

Council Chambers
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Monday, November 29, 2004
at 6:00 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, Penner and Wyant;
City Manager Richards;
General Manager, Corporate Services Veltkamp;
General Manager, Community Services Gauthier;
General Manager, Infrastructure Services Uzelman;
General Manager, Fire and Protective Services Bentley;
General Manager, Utility Services Hewitt;
City Solicitor Dust;
City Clerk Mann; and
Council Assistant Mitchener.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the minutes of meeting of City Council held on November 15, 2004, be approved.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider the reports of the Administration and Committees.

CARRIED.

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

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

Committee arose.

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Councillor Birkmaier, 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. 8-2004 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION”

Composition of Commission

Mr. John Waddington, Chair
Mr. Jack Billinton, Vice Chair
Councillor Bev Dubois
Mr. Dieter André
Mr. Gord Androsoff
Mr. Roy Ball
Mr. Michael Chyzowski
Mr. Lloyd Hedemann
Mr. Brad Sylvester
Ms. Karen Thogersen
Mr. Vern Waldherr
Mr. John McAuliffe
Mr. Jim Zimmer

**1. West Sector Plan Amendment
(File No. CK. 4110-2)**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be considered with Clause 2, Report No. 18-2004 of the Planning and Operations Committee and Item A7 of Communications to Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 21-2004

Section B – CORPORATE SERVICES

**B1) 2004 Contract Negotiations
The Saskatoon Civic Middle Management Association
(File No. 4720-8)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve the proposed changes set out in the attached report dated November 29, 2004, with respect to the 2004 contract with The Saskatoon Civic Middle Management Association; 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.

Attached is a report dated November 29, 2004, detailing conditions agreed upon by the bargaining teams of the City and The Saskatoon Civic Middle Management Association. All changes in the full context of the collective agreement are attached (Attachment 2) showing additions in bold print and deletions designated as “strike through”.

The report is marked “Confidential Until Tabled” and is only distributed to members of City Council. A wider distribution will be effected at 7:00 p.m. on November 29, 2004.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Report dated November 29, 2004.
2. Changes to the Collective Agreement

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**B2) Minimum Property Tax
(File No. 1920-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

While the resolution City Council passed makes reference to only a minimum tax, the Administration believes that if Council is considering moving away from the current ad valorem property tax system that it also consider the option of a base tax.

Mechanics of Tax Tool Options Available to City Council

The authority to levy a minimum or a base tax is in Sections 258 and 259 of *The Cities Act*. There is a substantial difference between the two options, which is explained further in this report, but one common feature is that either option can only apply to the municipal portion of the property tax. The school and library portions would continue to be levied on the ad valorem basis.

The current ad valorem tax results in the same rate of tax being applied to every dollar of fair value assessment. In other words, every dollar of residential assessment is levied the same rate of tax. An assessment of \$200,000 would be levied twice the tax of an assessment of \$100,000. In 2004, our tax rate (municipal, schools, and library) was 2.048%, or \$2,048 per \$100,000 of fair value assessment.

The theory behind a minimum tax is that Council would establish a minimum per property. If *assessment x mill rate x mill rate factor* is lower than the minimum, the property owner would be levied the minimum. Another property owner, who would have paid more than the minimum amount in the ad valorem system will pay less because of the ‘additional’ levy on lower valued property.

The theory behind a base tax is to charge every property a base amount ‘off the top’. If this base tax does not raise the full levy, the difference is then raised using the ad valorem formula against all property. In other words, the tax levy for lower value property would be even higher, because in addition to the base tax amount, those properties are also levied their share of the additional levy required using the ad valorem formula.

Attachment 1 compares the impact of ad valorem tax, a minimum or base tax of \$250, and a minimum or base tax of \$500 using a data set of 12 residential properties (totalling \$1,240,000 in fair value assessment) ranging in value from \$5,000 to \$300,000 and the 2004 (ad valorem) effective tax rate of 2.048%.

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As the attachment indicates, the results of this analysis indicate a wide variety of effective tax rates, which are summarized in the table below.

2004 Fair Value	Ad Valorem	\$250 Minimum Tax	\$250 Base Tax	\$500 Minimum Tax	\$500 Base Tax
\$5,000	2.048%	6.238%	6.806%	11.238%	11.564%
15,000	2.048%	2.905%	3.473%	4.571%	4.897%
20,000	2.048%	2.488%	3.056%	3.738%	4.064%
25,000	2.048%	2.238%	2.806%	3.238%	3.564%
50,000	2.048%	2.008%	2.306%	2.238%	2.564%
75,000	2.048%	2.008%	2.139%	1.909%	2.231%
100,000	2.048%	2.008%	2.056%	1.909%	2.064%
125,000	2.048%	2.008%	2.006%	1.909%	1.964%
150,000	2.048%	2.008%	1.973%	1.909%	1.897%
175,000	2.048%	2.008%	1.949%	1.909%	1.850%
200,000	2.048%	2.008%	1.931%	1.909%	1.814%
300,000	2.048%	2.008%	1.889%	1.909%	1.731%

Under the ad valorem system, all properties are taxed at the same rate. As the minimum or base tax is introduced, the effective tax rate increases for lower property values and decreases on higher property values. As the minimum or base tax requirement increases (from \$250 to \$500 in the example above), the highest and lowest tax rates continue to widen.

City Council should be aware that the attachment and the table above are based on a small sample of 12 properties. The Administration has not stratified our actual property roll (over 61,000 residential and condominium properties) for this discussion paper. The actual mix of properties and property values will have some impact on the sample results shown. For example, while there may be a limited number of properties at the lower values, these would be the properties most impacted by a minimum or base tax. For the purpose of understanding the potential impact of these alternate tax tools, the Administration believes the attachment and the table above do demonstrate the mechanics of minimum and base taxes.

Issues Related to the Introduction of a Minimum or Base Tax

A. Effective Tax Rates

While the table above does show varying effective tax rates, the fact is that the whole concept of effective tax rates changes with the introduction of these tax tools. Our use of effective tax rates has been based on the ad valorem model – where every assessment dollar is taxed at the same rate. Under minimum tax, there are varying rates of tax for all properties paying the minimum; and under base tax, the rate of tax varies with each property value.

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B. Mill Rate Factors

The introduction of a minimum or base tax is difficult to achieve in municipalities where mill rate factors apply to school and library mill rates (which is the case in Saskatoon). City Council will be aware that mill rate factors are used to redistribute uniform mill rate revenue between property classes. It is mill rate factors that allow Council to shift taxes between property classes to achieve desired effective tax rates.

There are a number of legislative requirements related to the application of mill rate factors for those communities that choose to use them. First, mill rate factors can only be used to redistribute uniform taxes between property classes – they cannot be used to raise revenues.

Second, mill rate factors can apply to only the municipal levy, or to all levies by agreement with other taxing authorities. In Saskatoon, the school boards have chosen to follow City Council's lead – giving City Council the authority to determine the distribution of taxes between the property classes. As a result, the mill rate factors apply to the whole property tax levy.

Third, provincial legislation requires that mill rate factors, if used, be the same for all taxing authorities. There can be a different mill rate factor for each property class, but within a property class, there can be only one mill rate factor for schools, library, and the municipal levy.

With the introduction of a minimum or base tax on the municipal portion of the tax levy, the mix of ad valorem revenue being raised by the taxing authorities changes, creating anomalies with the mill rate factors. Mill rate factors are established at the property class level. Once the factors are set to achieve the required total tax levy for the property class, that factor is currently applied to all assessment dollars in the class. A minimum or base tax 'exempts' some assessment from ad valorem tax, and causes a shift of tax within the property class. One of the effects of this shifting is that the mill rate factors are no longer neutral with respect to the civic levy.

If City Council determines it wants to proceed with a minimum or base tax, the Administration will need to consider how such a tax would work with the existing requirements related to mill rate factors.

C. Extent of a Minimum or Base Tax

One of the issues City Council would need to consider is the extent of a minimum or base tax on its property classes. For example:

- Is the tax to apply to all property classes (residential, condominium, multi-family residential, and commercial & industrial), or only selected classes?
- Within any property class to be levied a minimum or base tax, is the tax applicable to all assessment? In the residential class, for example, would the tax apply to vacant land as well as improved land?
- If a minimum or base tax were to be applied to multi-family property, does it apply at the property level or by unit?

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D. Determination of a Minimum or Base Tax Amount

Once we know to which properties a minimum or base tax is to apply, there are a number of ways to establish a minimum or base amount. The four approaches noted below assume the implementation of a base tax.

1. One approach is to establish a relationship between the percentage of tax Council wants to raise with these tax tools and the amount it wants to raise from ad valorem tax. For example, in 2004 the municipal tax levy on 61,416 residential and condominium property was \$54,762,000. If City Council decided it wanted to raise ½ of this levy with a base tax, that base tax would have been \$445.83 per property ($\$54,762,000 \times 0.5 / 61,416$).
2. Another approach is to link a minimum or base tax to a particular program, programs, or service(s), and calculate a tax to raise that revenue. For example, if City Council decided to raise the 2004 revenue required for Protective Services (Police and Fire) from a base tax on all properties (in all property classes), the tax would have been:

$$\text{(Protective Services Budget) / Property Count} = \\ \$64,808,600 / 65,038 = \$996.47 \text{ per property}$$

3. A variation of option 2, if the base tax were to apply to only residential and condominium properties (which raise 60% of current tax revenue), establishes a base tax to raise 60% of the Protective Services budget:

$$\text{(Protective Services Budget) x 0.6 / Residential/Condominium Property Count} = \\ \$64,808,600 \times 0.6 / 61,416 = \$633.14 \text{ per property}$$

4. A fourth approach would be to convert annual budget increases to a base tax levy until a predetermined base tax amount is reached.

E. 2005 Reassessment

As City Council is aware, 2005 is a province-wide reassessment year. All property values are being updated to more recent values, which results in some shifting of taxes, between properties, within each property class. City Council will be receiving a report shortly on tax policy issues related to reassessment (phase-in, appeal contingencies, and the existing tax shift policy). If City Council were to consider the introduction of a minimum or base tax, implementation should be deferred to 2006 in order to separate the impact of that change with the potential impacts of reassessment in 2005.

F. Minimum and Base Tax Information – Other Saskatchewan Cities

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Your Administration, at a meeting of Finance Officers for Saskatchewan cities earlier this year, compiled the following information with respect to minimum and base levies in place in 2004:

City	Minimum Base		Details
	Tax	Tax	
Regina	no	no	
Moose Jaw	no	no	
Prince Albert	no	no	
Lloydminster	no	no	
North Battleford	yes	yes	\$434 base tax on residential/condominium properties \$150 base tax for vacant residential land \$100 minimum tax on agricultural land only
Melfort	no	yes	\$480 base tax on all property classes; no base tax on vacant land
Yorkton	no	yes	\$650 base tax on residential/condominium properties; no base tax on vacant land
Melville	no	yes	\$425 base tax for residential/condominium properties; \$125 base tax for commercial; \$300 per property + \$100 per unit for multi-family; no base tax for vacant land
Weyburn	no	no	
Estevan	yes	no	\$500 minimum tax on all property classes; no minimum tax on vacant land
Swift Current	no	yes	\$300 base tax on residential/condominium properties; no base tax on vacant land
Humbolt	no	no	

Conclusion

Those who support a minimum or base tax believe that all properties receive similar services, irrespective of the value of property. Therefore a fixed amount (minimum or base) should be levied against every property for these services.

Those who do not support a minimum or base tax believe that all services should be paid based on ability to pay, using the value of property as a proxy for ability to pay.

Your Administration does not support a minimum tax or a base tax over the current ad valorem tax. We understand that property value is only a proxy for ability to pay – there is not always a direct link, but we also accept that some form of the property tax system is the primary taxation system available to us as a local government. We do not have access to more progressive tax systems, like the income tax. There will always be a debate as to whether property values reflect ability to pay, as well as there will always be an argument that people who invest in their properties should not see an increased tax levy. But that is the basis of any value-based tax system.

If one considers income taxes, for example, the amount of tax paid is based on income, not the value of services received. As income increases, so does tax paid. In addition, tax rates are higher on higher incomes. This same principle applies to an ad valorem property tax system. The greater the value (of the property), the greater the amount of the tax. The difference, under an ad valorem approach, is that the rate does not increase with the value of the property.

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The reverse happens with a minimum or base tax. The rate of tax shifts from higher values to lower values. Rather than a minimum or base tax, your Administration believes Council should consider other options if the intent is to reduce ad valorem taxes. To the extent that there is a direct link between services and revenues, City Council has the authority, for example, to levy separate fees and charges. This allows Council, where a user of a service can be identified, to charge user fees rather than any form of property tax.

The issue of an ad valorem tax, a minimum tax, or a base tax is not a question of which one is right or wrong, but rather which one fits better, for our taxpayers, in our community.

OPTIONS

The three optional tax systems are described throughout this report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All of the tax options noted are revenue-neutral to the City. The financial impact is with property owners, who could see increases or decreases from their ad valorem tax levy with the introduction of a minimum or base tax.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix 1 – Comparison of Tax Tool Options

**B3) 2005 Preliminary Capital Budget
(2006-2009 Capital Plan)
(File No. 1702-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the 2005 Preliminary Capital Budget (2006-2009 Capital Plan) be referred to the Budget Committee for review at its meeting of December 6, 2004.

ADOPTED.

Attached, for City Council's consideration, is the 2005 Preliminary Capital Budget (2006-2009 Capital Plan). The Budget, if approved, contemplates expenditures totalling \$165,625,000. The format of the document includes an introduction providing project highlights, a discussion of long-term capital options and sources of funding, the impact of the proposed budget on future operating

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budgets, a summary of reserves (and how they are impacted by the budget), summaries of proposed projects (with recommendations), and specific details for each project.

In the past, City Council has chosen to refer the Preliminary Budget to a special meeting of the Budget Committee for review, who in turn refer the budget back to City Council with its recommendations.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2005 Preliminary Capital Budget (2006-2009 Capital Plan)

Section D – INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

**D1) Request for Four-Way Stop - Kenderdine Road and Cowley Road
(File No. 6280-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that four-way stop signs be installed at the intersection of Kenderdine Road and Cowley Road, as outlined in Plan No. 210-0029-005r001.

ADOPTED.

Councillor Dubois made the following enquiry at the meeting of City Council held on June 21, 2004:

“Would the Administration please report back on the feasibility of installing permanent four-way stop signs at the intersection of Cowley Road and Kenderdine Road.”

Infrastructure Services has completed an investigation of the intersection of Kenderdine Road and Cowley Road. Traffic data was collected and the collision history was evaluated in order to determine appropriate traffic control. Specifically, the existing two-way stop control was evaluated and compared to four-way stop control.

Vehicle counts were completed and indicated an average daily traffic volume of 4,750 vehicles per day on the northwest and 3,000 vehicles per day on the southeast portion on Kenderdine Road. Cowley Road currently has traffic volumes of 3,000 vehicles per day on the northeast and 1,650 vehicles per day on the southwest portion. An average of 6,400 vehicles are using the intersection on a daily basis.

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A review of the vehicle speeds on Kenderdine Road indicate that the 85th percentile speed, which is the speed at which 85 percent of the vehicles are traveling at or below, is 59 kilometres an hour. This indicates that a number of vehicles are traveling in excess of the posted speed limit of 50 kilometres an hour. This data has been forwarded to Police Services for enforcement.

Although a centre median has recently been installed at the intersection of Kenderdine Road and Epp Avenue to provide a place of refuge for pedestrians at that intersection, residents have also expressed concern for pedestrian crossing safety at the intersection of Kenderdine Road and Cowley Road. Pedestrian counts were conducted at the intersection to determine the number of pedestrians crossing in each direction at the intersection. The counts identified that during the peak pedestrian hour (which was in the afternoon between 1530 and 1630), a total of 19 pedestrians crossed Kenderdine Road, of which 15 were elementary aged children. During the same time period, 9 pedestrians crossed Cowley Road, of which 3 were elementary school aged children.

At the intersection of Kenderdine Road and Cowley Road, there were 4 collisions reported in the past five years, of which none were right angle collisions. Typically, right angle collisions suggest driver failure to comply with the right-of-way assignment and are often susceptible to correction by four-way stop signs.

Four-way Stop Signs

Four-way stop signs are typically used at intersections where the volumes of traffic on all approaches are relatively similar and when both roadways are of equal priority. At the intersection of Kenderdine Road and Cowley Road, both roadways are classified as collectors. Kenderdine Road also serves as a transit route. Traffic is currently controlled by stop signs on Cowley Road, allowing free flow travel on Kenderdine Road.

In order to warrant the installation of four-way stop signs according to the City Policy No. C07-007 – Use of Stop and Yield Signs, specific conditions must be met relating to the number of collisions, traffic volumes entering the intersection from each approach and the number of pedestrians.

The following table compares this intersection to other locations in the neighbourhood, namely both intersections of Kenderdine Road with Kerr Road, which both have 4-way stop control in place.

Criteria	Kenderdine/Cowley	Kenderdine/Kerr (east)	Kenderdine/Kerr (west)
Traffic volume (vpd)	6,400	10,800	6,700
Balanced flow	65/35	30/70	50/50
Equivalent Priority	Yes	Yes	Yes
Collisions (in 5 yrs)	4 total (0 correctable)	4 total (3 correctable)	10 total (6 correctable)
Future Signal	No	No	No

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Transit Route	Kenderdine	Both	Both
Current Control	2 way stop	4 way stop	4 way stop

According to City Policy No. C07-007 – Use of Stop and Yield Signs, four-way stop signs are warranted at the intersection of Kenderdine Road and Cowley Road based on the volume of traffic entering the intersection. This is consistent with controls in place at the two other collector intersections of Kenderdine Road with Kerr Road (east and west).

Infrastructure Services is therefore recommending that the existing traffic controls be replaced with four-way stop signs. Centre medians will also be installed on Kenderdine Road to increase the visibility of the stop sign and to provide a place of refuge for pedestrians.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Plan no. 210-0029-005r001

**D2) Enquiry – Councillor M. Heidt (September 23, 2002)
Tree Branches from Private Property on Public Property and Back Alleys
(File No. CK. 4139-4)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the information be received; and
- 2) that a copy of the report be forwarded to the Budget Committee for consideration.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Heidt at the meeting of City Council held on September 23, 2002:

“Regarding trees branches from private property on public property and alleys:

After a couple of complaints, I made a few trips up and down some alleys. It is apparent we need a bylaw to free up our alleys.

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Would the Administration please report back with regards to creating a bylaw with respect to a phase-in period and complaint driver for enforcement, as well as any other suggestions the Administration may have.”

REPORT

The Administration will be bringing a report forward early in the new year recommending that a new Use of Right-of-Way Bylaw be approved. One of the components of this proposed bylaw will deal with private trees that encroach into public space. A proposed requirement under the new bylaw will be that owners of a tree on private property will be required to trim the tree if it obstructs the movement of pedestrians, cyclists or vehicles. It will be further proposed that if compliance with a notice to trim the tree is not obtained, the City will trim the tree at the owner’s expense.

A further problem with trees in lanes relates to those trees that originate on the City’s right-of-way. The Electrical System and Environmental Engineering Branches will trim or remove trees if they cause interference with overhead electrical lines or restrict the movement of garbage trucks. If the encroaching tree does not fall into either of these categories, Infrastructure Services faces a problem in dealing with it, as the Parks Branch only has funding in place to manage City-owned trees on boulevards and parks. A dedicated funding source is required to trim or remove trees that are in or encroach upon back alleys.

Therefore, Infrastructure Services will be putting forward Capital Project No. 1638 in 2005 in the amount of \$50,000, for the trimming or removal of City-owned trees that obstruct lanes. This funding would enable the Administration to deal with complaints, while at the same time actively targeting some problematic areas. Funding in subsequent years would be based upon the demand placed on the funding in 2005, if approved.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**D3) Enquiry – Councillor E. Hnatyshyn (January 2, 2004)
Feasibility of Controlled Crossing – 8th Street and McPherson Avenue
(File No. 6250-1, CK. 6150-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that approval be granted for the installation of a pedestrian actuated traffic signal at the intersection of 8th Street and McPherson Avenue.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Hnatyshyn at the meeting of City Council held on January 20, 2004:

“Would the Administration please report back on the feasibility of a controlled crossing at 8th Street and McPherson Avenue including the possibility of pedestrian overpasses.”

REPORT

8th Street is classified as a four-lane divided major arterial roadway and carries a daily traffic volume of approximately 15,600 vehicles at this intersection. McPherson Avenue is classified as a minor local roadway with a traffic volume of 800 vehicles per day. The intersection of these roadways is currently controlled by a stop sign for northbound and southbound vehicles on McPherson Avenue. 8th Street is assigned right-of-way at this location. The existing pedestrian crossings at this intersection consist of marked zebra crosswalks to facilitate crossing 8th Street.

In response to this enquiry, an intersection review was completed including site inspection and collection of traffic data. The data was analyzed to determine the need for additional traffic control and/or pedestrian crossing devices. There have been 14 reported collisions at this intersection over the last five years. Collision frequency is highest for rear end collisions. The five-year collision history of this intersection since 1999 is summarized in Table 1. All collisions are vehicle related and there have been no reported pedestrian incidents. Pedestrian crossings may be a factor in contributing to the rear end collisions.

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Table 1: Collision History of 8th Street and McPherson Avenue

Collision Configuration	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Total
Fixed Object	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rear End	2	2	2	3	1	10
Right Angle	0	0	1	0	0	1
Head On	0	0	0	0	0	0
Left Turn	0	0	2	0	0	2
Parked	0	0	0	0	0	0
Backing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parking	0	0	0	0	0	0
Side Swipe	0	0	1	0	0	1
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	2	6	3	1	14

In order to determine if a pedestrian actuated traffic signal is warranted, a study was done on May 13, 2004 to collect pedestrian and traffic data during the peak hours of the day. These results are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2: Pedestrian and Vehicle Counts

Time Period	# of North-South Pedestrian Crossings	Vehicles
0800 - 0900	37	570
1130 - 1330	23	1895
1530 - 1700	34	1755
Total	94	4220
	60% are elementary students	

A warrant calculation for a pedestrian actuated traffic signal produced a priority rating of 77 points. A requirement of 100 points is typically used as a guideline for the installation of a pedestrian actuated signal.

Table 3 is a comparison of a study completed in 2002 to the recent study of 2004. The average of the two studies have also been indicated.

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Table 3: Study Comparisons

Study Date	Pedestrians			Vehicles	Warrant Points	
	Elementary	High School	Adults		Ped Corridor	Ped-Act Signals
May 2002	44	18	47	4952	6	91
May 2004	37	23	34	4220	4	77
Average	41	21	41	4586	5	84

From this analysis, it is determined that the warrants points are approaching the required threshold of 100 points to warrant a pedestrian actuated traffic signal. More importantly, field observations confirmed that the primary people crossing were elementary aged children and 8th Street is a more difficult street to cross as it has higher-speeds and multiple lanes in both directions. Given this, Infrastructure Services is recommending that a pedestrian actuated traffic signal be installed.

The approximate cost to install a pedestrian actuated traffic signal is \$30,000. This work has been included in Capital Project No. 631, Traffic Safety Improvements for tentative construction in 2005, subject to approval by City Council during consideration of the 2005 Capital Budget.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

D4) Enquiry – Councillor G. Wyant (June 21, 2004)

**Installation of Traffic Signals – Wanuskewin Road and Adilman Drive
and**

Communications to Council

From: Dianne Kingston

Date: February 3, 2004

**Subject: Traffic Congestion on Adilman Drive and Wanuskewin Road
and**

Communications to Council

From: Brenda Olson

Date: August 5, 2004

**Subject: Traffic Lights – Intersection at Wanuskewin Road and Adilman Drive
(File No: 6250-1, 6320-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be forwarded to the Budget Committee.

BACKGROUND

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Wyant at the meeting of City Council held on June 21, 2004:

“Would the Administration please report on the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Adilman Drive and Wanuskewin Road having regard to the significant traffic volumes at that intersection.”

At its meeting on February 9, 2004, City Council considered the above-noted letter from Dianne Kingston with respect to traffic congestion on Adilman Drive and Wanuskewin Road. City Council passed a motion that the letter be referred to the Administration

At its meeting on August 16, 2004, City Council considered the above-noted letter from Brenda Olson with respect to installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Wanuskewin Road and Adilman Drive. City Council passed a motion that the matter be referred to the Administration for a report.

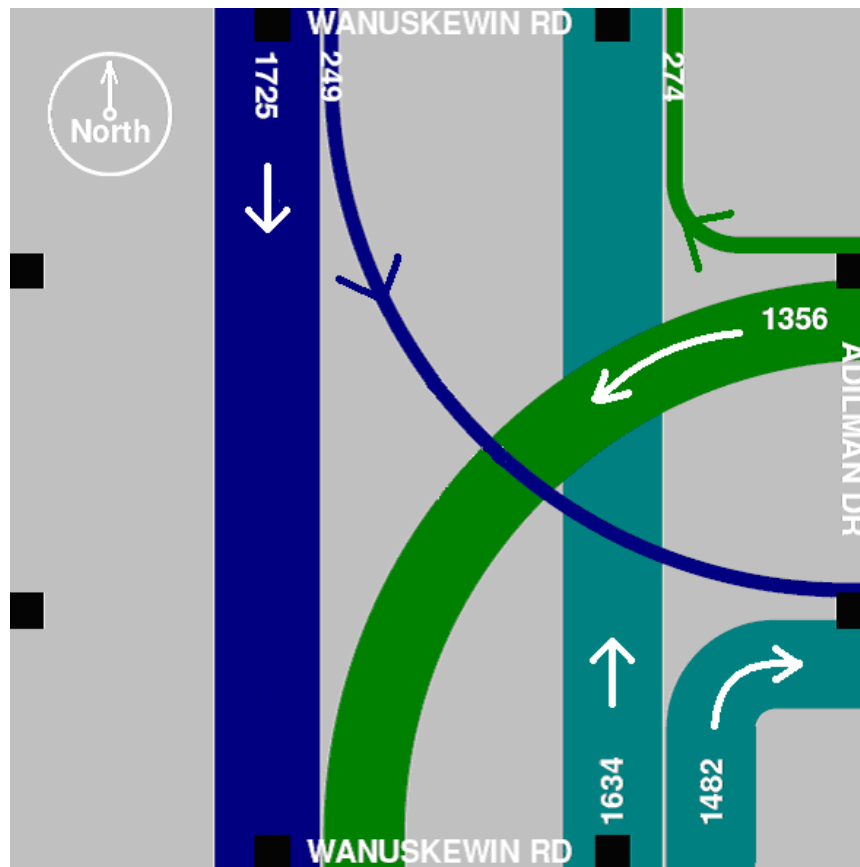
REPORT

Wanuskewin Road is classified as a two-lane, undivided major arterial roadway that carries a daily traffic volume of approximately 14,000 vehicles at this intersection. Adilman Drive is classified as a collector roadway with a traffic volume of 8,050 vehicles per day. The intersection of these roadways is currently controlled by a stop sign for westbound vehicles on Adilman Drive.

An intersection review was completed including site inspection and collection of traffic data. The data was analyzed to determine the need for additional traffic control.

A vehicle count was undertaken on Tuesday, August 31, 2004, between the hours of 0700 to 0900, 1130 to 1330, and 1600 to 1800. Figure 1 shows the traffic volumes and turning movements recorded at this intersection during the aforementioned time intervals. Each possible traffic movement at the intersection has its own band, with Wanuskewin Road northbound and southbound depicted by the thick vertical bands in the Figure (north is to the top of the figure). The thicker the band, the higher the traffic volume. The left and right turns onto and off of Wanuskewin Road show up as thinner bands as the traffic volumes are lower, with the exception of the northbound right turn movement, which has a total of 1482 vehicles over the six hours counted.

Figure 1: Vehicle Counts at Adilman Drive and Wanuskewin Road



There have been 14 reported collisions at this intersection over the last five years. Collision frequency is highest for rear end collisions. The five-year collision history of this intersection since 1999 is summarized in Table 1. All collisions are vehicle related and there have been no reported pedestrian incidents. The higher number of rear end collisions can be explained by the single southbound lane serving both the left turn and through movements.

Table 1: Collision History of Adilman Drive and Wanuskewin Road

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Collision Configuration	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Total
Fixed Object	0	0	1	0	1	3
Rear End	4	3	1	3	1	12
Right Angle	0	1	0	2	1	4
Head On	0	0	0	1	0	1
Left Turn	1	0	1	1	0	3
Parked	0	0	0	0	0	0
Backing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parking	0	0	0	0	0	0
Side Swipe	1	0	1	0	0	1
Other	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	7	5	3	7	3	25

The vehicle counts and collision history at this location was used to perform a traffic signal warrant calculation to determine the need for upgrading the existing traffic control at the intersection. The minimum requirement for a full traffic signal installation to be considered is a warrant rating of 100 points. The analysis of this intersection produced a rating of 68 warrant points. The analysis of the current data indicates that this location does not yet meet the minimum requirements for the installation of traffic signals. However, during the morning peak hour, traffic signals would reduce the delay to vehicles entering Wanuskewin Road from Adilman Drive.

Observations of the intersection's operation noted above average delays in the morning peak hour for westbound vehicles entering Wanuskewin Road; heavy braking of southbound vehicles due to presence of southbound left turn vehicles; and indecision for vehicles entering Wanuskewin Road when facing northbound right turning vehicles, which are slowing but not signaling.

During the week of November 1st, 2004, a gap and delay study were performed at this intersection. A delay study determines the volume of vehicles arriving at an intersection and the associated waiting time for each vehicle before it is able to proceed through the intersection. The average stopped time over the duration of the study can be used to monitor the efficiency of the intersection, with the maximum stopped time and maximum queue used as a reference of the worst field conditions. The delay values are shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Adilman Drive Delay Study Results

	Westbound Left Turn	Westbound Right Turn
0700 – 0900 hrs volume	661 vehicles	117 vehicles
Average Stopped Time	39 sec	7 sec
Maximum Stopped Time	169 sec	82 sec
Maximum Queue	19 vehicles	3 vehicles
1130 – 1330 hrs volume	333 vehicles	49 vehicles

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		Westbound Left Turn	Westbound Right Turn
Average Time	Stopped	12 sec	4 sec
Maximum Stopped Time		56 sec	12 sec
Maximum Queue		7 vehicles	2 vehicles
1600 – 1800 hrs volume		307 vehicles	69 vehicles
Average Time	Stopped	43 sec	6 sec
Maximum Stopped Time		169 sec	28 sec
Maximum Queue		13 vehicles	13 vehicles

Analysis of the delay data shows that there is a large delay during the morning and afternoon peak hours, but less than half the volume of traffic is impacted by the delay in the afternoon. In the morning peak, the delay exceeds 60 seconds for each vehicle from 0731 to 0750 affecting 136 vehicles, and from 0814 to 0821 affecting 55 vehicles. In the afternoon peak, there are more sporadic peaks exceeding 60 seconds with the largest delays between 1606 and 1619 hours affecting 36 vehicles, and 22 vehicles affected from 1653 to 1658.

A gap study determines the distance between vehicles traveling along a roadway, and is recorded in seconds. The duration of the gap determines the likelihood of a vehicle being able to cross the traffic stream, or to merge into the traffic stream. Overall intersection efficiency can be governed by driver comfort in selecting gaps which they believe they can execute their desired movements. Gaps are determined for each approach, as well as the combined gap. On a two lane roadway with no turn bays, the only opportunity left turning vehicles have to access the roadway is when a large enough combined gap exists. The gap study results shown in Table 3 show that there are very small gaps in northbound and southbound traffic for westbound left turn vehicles from Adilman Drive to access Wanuskewin Road, which are reduced even further when the northbound and southbound gaps are combined.

Table 3: Wanuskewin Road Gap Study Results

	Average Southbound Gap Duration	Max Gap Duration (per 15 min)	Average Northbound Gap Duration	Max Gap Duration (per 15 min)	Combined Average Gap Duration
0700 – 0900 hrs	4 – 5 sec	4 – 5 sec	8 – 9 sec	14 – 15 sec	4 – 5 sec
1130 – 1330 hrs	6 – 7 sec	8 – 9 sec	8 – 9 sec	12 – 13 sec	4 – 5 sec
1600 – 1800 hrs	4 – 5 sec	6 – 7 sec	4 – 5 sec	6 – 7 sec	2 – 3 sec

Calculations have established that an average of 5.5 seconds are required for a left turning vehicle to accelerate from a stop condition and fully enter the southbound lane. A further 5.5 seconds are

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then required to accelerate to 60 km/h. Field observations have confirmed these times fit with average driver behavior at this location, however, during peak hours, motorists are making this movement faster in order to reduce their waiting time in the queue.

From this analysis, Infrastructure Services has determined that traffic signals will only provide improved service levels for short periods during the morning and afternoon peak hours, however, signals would result in increased delays to both Wanuskewin Road and Adilman Drive during other times of the day when the existing stop control is more efficient. The addition of traffic signals would not eliminate the delays to southbound vehicles when southbound left turn movements are restricted due to a lack of gaps in northbound traffic, without the addition of a separate left turn bay and/or advance left turn arrow provisions. Traffic signals also increase the risk of rear end collisions. As such, Infrastructure Services is recommending the construction of a slip-lane for southbound traffic as well as a northbound right turn bay to accommodate the traffic volumes at this intersection (Attachment 1). It is anticipated that these improvements will result in a fifty percent decrease in the delay to vehicles on Adilman Drive as gaps in northbound traffic are sufficiently large to accommodate westbound left turns entering Wanuskewin Road to a protected acceleration lane, as the southbound through movement conflict is removed. The potential for rear end collisions is also reduced for conflicting southbound and southbound left turn vehicles in the existing single lane.

If the channelization does not provide a sufficient level of service at the intersection, the addition of traffic signals, using the constructed northbound right turn bay, and southbound left turn bay remains a possibility. Infrastructure Services therefore proposes construction proceed in 2005 with the slip lane, and a follow-up study be performed to determine the operational improvement. If the construction has not sufficiently reduced the delays, or has not resolved the key issues, installation of traffic signals can be considered further.

The preliminary estimate for construction of the channelization is \$130,000, which is proposed to be funded from Capital Project 1036 Traffic Signals in 2005. The estimated cost for the additional traffic signals, should they be required at a later date, is \$60,000.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Proposed Intersection Design

Items AA23, AA24 and AA25 of Communications to Council were brought forward and considered.

“AA23) Wayne Priest, dated November 26

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Submitting comments with respect to the traffic congestion at Wanuskewin Road and Adilman Drive. (File NO. CK. 6250-1)

AA24) Dianne Kingston, dated November 29

Submitting comments with respect to the traffic congestion at Wanuskewin Road and Adilman Drive. (File NO. CK. 6250-1)

AA25) Barry Shillington, dated November 29

Submitting comments with respect to the traffic congestion at Wanuskewin Road and Adilman Drive. (File NO. CK. 6250-1)”

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the information be forwarded to the Budget Committee.

**D5) School Signing Revisions
(File No. 6280-3)**

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: Holy Cross High School, Fairhaven School, and Dundonald School.

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.

The recommended signing changes are described below and shown on the attached plans:

Holy Cross High School Plan No. 212-0023-001r004 (Attachment 1):

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Remove the 'DISABLED PERSONS LOADING ZONE' (RB-58G) and install '5 MINUTE PARKING, 0800-1700, MONDAY-FRIDAY' (RB-53B) on McEown Avenue, south of the visitor parking lot.

Remove the '5 MINUTE PARKING, 0800-1700, MONDAY-FRIDAY' (RB-53B) and install 'DISABLED PERSONS LOADING ZONE' (RB-58G) on McEown Avenue, north of the visitor parking lot.

Fairhaven School Plan No. 212-0014-001r003 (Attachment 2):

Extend the 'SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE, 0800-1700, MONDAY-FRIDAY' (RB-58L) on the south side of Forrester Road, east of the Fairhaven School entrance.

Dundonald School Plan No. 212-0009-002r003 (Attachment 3):

Remove the 'DISABLED PERSONS LOADING ZONE' (RB-58G) and install '5 MINUTE PARKING, 0800-1700, MONDAY-FRIDAY' (RB-53B) on the north side of Wedge Road, west of the pedestrian corridor.

Install 'DISABLED PERSONS LOADING ZONE' (RB-58G) on the north side of Wedge Road, east of the pedestrian corridor.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan No. 212-0023-001r004
2. Plan No. 212-0014-001r003
3. Plan No. 212-0009-002r003

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**D6) Sole Source Purchase of an Aerial Bucket Truck
(File No. 1390-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve the purchase of a used aerial bucket truck from Altec Industries at a cost of \$216,000 plus taxes to be funded from the approved 2003 Capital Project 1357 (Replacement of V&E Vehicles and Equipment).

ADOPTED.

REPORT

Funding of \$250,000 was approved in the 2003 Capital Budget to replace a 1983 aerial bucket truck used by Electric System Branch. Following approval of the budget, Vehicle and Equipment (V&E) Services attempted to secure a relatively new low hour unit, but the only units available were from rental fleets with considerable use on them. V&E has now located a demo unit which was used by Altec Industries to show prospective customers the features of the latest in aerial devices. This 2004 unit has 6500 km on the chassis and 25 hours on the power take-off indicating the number of hours that the aerial device has been used.

The specifications of this unit are what Vehicle and Equipment Services and the Electric System Branch would use to tender for the replacement of the 1983 aerial unit. The demo unit is a tandem axle chassis which is required for stability of a 55 foot aerial device, and allows for carrying ample supplies and material without exceeding the legal weight-carrying limits of the unit. The cost of the demo unit is \$216,000 plus taxes. This price is a minimum \$20,000 less than the price of a new unit built to the same specifications. In addition to the \$20,000 plus savings, literally hundreds of hours of time required to produce the specifications and receive a unit as specified will be saved by purchasing a work-ready unit. As well, this unit is immediately available, whereas a new unit purchased through a tender would have a delivery time of approximately one year.

The 1983 unit being replaced is getting too costly to keep in the fleet. The unit will be disposed of through auction and a return of \$15,000 is expected.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Section F – CITY MANAGER

**F1) River Landing Boat Launch
(File No. CC. 4130-2-2-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the design of the permanent boat launch be completed in conjunction with the overall design of the riverfront within the River Landing Phase II redevelopment project.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

The development of the riverfront on River Landing Phase I eliminated the existing boat launch at that site. A temporary boat launch was constructed for the summer of 2004 on the riverbank immediately downriver of the Broadway Bridge in the Kiwanis Park.

Through a consultation process with Meewasin Valley Authority and others, it was decided that a new, permanent boat launch should be ready for the 2005 boating season to replace the temporary site. At its meeting of September 7th, 2004, City Council resolved:

- 1) that the City enter into an agreement for consulting services with Crosby Hanna & Associates for the development of a permanent boat launch to be located between Avenue C South and the Senator Sid Buckwold Bridge;
- 2) that the value of the contract be \$120,000 plus disbursements and applicable taxes;
- 3) that the City Solicitor prepare the necessary agreement for execution by His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk; and
- 4) that the Administration investigate and report on implementing user fees for boat launch users.

REPORT

A steering committee was convened and began technical analysis and considered initial design issues for the location of the boat launch as directed by City Council. After an initial site visit, preliminary technical analysis, and discussion among members, the committee was unanimous in suggesting that the design and location of the boat launch be considered as part of the overall design of the riverfront development for River Landing Phase II. In the absence of a riverfront master plan for this area, the committee found it difficult to determine the best location for the boat launch and its potential impact on Victoria Park and future riverfront design, amenities, and road configurations.

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Integrating the boat launch with the design of the riverfront for Phase II will allow for better coordination, allow for more efficient construction, and create an overall site that better meets the needs of all stakeholders.

While the design of the riverfront in Phase II of the River Landing redevelopment project is contingent on funding from senior levels of government, your Administration remains cautiously optimistic that approvals are forthcoming. And, while this proposal may delay the boat launch from opening in 2005, the Meewasin Valley Authority has already granted approval to extend the temporary use of the Kiwanis boat launch location through 2005, and will consider a further extension if the need arises.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**F2) Enquiry - Councillor T. Alm (September 20, 2004)
Central Vacuum Garbage Disposal – South Downtown
(File No. CC. 4130-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Councillor Alm made the following enquiry at the City Council meeting held on September 20, 2004:

“Would Administration please investigate and report on the possibility of installing a Central Vacuum Garbage Disposal System in the new South Downtown Development. Similar systems operate in Stockholm, Copenhagen, Hong Kong, Disneyland, Toronto’s Pearson Airport and approximately 400 additional locations.”

Councillor Alm attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Energy Mission to Sweden August 22nd to 29th, 2004 and produced a comprehensive report on his findings including information on a central vacuum garbage disposal system designed and implemented by Envac - the global market leader in automated waste collection.

The system is available in both stationary and mobile systems. Both systems are based on vacuum technology and underground pipelines. In the stationary system, for example in residential areas, the waste is placed in conventional refuse chutes and conveyed through closed, vacuum suction pipelines to a container (outside the actual housing area) from where the waste is collected and removed by refuse trucks. In the mobile system, the waste is stored in tanks that are emptied via pipes and transported to special docking stations where it is collected by refuse trucks equipped

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with a suction system and compactor. In both cases, the residents use their conventional refuse disposal.

The installation of a central vacuum garbage collection system leads to a reduction of road transportation of waste, improved environmental conditions and hygiene, and enhanced occupational health and safety standards. Envac notes that the problem with waste is most pronounced in large cities, and it is in metropolitan areas that their solutions are most adaptable.

Ideally, the pipes used under this system would be integrated with existing or planned civic infrastructure. Underground services for River Landing Phase I have already been designed and are currently being installed. As such, it is doubtful that this area could be considered for such a system. Underground services for Phase II will be designed over the winter.

To fully investigate the feasibility of installing this system within the River Landing Phase II redevelopment area would require significant financial and human resources. Indeed, before they propose a definite design for an installation, Envac recommends a complete feasibility study to define:

- expected waste quantities, types of waste and necessary logistical requirements;
- size of investment and cost-benefit analysis of possible solutions, cost and financing models;
- environmental consequences; and
- possible infringements on the urban infrastructure information and education need for users and service personnel.

When contacted, officials from Envac indicated that they were not able to assist the City in the short term, and that they would only be in a position to provide a price estimate for a study in the new year. To this end, your Administration is unable to provide cost estimates for a feasibility study to be able to meet deadlines for integration with River Landing Phase II underground services or capital budget consideration.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Section A – OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

**A1) Amendments to the Council and Committee Procedure Bylaw, 2003
Proposed Bylaw. No. 8368
(File No. CK. 255-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Council consider Bylaw No. 8368.

ADOPTED.

The Council and Committee Bylaw must be amended annually in order to reflect Council and Committee meeting dates.

The enclosed Bylaw lists meeting dates for 2005, as well as minor housekeeping amendments such as the names of the committees.

Bylaw No. 8368 also provides for the Public Acknowledgement portion of the Council agenda to start at 7:00 p.m., immediately preceding the Hearings portion, rather than at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Bylaw No. 8368, The Council and Committee Procedure Amendment Bylaw, 2004 (No. 2)

REPORT NO. 18-2004 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

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

1. Communications to Council

From: Duc Dinh
Date: January 22, 2004
Subject: Closure of Part of 11th Street and Avenue H
Water Treatment Plant

and

Communications to Council

From: Walter Katelnikoff, President
Holiday Park Community Association
Date: February 3, 2004
Subject: Request for Street Closure and
Reduction of Speed limit

(Files CK. 7820-1 and 6320-1)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that Infrastructure Services proceed with the process to permanently close the 800 block of Avenue H South, a portion of 11th Street West between Avenue I South and Avenue H South and a portion of Spadina Crescent West directly south of 11th Street West to allow for the orderly expansion of the Water Treatment Plant;
 - 2) that the report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated November 15, 2004, be forwarded to the Budget Committee as information; and
 - 3) that the matter of the roadways south of the Avenue H changes be referred back to the Administration for further consultation with the Holiday Park Community Association.

ADOPTED.

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Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated November 15, 2004, with respect to the above matter.

Your Committee has reviewed the above report with the Administration and has received further presentations and communications from residents in the Holiday Park neighbourhood, copies attached, outlining further issues and questions relating to the matter.

Following consideration of this matter, your Committee is supporting the recommendations as proposed by the Administration. Further to this, the Committee is asking that the matter of the roadways south of the proposed Avenue H changes be referred back to the Administration for further consultation with the Holiday Park Community Association.

**2. West Sector Plan Amendment
(File No. CK. 4110-2)**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be considered with Clause 1, Report No. 8-2004 of the Municipal Planning Commission and Item A7 of Communications to Council.

**3. Proposal for Development of a City of Saskatoon
Immigration and Refugee Resettlement Plan
(File No. CK. 100-10)**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be considered with Item A5 of Communications to Council.

**4. Lease Agreement – City of Saskatoon and Holly Armstrong (Field House)
(File No. CK. 612-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the Lease Agreement between the City of Saskatoon and Holly Armstrong at the Saskatoon Field House be renewed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the current agreement (see Attachment 1 of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 5, 2004), with the following changes:

a) The term of this lease is five years commencing January 1, 2005 and ending December 31, 2009;

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b) The City grants to the Tenant a lease to use approximately 1,967 square feet on the first floor of the Saskatoon Field House (see Attachment 2 of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 5, 2004);

c) The Tenant will pay annual rent in equal monthly installments as follows:

2005 - \$33,045.60 (\$2,753.80 monthly) plus GST

2006 - \$33,045.60 (\$2,753.80 monthly) plus GST

2007 - \$33,045.60 (\$2,753.80 monthly) plus GST

2008 - \$33,635.70 (\$2,802.98 monthly) plus GST

2009 - \$33,635.70 (\$2,802.98 monthly) plus GST;

d) Renovation to Premises

i) The Parties agree that the Tenant may renovate the Premises, but all such renovations must receive the City's prior approval;

ii) Any renovations will be made at the Tenant's expense. The Tenant will be responsible for the costs related to the rerouting of any mechanical, electrical, or other services that may be required when the renovations are made; and

2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate Agreements and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreements under the Corporate Seal.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 5, 2004, with respect to the matter of the Lease Agreement between the City of Saskatoon and Holly Armstrong at the Saskatoon Field House and supports the recommendations regarding the renewal of the above Lease Agreement.

5. Housing Indicators Information System

(File No. CK. 750-1)

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the information regarding the Housing Indicators System and the State of Saskatoon Housing Report be received;

2) that the project Housing Indicators System Upgrade be referred to the Capital Budget Committee; and

3) that the proposed funding for the Housing Indicators System Upgrade Capital Project be from the Affordable Housing Reserve at a cost of \$50,000.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated October 12, 2004, providing information on the above matter and submitting the State of the Saskatoon Housing Report dated March 2004.

Your Committee has reviewed the report with the Administration and received a presentation on the Saskatoon Housing Indicators project. Your Committee supports the recommendations of the Administration, as set out above.

City Council members have already received a copy of The State of Saskatoon Housing Report dated March 2004. A copy is available for review in the City Clerk's Office.

**6. Safe Sidewalks in Saskatoon
and
2001 Capital Budget
2002 – 2005 Capital Plan
Project 1532 – Sidewalk Preservation
(File No. CK. 6220-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the matter of Sidewalk Preservation be referred to the Budget Committee for inclusion in the 2005 Capital Budget, 2006 to 2009 Capital Plan.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 2, 2004 with the Administration and supports the recommendations outlined in the report.

7. Request to Purchase Municipal Reserve – Hudson Bay Industrial Area

Registered Plan No. 84S41976
(File No. CK. 4215-1)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve the sale of up to one (1) acre of municipal reserve land as shown on Attachment 2 of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 2, 2004 in accordance with *The Planning and Development Act*;
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to take the required steps to complete the sale of the property;
 - 3) that the funds from the sale of the land be placed in the Dedicated Lands Account reserve; and
 - 4) that Cantana Investments Limited be responsible for all costs associated with the sale of this property.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 2, 2004 with the Administration and supports the recommendations outlined in the report.

REPORT NO. 19-2004 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

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

**1. Development and Servicing Agreement
The City of Saskatoon and Saskatoon Land Devco Ltd.
Hampton Village Neighbourhood
(File No. CK. 4300-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the proposed Development and Servicing Agreement (Attachment 1 of the report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated November 15, 2004) with Saskatoon Land Devco Ltd., for a portion of the Hampton Village Neighbourhood to cover Lots 1-5, Block 1, Lots 1-16, Block 2, Lots 1-17, Block 3, Lots 1-17, Block 4, Lots 1-8, Block 5 and Lots 9-23, Block 7 all in N1/2 Section 6, Township 37, Range 5, West of the 3rd meridian and N.E.1/4 Section 1, Township 37, Range 6, West of the 3rd meridian be approved; and
 - 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement under the Corporate Seal;

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the attached report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated November 15, 2004, and is recommending approval of the proposed Development and Servicing Agreement.

Also attached is a copy of the above-noted Development and Servicing Agreement as prepared by the City Solicitor's Office.

REPORT NO. 14-2004 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. Indoor Rinks – Capital Improvement Plan
(File No. CK. 611-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that this report be referred to the Budget Committee for consideration during the review of the 2005 Capital Budget.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated November 11, 2004, forwarding a Capital Improvement Plan for five indoor rinks – Archibald Arena, Lions Arena, Kinsmen Arena, Cosmo Arena and A.C.T. Arena.

Your Committee has reviewed this Capital Improvement Program, with two of the user groups and supports the changes which will modernize the arenas to present-day standards and usage.

**2. Year-Round Riverbank Facility
(File No. CK. 4205-9)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the information be received; and
- 2) that a letter be forwarded to the Mendel Art Gallery to confirm that external public access will be allowed in their public washrooms facilities which are included in the proposed expansion plans, with no additional cost to the City.

ADOPTED.

The Planning and Operations Committee, at its meeting held on July 16, 2002, asked the Administration to explore and report on a phased-in capital project that would address the broader

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picture of a year-round facility with accessibility to washrooms, taking into consideration the users as a whole.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated November 8, 2004, providing information on this matter. Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration and agrees that until such time as the stakeholders present a proposal to the City to address their requirements, the need for a year-round facility with access to washrooms is not warranted. The Committee wishes to confirm with the Mendel Art Gallery that they will allow public access to the washroom facilities included in their expansion plans.

**3. Transit Fares
(File No. CK. 1905-4)**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be considered with Items A4, AA16, AA17 and AA22 of Communications to Council.

REPORT NO. 2-2004 OF FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION FUND TRUSTEES

Composition of Committee

Mr. Murray Gronsdal, Chair
His Worship the Mayor
Mr. Tim Leier
Mr. David Rumpel
Mr. Bruce Siemens
Mr. Jim Wood

**1. Improvements to the Fire and Protective Services Department
Superannuation Plan
Actuarial Valuation Report to December 31, 2003
(File No. CK. 4730-4-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that Council consider Bylaw No. 8361, providing for improved benefits and increased contributions to support such improvements for the Fire and Protective Services Department Superannuation Plan; and

2) that the Revised Actuarial Valuation Opinion, Recommendations and Certificate, showing the revised Actuarial Position at December 31, 2003, be submitted to

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the Superintendent of Pensions and the Canada Revenue Agency.

ADOPTED.

The Firefighters' Pension Plan Trustees reviewed the Actuarial Valuation Report at December 31, 2003, and the report was submitted to City Council on September 20, 2003, for filing with the Superintendent of Pensions and the Canada Revenue Agency to meet the filing deadline of September 30, 2004. The Trustees also reviewed the following benefit improvement and increased contribution rates and support the incorporation of these changes:

- a) an increase to the Plan's maximum pension limit per year of service from \$1,722.22 to \$1,833.33, effective January 1, 2004; and
- b) an increase in both the employee and City fixed rate contributions from 5.7% to 6.3% of pensionable earnings, effective January 1, 2005, to support the increased benefit in (a).

Attached is a copy of a Revised Actuarial Opinion, Recommendations and Certification, from the Actuary, Aon Consulting Inc., for the Fire and Protective Services Department Superannuation Plan, which reflects the current position of the Plan, incorporating the above-noted changes (Attachment A).

Also attached is a copy of Bylaw 8361 which provides for the appropriate amendments to the Bylaw for the Fire and Protective Services Department Superannuation Plan (Attachment B). This Bylaw also contains certain housekeeping amendments as requested by the Superintendent of Pensions.

Attached, as well, is a copy of a letter dated November 17, 2004, from Mr. Bruce Siemens, President, Local 80, IAFF, indicating members have approved the increase in the contribution rate (Attachment C).

REPORT NO. 7-2004 OF THE LAND BANK COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor M. Heidt, Chair
Councillor E. Hnatyshyn
Councillor G. Penner
Councillor M. Neault
Councillor G. Wyant

**1. Request to Sell City-owned Property
Parcel A, Block 115, Plan 00SA24077, 1110 Briarwood Road
Briarwood Neighbourhood
(File No. CK. 4131-8-10)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the Land Branch Manager be authorized to sell Parcel A, Block 115, Plan 00SA24077 to the highest bidder through a tender process, with a reserve bid as outlined in this report, plus applicable taxes;
 - 2) that if the lot is not sold through the tender process, it be placed for sale over-the-counter, on a first-come, first-served basis;
 - 3) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documentation to complete the sale by public tender; and
 - 4) that the Land Branch Manager be authorized to administer development controls as a condition of sale for the lots in accordance with the criteria outlined in this report.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee considered the following report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 4, 2004 with the Administration, and supports the proposal regarding sale of Parcel A:

“BACKGROUND

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The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to sell the multi-family site on Brookdale Crescent (see Attachments 1 and 2) within the Briarwood neighbourhood through a public tender process and administer development controls on the site.

A separate report requesting approval for pricing and development controls on the single-family lots on Brookdale crescent was approved by the Land Bank Committee at its meeting on September 10, 2004 and subsequently approved by City Council on September 20, 2004. The Land Branch's intention is to commence the lot draw process for these single-family lots in late November.

The multi-family site in question is 4.114 acres in size. It is currently zoned RMTN, which permits low to medium density multi-unit dwellings in the form of townhouses and dwelling groups. The zoning for this site was approved by City Council on June 15, 1998. The single-family lots on the north side of the multi-family parcel (Brookmore Crescent) were sold in August 1998. Therefore the zoning for this parcel was in-place prior to the Brookmore Crescent area being developed. Furthermore, the zoning for the multi-family parcel on Brookdale Crescent was shown on the lot information package that accompanied the Brookmore lot draw.

It should also be noted that this is the only multi-family development that exists on land owned by the City of Saskatoon in Briarwood. The three other private developers in Briarwood have developed a total of 34.272 acres of multi-family land in this neighbourhood.

REPORT

This parcel will be advertised and tendered with a reserve bid. The Administration recommends that a price of \$255,000.00 per acre be used as the basis for establishing the reserve bid. The lot encompasses 4.114 acres. The reserve bid for this lot is therefore proposed to be \$1,050,000.00 plus applicable taxes.

The location of this lot, which is centrally located within the Briarwood neighbourhood, is immediately adjacent to a linear park and is very close to the neighbourhood core park. The location of this parcel will be a very desirable location for a townhouse development.

The Land Branch has also undertaken to enhance the site by installing a wrought-iron fence along the edges of the site that are adjacent to the linear park and installing a masonry fence along the edge adjacent to Briarwood Road. These fences have been built just inside of the property line of the site and will become the property of the Purchaser. These factors have been taken into consideration in determining the proposed reserve bid price. The only remaining perimeter fencing that will be required will be along the frontage on Brookdale Crescent and along the flankage between the multi-family site and Lot 1, Block 515, which will be built by the Purchaser.

Tenders will be awarded to the highest bidder over the reserve bid that meet the conditions set out in the tender documents. If there is any uncertainty regarding the bids received, the appropriate reports and recommendations will be provided to City Council.

If this lot does not sell through the tender process, it will be made available for direct purchase from the Land Branch.

Development Controls

Development controls will be applied as a condition of sale, as follows:

- a) The development shall consist of ground-oriented housing units only (i.e. the entrance to each unit must be at ground level);
- b) All buildings shall have a maximum of two storeys in elevation;
- c) A maximum of two units is allowed for each building;
- d) The maximum allowable density for the parcel shall be 9 units per acre;
- e) The size of the units shall be a minimum of 1,000 square feet at or above grade, excluding the garage;
- f) Each unit shall have, as a minimum, a double-wide attached garage;
- g) All roofs shall have a minimum 6-in-12 pitch;
- h) Exterior cladding shall consist of masonry, stucco, or a combination of the two; and
- i) Any perimeter fencing constructed on the site shall include masonry and/or ironwork components compatible with existing fencing in the area. The design of the fencing must be approved by the Land Branch Manager.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan showing Briarwood neighbourhood.
 2. Plan showing Brookdale Crescent.”
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2. **Purchase of 4.65 Acres of Land from Government of Canada
Lands Required for East-West Arterial Road – Hampton Village
(File No. CK. 4020-1)**
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RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the purchase of 4.65 acres of unserved land be approved from the Government of Canada at a purchase price of \$35,000.00 plus applicable taxes as outlined in this report;
- 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary purchase agreement and His Worship the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement; and
- 3) that this land purchase be financed by a withdrawal from the Property Realized Reserve in the amount of \$35,000.00 plus other legal costs, land survey, land title fees and other disbursements.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the following report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 5, 2004 and supports the purchase of this property as outlined in the report:

“BACKGROUND

At its meeting held April 5, 2004, City Council adopted the Hampton Village Concept Plan. One of the significant transportation requirements for development of this area is the provision of an east-west arterial roadway from Airport Drive to the future collector roadway within the Hampton Village Neighbourhood (Attachment No. 1). The land for this future roadway lies in part within the south boundary of the existing Airport Lands. The Saskatoon Airport Authority agreed to relinquish its lease of these lands to enable the City to purchase this land from the Government of Canada.

REPORT

Your administration submitted an offer to purchase lands (subject to Council approval) from the Government of Canada respecting the land required for the east-west arterial road from Airport Drive that will facilitate immediate access to the Hampton Village Neighbourhood, future access to future industrial development south of the John D. Diefenbaker Airport in the future extension of the Airport Industrial Area as well for future access to residential development in the future West Sector. This offer was made on the basis of an independent market appraisal, which indicated a total market value of \$35,000.00 for two portions of land along the south limit of the Airport property. The land required for this roadway (proposed Parcels B and C) is shown on Attachment No. 2.

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With approval of the Hampton Village Concept Plan, both the City's Land Branch and Dundee Realty Corporation were responsible for the acquisition of this land for this arterial roadway and will share the cost of this acquisition. If the proposed acquisition is approved and the property is transferred in ownership to the City, the City Land Branch will submit an invoice to Dundee Realty Corporation for its share of the land purchase and related costs (land survey and registration, survey based on the percentage of gross area ownership contained within the Hampton Village Neighbourhood).

It should be noted that other land is required from an adjacent owner of land immediately south of the airport property. Discussions have been held with representatives of the owner and it is understood by all parties that upon completion of the purchase of lands from the Government of Canada (airport property), a formal purchase or land exchange agreement, subject to Council's approval will be finalized. Dundee Realty Corporation will also be participating in the funding for this purchase or land exchange.

The Land Branch Manager has also been attempting to purchase several remnant and unserviced vacant lots as shown on Attachment No. 3. Of the 460 lots within Plan G246, 98 percent are owned by the City of Saskatoon and two separate individuals as illustrated on the attached plan own eight lots. In July of 2004, offers to purchase had been made to the two owners of these lots who do not reside in Saskatchewan. The most northerly vacant lots, are of critical importance as this land is necessary for the alignment of the east-west arterial roadway. While the other lots are not required for the road alignment, they are necessary in order to close the registered roads and cancel Plan G246 so that the City may consolidate all of the land into a single ownership for subsequent re-subdivision.

Despite several attempts to further contact the owners of these remnant lots, the owners have not responded in any meaningful way to the offer to purchase their lands. The Land Branch Manager will be pursuing this matter further on a willing seller and willing buyer basis one more time. It may become necessary to proceed on the basis of expropriation.

The funding source for the purchase of this land is the Property Realized Reserve in the amount of \$35,000.00 plus land survey, registration, and related disbursements. Approximately 50% of this cost will be recovered from Dundee Realty Corporation.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Hampton Village Concept Plan.
2. Plan of Proposed Subdivision Showing Land to be purchased from Canada
3. Plan Illustrating Additional Remnant Lands Required for East-West Arterial Roadway."

3. Blakeney Crescent Neighbourhood Pocket Park

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(File No. CK. 4205-1)

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the information be received; and
2) that there be no lots held for the development of a pocket park in the Blakeney Crescent/Study area of the Confederation Park Neighbourhood.

ADOPTED.

City Council considered Clause 1, Report No. 5-2003 of the Land Bank Committee regarding the Blakeney Crescent Study at its meeting held on June 2, 2003 and resolved, in part:

that the Administration bring forward a proposal to the Land Bank Committee, regarding the location and impact of providing a pocket park for Phase 2 of this development.

Your Committee has studied this matter and is not prepared to recommend that a pocket park project proceed on either Blakeney Crescent or Steeves Avenue due to an unfunded cost of \$356,000.00, and nor is the Committee interested in holding and maintaining the lots until the money becomes available. The Committee is therefore recommending that no lots be set aside for the purpose of a pocket park in this area.

Attached, as background information, is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 4, 2004.

REPORT NO. 19-2004 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. Utility Services – Electric System
Identity Strategy
(File No. CK. 365-1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the Electric System Branch be renamed “Saskatoon Light and Power”; and
- 2) that the utility proceed with a communication and branding process utilizing the new name.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of a report of the General Manager, Utility Services Department dated October 21, 2004 regarding an Identity Strategy for the Electric System Branch.

Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration and supports the name change and Identity Strategy.

**2. Cultural Block
Phase 1 – River Landing
(File No. CK. 4130-2)**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be considered with Item A6 of Communications to Council.

3. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees – 2005

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(Files CK. 175-1, 225-1 and 255-1)

Your Committee has met and considered the matter of appointments and reappointments to City Council's various boards, commissions and committees. This report deals with the filling of vacancies only – it does not include current members whose terms have not expired. Unless otherwise indicated, all appointments commence January 1, 2005.

**Administrative Review Officer
(File No. CK. 4510-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Ms. Anita Langford be reappointed as the Administrative Review Officer, to the end of 2005.

ADOPTED.

**Administration and Finance Committee
(File No. CK. 225-50)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Administration and Finance Committee for 2005:

Councillor B. Dubois
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor T. Paulsen
Councillor G. Penner
Councillor T. Alm

ADOPTED.

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**Audit Committee
(File No. CK. 225-13)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Audit Committee for 2005:

Councillor T. Alm
Councillor D.L. Birkmaier
Councillor B. Dubois
Councillor G. Wyant
Councillor M. Neault

ADOPTED.

**Budget Committee
(File No. CK. 225-46)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be reappointed to the Budget Committee for 2005:

His Worship the Mayor
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.

ADOPTED.

**Executive Committee
(File No. CK. 225-51)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be reappointed to the Executive Committee for 2005:

His Worship the Mayor
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.

ADOPTED.

**Planning and Operations Committee
(File No. CK. 225-49)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Planning and Operations Committee for 2005:

Councillor D.L. Birkmaier
Councillor O. Fortosky
Councillor M. Neault
Councillor E. Hnatyshyn
Councillor G. Wyant

ADOPTED.

**Access Transit Advisory Committee
(File No. CK. 225-58)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Access Transit Advisory Committee for the terms indicated:

Councillor M. Neault – for 2005
Councillor G. Wyant – for 2005
Ms. Sandy Preston – to the end of 2007
Mr. Lawrence James Adamko – to the end of 2007
Ms. Diane McNeill – to the end of 2007

ADOPTED.

**Access Transit Appeals Board
(File No. CK. 225-67)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Access Transit Appeals Board to the end of 2005:

Ms. Connie M. Tenaski
Ms. Michelle Ouellette
Ms. Kathie Hoge

ADOPTED.

**Advisory Committee on Animal Control
(File No. CK. 225-9)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Advisory Committee on Animal Control for 2005:

Councillor M. Neault
Ms. Penny-Lynne Micklewright
Ms. Lillian Lackmanec
Ms. Nina Faye Morey
Dr. Stan Rubin
Ms. Angela Loewen
Mr. Ken Winton-Grey
Ms. Karen Admundson
Ms. Darlene Meeds

ADOPTED.

**Citizen's Centennial Committee
(File No. CK. 225-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor E. Hnatyshyn be appointed to the Citizen's Centennial Committee to the end of 2007 to replace Councillor T. Alm.

ADOPTED.

**Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee
(File No. CK. 225-40)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee for the terms indicated:

Councillor E. Hnatyshyn, for 2005
Councillor M. Neault, for 2005
Ms. Paulette Traynor, for 2005
Mr. Nesar Rajput, for 2005
Mr. Andrew Mason, for 2005
Mr. David Simpson, for 2005
Ms. Patricia McNeill McCrea, for 2005
Mr. Gatdeet Wakou, for 2005
Mr. Cort Dogniez, to the end of 2006
Ms. Mariah Sinclair, to the end of 2006
Dr. Shakeel Akhtar, to the end of 2006
Mr. Jim Balfour, to the end of 2006

ADOPTED.

**District Planning Commission
(File No. CK. 175-10)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor G. Penner be reappointed to the District Planning Commission for 2005 and that Mr. Frank Curtis be reappointed to the District Planning Commission to the end of 2007.

ADOPTED.

**Leisure Services Advisory Board
(File No. CK. 175-4)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor M. Neault be reappointed to the Leisure Services Advisory Board for 2005 and that Wenda McArthur be reappointed to the end of 2007.

ADOPTED.

**Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee
(File No. CK. 225-18)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee for the terms indicated:

Councillor E. Hnatyshyn, for 2005
Mr. Joseph-Michel Fortier, to the end of 2006
Ms. Mary Tastad, to the end of 2006
Ms. Susan Barrett, to the end of 2006
Ms. Cheryl Brown, to the end of 2006
Mr. John Gerstmar, to the end of 2006
Mr. Bill Schaffel, to the end of 2006
Ms. Tanya Mullis, to the end of 2006
Ms. Cecilia Elizabeth, to the end of 2006

ADOPTED.

**Municipal Planning Commission
(File No. CK. 175-16)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Municipal Planning Commission for the terms indicated:

Councillor B. Dubois, for 2005
Mr. Vern Waldherr, to the end of 2007
Mr. Michael Chyzowski, to the end of 2007
Mr. Scott Crossman, to the end of 2007

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be referred back to the Executive Committee.

**Naming Advisory Committee
(File No. CK. 225-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillors G. Penner and G. Wyant be appointed to the Naming Advisory Committee for 2005.

ADOPTED.

**Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee
(File No. CK. 175-9)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee for the terms indicated:

Councillor T. Paulsen, for 2005
Ms. Marie-Ann Bowden, to the end of 2006
Dr. Judit E. Smits, to the end of 2006
Dr. Tom Wolf, to the end of 2006

ADOPTED.

**Social Services Subcommittee
(File No. CK. 225-2-4)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be reappointed to the Social Services Subcommittee for 2005:

Mr. Om Kochar
Ms. Carol McInnis
Ms. Sharon Procysheh
Ms. Sheri Benson
Ms. Faye Elke

ADOPTED.

**Technical Planning Commission
(File No. CK. 175-26)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor D.L. Birkmaier be appointed to the Technical Planning Commission for 2005.

ADOPTED.

**Traffic Safety Committee
(File No. CK. 225-8)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Traffic Safety Committee for the terms indicated:

Councillor G. Penner, for 2005
Mr. Imran Akhtar, to the end of 2006
Mr. Lorne E. Knihniski, to the end of 2006
Mr. Brady Ives, to the end of 2006
Mr. Garth Sheard, to the end of 2006

ADOPTED.

**Visual Arts Placement Jury
(File No. CK. 225-44)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Visual Arts Placement Jury for 2005:

Mr. Dan McDonald
Mr. Norman Zepp
Ms. Anahit Falihi
Mr. James S. Korpan
Ms. Terry Billings
Mr. Lloyd Isaak

ADOPTED.

**Albert Community Centre Management Committee
(File No. CK. 225-27)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Albert Community Centre Management Committee for 2005:

Councillor E. Hnatyshyn
Councillor G. Penner
Ms. Annemarie E. Cherneskey
Ms. Shirley Enslin
Ms. Brenda Schurr
Mr. Del Ehlert
Mr. Grant Whitecross
Mr. Darrel Epp

ADOPTED.

**Board of Police Commissioners
(File No. CK. 175-23)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be reappointed to the Board of Police Commissioners for 2005:

Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor T. Paulsen
Ms. Donna Renneberg
Ms. Eleanor Shia

ADOPTED.

**Centennial Auditorium and Convention Centre Corporation Board of Directors
(File No. CK. 175-28)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that membership on the Board be increased in order to have permanent representation by the City Manager or his designate; and

- 2) that the City's representative be instructed to vote the City's proxy at the 2005 Annual Meeting for the reappointment and appointment of the following to the Centennial Auditorium and Convention Centre Corporation Board of Directors for the terms indicated:

Councillor T. Paulsen, for 2005
Councillor G. Penner, for 2005
Mr. Ian Sutherland, to the end of 2006
Ms. Mary Ellen Buckwold, to the end of 2006
Ms. Marnie McNiven, to the end of 2006
Mr. Vic Dubois, to the end of 2006
Mr. Martin Chicilo, to the end of 2006
Mr. Giorgio L. Piotto, to the end of 2006
Mr. Garry Byers, to the end of 2006

ADOPTED.

Credit Union Centre Board of Directors
(File No. CK. 175-31)

RECOMMENDATION: that the City's representative be instructed to vote the City's proxy at the 2005 Annual Meeting for the appointment of the following to the Credit Union Centre Board of Directors to the end of 2006:

Ms. Susan Milburn
Mr. Orest Chorneyko
Ms.. Ineke Knight

ADOPTED.

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**Library Board
(File No. CK. 175-19)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Library Board for the terms indicated:

Councillor B. Dubois, for 2005
Ms. Cindy Paquette, to the end of 2006
Ms. Joan White, to the end of 2006
Ms. Lauri Miller, to the end of 2006
Mr. David Anderson, to the end of 2006
Mr. Jefeng Ying, to the end of 2006

ADOPTED.

**Marr Residence Management Board
(File No. CK. 225-52)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Marr Residence Management Board for the terms indicated:

Councillor E. Hnatyshyn, for 2005
Ms. Linda Charlton, to the end of 2009
Ms. Sue Barrett, to the end of 2009
Mr. Jason Wall, to the end of 2009
Ms. Dianne Wilson-Meyer, to the end of 2009

ADOPTED.

**Board of Revision
(File No. CK. 175-6)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Board of Revision for the year 2005:

Mr. Patrick Thomson
Mr. Jim Kerr
Mr. Kenneth Howland
Mr. Raymond Lepage
Mr. Felix Hoehn
Mr. Marvin W. Dutton
Mr. Adrian Deschamps

Mr. Peter Stroh
Mr. Stanley (Clay) Larson
Mr. Murray Scharf
Mr. Eugene Paquin (Alternate member)

ADOPTED.

**Development Appeals Board
(File No. CK. 175-21)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Development Appeals Board to the end of 2007:

Mr. Dennis Dibski
Mr. Joseph Jeerakathil
Mr. Dan Custer (to replace Mr. Glenn Grismer, who no longer resides in the City)

ADOPTED.

**Broadway Business Improvement District Board of Management
(File No. CK. 175-47)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor E. Hnatyshyn be appointed to the Broadway Business Improvement District Board of Management for 2005.

ADOPTED.

**Downtown Business Improvement District Board of Management
(File No. CK. 175-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor E. Hnatyshyn be reappointed to the Downtown Business Improvement District Board of Management for 2005.

ADOPTED.

**Meewasin Valley Authority
(File No. CK. 180-6)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Meewasin Valley Authority for 2005:

His Worship the Mayor
Councillor E. Hnatyshyn
Councillor G. Penner
Councillor T. Alm

ADOPTED.

**North Central Transportation Planning Committee
(File No. CK. 155-10)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor D.L. Birkmaier be reappointed to the North Central Transportation Planning Committee for 2005.

ADOPTED.

**Partners for the Saskatchewan River Basin
(File No. CK. 155-10)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor D.L. Birkmaier be reappointed to the Partners for the Saskatchewan River Basin for 2005.

ADOPTED.

**Riversdale Business Improvement District Board of Management
(File No. CK. 175-49)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor M. Neault be reappointed to the Riversdale Business Improvement District Board of Management for 2005.

ADOPTED.

**Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association Board of Directors
(File No. CK. 155-3)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillors D.L. Birkmaier and T. Alm be appointed and reappointed to the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association Board of Directors for 2005.

ADOPTED.

**Saskatoon Airport Authority
(File No. CK. 175-43)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor G. Penner be appointed to the Saskatoon Airport Authority for 2005.

ADOPTED.

**Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition Corporation
(File No. CK. 175-29)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor T. Alm be reappointed to the Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition Corporation for 2005.

ADOPTED.

**Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority
(File No. CK. 175-37)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be reappointed to the Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority for 2005:

Councillor T. Alm
Councillor T. Paulsen
City Manager, Phil Richards.

ADOPTED.

**Sutherland Business Improvement District Board of Management
(File No. CK. 175-50)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor B. Dubois be reappointed to the Sutherland Business Improvement District Board of Management for 2005.

ADOPTED.

Tourism Saskatoon – Board of Directors
(File No. CK. 175-30)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillors T. Alm and B. Dubois be appointed and reappointed to Tourism Saskatoon – Board of Directors for 2005.

ADOPTED.

Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association
(File No. CK. 155-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor D.L. Birkmaier be reappointed to the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association for 2005.

ADOPTED.

Wanuskewin Heritage Park Board of Directors
(File No. CK. 175-33)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillors O. Fortosky and B. Dubois be appointed and reappointed to the Wanuskewin Heritage Park Board of Directors for 2005.

ADOPTED.

**Board of Trustees – Defined Contribution Plan for
Seasonal and Non-Permanent Part-Time Employees**
(File No. CK. 175-40)

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RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor T. Alm be appointed to the Board of Trustees – Defined Contribution Plan for Seasonal and Non-Permanent Part-Time Employees to replace Councillor M. Heidt.

ADOPTED.

**Pension Benefits Committee
(File No. CK. 175-14)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Pension Benefits Committee for 2005;

Councillor D.L. Birkmaier
Councillor G. Wyant
Ms. Barbara Degenstein
Mr. Paul Jaspar
Mr. Ken Rapp
Mr. Bill Turnbull
Mr. Jim Cowan
Mr. Bernie Veltkamp

2) that Ms. Marlys Bilanski be appointed to replace Mr. Bernie Veltkamp upon his retirement.

ADOPTED.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Penner,

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

CARRIED.

His Worship the Mayor resumed the Chair.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

AA. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

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**1) Cliff Nzomnato, Director
Harvest House Moncton, dated November 12**

Requesting financial assistance for the Dafur crisis in Africa. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

2) Margaret Fredeen, dated November 8

Submitting comments on the recent closure of the Field House for a business fair. (File No. CK. 612-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and joined to the file.

Moved by Councillor Neault, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the information be received and joined to the file.

CARRIED.

**3) Dennis A. Foret, President
Fairhaven Community Association, dated November 14**

Expressing concerns with respect to Showgirls nightclub in the Fairhaven neighbourhood. (File No. CK. 4125-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Neault, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

4) **Tanya Mullis, Executive Director**
Broadway Business Improvement District, dated November 10

Requesting that Jana Ellis, Peter Kooy and Arno Oldach be appointed to the Broadway Business Improvement District Board of Management to replace Brent Herman and Pat McNeil. (File No. CK. 175-47)

RECOMMENDATION: that Jana Ellis, Peter Kooy and Arno Oldach be appointed the Broadway Business Improvement District Board of Management.

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

THAT Jana Ellis, Peter Kooy and Arno Oldach be appointed the Broadway Business Improvement District Board of Management.

CARRIED.

5) **Martin Bernier, dated November 9**

Submitting comments with respect to landfill fees. (File No. CK. 7830-4)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

6) **Brian Hiebert, dated November 15**

Expressing concerns with respect to bicycle traffic on bridges. (File No. CK. 5200-4)

RECOMMENDATION: that the matter be referred to the Traffic Safety Committee.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT the matter be referred to the Traffic Safety Committee.

CARRIED.

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**7) Frances Wach, Executive Director
Saskatchewan SPCA, dated November 12**

Submitting a copy of a letter addressed to Lorene Turner, Chair, Saskatoon Humane Society, with respect to the Saskatoon Humane Society's Business Plan. (File No. CK. 151-1-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and joined to the file.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

THAT the information be received and joined to the file.

CARRIED.

8) Frank Regier, dated November 15

Requesting that a stop sign be installed at 1300 Avenue F North. (File No. CK. 6280-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the matter be referred to the Administration for consideration.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration for consideration.

CARRIED.

9) Brian Hiebert, dated November 15

Submitting comments with respect to the SPCA and the Saskatoon Animal Control Agency. (File No. CK. 152-4)

RECOMMENDATION: that the matter be referred to the Administration.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration.

CARRIED.

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10) James Gibbs, dated November 8

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

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Alm, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

11) Duane Muyres, dated November 11

Submitting comments with respect to the Saskatoon Police Department. (File No. CK. 150-1)

12) Duane Muyres, dated November 16

Submitting comments with respect to the Saskatoon Police Department. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

13) Darren Pickering, dated November 17

Expressing concerns with respect to traffic speed on McKercher Drive. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and referred to the Board of Police Commissioners.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT the information be received and referred to the Board of Police Commissioners and the Administration.

CARRIED.

14) Raymond D. Lepage, Chair
Board of Revision, dated November 10

Submitting the 2004 Annual Report for the Saskatoon Board of Revision. (File No. CK. 430-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,

THAT the information be received and that a letter of thanks be sent to the members of the Board of Revision.

CARRIED.

15) John Chisholm, dated November 19

Expressing support for an email submitted to him from Susan Risk, Sure Fire Productions, with respect to a request for funding for a historical documentary. (File No. CK. 1870-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

16) Renita Lefebvre, dated November 23

Submitting comments with respect to the proposed increase in transit fares and Access Transit. (File No. CK. 1905-4)

17) Ryan Malley, dated November 22

Submitting comments with respect to the proposed increase in transit fares. (File No. CK. 1905-4)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the matter be considered with Clause 3, Report No. 14-2004 of the Administration and Finance Committee.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT the matter be considered with Clause 3, Report No. 14-2004 of the Administration and Finance Committee.

CARRIED.

18) Roberto Godoybaca, dated November 24

Submitting comments with respect to programs for immigrants in the City. (File No. CK. 100-10)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the matter be considered with Clause 3, Report No. 18-2004 of the Planning and Operations Committee.

CARRIED.

19) Jerry Herman, dated November 25

Submitting comments with respect to development in the City. (File No. CK. 4125-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Alm, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

20) Ray Sladek, dated November 25

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Objecting to the annexation of Akzo Nobel into the City of Saskatoon boundaries. (File No. CK. 4060-1)

21) Patricia Postev, dated November 28

Objecting to the annexation of Akzo Nobel into the City of Saskatoon boundaries. (File No. CK. 4060-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the matter be referred to the Administration to advertise and arrange a public hearing of City Council, in accordance with Section 43 of *The Cities Act*.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration to advertise and arrange a public hearing of City Council, in accordance with Section 43 of The Cities Act.

CARRIED.

22) Patricia Pasloski, dated November 26

Submitting comments with respect the increase in transit rates and the intersection located at Central Avenue and Rossmo Road. (File No. CK. 1905-4)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the matter be considered with Clause 3, Report No. 14-2004 of the Administration and Finance Committee.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the matter be considered with Clause 3, Report No. 14-2004 of the Administration and Finance Committee.

CARRIED.

23) Wayne Priest, dated November 26

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 17.

24) Dianne Kingston, dated November 29

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 17.

25) Barry Shillington, dated November 29

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 17.

B. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

**1) Jeff Ledding, Co-Manager
Overdrive International Nightclubs, undated**

Requesting to meet with the Administration and Finance Committee to discuss the smoking bylaw as it pertains to decks. (File No. CK. 185-3) **(Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee)**

**2) Sharon Lockwood, Representative
Canadian Union of Public Employees, dated November 15**

Submitting notice on behalf of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 47 to enter into negotiations for revisions and additions to the Collective Bargaining Agreement. (File No. CK. 4720-3) **(Referred to the Administration.)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

MATTERS REQUIRING PUBLIC NOTICE

**5a) Enquiry – Councillor O. Fortosky (September 7, 2004)
Possible Lane Closure adjacent to Recycling Depot – Witney Avenue
(File No. CK. 6295-1)**

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“The following is a report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated November 23, 2004:

‘RECOMMENDATION: that the lanes adjacent to 21st Street, between Vancouver Avenue and Ottawa Avenue, as per Plan No. 242-0016-001r001 (Attachment 1), be permanently blocked.

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Fortosky at the meeting of City Council held on September 7, 2004.

‘Would the Administration please report on the possible closing of the access to the back alley running parallel to 22nd Street West alongside the recycling depot and entering on Witney Avenue. The residents have signed a petition requesting the closure as there is still access to the lane from Montreal, Winnipeg, Ottawa and Vancouver Avenues. The residents are appreciative of the 20 km/h sign posted, but still have people travelling at high, dangerous speeds using it as a shortcut from 20th Street West.’

In response to the lane closure request along the back lane of 21st Street, Infrastructure Services has now completed a review of the location. Vehicle and speed studies indicate that the average daily traffic on this lane is 218 vehicles per day and the 85th percentile speed is 37 km/hr (85 percent of the vehicles are travelling at or less than this speed). It is ideally desirable to have the 85th percentile speed no more than 5% above the speed limit. In this case, the speed is significantly higher than the posted speed limit.

Infrastructure Services had reviewed this location previously in June 2004. A lane blockage questionnaire was sent to 39 residents that were considered to be directly affected by the proposed lane blockage. From the 39 questionnaires, 73% of the households responded back with 40% rejecting the proposal and 33% accepting the proposal. In order to block the lane, neighbourhood support of at least 70% is required. Therefore, no action was pursued.

A petition submitted in September 2004, signed by the residents who have direct access to this lane, indicates that 75% of the residents are now in favour of the closure. Also, during a conversation of September 29, 2004 with Peter Kozakavich, Civic Coordinator of the Meadow Green Community Association, it was confirmed that the Meadow Green Community Association gives their full support of the blockage of the two lane segments as shown on Plan No. 242-0016-001r001. Therefore, with the Meadow Green Community Association support along with the support of residents, Infrastructure Services is proposing to have the lanes blocked.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is required for consideration of this matter, pursuant to Section 3b) of Policy No. C01-021, The Public Notice Policy. The following notice was given:

- Advertised in the *Star Phoenix* and *Sun* on the weekends of November 20/21, 2004 and November 27/28, 2004.
- Flyers distributed to residents living between 20th Street and 22nd Street, and Witney Avenue and Vancouver Avenue on November 19, 2004.
- Posted on City Hall Notice Board on Thursday, November 18, 2004
- Posted on City Website on Thursday, November 18, 2004

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan No. 242-0016-001r001
2. Copy of Public Notice

Attached is a copy of a letter from Ms. Annette Pshebylo, dated November 29, 2004 with respect to the proposed lane closure.”

His Worship the Mayor ascertained that there was no present in the gallery who wished to address Council.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,

THAT the lanes adjacent to 21st Street, between Vancouver Avenue and Ottawa Avenue, as

per Plan No. 242-0016-001r001 (Attachment 1), be permanently blocked.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL - CONTINUED

A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

**1) Frances Farness-Petit
Saskatoon Seniors Action Now Association, dated November 12**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to property taxes at 310 Avenue F South.
(File No. CK. 1965-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Frances Farness-Petit be heard.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Frances Farness-Petit be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Frances Farness-Petit, Senior's Action Now, spoke with respect to the property taxes at 310 Avenue F South and requested that Council consider a property tax abatement.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

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

CARRIED.

**2) Kent Smith-Windsor
Combined Business Group, dated November 16**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to introducing a vacancy allowance factor for commercial industrial properties. (File No. CK. 3500-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Kent Smith-Windsor be heard.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Kent Smith-Windsor be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Kent Smith-Windsor, Combined Business Group, spoke with respect to a vacancy allowance factor for commercial industrial properties.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration.

CARRIED.

**3) Dr. Chary Rangacharyulu, Professor of Physics
Coordinator of Canadian Biology Olympiad, U of S, dated November 17**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to Canadian Biology Camps and Olympiad request for financial assistance. (File No. CK. 1870-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Dr. Chary Rangacharyulu be heard.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Dr. Chary Rangacharyulu be heard.

CARRIED.

Dr. Rangacharyulu spoke with respect to sponsorship for the Canadian Biology Training Camps and Olympiad. He provided Council with a copy of his presentation.

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

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

CARRIED.

4) Kim Stranden, dated November 24

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the proposed increase in transit fares. (File No. CK. 1905-4)

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RECOMMENDATION: that Items AA16 and AA17 of Communications to Council and Clause 3, Report No. 14-2004 of the Administration and Finance Committee be brought forward and considered and that Kim Stranden be heard.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Items AA16, AA17 and AA22 of Communications to Council and Clause 3, Report No. 14-2004 of the Administration and Finance Committee be brought forward and considered and that Kim Stranden be heard.

CARRIED.

“AA16) Renita Lefebvre, dated November 23

Submitting comments with respect to the proposed increase in transit fares and Access Transit. (File No. CK. 1905-4)

AA17) Ryan Malley, dated November 22

Submitting comments with respect to the proposed increase in transit fares. (File No. CK. 1905-4)

AA22) Patricia Pasloski, dated November 26

Submitting comments with respect the increase in transit rates and the intersection located at Central Avenue and Rossmo Road. (File No. CK. 1905-4)

REPORT NO. 14-2004 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

**3. Transit Fares
(File No. CK. 1905-4)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the proposed 2005 transit fares be approved for conventional and special needs transit service as per attached Table 1;
 - 2) that the fare changes be effective on January 1, 2005;
 - 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaw; and
 - 4) that the Provincial Government be requested to provide a rebate on the fuel tax for public transit at 15 cents/litre.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Utility Services Department, dated November 15, 2004, regarding an increase in transit fares for 2005.

Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration and supports this proposed increase. Your Committee also wishes to continue efforts regarding a fuel tax rebate and has added a recommendation in this regard.”

Ms. Kim Stranden spoke in opposition to the proposed transit fare increase. She suggested that there must be an improvement in services before an increase is introduced. Ms. Stranden provided Council with a petition signed by approximately 391 individuals against the proposed transit fares increase.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

- 1) that the proposed 2005 transit fares be approved for conventional and special needs transit service as per attached Table 1;*
- 2) that the fare changes be effective on January 1, 2005;*
- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaw; and*
- 4) that the Provincial Government be requested to provide a rebate on the fuel tax for public transit at 15 cents/litre.*

CARRIED.

REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL– CONTINUED

5) **Dastageer Sakhizai, dated November 29**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the immigration and refugee resettlement plan. (File No. CK. 100-10)

RECOMMENDATION: that Clause 3, Report No. 18-2004 of the Planning and Operations Committee be brought forward and considered and that Dastageer Sakhizai be heard.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Clause 3, Report No. 18-2004 of the Planning and Operations Committee be brought forward and considered and that Dastageer Sakhizai be heard.

CARRIED.

“REPORT NO. 18-2004 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

3. **Proposal for Development of a City of Saskatoon
Immigration and Refugee Resettlement Plan
(File No. CK. 100-10)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that City Council approve in principle the following recommendations of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee:

- a) that the City of Saskatoon develop a strategy and action plan to:
 - i) Accommodate more immigrants to Saskatoon;
 - ii) Effectively address the difficulties facing newcomers to improve retention of immigrants;
 - iii) Effectively address the challenges facing the community; and
 - iv) Take full advantage of the many opportunities and benefits that increased

immigration can offer;

- b) that a qualified person be engaged to consult with the various stakeholders and resource persons, to produce a more detailed set of objectives, a proposed strategy and a community based action plan for consideration by City Council; and
- 2) that the Community Services Department be requested to report to the Planning and Operations Committee on available funding, and the costs and budget implications of the proposal.

Attached is a copy of the report of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee dated November 5, 2004, submitting a proposal for the development of a City of Saskatoon Immigration and Refugee Resettlement Plan.

Your Committee has reviewed this matter with representatives of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee, is supportive of the proposal, and is recommending that the Administration be requested to provide a report to the Planning and Operations Committee on available funding, costs and budget implications of the proposal.

Copies of the full report have already been provided to City Council members. A copy is available for review in the City Clerk's Office."

Mr. Dastageer Sakhizai spoke with respect to the immigration and refugee resettlement plan and introduced his proposed internship program.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,

- 1) *that City Council approve in principle the following recommendations of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee:*
 - a) *that the City of Saskatoon develop a strategy and action plan to:*
 - i) *Accommodate more immigrants to Saskatoon;*
 - ii) *Effectively address the difficulties facing newcomers to improve retention of immigrants;*
 - iii) *Effectively address the challenges facing the community; and*
 - iv) *Take full advantage of the many opportunities and benefits that*

increased immigration can offer;

- b) that a qualified person be engaged to consult with the various stakeholders and resource persons, to produce a more detailed set of objectives, a proposed strategy and a community based action plan for consideration by City Council;*
- 2) that the Community Services Department be requested to report to the Planning and Operations Committee on available funding, and the costs and budget implications of the proposal;*
- 3) that Dastageer Sakhizai's letter be referred to the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee for information; and*
- 4) that the report be sent to the Provincial Government together with a request for information as to the status of immigration.*

CARRIED.

REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL- CONTINUED

**6) Tony Badger, Project Manager
Scene III, dated November 29**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the Cultural Block, Phase 1, River Landing. (File No. CK. 4130-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that Clause 2, Report No. 19-2004 of the Executive Committee be brought forward and considered and that Tony Badger be heard.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Clause 2, Report No. 19-2004 of the Executive Committee be brought forward and considered and that Tony Badger be heard.

CARRIED.

“REPORT NO. 19-2004 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**2. Cultural Block
Phase 1 – River Landing**

(File No. CK. 4130-2)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that a Technical Committee be created in order to make recommendations to City Council in 90 days regarding:
 - design and program space;
 - building use and partners proposal;
 - capital cost estimate and funding strategy;
 - operating budget(s);
 - ownership and operating structure;
 - implementation plan and schedule;
 - 2) that the Technical Committee be comprised of the following:
 - Chris Dekker, Manager of Special Projects, Public and Intergovernmental Affairs;
 - a representative of The Partnership;
 - a representative of the City Planning Branch;
 - an architect, to be chosen through a Request for Proposal process;
 - a cost estimator;
 - a financial advisor;
 - Gwyn Symmons, CitySpaces;
 - 3) that Council provide conditional approval, in principle, for the Persephone Theatre new building project proposed to be located in the Cultural Block; and
 - 4) that the Administration be authorized to proceed with the issuance of a Request For Proposals for the services of an Architect.

The purpose of this report is to outline a strategy to proceed with the development of the cultural component of Phase 1 of River Landing.

The South Downtown Concept Plan envisages a unique “Cultural Centre” to be developed in Phase 1 of River Landing. The land for the centre is identified as Block E12, and is 0.72 hectares (1.76 acres) in area. The Concept Plan noted that the Cultural Centre should:

- create a real draw for visitors and residents;
- create a distinct identity for River Landing;
- complement private sector uses across the balance of the area; and
- ensure it performs as a wintertime destination.

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The South Downtown plan called for a blend of uses in one building complex. The complex may have one or more owners/lessees and uses. The uses identified in the plan are set out below.

- A live performance theatre;
- Retail (along 2nd Avenue);
- A public building component proposed to be a warm haven in the winter, face the river and be comprised of a three-story glass fronted space with inside public space to include a small stage for musical performances, public washrooms and accessibility;
- An interpretative centre, café, attractions, and a potential visitor centre;
- Potential showcase for Saskatoon's role in science and technology;
- Underground parking; and
- A major landmark/visitor viewing area.

After already receiving proposals for the live performance theatre component of the Cultural Centre, the Executive Committee of City Council is recommending that conditional approval be given to Persephone Theatre. The preliminary development plan will better identify the additional uses and possibly suggest modifications or additions, and how they can be best accomplished.

Process

The preliminary development plan will enable City Council to make certain key decision on the cultural block and move forward with partners to facilitate development of the centre as early as possible.

The plan and associated process will aim to meet the following objectives:

- Development in accordance with the South Downtown Concept Plan;
- Timely development;
- A quality project; and
- Long-term financial sustainability.

It is recommended that the preliminary development plan will be prepared by a Technical Committee, to be managed by the Manager of Special Projects, and comprised of City staff, a representative of the Partnership, and consultants including Gwyn Symmons of CitySpaces, an architect, a cost estimator, and a financial advisor. The architect would be chosen through a request for proposal.

Submissions will be sought by advertising from the wider community within the first 30 days of the planning process. These may be just ideas from the community, or formal participation and proposals by community organizations. These proposals would be vetted through the Technical Committee, which will then submit a report to City Council 90 days from the hiring of the consultants and will contain recommendations on:

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Design and program spaces

A conceptual plan showing the main/use and program areas by floor, cross sections, access points and a conceptual elevation.

Building use and partners

The report will outline how the building will be used, by what partners and their roles. The group will make recommendations on this based on submission received and input from the Advisory Committee.

Capital Cost Estimate and Funding Strategy

A capital costs estimate for the design and construction of the building will be accompanied by a capital funding strategy identifying potential funding sources to ensure that the project is funded on a debt free basis.

Operating Budget(s)

An operating budget for the whole building will be prepared plus individual operating budgets for each of the constituent parts. The Technical Committee and the advisory committee will review operating budgets supplied by potential partners.

Ownership, Operating Structure and Governance

The concept for, owning and operating the building will be prepared. The building may operate as a form of condominium. This will propose how and by whom all and constituent parts of this will be run. This will include a "governance" structure. A recommendation on land tenure for the centre will be included.

Implementation Plan and Schedule

A plan identifying the major tasks, responsibilities and a time-line will be prepared to guide council in the implementation of this project."

Mr. Tony Badger, Project Manager, Scene III, spoke with respect to their facility development and asked that Council consider their project for the Cultural Block.

Moved By Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

- 1) *that a Technical Committee be created in order to make recommendations to City Council in 90 days regarding:*

- *design and program space;*
 - *building use and partners proposal;*
 - *capital cost estimate and funding strategy;*
 - *operating budget(s);*
 - *ownership and operating structure;*
 - *implementation plan and schedule;*
- 2) *that the Technical Committee be comprised of the following:*
- *Chris Dekker, Manager of Special Projects, Public and Intergovernmental Affairs;*
 - *a representative of The Partnership;*
 - *a representative of the City Planning Branch;*
 - *an architect, to be chosen through a Request for Proposal process;*
 - *a cost estimator;*
 - *a financial advisor;*
 - *Gwyn Symmons, CitySpaces;*
- 3) *that Council provide conditional approval, in principle, for the Persephone Theatre new building project proposed to be located in the Cultural Block; and*
- 4) *that the Administration be authorized to proceed with the issuance of a Request For Proposals for the services of an Architect.*

CARRIED.

REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL– CONTINUED

**7) Lloyd Hedemann, Broker
Headway Commercial Real Estate Corp., dated November 26**

Requesting permission to address Council on behalf of TFM Developments Ltd., Mr. Tom Maltman and Mr. Eugene Krivuzoff, with respect to the West Sector Plan Amendment. (File No. CK. 4110-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that Clause 2, Report No. 18-2004 of the Planning and Operations Committee be brought forward and considered and that Lloyd Hedemann be heard.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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THAT Clause 1, Report No. 8-2004 of the Municipal Planning Commission and Clause 2, Report No. 18-2004 of the Planning and Operations Committee and be brought forward and considered and that Lloyd Hedemann be heard.

CARRIED.

“REPORT NO. 8-2004 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION”

**1. West Sector Plan Amendment
(File No. CK. 4110-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the revised West Sector Plan and Phase 1 Concept Plan dated November 2, 2004, be adopted; and
 - 2) that the issue of naming the West Sector be referred to the Naming Advisory Committee.

Attached is a copy of a report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated October 25, 2004, with respect to proposed revisions to the West Sector Plan and Phase 1 Concept Plan.

Your Commission has reviewed the matter with the Administration, including issues such as the location of the roadway to access the integrated multi district park/school site, the size of the site, allocation of space for the District Centre and questions relating to timelines. Your Commission supports the proposed revisions as outlined in the above report of the Community Services Department.

This matter is also being reported on under Clause 2, Report No. 18-2004 of the Planning and Operations Committee.

REPORT NO. 18-2004 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

**2. West Sector Plan Amendment
(File No. CK. 4110-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the revised West Sector Plan and Phase 1 Concept Plan dated November 2, 2004, be adopted; and
 - 2) that the issue of naming the West Sector be referred to the Naming Advisory Committee.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated October 25, 2004 submitting a proposed revised West Sector Plan and Phase 1 Concept Plan dated November 2, 2004.

Further to the above, City Council, at its meeting held on November 15, 2004, considered the attached letter and presentation from Mr. Lloyd Hedemann with respect to development in the West Sector Plan. Council passed a motion that the matter be referred to the Planning and Operations Committee for consideration during review of the report from the Administration.

Your Committee has reviewed the report with the Administration and received further presentations from Messrs. Hedemann and Maltman with respect to the proper process to provide input into the plan to look at the possibility of a retail component in proposed Neighbourhood 2.

The Administration outlined the opportunities that would exist for input at the public hearing stage with respect to any development plan and zoning bylaw amendments as the process goes forward and reviewed the consultations that have occurred on the proposed revision to the West Sector Plan and Phase 1 Concept Plan.

Your Committee has received clarification that the properties identified as regional retail are owned by the City and would be tendered out. In addition, there are processes in place for input during public hearings, as noted above.

Following discussion of this matter, your Committee is supporting the revised West Sector Plan and Phase 1 Concept Plan dated November 2, 2004, and is recommending that it be adopted by City Council. It is also recommended that the naming of the West Sector be referred to the Naming Advisory Committee.

This matter has also been reported under Clause 1, Report No. 8-2004 of the Municipal Planning Commission.”

Mr. Lloyd Hedemann, Broker, Headway Commercial Real Estate Corp., spoke on behalf of TFM Developments Ltd., Mr. Tom Maltman and Mr. Eugene Krivuzoff, with respect to large format retail in the West Sector.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

- 1) that the revised West Sector Plan and Phase 1 Concept Plan dated November 2, 2004, be adopted; and*
- 2) that the issue of naming the West Sector be referred to the Naming Advisory Committee.*

CARRIED.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw 8361

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8361, being “The City of Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services Department Superannuation Plan Amendment Bylaw, 2004”, and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT Bylaw No. 8361 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8361.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8361 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8361 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Bylaw No. 8361 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.

Bylaw 8368

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8368, being “The Council and Committee Procedure Amendment Bylaw, 2004 (No. 2)”, and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT Bylaw No. 8368 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

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The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8368.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8368 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8368 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Bylaw No. 8368 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.

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Moved by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk