

Council Chambers
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Monday, May 16, 2005
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 Totland;
City Solicitor Dust;
City Clerk Mann; and
Council Assistant Mitchener.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the minutes of meeting of City Council held on May 2, 2005, be approved.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, 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 Hnatyshyn as Chair of the Committee of the Whole.

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

Committee arose.

Councillor Hnatyshyn, 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:

“REPORT NO. 3-2005 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION”

Composition of Commission

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

**1. Development Plan and Zoning Bylaw Amendments
Annexed Lands – West Sector
Applicant: City of Saskatoon
(File No. CK. 4351-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to amend the City of Saskatoon Development Plan Land Use Map (Bylaw No. 7799) to designate the lands identified on Attachment 1 as ‘Urban Holding’;
 - 2) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to amend the City of Saskatoon Development Plan Phasing Map (Bylaw No. 7799) to designate the lands identified on Attachment 2 as ‘Phase 2’;
 - 3) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to amend the City of Saskatoon Zoning Bylaw No. 7800 to zone the lands identified on Attachment 3 to an ‘FUD District’, ‘AG District’, and a ‘B2 District’;
 - 4) that the General Manager, Community Services

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Department be requested to prepare the required notices for advertising the proposed amendments;

- 5) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaws; and
- 6) that at the time of the public hearing, City Council approve the proposed amendments to the Development Plan and Zoning Bylaw.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the Community Services Department dated April 11, 2005, with respect to proposed Development Plan and Zoning Bylaw amendments relating to the annexation of lands in the West Sector.

The Municipal Planning Commission has reviewed the report with the Administration and supports the recommendations with respect to advertising for the proposed amendments, as outlined above.

2. Downtown Plan
(File No. CK. 4130-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated April 20, 2005, providing highlights of information on the Downtown Plan website (www.saskatoon.ca/dtp).

The Administration reviewed the report with the Municipal Planning Commission and it is being forwarded to City Council for information.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 10-2005

Section A – COMMUNITY SERVICES

**A1) Addition of former City Councillors to the Names Master List
File No. PL 4001-5; CK. 6310-1**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve the names contained in Attachment 1 for addition to the Names Master List.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

According to City of Saskatoon Policy No. C09-008 (Naming of Civic Property and Development Areas), all requests for adding names to the Names Master List must be screened by the Naming Advisory Committee and approved by City Council.

The Naming Advisory Committee has reviewed and screened the names contained in Attachment 1 in accordance with City Council's naming guidelines and recommends to City Council that they be added to the Names Master List. All of the 78 names in Attachment 1 are of former City Councillors of the City of Saskatoon. Approximately half of the names on Attachment 1 may be utilized for any naming without restriction; the remaining names do have some restrictions associated with them, due to existing streets, parks, and facilities that already utilize the exact surname or a similar surname.

The Committee has also determined that in the future, they would like all former Mayors and Councillors to be added to the Names Master List as soon as their Council term is complete. The Administrator of the Naming Advisory Committee will be responsible for ensuring this is completed.

The Names Master List is kept in the Mayor's Office and contains all screened and approved name suggestions for naming municipally owned or controlled facilities, streets, suburban development areas, neighbourhoods, and parks. There are currently 150 entries on the Names Master List.

The City Planning Branch will notify the families of the former City Councillors regarding City Council's decision.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

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1. List of former Councillors for the City of Saskatoon for addition to the Names Master List

A2) Addition of Names to the Names Master List

File No. PL 4001-5; CK. 6310-1

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve the names contained in this report to be added to the Names Master List.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

According to City of Saskatoon Policy No. C09-008 (Naming of Civic Property and Development Areas), all requests for adding names to the Names Master List must be screened by the Naming Advisory Committee and approved by City Council.

The Naming Advisory Committee has reviewed and screened the following names in accordance with City Council's naming guidelines and recommends to City Council that they be added to the Names Master List.

1. **John Newton:** born 1918 in the Blackley District and resided in Saskatoon from 1957-1981. John was very active in the Saskatoon Amateur Softball Association, on the executive, as a coach, and as a registered umpire. In 1975, John received the Darren Lipinski Memorial Trophy for contributions to softball in Saskatoon. In 1980, Softball Saskatchewan awarded Newton its highest recognition by naming him to the Softball Saskatchewan Honour Roll. John passed away July 2, 1981. (For any naming.)
2. **Archdeacon Herbert Bowles** – came to Saskatoon in 1924, upon arriving in Saskatoon he attended Emmanuel College and became a Deacon, and later Archdeacon in 1961. Provided Anglican religious services to communities around Saskatoon. In 1940, was chosen Canon of Christ Church in Saskatoon and assisted with fundraising for a new church. He served Christ Church in Saskatoon from 1940-1965. In 1941, he started broadcasting church services on CFQC radio. Bowles fought in WWI for Britain and later served as Chaplain for the Royal Canadian Legion and the Veterans Home in Saskatoon until his retirement in 1965. He passed away on March 3, 1967. (For any naming.)
3. **Hubert (Hub) Warner Braithwaite** – born in Nokomis on September 10, 1909, started working in the Dairy Industry at the age of 15. In 1932, began working for the Dairy and Poultry Pool and later became General Manager. Spent most of his free time volunteering for organizations in and around Saskatoon including: Saskatoon Board of Trade, Saskatoon Exhibition Board, Saskatoon United Way, Riverside Golf and Country Club, National

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Dairy Council of Canada, The Saskatoon Club, and The Saskatoon Kiwanis Club. He was also on the fundraising committees for the Salvation Army and the Saskatoon Symphony for 20 years. Mr. Braithwaite Passed away on September 19, 2001. (For any naming.)

4. **Terry Fox** – born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on July 28, 1958, and raised in Port Coquitlam, British Columbia. Terry Fox is one of Canada’s most honorable and well-known citizens for his courageous battle against Cancer and for initiating the Marathon of Hope, a cross Canada run to raise money for cancer research. Terry’s dream was to raise one dollar for every Canadian towards the fight against cancer. Terry was diagnosed with bone Cancer at the age of eighteen and required to amputate his leg six inches above the knee. This year marks the 25th Anniversary since Terry initiated his Marathon of Hope. (For any naming.)

The Names Master List is kept in the Mayor’s Office and contains all screened and approved name suggestions for naming municipally owned or controlled facilities, streets, suburban development areas, neighbourhoods, and parks. There are currently 150 entries on the Names Master List.

The City Planning Branch will notify the applicants of the outcome of City Council’s decision.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Section B – CORPORATE SERVICES

B1) Tax Deferral Agreement – Saskatoon Gun Club
(File No. 1965-1)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that a three-year Tax Deferral Agreement for the Saskatoon Gun Club, exempting 40% of taxable assessment from taxation, be approved; and
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the applicable documents.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

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This property was annexed into the City's corporate boundaries in 1985, which resulted in a significant tax increase for the premises. The Saskatoon Gun Club asked for relief on the increased tax burden and the City has granted relief since the annexation in the form of a Tax Deferral Agreement (exempting 40% of assessment from taxation). The last five-year agreement expired on December 31, 2003. The Club requested a further five-year extension at that time. However, your Administration recommended a one-year extension (for 2004) based on the review of tax abatements underway at that time and based on potential longer-term issues related to the location of the Gun Club.

REPORT

While issues related to the overall review of tax abatements were resolved in 2004 (with no change to this property), the Administration is still dealing with issues and negotiations respecting the relocation of this facility to a site outside of the City limits. It is our view that, while this negotiation continues with the Gun Club, the long-standing practice of exempting 40% of taxable assessment be continued. As the Administration cannot put a specific date to the conclusion of these discussions, it is requesting an agreement for up to three years (2005 to 2007). However, this agreement would only apply as long as the status quo continues.

OPTIONS

The other options are to not grant an exemption to the Club, to grant an exemption for a period different than the period proposed, or to grant an exemption at a different rate than previous exemptions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Based on the 2005 effective tax rate, the abatement for this tax year is estimated to be approximately \$1,080.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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**B2) 2005 City of Saskatoon Operating Budget
(File No. 1704-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Attached, for City Council's information, is a copy of the 2005 City of Saskatoon Operating Budget. This budget reflects all changes made by the Budget Committee and City Council, with final approval at the May 2, 2005 City Council meeting.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. 2005 City of Saskatoon Operating Budget

**B3) Remuneration – Members of City Council
Policy No. C01-006
(File No. 4670-5)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the information be received; and,
- 2) that, should Council wish to consider changes to the compensation for the Mayor and City Councillors, the appropriate Public Notice under *The Cities Act* be given.

REPORT

Your Administration has had a considerable amount of discussion regarding the appropriateness of the level of compensation that is provided to members of City Council. An independent Commission, headed by Judge Nutting, in 1980, established the current compensation levels. In their report, Judge Nutting noted that the Commission "*took it as a general principle that any compensation payable should be sufficient to attract competent and well qualified community-minded persons to the offices of Mayor and Councillor. Salaries should be adequate to make it possible for such citizens to participate in elected offices without the sacrifices being financially prohibitive.*" However, the Commission also recognized that "*the salaries paid must be balanced (by) the fact that other forms of community service areextended as a matter of civic concern and public duty without any recompense*".

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During the past eighteen months (the accumulated term of the existing Council), your Administration has received comments from a number of Councillors about the amount of time that needs to be committed to City work, time that was not clearly understood before these members first chose to seek a seat on Council. These Councillors have adjusted their employment commitments, as well as their personal lives, to accommodate the requirements of being a Council member. However, it is your Administration's opinion that "post election" is not the time for the City to reveal to candidates for the Office of City Councillor of the actual time commitment that is required.

To prepare a somewhat unbiased account of the time required by a Councillor, an analysis was prepared (Appendix 1) using data comprised from actual meetings that took place in 2004 (Council, Executive, Budget, Planning and Operations, and Administration and Finance). Times spent at the P & O and A & F meetings were averaged since Councillors only sit on one of these committees. The attachment also includes an estimate of the time spent on Advisory Committees and Boards, with some (e.g. Police Commission) having spent eighty-four hours in meetings in 2004, and others with differing levels of time commitment. An average of fifty hours was applied. For each actual hour of meeting time, it has been estimated that a minimum of one hour of time would be required to adequately prepare for participation in the meeting. Finally, an annual estimate of 250 hours has been added to account for work that each Councillor does within their constituency by attending various meetings, functions, and responding to citizen enquiries.

The accumulated time, based on the above, is 936 hours per year. It is your Administration's opinion that this is the very minimum time required for a Councillor to have a general understanding of the issues that are brought to their attention. However, in order to have an in-depth knowledge of the issues impacting the City and each Ward, and respond to all of the enquiries made by citizens, it is estimated that Councillors, in fact, spend in the range of 1,200 to 1,400 hours on City business. However, the purpose of this report is not to acknowledge the work done by the present Council, but to prepare future candidates for the challenges they may face, and to ensure that an appropriate remuneration is in place. As quoted previously from the 1980 Commission, there is a certain expectation that Councillors participate, to some level, in this form of community service, along with other civic-minded citizens, "*without any recompense*". Administratively, we believe that the time spent by Councillors, in excess of the minimum of 936 hours calculated as being required, follows the spirit of that statement.

In order to ensure that future candidates for Council have an awareness of the commitment that they are making when they seek public support to be elected as a Ward representative, it would be beneficial if the City Clerk's information summary (provided to prospective Councillors prior to each election) includes an estimate of the time that could be expended as a member of Council. This summary would provide information on Council and standing Committee meetings (meeting times, expectation of special meetings, etc.), as well as the expectation of participation on a number of Advisory Committees, Boards and Associations. This summary would also clearly identify any remuneration that is in place at the time of an election. All citizens registering as a candidate could automatically be provided with a copy of this statement, as could anyone seeking information prior to considering running for office.

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Based on our research, it is your Administration's opinion that the compensation level is not commensurate with the minimum time commitment that needs to be given to this position. The Commission's recommendations were made twenty-five years ago. Since that time, Saskatoon's population has increased from 148,450 to 205,000, without increasing the number of Wards that represent these citizens. That means that each Councillor is now responsible to address the concerns of approximately 20,000 citizens. In addition to the increase in the number of citizens needing representation, a growing City brings with it increasingly complex decision requirements, whether that be in planning, protection of persons and property, infrastructure requirements or the provision of recreational and cultural opportunities. The City needs Councillors that have the combined expertise, energy, and time commitment to ensure that appropriate decisions are being made. To ensure that we continue to attract those individuals, the level of compensation must be appropriate.

Your Administration continues to support the basis of conclusion of the Nutting Commission. For that reason, it is not being recommended that a new commission be created. The relationship for compensation to that of a Cabinet Minister is not wrong, but the recognition of the time required to be an effective City Councillor needs to be updated. That is the premise of this report.

The 1980 Commission recommended, and City Council of the day adopted, a compensation package that related directly to that of a Provincial Cabinet Minister. It was acknowledged at that time that *"the Mayor's duties are certainly no less onerous than that of a cabinet officer"*. As a result, the Commission set the Mayor's salary at 90% of a Cabinet Minister. Certainly, the role of the Mayor has changed significantly since 1980. Undoubtedly, the demands of this position far exceed that of what would normally be considered a full time position and, very likely, the demands and responsibilities of most Cabinet Minister positions.

Councillors' salaries were set, by the 1980 Commission, at 25% of the Mayor's salary. In 1981, this was amended to 30%. Even if the time credited to the Mayor's position was limited to the recognition of a forty-hour workweek (in fact, his appointment calendar supports a weekly schedule exceeding sixty hours), our analysis of minimum required hours would suggest that a Councillor's compensation should be closer to 45% of the Mayor's salary. Again, it should be reiterated that this represents the absolute minimum required commitment, with actual time, much like that of the Mayor, far exceeding those estimates.

Historically, the Mayor's salary has been derived as a percentage of three provincially-recognized areas of compensation for Cabinet Ministers. For 2005, the following compensation has been approved:

MLA salary	\$ 64,175
Cabinet Minister – additional compensation	40,578
Expense Allowance	<u>5,372</u>

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Total \$110,125

The Commission's recommendations were applied to all three levels of compensation. In addition, the Mayor was provided with a car allowance based on actual travel done on city business. In 1996, the Commission's recommended compensation of 90% of a Cabinet Minister's salary was adjusted to 77.27% to recognize the different income tax treatment between the salaries of a Mayor and/or Councillor (1/3 of their compensation is tax exempt), and the change in tax treatment applied after 1996 for Cabinet Ministers (where only the expense allowance is not subject to income tax).

In the spirit of the Nutting Commission report, and acknowledging that the position of Mayor is full time (without acknowledging that full time exceeds a normal work week), it would be appropriate that the Mayor's salary be based on 85% of a Cabinet Minister's salary (but excluding the expense allowance). This would equate, after taking into account the difference in income tax treatment, to the Mayor receiving recognition equal to that of a Cabinet Minister (i.e. 100%). It would follow, using the estimated minimum hours of annual service, but not acknowledging any time in excess of that service, that a Councillor's salary be 45% of the Mayor's salary and that Councillor's be reimbursed for their travel on City business in the same manner as the Mayor (based on a per kilometer reimbursement equal to the limits set by the Canada Revenue Agency for tax-exempt allowances for the use of personal vehicles). This would mean that the Mayor's salary would increase to \$89,040 (from \$85,000), and a Councillor's salary would increase to \$40,068 (from \$25,500). The cost of added car allowances for all Councillors is estimated to total \$24,000 annually. In light of the narrowing of the gap between the Mayor's salary and that of each Councillor, changes to the monthly compensation or the per diem rate (for acting as Mayor in the Mayor's absence) would not be a major issue, so this has not been addressed in this report.

Information was obtained in order to compare the proposed remuneration to that provided by other municipal governments. Direct comparisons became difficult because population figures could not be used to confirm that the comparisons were appropriate (e.g. cities with larger populations may have more wards, thereby reducing the number of residences represented by each Councillor). Recent independent studies in Oshawa (prepared by AON) and Halifax Regional Municipality (report from a Citizens' Advisory Committee) were influenced by the impact of the regional governments for each municipality. However, with few exceptions, the compensation in these municipalities exceeded those being proposed in this report. Regina's compensation is similar to that currently paid by the City of Saskatoon, whereas Councillors in Calgary and Edmonton are paid 50% more than the proposed rates in this report.

If Council wished to consider a change in compensation, a number of options could be chosen. The following demonstrates the impact of several options:

- a) Implement effective June 1:
 - 2005 Budget Impact
 - Salaries \$ 96,000
 - Car Allowance \$ 14,000

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	- 2006 End-load	- Salaries	\$ 54,000
		- Car Allowance	\$ 10,000
b)	Implement for last year of current 3 year term:		
	- 2005 Budget Impact	-Salaries	\$ 25,000
		-Car Allowance	\$ 4,000
	- 2006 End-load	-Salaries	\$125,000
		-Car Allowance	\$ 20,000
c)	Phase-in over last year of current term and next 3 year term (but initiate car allowance immediately at the start of the last year of current term):		
	- 2005 Budget Impact	-Salaries	\$ 6,250
		-Car Allowance	\$ 4,000
	-2006 End-load	-Salaries	\$ 37,500
		-Car Allowance	\$ 20,000
	-2007 End-load	-Salaries	\$ 37,500
	-2008 End-load	-Salaries	\$ 37,500
	-2009 End-load	-Salaries	\$ 31,250

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice for a change in Councillors' or Mayor's compensation is required pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix 1 – Councillors - Estimate of Minimum Hours Required.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be referred to a special public meeting of the Executive Committee to be held on May 30, 2005, with the intent of bringing forward a recommendation to City Council on June 13, 2005.

Section D – INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

D1) Communications to Council

**From: Ann Coxworth, Program Coordinator
Saskatchewan Environmental Society**
Date: January 15, 2002
**Subject: Remediation of Petroleum Contamination at 8th Street and Clarence
(File No. 375-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

At its meeting held on February 11, 2002, City Council referred the above correspondence (Attachment 1) to the Administration for a report.

After several years of discussion with Imperial Oil and their environmental consultant, plans have been developed to rehabilitate the contaminated lots on the north side of the Haultain Esso, which is located on the north-west corner of 8th Street and Clarence Avenue. The lots being rehabilitated are 920 and 926 9th Street East. In order to rehabilitate these lots, a portion of the north side of the lane adjacent to the lots will be excavated and restored after the work is complete.

Imperial Oil will be installing a vapour extraction system on the north side of their property, south of the lane. This system is designed not only to reduce the concentrations of volatile hydrocarbons on the private lot on which it is installed, but also beneath the City lane. This work is expected to start this spring with the vapour extraction system to remain in place and working for as long as required.

For clarification, our records indicate that permission has never been denied for test hole drilling on City right-of-way for the purpose of monitoring wells or sampling.

ATTACHMENT

1. Letter dated January 15, 2002 from Ann Coxworth

D2) 2005 Capital Budget, Project No. 639-19

**Land Development – Electrical Corridor
Arbor Creek – Residential Development
(File No. 4111-37)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve funding for the construction of landscaping within an electrical corridor in Arbor Creek, Capital Project No. 639-19, for a total of \$21,000.

ADOPTED.

In 1994, a Development and Servicing Agreement was entered into between the City of Saskatoon and a private developer that included landscaping of an electrical corridor over time as lot development progressed. A portion of the electrical corridor was previously budgeted; however, the developer has now completed the entire electrical corridor and is requesting reimbursement for construction completed. The cost of the additional area is \$21,000. The payment to the developer represents the monies collected over time from the developer through the existing Development and Servicing Agreement as a special levy to be reimbursed upon completion.

The cost details and source of funding for this project is as follow:

<u>Description:</u>	<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Gross Cost Details:</u>		
Land Development – Arbor Creek Subdivision	639-19	<u>\$ 21,000</u>
<u>Financing Details:</u>		
Buffer Strip Reserve – Engineering		\$ 21,000
Total		<u>\$ 21,000</u>

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**D3) 2005 Capital Budget/Capital Project No.778
Stonebridge Neighbourhood Development**

Northwest Storm Water Storage Basin
Award of Engineering Services
(File No. 4111-32; CK. 7830-21)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the proposal for engineering services submitted by UMA Engineering Ltd. for the design and construction supervision of a wet storm water storage basin in the Stonebridge neighbourhood development to an upset limit cost of \$180,716.58, be accepted; and
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary Engineering Services Agreement for execution by His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk under the Corporate Seal.

ADOPTED.

Infrastructure Services issued a request for proposals for the design and construction supervision of a portion of Capital Project No.778, Stonebridge Trunk Sewers. This project includes design and construction supervision of a wet storm water storage basin including earthworks, grading of the surrounding open space, inlets, outlets, and associated structures.

Proposals were received from four local consulting firms listed below.

Bullee Consulting Ltd.
Catterall & Wright Consulting Engineers
Clifton Associates Ltd.
UMA Engineering Ltd.

After a systematic evaluation of the proposals, the Administration rated the proposal from UMA Engineering Ltd. as being superior.

The net cost to the City for the engineering services, as described above and within the proposal submitted by UMA Engineering Ltd., is as follows.

Base Fees	\$ 168,894.00
G.S.T.	\$ 11,822.58
Total Fees	\$ 180,716.58
G.S.T. Rebate	\$ 11,822.58
Net Cost to City	<u>\$ 168,894.00</u>

2005 Capital Project No.778 has \$2,000,000 of approved funding designated for design, construction supervision, and construction. As such, sufficient funding is in place to allow for the provision of the engineering services to proceed.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**D4) Proposed General Loading Zone
(File No. 6145-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that a five-minute General Loading Zone be installed on the east side of the 1100 block of Arlington Avenue.

ADOPTED.

Infrastructure Services has received a request from a business owner for the installation of a five minute General Loading Zone in front of their building, on the south side of the 1100 block of Arlington Avenue, as shown on Plan No. 210-0021-005r002 (Attachment 1).

The loading zone conforms to City guidelines with respect to Loading Zones, and the applicant agrees to pay the \$300 installation fee.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Plan No. 210-0021-005r002

**D5) Award of Contract
Contract No. 5-0041
City Yards Salt and Aggregate Storage Buildings
(File No. 600-7)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that City Council approve the award of contract to Allan Construction Co. Ltd., for their proposal for the City Yards Salt and Aggregate Storage Buildings, in the amount of \$599,200 including G.S.T.; and
- 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate contract, and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract documents under the Corporate Seal.

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ADOPTED.

REPORT

The extension of 25th Street East to Idylwyld Drive requires the relocation of some existing City Yards activities. The first stage of the City Yard Development Plan as prepared by Stantec Consulting Ltd. requires relocation of the salt storage. As well, the replacement of the existing structure had been previously identified to address environmental issues. The City issued a request for proposal for construction of a new salt storage structure. The proposals could have a variety of designs, but had to address the environmental concerns of leaching of uncovered salt piles by providing rain protection and a hard asphalt surface for loading activities. Six proposals were received and were evaluated.

Allan Construction Co. Ltd's proposal consists of three independent, fabric-type, enclosures. Each enclosure is set on an independent buttressed concrete wall. The steel structure components are epoxy coated and have proven durable for the salt storage function. All design and construction costs are included in the proposal.

Six valid proposals were received on Tuesday, April 26, 2005. Exclusive of G.S.T., the proposals are as follows:

BIDDER	TOTAL BID
Allan Construction Co. Ltd.	\$560,000.00
Cover-All Central Prairies	\$700,174.86
Saskcon Repair Services Ltd.	\$722,250.00
Fastrack Management Group Ltd.	\$724,907.00
Canadian Dome Industries	\$819,617.29
Wolfe Management Group Ltd.	\$829,000.00

Proposals were reviewed by the Project Coordinator from the Facilities Branch, as well as by the project representatives from the Municipal Engineering Branch. Based on the highest scoring proposal received, the proposal from Allan Construction Co. Ltd. is acceptable to the City of Saskatoon.

The net cost to the City of Saskatoon is:

Base Bid	\$ 560,000.00
G.S.T.	<u>39,200.00</u>
Subtotal	\$ 599,200.00

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Rebated G.S.T. @ 100%	<u>(39,200.00)</u>
Net Cost to the City	\$ 560,000.00

There are sufficient funds in Capital Project 1898 to carry out this work.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**D6) Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium – Noise Bylaw Exemption
Project No. 621-12/04
(File No. 606-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve an exemption from Bylaw No. 8244 (The Noise Bylaw) for demolition work planned for the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

A portion of the demolition and removal of exterior pre-cast concrete remains to be completed on the Centennial Auditorium under the General Contract for the Centennial Auditorium Expansion. To expedite the project and allow a more timely start to construction, the Centennial Auditorium is able to allow the Contractor to begin demolition on June 3, 2005, if these operations can be scheduled around daytime and evening events. As the planned work period would be from midnight to 8:00 am, this work would contravene the Noise Bylaw.

The Quality Inn would be the business most likely affected by this work. The Manager of the Quality Inn was contacted to assess the impact of the nighttime demolition work that was done previously this year. She advised that it had no effect on their operations and that this work should be acceptable to them.

The work would be scheduled to begin on approximately June 3, 2005 and should be complete by July 15, 2005.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

D7) Proposed Closure of Streets

**All of 41st Street and a portion of 40th A Street between Avenue B and Idylwyld Drive
and proposed exchange of lands
(File No. 6295-1)**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be considered with Communication A4.

Section E – UTILITY SERVICES

**E1) Enquiry – Councillor T. Alm (April 4, 2005)
Possible Automated Waste Collection System – River Landing Project
File No. CK. 7830-3**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Councillor Alm made the following enquiry at the City Council meeting held on April 4, 2005:

“Would the Administration please investigate and report to Council on the possibility of incorporating an automated waste collection system such as those provided by Envac or Pneulogix, into Phase One and Phase Two of the River Landing Project.

Would Administration include an indication if this project would be eligible for Green Municipal Funding from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities or from the Federal Governments’ Environmental Initiatives Program.”

Envac and Pneulogix are automated waste collection systems based on completely closed vacuum technology. Refuse is placed into waste inlets located along pedestrian routes and inside building facilities. The refuse is transported by an underground pipeline system to temporary storage, in a chute above an inlet valve at each collection point. These collection points are automatically emptied at regular intervals when the control system enables the fans, which create a vacuum. At this point, the refuse is transported, by suction, to one or more collection stations, where it is later picked up by truck.

The systems are capable of accommodating and separating multiple waste streams, providing an opportunity for recycling.

Typically, they are successful in areas that exhibit one or more of the following characteristics:

- Large overall area footprint, minimal available space;

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- Dense urban population, rapidly increasing urban population, very high density of development, or strict requirements for additional development;
- Narrow streets (minimal access), historic infrastructure;
- High average temperature or high average humidity;
- Privatized waste management.

Some successful Envac installations are located in Sweden and Denmark, as well as cities such as Singapore, Tokyo, Seoul, Barcelona and Seville.

Advantages of such an automated waste collection system include:

- Positive impact on image, convenience (24 hour access);
- Release of valuable space in high density developments;
- Noise, odour and litter reduction, improved hygiene;
- Potential for waste separation and recycling;
- Reduction of heavy vehicles in the immediate area;
- Reduction of waste bins and open containers;
- Reduced manual handling of waste; and
- User access card availability.

Limitations of an automated waste collection system include:

- Large initial investment compared with conventional collection which may result in capital costs being passed onto users;
- Higher operating costs than with conventional collection;
- Extensive information campaigns to educate users;
- Soliciting of public participation in the process of waste separation and recycling;
- A substantial network of pipes (infrastructure associated with the system) which increases considerably, if separating waste streams;
- Does not eliminate wind blown debris;
- Places restrictions on the size of refuse allowed at the inlet opening.

General considerations for the installation of an Envac system in the City of Saskatoon, River Landing project include:

- Requirement of a feasibility study, as recommended by Envac;
- Typically, various types of Envac systems are targeted as part of a development's infrastructure and proposed building facilities during the initial design phase (prior to construction);

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- Additional costs associated with design and construction of the installation once existing infrastructure is in place;
- Education of end users, especially if separating and recycling one or more of the waste streams is proposed (without a positive reception from end users, the system may not operate efficiently);
- Options for recycling typically results in waste unit inlets being located near each other, (recycling normally targets three factions: incinerable, paper and compostable);
- A lesser footprint and urban density than is typically targeted by this type of installation;
- If the Envac installation targets pedestrian traffic only, curb side or alley collections may still be required to accommodate shops, restaurants, farmer's market and other businesses;
- The location of the collection stations is typically removed from the collection area, resulting in more extensive piping;
- Wind blown debris may continue to be a problem given the prevailing winds and the close proximity of open waste containers currently located in alleys near the proposed development.

In 2004, a feasibility study for an automated waste collection system (Envac) was conducted for the Regent Park area of Toronto, Ontario. This study provided a cost estimate, based on a three-chute system, to accommodate recycling and separation of the waste streams. Using the financial analysis provided in the Regent Park report, and comparing the total area to be converted, a cost estimate was prepared for a proposed Envac system at the River Landing development in Saskatoon.

The capital costs required for an Envac system for the River Landing area is estimated at approximately \$11,000,000, with yearly operating costs of \$200,000 for the vacuum system. In comparison, the annual costs for conventional garbage collection for this area is estimated to be \$7,000.

The Green Municipal Funds (GMF), administered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is closed to new applications at this time. FCM is currently negotiating with the Federal Government as to the method additional funds assigned to the project will be administered and awarded. FCM is hoping that they will be able to open the application process this fall. In the past, the award of GMF has been focused on the application of innovative practices and technology. In the future, the focus will be on the degree of environmental benefit from the proposed project. As the Envac system would be replacing traditional waste collection services in only a small portion of the City, it would not be considered to have a significant environmental impact, and would not be considered eligible under the GMF program.

The Administration is unaware of any specific environmental initiative programs that may provide funding for such a project.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Policy C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

E2) Transit Strategic Plan Study – Short-Term Report
(File No. 7300-1)

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be considered after 7:00 p.m.

Section F – CITY MANAGER

F1) Memorandum of Agreement – Termination of
South Downtown Revitalization Agreement
(File No. 4130-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Memorandum of Agreement attached to this report.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

As a result of the proposed development of Block 146 (now Parcel CC, Plan 00SA33273), the Administration entered into discussions with Princeton Developments Ltd. The purpose of these discussions was to clarify Princeton's obligations under the current B6 zoning of Parcel CC, to confirm the obligations of the City as a result of the transfer of lands south of 19th Street from Princeton to the City and to officially terminate the South Downtown Revitalization Agreement.

The attached proposed Memorandum of Agreement results from the Administration's discussions. The proposed agreement confirms the termination of the South Downtown Revitalization Agreement and provides for the discharge of the Interest Registration (caveat) registered against Parcel CC with respect to that Agreement. The proposed agreement further confirms the terms and conditions of the February 6, 2004, letter of agreement between the City and Princeton (adopted by Council on June 21, 2004) whereby Princeton transferred lands owned by it, south of 19th Street, for the extension of 2nd Avenue and the creation of Saunders Avenue. The letter of agreement is attached to the proposed Memorandum of Agreement.

The proposed agreement also confirms that the streetscaping requirements of the former DCD1 Development Agreement, which dealt with a former proposed development, are no longer applicable to the land as it is now zoned B6 Downtown Commercial. The B6 Zoning District has no streetscaping requirement. Lastly, Princeton agrees that it will subdivide Parcel CC to create the proposed theatre site and all future development sites as appropriate. However, in view of Princeton having provided considerable additional land south of 19th Street at no cost for the creation of Saunders Avenue and right-of-way immediately west of Clinkskill Manor, the provision of municipal reserve or money-in-lieu thereof will not be required as a condition of approval of such subdivisions.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Draft Memorandum of Agreement, dated June 12, 2005, between The City of Saskatoon and Princeton Developments Ltd.
2. February 6, 2004, letter of agreement between the City of Saskatoon and Princeton Developments Ltd.

**F2) Proposed Stonegate Shopping Centre
Clarence Avenue/Circle Drive, Saskatoon
(File No. CC 4125-1)**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be considered with Communication A12.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 7-2005

Section B – OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

**B1) Enquiry - Councillor G. Penner (January 17, 2005)
Lost and Found
Police Service
(File No. CK. 5000-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Councillor Glen Penner made the following enquiry at the meeting of Council on January 17, 2005:

"I understand that if a citizen finds an object, either on public or private property, and turns it in to the police, the citizen has no claim to the property if it is not claimed by its owner after a 90 day period.

Could I have a report indicating:

- a) Is this correct?
- b) Does it not make sense to give a citizen who finds, and turns in property, to be able to claim it, if not claimed by rightful owner after 90 days."

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At its meeting on April 4, 2005, Council resolved “that the views of the Saskatoon Police Service be obtained regarding the implications of returning found property and found money to the finder after a certain period of time”.

Our Office solicited the views of the Saskatoon Police Service as requested, and attached hereto is a copy of a letter dated April 25, 2005, from Acting Deputy Chief Gary Broste outlining the views of the Saskatoon Police Service.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

Copy of letter from Acting Deputy Chief, Gary Broste, dated April 25, 2005; and Report to City Council dated March 30, 2005.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the information be received.

**B2) Proposed Expropriation for Roadway Purposes
Hampton Village Collector
Parcels 136209461, 136209450, 136209472 and 136209483
(File No. 4110-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) City Council approve the expropriation of Lots 1 and 2, Block 79, Plan G246 (Parcels 136209461 and 136209450) for the purpose of construction of a roadway and Lots 9 and 10, Block 66, Plan G246 (Parcels 136209472 and 136209483) for the purpose of the facilitation of the closure of the roads and lanes in Plan G246 and the consolidation of lands for future development;
 - 2) the City Clerk be authorized to prepare a notice under seal of the City setting out the purpose for which the land is required in accordance with *The Municipal Expropriation Act*;
 - 3) City Council consider Bylaw No. 8408, The Expropriation Bylaw, 2005; and
 - 4) City Council deposit with the City Clerk a plan of the land to be taken, the specifications of the work to be done and a list of the names of the assessed and registered owners of the land.

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ADOPTED.

City Council approved the Hampton Village Concept Plan at its meeting held April 5, 2004. As part of the development, Claypool Drive is to be constructed west from Airport Drive to McClocklin Road, which is the collector roadway for Hampton Village. The construction of Claypool Drive was approved in the 2005 Capital Budget. The Infrastructure Services Department is planning to begin construction on the roadway in June, 2005.

The Land Manager has obtained agreements to purchase all required lands from affected property owners (Public Works Canada and VCom Ltd.) except for two small remnant parcels as shown on the attached plans. These parcels are directly in line with the proposed roadway. They are owned by Alexander John Geegan and the assessed owner is Edith McCallum who lives in Grenville Sur La Rouge, Quebec. Also, Mr. Geegan is the registered owner of two other parcels of land immediately south of the roadway, which will not be required for the roadway at this time. However, these properties are part of Plan G246, which contains various registered streets, lanes, and 460 individual lots, 98% of which are owned by the City. The City needs to acquire these parcels to facilitate the closure of the roads and lanes and to consolidate the land for future industrial development purposes.

The Land Manager has been corresponding with Ms. McCallum in relation to acquiring the four parcels of land. According to Ms. McCallum, Mr. Geegan passed away in 1950 and Ms. McCallum's father was the executor of his Will. Mr. McCallum paid the taxes on the four parcels until his death in 1962. Since that time Ms. McCallum has been paying the taxes on the property.

Because Ms. McCallum is the assessed owner of the property, the Land Manager contacted her in July 2003 and offered to buy all four parcels for \$1,000.00. This figure was based on a valuation conducted by the Land Manager in June, 2003. Ms. McCallum wrote back and indicated that she would like to study the matter further, that distance played a factor in her decision and that she had been paying taxes on the parcels since 1962. The Land Manager contacted her again in June, 2004 and made the same offer to purchase. Again, Ms. McCallum responded to the offer. This time she indicated she did not hold the property in her name and explained the situation with the property - Mr. Geegan dying in 1950, her father as the executor paying the taxes until his death in 1962 and her paying of the taxes since that time. She indicated that she was unsure about how to get the property into her name.

The Land Manager wrote to Ms. McCallum a third time with the same offer in November, 2004. Again, Ms. McCallum wrote back saying the property was not in her name and explaining the situation with her paying the taxes since 1962. Given the situation and the responses received by the Land Manager, it appears that Ms. McCallum is unable to transfer the land required for Claypool Drive and the additional two parcels to the south to The City of Saskatoon.

In anticipation of having to expropriate the property, the Land Manager had an appraisal of the four parcels performed. The two parcels required for Claypool Drive have an appraised value of \$1,330.00. The two parcels to the south have an appraised value of \$1,000.00.

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The Land Manager has written to Ms. McCallum indicating that the need to acquire the two parcels lying under proposed Claypool Drive has become urgent and that because she is unable to transfer the property to the City, the Administration will be requesting that Council pass the necessary bylaw to expropriate the four parcels of land. Also, he has indicated that the City is willing to purchase the land for the appraised value of \$2,330.00 but that the City shall be applying to the Court of Queen's Bench for direction as to the person to whom compensation should be paid.

This expropriation would fall within the parameters of *The Municipal Expropriation Act*. Under that *Act*, if Council desires to acquire land for a purpose authorized by *The Cities Act* and cannot acquire the land by agreement with the owner, a Council may pass a bylaw to expropriate the property. Here, the property is desired for a roadway and to facilitate the closure of roads and lanes in Plan G246 to consolidate the land for future development. The land cannot be acquired by agreement with the owner because she is unable to transfer the land. The *Act* allows for immediate possession of that part of the land which is required for the construction of Claypool Drive. Moreover, the *Act* allows for the City to apply to the Court to appoint a person to act for the owner where there is no person competent to contract with the City for the sale of the land.

Should Council approve the expropriation, it would be our intention to make such an application with regard to these properties. Finally, the *Act* allows for the issue of compensation to be determined by the Court after the expropriation bylaw has been passed.

The Land Manager has reviewed a copy of this Report.

Bylaw No. 8408, The Expropriation Bylaw, 2005, which is attached to this Report, provides for the expropriation of the subject properties in the name of the City of Saskatoon.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 8408.

REPORT NO. 8-2005 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

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

**1. Architectural Controls for Willowgrove
(File No. CK. 4131-26)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council direct the Land Branch to develop architectural guidelines for the Village Centre area of Willowgrove and that they be submitted to the Land Bank Committee and City Council for approval;
 - 2) that these guidelines be implemented through a modified tender process as outlined in the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated May 2, 2005, including a plan review process; and
 - 3) that the Land Branch be given the mandate to administer the plan review process, analyze the submitted plans, and at its sole discretion, judge the plan's adherence with the architectural guidelines.

City Council, at its meeting held on September 23, 2002, approved, in principle, the Willowgrove Concept Plan and resolved, in part, that the Administration report further, through the Planning and Operations Committee, on architectural guidelines for row housing, duplexes, RM3 and town housing.

In response to the above referral, the Administration provided a report to the Land Bank Committee on architectural controls for Willowgrove. The Land Bank Committee submitted the report to the Planning and Operations Committee recommending that architectural controls for the Village Centre area in Willowgrove be prepared and enforced as an architectural control district in the Zoning Bylaw.

Your Committee reviewed this matter with the Administration at its April 12, 2005 meeting and received several presentations with respect to concerns about the proposed mechanism for architectural control. The matter was referred back to the Administration to discuss with the Saskatoon and Region Home Builders' Association options for addressing architectural controls for the Village Centre area of the Willowgrove Neighbourhood and for a further report with respect to the review of the options.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated May 2, 2005, proposing an alternative process for architectural control.

Also attached, as background information, is a copy of the March 3, 2005 report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, along with copies of previous correspondence considered by the Committee at its April 12, 2005 meeting.

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Following further review of this matter, your Committee supports the recommendations outlined in the May 2, 2005 report of the General Manager, Community Services Department with respect to the development of architectural guidelines for the Village Centre area of Willowgrove and processes for implementing the guidelines.

Item AA33 of Communications to Council was brought forward.

**“AA33) Alan H.J. Thomarat, Executive Director
Saskatoon & Region Home Builders’ Association, Inc., dated May 13”**

Submitting comments with respect to the architectural controls for multi-family sites in Willowgrove. (File No. CK. 4131-26)”

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the recommendations be adopted.

**2. 2004 Annual Report – Leisure Services Advisory Board
(File No. CK. 430-40)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has received the 2004 Annual Report of the Leisure Services Advisory Board, copy attached, and is forwarding the report to City Council for information.

**3. 2004 Annual Report – Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee
(File No. CK. 175-9)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered the 2004 Annual Report of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee and is forwarding the report to City Council for information.

Copies of the 2004 Annual Report have already been provided to City Council members.

**4. Early Morning Bus Service
(File No. CK. 7300-1)**

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the attached report of the General Manager, Utility Services Department dated May 2, 2005 with the Administration and is forwarding the report to City Council for information.

REPORT NO. 8-2005 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. Major Special Event – 2008 Saskatoon Can-Am Police & Fire Games
(File No. CK. 1870-15)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the Can-Am Police & Fire Games Host Committee receive funding from the Special Event Reserve, as follows:

- a) that \$25,000 be provided to the Host Committee in 2005;
- b) that \$25,000 be provided to the Host Committee in 2006, subject to the Host Committee submitting to the Executive Committee an implementation plan leading up to the event, as outlined in City of Saskatoon Policy C03-007 (Special Events); and
- c) that \$15,000 be provided to the Host Committee in 2007, subject to the Host Committee submitting to the Executive Committee a progress report highlighting important milestones and accomplishments, as outlined in the City of Saskatoon Policy C03-007 (Special Events).

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered and supports the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated April 27, 2005, regarding the above.

2. City of Saskatoon Policy C03-007 Special Events

Request for Funding – 2006 National Historica Fair
(File No. CK. 1870-1)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that funding in the amount of \$40,000 be provided to the 2005 National Historica Fair, subject to receiving a written commitment from the Saskatchewan Youth Heritage Fair Association Inc. to contribute a \$20,000 legacy to the Marr Residence for projects outlined in this report; and
 - 2) that the 2005 Historica Fair organizing committee submit a progress report to the Executive Committee by June 20, 2005, as outlined in City of Saskatoon Policy C03-007 (Special Events).

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered and supports the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated April 27, 2005, regarding the above.

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

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that Tasha Hubbard be appointed to the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee to the end of 2006, to replace Raven Sinclair; and
 - 2) that Cathy Nilson be appointed to the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee to the end of 2006, to replace Marcel Petit.

ADOPTED.

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

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

CARRIED.

The meeting recessed at 6:54 p.m. and reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

His Worship the Mayor assumed the Chair.

Councillor Hnatyshyn rose on a point of privilege to commend Saskatoon Light and Power for their services in a recent power outage in her ward.

HEARINGS

- 4a) Proposed Discretionary Use Application
Daycare Centre (up to 40 children)
Lots 11 to 13 inclusive, Plan Q6
247 – 1st Avenue North
(File No. CK. 4355-1)**

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“The purpose of this hearing is to consider the above-noted discretionary use application.

The City Planner has advised that notification posters have been placed on site and letters have been sent to all adjacent landowners within 75 meters of the site.

Attached is a report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated March 22, 2005, recommending that the application submitted by the Saskatoon Open Door Society requesting permission to use Lots 11 to 13 inclusive, Plan Q6 (247 1st Avenue North) for the purpose of a Daycare Centre for up to 40 children be approved subject to the applicant obtaining a development permit and all other relevant permits (such as building and plumbing permits) and licenses.

Attached is a report of the Municipal Planning Commission dated April 25, 2005 advising that the Commission supports the recommendation.”

His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.

Mr. Randy Grauer, Community Services Department, expressed the Department’s support of the Discretionary Use Application.

Mr. Jack Billinton, Chair, Municipal Planning Commission, expressed the Commission’s support of the Discretionary Use Application.

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

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the application submitted by the Saskatoon Open Door Society requesting permission to use Lots 11 to 13 inclusive, Plan Q6 (247 1st Avenue North) for the purpose of a Daycare Centre for up to 40 children be approved subject to the applicant obtaining a development permit and all other relevant permits (such as building and plumbing permits) and licenses.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

**1) Ian MacLennan
Saskatoon Habitat for Humanity, dated April 27**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to recycling. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Ian MacLennan be heard.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT Ian MacLennan be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Ian MacLennan, Saskatoon Habitat for Humanity, expressed appreciation to the City for its continued support for Saskatoon Habitat for Humanity's organization. He provided Council with an information package.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

2) **Wayne Soroka, Manager, Saskatoon Radio Cabs**
Scott Suppes, President, United Blueline Taxi, dated April 27

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to taxi meter increases. (File No. 307-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that Wayne Soroka and Scott Suppes be heard.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT Wayne Soroka and Scott Suppes be heard.

CARRIED.

Messrs. Soroka and Suppes were not in attendance.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

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

CARRIED.

3) **John Parry, President**
Saskatoon Branch – United Nations’ Association of Canada, dated May 11

Requesting permission for May Cummings, Vice President, United Nations’ Association of Canada, to address Council with respect to International UN Peacekeepers’ Day. (File No. CK. 205-5) **REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN.**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

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**4) Tanja Grabowski
Riviera Group of Companies, dated May 11**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the proposed 41st Street closure and partial closure of 40th Street. (File No. CK. 6295-1)

**5) Elaine Stephanson
Riviera Motor Inn, dated May 11**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the proposed 41st Street closure and partial closure of 40th Street. (File No. CK. 6295-1)

**6) Patrick Hearn
Victorian Restaurant, dated May 11**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the proposed 41st Street closure and partial closure of 40th Street. (File No. CK. 6295-1)

**7) Jay Robertson
Saskatoon Luxury Tours, dated May 11**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the proposed 41st Street closure and partial closure of 40th Street. (File No. CK. 6295-1)

**8) Allain Gagnon
Rust Check, dated May 11**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the proposed 41st Street closure and partial closure of 40th Street. (File No. CK. 6295-1)

**9) Kim Hunter, President
W. Hunter Electric Ltd., dated May 11**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the proposed 41st Street closure and partial closure of 40th Street. (File No. CK. 6295-1)

10) Ronald L. Miller

McDougall Gauley, dated May 10

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the proposed 41st Street closure and partial closure of 40th Street. (File No. CK. 6295-1) **REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN.**

**11) Mark Loeppky, President/CEO
Saskatoon Hyundai, dated May 16**

Requesting permission for Cary Hewitt of Saskatoon Hyundai to address Council with respect to the proposed 41st Street closure. (File No. CK. 6295-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Item 9a) of Unfinished Business be brought forward and that Tanja Grabowski, Elaine Stephanson, Patrick Hearn, Jay Robertson, Allain Gagnon, Kim Hunter and Carey Hewitt be heard.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT Clause D7, Addendum to Administrative Report No. 10-2005 and Item 9a) of Unfinished Business be brought forward and that Tanja Grabowski, Elaine Stephanson, Patrick Hearn, Jay Robertson, Allain Gagnon, Kim Hunter and Carey Hewitt be heard.

CARRIED.

“ADDENDUM TO ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 10-2005

D7) Proposed Closure of Streets

**All of 41st Street and a portion of 40th A Street between Avenue B and Idylwyld Drive
and proposed exchange of lands**

(File No. CK. 6295-1)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that Recommendation 3 from the report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services, dated March 10, 2005, be withdrawn;
 - 2) that upon closing all of 41st Street and a portion of 40th A Street between Avenue B and Idylwyld Drive as described in Plan of Road Closure and Proposed Subdivision prepared by Peters Surveys Ltd, dated May 16, 2005, it be transferred to 101040516 Saskatchewan Ltd. together with Lots 6 and 7, Block 17, Plan G215 in exchange for land and services as outlined in this report;
 - 3) that the City and 101040516 Saskatchewan Ltd. enter into an Agreement prepared by the City Solicitor outlining the terms and conditions of public access over the Paved Access to be located on a portion of former 41st Street;
 - 4) that the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City; and
 - 5) that 40th A Street be designated as westbound one-way, between Idylwyld Drive and Avenue B North.

BACKGROUND

City Council, at its meeting held on May 2, 2005, resolved that consideration of the matter be deferred for two weeks, and that the applicant and the affected parties be requested to meet in order to attempt to resolve the concerns.

REPORT

On May 11, 2005, 101040516 Saskatchewan Ltd. and the Avenue B North business owners reached an agreement with respect to the proposed closure of 41st Street and a portion of 40th A Street, between Avenue B and Idylwyld Drive. The terms of the agreement are listed on Attachment 1.

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The following are the main points in the agreement:

- That a Paved Access where 41st Street now stands (the “Paved Access”) shall be constructed, to provide for two-way traffic.
- That the City and 101040516 Saskatchewan Ltd. enter into an Agreement for a 10 metre wide Paved Access, located on the former 41st Street.
- That an interest be registered with respect to the Paved Access on the title to the land and shall be binding on successor owners and shall run with the land.
- Enforcement of the Paved Access will be the responsibility of the City of Saskatoon.
- Maintenance of the Paved Access will be the responsibility of 101040516 Saskatchewan Ltd.
- The remaining portion of 40th A Street shall be reconstructed and paved by the City, and made into a westbound one-way street.
- That the proposed turn around at the intersection of Avenue B N and 40th A Street not be constructed.

The Administration supports the agreement reached between the parties. Therefore, it is being recommended that the City and 101040516 Saskatchewan Ltd. enter into an Agreement prepared by the City Solicitor, outlining the terms and conditions of public access over the Paved Access to be located on a portion of former 41st Street.

As outlined in previous reports, 101040516 Saskatchewan Ltd. has agreed to purchase and consolidate public right-of-way and Lots 6 and 7, Block 17, Plan G215 owned by the City of Saskatoon in exchange for land required for public right-of-way, the construction of a widened southbound right turn bay at Circle Drive and Idylwyld Drive, and a contribution towards the paving of 40th A Street between Idylwyld Drive and Avenue B North.

In addition, as a housekeeping item, it is recommended that 40th A Street be designated as one-way westbound. Currently, Avenue A, which runs north to south along the eastern boundary of 40th A Street is one-way street, thereby making two-way traffic on 40th A Street redundant.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Memorandum of Agreement between 101040516 Saskatchewan Ltd. and Avenue B North Business Owners.
2. Plan of Road Closure and proposed subdivision
3. Bylaw No. 8388

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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- 9a) Proposed Closure of Streets
All of 41st Street and portion of 40th Street between Avenue B and Idylwyld Drive and
proposed exchange of lands
Proposed Bylaw No. 8388
(File No. 6295-1 and CK. 6295-1)**
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REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

‘Attached is an excerpt from the minutes of meeting of City Council held on May 2, 2005. City Council resolved that consideration of the matter be deferred for two weeks, and that the applicant and the affected parties be requested to meet in order to attempt to resolve the concerns.

The Administration has facilitated a meeting between the affected parties, and will submit a report on the results of the discussions as a late item on May 16.’”

Ms. Tanja Grabowski, Riviera Group of Companies, advised that the interested parties had met and came to a fair and equitable agreement with respect to the proposed road closure and expressed support for recommendations put forward by the Administration.

Ms. Elaine Stephanson was not present in the gallery.

Mr. Patrick Hearn indicated he was withdrawing his request to address Council.

Mr. Jay Robertson was not present in the gallery.

Mr. Allain Gagnon was not present in the gallery.

Ms. Kim Hunter, President, W. Hunter Electric Ltd., advised that the interested parties had met and expressed her support for the recommendations put forward by the Administration.

Mr. Carey Hewitt, Chief Financial Officer, Saskatoon Hyundai, expressed appreciation to the Administration for assisting the parties interested in coming to an agreement and expressed support for the recommendations that the Administration has put forward.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

- 1) that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8388;*
- 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to take all necessary steps to complete the closing and transfer of Lots 6 & 7, Block 17, Plan G215;*
- 3) that upon closing all of 41st Street and a portion of 40th A Street between Avenue B and Idylwyld Drive as described in Plan of Road Closure and Proposed Subdivision*

prepared by Peters Surveys Ltd, dated May 16, 2005, it be transferred to 101040516 Saskatchewan Ltd. together with Lots 6 and 7, Block 17, Plan G215 in exchange for land and services as outlined in this report;

- 4) *that all costs associated with this transaction be paid by the applicant including solicitors' fees and disbursements;*
- 5) *that the City and 101040516 Saskatchewan Ltd. enter into an Agreement prepared by the City Solicitor outlining the terms and conditions of public access over the Paved Access to be located on a portion of former 41st Street;*
- 6) *that the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City; and*
- 7) *that 40th A Street be designated as westbound one-way, between Idylwyld Drive and Avenue B North; and*

CARRIED.

REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL - CONTINUED

12) Bruce Buckwold, President
South Saskatoon Holdings Limited, dated May 13

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the proposed Stonegate shopping centre.
(File No. CK. 4125-1)

13) Mike Gilman
First Pro Shopping Centres, dated May 13

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the proposed Stonegate shopping centre.
(File No. CK. 4125-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Clause F2, Administrative Report No. 10-2005 be brought forward and that Bruce Buckwold and Mike Gilman be heard.

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Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT Clause F2, Administrative Report No. 10-2005 be brought forward and that Bruce Buckwold and Mike Gilman be heard.

CARRIED.

“ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 10-2005

**F2) Proposed Stonegate Shopping Centre
Clarence Avenue/Circle Drive, Saskatoon
(File No. CC 4125-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

BACKGROUND

Your Administration has been working with First Pro Shopping Centres for the potential development of 40 acres in the Stonebridge neighbourhood at Clarence Avenue and Circle Drive. As well as discussing the specific zoning requirements for the site, the City requires an overpass at Clarence Avenue and Circle Drive as confirmed by the following report from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services.

‘REPORT

A developer has applied to rezone the land on the southeast corner of Circle Drive and Clarence Avenue to a B4 zoning. If the zoning is approved, the lands could be developed as a commercial site, which could accommodate the ‘big-box’ commercial format.

In the City’s current Development Plan, the land south of Circle Drive, east of Clarence Avenue, is identified as residential land. Until recently, all the transportation network planning was based on this premise. Under this scenario, the requirement for a grade separation was tied to the completion of Circle Drive and the new south bridge. The intersection of Circle Drive and Clarence Avenue was therefore scheduled to be grade separated as part of the new south bridge between 2009 and 2011. The rezoning to B4 of the southeast corner of Circle Drive and Clarence Avenue as a commercial site would accelerate the need and timing of the grade separation at this location.

Current Priority

Since 1992, the Administration has maintained a prioritized list of proposed major transportation projects. The list is updated regularly as projects are implemented and new ones included. A concept known as the Equivalent Uniform Annual

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Cost (EUAC) method is used to determine the economic viability and ranking of the projects. Under EUAC, all user benefits such as reduction in collisions and injuries, reduction in travel delays, reduction in harmful environmental impacts and increase in safety are summed and compared with the 20 year amortized capital and maintenance costs of the project. A project is deemed to be viable if its annual benefits or savings to the City and society in general outweigh the costs. The Administration has adopted an EUAC threshold value of \$500,000 to be reached before the project is considered viable to implement. Attachment 1 shows the priority list and ranking of all projects.

The grade separation of Circle Drive and Clarence Avenue is ranked ninth out of thirteen projects (Attachment 1). When this list was updated in 2002, the lands south of Circle Drive were still zoned residential and had minimal contribution to the traffic at this location. The new zoning of commercial would load the intersection far more than was anticipated. Based on the ranking in Attachment 1, it was intended to construct an interchange at this location as part of the south bridge sometime between 2009 and 2011.

JUSTIFICATION

As with any other development proposal in the City, Infrastructure Services has the following obligations:

1. To ensure that the proposed development can be accommodated without negatively impacting the operation of Circle Drive and surrounding roadways.
2. To facilitate the implementation of appropriate mitigating measures in order to allow Circle Drive to operate at a reasonable level of service after the proposed development, at the least cost to the City of Saskatoon.

Additional Traffic Volume

The commercial development being contemplated has much higher traffic generation rates than the residential development it replaces. According to a traffic study conducted by the proponent, at full build-out the commercial site will generate 1400 vehicles per hour in the afternoon weekday peak hour and 2500 vehicles on a Saturday peak hour. This represents a contribution of approximately 21% of the total traffic volumes at the intersection of Circle Drive and Clarence Avenue. This is all new traffic, the majority of which will use the intersection of Circle Drive and Clarence Avenue to access the site. When new traffic is added on top of the existing traffic plus the natural growth, the intersection would operate at an unacceptable level of service.

While it is true that in the long-term, the grade separation at this location is

inevitable, it is also true that the impact of the proposed development will accelerate the timing and need for the interchange. Based on the expected traffic volumes, it is the recommendation of Infrastructure Services that the intersection be grade separated prior to the opening of the first business at this site.

Circle Drive Freeway

Circle Drive is currently classified as an expressway with future plans to upgrade to a full freeway status. When driving on expressways, motorists have certain expectations of the way traffic operates. A diversion from this expectation is inherently unsafe. The addition of a large amount of traffic to the intersection of Circle Drive and Clarence Avenue would render Circle Drive from an expressway to an arterial roadway. An at-grade intersection would be insufficient for the new conditions; the only way to accommodate the proposed traffic is to grade separate the intersection.

Implication of Clarence Avenue/Circle Drive Priority

If the construction of the interchange at Circle Drive and Clarence Avenue were to be fast-tracked, it would mean deferment of some projects on the priority list. For example, an interchange at Airport Drive and Circle Drive is ranked fourth and would be next in line after the top three projects. In order to accommodate this project, the Airport Drive/Circle Drive project would be deferred to a later date.

Funding Source

There is a possibility that the interchange could be constructed in partnership with the developer. Preliminary discussions have determined the split at 20% contribution from the developer and 80% from the City. The Federal fuel tax rebate program has been identified as the City's source of funding for this project, including a number of others, such as:

1. Circle Drive/College Drive interchange, which is currently underway.
2. Central Avenue/College Drive fly-over (which has been committed to be built, but is currently estimated to be substantially over preliminary budget projections).
3. Circle Drive Bridge widening scheduled for construction in 2006.

The uncertainty of the Federal fuel tax rebate program jeopardizes the City's ability to commit to any capital projects, including the proposed interchange at Circle Drive/Clarence Avenue. There will likely need to be a reprioritization of projects, once the program has been established.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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Approval of the zoning to B4 would have a significant financial impact. Firstly, the City has to come up with its 80% share of the cost of the interchange, and secondly, dedicating funds to this project means that other projects must be deferred.'

In negotiations with First Pro, they have offered a contribution of \$2M to the overpass, and have proposed financing the remainder over four years, with the City to make principal and interest payments quarterly.

With the initial announcement in the Honourable R. Goodale's budget of a fuel tax program for municipalities, your Administration had anticipated that there may be sufficient funds to proceed with this overpass.

However, three key factors have changed since that time:

1. The Federal Budget has not been approved, and so it is not clear at all if/or when the fuel tax funds will flow to the City.
2. No agreement has been reached to this date between the Federal Government and the Province of Saskatchewan on project eligibility and program requirements.
3. Most contracts awarded for our municipal capital projects have exceeded estimates, causing your Administration to have concerns over the number of projects that can be funded by fuel tax.

In light of these uncertainties over sources of funding, your Administration cannot support committing any funds to building this overpass at this point in time. As shown by the General Manager, Infrastructure Services, this intense commercial development requires an overpass for proper and safe access to the site. Therefore, your Administration will not be proceeding with the rezoning request for the site.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Equivalent Uniform Annual Cost & Ranking – 20 Years @ 4%''
Mr. Bruce Buckwold, President, South Saskatoon Holdings Limited, expressed concerns with the Administration's report.

Mr. Mike Gilman, First Pro Shopping Centres, provided background information on the process for First Pro's proposed development and requested that Council instruct the Administration to bring forward First Pro Shopping Centres' application for rezoning.

Moved by Councillor Alm, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the Administration be instructed to submit a report to the next meeting of City Council regarding the rezoning application put forward by First Pro, together with information regarding Administrative recommendations, in order that Council can instruct the Administration as to what to take forward to a zoning hearing.

CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 10-2005 - CONTINUED

Section E – UTILITY SERVICES

E2) Transit Strategic Plan Study – Short-Term Report (File No. 7300-1)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the Transit Strategic Plan Study - Short-Term Report, and the recommendations contained therein, be approved in principle; and
 - 2) that the Administration report further on an implementation strategy that will include cost estimates, funding strategy and timing of changes.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on March 24, 2003, City Council considered Clause 3, Report No. 5-2003 of the Executive Committee, and approved the following recommendations:

- 1) that a strategic plan for Saskatoon Transit Services be undertaken at a cost not to exceed \$120,000; and
- 2) that the source of funding be from the Reserve for Capital Expenditures.

A grant of \$110,000 was received for this project from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Enabling Funds, providing the ability to expand the depth and scope of the project to include greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction strategies, measurement tools and the development of a decision model for public transit route planning and scheduling, for a total project budget of \$230,000.

REPORT

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The Transit Strategic Plan Short Term Study Report recommends a significant re-structuring of the current transit service layout in addition to the implementation of a Bus Rapid Transit service element to sufficiently address current public transit needs and demands. In addition to routing and service changes, the report recommends the requirement for a downtown terminal, upgrades to current University of Saskatchewan transit accommodations, and the need for an additional suburban centre terminal at Market Mall.

The report outlines in detail, the communication and consultation process, review of current transit operations and service delivery and the development of a short-term transit deployment strategic plan, including a strategic action and business plan.

The above components and recommendations within the report will enable Saskatoon Transit to prepare for implementation of significant transit system improvements in the short term, setting a course for long-range transit improvements over the next ten years.

The Long-Term Study Report, to be completed by the end of September 2005, will contain the following elements of the Transit Strategic Plan Study:

- Review and development of long-range service and transit fare options;
- Facility and fleet review;
- Development of transportation demand management strategies;
- Environmental and economic performance goals;
- Decision model for public transit route planning and scheduling, integrating transit, transportation and land use planning; and
- Long-term strategic action and business plan.

The City's consultant will be in attendance to present the report, along with staff from the Transit Branch.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3, Policy C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required

ATTACHMENT

1. Saskatoon Transit Strategic Plan Study – Short-term Transit Improvement Plan.
Items AA31 and AA32 of Communications to Council were brought forward.

“AA31) Joe Kuchta, dated May 13

Submitting comments with respect to the public open houses dealing with the Transit Strategic Plan Study – Short-Term Report Study. (File No. CK. 7300-1)

AA32) Dorothy Johnstone, dated May 16

Submitting comments with respect to the Transit Strategic Plan Study – Short-Term Report Study. (File No. CK. 7300-1)”

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT the recommendations be adopted.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL – CONTINUED

AA. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

**1) Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Finance
Honourable John Godfrey, Minister of State (Infrastructure and Communities)**

Submitting an update on the 2005 Federal Budget and the Government of Canada’s efforts to improve Canadians’ quality of life through the New Deal for Cities and Communities. (File No. CK. 1700-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**2) Joy Rousay, Finance and Personnel Officer
Tourism Saskatoon, dated March 28**

Submitting the audited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2004, for Tourism Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 1711-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

3) **Connie Abrook, dated May 2**

Submitting comments with respect to recycling. (File No. CK. 7830-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

4) **Dean Katsiris, dated May 3**

Submitting comments with respect to the aesthetics of the Circle Drive/College Drive interchange.
(File No. CK. 6001-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

5) **Laura Shepherd, dated May 3**

Submitting comments and suggestions with respect to the River Landing development. (File No. CK. 4130-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the letter be referred to the Special Projects Manager.

CARRIED.

6) **Dorothy Johnstone, dated May 10**

Submitting comments with respect to the River Landing Phase II Riverfront Public Forum. (File No. CK. 4130-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the letter be referred to the Special Projects Manager.

CARRIED.

7) **Doug Steeves, May 5**

Submitting comments with respect to City services including snow removal and street sweeping. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

THAT the information be received and forwarded to the Administration.

CARRIED.

8) **Kent Macaulay and Thomas Knutson, dated May 4**

Submitting comments in favour of the Smoking Bylaw. (File No. CK. 185-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

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**9) Robert Mlodzinski-Smith, Secretary
Nationalist Party of Canada, dated May 1**

Submitting information with respect to the “Racists’ Reparations Grant and Dividend”. (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.

10) Melanie Christopherson, dated May 4

Submitting comments with respect to the “My Home” and “My Home Too” program. (File No. CK. 750-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

11) John Thomson, dated May 7

Submitting comments with respect to the “My Home” and “My Home Too” program. (File No. CK. 750-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

THAT the information be received and that Mr. Thomson be provided with a copy of the report, responding to the enquiry of Councillor Heidt, at the appropriate time.

CARRIED.

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**12) Diane Fontaine, Community Watch Representative
Pleasant Hill/Westmount Communities, dated May 11**

Submitting comments with respect to the “My Home” and “My Home Too” program. (File No. CK. 750-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

13) Brent Paulson, dated May 8

Submitting comments and suggestions with respect to the 17th Street development. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

14) Philip Gonie, dated May 10

Submitting comments and suggestions with respect to the 17th Street development. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

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15) Edna Jennings, dated May 9

Submitting comments with respect the lack of a downtown grocery store. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT the letter be referred to the Administration to respond to the writer providing information on shuttle services in the City.

CARRIED.

**16) Todd Brandt, CEO
Tourism Saskatoon, dated April 28**

Requesting an extension of the deadline for the Expressions of Interest for the River Landing Destination Complex. (File No. CK. 4130-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

THAT the deadline for receipt of Expressions of Interest for the River Landing Destination Complex be extended to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2005.

CARRIED.

17) Trint Thomas, dated April 30

Submitting comments with respect to the skateboard parks in the City and suggesting the City open an indoor skate park. (File No. CK. 610-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the matter be referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.

CARRIED.

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18) Karen MacDonald, dated April 30

Requesting clarification as to speed limit signage and submitting comments with respect to the enforcement of speed limits on the Idylwyld freeway. (File No. CK. 150-1)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the matter be referred to the Administration to respond to the writer; and
 - 2) that the matter of enforcement of speed limits be referred to the Board of Police Commissioners.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

- 1) that the matter be referred to the Administration to respond to the writer; and*
- 2) that the matter of enforcement of speed limits be referred to the Board of Police Commissioners.*

CARRIED.

**19) Lewis Nugent, Past President
Bridge City Speedway, dated May 3**

Requesting support from City Council for the issuance of a special use permit for a sports stadium to the Saskatoon Stock Car Racing Association. (File No. CK. 311-1)

- RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council indicate its support for the issuance of a special use permit for a sports stadium to the Saskatoon Stock Car Racing Association.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

THAT City Council indicate its support for the issuance of a special use permit for a sports stadium to the Saskatoon Stock Car Racing Association.

CARRIED.

20) Marles Ruiz Vidal, dated May 3

Requesting information with respect to the completion of construction of Phase 2 of the Circle Drive and 22nd Street interchange. (File No. CK. 6001-1)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the letter be referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the letter be referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.

CARRIED.

21) R. Patrick Hope, Sr., dated May 4

Submitting suggestions with respect to the traffic lights located at Circle Drive and Avenue C North. (File No. CK. 6250-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Neault, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.

CARRIED.

22) Joe Abrook, dated May 3

Submitting comments with respect to left-turn traffic signals in the City. (File No. CK. 6250-1)

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.

23) J. A. Lorne Smith and others, dated April 11

Submitting approximately 57 letters from residents of The Franklin Retirement Community objecting to the idea of moving the bus terminal from 23rd Street to 2nd Avenue and 24th Street. (File No. CK. 7300-1)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration to discuss with the residents of The Franklin Retirement Community.

CARRIED.

24) Carmen Schultz, dated May 5

Submitting comments with respect to the bus service at Preston Crossing. (File No. CK. 7300-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the letter be referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the letter be referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.

CARRIED.

25) Jack and Joan Arnold, dated May 5

Submitting comments with respect to off-leash dog parks in the City. (File No. CK. 152-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the matter be referred to the Animal Services Program Coordinator.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the matter be referred to the Animal Services Program Coordinator.

CARRIED.

26) Cameron Schaan, dated May 10

Requesting information with respect to the completion of construction of the sidewalk at the corner of Prairie Avenue and Dunlop Street. (File No. CK. 6220-1)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the matter be referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.

CARRIED.

**27) John L. Bradley, Member, Saskatoon Chapter
Canadian Peacekeeping Veteran's Association, dated April 28**

Requesting permission to fly the UN Flag at City Hall annually on the 9th day of August, which coincides with "Veterans Day". (File No. CK. 205-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that permission be granted to the Canadian Peacekeeping Veteran's Association to fly the UN Flag at City Hall annually on August 9th.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT permission be granted to the Canadian Peacekeeping Veteran's Association to fly the UN Flag at City Hall annually on August 9th.

CARRIED.

**28) Edward P. Werbicki, Parish Council Secretary
Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of St. George, dated April 23**

Requesting that Avenue M South between 20th and 21st Streets be cleaned on Friday, June 24, 2005, and requesting temporary closure of Avenue M South between 20th and 21st Streets, in front of the Cathedral, on Sunday, June 26, 2005, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., in connection with the St. George Cathedral Parish "Year of Family" Celebrations. (File No. CK. 205-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the requests be approved subject to administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

29) Tenley Desroches
Greystone Heights Community Association, dated May 9

Requesting permission for a fireworks display at 11:00 p.m. on June 11, 2005, in Greystone Park and that Council extend the hours of the Noise Bylaw to 11:00 p.m. on June 11, 2005. (File No. CK. 185-9)

RECOMMENDATION: that permission be granted to the Greystone Heights Community Association to extend the hours of the Noise Bylaw to 11:00 p.m. on June 11, 2005, for a fireworks display in Greystone Park subject to administrative conditions.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT permission be granted to the Greystone Heights Community Association to extend the hours of the Noise Bylaw to 11:00 p.m. on June 11, 2005, for a fireworks display in Greystone Park subject to administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

30) Robert Wyma, Executive Director
25th Street Theatre Centre Inc., dated May 10

Requesting permission for extension of the Noise Bylaw from August 4 – August 14, 2005 in connection with the 16th Annual Saskatoon International Fringe Festival. (File No. CK. 185-9)

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RECOMMENDATION: that permission be granted to the 25th Street Theatre Centre Inc. to extend the time during which the 16th Annual International Fringe Festival may be conducted in the Broadway District during the following dates and times:

August 4	6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
August 5	6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
August 6	12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
August 7	12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
August 8	6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
August 9	6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
August 10	6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
August 11	6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
August 12	6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
August 13	12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
August 14	12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT consideration of the matter be deferred for two weeks.

CARRIED.

31) Joe Kuchta, dated May 13

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 45.

32) Dorothy Johnstone, dated May 16

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 45.

**33) Alan H.J. Thamarat, Executive Director
Saskatoon & Region Home Builders' Association, Inc., dated May 13**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 27.

B. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

**1) Annie Cheng
Crop Life Canada, dated May 3**

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Submitting information with respect to the proposed ban on pesticides for cosmetic purposes. (File No. CK. 4200-7) (A copy of the package can be viewed in the City Clerk's Office.) **(Referred to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee and the Administration and Finance Committee.)**

2) Mark D. Stauffer, dated May 10

Submitting information with respect to the proposed ban on pesticides for cosmetic purposes. (File No. CK. 4200-7) **(Referred to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee and the Administration and Finance Committee.)**

**3) Larry E. Hammond, Chairman, Technical Committee
Industry Task Force II on 2,4-D Research Data, dated May 2**

Submitting information with respect to the proposed ban on pesticides for cosmetic purposes. (File No. CK. 4200-7) (A copy of the report entitled "Re-evaluation of the Lawn and Turf Uses of 2,4-D" can be viewed in the City Clerk's Office). **(Referred to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee and the Administration and Finance Committee.)**

4) Betty Anne and Glenn M. Moore, dated May 10

Submitting comments with respect to the proposed ban on pesticides for cosmetic purposes. (File No. CK. 4200-7) **(Referred to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee and the Administration and Finance Committee.)**

5) J. Jackson, dated May 8

Submitting comments with respect to the proposed ban on pesticides for cosmetic purposes. (File No. CK. 4200-7) **(Referred to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee and the Administration and Finance Committee.)**

6) Doreen Learmonth, dated May 3

Submitting comments with respect to the proposed ban on pesticides for cosmetic purposes. (File No. CK. 4200-7) **(Referred to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee and the Administration and Finance Committee.)**

7) Allyson M. Brady, Coordinator, Saskatchewan Environmental Society

Spencer A. Early, President, Early's Farm & Garden Centre, dated May 10

Submitting comments with respect to the proposed ban on pesticides for cosmetic purposes. (File No. CK. 4200-7) **(Referred to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee and the Administration and Finance Committee.)**

8) **Marla Morrison**
Cohesion Cultural Festival Inc., dated May 2

Submitting information with respect to Cohesion 2005, planned for September 11, 2005. (File No. CK. 205-1) **(Referred to the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee.)**

9) **Jimmy MacDonald, April 27**

Requesting use of the storm water catchment basins in the Briarwood or Erindale neighbourhoods to establish an outdoor canoe polo pitch. (File No. CK. 7500-1) **(Referred to the Administration to contact the writer.)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

C. **PROCLAMATIONS**

1) **Laura Beard, Head of Communications and Development**
Mendel Art Gallery, dated May 10

Requesting Council proclaim May 15 – 21, 2005, as Lt. Governor's Centennial Gala Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

2) **Mark von Eschen, Executive and Artistic Director**
Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan, dated May 10

Requesting Council proclaim July 3 – 9, 2005, as Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

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**3) Bonny Braden, Public Affairs Manager
North/Central Region Canadian Red Cross, undated**

Requesting Council proclaim September 21, 2005, as Red Cross Peace Day in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**4) Todd Brandt, CEO
Tourism Saskatoon, dated May 12**

Requesting Council proclaim May 29 – June 4, 2005, as Tourism Business Week in Saskatoon. Also requesting representation from City Council to attend a press conference to be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 30, 2005. (File No. CK. 205-5)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve all proclamations as set out in Section C;
 - 2) that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamations on behalf of City Council; and
 - 3) that the request from Tourism Saskatoon for representation from City Council to attend the press conference to be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 30, 2005, be referred to the Office of the Mayor.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

- 1) that City Council approve all proclamations as set out in Section C;*
- 2) that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamations on behalf of City Council; and*
- 3) that the request from Tourism Saskatoon for representation from City Council to attend the press conference to be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 30, 2005, be referred to the Office of the Mayor.*

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 9a) Proposed Closure of Streets
All of 41st Street and portion of 40th Street between Avenue B and Idylwyld Drive and
proposed exchange of lands
Proposed Bylaw No. 8388
(File No. 6295-1 and CK. 6295-1)**
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DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 36.

ENQUIRIES

**Councillor Birkmaier
Regional Power Centres
(File No. CK. 2000-1)**

Would the Administration please report to the Planning and Operations Committee on the criteria used for “regional power centres”.

**Councillor Heidt
Used Needles – Parks and School Yards
(File No. CK. 5000-1)**

I recently have been advised by concerned parents regarding needles in their school yard (St. Gerard) and in the park.

Would the Administration please report back on what the costs are for picking up and disposing of these needles.

Would the Administration also report back on getting resources to assist in funding, or modify the existing policy with the Health Board as they are providing these needles.
Also would the Administration provide who is liable for these needles, which are provided by the Health Board.

**Councillor Heidt
Graffiti
(File No. CK. 5000-1)**

Our City is being downgraded and vandalized by graffiti artists and is costing us thousands of dollars.

Would the Administration report on the following:

- Present funding to clean up from each department
- Increase minimum fine to \$5000.00
- What are some issues to implement a bylaw where people purchasing spray paint have to sign for it
- Any other suggestions the Administration may have

Councillor Alm

**Intersection of Taylor and Arlington
(File No. CK. 6250-1)**

Would the Administration please report on the possibility of adding a left turn green light arrow at the intersection of Taylor and Arlington. The arrow would direct traffic travelling east on Taylor Street to turn north onto Arlington Avenue.

**Councillor Alm
Proposed Commercial Development – Stonegate
(File No. CK. 4125-1)**

Would the Administration please report on the expected property tax revenue to be generated on the 41 acre commercial development at Stonegate when fully developed in today's dollar figures.

Would you also report on the cost to service an 8 million dollar loan amortized over 15 years. Please provide a comparison for a 10 million dollar loan.

**Councillor Alm
Free Parking to Veterans
(File No. CK. 6120-1)**

Would the Administration please report on the possibility of providing free parking for all automobiles displaying a veterans' licence plate for the remainder of 2005.

**Councillor Dubois
“Waste Watch” Program
(File No. CK. 7830-1)**

Would the Administration please provide an update on the progress/success of the “Waste Watch” program delivered by Waste Management. This program began in Saskatoon in October, 2004.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 8388

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8388, being “The Street Closing Bylaw, 2005 (No. 6)”, and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Bylaw No. 8388 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8388.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

Councillor Hnatyshyn, Chair of the Committee of the Whole, made the following report:
That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8388 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

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THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8388 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT Bylaw No. 8388 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 No. 8408

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8408, being “The Expropriation Bylaw, 2005”, and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Bylaw No. 8408 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8408.

CARRIED.

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

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Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8408 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8408 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT Bylaw No. 8408 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 Hnatyshyn,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk