995 rent. After 1995, when the Crow Rate freight rate has ended, the market place will determine future rental rates between the tenant and FCC.

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Provincial Lands Branch

The Province has long-term leases, some up to 30 years in duration. They have announced that they are reducing lease rents by 14% over the duration of the leases. This is reasonable in that the leases are locked in for such long terms.

Proposed Terms For City Leases

The City of Saskatoon leases land that it is holding for future development or for other future civic uses. The average lease rate is \$12.00/acre. This rate is lower than long-term rates as we cannot offer the security of long-term leases because we need the ability to use the land for other purposes on short-term notice. We also take into consideration the proximity of our land to residential areas and place a premium on the maintenance aspect.

Taking into consideration the flexibility of our annual lease rate and the fact that our rates are already generally lower than long-term leases, we recommend the following transition payments to tenants who continue to lease City-owned farm land:

- 1) Upon receipt of the subsidy payment, the City make a one-time payment to all eligible lessees who rented farmland in 1995. The payment to be 10% of the amount of the 1995 rent payment.
- 2) All 1995 lessees of farmland be offered a lease for 1996 at the same lease rate as 1995 (existing rate less 10%).
- 3) All 1997 farm leases be renegotiated to reflect the value of the farmland.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Clause 8, Report No. 3-1995 of the Planning and Operations Committee which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on September 11, 1995."

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**2. Social Housing
(File No. CK. 750-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that a temporary resource for one year, subject to a further review for an additional year's funding, be funded from the Social Housing Reserve (with a maximum cost of \$50,000 annually) to develop, coordinate, and prepare an implementation strategy for social housing in the City of Saskatoon.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee recently met with representatives of the Social Housing Advisory Committee regarding the development of a strategy to facilitate the delivery of social housing units in the City through the hiring of a temporary resource person with no mill rate impact. City Council will note, from the report which follows, that the Social Housing Advisory Committee recommended that a temporary resource be put in place for a period of up to two years. Your Committee is of the opinion that the temporary resource should be for a period of one year initially, with a further review for an additional year after the first year. Also, your Committee is of the opinion that the maximum cost should be \$50,000, which would cover the salary, benefits, and any additional expenses.

Report of the Chair, Social Housing Advisory Committee, dated October 11, 1995:

"RECOMMENDATION: that the Planning and Operations Committee recommend to City Council that a temporary resource for a period of up to two years be funded from the Social Housing Reserve (salary range 45,000± /annum plus benefits) to develop, coordinate, and prepare an implementation strategy for social housing in the City of Saskatoon.

BACKGROUND

In 1989 City Council established the Social Housing Advisory Committee (SHAC) with the following purpose:

1. To monitor and advise the Planning and Operations Committee on the distribution and availability of existing social housing in Saskatoon;
2. To advise the Planning and Operations Committee on present and future needs for social housing and on the ways the City of Saskatoon can help meet these needs;

3. To make recommendations to the Planning and Operations Committee on initiatives the City of Saskatoon should take to improve the distribution and availability of affordable housing;
4. To facilitate co-ordination and cooperation of agencies and organizations interested in providing social housing in Saskatoon.

In response to the above purpose, SHAC was able to assist in facilitating the delivery of significant social housing projects such as Clinkskill Manor, West Ridge Village, Berry Ridge, Interval House Second Stage Housing and SaskNative Rental Inc. Housing Project. These projects were funded by the two senior levels of government and the City of Saskatoon. This funding comprised 75% from CMHC, 20% from the Provincial Government and 5% from the City of Saskatoon through its Social Housing Reserve.

JUSTIFICATION

In 1994, the Federal Government made drastic changes to the funding component of its housing programs, virtually eliminating the 75% funding for new social housing units. This means that the onus for providing social housing falls squarely on municipalities.

The City of Saskatoon has demonstrated its commitment to social housing by creating SHAC and establishing a Social Housing Reserve to be used for capital expenditures to increase the availability of suitable and affordable housing units for low income individuals and families. On the basis that this commitment to social housing is still strong, it is necessary to explore various innovative options to provide a combination of incentives and create new relationships that would result in the development of social housing units in Saskatoon. This will in turn allow SHAC to fulfil its mandate and facilitate the delivery of more projects like the ones previously cited in this report.

Because current commitments by all volunteer members of SHAC are such that the time required to undertake such a study by any one member or members working in unison is not feasible, it is being suggested that a temporary resource person be hired on a short term basis (2 years) to investigate and develop options and strategies, determine sources of funding, and create an implementation program to assist in the delivery of social housing units. It is SHAC's intention to attempt to find a partner to joint venture in the delivery of this resource.

OPTIONS

1. Develop a strategy to facilitate the delivery of social housing units in the City through the hiring of a temporary resource person with no mill rate impact as recommended.
2. Develop a strategy to facilitate the delivery of social housing units in the City through the funding and hiring of a temporary resource through new operating dollars. This option would have a mill rate impact. Given the temporary nature of the request, Option 1 was felt to be the preferred option.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The recommendation implements the quality of life vision as set out in the City's Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There would be no operating dollar or mill rate impact as the Social Housing Reserve would be used to fund the resource that would in turn effect the delivery of capital projects related to social housing."

REPORT NO. 4-1995 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

His Worship the Mayor, Chair
Councillor D. Atchison
Councillor D. L. Birkmaier
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor A. Langford
Councillor H. Langlois
Councillor P. McCann
Councillor J. Postlethwaite
Councillor P. Roe
Councillor R. Steernberg
Councillor K. Waygood

- 1. Enquiry - Councillor Roe (September 25, 1995)
Incorporation of Executive Committee Agenda (Public)
into City Council Agenda
(File No. CK. 255-9)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the agenda items for the public section of the Executive Committee be dealt with as part of the regular City Council agenda.

ADOPTED.

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Roe at the City Council meeting held on September 25, 1995:

"Would the Executive Committee of Council consider incorporating the Public section of the Executive Committee meeting agenda into the regular Monday night Council meeting?"

Your Committee has considered this matter and submits the above recommendation for Council's consideration."

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Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

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

CARRIED."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 6a) Request to Lease City-Owned Property
Lots 36 to 40, Block 146, Plan Q2
361 - 2nd Avenue South
South Downtown
(File No. CK. 4130-2) _____**

REPORT OF CITY CLERK:

"City Council, at its meeting held on October 10, 1995, deferred consideration of the following recommendation contained in Clause 5, Report No. 8-1995 of the Land Bank Committee, copy attached, until this meeting:

RECOMMENDATION: that the Land Manager be authorized to tender the lease of Lots 36 to 40, Block 146, Plan Q2.'

Mr. Rusty Chartier, on behalf of the Saskatoon Farmer's Market, has indicated that the property in question is too small for use by the Farmer's Market."

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the Land Manager be authorized to tender the lease of Lots 36 to 40, Block 146, Plan Q2.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND LOST.

ENQUIRIES

**Councillor Postlethwaite
Plastic Recycling
(File No. CK. 7830-5) _____**

In view of the fact that

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- plastic waste comprises 7 - 10% by weight of land-filled garbage, but 20 - 30% by volume,
- possibilities for recycling all types of plastic, as well as mixed plastics, are being urgently researched,
- #2 plastic -- e.g. bulky milk jugs, bleach bottles and margarine containers -- is currently saleable if reduced in volume

would the Administration research information for a pilot study of plastic recycling.

Further, would the Administration research the possibility of purchasing a shredding machine (estimated cost - \$15,000) or other compacting device, with the intention, initially of greatly reducing the volumes entering the landfill or storage facilities, and ultimately reducing the transportation costs of #2 plastic to recyclers.

**Councillor Postlethwaite
Enforcement of Bicycle Bylaw
(File No. CK. 175-34)**

In view of the fact

- that City Bylaw #6884, the Bicycle Bylaw, states:
 - "6. No person shall operate a bicycle unless such bicycle is equipped with a horn or bell capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions for a distance of not less than thirty-five (35) metres."
- and that the bylaw is blatantly violated every day,

in the interest of pedestrian safety on trails, in the bus mall and on every city street, would the Administration please investigate how the bylaw may be enforced, considering that the reason cited for non-enforcement is that "cyclists don't carry ID".

Further, would the Administration report on improving communication of this information by, e.g. making it readily available at bicycle stores.

MOTIONS

REPORT OF CITY CLERK:

"Council is requested to consider the following appointments of Deputy Mayor for the months indicated:

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Councillor Langlois	-	For the month of December, 1995;
Councillor Langford	-	For the month of January, 1996;
Councillor Steernberg -		For the month of February, 1996;
Councillor Heidt	-	For the month of March, 1996;
Councillor McCann	-	For the month of April, 1996; and
Councillor Waygood	-	For the month of May, 1996."

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT City Council approve the following appointments of Deputy Mayor for the months indicated:

<i>Councillor Langlois</i>	-	<i>For the month of December, 1995;</i>
<i>Councillor Langford</i>	-	<i>For the month of January, 1996;</i>
<i>Councillor Steernberg</i>	-	<i>For the month of February, 1996;</i>
<i>Councillor Heidt</i>	-	<i>For the month of March, 1996;</i>
<i>Councillor McCann</i>	-	<i>For the month of April, 1996; and</i>
<i>Councillor Waygood</i>	-	<i>For the month of May, 1996.</i>

CARRIED.

Pursuant to 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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GIVING NOTICE

Councillor Atchison gave the following Notice of Motion:

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

THAT the Administration be instructed to undertake the required process to rezone Lots 6, 7 and 8, Block 12, Plan G171, to B.1A."

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 7496

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7496, being "*The Development Plan Amendment Bylaw 1995 (No. 8)*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Bylaw No. 7496 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

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Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7496.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7496 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7496 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Bylaw No. 7496 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.

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Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7499, being "*A bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to raise by way of loan on debentures the sum of Eighteen Million (\$18,000,000.00) Dollars to pay a further portion of the cost of constructing a secondary sewage treatment facility at the H. McIvor Weir Pollution Control Plant in the City of Saskatoon*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Bylaw No. 7499 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7499.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7499 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

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

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CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7499 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Bylaw No. 7499 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. 7500

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7500, being "*The Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw, 1995 (No. 2)*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

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Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Bylaw No. 7500 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7500.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7500 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7500 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Bylaw No. 7500 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor

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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. 7501

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7501, being "*The Boulevard Lease (8th Street and Circle Drive) Bylaw, 1995*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Bylaw No. 7501 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7501.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

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That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7501 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7501 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Bylaw No. 7501 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.

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Moved by Mayor Dayday,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk