

Council Chambers
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Monday, November 28, 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 Bilanski;
General Manager, Community Services Gauthier;
A/General Manager, Fire and Protective Services Homenuk;
General Manager, Infrastructure Services Uzelman;
General Manager, Utility Services Totland;
City Solicitor Dust;
City Clerk Mann; and
Council Assistant Mitchener

Councillor Birkmaier entered the meeting at 6:04 p.m. during consideration of Clause A2, Administrative Report No. 22-2005.

Moved by ~~Councillor Penner~~ Councillor Dubois, (amended as per December 12, 2005 meeting of City Council), Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the minutes of meeting of City Council held on November 14, 2005, be approved.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

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

CARRIED.

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

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

Committee arose.

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

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

“REPORT NO. 10-2005 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

**1. Local Area Planning Section Status Report
(Files No. CK. 4110-1 and PL. 4110-35-3)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 1, 2005, with respect to the above matter.

Your Commission has reviewed the report with the Administration and is forwarding the report to City Council as information.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 22-2005

Section A – COMMUNITY SERVICES

**A1) Renaming Request – ‘Forest Drive’ to ‘Forestry Farm Park Drive’
(File No.: PL 4001-5-3; CK. 6310-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approves renaming the portion of ‘Forest Drive’ indicated on Attachment 1 to ‘Forestry Farm Park Drive’.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

According to City of Saskatoon, Council Policy No. C09-008 (Naming of Civic Property and Development Areas), all requests for renaming streets require approval by City Council.

On September 15, 2005, the Naming Advisory Committee received a request from John Moran, manager of the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo, to rename the historical roadway that is the entrance to the Zoo. The Forestry Farm Park and Zoo has received many complaints from visitors that have had difficulty locating the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo using the street address, because ‘Attridge Drive’ bisects ‘Forest Drive’.

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Originally, 'Forest Drive' was a continuous street, which started at 115th Street and extended north until terminating at the Saskatoon Zoo. When 'Attridge Drive' was constructed, it bisected the street, leaving part of the street in the Forest Grove neighbourhood and part in the North East Development Area.

The Naming Advisory Committee has reviewed the request and recommends renaming the northern portion of 'Forest Drive' to 'Forestry Farm Park Drive'. (See Attachment 1.) The Committee supports the renaming because it will reduce confusion for visitors in locating the facility, has minimal costs associated with the change (approximately \$500 for signage), and the affected property owners have no objection.

Also located on this northern portion of 'Forest Drive' are: the MD Ambulance Dispatch Centre; a power sub station; and Forest Park. The Forestry Farm Park and Zoo Manager has contacted MD Ambulance about the street name change, and they have no objections to this change.

'Forest Drive' will continue to exist as a roadway within the Forest Grove neighbourhood.

The City Planning Branch will notify the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo, MD Ambulance, and all other affected parties 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.

ATTACHMENT

1. Map of 'Forestry Farm Park Drive'

- A2) **Municipal Enterprise Zone**
Homer Holdings Limited (Russell Foods)
1202 Quebec Avenue
(File No.: PL 4110 – 34 – 43; CK. 1965-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

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BACKGROUND

Purpose of Municipal Enterprise Zone

The Municipal Enterprise Zone was established by City Council in 2002 to provide financial incentives to encourage more economic development in seven core neighbourhoods and two core industrial areas of Saskatoon. Among many incentives, the Municipal Enterprise Zone will provide rebates for building and plumbing permit fees, rebates for land use fees such as rezoning and discretionary uses, tax abatements for up to five years, and grants in lieu of tax abatement. The program is temporary until the funds are spent. City Council provided \$500,000 of initial funding for the program.

REPORT

Description of Project

On November 3, 2005, the Municipal Enterprise Zone Adjudication Committee considered an application from Homer Holdings Limited for a cash grant for occupancy and improvements at 1202 Quebec Avenue in the Kelsey Industrial Area. (See Attachment 1.)

Homer Holdings' application for incentives under the Municipal Enterprise Zone was made through the SREDA office. SREDA conducted a thorough review of the application by Homer Holdings and has determined that the project warrants consideration for incentives under the Municipal Enterprise Zone. Homer Holdings has applied for a one-time cash grant equal to one year of existing property taxes.

Homer Holdings will be leasing space to Russell Foods who hope to open their new location in November 2005. They are occupying vacant retail and nightclub space in the Kelsey Industrial Area, (formerly Coolers Nightclub, Georgia Mills, and Arctic Spas). Homer Holdings has undertaken renovations to the interior of the space. Russell Foods is expanding their operations and hope to add up to four additional employees. Other space within the building will be offered for lease. The total investment, including purchase is 1.3 million dollars. (See Attachment 2 – Report by SREDA.)

Reasons for Support

The proposal by Homer Holdings will occupy vacant space within the Kelsey Industrial Area. Encouraging the reuse of vacant space is consistent with the intent of the Municipal Enterprise Zone Program. During consideration of this application, the Adjudication Committee noted that cash grants equal to one year of existing taxes are available in the City of Saskatoon Administrative Policy A09-31, Section 3.4 (Municipal Enterprise Zone) as an Enterprise Zone incentive. Tax abatements of up to five years on the incremental taxes are also available through the Municipal Enterprise Zone. Although interior alterations will be undertaken, the incremental taxes on interior improvements to this building would be minimal. As a result, the incremental tax abatement did not provide a level of incentive needed to adequately assist with this project, therefore, a grant is being requested.

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The committee has approved Homer Holdings' request for assistance and a one-time grant of \$25,557.40, subject to the completion of the project. The SREDA office will conduct a follow-up inspection to ensure the project has been completed according to the proposal as submitted. Only after a satisfactory inspection is made will the grant be disbursed.

Financial Impact

The Municipal Enterprise Zone Program is near the end of its funding. Including all applications approved by the committee on November 3, 2005 (including this one), the Municipal Enterprise Zone Program will have no funding available for future applications. The Municipal Enterprise Zone Committee will continue to receive new applications, but will only recommend approval subject to renewed funding by City Council.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of the City of Saskatoon Policy C01-021 (Public Notice Policy) is not required.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Plan of 901 22nd Street West
2. Application Report by SREDA

**A3) Municipal Enterprise Zone
Proposed Warehouse Conversion
211 Avenue D North – T. Eaton Warehouse
(File No.: PL 4110 – 34 – 29; CK. 3500-13)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve a tax abatement of 100% of incremental taxes, for each commercial and residential condominium unit, for a period of five years, commencing in the next taxation year after completion of the unit;
 - 2) that City Council instruct Saskatoon Light and Power to investigate the need for additional street lights along the 200 block of Avenue D North, and to install street lights if lighting levels are below residential standards; and,
 - 3) that the direction of City Council issue concerning the request by the applicants for an exemption of existing property taxes during construction, to a maximum of 24 months and \$32,573.16.

BACKGROUND

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On November 3, 2005 the Municipal Enterprise Zone Adjudication Committee considered an application from Michael Monachino, Barbara Foster, and Kurtis Dmuchowski for enterprise zone incentives to convert the existing T. Eaton Warehouse Building at 211 Avenue D North. The new owners intend to redevelop the existing vacant space into 25 residential condominium units and one main floor commercial unit. The building was formerly the Alberta Garment Factory. The building is located in the south part of Caswell Hill. (See Attachment 1 – Location Plan.)

According to the Municipal Enterprise Zone policy, City Council approval is required if a property tax abatement or a change to the Enterprise Zone policy is being requested. A detailed report outlining the application is attached to this report. (See Attachments 2 and 3.)

REPORT

The application for incentives under the Municipal Enterprise Zone was made through the City Planning Branch. A thorough review of the application was conducted, and it has been determined that the project warrants consideration for incentives under the Enterprise Zone.

Requested Incentives (by applicant)

The applicant has applied for:

Cash Rebates

Environmental Screening Charges (phase 1&2 estimate)	\$ 4,800.00
Subdivision Application Fee	300.00
Off-Site Development Charges:	
Trunk Sewer Levy	\$ 36,234.00
Primary Water Main Levy	6,251.00
Arterial Road Levy	24,690.00
Parks Levy	<u>17,394.00</u>
Total Development Charges	84,569.00

Foregone Revenue

Property Tax Abatement (**Residential**):

Current Property Tax (2005 Residential)	\$ 0.00
Estimated Property Tax (upon completion)	92,000.00
Annual Increment	<u>92,000.00</u>
Total Foregone Revenue: 5 yrs. x \$92,000	460,000.00

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Property Tax Abatement (1,907 ft² Commercial):

Current Property Tax (2005 Commercial)	\$ 820.00	
Estimated Property Tax (1,907 ft ² Commercial)	2,480.00	
Annual Increment	<u>1,660.00</u>	
Total Foregone Revenue: 5 yrs. x \$1,660		8,300.00

According to the Treasurers Branch, the tax incentives are tied to the physical space (units). Therefore, any purchaser of a completed unit will receive the benefit of the remaining tax abatement upon sale. As an example, if a completed unit took one year to sell after construction, the purchaser would receive the benefit of four years remaining from the five-year tax abatement offered by the Enterprise Zone.

The incremental tax abatement on the residential portion of the building will be 100% upon conversion to residential use. This method of calculating the tax 'increment' was established for the Fairbanks Morse Warehouse (14 – 23rd Street East) in the Downtown and approved by City Council on August 15, 2005.

The developer has requested the tax abatement to attract purchasers to this new development by offering whatever tax abatement is remaining upon sale.

Additional Incentive Requested by Applicants (beyond policy)

The applicants are requesting the consideration of additional incentives, which are beyond the Enterprise Zone Program. The new owners will be paying the existing property taxes (as an existing commercial building) during the construction period (December 1, 2005 to December 1, 2007 - 24 months). The existing commercial property taxes on the entire building are \$16,286.58 per year. The Adjudication Committee agrees that City Council should give consideration to approving a tax exemption of the existing property taxes during the construction period (limited to no more than 24 months, and to a maximum of \$32,573.16) as an extra incentive. It would be up to City Council to decide if this extra request was warranted. The applicants have previous experience in the conversion of commercial warehouse buildings to residential condos in other cities in Canada and the U.S. They have indicated that these types of developments carry extraordinary risks, higher costs and potentially lower return on investment.

Lighting Issues

The applicant has noted that there is only one public light standard along the west side of the 200 block of Avenue D North. Although the construction of public light standards is outside the scope of the Enterprise Zone, the committee is making a recommendation to City Council that Saskatoon Light and Power investigate the need for better street lighting at this location. The following photo shows that there are no streetlights near the proposed warehouse development along the 200 block of Avenue D North.

Lighting and safety issues are important considerations for the successful conversion of this property from industrial to residential use.

Committee Approval

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The Enterprise Zone Committee has fully considered the request from the applicant and approved the following Enterprise Zone cash incentives in accordance with the Enterprise Zone Policy:

Building Permit (automatic):	\$ 16,875.00
Environmental Screening:	4,800.00
Subdivision Fee:	300.00
Off-site Development Charges (75%):	<u>63,427.00</u>
Total:	<u>\$85,402.00</u>

The Committee noted that the offsite development charges are very high. Therefore, the Committee has agreed to provide 75% of the development charges, estimated at \$63,427.

All required building and plumbing permit fees would also be automatically rebated to the owner of the property upon completion of the project. The total estimated value of the approved and recommended incentives is **\$553,702** of which **\$85,402** is direct cash rebates from the Enterprise Zone account.

Financial Impact

The Enterprise Zone program is near the end of its funding. Including all applications approved by the Committee on November 3, 2005 (including this one), the Enterprise Zone program will have no funding available for future applications. The Enterprise Zone Committee will continue to receive new applications, but will only recommend approval subject to renewed funding by City Council.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Plan
2. Enterprise Zone Application Report
3. Artist Rendering of Converted Warehouse

Item B4 of Communications to Council was brought forward.

“B4) Mike Monachino, President
MFD Warehouse Restorations Ltd., dated November 10

Submitting comments with respect to the Enterprise Zone Application for 211 Avenue D North. (File No. CK. 3500-15)”

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IT WAS RESOLVED:

- 1) *that City Council approve a tax abatement of 100% of incremental taxes, for each commercial and residential condominium unit, for a period of five years, commencing in the next taxation year after completion of the unit;*
- 2) *that City Council instruct Saskatoon Light and Power to investigate the need for additional street lights along the 200 block of Avenue D North, and to install street lights if lighting levels are below residential standards; and,*
- 3) *that City Council approve an abatement of all property taxes paid during construction, to a maximum of 24 months and \$32, 573.16, to be abated upon completion of construction of the entire warehouse conversion.*

**A4) Land-Use Application Received by the Community Services Department
For the Period Between November 7, 2005 to November 24, 2005
(For Information Only)
(File Nos. PL. 4355; CK. 4000-5)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

The following application has been received and is being processed:

Discretionary Use

- Application No.D23/05: 53 Tupper Crescent
- Applicant: Daverne LaPierre
- Legal Description: Lot 8, Block 679, Plan 72S22316
- Current Zoning: R1A
- Proposed Use: Day Care Centre
- Neighbourhood: Confederation Park
- Date Received: November 8, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Plan of Proposed Discretionary Use D23/05

Section B – CORPORATE SERVICES

**B1) 2006 Preliminary Capital Budget
(2007-2010 Capital Plan)
(File No. 1702-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the 2006 Preliminary Capital Budget (2007-2010 Capital Plan) be referred to the Budget Committee for review at its meeting of December 5, 2005.

ADOPTED.

Attached, for City Council's consideration, is the 2006 Preliminary Capital Budget (2007-2010 Capital Plan). The Budget, if approved, contemplates expenditures totalling \$188,834,000. The format of the document includes an introduction providing project highlights, a discussion of long-term capital financing strategies, the impact of the proposed budget on future operating budgets, a summary of reserves (and how they are impacted by the budget), summaries of proposed projects (with recommendations), and specific details for each project.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. 2006 Preliminary Capital Budget (2007-2010 Capital Plan)

Section D – INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

**D1) Proposed Disabled Person's Loading Zone
(File No. 6120-04)**

RECOMMENDATION: that a Disabled Person's Loading Zone be installed in front of 938 – 9th Avenue North.

ADOPTED.

Infrastructure Services has received a request from the resident of 938 – 9th Avenue North for the installation of a Disabled Person's Loading Zone in front of the residence, as shown on Plan No.

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210-0039-016r001 (Attachment 1). The resident has a physical impairment such that direct access to the front of their home is required.

The loading zone conforms to City guidelines with respect to Disabled Person's Loading Zones, and no fee is assessed for its installation.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Plan No. 210-0039-016r001

**D2) School Signing Revisions
(File No. 6280-3)**

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

ADOPTED.

Infrastructure Services has been requested to revise the signing at Bishop Roborecki School.

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

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

Bishop Roborecki School Plan No. 212-0011-002r005 (Attachment 1)

Shortening the existing 5-MINUTE PARKING 0800-1700 MONDAY – FRIDAY (RB-53B) to install a SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE 0800-1700 MONDAY-FRIDAY (RB-58G) on the west side of Pearson Place.

Infrastructure Services reviewed all other signing within the school area and will add additional signage indicated on plan.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Plan No. 212-0011-002r005

**D3) School Signing Revisions
(File No. 6280-3)**

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

ADOPTED.

Infrastructure Services has been requested to revise the signing at Forest Grove School.

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

The recommended signing changes are described below and shown on Attachment 1:

Removing the '5 MINUTE LOADING ZONE' (RB-58C) and install a 'SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE 0800-1700 MONDAY – FRIDAY' (RB-58L) on the south side of 115th Street in the front entrance of the school.

Install temporary traffic calming curbs at the crosswalk location on the south side to allow clearer visibility of crossing guards.

Infrastructure Services reviewed all other signing within the school area and found it to be sufficient.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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ATTACHMENT

1. Plan No. 212-0019-001r005

**D4) Proposed Yield Sign Installation
McMillan Avenue at Faulkner Crescent
(File No. 6280-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that a yield sign be installed for northbound vehicles at the intersection of McMillan Avenue and Faulkner Crescent as shown on Plan No. 210-0033-004r001.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

Infrastructure Services has completed a review of the intersection of McMillan Avenue and Faulkner Crescent. Both streets are classified as local roadways and carry a daily traffic volume of approximately 700 vehicles per day. The intersection of these roadways is a three-legged intersection and is currently controlled by the right-of-way rule. The 5-year collision history reports that there were no collisions at this intersection.

Transit has five bus routes that use Faulker Crescent from Avenue P to 33rd Street, including McMillan Avenue. According to Policy No C07-007, *Traffic Control – Use of Stop and Yield Signs*, a yield sign is warranted if one of the roadways is considered a bus route. Infrastructure Services is proposing a yield sign be installed for northbound vehicles on McMillan Crescent.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Plan No. 210-0033-004r001

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**D5) Enquiry – Councillor D.L. Birkmaier (September 7, 2004)
Unmarked Veterans Graves – Woodlawn Cemetery
(File No. CK. 4080-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the information be received, and
2) that this report be forwarded to the Budget Committee for consideration in the 2006 Capital Budget.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

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

“There are a number of unmarked veterans’ graves in the Woodlawn Military Cemetery. Would the Administration please report how we can remedy this situation? What steps need to be taken? What are the costs?”

At its meeting of November 15, 2004, City Council received as information the report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services (Attachment 1), and it was resolved:

“that the Administration report back to Council after the November 25, 2004 meeting with the Woodlawn Cemetery Memorial Committee.”

At its meeting of May 2, 2005, City Council received as information the report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services (Attachment 2), and it was resolved:

“that the matter be referred back to Administration for a further report on a source of funding the \$69,800 cost of the project, together with information as to how many of the unmarked graves are those of veterans and how many are of family members.”

REPORT

The Last Post Fund (LPF) confirmed to date that 104 of the 207 unmarked gravesites fall under their mandate. There are 9 upright monuments and 95 flat markers. There are an additional 29 gravesites, which includes 9 in the upright and 20 in the flat marker section, being researched through the National Archives in Ottawa. At this time, there is no indication if any would fall under the LPF mandate.

Of the 104 markers, the LPF has committed to mark 78 gravesites in 2005, which includes 8 upright markers and 70 flat markers. The remaining balance of 26 unmarked gravesites, under the

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LPF mandate, will be marked in 2006. Along with the marking of these gravesites, an additional 13 upright monuments will be purchased by the Woodlawn Cemetery Memorial Committee's commitment of \$10,000 in 2006, bringing the total number of gravesites marked in 2005 and scheduled to be marked in 2006 to 117.

An alternate source of funding is required to mark the balance of 90 unmarked gravesites that fall outside of LPF mandate, either through private donations or City of Saskatoon's Reserve for Capital Expenditures (RCE).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost to purchase and install the 90 monuments is \$85,000, which includes the 29 markers presently under review by the LPF. The Administration has submitted a capital project requesting funding from RCE.

To ensure this does not occur in the future, the Administration has incorporated the cost of a Military marker in the cost of a Military grave in the 2006 fees.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services, dated November 9, 2004
2. Report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services, dated April 25, 2005

Section E – UTILITY SERVICES

**E1) Power Transformer Repair at Avenue C Substation
Purchase Requisition #A61207
(File No. 2000-4; CK. 2000-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the proposal submitted by PowerTran Company Ltd. for the repair of the power transformer at Avenue C Substation, at a total cost of \$211,522.95 be accepted; and

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

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

Oil test results and reports from various external transformer experts, have determined that transformer 803T at Avenue C Substation is in need of major repairs to extend its useful operating life. On September 15, 2005, Saskatoon Light & Power sent out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the repair of this transformer. In addition to the repairs, the RFP included an optional cost for installing three internal high voltage current transformers (HV CTs) required for input into protective relaying and monitoring.

JUSTIFICATION

On October 5, 2005, Purchasing Services received one bid for the repair of transformer 803T from PowerTran Company Ltd. Their initial proposal was for \$222,900.00, however, after discussions and negotiations, they were able to reduce their cost to \$183,185.00, plus applicable taxes. PowerTran is currently repairing two transformers for Saskatoon Light & Power and has the resources and capability to repair this transformer successfully. The bid meets Saskatoon Light & Power's requirements and is acceptable.

This transformer is required at Avenue C Substation in order to maintain reliable electrical supply to the Central Business District and neighbourhoods west of Idylwyld and south of 22nd Street.

OPTIONS

An option would be to purchase a new power transformer, however, the Administration does not recommend this option due to a potential total cost of \$1,000,000. It is expected that by repairing and upgrading the existing transformer, it will extend the lifecycle possibly 20 years.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The summary of the net cost to the City is as follows:

Transformer Repair	\$183,185.00
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Optional HV CTs	<u>14,500.00</u>
Total Bid Price	\$197,685.00
G.S.T. @ 7%	<u>13,837.95</u>
Total Cost to the City	\$211,522.95
Input Tax Credit	<u>13,837.95</u>
Net Cost to the city	\$197,685.00

There are sufficient funds in approved Capital Budget No.1333-03 – Electrical Substation -Avenue C – 14.4 kv Switchgear.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**E2) Downtown Shuttle – Free Flag-a-Bus Service
(File No. 7300-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the matter be referred to the Budget Committee to be considered during deliberations on both the Capital and Operating budgets.

BACKGROUND

City Council, at its meeting held on September 6, 2005, considered Clause E3, Administrative Report No. 16-2005, a copy of which is attached, and resolved that the shuttle service be continued through to the end of 2005 and that the Administration bring forward a report prior to year end.

REPORT

In June 2005, Transit Services, in partnership with the Riversdale Business Improvement District, the Broadway Business Improvement District, and the Partnership (BIDs), piloted a free flag-a-bus service on a one-month trial basis. At Council’s direction, the service was extended to September 3, 2005, and then again to December 31, 2005. The capital and operational aspects of the project were funded by Transit and the BIDs had responsibility for the initial promotion of the service. Transit painted the buses red and the BIDs had them decaled.

The service operates Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., every half hour, travelling to each of the BIDS. Service hours are based on two buses, each operating five hours a day. Because the service operates during off-peak hours, Transit Services is able to ensure sufficient staffing at non-premium rates and the availability of low floor buses for backup. As the service was intended as a short-term project, two buses, which are scheduled for retirement in 2005, were used, but are showing signs of significant fatigue.

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As shown in Figure 1, ridership grew through the months of June, peaked in July, then declined and stabilized beginning in August. July averaged 7.5 trips per service hour, whereas the average since the beginning of August has dropped to just over 5 trips per service hour. The fluctuation in ridership created a corresponding fluctuation in the average cost per trip, from \$7.59/trip in June, which experienced the lowest ridership, to \$3.93 in July, and in the range of \$5.60 to \$6.50 since then.

The monthly cost of operating the service is approximately \$6,200, which was not identified in the 2005 Operating Budget. The estimated cost to December 31, 2005 will be \$43,400. The Administration had previously reported the operating cost of the service at \$10,000 per month, however, cost estimates have been refined based on experience since the project's inception. Currently, we are anticipating a \$60,000 budget shortfall in 2005, which is subject to change depending on regular Transit ridership fluctuations. There is currently \$417,000 in the Transit Stabilization Reserve, however, this reserve may be needed in 2006, depending upon how the new service implementation is accepted by the travelling public.

Figure 1: Monthly Ridership, Service Hours and Costs

Month	Trips	Days of Operation	Service Hours	Trips/Service Hour	Monthly Cost	Cost/Trip**
June	816	21	210	3.9	\$6,200	\$7.59
July	1,577	21	210	7.5	\$6,200	\$3.93
August	1,087	20	200	5.4	\$6,200	\$5.70
September	1,101	22	220	5.0	\$6,200	\$5.63
October	1,081	21	210	5.1	\$6,200	\$5.73
November*	478	9	90	5.3	\$3,100	\$6.48
Total	6,140	114	1140		\$34,300	
Average	1,116	21	207	5	\$6,236	\$5.59

* To November 14.

**Average total cost per trip in 2005 on regular service is approximately \$2.00.

Unless otherwise directed, it is the Administration's intent to continue operating the service on an interim basis until the 2006 Operating budget is considered. The Administration will endeavour to continue using the current red buses and the existing routing along 2nd Avenue South, however, the buses being used are past their retirement date and are proving to be unreliable, therefore, existing 40-foot low floor buses may need to be used, either temporarily or permanently. These low floor buses are already being used when maintenance of a red bus is required. Under winter driving conditions, with snow accumulation, these buses will not be able to use 2nd Avenue South and will be redirected to 3rd Avenue.

If the project continues in any form after April 2006, proper vehicles will be required. The Administration has identified two new vehicles for use on the service in the 2006 Capital Budget; however they are unfunded. One vehicle is a diesel, old-style trolley and the other is a

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30-foot low-floor bus, similar to the current 40-foot low floor buses. Other alternatives are to use existing low-floor buses, and new small buses. If new vehicles are purchased, either the current red buses or low-floor buses will be used until delivery, which could be nine months or more.

Transit will also assume any costs associated with promoting the service as the BIDs were only responsible for promoting the initial pilot project.

OPTIONS

1. Discontinue the project after December 31, 2005

If it were decided to discontinue the service, the City would save between \$255,000 and \$750,000 in capital costs for new vehicles, and approximately \$6,200 per month in operating costs; however, the approximately 1,000 passengers per month currently using the service will have to use alternate means of transportation. The regular transit service currently has bus stops within Transit's walking distance standard in all areas serviced by the BID Shuttle, and the new routes, which will be implemented in July 2006, will have enhanced service to these areas.

2. Convert the project to an ongoing program using the existing Red Buses

The buses currently being used are scheduled for retirement in 2005. Despite a proactive maintenance program, they have become increasingly vulnerable to mechanical problems due to their age and mileage, which will make it increasingly problematic to offer a reliable service. The buses may also need to be removed from service on short notice should significant mechanical problems emerge. As such, this is not a viable long-term option.

3. Convert the project to an ongoing program using regular low floor buses

Conventional low floor buses will not offer the visibility or distinctiveness of the red buses. The routing would also have to be altered as use of Second Avenue South, particularly under winter driving conditions, is not possible due to the size of the buses.

4. Convert the project to an ongoing program using new, dedicated buses

The Administration has identified two new vehicles for use on the service in the 2006 Capital Budget; however, they are unfunded. One vehicle is a diesel, old-style trolley and the other is a 30-foot low-floor bus, similar to the current 40-foot low floor buses. If we were to purchase one bus, we would provide hourly service; if we were to purchase two buses we would provide half-hour service. Alternatively, the City could acquire up to three new small buses (21 seats, similar in size to our Access Transit buses). The third bus would be used as a spare. Conversely, an existing low-floor bus could be used as a spare. In the short term, either the existing red buses, or low-floor buses would be used, as it would take approximately nine-months for delivery of any new buses purchased.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

With the exception of Option 1, all the above options would have an operating cost of \$3,100 per bus per month. Should Option 4 be approved, one or two new buses at a cost of \$400,000 each, or small buses at a cost of \$85,000 each will be required. The key point to recognize is that if Council wishes to continue with the shuttle on a permanent basis, a minimum of two new buses will need to be purchased.

To offset the costs, the service could be transformed to a fare-based one, charging either regular transit fare or some form of reduced fare. The Administration would prepare a report on fare options for the service if directed by Council.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Clause E3, Administrative Report No. 16-2005.

IT WAS RESOLVED: the matter be referred to the Budget Committee to be considered during deliberations on both Capital and Operating budgets, and that the Administration submit a report to the Capital Budget meeting on possible options, including a cost-benefit analysis, for implementing fees for the service.

E3) Communications to Council

**From: Roger King, Treasurer
Erin Greene Condominium Association**
Date: June 6, 2005
**Subject: Request for Adjustment to Sewer Charge
(File No. CK. 1905-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

City Council, at its meeting held on June 13, 2005, considered the attached correspondence dated June 6, 2005 from Roger King, Treasurer, Erin Greene Condominium Association, requesting an adjustment in the sewer service charge for Owners Condominium Plan 97-S-30245. Council referred the matter to the Administration for a report.

In response to Mr. King's inquiry, a review of the water consumption records for Erin Greene Condominium Association was completed, with consideration given towards Mr. King's contention that water used for irrigational purposes should not require sewer service charges.

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Sewer Use Bylaw No. 5115 provides for a rebate on sewer charges when the customer can show that a “substantial” amount of the water purchased is not returned to the sewer system. The attached table shows consumption records from March 23, 2004 to May 4, 2005, confirming that water separately metered and used by this complex for seasonal irrigation purposes accounts for approximately 43 percent of the water used. Using the present water rate model, the volume of water used in this case would not be considered “substantial”; therefore, the consideration applied to commercial and industrial consumer classes would not justify a rebate under these circumstances.

Installation of a seasonal irrigation meter entitles the Erin Greene Condominium Association to avoid minimum monthly fixed meter charges of approximately \$90.00/month for seven months of the year. The complex also benefits from having one meter serving every two residential units, saving an additional \$11.40 per month/unit on fixed meter charges. A summary of implications of this, along with a rate comparison to a “typical” residential dwelling unit with the same consumption volumes is as follows:

Type of Service	Monthly Usage (cu.ft)	Monthly Cost \$
Average Residential Unit Costs	432	\$ 26.94
Summer Irrigation Costs – commercial rate	14,379	\$558.07
Summer Irrigation Costs/Unit – commercial rate	496	\$ 19.24
Total Residential/Irrigation Cost/Unit (5 months - commercial rate irrigation)		\$ 46.18
Typical Residential Unit Costs (winter consumption)	432	\$ 26.94
Typical Residential Unit Costs (summer consumption)	930	\$ 42.95

The existing Waterworks Bylaw, No. 7567 states that “domestic” service rates shall apply to a domestic service “utilizing water for domestic purposes through a single meter, servicing no more than four living units or apartments”. Therefore, without a change to the existing bylaw, the commercial rate structure shall apply to this irrigation service. The result is that on average an additional \$3.23/month/residential unit for a five-month irrigational period is the added cost of the conveniences of bulk irrigation for this complex.

It should be noted that included in the Utility Services Business Plan is a cost of service review for the Water Utility from which a new rate structure is expected to be generated. This will review the equity throughout all customer class services, which will include those for condominium developments. At this time, under the present bylaw, no changes to the billing method for this particular condominium complex are recommended.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Email dated June 6, 2005 from Roger King, Treasurer, Erin Greene Condominium Association; and
2. Table showing consumption records from March 23, 2004 to May 4, 2005 for Erin Greene Condominiums.

Item B10 of Communications to Council was brought forward.

**“B10) Roger King, Treasurer
Erin Greene Condominium Association, dated November 28**

Submitting comments with respect to sewer charges for Erin Greene Condominiums. (File No. CK. 1905-2)”

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the recommendation be adopted.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 19-2005

Section B – OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

**B1) The Discounts and Penalties Amendment Bylaw, 2005
(File No. CK. 1920-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8466.

ADOPTED.

City Council at its meeting on October 31, 2005, approved a discount rate of 0.625% for the pre-payment of 2006 property taxes on or before January 31, 2006. City Council instructed that our Office prepare the necessary bylaw amendments.

We are pleased to submit for Council’s consideration Bylaw No. 8466, The Discounts and Penalties Amendment Bylaw, 2005 which increases the discount rate from 0.5% to 0.625% for 2006.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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ATTACHMENT

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 8466, The Discounts and Penalties Amendment Bylaw, 2005.

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**B2) Enquiry - Councillor D. Birkmaier (October 3, 2005)
Boards - Process for Council Approval
(File No. 175-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Councillor Birkmaier made the following enquiry at the meeting of Council on October 3, 2005:

"Would the administration please review and report on a procedure to be followed for boards on actions taken by the board that require Council approval."

My understanding is that problems have occurred in the past in two separate types of situations.

In some cases, problems occur when a Board is of the understanding that it is dealing with a matter which can be decided by the Board (and Council informed of the decision as a courtesy), when in fact, the matter requires Council approval.

In other cases, problems occur when a Board is aware that it requires Council approval, but is not clear on Council procedure. In particular, Boards are often not clear as to which matters go directly to Council and which matters go to Executive Committee first.

On the recommendation of the Audit Committee, City Council recently asked our Office to more clearly define and document "who does what" as between Council and its Boards. That work has just started and should address the first type of problem.

Rather than try to write one fixed procedure to address the second type of problem, we would suggest that as we identify the issues which require Council approval, we also provide the Boards, in writing, with the Council procedure for that type of issue. This should provide a document which can be referred to in future.

Finally, we would suggest that the Boards be asked to contact the City Clerk or the City Solicitor when they have an issue that requires Council approval just to double-check that they are following the right procedure.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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REPORT NO. 17-2005 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

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

1. Communications to Council

From: Joanne Cliff
Date: April 17, 2004
Subject: Bicycle Lanes
Proposed Intersection of 11th Street and Circle Drive
(File No. CK. 5300-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

City Council, at its meeting held on May 3, 2004, considered the above-noted letter with respect to provisions for a bicycle lane in the proposed intersection at 11th Street and Circle Drive. Council passed a motion that the matter be referred to the Administration to report to the Planning and Operations Committee.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated November 7, 2005, in response to the above referral. Also attached is a copy of the above letter.

Your Committee reviewed this report with the Administration and received a presentation from Ms. Joanne Cliff with respect to her proposal for bicycle lanes to connect the Fairhaven and Montgomery neighbourhoods to the South West Industrial area to allow people living in those neighbourhoods to bike or walk to work. Your Committee was advised that once the location for the roadway system for the south river crossing has been finalized, the Administration would then be in a position to determine the appropriate location for a pathway to accommodate cyclists and pedestrians in this area.

Your Committee is forwarding this report to City Council as information.

2. Follow-up Audit – Forestry Farm Park and Zoo – Signage
(File No. CK. 1600-28)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

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Your Committee has reviewed the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 8, 2005 with the Administration and is forwarding the report to City Council as information. As noted in the report, the matter of signage will be addressed under the long-term capital plan for the site as part of the operating budget review in 2006.

**3. Process for Future Recovery of Artifacts
(From City-Owned Property)
(File No. CK. 710-10)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated October 13, 2005, forwarding information on the process that will be used by the Community Services Department for recovery of artefacts from City-owned property, prior to demolition.

Your Committee has been advised that the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee has reviewed this process with the Administration and supports the process as proposed. The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee had asked that the report be submitted to City Council for information to ensure that Council is aware of this process. Your Committee is forwarding the report to City Council as information.

REPORT NO. 15-2005 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. Request for Extension of Store Hours
Sunday, December 11 and 18, 2005
(File No. CK. 184-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the request for extension of stores hours from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 11 and Sunday, December 18, 2005, be approved; and
 - 2) that Council consider Bylaw No. 8468 which provides for this extension of store hours.

Attached is a copy of letter dated November 8, 2005, from Mr. Trevor Shell, Store Manager, Wal-Mart, requesting an extension of store hours on Sunday, December 11, 2005, as well as Sunday, December 18, 2005, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. rather than 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Your Committee has reviewed the above matter and is supporting the request for the extension of store hours on Sunday, December 11 and Sunday, December 18, 2005.

Attached is a copy of Bylaw No. 8468, which provides for this extension of store hours.

Item B9 of Communications to Council was brought forward.

**“B9) Laurentiu Zaharia, General Manager
Future Shop Saskatoon, dated November 22**

Requesting an extension of hours to the store hours bylaw for dates in December. (File No. CK. 184-2)”

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that store hours be extended from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 4, Sunday, December 11 and Sunday, December 18, 2005;

- 2) *that Bylaw No. 8468 be amended to include Sunday, December 4, 2005; and*
- 3) *that Council consider Bylaw No. 8468 as amended.*

2. Development Services Branch
Cost Recovery for Development Applications
(File No. CK. 1720-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the existing 60% cost recovery objective for development applications be maintained, with the Administration reviewing fees periodically to keep up with cost increases as necessary.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee considered the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated April 1, 2005 on the above matter at its meeting held on April 11, 2005, and resolved:

“that this matter be referred back to the Administration for consultation with appropriate stakeholders with respect to the issue of moving to a cost recovery of 80%, for a report back after that time, and that the report include comparative costs for competitive markets.”

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 3, 2005 in response to the above resolution. Also attached is a copy of letter dated November 16, 2005, from Mr. Harry H. Janzen, Executive Officer, the Saskatoon Real Estate Board, in support of the recommendation to maintain the existing cost recovery objective of 60%.

Your Committee has reviewed the above matter and supports the recommendation of the Administration to maintain the existing 60% cost recovery objective for development applications, with the Ad

REPORT NO. 7-2005 OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

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

- 1. Audit Report – Building and Plumbing Programs
Building Standards Branch, Community Services Department
(File No. CK. 1600-7-4)**
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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

The Audit Report – Building and Plumbing Programs has been reviewed by the Audit Committee with the Administration and the internal auditor. The Committee supports the recommendations contained in the Audit Report.

Attached is a copy of the Implementation Plan for the Audit Report – Building and Plumbing Programs. The complete Audit Report was provided to all members of Council in the agenda for the Audit Committee meeting, and is not being recopied at this time. A copy of the complete Audit Report will be available for review in the City Clerk's Office.

REPORT NO. 18-2005 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

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

**1. Airport Drive Masterplan
(File No. CK. 4110-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that Council's resolution of November 14, 2005 regarding the above matter be rescinded;
 - 2) that the Airport Drive Masterplan be approved, in principle to coordinate an interdepartmental approach to future Airport Drive development;
 - 3) that a Capital Project be developed by Infrastructure Services Department for the Airport Drive Implementation starting in the 2006 Capital Budget;
 - 4) that the Administration be requested to proceed with the process for the disposal of municipal reserve (part of Larkhaven Park) as outlined in the attached report;
 - 5) that the Administration be requested to proceed with the process for lane and road closures and purchase or exchange of lands as outlined in the attached report; and

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- 6) that the Larkhaven Pocket Park Project proposal at an estimated cost of \$175,000 to be funded by the Dedicated Lands Account be referred to the Budget Committee.

ADOPTED.

City Council, at its meeting held on November 14, 2005, considered the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated October 6, 2005, and adopted the following recommendation of the Executive Committee:

- 1) that the Airport Drive Masterplan be approved in principle;
- 2) that a Capital Project be developed by Infrastructure Services Department for the Airport Drive Implementation for consideration in the 2006 Capital Budget;
- 3) that the subdivision and redevelopment of Larkhaven Park proceed, where a portion of the park is sold to pay for the development of the remaining park area; and
- 4) that this plan be forwarded to the Budget Committee.

Unfortunately, due to a computer filing error, the above was not the recommendation that was actually agreed upon by the Executive Committee. The correct recommendation is as contained in the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated October 6, 2005 and as submitted above.

**2. Destination Complex
(File No. CK. 4130-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the information be received; and
 - 2) that the Administration use the reports of the consultant as a basis to proceed on the development of a destination complex in the future.

As Council is aware, the Administration retained Mr. David Russell, a tourism and destination centre consultant, to evaluate the progress to date and the market potential of the proposed destination complex.

Attached for information are two reports from Mr. Russell – Part I “Destination Centre Assessment”, and Part II “Available Market Assessment” which conclude in part:

- 1) River Landing Phase I and II is an exciting major redevelopment project for the city.

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- 2) The overall concept plan for River Landing is positive.
- 3) The City should continue with its plans for a hotel/spa, Persephone Theatre, and underground parking.
- 4) The City must animate and program the site to ensure its full potential.
- 5) The City needs to revisit and re-establish a new process for the development of the destination complex.

*IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the information be received; and
2) that the Administration use the reports of the consultant as a basis to further review the development of a destination complex in the future.*

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

His Worship the Mayor assumed the Chair.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

B. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

1) Howard Kerslake, dated November 16

Requesting that a bylaw be created requiring that residential property owners clean their sidewalks of snow. (6290-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

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

CARRIED.

- 2) **Darrell Noakes, President
Borealis Outdoor Adventure Inc., dated November 21**

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Submitting a proposed resolution to the Federal Government opposing a proposed 30% surtax on bicycles. (File No. CK. 1915-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

- 1) *that City Council send a letter to the Federal Government, urging the government not to impose the proposed surtax; and*
- 2) *that a copy of Council's letter be forwarded to the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association.*

CARRIED.

**3) Tanya Mullis, Executive Director
Broadway Business Improvement District, dated November 9**

Requesting temporary closure of the southbound lanes of Broadway Avenue from 12th Street to Main Street on Thursday, December 8, 2005, from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for The Spirit of Christmas event. (File No. CK. 205-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the request be approved subject to administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

**4) Mike Monachino, President
MFD Warehouse Restorations Ltd., dated November 10**

Submitting comments with respect to the Enterprise Zone Application for 211 Avenue D North. (File No. CK. 3500-15)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 8.

**5) Eleanor Williams, Board Member
Saskatoon Council on Aging, dated November 17**

Submitting an enquiry as to plans for a downtown grocery store. (File No. CK. 4125-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

- 1) that the letter be referred to the Administration to respond to the writer; and*
- 2) that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee for further discussion.*

CARRIED.

6) Kelly Donald, dated November 20

Expressing concerns with respect to cell phone usage by drivers. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and that the writer be advised that Council has no jurisdiction in this area.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the information be received, that the writer be advised that Council has no jurisdiction in this area, and that the letter be forwarded to the Provincial Government.

CARRIED.

7) Dorothy Gilmer, dated November 7

Submitting project suggestions for River Landing. (File No. CK. 150-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the information be received and referred to the Administration.

CARRIED.

**8) Janice Mann, Secretary
Board of Police Commissioners, dated November 22**

Submitting recommendation that City Council consider an amendment to Section 7 of Bylaw No. 7604, so as to increase the activation reporting fee from \$50.00 to \$75.00 plus applicable taxes. (File No. CK. 5000-1)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that Bylaw No. 7604 be amended by increasing the reporting fee to \$75.00 plus applicable taxes; and
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate bylaw.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

- 1) *that Bylaw No. 7604, The False Alarm Fees Bylaw, be amended by increasing the reporting fee to \$75.00 plus applicable taxes; and*
- 2) *that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate bylaw.*

CARRIED.

**9) Laurentiu Zaharia, General Manager
Future Shop Saskatoon, dated November 22**

Requesting an extension of hours to the store hours bylaw for dates in December. (File No. CK. 184-2)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 26.

**10) Roger King, Treasurer
Erin Greene Condominium Association, dated November 28**

Submitting comments with respect to sewer charges for Erin Greene Condominiums. (File No. CK. 1905-2)

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DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 20.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS

1) Fritz and Hazel Anderson, dated November 8

Expressing appreciation for the free parking for veterans and the work being done on the south downtown. (File No. CK. 6120-1)

2) Louise Buhler, dated November 10

Submitting comments with respect to the hotel/spa proposal for the Gathercole site. (File No. CK. 4130-2)

3) Paul Janzen, dated November 20

Submitting comments with respect to alcohol sales at events in the City. (File No. CK. 150-1)

4) Murray Foster, dated November 10

Submitting comments with respect to the Victoria Bridge. (File No. CK. 6050-1)

5) Paul Olszynski, dated November 14

Submitting comments with respect to the Victoria Bridge. (File No. CK. 6050-1)

6) Tim Heisler, dated November 20

Submitting comments with respect to the Victoria Bridge. (File No. CK. 6050-1)

7) Jennifer Fairbairn, dated November 21

Submitting comments with respect to the proposed south bridge. (File No. CK. 6050-1)

8) Billie Bueckert, dated November 22

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Submitting comments with respect to setting up a boxing and wrestling commission. (File No. CK. 150-1)

**9) Janice Mann, Secretary
Board of Police Commissioners, dated November 22**

Submitting a report of the Chief of Police dated November 7, 2005, outlining the results of the three-month Enhanced Air Guided Law Enforcement (E.A.G.L.E.) Project. (File No. CK. 5000-1)

10) Ron Waldron, dated November 22

Submitting comments with respect to lighting in the Hampton Village. (File No. CK. 6300-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Alm, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Item C6 of Communications to Council be referred to the Administration to report back to Council in two weeks time on the cost of obtaining a second opinion regarding the condition of the Victoria Bridge from Wardrop Engineering.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

HEARINGS

**4a) Heritage Property Designation
202 Avenue E South
Proposed Bylaw No. 8452
(File No. CK. 710-1)**

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

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“The purpose of this hearing is to consider proposed Bylaw No. 8452, a copy of which is attached.

Attached is a copy of Clause 1, Report No. 13-2005 of the Planning and Operations Committee, which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on September 19, 2005.

The following is a memorandum of the City Solicitor dated November 15, 2005:

‘City Council, at its meeting held on September 19, 2005 resolved that this Office bring forward a bylaw to designate the property at 202 Avenue E South as Municipal Heritage Property under *The Heritage Property Act*.

In this regard, we enclose proposed Bylaw No. 8452, The Land Residence Heritage Designation Bylaw, 2005. *The Heritage Property Act* requires that a Notice of Intention to Designate be served on the Registrar of Heritage Property and all persons with an interest in the property. As well, the Notice of Intention must be registered against the title to the property and advertised in a least one issue of a newspaper in general circulation in the municipality. All pre-requisites to the passing of the Bylaw have been undertaken. The date specified in the Notice of Intention for consideration of this Bylaw by Council is November 28, 2005.

The Heritage Property Act further provides that anyone wishing to object to the proposed designation must serve Council with an objection stating the reason for the objection and providing the relevant facts. The objection must be served at least three days prior to the Council meeting at which the Bylaw is to be considered.

If an objection is received, Council shall either refer the matter to a review board constituted under section 14 of the *Act* or withdraw the proposed bylaw.’”

His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.

Mr. Paul Gauthier, General Manager, Community Services Department, expressed the Department’s support of the proposed Heritage Property Designation.

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

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 8452.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL - CONTINUED

A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

**1) Victoria Neufeldt, President
Saskatoon Heritage Society, dated November 10**

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

RECOMMENDATION: that Victoria Neufeldt be heard.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Victoria Neufeldt be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Victoria Neufeldt, Saskatoon Heritage Society, spoke in support of saving the original structure of the Victoria Bridge due to its historical value.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the information be received and that The Saskatoon Heritage Society be asked if it would consider providing a letter of support for the City's application for Centennial funds.

CARRIED.

2) Peggy Sarjeant, dated November 25

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

RECOMMENDATION: that Peggy Sarjeant be heard.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Peggy Sarjeant be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Peggy Sarjeant spoke in support of retaining as much of the original structure of the Victoria Bridge as possible.

Moved By Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

D. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

1) Harvey Just, dated November 7

Expressing concerns with respect to a traffic violation. (File No. CK. 5000-1) **(Referred to the Board of Police Commissioners.)**

**2) Kelly Patrick, Social Development Coordinator
Métis Family and Community Justice Services, dated November 10**

Requesting to meet with the Board of Police Commissioners. (File No. CK. 277-1) **(Referred to the Board of Police Commissioners.)**

3) Marie Bannister, dated November 15

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Submitting a request for a pedestrian controlled crossing light at the corner of McKercher Drive and Avondale Road. (File No. CK. 6150-3) **(Referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.)**

**4) Rob Hogan, Secretary
Saskatoon Professional Fire Fighters Union Local 80, dated November 9**

Submitting notice on behalf of the Saskatoon Professional Fire Fighters Union Local 80 to enter into negotiations for revisions to the Collective Bargaining Agreement. (File No. CK. 4720-7) **(Referred to the Administration.)**

5) Kathy Bailey, November 20

Expressing concerns with respect to traffic off Avenue H and 12th Street. (File No. CK. 7920-1) **(Referred to the Administration for appropriate action.)**

6) Brett Magneson, dated November 14

Submitting comments with respect to his previous request for a designated "bike park". (File No. CK. 5500-1) **(Referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.)**

7) Elizabeth Chizek, dated November 18

Submitting comments with respect to the downtown transit terminal. (File No. CK. 7300-1) **(Referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.)**

8) Don Hayward, dated November 21

Submitting a request to have a hole filled in the back lane near his property. (File No. CK. 6315-1) **(Referred to the Administration for appropriate action.)**

9) Yvonne Colleaux, dated November 21

Expressing concerns with respect to skateboarders near her home. (File No. CK. 5000-1) **(Referred to the Board of Police Commissioners.)**

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10) Marline Simpson, dated November 22

Submitting comments with respect to the River Landing Land Mark proposals. (File No. CK. 4130-2-5) **(Referred to the Administration.)**

11) David and Deborah Anderson, dated November 21

Submitting comments with respect to the proposed conversion to front street garbage collection in the Holliston/Haultain areas. (File No. CK. 7830-1) **(Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.)**

12) Phil and Lorraine MacIntyre, dated November 22

Submitting comments with respect to the proposed conversion to front street garbage collection in the Holliston/Haultain areas. (File No. CK. 7830-1) **(Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

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His Worship the Mayor indicated that he received a phone call from Mayor Epp, City of Waterloo, with respect to the University of Saskatchewan Huskies and Wilfred Laurier University Golden Hawks playing in the Vanier Cup on December 3, 2005.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT December 2, 2005, be proclaimed as Green and White Day in Saskatoon to encourage citizens to wear green and white in support of the Huskies.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the losing team's City fly the flag of the winning team's City and that the Mayor and Council wear the jersey of the winning team at the next Council meeting.

CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES

Councillor D. L. Birkmaier
Crosswalk – Assiniboine Drive and Athabasca Crescent
(File No. CK. 6150-1)

Would the Administration please review and report what improvements could be done at the crosswalk between Assiniboine Drive and Athabasca Crescent.

Councillor T. Paulsen
Traffic – Victoria Bridge
(File No. CK. 6050-1)

There have been many questions by the public, from a vehicular perspective, about the utility of the Victoria Bridge, especially since there are two other bridges in close proximity.

Could the Administration please report, from a traffic perspective, on the necessity of the Victoria Bridge.

Councillor O. Fortosky

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**Gordie Howe Bowl
(File No. CK. 4205-7-2)**

Would the Administration please report on the annual upkeep of Gordon Howe Bowl and the cost of improving the field condition through a productivity loan both through an improved natural surface as well as an artificial surface, and possibly using some of the money spent annually on upkeep.

Would the Administration also report on the cost of upgrading the changing facilities.

GIVING NOTICE

Councillor Hnatyshyn gave the following Notice of Motion:

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

‘THAT the Mendel Art Gallery be asked to form a committee of Saskatchewan artists to jury the six submissions for the Century Plaza landmark, and make recommendations to Council.’”

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw 8452

Moved by Councillor Wyant, seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8452, being “The Landa Residence Heritage Designation 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 Birkmaier,

THAT Bylaw No. 8452 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

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Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8452.

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. 8452 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

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. 8452 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Bylaw No. 8452 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 8466

Moved by Councillor Wyant, seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,

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THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8466, being “The Discounts and Penalties 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 Birkmaier,

THAT Bylaw No. 8466 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8466.

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. 8466 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

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. 8466 read a third time at this meeting.

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Bylaw No. 8466 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 8468

Moved by Councillor Wyant, seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8468, being “The December 2005 Extended Store Hours Bylaw”, and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Bylaw No. 8468 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8468.

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:

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That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8468 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Alm,

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. 8468 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Bylaw No. 8468 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 Wyant,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

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The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk