

Council Chamber  
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.  
Tuesday, April 9, 1996,  
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,  
McCann, Postlethwaite, Roe, Steernberg and Waygood;  
City Commissioner Irwin;  
City Solicitor Dust;  
City Clerk Mann;  
City Councillors' Assistant Kanak

*His Worship the Mayor and Mr. Dave Taylor, President, C.U.P.E. Local 59, presented the Joint City of Saskatoon/C.U.P.E. Local 59 Scholarships to Ms. Janet Phippard and Mr. Robert Gibson.*

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,*

*THAT page 129 of the minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on March 25, 1996 be amended by changing the words "Councillor Birkmaier was not present during discussion and voting on the matter" to "Councillor Birkmaier did not take part in the discussion and voting on Bylaws No. 7526 and 7528, as she was not present for the duration of the hearings."*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,*

*THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on March 25, 1996, as amended, be approved.*

*CARRIED.*

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**COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL**

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

**A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL**

**1) Bernice Friesen, Secretary  
Saskatchewan Writers Guild, undated**

Requesting permission for Mr. David Carpenter to address Council regarding the Saskatchewan Writers Guild. (File No. CK. 150-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Mr. Carpenter be heard.

*Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Roe,*

*THAT Mr. Carpenter be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*Mr. David Carpenter addressed Council on behalf of the Saskatchewan Writers Guild and the Playwright Centre. He provided information regarding the activities of the organizations and outlined the economic and cultural benefits to the citizens of Saskatoon. Mr. Carpenter urged Council to continue to support its endeavours.*

*Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langford,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**2) Brenda Wallace, Promotions Coordinator  
Saskatoon Free-Net Association, undated**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding Saskatoon Free-Net. (File No. CK. 205-5)

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that a representative of the Saskatoon Free-Net Association be heard.

*Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*

*THAT a representative of the Saskatoon Free-Net Association be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*Ms. Darlene Fichter, President, Saskatoon Free-Net Association, addressed Council regarding Saskatoon Free-Net, and circulated information to Council members. She indicated that the goal of the organization is to ensure that citizens of Saskatoon become more familiar with the information highway. Ms. Fichter encouraged Council members to attend a demonstration of Saskatoon Free-Net during Saskatoon Free-Net Week, and invited them to the First Anniversary celebrations at the Travelodge Hotel.*

*Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**3) Elizabeth Cooney, Co-Chair  
Low Income Tenants Association, dated April 9**

Requesting permission for Mr. Brian Shevela to address Council regarding Social Housing. (File No. CK. 750-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Clause 4, Report No. 6-1996 of the Planning and Operations Committee be brought forward for consideration and that Mr. Shevela be heard.

*Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,*

*THAT Clause 4, Report No. 6-1996 of the Planning and Operations Committee be brought forward for consideration.*

*CARRIED.*

**"REPORT NO. 6-1996 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

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**4. Social Housing Advisory Committee Annual Report - 1995  
(File No. CK. 225-3)**

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

Your Committee has met with the Chair of the Social Housing Advisory Committee to discuss the following report dated March 6, 1996:

**BACKGROUND**

At its meeting held on May 23, 1989, City Council adopted Clause 5, Report No. 20-1989 of the former Planning and Development Committee which was to establish a Social Housing Advisory Committee. The Committee's Terms of Reference are:

- 1) To monitor and advise the Planning and Operations Committee on the distribution and availability of existing social housing units in Saskatoon;
- 2) To provide advice to the Planning and Operations Committee on the present and future needs in Saskatoon for social housing units and on the ways and means by which the City of Saskatoon can facilitate the meeting of those needs;
- 3) To make recommendations to the Planning and Operations Committee on issues and initiatives that the City of Saskatoon should be taking to improve the distribution and availability of affordable housing for residents of Saskatoon; and
- 4) To facilitate the co-ordination and co-operation of various agencies and organizations in Saskatoon who are interested in improving the provision of social housing in Saskatoon.

**REPORT**

In response to the above Terms of Reference, SHAC worked on the following initiatives in 1995:

- 1) Assisting Habitat for Humanity

In 1995 monies were set aside in the Social Housing Account as part of the Rent Supplement Program for the purpose of donating a lot for Habitat for Humanity. A lot was set aside in 1995 on Borden Crescent through this program and it is a program that SHAC continues to support.

- 2) Liaison with Municipal Planning Commission

SHAC met with the Municipal Planning Commission to discuss the role of SHAC and provide an understanding of its mandate. There may be opportunities for SHAC

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and MPC to share some common objectives with respect to specific developments and these will be explored on a case-by-case basis.

3) Private Landlords Registry

Steps were taken to initiate work on developing a private landlords registry whereby rental properties would be listed in the Registry if they met certain minimum criteria (i.e. new standards of Maintenance Bylaw). Landlords could make a request to be added to the registry, an inspection would be done by the City (through cost recovery), and if the standards were met, the property would be included in the Registry. The Registry would be used by Social Services and provided to any other individuals seeking rental accommodation.

Now that the Maintenance Bylaw is passed, steps will be taken to implement the Registry service.

4) Plan Saskatoon

SHAC formed a sub-committee to work on a response to the Plan Saskatoon review. Several meetings were held to debate the issues and formulate a response which is now being considered by the Planning and Building Department.

The results of the Public Participation component of Plan Saskatoon indicated that over 60% of the respondents felt that the City should actively participate in facilitating social housing projects (20% were either unsure or did not provide a response). This support from the community certainly warrants further consideration of the ways the City can take a more proactive role.

5) Process Developed for Properties Once Taken Out of Tax Enforcement

SHAC, in consultation with the Land Manager, developed a process whereby SHAC would be notified once lands are taken out of the legal Tax Enforcement process to determine if there is any interest in the lands for social housing purposes.

6) Meeting With Social Services Regional Directors

SHAC initiated a meeting with the Regional Directors of the Provincial Social Services Department in order to share common goals and objectives.

7) Application for a Grant under the Homegrown Solutions Initiative

The Planning and Building Department, on behalf of SHAC, submitted a comprehensive application to the Federal Government in cooperation with the Canadian Housing Renewal Association, to undertake a study on Community Land Trusts. The Community Land Trusts concept is one option and could be considered

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to aid in the development of social housing. It was seen as an important item for consideration given that the Federal Government has eliminated the funding that made it possible for the development of new social housing projects in our City in the past.

8) QUINT Development Corporation (representing 5 inner city neighbourhoods)

SHAC has been very supportive of QUINT and its mandate to provide jobs and create employment while encompassing the social needs of the people in the neighbourhoods. They want to look at rejuvenating housing stock and how to develop equity. SHAC will continue its efforts to help locate a suitable building lot to initiate a housing project.

9) Temporary Resource for SHAC

SHAC obtained approval to hire a temporary resource to undertake the following duties:

- to explore and develop a range of innovative housing models that will provide affordable housing to people with low and modest incomes.
- to explore and recommend how the City of Saskatoon might be involved in and how it can promote long term affordable housing developments. This would include any financing strategies that may be required.
- to explore opportunities and facilitates sponsorship by non-profit organizations or partnerships with the private sector in the delivery of social housing.
- to act as a clearinghouse for innovative housing ideas and models which could be used by housing sponsors.
- monitor, evaluate, and respond to housing policies, programs and legislation from the federal and provincial governments. This includes assessing their actual and potential impact in Saskatoon, preparing position papers and reports to Council and recommending City action and position on such policies and programs.
- to identify, monitor and liaise with various target groups that are in the greatest need of affordable housing.

The Social Housing Facilitator will be joining SHAC on April 1, 1996.

10) Identification of the Urgency for more Social Housing Units

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Over the past six months the urgency for more social housing units has come to the forefront. Current vacancy rates in the City are below 1% which is well below the 3% guideline that CMHC considers to be a balanced rental market. Due to the factors of supply and demand, rental rates for some properties have recently risen by 30%. In some cases, tenants on Social Assistance are reported to be using food allowance funds to support rising rents.

The private sector is currently constructing new multiple unit housing for the top-end of the market place while Federal and Provincial agencies have withdrawn from the market place completely. Unfortunately, there is no entry level, affordable rental housing being constructed in Saskatoon. If current conditions prevail and rental rates continue to rise, low-income families in need of affordable housing will be displaced from the present rental accommodation. This social housing situation is reaching a critical stage and SHAC is committed in 1996 and 1997 to having its new Social Housing Facilitator develop some innovative ways of ensuring the social housing needs of our community are met."

*Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,*

*THAT Mr. Shevela be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*Mr. Brian Shevela addressed Council on behalf of the Low Income Tenants Association, an Association of Tenants representing Edmund Park and Gladmer Park formed to fight the sale of their low income rental projects. He reviewed the letter submitted from the Association regarding Social Housing, and asked Council to defer consideration of the Planning and Operations Report until the groups are allowed to meet with the Committee. Mr. Shevela urged Council to support the petition submitted by the group.*

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*Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,*

*THAT the letter be referred to the Social Housing Advisory Committee and that the Low Income Tenants Association be invited to meet with the Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

**4) Earle G. Mireau, Co-Chair  
Equal Justice For All, dated April 9**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding Social Housing. (File No. CK. 750-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Clause 4, Report No. 6-1996 of the Planning and Operations Committee be brought forward for consideration and that Mr. Mireau be heard.

*Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,*

*THAT Mr. Mireau be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*Ms. Cathy Tod addressed Council on behalf of Equal Justice For All, and reviewed the letter submitted by the organization. She asked that the group be advised of issues that directly affect them so they can have more input, and urged Council to conduct community meetings regarding social housing.*

*Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Roe,*

*THAT the letter be referred to the Social Housing Advisory Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

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

**1) Kelly Howey, Area Recreation Consultant  
Leisure Services Department, dated March 21**

Requesting approval of the appointment of Ms. Maxine Kinakin to the Leisure Services Advisory Board as representative of the City Centre Suburban Program Advisory Committee. (File No. CK. 175-4-2)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Ms. Kinakin be appointed to the Leisure Services Advisory Board as the representative of the City Centre Suburban Program Advisory Committee, for the years 1996, 1997 and 1998.

*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,*

*THAT Ms. Kinakin be appointed to the Leisure Services Advisory Board as the representative of the City Centre Suburban Program Advisory Committee, for the years 1996, 1997 and 1998.*

*CARRIED.*

**2) Heather Larson, Administrator  
Broadway Business Improvement, dated March 23**

Requesting Council to extend the hours under the Noise Bylaw for the 3rd Annual Broadway Comedy and Busking Festival to be held on Friday, June 14 and Saturday, June 15, 1996. (File No. CK. 185-9)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that permission be granted to the Broadway Business Improvement District to extend the time during which the 3rd Annual Broadway Comedy and Busking Festival may be conducted to 2:00 a.m. on Friday, June 14, 1996 and to 12:00 midnight on Saturday, June 15, 1996.

*Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,*

*THAT consideration of the matter be deferred until the next meeting of Council and that the Administration provide a report at that time.*

*CARRIED.*

**3) Jerry MacLeod  
BBS/CEQC-TV, dated March 25**

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Requesting cooperation of the City to assist in the staffing of the 28th Annual Louis Riel Day on July 7, 1996. (File No. CK. 205-8)

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

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

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

*CARRIED.*

**4) Norma Bovill, President  
Westmount Community and School Association, dated March 25**

Requesting the temporary closure of Avenue J between Rusholme Road and 27th Street from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 31, 1996 in conjunction with a Fun Night to be held on the grounds of Westmount Community School. (File No. CK. 205-1)

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

*Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Langford,*

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

*CARRIED.*

**5) Warren Chykowski  
201 - 9th Street East, undated**

Submitting comments regarding the preservation of historical buildings in the city. (File No. CK. 710-1)

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

*Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Roe,*

*THAT the information be received and referred to the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

**6) Faye Kunkel  
718 Dufferin Avenue, dated March 3**

Expressing concerns regarding the Fringe on Broadway Festival. (Submitted by Councillor Langlois) (File No. CK. 205-25)

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

*Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,*

*THAT the matter be referred to the Administration for a report at the next Council meeting.*

*CARRIED.*

**7) James W. Knight, Executive Director  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities, dated March 25**

Acknowledging receipt of the City's membership fees for the year 1996-97. (File No. CK. 155-2)

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

*Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**8) Kent Smith-Windsor, Executive Director  
The Partnership, dated March 29**

Requesting Council to approve the appointment of Mr. Greg Broadbent to the Downtown Business Improvement District Board of Management to replace Mr. Vic DeFehr. (File No. CK. 1680-2)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Mr. Greg Broadbent be appointed to the Downtown Business Improvement District Board of Management to replace Mr. Vic DeFehr.

*Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*

*THAT Mr. Greg Broadbent be appointed to the Downtown Business Improvement District Board of Management to replace Mr. Vic DeFehr.*

*CARRIED.*

**9) Fern Larner, Executive Secretary  
Saskatchewan Place, dated March 29**

Submitting Notice of Annual Members' Meeting of the Saskatchewan Place Association Inc. to be held on Wednesday, April 24, 1996. (File No. CK. 175-31-2)

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that the City of Saskatoon, being a member of the Saskatchewan Place Association Inc., appoint Henry Dayday, or in his absence, Donna L. Birkmaier or Myles Heidt, of The City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual Members' Meeting of the Saskatchewan Place Association Inc., to be held on the 24th day of April, 1996, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

*Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,*

*THAT the City of Saskatoon, being a member of the Saskatchewan Place Association Inc., hereby appoints Henry Dayday, or in his absence, Donna L. Birkmaier or Myles Heidt, of The City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual Members' Meeting of the Saskatchewan Place Association Inc., to be held on the 24th day of April, 1996, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.*

*CARRIED.*

**10) Ken Pontikes, Chair  
Meewasin Valley Authority, dated April 1**

Inviting Council to make a presentation during the public hearing on the East Bank South Preliminary Development Plan on Friday, April 19, 1996. (File No. CK. 180-6-3)

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

*Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Sternberg,*

*THAT the City Commissioner or his representative be requested to attend the meeting and make a presentation on the City's behalf.*

*THE MOTION WAS PUT AND LOST.*

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*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,*

*THAT the matter be referred to the Planning and Operations Committee and that the Planning and Operations Committee represent the view of Council to the Meewasin Valley Authority.*

*THE MOTION WAS PUT AND LOST.*

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Langford,*

*THAT the information be received and that members of Council who are interested, as well as the Administration, attend the hearing.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,*

*THAT City Council clarify, in a letter to the Meewasin Valley Authority, that the City has no position on the removal of the condition of sale of Chief Whitecap Park.*

*THE MOTION WAS PUT AND LOST.*

**11) Marlene Hall, Secretary  
Development Appeals Board, dated April 1**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding construction of new drive-through restaurant at 2301 - 22nd Street West. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

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

*Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

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- 12) **Edward M. Wesolowski**  
**11 Brown Crescent, dated April 2**

Requesting further information regarding the Mendel Art Gallery. (File No. CK. 1600-5)

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

*THE CITY CLERK INDICATED TO COUNCIL THAT THE WRITER HAS REQUESTED THAT THE ABOVE LETTER BE WITHDRAWN.*

*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

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

- 1) **Greg Botting, Chair**  
**Broadway Business Improvement District, dated March 19**

Requesting an amendment to the bylaw which restricts the size of the Board to nine members.  
**Referred to the Executive Committee.** (File No. CK. 1680-3)

- 2) **Wanda Drury**  
**714 - 29th Street West, undated**

Urging Council to create a bridge exclusively for bicycle and pedestrian use. **Referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.** (File No. CK. 6050-1)

- 3) **Susan Wagner, Chair, Saskatoon District Health Board**  
**Clarence Clotey, Medical Health Officer, Saskatoon District Health**  
**dated March 22**

Submitting comments regarding the smoking bylaw. **Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.** (File No. CK. 185-3)

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

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*Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**C. PROCLAMATIONS**

**1) Van Simonson, Representative, Saskatchewan Chapter  
Canadian Public Works Association, dated March 22**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of May 19 to 25, 1996 as Public Works Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**2) Myrna Carlson, Executive Director  
Saskatoon Sexual Assault & Information Centre, dated March 28**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of April 15 to 21, 1996 as Sexual Assault Awareness Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**3) Robin Bellamy  
Teen-Aid Saskatoon, dated March 27**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of April 21 to 27, 1996 as Teen Chastity Awareness Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**RECOMMENDATION:** 1) that City Council approve all proclamations as set out in Section C; and

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- 2) that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamations on behalf of City Council.

*Moved by Councillor Langlois, 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.*

**LETTER FROM SASKATCHEWAN URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION  
RE: REVENUE SHARING AND THE SERVICE DISTRICTS ACT  
(File No. CK. 155-3)**

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*Councillor Birkmaier tabled a copy of the above-noted letter for consideration at the next Council meeting.*

**REPORTS**

City Commissioner Irwin submitted Report No. 8-1996 of the City Commissioner;

Councillor Waygood, Chair, presented Report No. 6-1996 of the Planning and Operations Committee;

Councillor Birkmaier, Chair, presented Report No. 7-1996 of the Administration and Finance Committee;

Councillor Birkmaier, Chair, presented Report No. 3-1996 of the Land Bank Committee;  
and

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His Worship the Mayor, Chair, presented Report No. 4-1996 of the Executive Committee.

*Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*

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

- a) Report No. 8-1996 of the City Commissioner;*
- b) Report No. 6-1996 of the Planning and Operations Committee;*
- c) Report No. 7-1996 of the Administration and Finance Committee;*
- d) Report No. 3-1996 of the Land Bank Committee; and*
- e) Report No. 4-1996 of the Executive Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

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

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

*Committee arose.*

*Councillor McCann, 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. 8-1996 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER**

**Section A - Administration and Finance**

**A1) Routine Reports Submitted to City Council**

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

*ADOPTED.*

**SUBJECT**

**FROM**

**TO**

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Schedule of Accounts Paid \$1,344,395.85	March 20, 1996	March 25, 1996
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$380,003.19	March 25, 1996	April 1, 1996
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$2,442,241.91 (File No. 1530-2)	March 26, 1996	April 1, 1996

**A2) Traffic Bylaw Amendment  
(File No. 185-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council consider Bylaw No. 7537.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the City Solicitor, March 20, 1996:

"In January of 1996, the Treasurer's Branch of the Finance Department began issuing a new form of parking permits. The new permits hook around rear view mirrors, and replace the old system of cards which fit in the passenger-side corner of the windshield of the vehicle. To ensure that enforcement of the Traffic Bylaw remains consistent, it is necessary to amend the Bylaw to show that the location of these permits has changed."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 7537.

**A3) Requesting a Property Tax Rebate for the Holy Trinity  
Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
(File No. 1965-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council consider Bylaw No. 7546.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the City Solicitor, March 20, 1996:

"The recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee was passed by City Council at

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its March 11, 1996 meeting. The recommendation stated in part:

'that the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Cathedral be granted a property tax rebate for 1996 in the amount of \$10,921.56, which is 85%, the same as the 1995 level.'

We have prepared and enclose Bylaw No. 7546 which grants the appropriate exemption."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 7546.

**A4) Fees and Charges  
Fire and Protective Services Department  
(File No. 1720-1)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council consider Bylaw No. 7549.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the City Solicitor, March 26, 1996:

"The recommendation of the Planning and Operations Committee was passed by City Council at its March 11, 1996 meeting. The recommendation stated:

- '1) that City Council approve the changes to fees and charges for services provided by Fire and Protective Services; and
- 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to draft an amendment to Fire Prevention Bylaw 6885 to incorporate the new fees and charges.'

We have prepared and enclose Bylaw No. 7549 which reflects the required amendments to the Fire Prevention Bylaw."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 7549.

**A5) Incentive Application  
Shuttle Craft Inc.  
(File No. 3500-1)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council consider Bylaw No. 7550.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the City Solicitor, March 29, 1996:

"City Council at its meeting of February 26, 1996, instructed this Office to prepare the necessary bylaw and agreement to provide a business incentive to Shuttle Craft International Inc. Bylaw No. 7550 and the attached Incentive Agreement provide for a five-year abatement of property and business taxes on the boat manufacturing plant. In accordance with City Policy No. C09-014 on Business Development Incentives, the Agreement provides that the abatement is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) the Applicant must make a minimum investment of \$250,000.00 in the purchase and establishment of the boat manufacturing plant;
- (b) the Applicant must create a minimum of 25 new, long-term skilled or semi-skilled jobs within 3 years of receiving the City's approval for the incentive; and
- (c) the Applicant must continue to carry on the business of boat manufacturing in Saskatoon throughout the term of this Agreement.

The proposed Agreement has been reviewed by Shuttle Craft International Inc. and is acceptable as drafted."

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. Proposed Bylaw No. 7550 with Incentive Agreement attached as Schedule "A".

**A6) Enquiry - Councillor Langlois (February 12, 1996)  
Annual Report Status of Prior Year's Approved Capital Projects  
(File No. 1702-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the Administration be instructed to prepare, on an annual basis, a status report on approved capital projects.

*ADOPTED.*

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Langlois at the meeting of City Council held on February 12, 1996:

"Each year, Council receives a statement of revenues and expenditures for the prior fiscal year in regards to its operating budget. However, no such reporting

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mechanism exists for the capital budget of \$40 million. Would the Administration develop an annual report showing the status of capital projects approved in the prior year including the following information: project number, project description, amount approved, amount spent or committed to January 31; project status (closed, ongoing, etc.); anticipated completion date; disposal of surplus funds; if any; and source of funding for project deficits, if any."

Report of the General Manager, Finance Department, March 26, 1996:

"Councillor Langlois raised concerns regarding the fact that although Council receives detailed information pertaining to comparisons of operating budgets to actual results, similar information regarding the Capital Budget is not provided.

Based on our discussions with Councillor Langlois, his request was for an annual report, based on year-end results, which would simply provide the budgeted amount for each project and the current status of that project (both actual expenditures and any applicable commentary pertaining to variances). This would, therefore, be a very summarized report, not a resurrection of a report which we stopped producing in 1990 - one which was produced quarterly (at a cost of .5 staff years), and was similar in size and detail to the actual Capital Budget.

Should Council agree that such a report would provide useful information, we will prepare an appropriate format this summer. As such a report will require input from all General Managers responsible for capital projects, we will be considering the timing of the report vis-a-vis staff availability during budget and year-end preparation time. Possibly, the report might best be prepared immediately after the construction season while Departments are in the process of developing their capital plans for the following year."

**A7) Investments  
(File No. 1790-3)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council approve the attached purchases and sales.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Finance Department, March 29, 1996:

"With the approval of the Investment Committee, the attached list indicates purchases and sales for the City's various funds."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Schedule of Securities Transactions (March 16-31, 1996)

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**A8) 1995 Contract Negotiations  
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 615 and Canadian Union of Public Employees  
Local 859  
(File Nos. 4720-2 and 4720-6)**

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- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve the proposed changes set out in the report of the General Manager of Human Resources dated April 4, 1996, with respect to the 1995 contract with the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 615 and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 859; and,
  - 2) that City Council authorize completion of the revised contract incorporating all the changes for execution by His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk under the Corporate Seal.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Human Resources Department, April 4, 1996:

"Attached is a copy of a report dated April 4, 1996, detailing conditions agreed upon by the bargaining team of the City and the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 615 and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 859.

The report is marked 'Confidential Until Tabled at a Meeting of City Council' and is only distributed to members of City Council. A wider distribution will be effected at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 1996."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Report dated April 4, 1996.

**Section B - Planning and Operations**

**B1) Enquiry - Councillor Postlethwaite (November 21, 1994)  
Improvements - Sherbrooke Nursing Home Residents and Market Mall Area  
(File No. 6150-1)**

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

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*ADOPTED.*

The following enquiry, in part, was made by Councillor Postlethwaite at the meeting of City Council held on November 21, 1994:

"I would like to ascertain the itemized costs of improving the quality of life for senior and physically challenged residents of Sherbrooke Nursing Home and the Market Mall area, by the provision of:

- 3) The provision of bus shelters on Adelaide Street at the stop outside Chalet Gardens and on McEown Street at the stop outside Scott Forget Residence.
- 4) Improved lane maintenance or lane paving between Extendicare, the Salvation Army Eventide Home and Chalet Gardens to facilitate access from Legion Manor, Cosmo Courts, etc. to the mall. In addition, improved footpaths and lighting north of the lane and through Dan Worden Park.
- 5) In view of the fact that many local residents of the area are less agile or require walkers or wheelchairs, provision of a dedicated sidewalk snowplow, available immediately when needed, to maintain all sidewalks and access routes in the area. In recent years many residents have been virtual prisoners in their homes, even though a major mall is only a few metres away. (I further ask that this be designated as a pilot project with intention of implementing similar service throughout the city.)"

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, March 18, 1996:

"The Transportation Department has reviewed these three concerns with their Transit Services Branch and with the Public Works Department. It should be noted that Councillor Postlethwaite's original inquiry dealt with two other issues. The issue of sidewalk ramps along Acadia Drive was previously addressed and disabled ramps were installed during the summer of 1995. The issue of pedestrian crossings on Adelaide Street and on McEown Avenue to access Market Mall was also previously addressed with the installation of pedestrian corridors at two locations and a three-way stop installed at McEown Avenue and Adelaide Street.

Transit shelters were installed on McEown Avenue and on Adelaide Street at Scott Forget Towers and Chalet Gardens respectively. These shelters were installed in October of 1995. Transit shelters are installed based on a set of criteria that includes passenger boardings, weather exposure, visibility and safety of location, and site location factors. The cost of each new transit shelter installation is approximately \$4,000.

The Roadways Branch of the Public Works Department was contacted with regard to lane maintenance and offer the following response. The north-south lane adjacent to Chalet Gardens is

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paved and is in good condition. The north-south lane adjacent to Extendicare is paved along the west side which provides for reasonably good walking condition. The east-west lane behind the Salvation Army Eventide Home is gravel and not in good walking condition during wet weather, snow accumulation, or during the spring months. The use of this lane, as a pedestrian route, is minimal as there is a sidewalk along the property frontage. If the adjacent landowners desire that this lane be paved, that could be requested as a Local Improvement. There is no provision within the Operating Budget for City funded improvements to the lane.

Lanes in this area are cleared with a front-end loader. This work is done in conjunction with lane clearing for back lane garbage pick-up. Sidewalks are ploughed as part of the sidewalk priority system. Sidewalk ploughs are high maintenance units and downtime does make it difficult to stay on schedule. A dedicated sidewalk plough for this area would require the purchase of an additional unit and an operator at an estimated annual cost of \$26,800. Rather than have a dedicated plough in this area, Public Works have made changes to sidewalk snow clearing priorities in 1995/1996 to ensure more timely service to the area. Sidewalks on McEown, Louise, Arlington, and Porter have been regularly ploughed. The two paved back lanes to the north of Market Mall have also received additional attention to ensure access for pedestrian traffic. Until, and if, the pathways north of the lane and through Dan Worden Park are improved to asphalt or concrete, they will not be able to be kept clear of snow with sidewalk plough equipment.

The Parks Branch of the Public Works Department was contacted with regards to pathway construction through Dan Worden Park and offered this response. Pathways would be considered in response to a program priority. The program for use in a neighbourhood park is typically determined at a public meeting, and reviewed/approved by the Leisure Services Department's Senior Staff.

Assuming that pathways were constructed within the park, it is possible that lighting could be installed subject to agreement on which Department is responsible for the operating costs. The Electrical Utility Branch of the Public Works Department has funded park pathway lighting in cases where they deem the path to be linking two streets not otherwise directly linked. They would also cover the operating costs of lighting, which they have funded.

It is estimated that the construction costs of pathways would be \$15,000 for a crusher dust surface or \$35,000 for an asphalt surface. The capital cost of installing lighting would be approximately \$40,000. Various sources of funding could be used to cover all or portions of these expenditures and include: Capital Project funding, Park Enhancement Program, Electrical Utility Branch programs or community-based funding through the Community Association."

**B2) Communications to Council**

**From: Honourable Carol Teichrob**

**Minister of Municipal Government**

**Date: January 4, 1996**

**Subject: Providing Council with the report on review of emergency and protective services and asking for input regarding the initiatives**

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**(File Nos. 270-3, 2500-1, and 5000-1)**

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

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Fire and Protective Services, March 22, 1996:

"During its February 5, 1996, meeting, City Council received a communication (copy attached) from the Honourable Carol Teichrob, Minister of Municipal Government, providing City Council with the report on the review of emergency and protective services and asking for input regarding the initiatives.

Working Groups and issue clusters identified in the report centred on the following:

- Coordination of Emergency Response Services
- Communications
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Liability
- First Nations
- Financing

The General Manager of Fire and Protective Services represented the Saskatchewan Association of Fire Chiefs on the Coordination Committee. The EMO Coordinator represented the Saskatchewan Emergency Planners Association. Fire Service delivery (including rescue and dangerous goods response) was identified as needing the most attention in coordination and leadership at the provincial and municipal levels. Interagency coordination, according to the report, placed a reliance on provincial 9-1-1 and geographical information systems (GIS).

The report identifies options on the coordination of protective services Province wide and regionally.

A 'Study of Protective Services: Saskatoon District' is currently nearing completion. This study was initiated through the partnership of the City of Saskatoon (Fire and Protective Services), Saskatoon District Health, and the Rural Municipality of Corman Park to qualify for funding assistance under the Intercommunity Cooperation (ICC) Grant. Many of the issues identified in the Saskatoon District study complement those of the Provincial Steering Committee report.

Report Considerations:

1. Province-Wide 9-1-1

The concept of a common province-wide reporting system (9-1-1) may offer a public expectation of response capabilities that could be difficult to provide in all areas of the

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province. The municipal 9-1-1 system currently in place for the citizens of Saskatoon has proven to be an effective application of emergency reporting technology. The coordination and response effectiveness between the agencies was more of an evolution of cooperative operational considerations. The enhanced 9-1-1 technology we now use will soon be able to route calls based on created service district boundaries.

In the opinion of your Administration, the preferred 9-1-1 service provision would simply be an extension of the current municipal system into a 'district' system rather than a provincial or large regional reporting system. Preliminary findings of the Saskatoon ICC committee indicate that by increasing the coverage area with boundaries co-terminus to Saskatoon District Health, there would be no significant impact on the existing 9-1-1 service. The City of Saskatoon provides fire protection services, on a contractual basis, to the Rural Municipalities of Corman Park and Blucher. MD Ambulance also provides response to a significant portion of the rural area in the Saskatoon vicinity. These areas are not served by the 9-1-1 reporting system available within the City of Saskatoon.

2. Communications

The Cities of Saskatoon and Regina operate Motorola 800 trunking radio systems. SaskTel fleetnet, which serves a large area of the province, is an Erickson G.E. 800 trunking radio system. Integration of these systems on common talk groups would be essential for interagency and service district communication. Both trunking systems will require interconnect to VHF and UHF conventional systems predominant in the rural areas.

3. Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services currently utilizes a full GIS based computer aided dispatch and emergency information management system. The corporate GIS development has allowed Fire and Protective Services to take advantage of GIS based technology in a practical application through a software package and the acquisition of appropriate hardware. Base mapping which was provided by the provincial Central Survey and Mapping Agency (CSMA) required significant additional investment and resources to provide effective dispatch, communication and information management.

4. Rural Addressing

The Saskatoon District study has worked closely with the Rural Municipalities of Corman Park and Blucher, along with Central Survey and Mapping, to develop a model for rural addressing in the district. It is recommended as the provincial standard. The Rural Municipality of Corman Park piloted actual signage in two townships and will expand the signage to cover the entire Rural Municipality east of the South Saskatchewan river in 1996.

A report and recommendations resulting from the ICC project specific to the Saskatoon District will be forwarded to City Council at the completion of the study.

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5. Service Districts

The Government of Saskatchewan Review of Emergency and Protective Services addresses the development of voluntary municipal service districts to facilitate the municipal coordination and delivery of some services on a regional basis.

The development of voluntary municipal service districts, each encompassing a number of municipalities in any specific region, would greatly reduce the complications presented by the same multi-municipality problem. These districts, through pooling of resources and expertise, would experience a sharp increase in emergency response capability. Unfortunately, additional costs, if any, are impossible to predict without further study.

The preliminary work already done as part of the Inter Community Cooperation (ICC) Grant undertaken, indicates that the volume of emergency calls for assistance are proportionally low in rural areas compared to the City of Saskatoon. An expansion of our civic 9-1-1 system to selected areas around Saskatoon could therefore, be implemented at very little cost to the recipients and no additional cost to the City.

The City has already begun the move to municipal service districts in a number of subject areas. Saskatoon has fire protection agreements in some rural areas, is a member of the North Saskatoon Mutual Aid Area, and provides other civic services such as library services and water supply to customers outside the City's boundaries. The regional landfill project is another example of this trend.

Partnering with our neighbours in the provision of emergency services is indeed possible. Partnering does not mean, however, that the largest community in any region provides all the services. It means that the smaller locales provide that which is within their means and call on any additional/specialized equipment or skills located elsewhere in the region on a 'pay as you go' basis. Rates or cost-sharing agreements for such assistance could be spelled out in fee schedules attached to the agreement that establishes the municipal service district."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. January 4, 1996 letter from the Honourable Carol Teichrob, Minister of Municipal Government.

**B3) Land-Use Applications Received by the Planning and Building Department  
For the Period Between March 18, 1996 - March 29, 1996  
(For Information Only)  
(File No. 4300-2)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the following report be received as information.

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*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, March 29, 1996:

"The following applications have been received, are being processed, and will be submitted to City Council for its consideration:

Subdivision:

Application #14/96: Hinitt Place  
Applicant: Webster Surveys Ltd. for Preston Developments Inc.  
Legal Description: Parcel AA; Plan No. 96-S- (Awaiting registration of Arbor  
Creek Replotting Scheme)  
Current Zoning: R.1A  
Neighbourhood: Arbor Creek (See attached map)  
Date Received: March 25, 1996

Application #15/96: Bayview Terrace  
Applicant: Webster Surveys Ltd.  
Legal Description: Parcel H; Plan 96-S- (Awaiting registration of Briarwood  
Replotting Scheme)  
Current Zoning: R.1A  
Neighbourhood: Briarwood (See attached map)  
Date Received: March 25, 1996."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Map for Subdivision #14 (Arbor Creek)
2. Map for Subdivision #15 (Briarwood)

**B4) Subdivision Application #7/96  
1104 Lancaster Boulevard  
(File No. 4300-2)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) that Subdivision Application #7/96 be approved, subject to:
  - a) the payment of \$50.00 which is the required approval fee;
  - b) the payment of \$13,386.90 which is the required area-development charge;
  - c) the construction of a water and sewer main to service the new lot to the

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- satisfaction of the General Manager, Public Works Department;
- d) a culvert being installed under the driveway equivalent to adjacent culverts, a minimum of 18 inches in diameter at the owner's expense;
  - e) the roadway ditch and drainage must be maintained; and,
  - f) the owner granting a 5.0 metre easement in favour of the City of Saskatoon Public Works Department - Electrical Utility as shown on Attachment No. 1 - Plan of Proposed Subdivision; and,
- 2) that City Council authorize the City Solicitor to take the necessary steps to remove all building restriction caveats from the titles of property in the Montgomery Place neighbourhood where such caveats are no longer required for future roadway purposes.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, March 28, 1996:

"The following subdivision application has been submitted for approval:

Subdivision Application: #7/96  
Applicant: Saskatoon Land Surveyors for Frederick and Jannigjen Hettinga  
Legal Description: Lot 14 except easterly 23 feet, Block 1, Plan G792  
Location: 1104 Lancaster Boulevard."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. March 18, 1996 Subdivision Report

**B5) Subdivision Application #9/96  
Holiday Park Industrial Area  
(File No. 4300-2) \_\_\_\_\_**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) that Subdivision Application #9/96 be approved;
- 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized, on behalf of the City of Saskatoon and through the application of their respective signatures and the Corporate Seal, to execute the Plan with respect to the registration of the right-of-way for the underground pipe line which will be relocated on property owned by the City of Saskatoon, the Canadian National Railway and the Saskatchewan Power Corporation, as described on Attachment No. 1 - Proposed Plan of Survey; and,

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- 3) that the City of Saskatoon grant the requested easements as shown on the Plan of Proposed Subdivision, including those which are not contained within the heavy broken line which represents the boundary of the proposed subdivision area, and that His Worship the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute any agreement with respect to such easements in a form that is satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, March 28, 1996:

"The following subdivision application has been submitted for approval:

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Subdivision Application: #9/96  
Applicant: George, Nicholson, Franko & Associates Ltd. for Petro Canada  
Legal Description: Parcel B, Plan 67-S-07546  
Parcel G, H and K, Plan 75-S-32639  
Location: Holiday Park Industrial Area."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. March 18, 1996 Subdivision Report

**B6) Subdivision Application #10/96  
2515/2517 Hanover Avenue  
(File No. 4300-2)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) that City Council resolve, in connection with Subdivision Application #10/96, that it would be impractical and undesirable to require full compliance with Section 15(1)(a) of Subdivision Bylaw No. 6537 as the proposed severance does not alter the intensity of development in any substantive manner;
- 2) that Subdivision Application #10/96 be denied as the proposal is not in conformance with the Zoning Bylaw. The proposed site is in an R.2 District. The R.2 District requires that all dwellings provide a side yard of .75 metres between the side property lines and the exterior wall of the dwelling. The proposal will provide for only a .45 metre side yard along the south boundary and a .65 metre side yard along the north boundary. Furthermore, by moving the property line of Lot 11 a distance of .83 metres to the south, a side yard deficiency is created with the existing dwelling on Lot 11 of .20 metres.
- 3) that the City Clerk be requested to forward, by registered mail, a copy of Council's decision (including the reasons for same indicating the applicant's right to appeal to the Development Appeals Board pursuant to Section 147 of *The Planning and Development Act, 1983*) to the applicant.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, March 29, 1996:

"The following subdivision application has been submitted for approval:

Subdivision Application: #10/96  
Applicant: Mario or Susan Jacobucci for Trevi Holdings Ltd.

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Legal Description: Lot 10, Block 12, Plan G238  
Lot 11 & 12, Block 12, Plan G238  
Location: 2515/2517 Hanover Avenue."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. March 12, 1996 Subdivision Report.

**B7) Subdivision Application #11/96  
Schuyler and Avenue M South  
(File No. 4300-2)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Subdivision Application #11/96 be approved, subject to:

- a) the payment of \$50.00 which is the required approval fee; and,
- b) the owner granting a 6.0 metre easement in favour of the City of Saskatoon Public Works Department as shown on the attached Plan of Proposed Municipal Reserve.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, March 28, 1996:

"The following subdivision application has been submitted for approval:

Subdivision Application: #11/96  
Applicant: W.J. Peters for Sask. Property Management Corp.  
Legal Description: Part of Parcels GG and HH as created by MTO No. ET2665 on Plan G1777 (EF1)  
Location: Schuyler and Avenue M South (Holiday Park)."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. March 21, 1996 Subdivision Report

**B8) Subdivision Application #13/96  
159 - 173 Wedge Road  
(File No. 4300-2)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) that City Council resolve, in connection with the approval of Subdivision Application #13/96, that it would be impractical and undesirable to require full compliance with Section 15(1)(a) of Subdivision Bylaw No. 6537 for the following reasons:
  - a) the proposal represents a good opportunity for infill development which will utilize existing vacant parcels in the Dundonald neighbourhood;
  - b) the proposal will increase the stock of affordable housing units in the market;
  - c) the proposal will not be incompatible with adjacent residential development; and,
  - d) the semi-detached dwellings, as proposed, meet or exceed the building setback requirements of the Zoning Bylaw; and,
- 2) that Subdivision Application #13/96 be approved, subject to:
  - a) the payment of \$200.00 which is the required approval fee; and,
  - b) the developer providing and paying all costs for separate water and sewer services to each newly created lot to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Public Works Department.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, March 29, 1996:

"The following subdivision application has been submitted for approval:

Subdivision Application: #13/96  
Applicant: T.R. Webb for City of Saskatoon  
Legal Description: Lots 95 to 98 inclusive, Block 962, Plan 79-S-16566  
Location: 159 to 173 Wedge Road."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. March 28, 1996 Subdivision Report

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**B9) Proposed Amendment to Zoning Agreement  
Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 7102  
801 Preston Avenue  
(File No. 4351)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve a proposed amendment to Appendix "A" of Bylaw No. 7102 being a Zoning Agreement for 801 Preston Avenue to permit the construction of a detached storage building to be located on the north side of the existing building;
  - 2) that City Council request the City Solicitor to prepare the necessary amendment to the Zoning Agreement; and,
  - 3) that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute said amendment to the Zoning Agreement.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, April 1, 1996:

"In 1990, City Council rezoned Lots 3 & 4, Block 317, Plan No. 60-S-09365 (801 Preston Avenue) from R.1 District to M.1 District subject to an Agreement that limits the development in the following respects:

- a) A two-storey building and attached storage building having a combined gross floor area of 525 square metres, to be used solely for the purpose of the administrative office and private club activities of the Saskatoon Area Council - Girl Guides of Canada.
- b) Landscaping, parking and maintenance shall be provided in accordance with the agreement annexed to proposed Bylaw No. 7102.

The site plan which forms part of the Zoning Agreement shows a proposed attached storage building located on the south side of the existing building.

The Planning and Building Department has recently received an application from the Girl Guides of Canada to construct a 21.6 square meter (232.5 square feet) detached storage building to be located on the north side of the existing building and situated 1.5 metres from the north property line. The building is intended to be used for the storage of canoes, canoe trailers and other similar items. Please refer to the attached site plan.

According to Ms. Donna Clarke, Building Chairperson for the Saskatoon Area Council of the Girl Guides of Canada, this amendment to the Zoning Agreement is requested for the following reasons:

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- 1) Many of our utilities come into the building from the south side.
- 2) Our main doors are on the south end facing west and our sidewalk runs on the south side of the building. People entering would have to walk the long way around the building or cross over a drive-way.
- 3) Our quite large furnace vents for intake and output are on the south side of the building.
- 4) Our library with its window faces south and would have to be covered over.
- 5) We would have to move the gardening shed already situated on the south side.
- 6) I believe a structure on the south side would have to be attached thus bringing into factor many more fire regulations.
- 7) I believe we have more room on the north side of our existing building.'

Section 82(2) of *The Planning and Development Act, 1983*, provides that Council may, on application by the owner of the land to which an agreement pertains, vary the agreement. Minor variations may be approved by resolution of Council. It is the opinion within the Planning and Building Department, that the proposed change in terms of the location of the storage building would be satisfactory and would not distract from this or the adjacent property. In this regard, a letter was sent to the owner of the adjacent property to the north (719 Preston Avenue) on January 17, 1996 advising of the proposal and requesting his input. No response was received. A copy of the existing Zoning Agreement, as well as the proposed site plan and elevation plan, has been filed with the City Clerk's Office."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Club House - Site Plan

**B10) School Signing Revisions  
Bedford Road Collegiate  
(File No. 6280-3)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the signing changes at Bedford Road Collegiate be approved

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as described.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, March 26, 1996:

"The Transit Services Branch of the Transportation Department requires a designated 'SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE, 0800 - 1700, MONDAY - FRIDAY' for its scheduled charter service to Bedford Road Collegiate. The current routing of this service is northbound on Avenue H to Bedford Road Collegiate, then turns westbound on Rusholme Road to the next stop. A zone of approximately 45 metres along the east side of Avenue H between Bedford Road and Rusholme Road has been determined to be the most suitable location for such a loading zone at this school. Currently, there is no parking restrictions in this area and it is often occupied by students' vehicles."

**B11) Proposed Disabled Person's Loading Zone  
307 - 27th Street West  
(File No. 6120-4)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that a "Disabled Person's Loading Zone" be installed in front of 307 - 27th Street West.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, April 2, 1996:

"The Transportation Department has received a request to install a 'Disabled Person's Loading Zone' in front of 307 - 27th Street West. The resident requires direct and unimpeded access to the front of their home and presently is in possession of a handicapped placard.

This loading zone conforms to City guidelines with respect to 'Disabled Person's Loading Zones' and no fee is assessed for its installation."

**B12) Communications to Council  
From: Ann Pidwerbesky  
227 J.J. Thiessen Crescent  
Date: January 31, 1996  
Subject: Submitting concerns regarding vandalism at the Woodlawn Cemetery  
(File No. 4080-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the following report be received as information.

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*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Public Works Department, April 1, 1996:

"During its February 12, 1996 meeting, City Council reviewed a letter from Ann Pidwerbesky dated January 31, 1996, regarding vandalism at the Woodlawn Cemetery and referred the correspondence to the Administration for a report.

During the fall of 1995, there were several instances of vandalism at the Woodlawn Cemetery which resulted in headstones being overturned and damaged. The unfortunate impact of these acts of vandalism was the violation to the memorials for the deceased and the cost of repair. The staff at Woodlawn reset as many overturned headstones as possible without any charge to the families of the deceased. In those instances where headstones were too large for our equipment to safely handle or were damaged or defaced, families of the deceased were notified by our staff and informed that they would have to arrange and pay for resetting or repair of any damaged headstones. This procedure is typical of responses in other municipal cemeteries through the Province. Various means of providing security for the Cemetery have been considered including an increase in security surveillance, provision of lighting, and installation of fencing. An increase in security surveillance resulted in an end to the vandalism.

Our staff did, however, consider the option of installing a fence and estimated that approximately 1600 metres of fencing would be required. The fence would have to be 1.8 metres high and would be topped with three strands of barbed wire. The estimated cost of this fencing is approximately \$61,480. Installation of such a fence around the Woodlawn Cemetery property would have the following impact:

- The fence would provide a barrier to pedestrian traffic which may result in a reduced amount of vandalism. However, much of the pedestrian traffic moves through the Cemetery between the North Park Neighbourhood and the Kelsey Industrial Neighbourhood. Foot paths worn through the Cemetery indicate that a considerable amount of foot traffic crosses between these two neighbourhoods. To accommodate this foot traffic, pedestrian gateways would have to be incorporated into the fence which would have to be locked and unlocked in concert with operation of the main gates. Pedestrian traffic, after lockup, would be required to go around the Cemetery. This would not likely be considered a desirable solution for the residents in these neighbourhoods.
- The fence would also restrict graveside visits by grieving family members, to times when gates were unlocked. In the past, visiting hours have been unrestricted and the public have taken advantage of the opportunity to visit the Cemetery without timing restrictions.
- Installation of the fence would require an added maintenance cost. Presently, if vandalism results in grave markers being turned over, our staff set the gravestones upright. The

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accumulated cost of this work in 1995 was approximately \$2,000. In view of the amount of damage to chainlink fences throughout the City, we anticipate that maintenance of the amount of fencing required to surround Woodlawn would be between \$2,500 and \$4,000 per year.

Installation of the chainlink fencing would not provide assurance of preventing vandalism within the cemetery. There are numerous examples in the City, along buffer strips and roadways where chainlink fencing has been damaged to allow primarily pedestrian traffic through. Presently, staff have encountered damage to our existent fencing despite the presence of numerous pedestrian openings which are always open. This observation gives reason to believe that similar damage would occur at the Woodlawn Cemetery providing vandals with access to headstones.

A security fence around Woodlawn Cemetery would address some issues of damage to grave markers by vandalism, however, it would create other problems as pointed out above. Because of the cost of installation and maintenance of these security fences, their institutional appearance, and because of their ineffectiveness in stopping vandalism, Municipal Cemeteries throughout Saskatchewan other than ours, have not installed security fencing. Therefore, the Woodlawn Cemetery is not unusual in its reluctance to provide fencing.

On March 15, 1996 a letter of explanation was sent to Ms. Pidwerbesky indicating the various considerations for dealing with vandalism at Woodlawn Cemetery and providing the reasons why a security fence was not installed. A copy of that letter is attached."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Letter to Ms. Pidwerbesky from W. Kalyn.

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**B13) Development and Servicing (Extension) Agreement  
Preston Developments Inc. - Arbor Creek Neighbourhood  
Subdivision No. 3/96  
(File No. 4230-1)**

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- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the proposed Development and Servicing (Extension) Agreement as between The City of Saskatoon and Preston Developments Inc. be approved; and,
  - 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute such Agreement on behalf of The City of Saskatoon and affix the corporate seal thereto.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the City Solicitor, April 2, 1996:

"In keeping with the instruction of the Planning and Operations Committee at its meeting held on April 2, 1996, and the further specific instruction of the General Manager, Public Works Department, I have prepared and forward herewith for consideration a proposed form of Development and Servicing (Extension) Agreement as between The City of Saskatoon and Preston Developments Inc.

The proposed Agreement pertains to the Budz Crescent/Terrace area of the Arbor Creek neighbourhood, and has been drawn in the form of an extension to an earlier concluded master Agreement pertaining to this area. The Agreement sets forth all standard development conditions and requirements."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Development and Servicing (Extension) Agreement.

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**B14) 1996 Capital Budget  
Projects 772-1 & 1174-03  
Avalon Neighbourhood Extension  
Post Budget Request and Contract Awards  
(File No. 4111-34)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1) that the following funds be brought forward from the 1997 Capital Plan to the 1996 Capital Budget:

a) Capital Project 772 - Land Development - Avalon Extension:

General Prepaid Services - Electrical City	\$ 19,000
General Prepaid Services - Public Works	<u>153,000</u>
	\$172,000

b) Capital Project 1174 - Electrical Subdivision - City - Street Lighting:

Cost Recovery Prepaid Land Development	\$19,000
Electrical Distribution Extension Reserve	<u>4,000</u>
	\$23,000

2) that additional funding, in the following amounts and funding sources, be approved for expenditure in 1996:

General Prepaid Services - Electrical City	\$143,000
Property Realized Reserve	<u>161,000</u>
	\$304,000

3) that City Council accept the low tenders for the construction of the Avalon Neighbourhood Extension:

a) Area Grading Contract No. 6-0007, submitted by Brodsky Earthmoving Inc., (Saskatoon, SK) at a total estimated cost of \$265,646.54 including G.S.T.:

b) Water and Sewer Servicing Contract No. 6-0008, submitted by Hamm Construction Ltd., (Saskatoon, SK) at a total estimated cost of \$1,184,867.51 including G.S.T.; and,

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- c) Roadways and Sidewalks Contract No. 6-0009, submitted by Central Asphalt & Paving Inc., (Saskatoon, SK) at a total estimated cost of \$435,112.08 including G.S.T.; and,
- 4) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract documents, under the Corporate Seal, as prepared by the City Solicitor.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Public Works Department, April 1, 1996:

"Capital Projects 639, 772, 774, and 1174 provide for the development and servicing of the Avalon Neighbourhood Extension, a 16.88 hectare residential City land development infill project south of Glasgow Street and west of Clarence Avenue, plus the expansion of the CN industrial Storm Water Storage Basin. The development provides 89 residential lots and two multi-site parcels. Servicing and lot sales were originally planned and budgeted to be staged over two years. These are summarized below:

<b>Summary of Construction Phasing and Lot Sales</b>				
<b>Development Phase</b>	<b>Original Schedule for Lot Sales</b>	<b>Area Grading</b>	<b>Water &amp; Sewer Servicing</b>	<b>Roadways, Sidewalks and Street Lighting</b>
Phase 1	Fall 1996	August 1996	August 1996	September 1996 up to finished base. Paving in 1997
Phase 2	June 1997	August 1996	August 1996	Spring 1997 up to finished base. Paving in 1998

Three general contracts were tendered for construction and servicing of the Avalon Subdivision:

1. Area Grading 6-0007:

Includes extensive site grading of the lots, easements and street right-of-ways, construction of sound attenuation berms around the site perimeter, and the enlargement of the storm pond north of the City's Electrical building.

2. Water and Sewer 6-0008:

Installation of all Water and Sewer site servicing, and tie-ins to existing mains (sanitary and

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storm tie-ins south across Circle Drive).

3. Roadways and Sidewalks 6-0009:

Construction of all roads, sidewalks and walkways, with roads being constructed to finished base in the year the lots are made available for sale, and paving completed the following year. This contract was tendered for staging over two years; with the City having the option of completing both phase one and two roads to finished base in 1996.

Tenders were received and opened publicly on March 27th and 28th, 1996. A summary of total tender prices and tender form tabulations are attached. The net cost to the City for the low bids is as follows:

Contract Number	6-0007	6-0008	6-0009
Description	Area Grading	Water & Sewer Servicing	Roadways and Sidewalks
Low Bidder	Brotsky Earthmoving Inc.	Hamm Construction Ltd.	Central Asphalt and Paving Ltd.
Base Tender	\$238,922.00	\$1,088,661.22	\$383,282.32
G.S.T.	16,724.54	76,206.29	26,829.76
Contingency	10,000.00	20,000.00	25,000.00
Total Tender	\$265,646.54	\$1,184,867.51	\$435,112.08
G.S.T. Rebate	16,724.54	76,206.29	26,829.76
Net Cost to City	\$248,922.00	\$1,108,661.22	\$408,282.32

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To complete this project a total post budget approval of \$499,000 is required to cover post tender estimates based on actual tendered prices for grading, water and sewer servicing, road and sidewalk construction including utilities, and to allow for the award of the above contracts which were tendered to include both phase one and two. This is summarized below:

ITEM	BUDGETED			POST BUDGET SUBMISSION		
	1996	1997	Total	Post Tender Estimate	Change	Budget Request
Site Grading	\$ 239,000	-	\$ 239,000	\$ 178,209	\$ 60,791	\$ 60,791
Water and Sewer	1,095,000	-	1,095,000	1,398,717	-303,717	-303,717
Roads, Sidewalks & Utilities	444,000	\$195,000	639,000	700,446	- 61,446	-256,446
Total	\$1,778,000	\$195,000	\$1,973,000	\$2,277,372	\$-304,372	\$-499,372

Note: All costs include components for design and construction engineering, administration cost, contingency and sunk costs from previous subdivision layouts.

Following is an explanation of the difference between the 1996 approved budget and post tender estimate:

1. Grading

Grading for the subdivision came \$60,791 under the budget provisions. This is being used to offset other components that are over budget estimates.

2. Roads, Streets, and Utilities

Road, sidewalk, and street lighting were budgeted over 1996 and 1997. The road and sidewalk contract for both phase 1 and 2 was tendered as a single contract. This is preferable for the purpose of construction warranty, and contract administration, and also allows the City the option to make all lots available for servicing in 1996. Of the \$256,446 requested as part of the post budget approval in this category, \$195,000 was planned 1997 expenditures requested to be moved forward. This money is required in order to award the staged contract.

3. Water and Sewer Servicing

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The water and sewer servicing budget included construction of both phases in 1996. The low tender represents a 29% increase in unit prices compared to 1995. The reason for this increase is due to problems anticipated with wet silty soil conditions, increases in material costs, and construction of a portion of the connections onto a paved street requiring additional pavement restoration costs. Of the \$499,000 post budget request, \$303,717 is to cover increased costs for water and sewer servicing.

4. Engineering, Overhead and Sunk Costs

The above funding request of \$499,000 also includes an allowance for normal additional project cost for design and construction engineering, contingency, administration cost as well as sunk costs for previous design work. Also, an allowance has been made for an anticipated change in the funding policy for underground electrical distribution."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Summary of Tenders received
2. Tender Tabulations of Tenders received

**REPORT NO. 6-1996 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Composition of Committee

Councillor K. Waygood, Chair  
Councillor M. Heidt  
Councillor A. Langford  
Councillor P. McCann  
Councillor J. Postlethwaite

1. **Avalon Neighbourhood Sketch Plan**  
**(File No. CK. 4131-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the advertising and sale of lots in the Avalon Neighbourhood extension proceed in August and September, prior to the public meeting to determine the program components of the proposed neighbourhood park.

*ADOPTED.*

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Your Committee has considered and supports the following report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department, dated March 8, 1996:

**"BACKGROUND**

During its January 23, 1996, meeting, the Planning and Operations Committee dealt with the above matter and resolved, in part:

- 2) that the idea of a natural park concept be referred to the Leisure Services Department for a report prior to the advertising and sale of the lots; and,
- 3) that the issue of naming the Park and the View be considered further by the Administration.

**DISCUSSION**

Public participation from the residents of the Avalon Neighbourhood is required to determine the program components of the proposed neighbourhood park.

The proposed Avalon Neighbourhood Sketch Plan, as presented to City Council on February 5, 1996, provides for the planned completion of the Avalon Neighbourhood, and incorporates the development of land for residential purposes, and also allows for the provision of a 1.69 hectare neighbourhood park.

Two public meetings were held in the Avalon Neighbourhood in the Spring and Fall of 1995 to introduce the proposed residential extension to the neighbourhood. Discussions at these public meetings centered on the residential land development within the neighbourhood extension, including community issues and concerns regarding the proposed plan. The proposed neighbourhood park space and its potential program components were not discussed at either meeting, and the concept of a natural park has also not been discussed publicly to date.

Two neighbourhood parks presently exist in the Avalon Neighbourhood, John Lake Park (1.67 hectares), and C.P. Seeley Park (.53 hectares). Both John Lake Park and C.P. Seeley Park currently provide program opportunities for both active and passive activities. John Lake Park was totally upgraded in 1991, and C.P. Seeley Park is on the park upgrade list scheduled for 1998, (pending available capital funding).

During its January 23, 1996, meeting of the Planning and Operations Committee, the President of the Avalon Community Association made a presentation on behalf of the community association and neighbourhood residents in response to the proposed Avalon Neighbourhood Sketch Plan. At that time, the President presented the idea of a natural park

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concept for the proposed neighbourhood park. However, no previous discussions had occurred within the Avalon Community Association or with residents from the Avalon Neighbourhood regarding this natural park concept.

Subsequently, the President of the Avalon Community Association presented the idea of a natural park concept to executive members at the February 6, 1996, community association meeting. Members of the community association believe that elementary school students in the neighbourhood regularly visit the undeveloped park land in the Avalon extension as part of school field trips. From this perspective, a natural park concept may benefit the school children in the neighbourhood. However, there is a need to further explore the needs of the neighbourhood residents, as well as the school population, prior to making a definite decision to leave the park in its natural state. Community association board members are open to the idea of a natural park concept, but wish to consider the needs of all residents within the neighbourhood.

**JUSTIFICATION**

The Leisure Services Department administers a park development process when developing new and upgraded parks, that involves public input from residents within the neighbourhood. This is accomplished in conjunction with and assistance from the community association and the Design Branch of the Public Works Department. The desired neighbourhood park program needs, and desired components for the neighbourhood park, are identified through a public participation process that can include input from schools, public meetings, and surveys. Concept plans are designed based on this input and are presented back to the community for approval.

Public meetings normally occur one year prior to park design and construction. In the event a public input meeting is held, and a park program is determined too far in advance (2 - 3 years) of the construction of the park, it is necessary to reconfirm the original park program with the residents in the community prior to actual construction.

A public meeting to determine the park program for the proposed park in the Avalon extension is tentatively scheduled to occur in the fall of 1996, with construction scheduled in 1997. In the meantime, the Avalon Community Association will request input from the elementary schools in the neighbourhood to determine their projected need to utilize the new park area for their school curriculum and thus, require some of the park to be left in its natural state.

The public meeting will allow community residents the opportunity to provide their input into the program components of the new park as well. It is here that the community residents will combine the information from the elementary schools with the residents' wishes to determine whether or not they want a natural park concept for their new park.

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Until a public meeting is held in the Avalon Neighbourhood, the idea of a natural park concept cannot be determined.

The advertising for the sale of lots in the Avalon extension is scheduled to occur in August, 1996, and to go on sale in September, 1996. The sale of the lots will generate new residents, and it is preferable to allow them input into their park as well. Since the public input meeting to advise the City on the desired park program components is not scheduled until sometime in the fall, it is advisable that the advertising and sale of the lots occur prior to determining the park program.

The issue of the naming of the Park and the View will be considered further by the Administration, as recommended by the Planning and Operations Committee. The suggestion to name the park the Avalon Park has been tabled with the Planning and Building Department. The naming of the View will be done through the subdivision process. The Planning and Building Department will suggest a street name, and are aware that Mendel view is not desired by the community.

**OPTIONS**

Option 1

Detain the advertising and sale of lots until after the public meeting in the fall for public input into the program components of the neighbourhood park space.

Option 2

Advertise the sale of lots in the Avalon Neighbourhood extension in August, and put them up for sale in September, as planned. Conduct a public meeting for input by residents into the park program components in the fall of 1996 as previously scheduled, so that new residents (and potential users of the new park) can be provided an opportunity to contribute their opinion.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications to the City of Saskatoon.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no additional financial impact to the City of Saskatoon."

**2. Saskatoon Barrier Free Transportation Committee**

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**- Terms of Reference  
(File No. CK. 215-5)**

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

*ADOPTED.*

Your Committee has considered the following report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, dated March 12, 1996, and it has also reviewed the Terms of Reference for the Saskatoon Barrier Free Transportation Committee (attached to this report):

**"BACKGROUND**

With the general direction by City Council that future bus purchases would be low floor buses, Saskatoon Transit Services formed a committee in early 1995 to assist the Department in developing a service implementation strategy for low floor accessible transit services.

This committee, called the Saskatoon Barrier Free Transportation Committee, began meeting in March of 1995, and is made up of representatives from the Special Needs Service Consumers Advisory Board, Blueline Taxi, Paraplegic Association, C.N.I.B., Voice of Persons with Disabilities, Saskatoon District Health Board, Saskatoon Council on Aging, Saskatoon Home Care, City of Saskatoon Transportation Department (Transit Services, Traffic Operations and Planning), Planning and Building Department, Public Works Department, and City Council.

Saskatoon Transit Services formed this committee in an effort to obtain community input from a wide range of groups who would be impacted either directly or indirectly by the introduction of low floor services. This group has also committed to support and provide information, about committee decisions, to their respective organizations which will assist in implementation of the designated low floor services.

At its meeting on October 24, 1995, the Barrier Free Transportation Committee approved the attached terms of reference for the activities of the Committee, and it is being provided at this time for information.

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Saskatoon Barrier Free Transportation Committee - Terms of Reference"

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**3. Communications to Council**

**From:** Fred Heal, Executive Director

**Meewasin Valley Authority**

**Date:** March 1, 1996

**Subject:** Requesting Council to authorize execution of an amending agreement for expansion of the Meewasin Valley Trail in the northeast area of the city

**(File No. CK. 4205-5)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that the amending agreement (Number 6) for expansion of the Meewasin Valley Trail in the northeast area of the City, be executed.

*ADOPTED.*

Your Committee has considered the above-noted communication (copy attached) and supports the execution of the Amending Agreement (Number 6). Your Committee also wishes to acknowledge the work of the MVA with respect to other areas of the Meewasin Valley Trail.

**4. Social Housing Advisory Committee Annual Report - 1995**

**(File No. CK. 225-3)**

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

**5. "Communities in Bloom" - National Competition**

**(File No. CK. 247-14)**

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

*ADOPTED.*

Your Committee has reviewed and acknowledges the initiative undertaken by the Administration with respect to the above project, as outlined in the following report of the General Manager, Public Works Department, dated March 14, 1996:

**"BACKGROUND"**

Following receipt of a letter sent to the Mayor's office on July 24, 1995, the Public Works Department, in consultation with the Leisure Services Department, have proceeded with registering Saskatoon in a National Competition called "Communities in Bloom". This is a nation-wide competition with various categories based on population. Saskatoon will

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compete in the category of cities with a population between 100,000 and 300,000. To date it is confirmed that we will be competing against: Surrey, B.C.; Oshawa, Ont.; and Burnaby, B.C.; however, we will not be competing against Regina as they are entered into a separate category for provincial capitals.

The objectives of this competition, as spelled out by the national organizing body, are as follows:

- encourage the public to contribute to the beautification of the environment and the community;
- promote the development of ornamental horticulture; and,
- encourage the promotion of participating municipalities as tourist destinations.

The Grounds Maintenance Program organized an initial meeting on November 30, 1995, and the response from the various interest groups was incredibly good. We have ongoing support and participation from the Horticulture Society, the Perennial Society, the University of Saskatchewan, the Partnership, the Meewasin Valley Authority, Dutch Growers, and Early's Farm and Garden. The primary focus is to bring together as many different representatives of the community as possible to demonstrate total interest in the aesthetic development of Saskatoon. The City of Saskatoon will be judged, through a formal process, for two full days on August 12 and 13 of this year. In general, the judges will be assessing the various projects and sites the Committee deems appropriate to represent Saskatoon on the following criteria:

- tidiness effort,
- urban forestry development,
- landscaped areas,
- floral arrangements,
- environmental effort, and
- preservation of historical sites (a new category being proposed for 1996).

The goal of the Organizing Committee is to officially kick-off the "Communities in Bloom" effort on March 22 to coincide with the start of Gardenscape on the Exhibition Grounds. We anticipate being able to tie into several projects already set-up for this event as well as the media exposure already planned for this date.

**DISCUSSION**

There are numerous ideas being examined for both presentation to the judges and for inclusion on the physical tour of the City. We are examining all projects that demonstrate public involvement, interest from service groups, and commitment and interest from the business sector. One of our major efforts is to try and get as many private residents as possible to participate in the competition. Although we are competing nationally we are not promoting local competitiveness, but rather a way for all members of the community to benefit and win through a collective effort.

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The one idea the Committee is especially proud of is "200,000 Blooms for 200,000 people". This idea is based on getting as many local residents as possible to register the number of flowering plants (annuals and perennials) that they have in their respective yards. We are planning to have a large thermometer style scale in the shape of a large "Teddy Bear" Sunflower to track the registrations leading up to our target number of 200,000. We have chosen a variety of Sunflower as a theme flower for 1996, in large part because it should be in bloom and at the height of its aesthetic value for the judging dates. It has also been selected because of its suitability for promotion (ease of planting and care) with children to try and involve them in the competition and encourage an interest in horticulture.

Our Sunflower chart will be used in several locations this spring to promote "Communities in Bloom", but ultimately the Committee would like it to end up in City Hall as we get closer to the judging dates. We feel this would be an excellent feature to highlight as part of the site visit to City Hall with the judges. We are also hoping to involve His Worship the Mayor, in updating our flower chart of public participation and we would also encourage His Worship to be available to meet the judges during their site visit to City Hall. In this regard, we will be on a very strict schedule for the two days of August 12 and 13 and should be able to provide a very specific time.

The Organizing Committee feels this project has immense value to municipal operations as well as the community at large and will instill a tremendous amount of pride in Saskatoon. This community is blessed with some extremely knowledgeable and dedicated people in the field of horticulture and this competition is an opportunity for Saskatoon to demonstrate this. The people in Saskatoon, and Saskatchewan generally, take a little more pride in horticultural accomplishments because we have very difficult weather conditions, by comparison to most provinces, that require an extra effort and persistence to succeed.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

At this point the Committee is not looking for any significant contributions from the City. We are making efforts to encourage donations (funding and labour) to accomplish all the major objectives being laid out for the judging grid. There are currently some small items (i.e. photocopying and signage) that are being considered for funding from the Grounds Maintenance Operating Budget.

Entrance into this competition did not, in any way, obligate the City to pursue new capital projects. The essence of the contest is to promote our existing park infrastructure and demonstrate what level of involvement and interest the local community-at-large has in working with civic staff. It is worth mentioning that the decision to enter the contest was a joint one with the in-scope staff in the Grounds Maintenance Program strongly recommending that the City be the catalyst in this process. The tremendous interest and effort from the public representatives in support of this competition has minimized any financial impact on the corporation."

**REPORT NO. 7-1996 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Composition of Committee

Councillor D.L. Birkmaier, Chair  
Councillor D. Atchison  
Councillor H. Langlois  
Councillor P. Roe  
Councillor R. Steernberg

**1. 1996 Membership  
Hudson Bay Route Association  
(File No. CK. 155-7)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the 1996 Membership Fees for the Hudson Bay Route Association be paid, in the amount of \$200.

*ADOPTED.*

Attached is a copy of a letter dated February, 1996 from Pat Stewardson, Executive Secretary, Hudson Bay Route Association, forwarding an invoice for the 1996 Membership Fee.

Your Committee has reviewed this matter, and supports this membership, in that the efforts of the Association are beneficial to our City and the cost is minimal.

**REPORT NO. 3-1996 OF THE LAND BANK COMMITTEE**

Composition of Committee

Councillor D. L. Birkmaier, Chair  
Councillor H. Langlois  
Councillor K. Waygood  
Councillor H. Heidt  
Councillor J. Postlethwaite  
His Worship the Mayor

1. **Request to Sell City-Owned Property**  
**Lots 27 to 45, Block 405**  
**Lots 42 to 57, Block 406**  
**Lots 1 to 17, Block 407**  
**All in Plan No. 95-S-26266**  
**Laycoe Crescent and Laycoe Lane**  
**Silverspring Neighbourhood**  
**(File No. CK. 4131-7)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the Land Manager be authorized to sell the 52 lots in the Silverspring Neighbourhood through a lot-draw process, at the prices which are outlined in the following report;
  - 2) that any of the above-noted lots which are not sold through the lot-draw process be placed for sale, over the counter, on a first-come, first-served basis, and at the prices which are outlined in the following report;
  - 3) that the Land Manager be authorized to offer a volume rebate program for builders in the Silverspring Neighbourhood, as outlined in the following report; and,
  - 4) that the Land Manager be authorized to administer development controls for the 52 new lots located in the Laycoe Subdivision within the Silverspring Neighbourhood, as a condition of sale, in accordance with the criteria outlined in the following report.

*ADOPTED.*

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Your Committee has reviewed the following report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, dated February 29, 1996 and has determined that the University of Saskatchewan has agreed to the proposal contained therein:

**"BACKGROUND**

Under agreement with the University of Saskatchewan, the City has been developing and selling residential lots within the Silverspring neighbourhood since 1987. As of December 31, 1995, 416 lots have been sold in the neighbourhood. In 1995, 88 lots were sold and 84 building permits issued in Silverspring - giving it the distinction of being the fastest growing, new-home subdivision in the City.

**REPORT**

Your staff intend to offer for sale 52 new lots located in the Laycoe Crescent area within the Silverspring neighbourhood (see Attachment #1). These lots constitute the second and final phase of this new development which began in the summer of 1995. All 52 lots will be offered for sale to both individuals and builders through a lot-draw process. Any lots that are not sold through this process will be made available for purchase over-the-counter on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Pricing**

Prices for residential lots are established using the approved prepaid service rates, a land rate and the approved land administration fee. Using this criteria the combined front metre charge is calculated between \$2200.00 and \$2700.00 per front metre, depending upon the location of the lot on the crescent. Lot sizes range from 15 metres to 17.5 metres of frontage. Therefore, prices will range between \$33,000.00 and \$47,250.00 depending upon the frontage of the lot and where it is located on the crescent (i.e. located internally or backing onto the Forestry Farm Park). These prices are consistent with the prices established for Phase I of the Laycoe area last year. Using the example of a lot with 15.0 metres of frontage and applying a front metre charge of \$2200.00, the breakdown of the sales price is follows:

15.0 metres @ \$2200.00 per front metre =	\$33,000.00
Services =	\$23,041.80
Land =	8,090.27
Administration Fee =	<u>1,867.93</u>
Total =	\$33,000.00

**Development Controls**

Consistent with the manner in which Phase I of Laycoe Crescent was offered for sale,

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development-controls will be administered as a condition of sale for the 52 new lots. These controls would apply to both individuals and builders as follows:

- All dwellings must be constructed with a two-car attached garage.
- The minimum size for a bungalow, bi-level, or split-level dwelling will be 1,000 square feet. The minimum size for a two-storey dwelling will be 1,500 square feet.

**Volume Rebate**

In the previous two years, the City has offered a volume rebate to eligible builders in the Silverspring neighbourhood. (To qualify as an eligible builder, a builder must be listed on the Land Branch's eligibility list as a registered company and have successfully completed a probation period.) In 1995, two volume rebate programs were offered based on whether lots purchased were located on collector streets or non-collector streets. The rebate for the purchase of collector street lots was 10% of the total dollar value of the purchase, provided the total purchase for the year exceeded \$100,000.00. The rebate for the purchase of non-collector street lots was as follows:

Total Purchase of Non-Collector Street Lots in 1995	Rebate
\$100,000	5%
\$200,000	6%
\$300,000	7%

It is the opinion of your staff that a volume rebate program should once again be offered. The purpose of the program would be to build upon the sales momentum we have achieved by providing eligible builders with a competitive advantage for being active in the neighbourhood. Builders purchased approximately 70% of the lots sold in Silverspring in 1995. Private land developers operating within the city have and appear to be continuing to offer rebate programs for their particular projects as well. The volume rebate program proposed for Silverspring for 1996 is as follows:

Total Purchase of Lots in 1996	Rebate
\$100,000	2%
\$200,000	3%
\$300,000	4%
\$400,000	5%

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Based on our projection of 80 lot sales for \$2.75 million, we anticipate paying out approximately \$96,000.00 as a result of the program.

In accordance with the agreement with the University of Saskatchewan, any and all costs associated with the marketing of Silverspring are borne by the City. Last year we approached the University with regard to entering into a cost-sharing arrangement for the rebate program. They declined on the basis of the agreement. We will be approaching them again this year to discuss cost-sharing the proposed volume rebate program for 1996. Our decision to implement the volume rebate program will depend on the participation of the University of Saskatchewan.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Plan showing 52 lots in Laycoe Crescent area."

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**REPORT NO. 4-1996 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. Communications to Council**  
**From: Greg Botting, Chair**  
**Broadway Business Improvement District**  
**Date: March 19, 1996**  
**Subject: Requesting an amendment to the bylaw which**  
**restricts the size of the Board to nine members**  
**(File No. CK. 1680-3)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare an amendment to Bylaw No. 6731 in order to increase membership on the Broadway Business Improvement District Board to twelve.

*ADOPTED.*

The attached letter from the Chair of the Broadway Business Improvement District has been considered by your Committee. Your Committee supports the suggestion put forward in Mr. Botting's letter.

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**2. Appointments to Property Maintenance Appeal Board  
(File No. CK. 185-7)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the following individuals be appointed to the Property Maintenance Appeal Board for the terms indicated:

Mr. Boris Kishchuk, as Chair, for the years 1996, 1997 and 1998;  
Mr. Don Zolmer, for the year 1996;  
Mr. Philip Kuefler, for the years 1996 and 1997;  
Ms. Susan Malin, for the year 1996; and  
Ms. Judith Heminger, for the years 1996 and 1997.

*ADOPTED.*

City Council, at its meeting held on February 5, 1996, passed the Property Maintenance and Occupancy Bylaw, which establishes minimum interior and exterior standards for all buildings with the City, and creates procedures for dealing with the following:

- fire, health and safety inspections
- building demolitions
- junked vehicles
- unsightly and untidy premises
- taking emergency action in vacant and dangerous buildings

The Bylaw also establishes a Property Maintenance Appeal Board, consisting of five members appointed by City Council to "hear and determine the appeal of any person grieved by an order made by a property maintenance inspector".

Your Committee placed an advertisement in the local newspapers and received twenty applications to serve on the Property Maintenance Appeal Board."

*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,*

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

*CARRIED.*

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**ENQUIRIES**

**Councillor Birkmaier  
Reduction in Revenue Sharing - 1997  
(File No. CK. 1785-1)**

The Saskatchewan Finance Minister recently announced, in her budget address, that although there would be no change in Revenue Sharing in 1996, there will be a 25% reduction in 1997. In that this would have a significant impact on the City's 1997 budget, would the Administration please report, prior to submission of the 1996 budget, the financial impact this will have?

**Councillor Birkmaier  
Woodlawn Cemetery  
(File No. CK. 4080-1)**

In light of the discussions with respect to vandalism in Woodlawn Cemetery, would the Administration please report to Council on the costs for provision of lighting in Woodlawn Cemetery, and the trimming of trees to above 10 feet.

**Councillor Atchison  
Stockpiling Site  
Circle Drive and Attridge  
(File No. CK. 6001-1)**

The stockpiling site at Circle Drive and Attridge Drive is causing some major concerns for the people who live in the area. The only land separating the homeowners from the city yard is Circle Drive. The homeowners have gone out and signed a petition asking that the City of Saskatoon move any future stockpiling to an area just east of the city on 8th Street. There are no homes in this area, and it does not appear that the City will be expanding into this area.

There are 61 homes on Adolph Crescent, Way and Bay. The petition has 65 signatures from 49 homes. One homeowner declined to sign as he knows the present contractor that is doing the crushing. The 11 remaining homes were unaccounted for as no one was at home at the time the petition was taken.

Included in this enquiry is a video for the Planning and Operations Committee to view.

**Councillor Heidt**

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**Low Income Housing  
(File No. CK. 750-1)**

With the concern expressed by the LITA organization, I also share some concerns if there is going to be one landlord for all of our low income housing.

Would the Administration report back on how many units or projects (inventory) we have in Saskatoon. Also, could the Planning Department advise Council when any more activity occurs, (i.e. for sale, change of ownership) and what would the cost be to advise Council or track.

**INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS**

**Bylaw No. 7537**

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7537, being "*The Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 1996 (No. 1)*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Bylaw No. 7537 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

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Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7537.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7537 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7537 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Bylaw No. 7537 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 McCann, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7546, being "*The Tax Exemption Amendment Bylaw, 1996*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Bylaw No. 7546 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7546.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7546 was considered clause by clause and approved.

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Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7546 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Bylaw No. 7546 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. 7549**

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7549, being "*The Fire Prevention Amendment Bylaw, 1996*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

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Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Bylaw No. 7549 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7549.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7549 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7549 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Bylaw No. 7549 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.

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CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

**Bylaw No. 7550**

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7550, being "*The Shuttle Craft Incentives Bylaw, 1996*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Bylaw No. 7550 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7550.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

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That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7550 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7550 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Bylaw No. 7550 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 McCann,*

*THAT the meeting stand adjourned.*

*CARRIED.*

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk