

Council Chambers
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Monday, February 21, 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 and Wyant;
City Manager Richards;
General Manager, Corporate Services Veltkamp;
General Manager, Community Services Gauthier;
A/General Manager, Infrastructure Services Drever;
A/General Manager, Fire and Protective Services Kobussen;
General Manager, Utility Services Totland;
City Solicitor Dust;
City Clerk Mann; and
Council Assistant Mitchener.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the minutes of meeting of City Council held on February 7, 2005, be approved.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

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

CARRIED.

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

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

Committee arose.

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

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

“ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 4-2005

Section A – COMMUNITY SERVICES

**A1) Addition of Names to the Names Master List
(File No. PL 4001-5 and 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. **Bert Wellman:** Herbert (Bert) E. Wellman was born in 1930. He was employed with the City of Saskatoon for 36 years, starting as an Instrument Man in 1952, then in 1954 as a Planning Assistant, in 1960 as Assistant Planner. In 1963 he became City Planner, and from 1970 - 1987, Bert was Director of Planning and Development. (For park, street naming, or any naming.)
2. **Frank Roy:** born in Tullis, Saskatchewan, educated at the University of Saskatchewan, completing his B.A. in 1948 and a B. Ed. in 1953. Taught at City Park Collegiate from 1954-1978 and at Walter Murray Collegiate from 1979-1983. Was one of the founding members of the Saskatoon Natural History Society, was honoured as a Fellow by the Saskatchewan Natural History Society in 1993. After retiring from teaching, Roy dedicated his life to recoding ‘birding experiences’. Involved in the creation of two books on birding, entitled, ‘The Birds of Elbow’ and ‘The Birds of Saskatoon’. (For any naming.)
3. **William (Bill) Bergen:** born in Saskatoon March 7, 1941, employed with the Saskatoon Fire Department for 30 years. He was injured in the line of duty while fighting a fire at the ‘Outlaws Nightclub’ in 1981. He suffered from severe lung damage, losing 80 % of his lung capacity. As a result of the lung damage, Bill developed emphysema, and in 1991 he

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received a double lung transplant in Toronto. Bill passed December 6, 1993, while in Toronto for a routine check-up. (For any naming.)

4. **Dr. Melvin (Mel) Langer:** born in Poland in 1920, immigrated to Canada with his family in 1933. Graduated with his M.D. from the University of Toronto in 1946. Practiced as a Physician with the Saskatoon Community Clinic from 1963 until his retirement in 1987. A skilled and humane surgeon, known for his medical expertise, his commitment to universal health care rights, and his generous, strong, and colourful personality. (For any naming.)
5. **Klombies, Robert Sr., Robert (Bob) Jr. and Ronald:** In 1936, Robert Sr. was a founding partner of 'Saskatoon Agencies' Real Estate Company. The company name changed in 1960 to Klombies Real Estate Limited and then again in 1967 to Klombies Limited. Robert's two sons, Robert (Bob) Jr. and Ronald, were also involved in the family real estate and insurance company business. All three gentlemen were members of the Kinsmen Club and have also served on several other boards and organizations in Saskatoon. Robert Sr. was a founding member of the Kinsmen Club, Bob was on the Kinsmen Club Committee that founded Telemiracle, and Ron was a founding board member of the Kinsmen Elmwood Lodge. (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 140 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.

A2) 2005 Capital Budget Capital Project No. 2171 Housing Indicators System Update (File No. PL 750-7 and CK 750-1)

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1) that the proposal for Geographic Information System(s) (GIS)/Information Services submitted by Katherine McGovern and her consulting team for the Housing Indicators Implementation project be accepted; and

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- 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary Planning/Engineering Services Agreement for the execution by the Mayor and City Clerk under the Corporate Seal.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

Council approved Capital Project 2171 – Housing Indicators System Update as part of its 2005 Capital Budget. The intent of this project is to update The Housing Indicators Information System with information on Social and Special Needs Housing, Maintenance and Occupancy Orders, as well as to update existing information and distribute the data to housing partners.

The project requires a combination of skills in information technology and GIS applications, and would benefit from expertise with the Housing Indicators Information System. As a result of the successful development of the Housing Indicators Information System and the relationship between the City of Saskatoon and the consulting team that developed that system, the Administration believes it would be in the best interests of the City of Saskatoon to have the update completed by the original contractors.

Capital Project 2171 has an upset budget of \$50,000.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Terms of Reference for the Housing Indicators System Update
2. Proposal for City of Saskatoon Housing Indicators System Update Project

Section B – CORPORATE SERVICES

**B1) Parking Ticket Fines
Collection – SGI
(File No. CK. 5301-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council send a letter to Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) expressing its support for the collection of outstanding parking ticket fines by SGI, upon license renewal, as outlined in the attached City of Regina report.

ADOPTED.

The Saskatchewan City Mayors Caucus, at its meeting of January 29, 2005, unanimously supported the following resolution:

“That all cities pass a resolution supporting the collection of outstanding parking ticket fines by SGI, upon license renewal, as outlined in the City of Regina report, and that each city send a letter to SGI indicating their support for the proposal, which will result in better utilization of police resources”

The City of Regina report was distributed to the City Mayors and is attached for Council’s information.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. City of Regina report dated January 26, 2005.

**B2) Provision and Maintenance of Digital Multifunctional
Office Copiers - Blanket Order
(File No. 1005-2 and CK. 1005-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the proposal submitted by Brennan Office Plus for the provision and maintenance of digital multifunctional office copiers, with a maximum total cost of \$400,000, be accepted; and

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- 2) that the Corporate Services Department, Purchasing Services, issue the appropriate purchase order.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

In order to ensure good pricing, good quality equipment, and appropriate ongoing maintenance of this equipment, the City of Saskatoon issues, on a two-year basis, a Request for Proposals for copiers. The successful bidder is issued a Blanket Order to allow for the addition and replacement of departmental office copiers, as required, over the next two years and for the maintenance of these units over the next eight years.

Six firms responded to the Request for Proposals. Each proposal was evaluated against the published evaluation criteria. The proposal for digital multifunctional copiers from Brennan Office Plus is selected because they provided the highest overall rankings and the lowest overall costs. Summaries of the proposals are attached.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Summary of Proposals.

**B3) Preliminary Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
Year Ended December 31, 2004
(File No. 1710-1 and CK. 1704-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that \$345,000 be transferred from the Interest Stabilization Reserve to offset the interest earnings unfavourable variance;
 - 2) that the Reserve for Capital Expenditures fund \$100,000 of the capital costs associated with the acquisition of the buildings and associated property currently occupied by the Saskatoon SPCA; and,
 - 3) that the undistributed operating surpluses, as identified in this report, be allocated as follows:
 - a) that \$1,000,000 be held for future discussions relating to theatre groups;

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- b) that \$500,000 be used to fund the City's share of the Urban Development Agreement for 2004;
- c) that \$100,000 be used to fund the remaining costs related to the Saskatoon SPCA property; and,
- d) that the remaining surplus of \$938,000 be transferred to the Snow and Ice Management Reserve.

Attached, for City Council's information, is a copy of the Preliminary Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2004. This statement, still subject to external audit, reveals a surplus of \$1,015,000. Enclosed with the statement is a letter of transmittal highlighting the major variances contributing to this surplus.

As noted in the attached report, revenues from interest earnings are \$345,000 less than anticipated. The Interest Stabilization Reserve (Policy C03-003) was established to manage the volatility in interest rates and smooth out the impact that changing rates have on the annual budget process. Based on the annual confirmation of the adequacy of the reserve using conservative investment returns, the 2004 budget identified a transfer from the reserve to mitigate any impact on the mill rate. Consistent with this intent, your Administration is recommending that the 2004 actual unfavourable interest revenue variance be funded by transferring \$345,400 from the Interest Stabilization Reserve.

Based on the above, the 2004 surplus available for allocation totals \$1,360,000. In addition, the 2003 surplus of \$1,178,000 has yet to be distributed for a total of \$2,538,000. Your Administration has identified the following as recommended uses for these surplus funds:

- Discussions have been ongoing with respect to the allocation of funding for live performance theatre. Your Administration is recommending that \$1,000,000 be held subject to a final resolution on this matter.
- The City of Saskatoon, together with the federal and provincial governments have recently signed the Urban Development Agreement. The annual funding requirements include \$500,000 for the City of Saskatoon, and \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 respectively from each of the provincial and federal governments. The City's share of funding is required for 2004.

- On January 17, 2005, City Council approved a number of recommendations relating to the acquisition of the buildings and associated property occupied by the Saskatoon SPCA requiring funding of \$200,000. Your Administration was requested to report on a source of funds. Recent capital project under expenditure returns to the Reserve

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for Capital Expenditures results in available funds from the reserve, totalling \$100,000, leaving an additional funding requirement of \$100,000.

- The 2004 Snow and Ice Management program is over spent by \$419,000. This was stabilized through the transfer of funding from the Snow and Ice Management Reserve as required by City policy. Funding for the 2004 Snow and Ice Management program budget was reduced by \$200,000 on the assumption that expenditures would be similar to 2003. It is anticipated that the reserve could be depleted by the end of 2005. Therefore, your Administration is recommending that the remaining surplus of \$938,000 be transferred to the Snow and Ice Management Reserve.

Your Administration is currently in the process of finalizing its financial statement package, which will be forwarded to City Council once the external audit has been completed.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Preliminary Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for year ended December 31, 2004.

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that \$345,000 be transferred from the Interest Stabilization Reserve to offset the interest earnings unfavourable variance;

2) that the Reserve for Capital Expenditures fund \$100,000 of the capital costs associated with the acquisition of the buildings and associated property currently occupied by the Saskatoon SPCA; and,

3) that the undistributed operating surpluses, as identified in this report, be allocated as follows:

a) that \$1,000,000 be held for future discussions relating to theatre groups;

b) that \$500,000 be used to fund the City's share of the Urban Development Agreement for 2004;

c) that \$100,000 be used to fund the remaining costs related to the Saskatoon SPCA property;

d) that \$838,000 be transferred to the Snow and Ice Management Reserve; and

- e) *that \$100,000 be set aside for six months in the event that a presentation is brought forward with respect to development of a Community Project in Pleasant Hill similar to the McNab Park Youth Project.*

Section D – INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

**D1) Proposed Stop and Yield Sign Installations
Willows Subdivision
(File No. CK. 6280-1 and 6280-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that stop and yield signs be installed in the Willows subdivision as shown on Plan No. 210-0078-003r001-C98.

ADOPTED.

Construction of the initial stage of the Willows subdivision has progressed to the point that stop and yield signs are now required. The entire subdivision stop and yield signing plan, as shown on Plan 210-0078-033r001-C98 (attachments 1, 2, and 3), is being presented for approval. These proposed installations would properly assign right-of-way at intersections.

The proposed installation conforms to the City Policy C0-007 – ‘Traffic Control – Use of Stop and Yield Signs’ for the installation of stop and yield signs, and will ensure that proper right-of-way is assigned along collector and arterial roadways.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan No. 210-0078-003r001-C98 (1 of 3)
2. Plan No. 210-0078-003r001-C98 (2 of 3)
3. Plan No. 210-0078-003r001-C98 (3 of 3)

Section E – UTILITY SERVICES

**E1) Free New Year’s Eve 2004 Bus Service
(File No. CK. 7300-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

For the 17th year, Saskatchewan Government Insurance was the major sponsor for the free extended hours bus service on New Year's Eve. Additional sponsors included the Marketing Den, Prairieland Exhibition, Credit Union Centre, Rock 102, C95, CJWW 600, Magic 98.3, Hot 93, 650 CKOM, CTV, Global and *The StarPhoenix*.

Approximately 7,600 passengers were accommodated on the regular transit system, and 30 passengers on the Access Transit service. The number of trips was similar to those taken the previous year.

The complimentary service began at 6:00 p.m., to provide transportation to passengers wishing to attend early functions. The service operated on a modified weekday-evening schedule, with most routes providing service every thirty minutes, and the last trips leaving the downtown terminal at 2:45 a.m. In addition, a shuttle provided service from the downtown terminal to the Prairieland Exhibition Trade Centre, Emerald Casino and Credit Union Centre every 30 minutes, from 6:15 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.

This program has been an ongoing success, and certainly goes a long way in reinforcing both the City's and Province's commitment to promoting responsible drinking. The Branch looks forward to once again organizing and working with the sponsors for Saskatoon's Centennial New Year's celebrations.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

E2) Communications to Council

From: Grant Wruck, Coordinator
Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan, Inc.
Date: December 23, 2004
Subject: Request for Transit Services
"Saskatchewan Native Plants – A Historical Expedition" Conference
(File No. 1871-10 and CK. 1870-1)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

City Council, at its meeting held on January 5, 2005, considered a request by the Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan, Inc. for free transit service in connection with the “Saskatchewan Native Plants – A Historical Expedition” Conference, and passed a motion that the matter be referred to the Administration for a report.

The Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan previously submitted a funding assistance application to the City of Saskatoon, Arts and Grants Consultant. Their request missed the program application deadline and was subsequently denied by Community Services. As a result, the applicant decided to appeal directly to City Council, requesting complimentary bus service for their conference.

The Transit Branch receives numerous requests for charter services over the course of a year, all of which have merit, however, the Branch is unable to provide the service at no charge unless authorized by City Council. The cost for charter service has been set in a manner that it is not subsidized by the transit service operating budget. The Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan was informed of this policy, and as a result they chose not to pursue bus service for their event, which took place February 3rd to 5th.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter dated December 23, 2004 from Garth Wruck, Coordinator, Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan.

**E3) Proposed Bylaw Amendment
To the Electrical Rates Bylaw No. 2685
Rates Reduced Retroactive to September 1, 2004
(File No. CK. 1905-6)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the electrical rates charged in the City of Saskatoon distribution area be rolled back so that customers will pay the same as SaskPower customers;

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- 2) that the reduced rates be applied retroactive to September 1, 2004; and
- 3) that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8387, to amend Bylaw No. 2685.

ADOPTED.

SaskPower increased their retail electrical rates effective September 1, 2004. Historically, the City has set its rates for electricity sold within its franchise area so that customers would pay the same as SaskPower customers, resulting in the City of Saskatoon also increasing our retail electrical rates effective September 1, 2004. Failure to do this would have resulted in inequities between similar customers served by the two utilities in Saskatoon. The Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel subsequently recommended a rate rollback retroactive to September 1, 2004, which was approved by the Government of Saskatchewan for SaskPower customers.

As a result of the rate rollback, the average impact of this year's increase on a residential customer will now be 6%, down from 8.8%, or approximately \$3.86 per month, down from \$5.56. The various commercial customers will see impacts ranging from 5.5% to 8%, rather than 8% to 13.2%. The overall average increase for all customer classes is now 5.8%, down from 8.5%. The bulk power rate increase charged to the City of Saskatoon is now 7.8%, down from 14%.

The City Treasurer advises that a lump sum credit adjustment for the September 2004 through February 2005 period will appear on the April utility bill. For residential customers, this adjustment will average approximately \$10.00. Electricity sold commencing March 1, 2005 will be at the reduced rates, with an average residential monthly reduction of approximately \$1.70.

The financial impact of these rate changes will be reflected in the 2004 yearend position and the 2005 Operating Budget.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Electrical Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8387.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 3-2005

Section B – OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

B1) Speed Limit Revisions - Traffic Bylaw 7200

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(File No. CK. 6320-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8386

ADOPTED.

At City Council's meeting held on January 4, 2005, it was resolved:

- "1) that the City Solicitor be instructed to amend Bylaw 7200 - The Traffic Bylaw as follows:
- a) that the speed limit on Cartwright Street, between Clarence Avenue and Lorne Avenue, be changed from 60 km/h to 50 km/h; and
 - b) that the speed limit on Circle Drive, from 200 metres west of Airport Drive to Laurier Drive, be changed from 80 km/h to 90km/h."

As a result of the reconstruction of Cartwright Street as part of the Willows Development and the introduction of a curve where the Willows entrance used to be, your Administration has recommended a decrease in the speed limit on Cartwright Street between Clarence Avenue and Lorne Avenue to ensure an adequate level of safety is maintained. Your Administration has also recommended an increase in the speed limit on Circle Drive between Airport Drive and Laurier Drive. This increase is considered by your Administration to be reasonable and safe after analysis of a speed study conducted in that area.

We are pleased to enclose Bylaw No. 8386 which enacts the necessary changes to The Traffic Bylaw No. 7200.

In addition, it has come to the attention of our Office that there is a duplication in Section 3 of Schedule No. 4 of Bylaw No. 7200 regarding maximum speeds. Given that Bylaw No. 7200 is being amended in any event, our Office has also amended Section 3 of the Schedule to delete the duplication and ensure clarity.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Bylaw No. 8386.

REPORT NO. 3-2005 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. Communications to Council

**From: Sandy Preston, Civic Affairs Director
Silverwood Heights Community Association**
Date: July 26, 2004
**Subject: Residential Traffic Flow in the Silverwood Residential Neighbourhood
And
Enquiry – Councillor G. Wyant (November 15, 2004)
Traffic Calming – Meilicke Road
(File No. CK. 6320-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated January 17, 2005 with respect to the question of traffic flow in the Silverwood neighbourhood, as well as a copy of the above-noted communication from Ms. Sandy Preston.

Your Committee has reviewed this report and supports the conclusion of the Administration that based on the results of the traffic study and the feedback from residents, they are satisfied with the effectiveness of the speed bumps and are not recommending any further traffic calming measures on Meilicke Road.

**2. Plan Review and Inspection Service Stabilization Reserve
(File No. CK. 1815-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 2, 2005, forwarding information on proposed future costs to be funded by the Plan Review and Inspection Service Stabilization Reserve.

Your Committee has reviewed this report and supports the proposal outlined therein.

3. **Early Morning Bus Service**
(File No. CK. 7312-10)

RECOMMENDATION: that the updated report be received and the Early Morning Bus Service Trial Project be continued as described in Option No. 3, as follows:

“Reassess the service at the end of March as suggested in the original report to Council. If a decision is made at that time to discontinue the service, the next earliest shut down date would be July 4, 2005. Total estimated program expenditure to that point is \$192,000.”

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Utility Services Department dated February 7, 2005 forwarding an update report on the Early Morning Bus Service trial project.

Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration, and although the ridership has been low in between 5:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. the trial period has been relatively short and , the Committee believes that this project should continue at least until March to allow a longer trial period.

4. **Accessible-Affordable Housing Demonstration Project**
(File No. CK. 750-5)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the Demonstration Project for Accessible-Affordable housing, as proposed by the Affordable New Home Development Foundation (ANHDF), be cancelled; and
- 2) that the Administration be directed to work closely with the Affordable New Home Development Foundation to identify the specific support that may be needed to move the new demonstration project forward, and that a progress report be made to the Planning and Operations Committee by June, 2005.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated December 30, 2004 in response to an application that was received from the Affordable New Home Development Foundation for a Demonstration Project for Accessible-Affordable housing (Attachment A). This Demonstration Project was to offer solutions for housing suitable for people with disabilities.

Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration and has learned that although the first application has not been able to meet the deadlines for funding and development, another application has been received from the Affordable New Home Development Foundation (Attachment B) and they are in the process of reviewing the new application. As noted in the Administrative Report, the need for affordable and appropriate housing for people with disabilities continues to be a concern for the community and remains high on the list of housing issues in the Saskatoon Community Plan on Homelessness and Housing, and the Committee looks forward to a progress report on the new application.

The file regarding the communication from Peggy Miller has been closed.

**5. Silverwood Golf Course/Marquis (formerly Silverwood) Industrial Development
(File No. CK. 4125-1)**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the item be considered with Items A5, A6, A7, A8, A9 and AA33 of Communications to Council.

REPORT NO. 3-2005 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

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

**1. 2005 Tag Days
(File No. CK. 200-3)**

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RECOMMENDATION: that the 2005 Tag Days be approved, as outlined in this report.

ADOPTED.

The following is the report of the General Manager, Corporate Services Department dated January 21, 2005 providing a listing of applications received for 2005 Tag Days, which your Committee has reviewed and supports:

“All organizations requesting 2005 Tag Days meet the requirements stipulated in the regulations governing Tag Days Policy No. 02-010, and have submitted applications and received approvals by City Council in previous years.

Detailed herewith are the applications received for 2005 Tag Days:

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>DATE(S) REQUESTED:</u>
Aids Saskatoon Inc.	September 10
Kiwanis Club of Saskatoon	September 24
Shinerama Saskatoon Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Royal Canadian Legion – Poppy Campaign Fund	September 22 October 29
#107 and #702 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadrons	May 14 & October 1
Navy League of Canada – Saskatoon Branch Save the Children – Canada Saskatoon Branch	April 16 & September 17 May 7
#328 & #2293 Royal Canadian Army Cadets	May 28
Saskatoon Lions Band	April 23
Raise a Reader	September 29
Planned Parenthood – Saskatoon Centre	June 25
Saskatoon Firefighters – Boot Drive	August 20

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**2. Base Funding Allocation – Multiple Funders’ Grant Information Resource
 (File No. CK. 1870-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that \$15,300 previously provided to the Saskatoon Symphony for emergency support be re-allocated towards a grant information resource feasibility review, subject to approval by the Budget Committee;

2) that this report be referred to the Budget Committee for consideration in the 2005 Operating Budget; and

3) that the Administration report back within one year with a framework for the Multiple Funders’ Grant Information Resource, including amounts of funding contributed by other funders.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 26, 2005 with respect to a proposal to establish a Multiple Funders’ Grant Information Resource in the community. Your Committee has reviewed this proposal with the Administration, and supports the funding formerly allocated to the Assistance to Community Groups Cash Grant Program.

**3. Gordon Howe Campground – 2005 Fees and Charges
 (File No. CK. 1720-3-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following fees and charges (including G.S.T.) be approved for the Gordon Howe Campground:

		April 16, 2005	April 16, 2006
<u>Serviced Sites</u>			
Daily	(15 amp)	\$ 24	\$ 25
	(30 amp)	\$ 26	\$ 28
Weekly	(15 amp)	\$144	\$150
	(30 amp)	\$156	\$168

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Monthly	(15 amp)	\$432	\$450
	(30 amp)	\$468	\$504

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 3, 2005 providing information in support of increased fees and charges for the Gordon Howe Campground for 2005 and 2006. Your Committee has reviewed this report and supports the proposed fees and charges.

4. Communications to Council

**From: Colleen Duncan, Christy Barlund, Jim McClements,
Dawn Friel-Hipperson, Mark and Zoe Stiglitz, and Joan Arnold**
Subject: Off-Leash Areas for Dogs
and
Enquiry – Councillor B. Dubois (November 15, 2004)
Subject: Off-Leash Areas for Dogs
and
Animal Services Program
(File No. CK. 151-15)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council adopt the priorities set out by the Advisory Committee on Animal Control in its report dated February 2, 2005, with respect to investigating possible future enhancements to animal services;
 - 2) that the matter be referred to the Budget Committee;
 - 3) that the question of potential new off-leash parks be referred by the Administration to the Land Bank Committee prior to approval; and
 - 4) that the Animal Control Bylaw be amended to provide that licensed pets will be provided with one free ride home with no charge being filed if the pet is found at large.

Item AA32 of Communications to Council was brought forward.

“AA32) Mark Stiglitz, dated February 21

Submitting comments with respect to off-leash parks and pet licensing. (File No. CK. 152-2)”

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The City Clerk distributed copies of a letter from Mr. Jim McClements, dated February 21, 2005, submitting comments with respect to off-leash areas in the City.

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that City Council adopt the priorities set out by the Advisory Committee on Animal Control in its report dated February 2, 2005, with respect to investigating possible future enhancements to animal services;

2) that the matter be referred to the Budget Committee;

3) that the question of potential new off-leash parks be referred by the Administration to the Land Bank Committee prior to approval; and

4) that the Animal Control Bylaw be amended to provide that licensed pets will be provided with one free ride home with no charge being filed if the pet is found at large.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Neault,

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

CARRIED.

His Worship the Mayor resumed the Chair.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted dealt with as stated:

A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

1) Joe Dudiak, dated February 3

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the South Bridge. (File No. CK. 6050-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Joe Dudiak be heard.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Joe Dudiak be heard.

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CARRIED.

Mr. Joe Dudiak spoke with respect to west access to the proposed south bridge and possible problems with snow removal and traffic flow.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**2) Karen Pine Cheechoo, Director
White Buffalo Youth Lodge, dated February 4**

Requesting permission to provide Council with a PowerPoint presentation with respect to the White Buffalo Youth Lodge Annual Report and their activities and services. (A copy of the Annual Report is available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office.) (File No. CK. 277-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Karen Pine Cheechoo be heard.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Karen Pine Cheechoo be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Karen Pine Cheechoo, Director, White Buffalo Youth Lodge, provided a PowerPoint presentation with respect to the White Buffalo Youth Lodge Annual Report and their activities and services. She provided Council with a copy of her presentation on disk.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**3) Laura Small, President
The Chamber, dated February 11**

Requesting permission for Kent Smith-Windsor, Executive Director, The Chamber, to address Council with respect to Productivity and Value-Added Processing. (File No. CK. 3500-1)

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RECOMMENDATION: that Kent Smith-Windsor be heard.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Kent Smith-Windsor be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Kent Smith-Windsor, Executive Director, The Chamber, provided Council with an update with respect to Productivity Gains in Crown Corporations and provided Council with a copy of a letter The Chamber sent to Honourable Pat Atkinson, Minister of Crown Investments Corporation.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**4) Sue Barrett, Chairperson
Marr Residence Management Board, dated February 16**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to The Marr Residence 2004 Annual Report. (File No. CK. 225-52)

RECOMMENDATION: that Sue Barrett be heard.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Sue Barrett be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Sue Barrett, Chairperson, Marr Residence Management Board, expressed appreciation for the maintenance and contributions from the City for the Marr Residence.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

5) Tim Bodnarchuk, dated February 15

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the Silverwood Golf Course/Marquis (formerly Silverwood) Industrial Development. (File No. CK. 4125-1)

6) Grant Vogelsang, dated February 15

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the Silverwood Golf Course/Marquis (formerly Silverwood) Industrial Development. (File No. CK. 4125-1)

7) Joe Donlevy, dated February 16

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the Silverwood Golf Course/Marquis (formerly Silverwood) Industrial Development. (File No. CK. 4125-1)

8) Larry Tehse, dated February 16

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the Silverwood Golf Course/Marquis (formerly Silverwood) Industrial Development. (File No. CK. 4125-1)

9) Lionelle Labelle, dated February 16

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the Silverwood Golf Course/Marquis (formerly Silverwood) Industrial Development. (File No. CK. 4125-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Clause 5, Report No. 3-2005 of the Planning and Operations Committee be brought forward and considered and that Tim Bodnarchuk, Grant Vogelsang, Joe Donlevy, Larry Tehse and Lionelle Labelle be heard.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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THAT Clause 5, Report No. 3-2005 of the Planning and Operations Committee be brought forward and considered and that Tim Bodnarchuk, Grant Vogelsang, Joe Donlevy, Larry Tehse and Lionelle Labelle be heard.

CARRIED.

“REPORT NO. 3-2005 OF PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

**5. Silverwood Golf Course/Marquis (formerly Silverwood) Industrial Development
(File No. CK. 4125-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue with respect to the recommendations put forward in the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 31, 2005.

Your Committee has reviewed the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 31, 2005 with the Administration and has heard from residents of the Silverwood neighbourhood.

The residents of the area have put forward a desire to curtail any further development and sale of the industrial sites in this area, to preserve the riverbank for use by future generations, and have recommended that industrial sites be developed instead on the west side of the railway tracks which run parallel to Wanuskewin Road (north/south).

Your Committee wishes to bring this matter forward to City Council for further direction, in that there was not a full slate of members present at the Committee meeting.”

The City Clerk indicated to Council that Mr. Tim Bodnarchuk had advised the City Clerk’s Office that he was unable to attend.

Mr. Grant Vogelsang expressed his opposition to the to the Marquis Industrial Development and indicated business and financial reasons that this proposed 70 acre development should not proceed.

Mr. Larry Tehse expressed concern with respect to the Marquis Industrial Development and indicated that the area west of the railway tracks is better suited for industrial development without any mitigating costs.

Mr. Joe Donlevy expressed his opposition with respect to the Marquis Industrial Development and asked that Council preserve the river valley.

Mr. Lionelle Labelle expressed support for reclaiming the riverbank area for use by future generations. He provided Council with a letter signed by 24 Commercial Realtors who support his

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position in this matter. He asked that a permanent moratorium be placed on any and all industrial development on the 70 acres, that the trunk line expansion begin immediately on the west side of the railway tracks and that a moratorium be placed on any light industrial development on the remaining parcel of land North and West of Wanuskewin drive until the City requires more industrial land. He suggested, as an alternative, that an independent commission be appointed to report back in September on how to best address the issues.

Land Branch Manager Howse gave a verbal report on the history of the Marquis Industrial land, as well as the implications of not developing the land.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the report of the Planning and Operations Committee (i.e. the recommendations contained in the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated January 31, 2005) be tabled.

CARRIED.

Councillor Wyant gave the following Notice of Motion:

“TAKE NOTICE THAT at the next regular meeting of City Council, I will move the following motion:

- 1) that a permanent moratorium be ordered with respect to industrial development on the seventy acre parcel to the east of Wanuskewin Road immediately north of the Silverwood Golf Course;*
- 2) that a moratorium be ordered with respect to the Marquis Industrial area west and north of Wanuskewin Road to the railway right of way until such time as the industrial capacity west of the right of way has been substantially achieved; and*
- 3) that a plan be developed to extend the trunk to the west side of the right of way so as to accommodate further industrial capacity in that location.”*

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT notice be waived.

NOT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**10) Terry Scaddan, Executive Director
The Partnership, dated February 17**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to Councillor Fortosky's Notice of Motion to rename 20th Street. (File No. CK. 6310-1)

**11) Cindy Popadyne, Administrative Assistant
Riversdale Business Improvement District, dated February 18**

Requesting permission for Randy Pshebylo and Wes Williams to address Council with respect to Councillor Fortosky's Notice of Motion to rename 20th Street. (File No. CK. 6310-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the Notice of Motion made by Councillor Fortosky be brought forward and that Terry Scaddan, Randy Pshebylo and Wes Williams be heard.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the Notice of Motion made by Councillor Fortosky be brought forward and that Terry Scaddan, Randy Pshebylo and Wes Williams be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Terry Scaddan, Executive Director, The Partnership, expressed concerns with respect to the proposed name change and asked that the name remain 20th Street.

Mr. Randy Pshebylo, President, and Mr. Wes Williams, Riversdale Business Improvement District, provided information on the role of the Riversdale Business Improvement District, and indicated that businesses in the area are opposed to the proposed name change.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the name of 20th Street be changed to "Avenue of Nations".

DEFEATED.

**REPORT NO. 3-2005 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE –
CONTINUED**

**5. Tax Policy – 2005 Property Value Reassessment
(File No. CK. 1616-1)**

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RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that there be no phase-in of the impact of the 2005 reassessment for residential property classes;
- 2) that a phase-in of the impact of the 2005 reassessment for commercial and industrial properties be approved at the following percentages:
 - 15% in 2005
 - 20% in 2006
 - 30% in 2007
 - 35% in 2008, and
- 3) that the information be received with respect to the timing of the mailing of assessment notices.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Corporate Services Department dated January 28, 2005 which addresses two questions raised by the Administration and Finance Committee when considering a tax policy for 2005:

1. Options for providing a phase-in of the tax impact of the 2005 Provincial reassessment for both residential and commercial properties; and
2. Timing of when assessment notices are mailed out.

Your Committee has reviewed the above-noted report and supports the information provided regarding phase-in and timing of mailing assessment notices. Your Committee believes that the residential category does not warrant a phase-in as the current change in values (an increase of 12.94%) is offset by a 12.94% decrease in the tax rate, which means that the tax impact of this reassessment will be substantially less than for previous reassessments for most properties. Also, the Committee heard presentations from condominium owners, who will be receiving a reduction in taxes, in opposition to a phase-in in that it would extend the time that they would be paying more than their fair share of taxes – they want the reduction in 2005.

Your Committee also reviewed the proposed phase-in for commercial and industrial properties with a representative of the Saskatoon Combined Business Group, and determined that they support the phase-in, notwithstanding that it means any reduction in taxes will also be phased in for this group.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT there be no phase-in of the impact of the 2005 reassessment for residential property classes;

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND LOST ON A TIE VOTE.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT there be a two-year phase in of the impact of the 2005 reassessment for residential property classes.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT a phase-in of the impact of the 2005 reassessment for commercial and industrial properties be approved at the following percentages:

*15% in 2005
20% in 2006
30% in 2007
35% in 2008*

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received with respect to the timing of the mailing of assessment notices.

CARRIED.

REPORT NO. 3-2005 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

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Councillor G. Penner
Councillor G. Wyant

**1. Travel Expenses – Councillors
(File No. CK. 1970-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Section 3.4 of Policy No. C01-023, “City Councillors’ Travel and Training”, states that the City Clerk will, on an annual basis, prepare a report listing the total cost of Councillors’ combined travel and training from the Councillors’ Common Travel and Training Budget, and the total cost of each Councillor’s individual travel and training. Upon approval of the Councillors, the report is to be submitted to a City Council meeting.

Each Councillor is allotted \$3,500 per year for general travel and training, such as attendance at the annual SUMA and FCM conferences. In addition, a Common Travel and Training Budget in the amount of \$3,500 is provided in order for a Councillor to attend annual conferences or board meetings of any organization on which he or she sits as an official representative of the City of Saskatoon, such as the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association.

The following are the expenditures in 2004:

Individual Travel and Training

Total Amount Budgeted	\$35,000.00
Total Amount Spent	\$15,329.84
Councillor Alm	\$ 1,672.05
Councillor Birkmaier	\$ 2,797.27
Councillor Dubois	\$ 2,853.04
Councillor Fortosky	\$ 1,997.45
Councillor Heidt	\$ 1,369.26
Councillor Hnatyshyn	\$ 589.90
Councillor Neault	\$ 0
Councillor Paulsen	\$ 569.61
Councillor Penner	\$ 1,181.51
Councillor Wyant	\$ 2,299.75

Combined Travel and Training

Total Amount Budgeted	\$ 3,500.00
Total Amount Spent	\$12,355.68

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Councillor Alm	\$ 3,415.30
Councillor Birkmaier	\$ 2,317.57
Councillor Dubois	\$ 3,402.11
Councillor Hnatyshyn	\$ 3,220.70

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

2. Request for Financial Assistance
Cosmopolitan Industries
Expansion of Building and Replacement of Sorting Equipment
(File No. CK. 1870-1)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the request from Cosmopolitan Industries for financial assistance in the amount of \$271,258 for the expansion of the paper processing plant and for land development levies be granted, contingent upon a complementary commitment of provincial funding;
 - 2) that financial assistance be funded from internal borrowing with the debt servicing costs included in the Environmental Protection program and funded by transfers from the Waste Minimization Reserve,
 - 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to make the necessary amendments to the contract with Cosmopolitan Industries to extend the term for a period of ten years, for approval by City Council; and
 - 4) that the revenue sharing portion of the City of Saskatoon - Cosmopolitan Industries Partnership Agreement be reviewed upon implementation of the sorting system.

Your Committee has reviewed and supports the following report of the General Manager, Utility Services Department regarding the above:

“BACKGROUND

On December 23, 2004, the General Manager, Utility Services Department, received the attached request from Cosmopolitan Industries for \$250,000 in financial assistance to construct a building expansion, and to purchase a mechanical paper sorting system.

On January 25, 2005, a second letter, a copy of which is attached, was received requesting deferral of the \$21,258 Offsite Levy Charge with respect to the subdivision of land associated with the expansion, in addition to the \$250,000 previously requested, for a total request of \$271,258.

DISCUSSION

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Cosmopolitan Industries (Cosmo) and the City operate the largest and most successful municipal paper-recycling program in Saskatchewan. Cosmo, through their partnership with the City and other paper recycling initiatives, is the largest recycler of paper and cardboard in the province. They produce a high quality sorted paper stream that is marketed across North America and internationally. In addition, they provide work opportunities to people with intellectual and multiple disabilities. (Since 1990, the City and Cosmo have had a formal contractual and mutually beneficial arrangement to provide for the recycling of old newspapers, magazines and corrugated cardboard.)

The money returned to the City from the sale of paper is placed in the Waste Minimization Reserve (WMR). This reserve was originally put in place to act as a buffer against volatile paper prices affecting the mill rate. The purpose of the WMR is to fund pilot projects, community-based initiatives, supplemental initiatives in the operating budget, and as a source of capital for programs and projects related to waste minimization. This reserve has funded such programs as the collection of household hazardous waste, yard waste depots, and home composter sales and education. This proposed project funding of \$271,258 to Cosmo falls within the intent of the existing program and reserve funding policy. The WMR is projected to be sufficient to fund the repayment of this financial assistance to Cosmo (funds provided by internal borrowing) based on the current price of paper.

Over time there have been small incremental increases in the amount of paper processed in the program, but there have been significant increases in the volume of cardboard. In the past year, this increase has been 2% by weight, but 6% by volume, as cardboard is a less dense material. This has required additional trips by City collection vehicles, and is requiring increased sorting and storage space in Cosmo's facility. By continuing to consolidate single and two bin sites to larger community recycling depots, and removing underutilized bins, the City is able to maintain the collection of material within the existing operating budget funding, albeit this ability is being stretched to the operating limit. The City will be undertaking a small study to further investigate the potential cost and resource savings that could be realized in the collection system, and investigate the viability of separate cardboard collection from the larger sites. Cosmo is now operating at capacity within their paper sorting facility, and must expand to deal with this increasing volume of material.

JUSTIFICATION

Cosmo has requested \$250,000 in funding assistance for the expansion of the existing paper sorting facility and purchase of a mechanical sorting system, and the deferral of \$21,258 in development levies for the land on which the expansion is to take place.

The City is aware that Cosmo's existing facility has reached its capacity for the purposes of sorting and processing the ever-increasing volume of paper collected through the City-

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Cosmo partnership. Cosmo's success in marketing paper products is largely due to the high quality of sorted product that they can provide. The City also benefits from these stable markets and good returns. The paper revenue returned allows the City to fund pilot programs and waste minimization initiatives.

Funding assistance from the City alone will not be sufficient for the \$1,200,000 planned expansion, so Cosmo has also requested a \$600,000 grant from the Province. The remaining funds are to come from separate fundraising efforts. Without provincial funding, the project will not be able to proceed, so any City funding should be contingent upon the commitment of provincial funds.

The funding source for the \$271,258 for the building expansion and site development levies would be through borrowing, with repayment funded from the WMR. The repayment would take place over five years. By repaying the loan over five years, programs funded from the WMR will not be jeopardized.

OPTIONS

The amount borrowed could be paid back over a shorter term, if all revenue from the sale of paper were directed to repayment. If this funding request were handled in this fashion, no paper revenue would flow back to the City to replenish the WMR for three or more years. Programs funded from the WMR would have to be scaled back or cancelled.

The City could choose not to provide funding to Cosmo for the expansion of the paper processing facility. Paper volumes exceeding Cosmo's processing capabilities would have to be disposed of at the landfill, or another processor found to handle the excess volume. Disposal of this recyclable material at the landfill is certainly against the City's commitment to environmental stewardship.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy C03-03, Reserves for Future Expenditures, allows for this as a capital expense.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This funding request would be handled through borrowing, with repayment from the WMR over five years. At current interest rates, the annual repayment amount would be approximately \$66,000. This money would not be available for waste minimization efforts or to fund programs from the LRR such as landfill expansion and the construction of recycling depots.

The Waste Minimization Reserve is capped at \$100,000. Any funds in excess of this cap at year-end are transferred to the Landfill Replacement Reserve. Transfers to the Landfill Replacement Reserve will be reduced during this repayment period.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The change in environmental impact due to the development of a paper sorting system is indirect. Paper recycling volumes will not increase substantially due to improved sorting, but moderate future growth in paper volumes will be able to be addressed by the sorting system. Annually, approximately 6,200 tonnes of paper and cardboard are diverted through this paper recycling program.

The increased efficiency of the mechanical paper sorting should allow for additional paper revenue to be shared by Cosmo and the City of Saskatoon. This money will be used to fund additional waste minimization efforts, education programs and recycling depot construction.”

Copies of the letters from Cosmopolitan Industries, referred to above, are attached.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

**3. CEG Natural Gas Purchase Offer
(File No. CK. 752-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve a five-year contract with CEG Energy Options Inc. for the supply of natural gas to the City of Saskatoon for the period November 1, 2005 through to October 31, 2010 at a commodity price of “UP TO” \$6.55 per Gigajoule, and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the agreement by February 22, 2005; and
 - 2) that City Council approve the flexibility to enter into a five-year contract with Sask Energy for the City of Saskatoon’s two large facilities, if a more favorable natural gas pricing is available than is currently offered by CEG Energy Options Inc. This approval would end on February 22, 2005.

Your Committee has reviewed and supports the following report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department:

“EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The City of Saskatoon has been purchasing natural gas from CEG Energy Options Inc. (CEG) for several years. We are presently in the last year of a two-year gas supply contract at a price of \$5.20 per Gigajoule. CEG is offering a one, three, or five-year contract for natural gas at the end of our current contract which expires October 31, 2005.

SaskEnergy is the only other supplier of natural gas and their current price is \$6.97 per Gigajoule. Their prices are reviewed yearly through the Rate Review Board and the rates established through that process are applied to its customers. SaskEnergy has not or will not offer one, three, or five year general commodity supply contracts to its customers unless they have consumptions in excess of 25,000 Gigajoules by location (the City of Saskatoon only has two locations meeting those consumption numbers).

CEG's One Year Option: To supply the natural gas commodity to the City of Saskatoon for the period of November 1, 2005 until October 31, 2006. The natural gas supplied would be at a price of "up to" \$6.85 per Gigajoule.

CEG's Three Year Option: To supply the natural gas commodity to the City of Saskatoon for the period of November 1, 2005 until October 31, 2008. The natural gas supplied would be at a price of "up to" \$6.80 per Gigajoule.

CEG's Five Year Option: To supply the natural gas commodity to the City of Saskatoon for the period of November 1, 2005 until October 31, 2010. The natural gas supplied would be at a price of "up to" \$6.55 per Gigajoule.

These three offers are available until February 22, 2005 - extensions beyond this date have not been given in the past.

The offers are based on CEG being able to forward purchase natural gas on the open market this spring. If CEG is unable to attain the pricing quoted, CEG has the option to cancel the offer by July 2005.

CEG may be able to secure the volumes of natural gas at less than the prices quoted. If so, the prices to the City could also be lower than the prices quoted. The final price will be known by the City of Saskatoon by late July 2005.

The City of Saskatoon uses approximately 300,000 Gigajoules per year throughout the Corporation. The proposed offers or the current SaskEnergy rate will have an increased operating impact in the 2006 budget of approximately \$405,000.00 or higher. Although the City of Saskatoon is saving in excess of \$530,000.00 per year in the existing contract with CEG, it is felt there will not be another repeat of the savings realized. These offers from CEG would provide a fixed price for commodity portion of natural gas for the one-year, two-year or five-year options for the City of Saskatoon.

BACKGROUND

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CEG Energy Options Inc. (CEG) has offered three options to supply natural gas for the City of Saskatoon beyond the current agreement with CEG, which expires October 31, 2005. CEG has a deadline for acceptance of their offer of February 22, 2005.

Natural gas purchases in Saskatchewan have been deregulated since 1988 at which time larger commercial customers could purchase natural gas from a gas marketer rather than the provincial gas utility, SaskEnergy. The City of Saskatoon has entered into separate gas supply agreements with the alternate gas marketer "CEG Energy Options Inc." since 1991, with several gas accounts. The City of Saskatoon has been a customer of CEG for larger accounts, except for a period of time in 1996 until 1998 when CEG could not match or beat the price of gas supplied from SaskEnergy.

Until 1998, SaskEnergy had bundled the supply and delivery of natural gas as one price (full service) that made the process of purchasing from alternate gas marketers quite difficult. After 1998, SaskEnergy unbundled the pricing for natural gas into "Delivery Service" and "Gas Supply Service".

In the "Delivery Service", SaskEnergy arranges storage and transportation and provides all distribution facilities and operations necessary to ensure delivery of natural gas to customers on a firm and continuous basis throughout the year.

In the "Gas Supply Service" customers have the option to purchase their gas supply from a seller or marketer other than SaskEnergy and the billing source for the supply is distinct on the billing. When SaskEnergy's bundled service was split into delivery and gas supply in September of 1998, SaskEnergy had to choose a common reference point for pricing purposes. The common reference point became the TransGas Energy Pool (TEP). It is a notional point that all buyers and sellers of gas in Saskatchewan can access.

Natural gas is always being produced, but the production cannot meet the needs of peak periods of winter. Normal purchasing for gas is done on the open market during the summer months and stored in underground depleted gas reservoirs or mined salt caverns so it is readily available for winter use. The gas year supply has become the period from November 1 of one year to October 31 the following year.

The method of buying and selling natural gas is done using a metric heating value measure of a Gigajoule (GJ), which is approximately 27 cubic meters of natural gas.

In 1998, CEG came to the City of Saskatoon and offered to meet or beat the price of natural gas supplied by SaskEnergy for all City of Saskatoon metered accounts for the calendar year November 1, 1998 to October 31, 1999 (a one-year contract). That one-year contract netted the City of Saskatoon a reduced cost of over \$17,000.00. In March of 2000, CEG offered the City of Saskatoon a fixed price of \$3.37 per Gigajoule for all metered accounts identified in the previous contract year. This fixed contract price was for a three-year period and broke with the traditional one-year contract. The fixed contract was in effect

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from November 1, 2000 to October 31, 2003 inclusive. The City of Saskatoon uses in excess of 300,000 Gigajoules per year as a Corporation. The offer of \$3.37 per Gigajoule was higher than the then current rate from SaskEnergy, but market forces of supply and demand were driving prices higher at the time so the City of Saskatoon accepted the offer of the three-year contract at the fixed price.

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The method of buying and selling natural gas is done using a metric heating value measure of a Gigajoule (GJ), which is approximately 27 cubic meters of natural gas.

In 1998, CEG came to the City of Saskatoon and offered to meet or beat the price of natural gas supplied by SaskEnergy for all City of Saskatoon metered accounts for the calendar year November 1, 1998 to October 31, 1999 (a one-year contract). That one-year contract netted the City of Saskatoon a reduced cost of over \$17,000.00. In March of 2000, CEG offered the City of Saskatoon a fixed price of \$3.37 per Gigajoule for all metered accounts identified in the previous contract year. This fixed contract price was for a three-year period and broke with the traditional one-year contract. The fixed contract was in effect from November 1, 2000 to October 31, 2003 inclusive. The City of Saskatoon uses in excess of 300,000 Gigajoules per year as a Corporation. The offer of \$3.37 per Gigajoule was higher than the then current rate from SaskEnergy, but market forces of supply and demand were driving prices higher at the time so the City of Saskatoon accepted the offer of the three-year contract at the fixed price.

In the past five years natural gas prices rose very quickly and higher than anyone had predicted reaching prices in excess of \$14.00 per Gigajoule and SaskEnergy was forced to increase their price to Saskatchewan customers to \$4.52 per Gigajoule and then another increase to \$6.30 per Gigajoule within the same year. SaskEnergy's reduced price of \$5.44 came into effect November 1, 2001 but reached prices of \$7.30 May 1, 2003, and only reduced to the current \$6.97 August 1, 2003. SaskEnergy must submit a request for change to the Utility Rate Review Committee 45 days before any changes to the rate(s) can be made.

REPORT

CEG has offered the City of Saskatoon and other customers three separate contracts that require a response before February 22, 2005.

The terms of the contract offers are as follows:

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Offer #1 - to supply natural gas to the City of Saskatoon for the period from November 1, 2005 to October 31, 2006 at a commodity price of “up to” \$6.85 / GJ (a one-year contract).

Offer #2 - to supply natural gas to the City of Saskatoon for the period from November 1, 2005 to October 31, 2008 at the commodity price of “up to” \$6.80 / GJ (a three year contract).

Offer #3 - to supply natural gas to the City of Saskatoon for the period from November 1, 2005 to October 31, 2010 at the commodity price of “up to” \$6.55 / GJ (a five year contract).

The “up to” clause means that if CEG is able to buy gas supply at prices below the stated price in the offers, CEG can then pass these further savings on to its customers. The buying of this natural gas for the upcoming years is done throughout the Spring of 2005; CEG would let the City of Saskatoon know what the rate would be by July of 2005 for the selected offer. If CEG is unable to forward buy natural gas to meet the offers, then the offer(s) become null and void. CEG may then come back to the City of Saskatoon with an alternate offer based on prices in the market place.

SUMMARY OF COMMODITY COSTS

DATE	CEG RATE /GJ	SASK ENERGY RATE /GJ	DIFFERENCE
Dec 2000	\$3.37	\$4.52	\$1.17
June 2001	\$3.37	\$6.30	\$2.93
Nov 2001	\$3.37	\$5.44	\$2.07
May 1, 2003-Aug 1, 2003	\$3.37	\$7.30	\$3.93
Aug 1, 2003-Oct 31, 2003	\$3.37	\$6.97	\$3.60
Nov 2003-Oct 31, 2005	\$5.20 (Current)	\$6.97 (Current Rate)	\$1.77

The above pricing reflects only the commodity pricing. Depending on the size and type of gas service, there are both fixed monthly costs and variable delivery costs associated with the “Delivery Service” as well as a municipal tax of 5% and if applicable, GST of 7% which combine to form the total cost of natural gas supply to the customer.

OPTIONS

Option #1 - To enter into a contract with CEG for a 1-year period “up to” \$6.85 / Gj

Option #2 - To enter into a contract with CEG for a 3-year period “up to” \$6.80 / Gj

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Option #3 - To enter into a contract with CEG for a 5-year period “up to” \$6.55 / GJ

Option #4 - Go back to Sask Energy as a supplier with their current pricing of 6.97 /GJ and let Sask Energy determine commodity pricing

Options comparison

EFFECTIVE DATE	CEG RATE /GJ	SASKENERGY RATE /GJ	DIFFERENCE
November 1, 2005-Oct 31, 2006 Option #1	\$6.85	\$6.97 (Current)	\$0.12
November 1, 2005-Oct 31, 2008 Option #2	\$6.80	\$6.97 (Current)	\$0.17
November 1, 2005- Oct 31, 2010 Option #3	\$6.55	\$6.97 (Current)	\$0.42

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Option #1 – The impact of accepting this offer results in an increase to the 2006 Operating Budget of the difference between the current contract price of \$5.20 /GJ and the offer of \$6.85/ GJ. The approximate consumption of natural gas for the Corporation is 300,000 GJ/year. This would increase the City’s cost by \$495,000.00 plus the 5% municipal tax and the applicable GST of 7%. SaskEnergy has not established rates for this period, but if SaskEnergy were to maintain their current rates of \$6.97 / GJ, the immediate increase to the Corporation would be \$531,000.00 plus 5% municipal tax and the applicable GST of 7%.

Option #2 – The impact of accepting this offer results in an increase to the 2006 Operating Budget of the difference between the current contract price of \$5.20 /GJ and the offer \$6.80/ GJ. The approximate consumption of natural gas for the Corporation is 300,000 GJ/year. This would increase the City’s cost by \$480,000.00 plus the 5% municipal tax and the applicable GST of 7%. SaskEnergy has not established rates for this period, but if SaskEnergy were to maintain their current rates of \$6.97 / GJ, the immediate increase to the Corporation would be \$531,000.00 plus 5% municipal tax and the applicable GST of 7%.

Option #3 – The impact of accepting this offer results in an increase to the 2006 Operating Budget of the difference between the current contract price of \$5.20 /GJ and the offer of (lowest offer) \$6.55/ GJ. The approximate consumption of natural gas for the Corporation is 300,000 GJ/year. This would increase the City’s cost by \$405,000.00 plus the 5% municipal tax and the applicable GST of 7%. SaskEnergy has not established rates for this period, but if SaskEnergy were to maintain their current rates of \$6.97 / GJ, the immediate increase to the Corporation would be \$531,000.00 plus 5% municipal tax and the applicable GST of 7%.

Option #4 – Go back to Sask Energy after the current CEG contract expires Oct 31, 2005. If the Sask Energy rate remains unchanged, the immediate additional cost to the corporation would be \$531,000 plus 5% municipal tax and the applicable GST of 7% in the 2006 operating budget. The long term commodity prices would be up to Sask Energy to determine but will ultimately reflect market prices.

The City of Saskatoon inquired with SaskEnergy to provide fixed prices for two large City facilities that require a supply contract in place. SaskEnergy will provide daily future prices for the same period of 1, 3 and 5 years but Sask Energy will only buy the natural gas after they have been given authorization to purchase. Market prices vary hour-by-hour and are bought and sold in US dollars which adds the dollar volatility to the pricing. Sask Energy will only provide long term pricing for these two larger facilities. Sask Energy would require immediate approval for any term contract and only be able to supply final price after the actual purchase. The actual purchase price could vary by several cents per Gigajoule and the variance compounded by a delay in approval.

LONG RANGE FORECAST

Market prices have softened in the last month, which should provide some relief in these immediate prices. The surplus inventory coming off a reasonably warm winter has reduced these prices and is allowing CEG and Sask Energy to offer more favorable pricing at this point in time. Other market factors that are keeping the prices up include:

- More electrical power is being generated by natural gas.
- Some nuclear plants in the United States may be shutting down prematurely.
- More of the gas produced is being piped into the United States Market. (In 1998, the pipelines into the U.S. were completed)
- Many large natural gas producing areas are now being depleted.
- The Mexican economy is importing over two and one half times the amount of natural gas when compared to just a few years ago.
- Canada has accepted the Kyoto agreement which will force further reductions to green house gas emissions, thus increasing the demand for cleaner burning natural gas.

ATTACHMENT

1. CEG Energy Options Inc. - Natural Gas Supply Option”

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

4. Appointments to the Citizens' Centennial Committee
(File No. CK. 225-68)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that Councillor T. Paulsen be appointed to the Citizens' Centennial Committee to replace Councillor E. Hnatyshyn; and
 - 2) that Ted Mitchell be appointed to the Citizens' Centennial Committee to replace Danae Armstrong Knittig as the representative of the Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority Inc.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

5. Saskatoon Airport Authority
Airport Community Consultative Committee – Customer Services Group
(File No. CK. 225-58)

- RECOMMENDATION:** that Councillor G. Penner be appointed as the City's representative on the Airport Community Consultative Committee – Customer Service Group.

Your Committee has considered the attached letter dated December 22, 2004 from the Saskatoon Airport Authority.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

**6. Saskatoon Airport Authority
Members Nominated by the City of Saskatoon
Expiration of Term
(File No. CK. 225-58)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following persons be nominated to be Members of the Saskatoon Airport Authority, in the capacity and for the terms indicated:

- 1) Fraser Sutherland, throughout a term expiring at the conclusion of the 2007 Public Annual Meeting of the Corporation, which will be held prior to May 15, 2007;
- 2) Dr. Karim W. Nasser, throughout a term expiring at the conclusion of the 2008 Public Annual Meeting of the Corporation, which will be held prior to May 15, 2008;
- 3) Daphne Arnason, throughout a term commencing on April 13, 2005 and expiring at the conclusion of the 2008 Public Annual Meeting of the Corporation, which will be held prior to May 15, 2008; and,
- 4) Paul Leier, throughout a term commencing on April 13, 2005, and expiring at the conclusion of the 2008 Public Annual Meeting of the Corporation, which will be held prior to May 15, 2008.

The City of Saskatoon is one of the nominators of the Saskatoon Airport Authority. The above appointments are necessary to deal with appointments which expire at the end of the 2005 Public Annual Meeting of the Corporation, which will be held prior to May 15, 2005.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

7. Appointment to the Advisory Committee on Animal Control

(File No. CK. 225-9)

RECOMMENDATION: that Wendy Sharpe be appointed to the Advisory Committee on Animal Control to the end of 2005, to replace Ken Winton-Grey, who has resigned.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL - CONTINUED

AA. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

1) Dorothy Johnstone, dated February 2

Submitting comments with respect to the \$10 million in federal centennial funding. (File No. CK. 1860-1)

2) Rusty Chartier, dated February 1

Submitting comments with respect to the \$10 million in federal centennial funding. (File No. CK. 1860-1)

3) Betsy and John Bury, dated February 2

Submitting comments with respect to the \$10 million in federal centennial funding. (File No. CK. 1860-1)

4) Sarah Buhler, dated February 3

Submitting comments with respect to the \$10 million in federal centennial funding. (File No. CK. 1860-1)

5) Louise Buhler, dated January 30

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Submitting comments with respect to the \$10 million in federal centennial funding. (File No. CK. 1860-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**6) David F. Klatt, Executive Director
Western Development Museum, dated January 28**

Advising of funding from the Western Economic Partnership Agreement (WEPA) program and the Cultural Spaces Canada program, which will enable the Western Development Museum to advance its construction schedule, and permit additional exhibit components to be developed for the introductory launch in September of 2005. (File No. CK. 1860-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

7) Floyd and Nina Bigsby, dated January 28

Expressing concerns about the dangers for both pedestrians and vehicles at the intersection of McKercher Drive and Taylor Street. (File No. CK. 6320-1)

8) Ida McGeary and others, dated January 31

Submitting approximately 17 form letters expressing concerns about the dangers for both pedestrians and vehicles at the intersection of McKercher Drive and Taylor Street. (File No. CK. 6320-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the matter be referred to the Administration.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration to report to the Planning and Operations Committee.

CARRIED.

9) **Linda Frank, President**
Persephone Theatre Board of Directors, dated January 24

Submitting copy of a letter addressed to Della Greer, Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan and Raoul Granger, La Troupe du Jour with respect to the River Landing cultural block. (File No. 4130-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and referred to the Administration.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the information be received and referred to the Administration.

CARRIED.

10) **Sandra Finley, dated February 4**

Submitting comments with respect to water supply in the City. (File No. CK. 7900-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the information be received and that the writer be advised that two City Officials were present at the public meeting on water conservation.

CARRIED.

11) **Debra Andrews, dated February 3**

Submitting comments with respect to the condition of McNab Park residential rentals. (File No. 150-1)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

12) Mathew Ryan Adams, dated February 3

Submitting comments with respect to leisure facilities in the City. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

13) James W. G. Ford, dated February 3

Submitting comments with respect to the proposed perimeter roadway. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Neault, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received and forwarded to the consultant.

CARRIED.

14) Marie Battiste, dated February 7

Requesting that the City support the initiatives of the Cultural Arts Community Economic Development Strategy. (File No. CK. 100-10)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

15) Duc Dinh, dated February 5

Submitting comments with respect to the proposed closure of 11th Street and Dundonald Avenue due to the expansion of the Water Treatment Plant. (File No. CK. 7820-1)

16) Angus Weir, undated

Submitting comments with respect to traffic flow due to the upgrade of the Water Treatment Plant. (File No. CK. 7820-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and referred to the Administration.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

THAT the information be received and referred to the Administration.

CARRIED.

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17) Lyle Mallett, dated February 8

Submitting comments with respect to utility rates in the City. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,

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

CARRIED.

18) Dr. Heather Paull, dated February 6

Submitting comments with respect to the proposed Circle Drive development. (File No. 6050-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**19) Keith Briant, President
Silverwood Heights Community Association, dated February 2**

Submitting comments on behalf of residents in the Silverwood Heights neighbourhood with respect to the Prairie Pride Natural Foods Ltd. development. (File No. CK. 3500-1)

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- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that a copy of the letter be forwarded to Prairie Pride Natural Foods Ltd., asking them to respond directly to the Silverwood Community Association; and
 - 2) that a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

- 1) *that a copy of the letter be forwarded to Prairie Pride Natural Foods Ltd., asking them to respond directly to the Silverwood Community Association; and*
- 2) *that a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment.*

CARRIED.

**20) Judy M. Koutecky, Administrative Assistant
Mendel Art Gallery, dated February 10**

Advising Council of the Annual General Meeting of the Members of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation to be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. (File No. 175-27)

- RECOMMENDATION:** that the City of Saskatoon, being a member of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, appoint Donald Atchison, or in his absence, Terry Alm or Gordon Wyant of the City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the members of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, to be held on the 15th day of March, 2005, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the City of Saskatoon, being a member of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, appoint Donald Atchison, or in his absence, Terry Alm or Gordon Wyant of the City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the members of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, to be held on the 15th day of March, 2005, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

CARRIED.

21) Alfred and Sharon Schmidt, dated February 6

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Submitting comments with respect to snow removal in the City. (File No. 6290-1)

22) James Brodie, dated February 7

Submitting comments with respect to snow removal in the City. (File No. 6290-1)

23) Barb Hanley, dated February 8

Submitting comments with respect to snow removal in the City. (File No. 6290-1)

24) Melanie Ball, dated February 8

Submitting comments with respect to snow removal in the City. (File No. 6290-1)

25) Mary Martin, dated February 13

Submitting comments with respect to snow removal in the City. (File No. 6290-1)

26) Al Hergott, dated February 5

Submitting comments with respect to snow removal in the City. (File No. 6290-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

27) M. I. Josephson, dated February 11

Submitting comments with respect to the River Landing development. (File No. CK. 4130-2-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and forwarded to the Manager, Special Projects, Public and Intergovernmental Affairs.

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Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the information be received and forwarded to the Manager, Special Projects, Public and Intergovernmental Affairs.

CARRIED.

28) Jason Torgerson, dated February 11

Providing information with respect to implementing public wireless internet for citizens of the City.
(File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Alm, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**29) C. James W. Bliss
MacDermid Lamarsh, dated February 14**

Expressing concerns with respect to the Invitation to Tender – Shelter Belt Contract and Loraas Tree Services. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration to report to the Executive Committee.

CARRIED.

**30) Donna L. Birkmaier, City Councillor
City of Saskatoon, dated February 17**

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Advising Council that Councillor Alm and herself, Directors, Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) will be presenting a report with respect to the annual SUMA convention that was recently held in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 155-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council send a letter to SUMA congratulating the organization for a first-class conference fitting of a 100th Anniversary celebration.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

THAT City Council send a letter to SUMA congratulating the organization for a first-class conference fitting of a 100th Anniversary celebration.

CARRIED.

**31) Ted Mitchell, Chief Executive Officer
Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority Inc. (SREDA), January 26**

Advising Council that Ted Mitchell along with Stu Irvine, CEO, Mitchell's Gourmet Foods and a SREDA Board member, will be in attendance to answer questions with respect to proposed amendments to the City Incentive Policies C09-014 and C09-030. (File No. CK. 3500-13)

RECOMMENDATION: that the proposed changes to policies C09-014 and C09-030 be approved.

Moved by Councillor Hnatyshyn, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT Ted Mitchell and Stu Irvine be invited back to the March 7, 2005 Council meeting.

CARRIED.

32) Mark Stiglitz, dated February 21

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 20.

33) Ray Sladek, dated February 20

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 16.

B. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

1) Carey Chitrena, dated February 4

Submitting comments with respect to Access Transit services. (File No. CK. 7305-1) **(Referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.)**

**2) Joel Young and Arthur Whetstone, Provincial Co-Chairs
The Gathering 2005, dated February 4**

Requesting support for the Action Saskatchewan Gathering 2005 – The Summit to be held October 26 – 27, 2005. (File No. CK. 1870-1) **(Referred to the Executive Committee.)**

3) John Sproule, dated February 10

Requesting information with respect to the snow removal schedule for the Varsity View neighbourhood. (File No. CK. 6290-1) **(Referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.)**

**4) Max Abraham, Manager
Partners for the Saskatchewan River Basin, dated February 8**

Submitting an application for membership for the Partners for the Saskatchewan River Basin. (File No. CK. 225-64) **(Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee for a report.)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

C. PROCLAMATIONS

**1) Dennis Chubb, Chair
Leadership Saskatoon Inc., dated January 28**

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Requesting that Council proclaim May 2 – 6, 2005 as Leadership Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**2) Gary Martin, President
Black History Month Foundation of Canada, dated January 12**

Requesting that Council proclaim February 2005 as Black History Month in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**3) Fran Hill, R.R.T., Home Respiratory Therapy Coordinator
Lung Association of Saskatchewan, dated February 10**

Requesting that Council proclaim March 28 – April 3, 2005 as National Sleep Awareness Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**4) Rachel Clair, Public Education & Volunteer Coordinator
Saskatoon Sexual Assault & Information Centre, dated February 15**

Requesting that Council proclaim March 28 – April 3, 2005 as Sexual Assault Awareness Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

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

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES

**Councillor T. Paulsen
Recycling Options
(File No. CK. 7830-5)**

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Over the past five years there have been a number of inquiries put regarding recycling plastics, glass and a variety of other materials. The Administration's response has always been the same – it's too expensive. Yet we are constantly reading about other communities that are recycling these materials both successfully and at a profit.

In a recent version of *Municipal World*, there is an article on Recycling Options for tubs and lids for profit. Could the Administration please report on whether this type of program is feasible in Saskatoon.

In a recent version of On Campus News there is a description of an ink cartridge recycling program for profit. Could the Administration please report on whether this type of program is feasible in Saskatoon.

**Councillor T. Alm
Railway Crossing
Wanuskewin Road/60th Street
(File No. CK. 6170-1)**

Would the Administration please report on the status of a grade level Railroad Crossing from Wanuskewin Road west to Miners Avenue at approximately 60th Street.

**Councillor T. Alm
Complaints of Police Misconduct
(File No. CK. 5000-1)**

Your Worship, I would like to commend the Saskatoon Police Service for demonstrating that City Council's allocation of additional Constables and financial resources in 2004, did in fact, result in a 10.9% reduction of crimes against the person, and 11.4% reduction in crimes against property.

However, the Police Commission's Internal Investigation Report identified an increase of 61 investigations into police misconduct in 2004 over 2003. Your Worship, these files relate to public complaints, concerns, and internal discipline investigations.

Your Worship, I would ask: are these incidents the result of stress on the officers, is the Police Department dealing with these issues through discipline or through counselling. Would you please report on how the public can feel safe when dealing with a Police Force that reported such a significant increase in police misconduct.

**Councillor Fortosky
Vehicles of Sexual Predators
(File No. CK. 5000-1)**

Would the Administration please report on the possibility of placing cameras strategically on the stroll and placing the photos on the City's website, as is done in Winnipeg, identifying the vehicles of sexual predators on the stroll.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw 8386

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8386, being "The Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 2005", and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

THAT Bylaw No. 8386 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8386.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8386 was considered clause by clause and approved.

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Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8386 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Bylaw No. 8386 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 8387

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8387, being “A bylaw of the City of Saskatoon to amend Bylaw No. 2685 entitled, ‘*A bylaw to regulate the sale of electric light and power in the City of Saskatoon and fixing the rates and deposits therefor*’”, and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

THAT Bylaw No. 8387 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

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The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8387.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8387 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8387 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Bylaw No. 8387 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.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier,

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THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk