

Council Chambers
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Tuesday, July 5, 2005,
at 12:00 noon

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Acting Mayor Heidt, in the Chair;
Councillors Alm, Birkmaier, Dubois, Hnatyshyn, Neault, Paulsen,
and Wyant;
A/City Manager Gauthier;
A/General Manager, Corporate Services Richards;
General Manager, Infrastructure Services Uzelman;
General Manager, Fire and Protective Services Bentley;
A/General Manager, Utility Services Casavant;
City Solicitor Dust;
A/City Clerk Hall; and
Council Assistant Mitchener.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Council appoint Councillor M. Heidt as Acting Mayor in the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the remainder of July 2005.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

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

CARRIED.

Council went into Committee of the Whole with Acting Mayor Heidt in the Chair.

Committee arose.

Acting Mayor Heidt, Chair of the Committee of the Whole, made the following report:

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THAT while in Committee of the Whole, the following matters were considered and dealt with as stated:

“LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 10-2005

Section B – OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

**B1) Provincial Disaster Assistance Program
(File No. 1860-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that The City of Saskatoon apply to Saskatchewan Corrections and Public Safety to be designated an Eligible Assistance Area under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP) which provides financial assistance for restoring essential services and property, both public and private, as a result of substantial damages caused by a severe rainstorm and resultant flooding throughout the City of Saskatoon on Wednesday, June 29, 2005.

ADOPTED.

As City Council is aware, Saskatoon experienced a very heavy rainfall on June 29, 2005. The storm caused flooding in basements throughout the City. A majority of homes were damaged because of seepage of rain water into their basement. Some flooding was also caused by sewage backup. However, it appears that the cause of the sewer backups was seepage of storm/rain water through weeping tile connections into the sanitary sewer system. We estimate that claims will number in the hundreds, and that the total value of the claims will exceed one million dollars.

The Province of Saskatchewan has a Provincial Disaster Assistance Program which covers uninsurable damage to individual properties caused by a natural disaster. Assistance is not provided where private insurance could have been purchased to cover the claim. This Program also covers damage to municipal property where it exceeds a value of one million dollars. This limit does not apply to individual claims. At this point it appears we have not reached that limit.

In order for individual citizens to receive assistance under the Program, City Council must request by resolution that the City be designated an Eligible Assistance Area. The Province will then decide whether the heavy rainfall event qualifies the City’s residents for disaster relief. If the City is designated an Eligible Assistance Area, we will talk to the Province about how to most efficiently get individual claims registered with the Province. Once the Province has the claims, they will adjust the claims and make payments where appropriate.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Acting Mayor

Acting City Clerk