

Council Chambers
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Monday, March 8, 2004
at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, in the Chair;
Councillors Alm, Birkmaier, Dubois, Fortosky, Heidt, Hnatyshyn,
Neault, Paulsen, and Wyant
City Manager Richards;
A/General Manager, Community Services Sully;
General Manager, Corporate Services Veltkamp;
General Manager, Infrastructure Services Uzelman;
General Manager, Fire and Protective Services Bentley
General Manager, Utility Services Hewitt
City Solicitor Dust;
City Clerk Mann;
Councillors' Assistant Long.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on February 23, 2004 be approved.

CARRIED.

HEARINGS

- 2a) Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment
to Create a New Zoning District called MX1 (Mixed Use District 1)
Applicant: City of Saskatoon
Proposed Bylaw No. 8275
(File No. CK. 4350-1)**
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Report of the City Clerk:

“City Council, at its meeting held on February 23, 2004 held a hearing for the above noted Zoning Bylaw amendment. Council did not close the hearing, but passed a motion that the hearing be adjourned until March 8, 2004.

Attached is a copy of the excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of City Council held on February 23, 2004, with the attachments referred to therein”.

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His Worship the Mayor re-opened the hearing.

Ms. Diane Sawatzky, Civics Coordinator, Caswell Community Association, provided Council with a copy of her job description as Civics Coordinator and a copy of a pamphlet on the neighbourhood. She expressed concerns regarding the creation of the MX1 Zoning and the process.

Mr. Lorne Sully, Community Services Department, explained that this hearing is to create a new zoning district, not to rezone any particular property.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the submitted correspondence be received.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Alm, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 8275.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

1) Michael Couros, dated February 26

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the Gathercole building. (File No. CK. 4130-2-11)

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RECOMMENDATION: that Michael Couros be heard.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Michael Couros be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Michael Couros spoke in support of Council's decision regarding the Gathercole building and site. He expressed concerns regarding the Gathercole Initiative Group's actions and the wording of their petition. He also expressed concerns regarding City grant money being used to lobby politically.

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**2) Serge LeClerc, Executive Director
Prairie Hope Ministries Inc., dated February 26**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to a grant proposal for the further development of the Prairie Hope Centre. (File No. CK. 1870-1) **(Note: A copy of the complete proposal is available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office.)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Serge LeClerc be heard.

Moved by Councillor Alm, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Serge LeClerc be heard.

CARRIED.

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Mr. Serge LeClerc, Prairie Hope Ministries Inc., explained their substance abuse program and advised Council of the drug problem in the City and the province. He requested that the City provide a grant, and a partnership with the Canadian Council of Christian Charities, to assist in expanding their service to young people.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received and the matter be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.

CARRIED.

3) Ben Reynard, dated March 2

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the use and operation of the transit system in regards to people with disabilities. (File No. CK. 7305-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Ben Reynard be heard.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Ben Reynard be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Ben Reynard expressed concerns with respect to the way Transit Services deals with people in wheelchairs. He explained the difficulties experienced in boarding and exiting buses, having to back up the wheelchair into the spot designated, and buckling in. He also expressed concerns regarding Transit drivers not being able to assist him, and being informed that he is required to ride with an attendant.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration for a report and to the Transit Strategic Plan Study Steering Committee to consider with the Transit Study.

CARRIED.

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**4) Boyd Clark, Executive Director
Saskatoon SPCA Inc., dated March 5**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the awarding of the Pound Services Contract and the Animal Control Enforcement Contract. (File No. CK. 151-1)

**5) Crystal Chaluk, Chairperson
Saskatoon SPCA Inc., dated March 5**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the awarding of the Pound Services Contract and the Animal Control Enforcement Contract. (File No. CK. 151-1)

6) Dale V. Pippin, dated March 5

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the awarding of the Pound Services Contract and the Animal Control Enforcement Contract. (File No. CK. 151-1)

7) Garrett Richards, dated March 5

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the awarding of the Pound Services Contract and the Animal Control Enforcement Contract. (File No. CK. 151-1)

8) Tina Giorgiante, dated March 5

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the awarding of the Pound Services Contract and the Animal Control Enforcement Contract. (File No. CK. 151-1)

9) Rocky Dunn, dated March 5

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the awarding of the Pound Services Contract and the Animal Control Enforcement Contract. (File No. CK. 151-1)

10) Marly Brown, dated March 5

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the awarding of the Pound Services Contract and the Animal Control Enforcement Contract. (File No. CK. 151-1)

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11) Leslie Lalonde, dated March 5

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the awarding of the Pound Services Contract and the Animal Control Enforcement Contract. (File No. CK. 151-1)

12) Michelle Brons, dated March 5

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the awarding of the Pound Services Contract and the Animal Control Enforcement Contract. (File No. CK. 151-1)

13) Lorene Turner, dated March 5

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the awarding of the Pound Services Contract and the Animal Control Enforcement Contract. (File No. CK. 151-1)

14) Gerald Vaviuk, dated March 5

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the awarding of the Pound Services Contract and the Animal Control Enforcement Contract. (File No. CK. 151-1)

15) Ari Avivi, dated March 7

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the awarding of the Pound Services Contract and the Animal Control Enforcement Contract. (File No. CK. 151-1)

16) Barry Gay, dated March 4

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the awarding of the Pound Services Contract and the Animal Control Enforcement Contract. (File No. CK. 151-1)

17) Tiffany Kobach, dated March 5

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the awarding of the Pound Services Contract and the Animal Control Enforcement Contract. (File No. CK. 151-1)

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18) Rhea Rathje and Lesia Rathje, dated March 8

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the awarding of the Pound Services Contract and the Animal Control Enforcement Contract. (File No. CK. 151-1)

19) Sharon Lockwood, dated March 8

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the awarding of the Pound Services Contract and the Animal Control Enforcement Contract. (File No. CK. 151-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Clause B1, Administrative Report No. 5-2004 and Items AA31 to AA50 be brought forward and considered, and that the speakers be heard.

Moved by Councillor Alm, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Clause B1, Administrative Report No. 5-2004 and Items AA31 to AA50 be brought forward and considered, and that the speakers be heard.

CARRIED.

“ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 5-2004

B1) Animal Control and Poundkeeping Services
(File No. CK. 151-1)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that City Council accept the proposal by Saskatoon Animal Control Agency for the provision of animal control services at a cost of \$1,700,000 for five years;
- 2) that City Council accept the proposal by Buena Vista Kennels Inc. for the provision of poundkeeping services at an estimated cost of \$1,580,000 for five years; and,
- 3) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of Saskatoon under the Corporate Seal, the contract documents as prepared by the City Solicitor.

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A Request for Proposal, for the provision of animal control and poundkeeping services, was issued on January 19, 2004. The proposals were opened on February 5, 2004. Proposals were received from Buena Vista Kennels Inc., Saskatoon Animal Control Agency, and Saskatoon Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Inc. These proposals have been evaluated against the published evaluation criteria. A summary of the evaluation criteria "score sheet" is attached for your review.

Saskatoon Animal Control Agency has the highest ranked proposal for animal control services. They are a new organization that will be managed by a current Animal Protection Officer, as President, and a local businessperson, as Director. They have indicated that the President will focus on the delivery of animal control services (hiring and training staff, ensuring appropriate services and equipment provided, etc.) and the Director will focus on running the business (accounting, payroll, etc). Their office will be located within the city limits. Their stated intent is to employ Animal Protection Officers currently with the Saskatoon SPCA and some clerical support staff from the Saskatoon SPCA. Their intended staffing should allow for a fairly smooth transition of Animal Control Services from the Saskatoon SPCA to the Saskatoon Animal Control Agency.

Buena Vista Kennels Inc. has the highest ranked proposal for poundkeeping services. The current owners have been in the animal kennelling, training, and breeding business at this location for 25 years. They are located 2.5 km south of the city on Clarence Avenue. Their kennel facilities can adequately meet the needs of the City of Saskatoon's Pound. Their reception and office area is not currently adequate, but the owners have committed to upgrade these facilities before the start of the contract. Their background in the housing and handling of animals make them good candidates to provide poundkeeping services to the City of Saskatoon.

In 2003, the animal control budget was \$350,400. The proposed cost of this service from the Saskatoon Animal Control Agency is fixed at \$340,000 per year for the next five years.

In 2003, the poundkeeping budget was \$313,300. This included an annual grant to the Saskatoon SPCA in the amount of \$36,520. The proposed cost of this service from Buena Vista Kennels Inc. is \$300,000 per year for the next five years, plus an annual inflation adjustment equal to the consumer price index (CPI).

A copy of the proposal document, listing the services expected for the fees quoted, has been attached for Council's information.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Evaluation Score Sheet

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**AA31) Tammy Knuttila, Administrator
The Rural Municipality of Corman Park, dated March 5**

Requesting that a decision on awarding the contract for poundkeeping and animal control services be deferred until the RM of Corman Park has had the opportunity to gather and review additional details on the contract, ensure the activity is consistent with the non-conforming use status of Buena Vista Kennels and determine the ability to issue any required permits for building alterations. (File No. CK. 151-1)

AA32) Michelle Wudrick, dated March 6

Expressing concerns with respect to the poundkeeping and animal control services being awarded to Buena Vista Kennels and support for the SPCA. (File No. CK. 151-1)

AA33) Rhea Rathje, dated March 7

Expressing concerns with respect to the poundkeeping and animal control services being awarded to Buena Vista Kennels and support for the SPCA. (File No. CK. 151-1)

AA34) Jennifer Mathers and Andrew Lindsay, dated March 7

Expressing concerns with respect to the poundkeeping and animal control services and support for the SPCA. (File No. CK. 151-1)

AA35) Margo Rennie, dated March 7

Expressing support for the awarding of the poundkeeping and animal control services to Buena Vista Kennels and the Saskatoon Animal Control Agency. (File No. CK. 151-1)

AA36) Mary Loewen, dated March 7

Expressing concerns with respect to the poundkeeping and animal control services and support for the SPCA. (File No. CK. 151-1)

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AA37) Tina and Rocky Dunn, dated March 7

Expressing concerns with respect to the poundkeeping and animal control services and support for the SPCA. (File No. CK. 151-1)

AA38) Don Sanders, dated March 7

Expressing support for the awarding of the poundkeeping and animal control services to the lowest bid. (File No. CK. 151-1)

AA39) Leah Reynolds, dated March 8

Expressing concerns with respect to the poundkeeping and animal control services and support for the SPCA. (File No. CK. 151-1)

AA40) Zoe Hendrikson, dated March 7

Expressing concerns with respect to the poundkeeping and animal control services and support for the SPCA. (File No. CK. 151-1)

AA41) Janice Neabel, dated March 6

Expressing concerns with respect to the poundkeeping and animal control services and support for the SPCA. (File No. CK. 151-1)

AA42) Lesley Avant, dated March 7

Expressing concerns with respect to the poundkeeping and animal control services and support for the SPCA. (File No. CK. 151-1)

AA43) Alyssa Ogieglo, dated March 8

Expressing concerns with respect to the poundkeeping and animal control services and support for the SPCA. (File No. CK. 151-1)

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AA44) Jane Maryniak, dated March 8

Expressing concerns with respect to the poundkeeping and animal control services being awarded to Buena Vista Kennels and support for the SPCA. (File No. CK. 151-1)

AA45) Glenn Koback, dated March 5

Expressing concerns with respect to the poundkeeping and animal control services being awarded to Buena Vista Kennels and support for the SPCA. (File No. CK. 151-1)

AA46) Scott Sharp, dated March 8

Expressing concerns with respect to the poundkeeping and animal control services and support for the SPCA. (File No. CK. 151-1)

AA47) Katherine Diener, dated March 8

Submitting comments with respect to animal control. (File No. CK. 151-1)

AA48) Tonya McGowan, dated March 8

Expressing concerns with respect to the poundkeeping and animal control services and support for the SPCA. (File No. CK. 151-1)

AA49) Tara LaFreniere, dated March 8

Expressing concerns with respect to the poundkeeping and animal control services and support for the SPCA. (File No. CK. 151-1)

AA50) Teresa Billings, dated March 8

Expressing concerns with respect to the poundkeeping and animal control services and support for the SPCA. (File No. CK. 151-1)”

The City Clerk distributed a copy of a letter, addressed to the Rural Municipality of Corman Park, dated March 8, 2004, from Grant J. Scharfstein, Scharfstein Gibbings Walen & Fisher LLP, responding to the letter from the R.M. dated March 5, 2004, which was submitted to Council.

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Mr. Boyd Clark, Executive Director, Saskatoon SPCA Inc., expressed concerns with respect to the decision in awarding the contract, and questioned whether all aspects of the program had been taken into consideration in the other bids.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,

- 1) that Council extend the animal control and pound services contract for one year to the current provider at the current cost (eg. Base plus \$10,000 per month); and*
- 2) that the Administration report back within a year on the status of the SPCA regarding the Humane Society, which receives \$36,520 in City funding, to determine whether funding is adequate and what is required to ensure the longevity of the humane services in the City of Saskatoon.*

IN REFERRAL

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the matter be referred to the Executive Committee (In Camera) for a report.

CARRIED.

Ms. Crystal Chaluk, Chairperson, Saskatoon SPCA Inc., indicated she did not wish to address Council at this time.

Mr. Dale V. Pippin indicated he did not wish to address Council at this time.

Mr. Garrett Richards indicated he did not wish to address Council at this time.

Ms. Tina Giorgiante indicated she did not wish to address Council at this time.

Mr. Rocky Dunn indicated he did not wish to address Council at this time.

Ms. Marly Brown indicated she did not wish to address Council at this time.

Ms. Leslie Lalonde indicated she did not wish to address Council at this time.

Ms. Michelle Brons indicated she did not wish to address Council at this time.

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Ms. Lorene Turner indicated she did not wish to address Council at this time.

Mr. Gerald Vaviuk indicated he did not wish to address Council at this time.

Mr. Barry Gay spoke on behalf of Buena Vista Kennels and addressed some of the concerns which have been raised regarding awarding of the contract to them. He provided Council with a copy of his presentation.

Mr. Ari Avivi asked that Council base their decision on fact, not emotion, and spoke in support of the contract being awarded to Buena Vista Kennels.

Ms. Tiffany Kobach indicated she did not wish to address Council at this time.

Ms. Reha Rathje and Ms. Lesia Rathje indicated they did not wish to address Council at this time.

Ms. Sharon Lockwood indicated she did not wish to address Council at this time.

Councillor Birkmaier submitted a letter dated March 6, 2004 from Jennifer Holmes and a letter dated March 8, 2004 from Colleen Klassen regarding the matter.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL - CONTINUED

AA. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

1) Jim Travis, dated February 21

Proposing that the City offer citizens of Saskatoon an opportunity to purchase memorial benches.
(File No. CK. 4040-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the letter be referred to the Administration and the writer be advised of Council's Gifts and Memorial Program Policy.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the letter be referred to the Administration and the writer be advised of Council's Gifts and Memorial Program Policy.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Clause 3, Report No. 4-2004 of the Executive Committee be brought forward and considered, and that Dan Konkin be heard.

CARRIED.

REPORT NO. 4-2004 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

3. Tax Abatements/Tax Exemptions
(File No. CK. 1965-1)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the tax exemptions reviewed by the Corporate Services Department for organizations listed in the City Assessor's Abatement Report for 2003 (summarized in Attachment 1) be maintained for 2004;
 - 2) that the tax exemptions for all organizations noted in Attachment 1 be phased out beginning in 2005;
 - 3) that the phase-out period be ten years; and
 - 4) that the Administration report by mid October on the issue of whether to utilize the reductions in tax abatements to provide additional funding for the tax exemption component of the Assistance to Community Groups – Cash Grant Program.

City Council, at its meeting held on February 23, 2004, considered Clause 9, Report No. 3-2004 of the Administration and Finance Committee, a copy of which is attached, and referred it to the Executive Committee for further discussion.

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Your Committee has reviewed the matter, and is of the opinion that the elimination of tax exemptions for those organizations listed in Attachment 1 is necessary in order to be fair to all similar organizations within the City. A ten-year phase-out period will allow the affected organizations enough time to plan and re-structure if necessary.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

- 1) *that the tax exemptions reviewed by the Corporate Services Department for organizations listed in the City Assessor's Abatement Report for 2003 (summarized in Attachment 1) be maintained for 2004;*
- 2) *that the tax exemptions for all organizations noted in Attachment 1 be phased out beginning in 2005;*
- 3) *that the phase-out period be ten years; and*
- 4) *that the Administration report by mid October on the issue of whether to utilize the reductions in tax abatements to provide additional funding for the tax exemption component of the Assistance to Community Groups – Cash Grant Program.*

Mr. Dan Konkin, Queen's House, expressed concerns regarding the speed that Council is deciding the issue, and asked that the matter be tabled until further criteria has been established.

IN DEFERRAL

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT consideration of the matter be deferred until the next regular meeting of City Council.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT all interested parties be notified that the matter will be dealt with at the meeting of City Council to be held on March 22, 2004.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT the Administration prepare a report regarding the history of tax abatements for the next regular meeting of City Council.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL – CONTINUED

**2) Andy Biblow, Manager – Prairies
Devon Estates Limited, dated February 19**

Responding, on behalf of Mr. T.J. Hearn, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Imperial Oil, to a letter dated January 19, 2004 from the City Clerk regarding remediation of the contaminated site on 19th Street and Avenue K. (File No. CK. 425-1) (Attached is a copy of the letter referred to above.)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration to pursue a formal investigation of the properties located at 19th Street and Avenue K and Broadway and Taylor.

CARRIED.

**3) Tom Kambeitz, Manager
All Seasons Lawn and Yard Care, dated February 18**

Expressing concerns with respect to an increase in the cost of lease and property taxes. (File No. CK. 4225-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration.

CARRIED.

4) Noreen Johns, President
Heart and Stroke Foundation of Saskatchewan, dated February 25

Congratulating and thanking Council for passing the Smoking Bylaw. (File No. CK. 185-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

5) Marnie McNiven, President, Board of Directors
Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium Foundation, dated February 26

Advising Council of the Annual General Meeting of the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium Foundation Membership to be held on Thursday, March 25, 2004 at 12:00 noon in the Blair Nelson Room, Centennial Auditorium. (File No. CK. 175-28)

RECOMMENDATION: that the City of Saskatoon, being a member of The Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium Foundation Board of Directors, appoint Donald Atchison, or in his absence Glen Penner or Donna L. Birkmaier, of The City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual Meeting of the members of the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium Foundation, to be held on the 25th day of March, 2004, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the City of Saskatoon, being a member of The Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium Foundation Board of Directors, appoint Donald Atchison, or in his absence Glen Penner or Donna L. Birkmaier, of The City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual Meeting of the members of the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium Foundation, to be held on the 25th day of March, 2004, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

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6) Marnie McNiven, President, Board of Directors
Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium and Convention Centre, dated February 26

Advising Council of the Annual General Meeting of the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium and Convention Centre Corporation Board of Directors to be held on Thursday, March 25, 2004 at 12:05 p.m. in the Blair Nelson Room, Centennial Auditorium. (File No. CK. 175-28)

RECOMMENDATION: that the City of Saskatoon, being a member of The Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium and Convention Centre Board of Directors, appoint Donald Atchison, or in his absence Glen Penner or Donna L. Birkmaier, of The City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual Meeting of the members of the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium and Convention Centre, to be held on the 25th day of March, 2004, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,

THAT the City of Saskatoon, being a member of The Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium and Convention Centre Board of Directors, appoint Donald Atchison, or in his absence Glen Penner or Donna L. Birkmaier, of The City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual Meeting of the members of the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium and Convention Centre, to be held on the 25th day of March, 2004, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

CARRIED.

7) Judy M. Koutecky, Administrative Assistant
Mendel Art Gallery, dated February 25

Advising Council of the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation to be held on Tuesday, March 30, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Mendel Art Gallery. (File No. CK. 175-27)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the City of Saskatoon, being a member of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, appoint Donald Atchison, or in his absence, Terry Alm or Gordon Wyant of the City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the members of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, to be held on the 30th day of March, 2004, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the City of Saskatoon, being a member of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, appoint Donald Atchison, or in his absence, Terry Alm or Gordon Wyant of the City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the members of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, to be held on the 30th day of March, 2004, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

CARRIED.

8) E.J. Waschuk, dated February 16

Expressing concerns with respect to property taxes. (File No. CK. 1920-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

9) Donna Roller, dated March 1

Suggesting that an Imax Theatre be built in the city. (File No. CK. 4130-1)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

10) J. L. Grover, dated March 1

Requesting to meet with the Administration and Finance Committee with respect to a Property Maintenance Order. (File No. CK. 4352-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**11) Kent Macaulay, Executive Director
Community First Development Fund of Saskatoon, dated February 27**

Providing a copy of the 2002-2003 Annual Report, a copy of "The Caring Neighbour" newsletter, a copy of their Investor Brochure and a copy of their conference brochure. (File No. CK. 247-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved By Councillor Neault, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

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**12) Bob Gunn, Chair
2004 Great Northern River Roar Committee, dated February 27**

Submitting various requests in connection with the 2004 Great Northern River Roar from July 16 to 18, 2004. (File No. CK. 205-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the requests be approved subject to administrative conditions.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the requests be approved subject to administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

13) Jamie McKenzie, dated February 27

Submitting comments with respect to special needs transportation. (File No. CK. 7305-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the matter be referred to the Administration.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration.

CARRIED.

14) Jesse Finnman, dated March 1

Submitting comments with respect to transit buses. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Alm, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

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**15) Anne Leis, President
La Fédération des francophones de Saskatoon, dated February 23**

Requesting permission to raise the Fransaskois flag on March 9, 2004 at 12:15 p.m. in connections with the Semaines de la francophonie. (File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that permission be granted to La Fédération des francophones de Saskatoon to raise the Fransaskois flag at City Hall on March 9, 2004 subject to administrative conditions.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT permission be granted to La Fédération des francophones de Saskatoon to raise the Fransaskois flag at City Hall on March 9, 2004 subject to administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

**16) Tammy Stapleton, Chairperson
2004 Teddy Bears B*A*S*H Committee, dated March 1**

Requesting permission for temporary closure of St. Henry Avenue from Ruth Street to the Diefenbaker Park entrance from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 6, 2004 in connection with the 7th Annual Saskatoon Teddy Bears' B*A*S*H. (File No. CK. 205-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the request be approved subject to administrative conditions.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT the request be approved subject to administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

**17) John T. Nilson, Q.C.
Minister of Health, dated February 26**

Congratulating Council on passing the Smoking Bylaw. (File No. CK. 185-3)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Alm, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**18) Cal Albright, Youth Justice Program Manager
Federation of Saskatchewan Indians, dated January 28**

Submitting a copy of the “Alter-Natives to Non Violence” Report. (File No. CK. 100-10)

RECOMMENDATION: that the matter be referred to the Board of Police Commissioners.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the matter be referred to the Board of Police Commissioners and the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee.

CARRIED.

**19) Joanne Sproule, Secretary
Saskatoon Development Appeals Board, dated February 24**

Submitting notice of Development Appeal Board hearing for property located at 563 5th Avenue North. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

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20) Bob Fink, dated February 23

Submitting comments with respect to demolition of the Gathercole building. (File No. CK. 4130-2-11)

21) Chris Kelln, dated February 24

Submitting comments with respect to demolition of the Gathercole building. (File No. CK. 4130-2-11)

22) Arnold Shaw, dated February 23

Submitting comments with respect to the demolition of the Gathercole building. (File No. CK. 4130-2-11)

23) Shayne Metcalfe, dated February 24

Submitting comments with respect to the demolition of the Gathercole building. (File No. CK. 4130-2-11)

24) Jonathon Michael, dated February 23

Submitting comments with respect to the demolition of the Gathercole Building. (File No. CK. 4130-2-11)

25) Garth and Mary Graham, dated February 24

Submitting comments with respect to the demolition of the Gathercole Building. (File No. CK. 4130-2-11)

26) Janine Muvres, dated February 24

Submitting comments with respect to the demolition of the Gathercole Building. (File No. CK. 4130-2-11)

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27) Russ Neufeld, dated February 21

Submitting comments with respect to the demolition of the Gathercole Building. (File No. CK. 4130-2-11)

28) Don Field, dated March 1

Submitting comments with respect to the demolition of the Gathercole Building. (File No. CK. 4130-2-11)

29) Brent Penner, dated February 28

Submitting comments with respect to demolition of the Gathercole building. (File No. CK. 4130-2-11)

30) Joseph Kuchta, dated February 27

Submitting a copy of a letter addressed to Councillor Hnatyshyn with respect to the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee's report to Council regarding the Gathercole building. (File No. CK. 4130-2-11)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**31) Tammy Knuttila, Administrator
The Rural Municipality of Corman Park, dated March 5**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 5.

32) Michelle Wudrick, dated March 6

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 5.

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33) **Rhea Rathje, dated March 7**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 5.

34) **Jennifer Mathers and Andrew Lindsay, dated March 7**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 5.

35) **Margo Rennie, dated March 7**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 5.

36) **Mary Loewen, dated March 7**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 5.

37) **Tina and Rocky Dunn, dated March 7**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 5.

38) **Don Sanders, dated March 7**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 5.

39) **Leah Reynolds, dated March 8**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 5.

40) **Zoe Hendrikson, dated March 7**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 5.

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41) **Janice Neabel, dated March 6**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 5.

42) **Lesley Avant, dated March 7**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 5.

43) **Alyssa Ogieglo, dated March 8**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 5.

44) **Jane Maryniak, dated March 8**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 5.

45) **Glenn Koback, dated March 5**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 5.

46) **Scott Sharp, dated March 8**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 5.

47) **Katherine Diener, dated March 8**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 5.

48) **Tonya McGowan, dated March 8**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 5.

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49) Tara LaFreniere, dated March 8

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 5.

50) Teresa Billings, dated March 8

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 5.

B. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

1) Tracy Jordan, dated February 23

Expressing concerns with respect to the cost of disposing of elm trees. (File No. CK. 7830-4) **(Referred to the Administration.)**

2) Brad Brooks, dated February 26

Submitting information with respect to the effects of co-dependent behaviour and their involvement in police cases. (File No. CK. 5000-1) **(Referred to the Board of Police Commissioners.)**

**3) Boyd Clark, Executive Director
Saskatoon SPCA, dated February 19**

Expressing concerns with respect to the impact the closure of Clarence Avenue is having on the SPCA. (File No. CK. 151-1) **(Referred to the Administration.)**

**4) Chriss Gates, Region Director
Canadian Red Cross Society, dated February 26**

Submitting comments with respect to tax exemption criteria. (File No. CK. 1965-1) **(Referred to the Executive Committee.)**

5) R.F. Hope, dated February 28

Submitting comments with respect to the City of Saskatoon's website. (File No. CK. 150-1) **(Referred to the Administration.)**

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6) J. Korobejko, dated March 1

Expressing concerns with respect to property taxes and utility bills. (File No. CK. 1920-1)
(Referred to the Administration.)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

C. PROCLAMATIONS

1) Darren Williams, dated February 16

Requesting that Council proclaim April 12 to 18, 2004 as Rotary Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**2) Nancy-Jean Lahn, National Communications Coordinator
Sunshine Dreams for Kids, dated February 17**

Requesting that Council proclaim April 18 to 24, 2004 as Talk Sunshine Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**3) Destiny Muirhead
Saskatoon Communities for Children Inc., dated February 27**

Requesting that Council proclaim March 28 to April 3, 2004 as Sexual Assault and Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Awareness Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**4) Jean Taylor, Co-Chair, AGM Organizing Committee
Osteoporosis Society of Canada, dated February 29**

Requesting that Council proclaim June 21 to 26, 2004 as Osteoporosis Week and June 26, 2004 as Osteoporosis Day in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

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

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

REPORTS

A/General Manager, Community Services Sully presented Section A, Administrative Report No. 5-2004;

General Manager, Corporate Services Veltkamp presented Section B, Administrative Report No. 5-2004;

General Manager, Infrastructure Services Uzelman presented Section D, Administrative Report No. 5-2004;

General Manager, Utility Services Hewitt presented Section E, Administrative Report No. 5-2004;

City Manager Richards presented Section F, Administrative Report No. 5-2004;

City Solicitor Dust presented Section B, Legislative Report No. 5-2004;

Councillor Neault, Member, presented Report No. 4-2004 of the Planning and Operations Committee;

Councillor Heidt, Member, presented Report No. 4-2004 of the Administration and Finance Committee;

Councillor Birkmaier Chair, presented Report No. 2-2004 of the Audit Committee; and

His Worship the Mayor, Chair, presented Report No. 4-2004 of the Executive Committee.

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Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

- a) Administrative Report No. 5-2004;*
- b) Legislative Report No. 5-2004;*
- c) Report No. 4-2004 of the Planning and Operations Committee;*
- d) Report No. 4-2004 of the Administration and Finance Committee;*
- e) Report No. 2-2004 of the Audit Committee; and*
- f) Report No. 4-2004 of the Executive Committee.*

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

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

Committee arose.

Councillor Wyant 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:

“ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 5-2004

Section A - COMMUNITY SERVICES

- A1) Land-Use Applications Received by the Community Services Department
For the Period Between February 13, 2004 to February 25, 2004
(For Information Only)
(File No. CK. 4000-5)**
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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

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The following applications have been received and are being processed:

Condominium

- Application No. 2/04: 1121 McKercher Drive
Applicant: 618619 Saskatchewan Limited
Legal Description: Parcel B, Plan No. 79S27667
Current Zoning: RM4
Neighbourhood: Wildwood
Date Received: February 24, 2004

Discretionary Use

- Application No. D1/04: 122-126 Cardinal Crescent
Applicant: Leon's Furniture
Legal Description: Lot 3A, Block 2, Plan 81S26948, and
Lot 4, Block 2, Plan 79S17444
Current Zoning: IL1
Proposed Use: Furniture Store
Neighbourhood: Airport Business Area
Date Received: March 1, 2004

Subdivision

- Application No. 6/04: Proposed Lot X (Avenue G South between 22nd
and 21st Streets)
Applicant: William C. Soroski, S.L.S. for the City of Saskatoon
Legal Description: Plan E5618 Lying South of the Southerly Limit of CPR,
Registered Plan No. E917 and North of Line being the
Production Westerly of the Southerly Limit of Lot 21,
Block 6, Plan No. E5618 on in NE ¼ Section 29
Current Zoning: R2 and R2(H)
Neighbourhood: Riversdale
Date Received: February 13, 2004

Subdivision

- Application No.7/04 : Brookdale and Beechwood Crescents
Applicant: Webster Surveys Ltd. for City of Saskatoon
Legal Description: Lots B & C, Block 115, Blocks 131 & 132 and Lot D, all in
Plan No. 00SA24077
Current Zoning: R1A
Neighbourhood: Briarwood
Date Received: February 16, 2004

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Subdivision

- Application No. 8/04: Maguire and Greaves Crescents
Applicant: George, Nicholson, Franko for City of Saskatoon
Legal Description: Parcels A & B, Plan 101749248
Current Zoning: R1A
Neighbourhood: Willowgrove
Date Received: February 23, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan of Proposed Condominium No. 2/04.
2. Plan of Proposed Discretionary Use No.D1/04.
3. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 6/04.
4. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 7/04.
5. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 8/04.

Section B – CORPORATE SERVICES

B1) Animal Control and Poundkeeping Services
(File No. 151-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 5.

Section D – INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

D1) School Signing Revisions
(File No. CK. 6280-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the proposed school signing revisions, as set out in the following report, be approved.

ADOPTED.

Infrastructure Services has been requested to revise the signing at the following schools: Dr. John G. Egnatoff School and St. Bernard School.

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Consultations with the principals, representatives of the school boards, and a member of Infrastructure Services have resulted in the preparation of new school signing plans (using the School Signing Guidelines) to address the particular needs of each facility. The following changes have been reviewed and approved by Infrastructure Services, the school boards, and the schools' principals.

Dr. John G. Egnatoff School, Plan No. 212-0029-001r004 (Attachment 1)

The existing 'SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE, 08:00-17:00, MONDAY-FRIDAY' be extended approximately 13 metres to the south along Kenderdine Road.

St. Bernard School, Plan No. 210-0026-002r003 (Attachment 2)

The existing 'DISABLED PERSON LOADING ZONE' be extended approximately 6 metres to the south along Whiteshore Crescent.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan No. 212-0029-001r004
2. Plan No. 210-0026-002r003

**D2) Exchange of Land with the University of Saskatchewan
108th Street Realignment
Capital Project 653 – Upgrade Preston Avenue
(File No. CK. 6000-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that Infrastructure Services be authorized to proceed with the exchange of land required for the realignment of 108th Street between Preston Avenue and Circle Drive as shown on Plan No. 250-0064-014r001 (Attachment 2) with the University of Saskatchewan; and
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary agreement for the exchange of land.

ADOPTED.

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Infrastructure Services is in the process of completing the detailed design for the upgrading of Preston Avenue as detailed in Capital Project 653. An integral component of the project is the relocation of the existing 108th Street intersection to a more southerly location and consolidating the University's East Road intersection with it. The limits of the project and general roadway configurations are shown on Plan No. 250-0064-012r004 (Attachment 1). The realigned 108th Street will traverse what is now University of Saskatchewan farmland and in order to do so, the land in question must be converted to public right-of-way. This will also involve the abandonment of a portion of the existing 108th Street right-of-way and its subsequent closure. These changes necessitate an exchange of land with the University of Saskatchewan in order to obtain the necessary right-of-way.

Plan No. 250-0064-014r001 (Attachment 2) shows the layout of the new 108th Street right-of-way required from the University and the portion of the existing 108th Street right-of-way that can be closed. Discussions with the University have resulted in an agreement being reached with respect to an outright exchange of the lands. That is, the University will provide to the City, free of charge, the land required for the new 108th Street right-of-way in exchange for the City providing to the University the closed portion of the existing 108th Street right-of-way. The City has agreed to pay all survey and legal costs associated with the closure of the existing right-of-way and creation of the new one (an approximate \$5,000 cost).

Concurrent to this land exchange agreement being formalized, Infrastructure Services will commence the process for the legal closure of the existing 108th Street right-of-way to be transferred to the University.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Section E – UTILITY SERVICES

- E1) Enquiry – Councillor D. L. Birkmaier (December 15, 2003)**
Front Street Garbage Pick Up
(File No. CK. 7830-3)
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RECOMMENDATION: that information be received.

ADOPTED.

At the January 6, 2004, Council Meeting the General Manager of Utility Services responded to the following inquiry from Alderman Birkmaier:

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“Would the Administration please report on the number and location of residences that still have manual front street garbage pick-up.”

At the same Council meeting, Alderman Birkmaier requested additional information relative to number and locations of individual front street garbage pick-ups be provided.

REPORT

Administration’s report on the initial inquiry is attached (Attachment 1). Attachment 2 is a list of the neighbourhoods that currently have front and rear street garbage pick-up. In addition, it identifies Administration’s assessment of suitability/readiness for conversion from rear lane to front street pick-up.

In 2004, Administration will complete the conversion of manual pick-up to semi-automated collection and will be converting the neighbourhoods of Mount Royal and Westview to front street pick-up.

Currently there are 31,500 residences (54 percent of the City) on the back alley automated collection system and 26,000 (44 percent) of the residences on the front street collection system.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Report on initial inquiry.
2. Solid Waste Neighbourhood Conversion Status – January 2004

E2) Governor General’s Leadership Conference (File No. 205-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Administration is very pleased to report that Ms. Eve Casavant, Acting Manager, Environmental Protection Branch, within the Utility Services Department was recently selected as a participant in the Governor General’s Leadership Conference - 2004. Ms. Casavant was selected from applicants across Canada. Her acceptance was based on her potential leadership abilities.

The conference, which is held every four years, takes place between May 7 – 24, 2004. Rather than being held in one location the conference travels across the Country to investigate and study the issues around “leadership and diversity.”

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This conference is a highly regarded honour for aspiring future leaders extended to those people with exceptional potential. The Government of Canada and major corporations underwrite the costs of the conference.

See attachment “1” for additional information.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

The Governor General’s Canadian Leadership Conference

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the information be received and a letter of congratulations be sent from City Council to Ms. Casavant.

**E3) Enquiry – Councillor D. L. Birkmaier (February 9, 2004)
Use of Streets – Area of Bus Barns
(File No. CK. 7311-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Councillor Birkmaier made the following enquiry at the meeting of City Council held on February 9, 2004:

“Would the Administration please review and report on the use of streets in and around the bus barns? Many individuals have expressed concern for safety, lack of respect of others drivers, buses parked in the street, etc.”

REPORT

Saskatoon Transit has been a part of the Caswell Community since 1912. The old body shop north of the maintenance shop, built in 1912, was demolished in 1997 after being declared unsafe. The main service and storage facility, originally built in 1964, contains the fuelling and bus washing area, administration office, and driver waiting area. The maintenance shop north of the main service building where major mechanical functions are performed includes a storage area constructed in 1948, and maintenance garage, constructed in 1975, with an addition to the maintenance area completed in 1985.

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Transit Services strives to be a good neighbour with Caswell Hill residents and endeavours to work with the Community Services Department and the Community Association. The Caswell Hill Local Area Plan Recommendation 6.4: “That the Transit Services Branch meet with the Caswell Hill Community Association to discuss community safety concerns related to pedestrian safety and the Transit Operations” resulted in the following action taking place:

- May 2001 - memo to City Planning Administration outlining history, safety measures put in place, and future of facility
- November 2001 - invitation letter to Community association to hold Community Association Meeting at Transit facility
- November 12, 2003 - a presentation was given to the Caswell Hill Community Association that addressed:
 - historical information on facility location
 - safety issues and measures taken
 - emissions, noise levels, and maintenance

Attendance at the November 12, 2003, presentation was low so another meeting is planned for late March 2004. The Community Association will be notifying community residents of the meeting through their newsletter and at meetings prior to the March date.

Saskatoon Transit Services is sensitive to the issues of safety regarding children and the transit operation. The facilities are well lit at night and began 24-hour video monitoring of the site in June 2000 to protect both the transit property and maintain an eye on the community. In addition, signs have been posted near the bus garage doors to inform the public of the danger associated with playing near or around these doors. As summer approaches and more children and youth are present on the streets, transit operators are reminded to watch for pedestrians, bikes and scooters not only in the Caswell Hill area, but also in all areas of the city. Staff is also informed on procedures for parking buses around Transit facilities.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be referred to the Planning and Operations Committee to deal with the location of the transit utility.

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Section F – CITY MANAGER

**F1) Year 2003 Annual Report
2004-2006 Corporate Business Plan
Strategic Plan, March 2004
(Files CK. 430-71, 430-72, 100-14)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council receive the Strategic Plan, the 2003 Annual Report, and the 2004-2006 Corporate Business Plan.

To identify and address major issues over the short-term, the City of Saskatoon employs strategic planning. The first step in this process is the development of a vision for the community, a mission statement, and a set of corporate values. These are revisited regularly to ensure their relevance in a rapidly changing world.

The Strategic Plan was originally developed by City Council and Administration with input from the community, employees, and civic union executives, and it was reviewed and updated by City Council and Administration in March of 2000 and again in December 2003. The Executive Committee approved this document at its meeting on March 1st.

The Strategic Plan is not a detailed blueprint, but a guide for the City of Saskatoon. From these basic building blocks, a set of corporate-wide strategies is established and a three-year business plan is developed. The new three-year Corporate Business Plan for the years 2004 to 2006 is attached. Included in this plan are the objectives that will guide the Administration over the next three years. Each civic department uses this plan to develop specific actions which they undertake throughout the course of the business plan's timeframe.

Your Administration is also pleased to present its fourth Annual Report. This report highlights the major accomplishments that took place in the year 2003.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Strategic Plan March, 2004
2. Corporate Business Plan 2004-2006
3. Annual Report – City of Saskatoon – Year 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the 2003 Annual Report and the Strategic Plan, March 2004 be received as information; and

2) *that the 2004-2006 Corporate Business Plan be referred to the Executive Committee for further discussion.*

ADDENDUM TO ADMINISTRATION REPORT NO. 5-2004

**F2) Costs for the South Downtown
Gathercole Site
(File No. CK. 4130-2-11)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

At the time of the Expressions of Interest for the Gathercole site, the estimated costs were \$4.2 million based on the following estimates:

Asbestos/Demolition	\$1,165,000
Site Clean-up	500,000
Site Services	857,300
Intersections	50,000
Offsite Levies	500,000
Subdivision	15,000
Primary Watermain	100,000
Electrical Duct	235,000
Streetscaping	750,000
Shallow Utilities	0
 Total	 \$4,172,300

Since then, the estimated costs for the site have increased to approximately \$6.4 million. While we are still finalizing our estimates for each component, we can confirm that the bulk of the additional costs are due to the following:

- Improvements to Third Avenue between Friendship Park and the Gathercole site.
- Significantly enhanced streetscaping for the extension of Second Avenue and Spadina Crescent (e.g. brick pavers rather than pavement).
- The inclusion of the improvements to the 19th Street overpass in this budget, rather than the general capital budget.
- Widened sidewalks throughout the site.
- Specialized pedestrian lighting throughout the site.
- Increased estimates for engineering services, consultants, administration and contingency funds.

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These costs do not include the riverfront park. They do not include service lanes, service connections or parcel landscaping which would be the normal cost of individual site developments. These costs also do not include any additional enhanced design features for the site which may result from the concept plan being developed by Council.

Roadway

The Administration is developing a proposed roadway design based on the configuration of Second Avenue and Spadina Crescent which was included in Council's report of December 8, 2003. The detailed design, which is being developed for Council and MVA approval, is for wide pedestrian walkways next to a roadway of one lane each way traffic with some angle and parallel parking. The entire pedestrian/vehicle area will have brick pavers or some similar treatment and is intended to encourage joint pedestrian/vehicle use. It is also designed to allow complete or partial closure to vehicles for special events.

Underground Services

The services for the site are intended to be installed beneath the roadway. They include all new services for water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, electrical, gas, telephone and cable. This will provide new services for all of the lands south of 19th Street between Third Avenue and the Sid Buckwold Bridge, including the riverfront park. Existing services, which criss-cross the site, will be replaced. As mentioned earlier, service connections to individual sites are not included.

The Gathercole Building

We have been asked for a percentage breakdown of costs between demolition and hazardous waste removal. Our best estimate of the percentage breakdown is:

Hazardous Waste Removal	30%
Demolition	70%

Construction of the Roadway and Underground Services

Construction cannot begin until after City Council/MVA approval. While City Council and the MVA will be asked to approve all of the designs, only the underground servicing is scheduled to be done in 2004. This will take up the balance of the 2004 construction season. The roadway, sidewalk, and streetscaping improvements are not scheduled to be done until 2005.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 5-2004

Section B – OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

**B1) Proposed Poster Bylaw Amendment
(File No. CK. 4350-13)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8289.

ADOPTED.

At its meeting held on February 9, 2004, City Council resolved to:

- a) add the Broadway Bridge to The Poster Bylaw No. 7565 as an area where postering is prohibited and to update Schedule “A” and Schedule “B” of The Poster Bylaw No. 7565 to this effect; and
- b) request that the City Solicitor prepare the required bylaw amendments.

The Urban Design Committee has added poster drums on both sides of the street at the top and the bottom of the Broadway Bridge, providing an equivalent area of display space as that represented by the street light poles on the Broadway Bridge. The addition of these postering facilities necessitates a change in The Poster Bylaw No. 7565 because a different style of postering facility has been added and because the designated locations for postering have been changed. Attached is Bylaw No. 8289 which reflects the necessary changes to The Poster Bylaw No. 7565.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 8289 with attached Schedules “A” and “B”.

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B2) Communications to Council

**From: Janice Mann, Secretary
The Board of Police Commissioners**
Date: September 15, 2003
Subject: Prohibition of Consensual Fighting in Public Areas
(File No. CK. 5000-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Council consider Bylaw No. 8288.

ADOPTED.

City Council, at its meeting held on September 22, 2003, resolved in part to amend the Streets-Use Bylaw to prohibit consensual fighting in public areas, and directed our Office to draft the appropriate amendment to the Bylaw. Our Office consulted with the Saskatoon Police Service to determine the appropriate amendment. This Bylaw amends the Streets-Use Bylaw to prohibit consensual fighting.

Attached, please find Bylaw No. 8288 that provides that consensual fighting is banned in public places within the City of Saskatoon.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 8288.

REPORT NO. 4-2004 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor O. Fortosky, Chair
Councillor T. Alm
Councillor D. L. Birkmaier
Councillor E. Hnatyshyn
Councillor M. Neault

- 1. 2003 Annual Report
Special Needs Transportation Advisory Committee
(File No. CK. 430-17-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the 2003 Annual Report of the Special Needs Transportation Advisory Committee for City Council's information.

- 2. Increasing Women's Participation in Municipal Consultation Processes
(File No. CK. 100-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 13, 2004, with the Race Relations Coordinator and is forwarding the report to City Council as information.

3. **Automated Garbage Collection**
Conversion from Lane to Front Street – Westview
(File No. CK. 7830-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that the Administration pursue a one-year trial for the conversion of automated lane garbage collection to automated front street garbage collection for all 1,000 residences in Westview, beginning in April 2004.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the attached report of the General Manager, Utility Services Department dated February 20, 2004, with the Administration. Your Committee supports the recommendation for a one-year trial for the conversion of automated lane garbage collection to automated front street garbage collection for the residences in Westview.

REPORT NO. 4-2004 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor, G. Penner, Chair
Councillor B. Dubois
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor T. Paulsen
Councillor G. Wyant

1. **Lawson Heights Community Association's Request to Declare**
the Installation of Pathway Lighting in Rochdale Neighbourhood
Park as a Municipal Project
(File No. CK. 4205-1)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the park enhancement project of installation of pathway lighting in Rochdale Neighbourhood Park, be approved as a municipal project; and
- 2) that the Treasurer's Branch, Corporate Services Department, be authorized and directed to accept donations for this project and to issue appropriate receipts to donors who contribute funds to this project.

ADOPTED.

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Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 29, 2004, recommending that the park enhancement project at Rochdale Neighbourhood Park be approved as a municipal project. Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration and supports the proposal as a municipal project.

**2. Silverwood Heights Community Association's Request to Declare the Redevelopment of the Water-Spray Feature Between Silverwood and Sister O'Brien Schools in W.J.L. Harvey Park As a Municipal Project
(File No. CK. 4205-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the project of re-developing the water-spray feature between Silverwood and Sister O'Brien Schools in W.J.L. Harvey Park be added to the Capital Budget as a post-budget capital project fully funded by the Community Association and the Neighbourhood Park Enhancement Fund;
 - 2) that the park enhancement project of re-developing the water-spray feature between Silverwood and Sister O'Brien Schools in W.J.L. Harvey Park be approved as a municipal project; and
 - 3) that the Treasurer's Branch, Corporate Services Department, be authorized and directed to accept donations for this project and to issue appropriate receipts to donors who contribute funds to the project.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 19, 2004 with respect to the redevelopment of the water spray feature in W.J.L. Harvey Park. Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration and supports this proposal as a municipal project.

**3. 2003 Annual Report – Advisory Committee on Animal Control
(File No. CK. 430-63)**

- RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

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Attached is a copy of the report of the Chair, Advisory Committee on Animal Control dated February 18, 2004, forwarding their 2003 Annual Report. This report is being submitted to City Council as information in accordance with Clause 2, Report No. 14-1998 of the Executive Committee, which requires that all advisory committees prepare and submit an annual report.

REPORT NO. 2-2004 OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor D.L. Birkmaier, Chair
Councillor T. Alm
Councillor O. Fortosky
Councillor B. Dubois
Councillor M. Neault

**1. Heritage Program – Audit Report
(File No. CK. 1600-1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the information be received; and
- 2) that Recommendations 14 and 15 of the Audit Report – Heritage Program be referred to the Planning and Operations Committee for further consideration.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the Implementation Plan for the Heritage Program – Audit Report which your Committee has reviewed with the Administration. The Audit Report has not been copied due to its volume, and will be available for review in the City Clerk’s Office. All members of Council have received a copy of this report.

Your Committee supports the Recommendations contained in the Implementation Plan, however, Recommendations 14 and 15 will require further consideration by the Planning and Operations Committee.

REPORT NO. 4-2004 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

His Worship Mayor D. Atchison, Chair
Councillor T. Alm
Councillor D.L. Birkmaier
Councillor B. Dubois
Councillor O. Fortosky
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor E. Hnatyshyn
Councillor M. Neault
Councillor T. Paulsen
Councillor G. Penner
Councillor G. Wyant

**1. Gathercole – Schedule of Activities
(File No. CK. 4130-2-11)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Council authorize the division of the contracts as proposed in this report.

ADOPTED.

The Gathercole Initiative Group has now informed the City Clerk that their petition drive is starting March 1, 2004. In recognition of this fact and also in the interest of continuing to proceed as expeditiously as possible, the Committee is suggesting that Council make the following adjustment to its schedule.

The Committee is recommending that the tender for asbestos removal and demolition which is presently out for bids be amended so as to be divided into two contracts, one for asbestos removal and one for demolition. Further, that the asbestos removal be done to the standard required for adaptive reuse.

There is a quantity of asbestos which must be removed regardless of whether the ultimate result is demolition or adaptive reuse. The standard of removal for adaptive reuse is slightly higher and therefore more expensive. This may be offset by dividing the contract as this will allow the asbestos removal companies to bid on their own, rather than as subcontractors.

This change will allow Council to award the asbestos removal contract on March 22, 2004, with removal to begin on April 1, 2004, or earlier. This does not affect the petition in any way. The demolition contract can then be awarded separately at a later date, depending on what happens with the petition. We would suggest that Council assess that situation later in April, 2004.

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There is one final consideration. Once the asbestos is removed from the Gathercole building, the existing heating plant is no longer functional. In the event that a sufficient petition to save the Gathercole building is received, the vote would probably be held in September. If the vote was to retain the building, a temporary heating system would have to be installed at a cost of approximately \$150,000.00.

On the other hand, if the vote is to not retain the building, the Gathercole building can be demolished, even if it is October and cold weather has arrived, because the asbestos is already out. This leaves a clean site for the spring. If the asbestos is not out in October, 2004, five to six weeks will be lost in spring 2005 while the asbestos is removed and the building is demolished. Asbestos removal is temperature sensitive - demolition is not.

Attached is a schedule with this proposed change included.

2. Federal Strategic Infrastructure Program
(File No. CK. 1860-1)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the Administration prepare a proposal for \$10 million to submit to Infrastructure Canada for the redevelopment of the A.L. Cole site; and
 - 2) that the Administration report further regarding the allocation of the remaining grant funding of \$5 million.

ADOPTED.

Under the Federal Strategic Infrastructure Program, major cities in Canada are eligible for up to 50% grant funding (to a maximum of \$15 million), subject to Provincial Government approval, for major projects exceeding \$25 million in value. Due to the large value of the projects, both the City of Regina and the City of Saskatoon have been allowed to use two projects to obtain the threshold value of \$25 million.

Eligible projects are those which support urban renewal and assist in the sustainability of the City. Although various alternatives have been examined, including a new library on Block 146, it is your Committee's view that the first priority, for \$10 million of the Federal Infrastructure funds, is the remediation of the A.L. Cole site in order for development to occur. Included in this remediation is the final site clean-up, installation of services, development of the riverbank park, and, subject to suggestions for final uses, actual buildings constructed on site.

Without public funds, this area may remain undeveloped for several more years. By the City matching the \$10 million of the Federal Infrastructure funds, a major transformation of this site can take place.

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At the February 11th Planning meeting with consultants from “CitySpace”, Council agreed that it was important to link the development of the A.L.Cole and Gathercole sites to strengthen and re-energize the Riversdale neighbourhood, and to maintain a strong downtown. This would best be done by an extension of the south downtown riverfront development through to Victoria Park. Further, Council directed the consultant to consider the entire site (i.e. A.L. Cole and Gathercole) to be a “people place” and an activity destination point for residents and tourists alike. This should include a mix of private and public uses including the possibility of theatres, a farmers market, attractions, restaurants, and residential facilities.

As outlined in a separate report, the draft vision and concept plan is scheduled to be submitted to City Council on April 5, 2004. Extensive stakeholder and public consultation will follow.

His Worship the Mayor and the City Manager have reviewed the above project with Infrastructure Canada, and have received support in principle.

**3. Tax Abatements/Tax Exemptions
(File No. CK. 1965-1)**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 14.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,

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

CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES

**Councillor T. Alm
Leisureland Co-op
(File No. CK. 4214-1)**

I recognize that City Council has no control with the Meewasin Valley Authority, however, I have been contacted by constituents concerning property they own at the Leisureland Community Cooperative. Could the Administration please inquire if the Meewasin Valley Authority will approve a sublet for the purpose of sale or rent of a Leisureland Co-op member’s trailer and what is the status of the Meewasin Valley Authority court action against the Leisureland Co-op.

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**Councillor D. L. Birkmaier
Graffiti
(File No. CK. 5000-1)**

Would the Administration please review and report on the feasibility of a bylaw of zero tolerance to graffiti in our city.

MOTIONS

6a) Report of the City Clerk:

“Councillor Birkmaier gave the following Notice of Motion at the meeting of City Council held on February 23, 2004:

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

‘‘‘‘‘THAT Council review the resolutions of Council dealing with the location of a south bridge.’’’’’

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT Council review the resolutions of Council dealing with the location of a south bridge.

*YEAS: Councillors Alm, Birkmaier, Dubois, Fortosky, Hnatyshyn, Paulsen
and Wyant 7*

NAYS: His Worship the Mayor, Councillors Heidt and Neault 3

6b) Report of the City Clerk:

“Councillor Alm gave the following Notice of Motion at the meeting of City Council held on February 23, 2004:

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

“THAT as part of the education campaign for the new Smoking Control Bylaw, the City and the Health District consider a non-smoking awareness poster campaign with the Saskatoon divisions as partners.””

Moved by Councillor Alm, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT as part of the education campaign for the new Smoking Control Bylaw, the City and the Health District consider a non-smoking awareness poster campaign with the Saskatoon divisions as partners.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Alm, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration to work with the Health District.

CARRIED.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 8275

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8275, being “The Zoning Amendment Bylaw, 2004 (No. 6)” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT Bylaw No. 8275 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

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Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8275.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8275 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8275 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Bylaw No. 8275 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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Bylaw No. 8288

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8288, being “The Streets Use Amendment Bylaw, 2004” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT Bylaw No. 8288 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8288.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8288 was considered clause by clause and approved.

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Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8288 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Bylaw No. 8288 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. 8289

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8289, being “The Poster Amendment Bylaw, 2004” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT Bylaw No. 8289 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

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The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8289.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8289 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8289 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Bylaw No. 8289 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 Paulsen,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk