

Council Chambers
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Monday, November 6, 2006
at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, in the Chair;
Councillors Clark, Dubois, Heidt, Hill, Lorje, Neault, Paulsen,
Penner, Pringle, and Wyant;
City Manager Richards;
City Solicitor Dust;
General Manager, Corporate Services Bilanski;
General Manager, Community Services Gauthier;
General Manager, Fire and Protective Services Bentley;
General Manager, Infrastructure Services Uzelman;
General Manager, Utility Services Totland;
City Clerk Mann; and
Council Assistant Mitchener

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the minutes of meeting of City Council held on October 16, 2006, be approved.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, 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:

“ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 20-2006

Section A – COMMUNITY SERVICES

**A1) Naming Report – “Gladstone (Crescent, Court)”, “Kochar (Crescent, Avenue)”
(File Nos. PL 4001-5, CK. 6310-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

On August 10, 2006, the City of Saskatoon Land Branch notified the Naming Advisory Committee Administrator that two street names were required for new roadways in Marquis Industrial. (See Attachment 1.) The roadways are being created as part of subdivision work that the Land Branch is conducting in this area. As part of their request, the Land Branch requested that two names be selected from the Names Master List. The names selected include:

- 1) Gladstone - Bert L. Gladstone - Bert established Burton’s for Shoes. Contributed generously to many institutions. (The name was submitted in 1996.)
- 2) Kochar - Om Kochar – Volunteer for numerous community groups, 2004 Spirit of Volunteerism Award (from Volunteer Saskatoon). In 2005, Om received the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal, which recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to society and honors outstanding achievements. (The name was submitted in 2002.)

All of the names on the Names Master List have been previously screened by the Naming Advisory Committee and met City Council’s guidelines for name selection.

A request from the Community Services Department was submitted to the Mayor’s Office for consideration of the three names on August 25, 2006. His Worship, Mayor Donald Atchison selected the names ‘Gladstone’ and ‘Kochar’ for use in the Marquis Industrial Subdivision Phase 2.

The decision of His Worship, Mayor Donald Atchison was forwarded to the Land Branch.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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ATTACHMENT

1. Map indicating location of “Gladstone (Crescent, Court)”, and “Kochar (Crescent, Avenue)”

**A2) Five Year Land Development Program 2007 - 2011
(File Nos.: PL. 4110 – 2 and CK. 4110-5)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

The General Manager, Community Services Department indicated that he was withdrawing the report and will resubmit a revised report at a later date.

**A3) Enquiry – Former Councillor T. Alm (September 5, 2006)
Property Tax Incentive – Downtown Housing
(File No.: CK. 750-4, PL. 4130-3-5)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

Former Councillor Alm made the following inquiry at the meeting of City Council on September 5, 2006:

“Would the Administration please report on whether the property tax incentive is being provided for new housing units in downtown Is Saskatoon attracting owner-occupied residents, or are the units being purchased as a speculative real estate investment?”

If these properties are being purchased as speculative real estate investments, I would ask that City Council review the intent of the project.”

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REPORT

The Downtown Housing Incentive Program was created in response to City Council's stated goal in the Downtown Plan of increasing the Downtown population to 10,000 people (currently approx. 5,000). (See Attachment 1.)

The Downtown Housing Incentive Program currently offers four (4) support programs. (See Attachment 2.)

- 1) Downtown Housing Tax Exemption Program:
 - a) for new construction of housing;
 - b) intended for non-restricted, or non-targeted units; and
 - c) tax exemption of full incremental property taxes for five years.
- 2) Downtown Housing Abatement Program:
 - a) for new construction of housing;
 - b) intended for restricted, or targeted units; and
 - c) tax abatement of incremental taxes over a five year phase-in.
- 3) Downtown Housing Accessibility and Renovation Program:
 - a) for renovation of existing housing;
 - b) intended for improving accessibility and significant improvements to amenity and quality of existing housing; and
 - c) tax exemption of 25% of the annual property taxes for up to five years.
- 4) Downtown Residential Conversion Program:
 - a) for conversion of former commercial and industrial buildings to residential units;
 - b) tax abatement for up to five years;
 - c) tax rebate during construction for up to two years; and
 - d) rebate of 75% of Development Charges.

The incentive program does not distinguish between 'renters' and 'owners'. The purpose of the Downtown Housing Incentive Program is to encourage residential development in the Downtown area.

To control the tenure or type of ownership in new downtown residential developments would be difficult to administer. For example, unless the units are targeted to seniors or disabled persons (screened by the developer/owner), once a person purchases a dwelling downtown, they are free to live in that dwelling or rent it out. There is no formal mechanism in place for the City of Saskatoon to control who is living in any particular dwelling at any given time, or to limit them only to owner-

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occupied dwellings.

The existing incentive program appears to be having the desired effect of increasing the number of dwelling units and population in the Downtown. The four latest developments to take advantage of the City of Saskatoon's incentive program include:

- 1) Fairbanks Morse Warehouse Conversion – 12 units;
- 2) Riverfront Condominiums – 101 units;
- 3) Parkville Manor (Senior) – 149 units; and
- 4) 2nd Avenue Lofts – 131 units.

It is estimated that the above residential projects will increase the Downtown population by between 472 and 590 people.

OPTIONS

City Council may decide not to make any changes to the Downtown Housing Incentives Program. In this instance, the incentive program will continue to be administered in the usual fashion.

City Council may decide to amend the Downtown Housing Incentive Program to control tenure or type of ownership.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Downtown Plan – Housing First Strategy
2. Downtown Housing Incentives Policy C09-032

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**A4) Municipal Enterprise Zone
List of Recently Approved Applications
(File Nos.: CK. 3500-13 and PL. 4110 – 34)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

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 automatic rebates for building, plumbing, sign permit fees, land use fees such as rezoning and discretionary uses, tax abatements for up to five years, and one year 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 in the spring of 2002, and renewed the program funding with another \$500,000 in March 2006.

REPORT

The following applications were approved by the Adjudication Committee on September 7 and October 5, 2006:

1. Landa AutoBody, 222 Avenue C South – Application for façade grant totalling \$2,500.
2. Vanguard Revival Ministries International Inc., 1514-20th Street West – Application for façade grant totalling \$2,500.
3. Coads Drugs, 127-20th Street West – Application for façade improvement grant totalling \$2,500.
4. A.J.'s AutoParts (2000) Ltd., 522 Avenue N South – Application for façade improvement grant totalling \$2,500.

During consideration of these applications, the Adjudication Committee noted that cash grants in lieu of tax abatements equal to one year's worth of property taxes and façade appearance grants up to \$2,500 are listed as Enterprise Zone incentives. City Council approval is not required for these incentives.

The owners will be undertaking improvements and renovations to the existing properties including making the front building façades more attractive at the street level. The enhancements may include replacing old worn-out building materials, painting, sandblasting, stuccoing, etc.

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Follow-up inspections will be undertaken at all of the above locations. Only when it is clearly demonstrated that the projects are completed, and a significant enhancement to the front façade of the building has been made, will the committed funds be provided to the owner/applicant.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There was \$348,088 remaining in the Municipal Enterprise Zone Account as of July 31, 2006. The above applications total \$10,000 and are within the means of the Municipal Enterprise Zone Program.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**A5) Request For Encroachment Agreement
802 Avenue I South
Lots 18 & 19 (except all that portion of Lot 19 included in
Plan G440), Block 11, Plan (GH)
(File No.: CK. 4090-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council recognize the encroachment at 802 Avenue I South (Lots 18 and 19, except all that portion of Lot 19 included in Plan G440, Block 11, Plan GH);
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the appropriate Encroachment Agreement making provision to collect the applicable fees; and
 - 3) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of Saskatoon under the Corporate Seal and in a form that is satisfactory to the City Solicitor, the agreement with respect to this encroachment.

ADOPTED.

The new owner of the property located at 802 Avenue I South, has requested to enter into an Encroachment Agreement with the City of Saskatoon. As shown on the attached Real Property Report, part of the building encroaches onto 15th Street. An Encroachment Agreement is currently in place, but the property is changing ownership and a new agreement is required in the new owner's names. The total area of encroachment is approximately 2.8 m² and will, therefore, be subject to an annual charge of \$50.00.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

Letter from McKercher, McKercher & Whitmore LLP, dated October 12, 2006.
Real Property Report dated November 21, 1996.

**A6) Municipal Enterprise Zone
Big Lion Thrift Store
1514 - 20th Street West
(File No. CK. 3500-15)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

Purpose of the 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 automatic rebates for building, plumbing, sign permit fees, rebates for land use fees such as rezoning and discretionary uses, tax abatements for up to five years, and one year 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 in the spring of 2002, and renewed the program funding with another \$500,000 in March 2006.

REPORT

Description of Project

On October 5, 2006, the Municipal Enterprise Zone Adjudication Committee considered an application from Vanguard Revival Ministries International Inc. for a cash grant for a new thrift store at 1514 - 20th Street West. (See Attachments 1 and 2.)

Vanguard's application for incentives under the Municipal Enterprise Zone was made through the Riversdale BID Office. Riversdale BID conducted a thorough review of the application for the thrift store, and has determined that the project warrants consideration for incentives under the Municipal Enterprise Zone. Vanguard Revival Ministries International Inc. has applied for a one-time cash grant equal to one year of existing property taxes.

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The store will operate as “The Great Big Lion” and offer two main products. The first product will be quality second hand clothing for children and adults. The second product will be quality used furniture and antiques, toys, and other household goods. The owners plan to target low income households within the Pleasant Hill, Meadowgreen and Westmount neighbourhoods. The new store is hoping to open as soon as possible and has signed a sub-lease at 1514 - 20th Street West. An executive summary of the project is included in Attachment 2.

Reasons for Support

The proposal for the thrift store will occupy currently vacant space within the Pleasant Hill neighbourhood. This 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 listed in the City of Saskatoon Administrative Policy A09-031, Section 3.4 (Municipal Enterprise Zone – Grant in Lieu of Tax Abatement) 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 some interior alterations will be undertaken, the incremental taxes on interior improvements to this building would be negligible. 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.

The Adjudication Committee has approved the request for assistance of a one-time grant of not more than \$3,156.75 subject to the completion of the project as outlined in Attachment 2. The Riversdale BID Office will conduct a follow-up inspection to ensure that the project is completed according to the proposal. Grants in lieu of tax abatements are limited to no more than one year’s worth of existing property taxes.

Financial Impact

There was \$301,000 remaining in the Enterprise Zone reserve as of August 31, 2006. This application is requesting approval of a grant totalling \$3,156.75, which is within the means of the Municipal Enterprise Zone Program.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Plan of 1514 - 20th Street West
2. Executive Summary of "The Great Big Lion" Thrift Store

**A7) Direct Sale to Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation
Portions of NW 6-35-5-W3
Approximately 2.4 acres lying Northwest and Southeast of Highway 219 South
(File No: CK. 4215-1 and LA 4214-06-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve the direct sale of a portion of NW 6-35-5-W3 encompassing an area of approximately 8,500 square metres (2.1 acres) on the northwest side of Highway 219, plus an area of approximately 1,200 square metres (0.30 acres) on the southeast side of Highway 219 to Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation for the purpose of road widening. The purchase price for the property is set at \$3,603.46; and
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary Sale Agreement and that His Worship the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

In 1969, the City of Saskatoon purchased 218.8 acres of land near the South Saskatchewan River in the Beaver Creek area. The purpose of this was to ensure the future conservation and protection of riverbank lands within the proximity of the city. At the request of the Meewasin Valley Authority (MVA) the City purchased an additional 131.2 acres in 1988. These lands were subsequently sold to the MVA in 1992. The City still holds the 218.8 acres.

REPORT

The proposed road widening of Highway 219 requires an area of approximately 2.1 acres (roughly 25 metres x 330 metres) to be taken out of Surface Parcel Number 117770283 which lies northwest of the highway and approximately 0.3 acres (roughly 7 metres x 200 metres) to be taken out of Surface Parcel Number 117963063 which lies southeast of the highway. These two surface parcels are situated within the NW 6-35-5-W3 which lies within the Rural Municipality of Corman Park and is owned by the City of Saskatoon. Geographically, this area is located approximately 10 kilometres southwest of Saskatoon, near Beaver Creek.

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The agreed purchase price of \$3,603.46 is based on a price of \$1,501.44 per acre which represents full market value of the site. Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation is responsible for all costs relating to survey, subdivision application and Plan of Survey registration under the *Land Titles Act*.

The terms and conditions of the Tentative Offer for Sale are as follows:

1. Conditions Precedent
 - a) The City having received all necessary and final approvals, including City Council; and
 - b) Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation having received all necessary and final approvals, including Ministerial approval.
2. Purchase Price

Purchase price is \$3,603.46.
3. Payment

Lump sum payment is due on Closing.
4. Costs

Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation is responsible for all costs relating to survey, subdivision application, and Plan of Survey registration under the Land Titles Act, as well as any damage to any fences that may exist.
5. Possession Date

Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation will be entitled to possession upon Closing.

JUSTIFICATION

City of Saskatoon Council Policy titled Sale of Serviced City-owned Lands, adopted by City Council and effective February 10, 2003, states in Policy 3.2:

“Administration may pursue or entertain direct sale or long-term leases under the City’s Industrial Land Incentives Program of civic lands when one or more of the following conditions are present:

- i) A situation where a utility company or government agency requires a site for a specific purpose.”

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Map Showing Subject Property
2. Arial Map Showing Subject Property

**A8) Direct Sale to the Board of Education for Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools
Long Term Lease with Option to Purchase
Block 254, Plan G867, (820 Wilson Crescent)
(File Nos: CK. 4215-1 and LA 4225-05-4)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve the direct sale of Block 254, Plan G867 to The Board of Education of the St. Paul's Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 20 of Saskatchewan (Board of Education for Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools) via a Long Term Lease Agreement with an Option to Purchase as outlined in this report; and
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary agreements and that His Worship the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

In the second quarter of this year, the Superintendent of the Saskatoon Catholic School Board, Mr. Don Lloyd contacted Mr. Paul Gauthier, General Manager of Community Services for the City of Saskatoon, to discuss the possibility of acquiring the land adjacent to George Vanier School for the purpose of a possible expansion to the school. The Catholic School Board is now ready to proceed with the expansion having applied for a building permit, which is on hold pending approval of the direct sale.

REPORT

The terms and conditions of the Lease Agreement with the Option to Purchase are as follows:

1. Lease Rate
\$16,430 plus G.S.T. per year (based on the 10 year debenture rate currently at 5.3 per cent times the estimated market value of site at \$310,000) to be paid in equal monthly installments.

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2. Term
Five years with an option to renew for a further five years at a rate based on the 10 year debenture rate applicable at the time of renewal times the estimated market value of site at \$310,000.
3. Taxes
Tenant is responsible for all taxes.
4. Maintenance
Tenant is responsible for all on-going maintenance.
5. Insurance
Tenant is required to carry minimum \$2,000,000 liability insurance with the City of Saskatoon named as an additional insured.
6. Option Price
\$310,000 locked in for the term, with an Option to Purchase at any time throughout the lease period at that price. Lease payments made prior to exercising the option will be applied as a reduction to the purchase price.

JUSTIFICATION

City of Saskatoon Council Policy C09-033 titled Sale of Serviced City-owned Lands, adopted by City Council and effective February 10, 2003, states in Policy 3.2:

“Administration may pursue or entertain direct sale or long-term leases under the City’s Industrial Land Incentives Program of civic lands when one or more of the following conditions are present:

- c) A situation which involves extending an option to purchase to adjacent existing owners to directly purchase lots which would facilitate expansion prior to offering for tender.”

The Saskatoon Catholic School Board is the adjacent property owner and therefore meets the criteria of a direct sale as set out in Policy C09-033.

The lease is a normal lease which allows for temporary structures on the property, with the exception that the lease payments are to be applied to the purchase price if the option to purchase is exercised.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required as the subject property is being leased and sold at fair market value.

ATTACHMENT

1. Map Showing Location of Subject Property

**A9) Land-Use Applications Received by the Community Services Department
For the Period Between October 10, 2006 and October 27, 2006
(For Information Only)
(File Nos.: CK. 4000-5 and PL. 4300, 4350, 4355)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

The following applications have been received and are being processed:

Discretionary Use	
Application No. D14/06:	327 Beechwood Crescent
Applicant:	D & S Developments Inc.
Legal Description:	Lot 1, Block 133, Plan 101851433
Current Zoning	R1A
Proposed Use:	Care Home
Neighbourhood:	Briarwood
Date Received:	October 5, 2006

Application No. D15/06:	531 Blackthorn Crescent
Applicant:	BIO-ID Diagnostics Inc.
Legal Description:	Lot 31, Block 119, Plan 92S49855
Current Zoning	R1A
Proposed Use:	Home Based Business (Office)
Neighbourhood:	Briarwood
Date Received:	November 6, 2006

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Application No. D16/06: 111 Ash Street
Applicant: Garry Drabble
Legal Description: Lot 18, Block 10, Plan G532
Current Zoning: R2
Proposed Use: Bed and Breakfast
Neighbourhood: Exhibition
Date Received: October 23, 2006

Rezoning
Application No. Z34/06: 227 Pinehouse Drive
Applicant: Glenko Properties Inc.
Legal Description: Lot 2, Block 911, Plan 79S43600
Current Zoning: B2 by Agreement
Proposed Zoning: Amendment to B2 by Agreement
Neighbourhood: Lawson Heights Suburban Centre
Date Received: October 24, 2006

Subdivision
Application No. 67/06: 3035 Clarence Avenue
Applicant: Webster Surveys for Saskshop Centre
Legal Description: Parcel H, Plan 101892809
Current Zoning: DCD5
Neighbourhood: Stonegate Shopping Centre
Date Received: October 17, 2006

Application No. 68/06: Highway 16/Boychuk Drive
Applicant: Webster Surveys Ltd. For Lakewood Estates Inc.
Legal Description: Parts of Plan 00SA09742 for road widening
Current Zoning: FUD
Neighbourhood: S.E. Development Area
Date Received: October 20, 2006

Application No. 69/06: 119, 121 & 123 Second Avenue North
Applicant: George, Nicholson, Franko for Affinity Holdings Ltd.
Legal Description: Lots 46, 47 & 48, Block 19, Plan 99SA32572
Current Zoning: B6
Neighbourhood: Central Business District
Date Received: October 20, 2006

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Application No. 70/06: 231/233 Turtle Court
Applicant: George, Nicholson, Franko for Ron Ashton
Legal Description: Lot 57, Block 890, Plan 77S32413
Current Zoning: R2
Neighbourhood: Lawson Heights
Date Received: October 23, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan of Proposed Discretionary Use D14/06
2. Plan of Proposed Discretionary Use D15/06
3. Plan of Proposed Discretionary Use D16/06
4. Plan of Proposed Rezoning No. Z34/06
5. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 67/06
6. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 68/06
7. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 69/06
8. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 70/06

Section B – CORPORATE SERVICES

**B1) Impact of Recent Provincial Government Announcements
(File No. CK. 1700-3)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

The Provincial Government announced two major items recently that have an impact on the City of Saskatoon. One of these items was the reduction of the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) by 2%, from 7% to 5%, that was implemented on October 28, 2006. The second item announced during the Throne Speech on October 26, 2006, relates to a new statutory holiday for February, effective 2007.

Provincial Sales Tax Reduction

The PST reduction will have an immediate impact by lowering the costs of purchases by the City of Saskatoon. For the 2007 Operating Budget, it is expected that a mill-rate impact of \$539,000 in reduced PST will be realized. For the two months remaining in the 2006 fiscal year, approximately \$80,000 may be saved on mill-rate programs.

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For non-mill rate programs, such as the water, wastewater and storm water utilities and civic boards, the expected savings are estimated at \$297,000.

Savings are also expected for the City's capital projects. A review of extrapolated provincial sales tax payable from budgeted capital expenditures over the past five years indicates a range from \$3 to \$8 million. A 2% reduction translates into savings ranging from \$850,000 to \$2 million. This reduction will assist with relieving some of the pressure on the City's capital reserves as a result of inflationary project costs recently experienced.

Customers purchasing services from the City of Saskatoon will notice a 2% reduction in PST where PST is charged. This includes commercial electrical services, as well as any services or materials where PST applies.

Additional Statutory Holiday

The announcement of a new statutory holiday each February, starting in 2007, translates into a mill-rate impact of approximately \$234,000 in additional statutory holiday pay for employees required to provide services, as well as some expected loss in revenue.

The most significant impact is for protective services such as Fire and Police since these services are provided twenty-four hours per day. It is expected that additional staffing costs for Fire will be about \$100,000 while Police will be about \$78,500.

Other departments that have programs with services provided during a statutory holiday are Community Services, Infrastructure Services and Transit. About \$36,500 in additional program costs would be required for these areas.

Some minor revenue losses are also expected as result of the additional holiday. The City does not charge for parking at meters on statutory holidays and as a result, an estimated \$15,000 in revenues will be foregone. This will be offset slightly by a savings in the Commissionaires' contract of approximately \$2,000. Transit is expecting a minor drop in revenue of \$5,000.

Additional Initiatives

The 2006 Speech from the Throne also referred to two additional initiatives: the establishment of a multi-year infrastructure fund which will include funding for cultural and recreational facilities; and, the intent of the province to work with municipalities to create an "Urban Agenda" to support city, community and regional economies. Your Administration will report further as additional details are known.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

B2) SREDA – Business Incentives

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**Year 2006 Tax Abatements
(File No. CK. 3500-13)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve the tax incentive rebates as determined by SREDA.

ADOPTED.

Throughout the year, as applications are received, the Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority Inc. (SREDA) asks City Council to approve tax abatements for business incentive purposes. The incentives are based on the value of new construction, the creation of a specified number of jobs, and the maintenance of certain financial requirements. On an annual basis, following the approval of the incentive, staff from SREDA meet with each company to ensure that all of the requirements are being fulfilled. If not, the incentive is terminated.

Attached is the report from SREDA resulting from their 2006 audit. The report provides a list of those companies that have met all conditions of the incentive program.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C02-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

ATTACHMENT

1. Letter dated October 30, 2006, from Anne Broda, Director of Business Development, SREDA.

**B3) 2006 Yearend Projections
(File No. CK. 1704-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

The City's monitoring and control process includes a review of the City's financial position each fall and the preparation of a report projecting actual revenues and expenditures to December 31, 2006. While every effort is made to ensure a high degree of accuracy in the preparation of this report, City Council is reminded that these estimates are based on actual revenues and expenditures for eight months (to August 31) and projections for the last four months of the year.

The attached report reveals a projected year-end deficit for the General Fund of \$1,739,800 as summarized in the table below (a variance of 0.81% of budget) details of which are provided in

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Schedules I and II. Projections for each of the City's five utilities are provided in Schedules III through VII.

**City of Saskatoon General Fund
2006 Summary**

	2006 Budget	2006 Projection	Variance	Percent
Revenues	\$213,715,100	\$212,740,100	(\$ 975,000)	0.45 %
Expenditures	<u>213,715,100</u>	<u>214,480,300</u>	<u>(765,200)</u>	0.36 %
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 0	(\$ 1,739,800)	(\$1,739,800)	0.81 %

The Administration has reviewed the projection and has taken steps to minimize or reduce the projected deficit where possible. The City Manager has requested Departments to curtail all discretionary spending to the end of the year. **Since the preparation of this report, the province has reduced the provincial sales tax (PST) from 7% to 5%. This will result in a positive impact on the City for the last two months of the year, approximately \$80,000.**

While most programs expect revenues and expenditures close to their budgeted values, the following information provides detailed explanations of those programs which have identified significant variances (i.e. variances exceeding \$100,000). Where related variances occur in both revenues and expenditures, the explanation is provided once to avoid duplication (i.e. golf course revenues are unfavourable but are partially offset through reduced expenditures).

REVENUES:

Taxation

Property Levy (\$111,300 favourable)

Supplementary property taxes are higher than budget due to assessment growth.

Sales of Services

Cemetery (\$123,300 unfavourable)

Grave sales and interments are lower than anticipated.

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Golf Courses (\$566,800 unfavourable; net impact of \$289,900 unfavourable)

All three of the City's golf courses experienced lower attendance this past summer, due, primarily, to the cool, wet spring weather. This has resulted in the projected unfavourable variance, partially offset by a favourable variance in expenses due to reduced water utility costs. The golf course programs have a revenue stabilization reserve to assist in mitigating the impact of revenue variances on the mill rate. Unfortunately, this reserve has been depleted resulting in a \$289,900 negative impact on the City's yearend results.

Other Revenue From Own Sources

Licenses and Permits (\$352,900 favourable; net impact of \$30,900 favourable)

Large volumes and the size of projects from the growth within the city are contributing to a projected favourable variance in building permits. However, a majority of this variance (\$322,000) is transferred to the program's stabilization reserve resulting in a net favourable variance of \$30,900.

Fines and Penalties (\$591,000 unfavourable; net impact of \$401,000 unfavourable)

Fine revenues are significantly below budget mainly related to staffing redeployments. The Saskatoon Police Service has redeployed staff from Patrol to effectively deal with its priority of responding to calls for service. In addition, increased demands by the justice system to properly report on serious vehicle collisions has increased time spent on accident investigations, as well as reduced production levels from training the high number of new recruits in Patrol. This results in two officers working in a police cruiser when the typical day-time standard is one. The unfavourable variance is partially offset by reduced court fees and holdbacks (\$190,000 favourable) due to reduced ticket volume leaving a net unfavourable impact of \$401,000.

Franchise Fees (\$362,500 unfavourable)

The City receives municipal surcharges and franchise fees from SaskPower, SaskEnergy and TransGas that flow through the revenues of these utilities. While \$229,000 in additional fees is expected from SaskPower and \$69,000 from TransGas, based entirely on growth, the fees expected from SaskEnergy are \$661,000 unfavourable. The SaskEnergy fees were based on an anticipated rate increase that was only sustained until March 31, 2006. A rate decrease by SaskEnergy in April resulted in this shortfall in revenue.

Transfers from Other Governments

Transfers From Other Governments (\$336,100 favourable; net impact of \$0)

\$265,000 of this variance is financial support from Saskatchewan Health in response to mosquito control and west Nile virus concerns. This variance is offset by amounts spent to deliver the enhanced mosquito control program. In addition, \$78,500 of this variance is from additional provincial and federal government grants for Community Services (e.g. In-motion, Immigration Grant, Gang Strategy Grant) which is offset by identical expenditures for related projects.

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EXPENDITURES:

General Government

Common Services (\$321,200 favourable)

The majority of this variance is attributable to the Energy Management Program that is projecting a favourable variance of \$261,000 due to reduced utility consumption for water, wastewater and gas.

General Payroll Costs (\$145,000 favourable)

Dental and medical plan costs are below budget for a variety of reasons including new hires that contributed to savings in contributions resulting from a required waiting period of four months. The budget is also based on family plan rates where many employees elected individual rates resulting in reduced contributions.

Other - Fleet Support Services (\$359,600 unfavourable)

Fuel for vehicles and equipment is projected to be \$169,000 over budget due to the increase in fuel pricing. Costs for additional contracted equipment is \$100,000 unfavourable while an additional \$74,000 in staffing costs was required for overtime and training. Since the Civic Vehicles and Equipment Stabilization Reserve has been expended, the full impact of the Vehicle and Equipment program deficit will impact the mill rate.

Protection of Persons and Property

Police (\$380,000 unfavourable)

Most of the variance is due to staff compensation (\$516,000 unfavourable) primarily stemming from unanticipated contractual payout items (including salary adjustments, vacation payouts) and higher than budgeted overtime. This unfavourable variance is offset slightly by favourable variances in operational costs (\$136,000 favourable). The most notable variance is lower than budgeted investigation project expenses. Other projected budget savings are comprised of relatively small amounts in various expenditure categories including maintenance, equipment, training, etc.

Fire (\$437,300 unfavourable)

Fire operations are over budget due to contract settlements higher than the amounts allocated in the budget. In addition, due to a change in the graffiti bylaw, the Fire Prevention Program will be overspent by \$10,000. Fuel and equipment maintenance is also over budget by approximately \$44,000.

Transportation

Roads and Streets (\$146,700 favourable)

The favourable variance in the roadways programs was due in most part to a short construction season resulting from a wet spring and an early frost this fall.

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Street Cleaning (\$286,400 unfavourable)

Heavy rainfall in May and June extended the program resulting in rescheduling and incremental overtime costs (\$106,300 unfavourable) in addition to increased vehicle and equipment rentals (\$98,800 unfavourable) and increased materials (\$86,300 unfavourable).

Snow and Ice Management / Sanding (\$0)

Despite indicating a \$0 variance, the program is projected to be in a deficit position of \$1,358,500 and will be covered by a transfer from the Snow and Ice Management Contingency Reserve. Should this deficit materialize, this would leave only \$87,000 in the Reserve despite an injection of \$1,050,000 from the 2005 surplus.

Planning and Development

Economic Development (\$147,700 unfavourable)

Private investors announced and proceeded with housing projects in the downtown that were not contemplated prior to preparation of the 2006 budget. Consequently, assistance provided under the downtown housing incentives policy were not included in the budget and resulted in the unfavourable expenditure variance. These variances are offset by favourable property tax revenues.

Recreation and Cultural Services

Mendel Art Gallery (\$105,000 unfavourable)

Mendel is anticipating a \$105,000 shortfall resulting from reductions in grant revenues, donations and self-generating revenues. As a result, expenditures have been reduced to help offset part of the revenue shortfall but leaving an unfavourable variance.

UTILITIES

Schedules III through VII detail the variances for the City's five utilities. Additional information on significant variances is provided below.

Water Utility (\$160,700 unfavourable)

Water sales volumes were based on a conservative historical average and revenues are expected to meet budget. The variance relates to expenditures, with the more significant items identified as follows:

- Treatment and pumping: (\$332,300 unfavourable), due to emergency high lift pump repairs, and equipment, piping and valve replacements at the Water Treatment Plant.
- Watermains: (\$216,000 favourable), this variance is a result of a decrease in the number of breaks during the year.

The balance in the Water and Sewer Revenue Stabilization Reserve is sufficient to offset the projected deficit.

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Wastewater Utility (\$212,800 unfavourable)

Wastewater revenue estimates are projected to be close to budget. The majority of the variance relates to expenditures, with the more significant identified as follows:

- Pollution Control: (\$120,600 unfavourable), due to emergency equipment replacements and repairs.
- Sludge Handling Disposal: (\$189,900 unfavourable), due to increased volumes and haul distances for the liquid injection contract work.
- Service Connections: (\$179,300 favourable), due to the effectiveness of the root herbiciding program.

The balance in the Water and Sewer Revenue Stabilization Reserve is sufficient to offset the projected deficit.

Saskatoon Light and Power Utility (\$514,100 unfavourable)

Reduced sales reflect a warm January partially offset by a hot July. The hot summer also increased bulk power demand charges. System line losses are estimated to be higher than average on which the budget was based which means lower sales compared to bulk energy purchased. The negative revenue variance of \$542,100 is offset by a reduction in bulk purchases from SaskPower (\$46,000).

The balance in the Electrical Revenue Stabilization Reserve is sufficient to offset the projected deficit.

Transit Utility (\$530,600 unfavourable)

Additional unbudgeted hours of service were required to implement and “fine tune” the new service. In addition, fuel costs are higher since the contract price expired in June. Also additional maintenance equipment was required as a result of a maintenance review.

The balance in the Transit Stabilization Reserve is sufficient to offset the projected deficit.

Storm Water Utility (\$29,500 unfavourable)

There are no major variances identified within this program. Revenues are expected to be \$15,500 below budget. General expenditures are projecting a \$62,400 favourable variance offset by increased maintenance costs of \$76,600.

The balance in the Storm Water Management Stabilization Reserve is sufficient to offset the projected deficit.

SUMMARY

As identified in the attached projection report, most revenues and expenditures are expected to be close to budget. The projected deficit, should it be realized at year-end, would have to be covered by a transfer from the City’s Revenue Stabilization Reserve, which has a current balance of \$4,179,300.

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As noted in this report, stabilization reserves are used to mitigate or minimize the impact on the mill rate from significant variances in programs that produce varied results based on unpredictable factors, for example, impacts from weather. Some of these reserves are depleted or nearing depletion and include the Golf Course Stabilization Reserve, the Cemetery Stabilization Reserve and the Snow and Ice Management Contingency Reserve.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. City of Saskatoon Projected Actuals/Variances for the Year Ended December 31, 2006.

Section D – INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

**D1) Removal of Parking Restrictions
Avenue D North between 33rd Street and 36th Street
File No. CK. 6120-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that parking restrictions along Avenue D North from 33rd Street to 36th Street be removed.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

To facilitate transit bus movements, parking was restricted along the east side of Avenue D North between 33rd Street and 36th Street. As of July 2, 2006, Avenue D is no longer a bus route. Consequently, residents of this section of Avenue D have requested the removal of the parking restrictions within this corridor.

All properties along this section of Avenue D are residential with the exception of:

- Church of God, located on the southwest corner of 35th Street and Avenue D
- Safeway, located on the northeast corner of 33rd Street and Avenue D
- A retail store located on the northwest corner of 33rd Street and Avenue D

The Safeway on 33rd Street provides parking for its patrons. Some on-street parking may be required for patrons of the retail store on the northwest corner of 33rd Street and Avenue D. The Church of God provides ample parking for its patrons, and as such, should not impose a large demand on the on-street parking.

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Therefore, Infrastructure Services recommends the removal of all on-street parking restrictions along the east side of Avenue D North between 33rd Street and 36th Street, except for the signs delineating the driveways at the Safeway (Attachment 1).

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Plan No. 210-0030-012r001

**D2) Removal of Two Parking Meters to create a Driveway Access and Loading Zone
300 Block of 3rd Avenue South
(File No. 6120-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that a parking meter be removed on the east face of the 300 block of 3rd Avenue South, in order to designate that parking stall with appropriate signage as a Loading Zone; and
 - 2) that a parking meter be removed to facilitate the creation of a driveway onto an existing parking lot located at 358 3rd Avenue South.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

Infrastructure Services has received a request from 629112 Saskatchewan Limited (600 CJWW, Magic 98.3, and HOT 93) to install a loading zone adjacent to their new broadcast centre located at 366 3rd Avenue South.

There is currently no designated loading zone on this block face. Based on the frequency of deliveries and pick ups that occurred at their former location, the applicant anticipates the same level of activity at their new location. The applicant has been advised that Infrastructure Services, subject to City Council's approval, will select the appropriate location for a loading zone that will serve all the properties and business on the 300 block of 3rd Avenue South. Creation of the loading zone will necessitate the removal of a parking meter.

In addition to the loading zone request, 629112 Saskatchewan Limited is requesting approval to construct a driveway from 3rd Avenue to allow access to their parking lot located at 358 3rd Avenue South. Creation of the driveway will also necessitate the removal of one parking meter.

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Infrastructure Services has reviewed the request and recommends that two parking meters be removed on the east face of the 300 block of 3rd Avenue South to create a loading zone and driveway access (Attachment 1).

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

Site Drawing

**D3) Replacement of Yield signs with Stop signs
Eastlake Avenue and 9th Street East
(File No. CK. 6280-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve the replacement of yield signs with stop signs, located on Eastlake Avenue at the intersection with 9th Street East, as shown in Plan No. 210-0046-023r001 (Attachment 1).

ADOPTED.

REPORT

Infrastructure Services received a telephone enquiry on August 3, 2006, regarding traffic operations at the intersection at Eastlake Avenue and 9th Street. Eastlake Avenue and 9th Street are both classified as local streets and are designed to carry up to 3,000 vehicles per day (vpd).

Infrastructure Services conducted a traffic count at the intersection. The results of the traffic count indicated that the peak hourly volumes were below the maximum traffic volumes expected on local roadways. The study also noted very few commercial vehicles utilizing the intersection, indicating that truck traffic was not a main concern at this location.

A total of eleven right angle collisions have occurred at this intersection from 2000 to 2004. Based on the historical trends, the majority of the right angle collisions appear to be caused by drivers not yielding to traffic on 9th Street. Examination of the sight lines at this intersection indicates good visibility of the yield signs and oncoming traffic on 9th Street.

As per subsection 3.2(b) of Policy No. C07-007 (Traffic Control – Use of Stop and Yield Signs), the installation of stop signs in lieu of the existing yield signs on Eastlake Avenue is warranted based on historical collision trends.

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To improve safety at this intersection, Infrastructure Services recommends that the existing yield signs on Eastlake Avenue be replaced with stop signs. The mandatory stop condition will help to decrease the occurrence of right angle collisions.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Plan No. 210-0046-023r001

**D4) Proposed Disabled Person's Loading Zone
(File No. CK. 6145-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that a Disabled Person's Loading Zone be installed in front of 10 Confederation Crescent

ADOPTED.

Infrastructure Services has received a request from the resident of 10 Confederation Crescent for the installation of a Disabled Person's Loading Zone in front of the residence, as shown on Plan No.210-0011-007r001 (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. 210-0011-007r001

**D5) 2006 Capital Budget
Capital Project No. 2009
Circle Drive Bridge Widening
Construction Services
(File Nos. CK. 6000-1, 6005-43, 6050-104-10)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the scope of the Engineering Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Ltd. for the provision of construction services for the construction phase of the Circle Drive Bridge Widening Project be revised to include construction services for the new pedestrian bridge included in this project;
 - 2) that the Engineering Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Ltd. for the provision of construction services for the construction phase of the Circle Drive Bridge Widening Project be revised to a total upset cost of \$195,000.00 plus G.S.T.; and
 - 3) that the City Solicitor be instructed to revise the existing Engineering Services Agreement for execution by His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk under the Corporate Seal.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

As part of Capital Project No. 2009, Circle Drive Widening: Attridge Drive to Millar Avenue, the Circle Drive Bridge is to be widened by one lane in each direction by converting the existing sidewalks to traffic lanes. This project includes the erection of a new pedestrian bridge below and between the existing bridges in order to maintain a pedestrian corridor through this location.

On May 23, 2006, City Council adopted the following recommendation:

“that the proposal submitted by Stantec Consulting Ltd. for the provision of construction services for the construction phase of the Circle Drive Bridge Widening Project for a cost of \$115,000.00 plus GST be approved;”

The scope of this Engineering Services Agreement was to provide construction engineering services for that portion of the construction phase involving the widening of the Circle Drive Bridge itself. The agreement did not include construction engineering services for the new pedestrian bridge, as the specifics of this portion of the project had not yet been determined.

REPORT

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The scope of the Engineering Services Agreement for construction engineering services for the Circle Bridge Drive Widening Project has increased. The incremental work is essentially the inclusion of construction engineering services for the new pedestrian bridge.

As requested, Infrastructure Services received a fee proposal from Stantec Consulting Ltd. on August 11, 2006, for the supply of construction engineering services for the construction phase of the new pedestrian bridge included in the Circle Bridge Drive Widening Project. The scope of Engineering Services to be provided is as follows:

- Shop drawing reviews
- Attendance at site meetings
- Provision of technical assistance for drawing interpretation and clarification
- Periodic inspections to review steel reinforcement, hangers, expansion joints, bearings, and precast installation and fabrication
- Full time site inspections during concrete pours for all critical elements such as the abutments, deck, and wing-walls

Day to day site engineering inspection is to be provided by City of Saskatoon staff.

The final cost of the work to be performed in the Engineering Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Ltd. is as follows:

Original Construction Engineering Services (bridge only)	\$	115,000.00
<u>Additional Construction Engineering Services (pedestrian bridge)</u>	\$	<u>80,000.00</u>
Subtotal	\$	195,000.00
G.S.T.	\$	<u>13,650.00</u>
Total Fees	\$	208,650.00
G.S.T. Rebate	\$	<u>(13,650.00)</u>
Net Cost to City	\$	<u><u>195,000.00</u></u>

Capital Project No. 2009 was approved in the 2006 Capital Budget, and as such, sufficient funding is in place to provide these construction services during the course of the project.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Section E – UTILITY SERVICES

**E1) 2006 Capital Project Post Budget Adjustment
Capital Project 2009 - Transit – Planning and Scheduling System
Operation, Dispatch and Payroll System Purchase
(File No. 1005-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the supply of a Transit Operation, Dispatch and Payroll software system be awarded to Trapeze Software Incorporated in the amount of \$745,800, including P.S.T. and G.S.T.;
 - 2) that a post budget adjustment in the amount of \$706,000 for Capital Project 2009 – Transit – Planning and Scheduling System be approved; and
 - 3) that the funding source for this purchase be the Federal Transit Funding.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

A component of Capital Project 2009 – Transit – Planning and Scheduling System involves purchasing and implementing software tools and products designed to improve service, lower costs and increase productivity for customer service and operations.

Transit's current payroll system is a DOS based in-house program developed in 1994, with no documentation of its code. The current software system is greatly limited in its reporting capabilities and is not an effective tool to aid in the management of Saskatoon Transit. In 1998, management at Transit agreed with an audit recommendation to create a capital project to replace this system. The audit supported the need for an overall comprehensive review of Transit's payroll, dispatch and operating system requirements in order to improve financial control and efficiencies. In a 2003 follow-up audit, the following recommendation pertaining to Transit's current operation, dispatch and payroll software system was put forward:

“that Transit Services follow through with the evaluation and development of computer systems that will enhance the quality of information required to effectively manage the Transit operations.”

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In 2005, the City Solicitors Office conducted an Enterprise Risk Management Pilot Program at Saskatoon Transit. The program consisted of compiling an initial list of the risks inherent in the operations of the Branch, along with a list of the current and suggested mitigation strategies for each risk. The risks were then ranked by management, and a list of the primary risks, with a suggested action plan to remedy the hazards, was prepared. The outcome of this review determined two immediate risks pertaining to Transit's operation, dispatch and payroll software system as follows:

- Increasing labour costs due to shortcomings in current systems utilized by management to plan, monitor and control staffing resources.
- Inefficient use of office time and poor information for management decision making arising out of the inability to obtain payroll reports in a timely manner and in an appropriate and readily accessible format.

Unfortunately, due to financial constraints, only ad hoc modifications to the original system have been completed to date. The recommended actions to correct the above noted issues is now being addressed as the replacement system being recommended for purchase provides for full integration of all these capabilities.

JUSTIFICATION

The existing operation, dispatch and payroll software system being used by Saskatoon Transit is 13 years old and is DOS based. The system is in constant need of repair and its functionality is very limited. Additionally, there is only one individual within the corporation familiar with its code when problems arise. This leaves Saskatoon Transit in a vulnerable situation given that this is one of our core operating systems. Three separate reviews have confirmed the need for a new operating, dispatch and payroll system. It was previously thought that this current system could be upgraded and improved, but this is no longer deemed an option.

The system being recommended for purchase from Trapeze Software Incorporated is a comprehensive and fully integrated operation, dispatch and payroll system that fulfills all of Transit's core requirements. The product is an off-the-shelf system that has a proven track record with other transit systems. Minimal customization will be required and many new features will be employed to aid in better management and increased efficiencies.

Trapeze Software Incorporated currently is the vendor who supplies Saskatoon Transit and Access Transit with its schedule and planning software systems. By sole sourcing to Trapeze, data exchange and communication between our existing systems will be seamless, as both systems will share common databases and programming. Given that we have considerable investment with Trapeze already, and the need for integration between systems; it is being recommended that the Transit Operation, Dispatch and Payroll software system be sole sourced.

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The Administration is, therefore, recommending the purchase of Transit Planning and Scheduling software from Trapeze Software Incorporated as follows:

Basic Upset Fee	\$660,000
G.S.T. @ 6%	\$ 39,600
P.S.T. @ 7%	<u>\$ 46,200</u>
Total Contract Price	\$745,800
G.S.T. Rebate (7%)	\$ 39,600
Net Cost to the City	<u>\$706,200</u>

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Capital funding for this purchase will be provided from the Federal Transit Funding Program. City Council will recall that we will soon be receiving our first installment of the dedicated federal transit funding, in the amount of \$6,794,124.69. In addition, discussions are currently underway with the Province to determine the distribution formula for a further \$27.2 million of federal transit funding, granted to the Province of Saskatchewan, for municipal transit systems.

In addition to this proposed \$706,200 allocation from the current installment of federal funding, City Council recently approved a post budget expenditure of a further \$2,821,500 allocation for the purchase of 12 new transit buses. Saskatoon Transit is currently preparing the 2007 Capital Budget and Five Year Plan which will outline a project plan and schedule for the allocation of the remaining dedicated federal funds, as well as expenditures from our existing capital reserves. The Administration will be preparing a report for the Budget Committee that will provide further detail on the capital plan which will include both the reconstruction of the downtown transit terminal and the first phase of a new transit facility.

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
Replacement Bus Purchase Tender
(File: CK. 7300-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the Administration be authorized to proceed with the purchase of two 21-passenger buses for at total cost of \$225,796, including P.S.T. and G.S.T., from Crestline Coach Limited; and
 - 2) that funding be provided 50% from the Transit Vehicle Replacement Reserve and 50% from the Federal Transit Program.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be considered with Item A4 of Communications to Council.

**E3) Federal Transit Funding Program
Major Transit Capital Projects
and
Enquiry – Former Councillor D.L. Birkmaier (May 23, 2006)
Relocation of Transit Buildings
(File Nos. CK. 665-1 and 1702-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and referred to the Budget Committee's meeting on the 2007 Capital Budget and Five Year Plan.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

The following enquiry was made by former Councillor Birkmaier at the meeting of City Council held on May 23, 2006:

“The buildings used by the City Transit Department are located in the residential area of Caswell Hill. Many of these facilities are in need of upgrading. In view of these facts, would the Administration please report on the relocation of the Transit Department from the Caswell Hill area.

1. When is a move planned?
2. What are the costs of moving?”

In addressing former Councillor Birkmaier's inquiry, the Administration believes it is an opportunity to inform City Council of recent activity surrounding the federal government's

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dedicated transit funding program and our plans respecting the use of these funds at Saskatoon Transit. This report will be an overview of the federal transit funding program, how it impacts Saskatoon Transit and the significant initiatives that we will be bringing forward in the 2007 Capital Budget and Five Year Plan.

REPORT

As part of the 2006 Federal Budget, \$1.3 billion was earmarked for public transit. The federal government, to their credit, acknowledged the importance of public transit and the role it plays in reducing traffic congestion in urban areas, reducing carbon dioxide and other emissions and generally making communities more liveable. In recognition of this, the Government of Canada established a one-time Public Transit Capital Trust to provide supplementary funding to provinces and territories. The funding is to assist provinces and territories in supporting capital investments in public transit infrastructure, according to each of their respective needs and priorities. An initial allocation of \$400 million was provided through agreements with the provinces and territories directly. The remaining \$900 million was placed in the Public Transit Capital Trust fund by the federal government, with its distribution being contingent upon future budget surpluses. The federal government recently confirmed that this \$900 million would now be available to the provinces and territories.

Over the last six months, the Administration has been involved in discussions with the Province of Saskatchewan regarding the allocation of the federal transit funding. In March of this year, the Province of Saskatchewan signed an agreement with Canada on the transfer of funds for public transit. Based upon a per capita distribution formula for the initial \$400 million of federal funding, the Province of Saskatchewan received an allocation of \$12.5 million to be further distributed to municipalities that operate an existing public transit system (including a transit for the disabled system). A provincial/municipal agreement was negotiated, which was based upon 2004 ridership data, providing the City of Saskatoon with \$6,794,124.69 of federal transit funding (54.13% of the available funding for Saskatchewan). The province is currently in the process of issuing these funds.

A further \$27.2 million is being provided to Saskatchewan as part of the final distribution of the remaining \$900 million of federal funding available under this program. Your Administration is currently involved in discussions with the Province on the final allocation of this remaining \$27.2 million. The General Manager of Utility Services sits on the committee and represents both the City of Saskatoon and the City of Regina at the table. Both civic administrations have agreed to support the previous allocation model as the means to distribute the remaining funding. It is anticipated that the discussions should be completed prior to year end and a new agreement entered into. The Province of Saskatchewan is already in possession of the federal transfer of the \$27.2 million of funding and therefore in a position to distribute it in a timely manner.

The funding described above is obviously a huge benefit to Saskatoon Transit and will allow a number of significant and important capital projects to move forward that would have otherwise been deferred due to a lack of funding. The current agreement with the Province is of sufficiently

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broad scope that most areas of capital investment for public transit qualify. As with other federal infrastructure programs, land costs are not eligible expenses.

Proposed Capital Plan

In preparing the 2007 Capital Budget, the Administration has included both known and anticipated funding allocations from the federal program, along with funding provided by Saskatoon Transit's existing capital reserves. A slate of projects is being brought forward, predominantly over the next three years (2007 to 2009) that utilize the federal funding. These projects will be presented to the Budget Committee for their consideration in December, but some additional background information for each project, is being presented in what follows.

New Transit Facility

Saskatoon Transit currently owns and operates administration offices, the primary maintenance facility and primary bus storage facility at 301 24th Street West in the Caswell Hill neighbourhood; as well as a body shop, Access Transit administrative office, maintenance, and summer storage for the Access fleet at 422 46th Street East in the North Industrial area. Saskatoon Transit also leases additional storage space for the conventional fleet at 1302 Ontario Avenue, where approximately 17 buses are stored and shunted back and forth when required. Space is also leased annually to house the Access Transit fleet of 20 buses during the period of October through March. It should be noted that useable space is becoming increasingly expensive and more difficult to find due to strong real estate market conditions.

In 2005, City Council approved the purchase of 50.3713 acres in the South West Industrial area and 12.86 acres in the Agriplace Industrial area from Investment Saskatchewan. The lands in the South West Industrial area are required, in part, for the South River Crossing, while the 12.86 acres of land on the northeast corner of Thatcher Avenue and 60th Street was earmarked as a possible site for the future relocation of Transit's facilities. Currently, the Land Branch is holding the 12.86 acres in the Agriplace Industrial area for Saskatoon Transit.

The primary maintenance facility at Saskatoon Transit was constructed in the 1930s. This building's age and usability has been stretched to the point where operational efficiencies are being compromised. Satellite facilities have been purchased and leased space has been acquired as sufficient storage does not exist. The acquisition of diesel/electric hybrid buses has presented an additional challenge due to their height. Currently, there is no place to store additional hybrid buses if they were purchased.

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Given these factors, Saskatoon Transit has restarted the process of exploring alternate locations for its operations, including a review of the option to relocate to the Agriplace Industrial area. Also among the possible options is a location in the South West Industrial area. The Land Branch anticipates that there would be no problem successfully marketing the 12.86 acres in the Agriplace Industrial area if Saskatoon Transit chooses not to relocate there.

The Federal Transit program has certainly provided Saskatoon Transit the opportunity to begin planning for a new facility. The 2007 Capital Budget submission will request approval of \$300,000 for the planning of the new facility next year. Additionally, the capital budget will show an allocation of \$4,500,000 in each of 2008 and 2009 for the construction of the first phase of the new facility. Funding for the new facility is being recommended to be provided from the Federal Transit Program.

The construction of the new facility will most likely be a three-phased approach due to funding constraints. Complete construction of a new facility is estimated to cost \$50,000,000, with construction being completed in the next 10 to 15 years.

Downtown Transit Terminal

City Council previously approved the reconstruction of the downtown transit terminal in its present location. As part of this reconstruction, a new terminal building will be located on the southwest corner of 23rd Street and 3rd Avenue. This building and terminal will be built with customer service, operational efficiency and security being paramount considerations. It is Saskatoon Transit's further intent to review the opportunity for the terminal building to be the City's first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) compliant building. Stakeholder consultations have taken place and requests for proposals for the design of the terminal will be issued this winter. The terminal facility is currently estimated at \$3.45 million with an option to add a second floor to the customer service centre building, estimated at an additional \$750,000. The \$3.45 million is identified to be funded from the Federal Transit Funding Program, but the additional \$750,000 is currently unfunded as it would likely be for a non-transit use.

New and Replacement Bus Purchases

Saskatoon Transit has one of the oldest bus fleets in the country with the average age being over 15 years. The age of the transit fleet impacts its reliability, our image, and ultimately our ability to provide a quality service to the citizens of Saskatoon.

In 2006, 17 new buses were acquired (including 4 hybrid buses), and approval has been granted for the purchase of an additional 12 buses to be delivered in February of 2007. A portion of the cost of these 12 buses (\$2,821,500) is being funded from the Federal Transit Program.

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To further address the aging fleet, four buses are budgeted in 2007, to be funded from the Transit Vehicle Replacement Reserve, subject to appropriate approvals at Capital Budget deliberations. As well, an application has been submitted for a loan from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Fund to pay for the capital premium to purchase these as diesel/electric hybrid buses in 2007. If our loan application proves successful, we will be making a further application for grant funds available for ancillary infrastructure related to hybrid bus operations (likely to meet bus storage requirements).

Downtown Shuttle

Saskatoon Transit is currently in the process of purchasing two new buses for the Business Improvement District Shuttle Service. Half of the funding (\$113,000) for these new shuttle buses is from the Federal Transit funding. Additionally, Saskatoon Transit is working with The Partnership, the Riversdale B.I.D. and the Broadway B.I.D. to rebrand and market the shuttle service.

Planning and Operating Systems

Saskatoon Transit is currently in the process of purchasing a new Operation, Dispatch and Payroll software system in the amount of \$745,800. The funding source for this project is the Federal Transit Federal Program. The existing operation, dispatch and payroll software system being used by Saskatoon Transit is over 13 years old and is DOS based. The system is in constant need of repair and its functionality is very limited. Three separate audit reviews have confirmed the need for a new operating, dispatch and payroll system.

The system being recommended for purchase from Trapeze Software Incorporated, is a comprehensive and fully integrated operation, dispatch and payroll system that fulfills all of Transits core requirements. The product is an off-the-shelf system that has a proven track record with other transit systems. Minimal customization will be required and many new features will be employed to aid in better management and increase productivity.

Maintenance Management System

The existing fleet management system is currently incomplete and has been under development for many years, with information from the system being very limited. Transit requires a robust system that will work as a decision making tool for transit staff. This system should include fleetwide support for all predictive, preventative and corrective maintenance activities with complete work order, planning, procurement, staff requirements and costing capabilities for fleet operations. \$300,000 of Federal Transit Funding is being identified in the 2007 Capital Budget for the acquisition of a maintenance management system.

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Access Transit Fleet Replacement

This project involves the scheduled replacement of existing lift-equipped buses used in Saskatoon's Access Transit service. In 2007 one replacement bus is to be purchased with \$100,000 of funding from the Federal Transit funds.

DART Enhancements

This project involves the acquisition and implementation of products and services to enhance Saskatoon Transit's DART system. Transit signal priority and automated vehicle location systems are among the projects and services that may be included within this project. A \$250,000 project, funded by the Federal Transit program, is being identified in the 2007 Capital Budget.

Transit Security

Violence against Transit personnel, inappropriate customer behaviour and vandalism are a growing trend in the transit industry, which Saskatoon is not immune to. Saskatoon Transit is currently piloting a video surveillance system onboard a bus. To date this system has been well received and has proven beneficial in an incident investigation. \$80,000 of Federal Transit Funding is being requested in the Capital Budget to install video surveillance systems onboard the City's transit buses.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 18-2006

Section A – OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

**A1) Appointment of Deputy Mayor
(File No. CK. 255-3)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed Deputy Mayor for the months indicated:

Councillor G. Wyant	-	For the Month of November, 2006
Councillor G. Penner	-	For the Month of December, 2006
Councillor T. Paulsen	-	For the Month of January, 2007
Councillor M. Neault	-	For the Month of February 2007
Councillor M. Heidt	-	For the Month of March, 2007
Councillor B. Dubois	-	For the Month of April, 2007
Councillor G. Wyant	-	For the Month of May, 2007

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Councillor B. Pringle	-	For the Month of June, 2007
Councillor G. Penner	-	For the Month of July, 2007
Councillor T. Paulsen	-	For the Month of August, 2007
Councillor M. Neault	-	For the Month of September 2007
Councillor P. Lorje	-	For the Month of October, 2007
Councillor D. Hill	-	For the Month of November, 2007
Councillor M. Heidt	-	For the Month of December, 2007

Pursuant to *The Cities Act*, City Council is required to appoint a Deputy Mayor.

In the past, Council has appointed the Deputy Mayor on a reverse alphabetical basis with a monthly rotation. In order to allow new Councillors time to gain some experience, it is recommended that the returning Councillors be appointed in this manner, and then, starting in May 2007, the full rotation begin.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the following be appointed Deputy Mayor for the months indicated:

<i>Councillor G. Wyant</i>	-	<i>For the Month of November, 2006</i>
<i>Councillor G. Penner</i>	-	<i>For the Month of December, 2006</i>
<i>Councillor T. Paulsen</i>	-	<i>For the Month of January, 2007</i>
<i>Councillor M. Neault</i>	-	<i>For the Month of February 2007</i>
<i>Councillor M. Heidt</i>	-	<i>For the Month of March, 2007</i>
<i>Councillor B. Dubois</i>	-	<i>For the Month of April, 2007</i>
<i>Councillor B. Pringle</i>	-	<i>For the Month of May, 2007</i>
<i>Councillor P. Lorje</i>	-	<i>For the Month of June, 2007</i>
<i>Councillor D. Hill</i>	-	<i>For the Month of July, 2007</i>
<i>Councillor C. Clark</i>	-	<i>For the Month of August, 2007</i>
<i>Councillor G. Wyant</i>	-	<i>For the Month of September 2007</i>
<i>Councillor B. Pringle</i>	-	<i>For the Month of October, 2007</i>
<i>Councillor G. Penner</i>	-	<i>For the Month of November, 2007</i>
<i>Councillor T. Paulsen</i>	-	<i>For the Month of December, 2007</i>

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**A2) 2006 Local Government Elections
Returning Officer's Declaration of Results
(File No. CK. 265-7)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Pursuant to Section 109(2) of The Local Government Election Act, attached is a copy of the Returning Officer's Declaration of Results for the offices of Mayor and Councillor.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Returning Officer's Declaration of Results

REPORT NO. 15-2006 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

His Worship Mayor D. Atchison, Chair
Councillor C. Clark
Councillor B. Dubois
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor D. Hill
Councillor P. Lorje
Councillor M. Neault
Councillor T. Paulsen
Councillor G. Penner
Councillor B. Pringle
Councillor G. Wyant

**1. Interim Appointments
Boards and Committees
(File No. CK. 225-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that Councillors B. Dubois, P. Lorje, M. Neault, B. Pringle and G. Wyant be appointed to the Planning and Operations Committee to the end of 2006;
 - 2) that Councillors C. Clark, M. Heidt, D. Hill, T. Paulsen and G. Penner be appointed to the Administration and Finance Committee to the end of 2006;
 - 3) that Councillors B. Dubois, D. Hill, M. Neault, B. Pringle and G. Wyant be appointed to the Audit Committee to the end of 2006;
 - 4) that Councillors M. Heidt, P. Lorje, M. Neault, G. Penner, and G. Wyant be appointed to the Land Bank Committee to the end of 2006; and
 - 5) that Councillors T. Paulsen and B. Dubois be appointed as the City's representatives to the Board of Directors, Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association, to the end of 2006.

ADOPTED.

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The above recommendation is put forward in order to fill Councillor vacancies as a result of the recent civic election.”

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) Don Johnson, dated October 11

Submitting copies of letters and reports with respect to parental responsibility. (File No. CK. 5000-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be forwarded to the Mayor’s Committee on Neighbourhood Safety.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the information be forwarded to the Mayor’s Committee on Neighbourhood Safety.

CARRIED.

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2) Richard and Rachel Buchholz, dated October 8

Expressing concern about violence and crime in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 5000-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received and that the letter be forwarded to the Board of Police Commissioners.

CARRIED.

3) Murray Hidlebaugh, dated October 22

Complimenting Leisure Services staff as well as TCU Place staff for the service they provided hosting the recent Canadian Parks and Recreation Conference. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and that the letter be forwarded to the Administration.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received and that the letter be forwarded to the Administration.

CARRIED.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS

1) Gail and John Mount, dated October 16

Commenting on road conditions after the first snowfall this fall. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

2) Bram Noble, dated October 25

Commenting on traffic issues on Hughes Drive. (File No. CK. 6320-1)

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3) Robert Nicol, dated October 27

Commenting on the merits of the Saskatchewan Native Theatre Company. (File No. CK. 3500-1)

4) William Rogers, dated October 30

Commenting on the demolition and proposed demolition of buildings in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 710-1)

5) Joanne Sproule, Deputy Assistant City Clerk, dated October 16 and October 30

Submitting notice of the Development Appeals Board hearing for the property located at 1102 17th Street West. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

6) Joanne Sproule, Deputy Assistant City Clerk, dated October 19

Submitting notice of the Development Appeals Board hearing for the property located at 2904/2906 Cumberland Avenue South. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

7) Joanne Sproule, Deputy Assistant City Clerk, dated October 24

Submitting notice of the Development Appeals Board hearing for the property located at 477 2nd Avenue North. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Pringle, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

D. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

1) Ralph Winterhalt, General Manager, Hub City Curling Club, dated October 13

Commenting on utility account billing problems. (File No. CK. 1720-1) **(Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee for consideration.)**

2) Evan Drisner, dated October 16

Commenting on problems encountered legalizing an existing basement suite. (File No. CK. 4355-1) **(Referred to Planning and Operations Committee for a report back to Council.)**

3) Edward Danneberg, dated October 17

Commenting on the need for controlled crosswalks at the intersections of 20th and 22nd Streets and Avenue M. (File No. CK. 6150-3) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

4) Joanne Chmil, dated October 19

Commenting on issues regarding a crosswalk on Spadina Crescent. (File No. CK. 6150-1) **(Referred to Administration for appropriate action.)**

5) April Knight, dated October 19

Commenting on garbage collection issues in Holiday Park. (File No. CK. 7830-3) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

6) Debbie Richard, dated October 29

Commenting on garbage collection issues. (File No. CK. 7830-3) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

7) David Allen Hall and Marianne A. Hollman-Hall, dated October 19

Expressing problems incurred while purchasing a reduced-cost bus pass. (File No. CK. 7312-1) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

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8) Joan Emigh, dated October 19

Submitting resignation from the Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Board. (File No. 175-27) **(Referred to Executive Committee.)**

9) Tim Quigley, dated October 26

Enquiring about the activation/de-activation of left turn arrows. (File No. CK. 6250-1) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

10) Martha Martin, dated October 27

Submitting concerns with respect to recycling. (File No. CK. 7830-5) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

11) Marlene Thomas, dated October 29

Commenting on new bus routes. (File No. CK. 7310-1) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

E. PROCLAMATIONS

1) Jim McKinny, Secretary, RCL Remembrance Committee, The Royal Canadian Legion, dated October 18

Requesting Council proclaim the week of November 5 to 11th, 2006, as Veterans' Week and asking that a "Two Minute Wave of Silence" be recognized. (File No. CK. 205-5)

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2) Rick Steffen, Chair, Festival of Trees, dated October 20

Requesting Council proclaim the week of November 25th to December 2nd as Festival of Trees Week. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**3) Ken Howland, Volunteer President
United Way of Saskatoon Board of Directors, dated November 3**

Requesting Council proclaim November 2006 as United Way Month in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

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

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

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

CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES

**Councillor B. Pringle
Sound Attenuation
(File No. CK. 375-2)**

I would appreciate it if the Administration would provide an update on the status of “Sound Attenuation” plans around Circle Drive South from Taylor Street (on the east) to Ruth Street (on the west).

Specifically, and further, if Council could have an overview of the city-wide noise attenuation plans, complete with the time-table, it would be appreciated.

Councillor M. Heidt

**Intersection of 37th Street and Junor Avenue
(File No. CK. 6280-1)**

Would the Administration look at making this a four-way stop.

**Councillor M. Heidt
Election Signs
(File No. CK. 6280-1)**

Would the Administration please report back on the issues surrounding the removal of the clause relating to election signs in the Temporary Sign Bylaw.

Also, would the Administration please provide what Regina has for signage laws in relation to elections on public property.

**Councillor G. Wyant
Condition of Railway Crossing - 51st Street - North of Wanuskewin Road
(File No. CK. 6170-1)**

Would the Administration please report on what remedial action can be taken in order to remedy the railway crossing on 51st Street north of Wanuskewin. This is a very rough crossing where cars have to slow to a crawl to which has caused a few accidents recently.

**Councillor G. Wyant
Repair of Sidewalks – La Ronge Road and Pinehouse Drive
(File No. CK. 6220-1)**

Would the Administration please report on the timing to repair and/or replace the sidewalks on La Ronge Road and on Pinehouse Drive east of La Ronge. These sidewalks are in need of repair due to excessive cracking and adverse sloping. The sidewalks are impassable in places by many seniors living in the area, especially those who use walkers or canes.

**Councillor G. Wyant
Traffic Calming – Molloy Road**

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(File No. CK. CK. 6320-1)

Would the Administration please report on the feasibility of installing traffic calming on Molloy Road. The residents have seen a steady increase in vehicles on this road travelling at increased speeds.

**Councillor B. Dubois
Big Lion Thrift Store
(File No. CK. 3500-15)**

Would the Administration please provide details on the Big Lion Thrift Store. Who are they? How long have they been in Saskatoon? Where do they get their product? How long have they been in business? Who is their competition?

GIVING NOTICE

Councillor G. Wyant gave the following Notice of Motion:

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

‘THAT with Remembrance Day this week and to show our support as a City toward the veterans of Canada’s wars, that the City of Saskatoon through the Office of the Mayor express to the Government of Canada our support for the offering of state funerals to the surviving three veterans of the First World War.’”

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT notice be waived.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT with Remembrance Day this week and to show our support as a City toward the veterans of Canada’s wars, that the City of Saskatoon through the Office of the Mayor express to the Government of Canada our support for the offering of state funerals to the surviving three veterans of the First World War.

CARRIED.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor Lorje welcomed the Mayor of La Loche, Georgina Jolibois.

HEARINGS

- 4a) Discretionary Use Application
Legalizing an Existing Secondary Suite (Type II) in a
One Unit Dwelling
Lot 20, Block 4, Plan G122 (ISC Surface Parcel No. 120303492)
121 – 107th Street West – Sutherland Neighbourhood
R2 Zoning District
Applicant – Gerard/Lynn Ackerman
(File No. CK. 4355-1)**
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REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

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

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

Attached is a copy of a report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated September 18, 2006 recommending that the One-Unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite – Type II be approved subject to the following:

- a) the final plans submitted for the proposed One-Unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite – Type II being substantially in accordance with those plans submitted in support of this Discretionary Use Application; and
- b) the applicant obtaining a Development Permit and all other relevant permits (such as Building and Plumbing Permits) prior to the use of this site for the purpose of a One-Unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite – Type II.

Attached is a copy of a report of the Municipal Planning Commission dated October 12, 2006 advising that the Commission supports the above-noted recommendation.”

His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.

Mr. Randy Grauer, Community Services Department, expressed the Department’s support of the discretionary use application.

Mr. Brad Sylvester, Chair, Municipal Planning Commission, expressed the Commission’s support of the discretionary use application.

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Ms. Jaqueline Pickard expressed concerns with respect to parking and pedestrian safety issues being that this property is situated on a corner lot.

Mr. Gerard Ackerman, proponent, clarified that he is the owner/occupant of 121 – 107th Street West and asked Council to approve the application.

Moved by Councillor Neault, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the application submitted by Gerard and Lynn Ackerman requesting permission to use Lot 20, Block 4, Plan G122 (121 107th Street West) for the purpose of a One-Unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite - Type II be approved subject to the following:

- 1) the final plans submitted for the proposed One-unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite - Type II being substantially in accordance with those plans submitted in support of this Discretionary Use Application; and,*
- 2) the applicant obtaining a Development Permit and all other relevant permits (such as Building and Plumbing Permits) prior to the use of this site for the purpose of a One-Unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite - Type II.*

CARRIED.

- 4b) Discretionary Use Application – Residential Care Home – Type II
Lot 10, Block 505, Plan 63S03501, ISC Parcel 119000641
1902 Alexandra Avenue (Richmond Heights Neighbourhood)
R2 Zoning District
Applicant – LutherCare Communities
(File No. CK. 4355-1)**

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

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

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

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Attached is a copy of a revised report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated September 18, 2006 recommending that the Residential Care Home – Type II for up to fifteen residents be approved subject to:

- a) the applicant obtaining a Development Permit and all other relevant permits (such as Building and Plumbing Permits) and licenses; and
- b) the final plans submitted for the proposed Residential Care Home – Type II being substantially in accordance with those plans submitted in support of this Discretionary Use Application.

Attached is a copy of a report of the Municipal Planning Commission dated October 12, 2006 advising that the Commission supports the above-noted recommendation.

Also attached is a copy of a letter from Craig Miller, dated October 28, 2006, opposing the proposed Residential Care Home.”

His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.

Mr. Randy Grauer, Community Services Department, expressed the Department’s support of the discretionary use application.

Mr. Brad Sylvester, Chair, Municipal Planning Commission, expressed the Commission’s support of the discretionary use application.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the submitted correspondence be received.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

THAT the application submitted by LutherCare Communities (Lutheran Sunset Home of Saskatoon) requesting permission to use Lot 10, Block 505, Plan 63S03501 (1902 Alexandra Avenue) for the purpose of a Residential Care Home - Type II for up to fifteen residents be approved subject to:

- 1) the applicant obtaining a Development Permit and all other relevant permits (such as Building and Plumbing Permits) and licenses; and*
- 2) the final plans submitted for the proposed Residential Care Home - Type II being substantially in accordance with those plans submitted in support of this Discretionary Use Application.*

CARRIED.

- 4c) Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment Z24/06
R1A District to RMTN and R1B
McKague Crescent and Hampton Blvd.
North East ¼ Section 1-37-6 WM Ext. 2, Surface Parcel 161504366
Hampton Village – R1A Zoning District
Applicant: City of Saskatoon, Land Branch
Proposed Bylaw No. 8547
(File No. 4351-1)**
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REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“The purpose of this hearing is to consider proposed Bylaw 8547, a copy of which is attached.

Attached is a copy of Clause 1, Report No. 11-2006 of the Municipal Planning Commission which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on October 16, 2006.

Attached is a copy of the notice that appeared in the local press under dates of October 27 and November 4, 2006.”

His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.

Mr. Randy Grauer, Community Services Department, expressed the Department’s support of the proposed zoning bylaw amendment.

Mr. Brad Sylvester, Chair, Municipal Planning Commission, expressed the Commission’s support of the proposed zoning bylaw amendment.

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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 Penner, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Neault, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 8547.

CARRIED.

**4d) Proposed Rezoning Application Z15/05
Bylaw No. 8546 (Stonebridge Neighbourhood)
R1A(H) to R1A Zoning District
Public Hearing – November 6, 2006
Proposed Bylaw No. 8546
(File No. CK. 4351-1)**

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“The purpose of this hearing is to consider proposed Bylaw 8546, a copy of which is attached.

Attached is a copy of a report of the General Manager, Community Services dated September 19, 2006 recommending that the proposal to rezone the east portion of the Stonebridge neighbourhood, as indicated on Attachment 2, from an R1A(H) District to an R1A District be approved.

Attached is a copy of a report of the Municipal Planning Commission dated October 12, 2006, advising that the Commission supports the recommendation of the Community Services Department that the proposal to rezone the east portion of the Stonebridge neighbourhood, as indicated on Attachment 2 to the report of the Community Services Department, dated September 19, 2006, from an R1A(H) District to an R1A District.”

His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.

Mr. Randy Grauer, Community Services Department, expressed the Department’s support of the proposed zoning bylaw amendment.

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Mr. Brad Sylvester, Chair, Municipal Planning Commission, expressed the Commission's support of the proposed zoning bylaw amendment.

Mr. Don Armstrong, Vice-President, Dundee Developments, advised that they intend to prepare the area for development in 2007 and asked for Council's support.

Mr. Blair McPherson asked for clarification on how this will affect his property taxes.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 8546.

CARRIED.

MATTERS REQUIRING PUBLIC NOTICE

**5a) Proposed Closure of Right-of-Way
Portion of right-of-way between Avenue L and Avenue M, 17th Street to 18th Street
(File No. CK. 6295-1)**

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

"The following is a report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated October 30, 2006:

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8496 (Attachment 4);
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to take all necessary steps to bring the intended closing forward and to complete the closing;
 - 3) that upon closing the portion of right-of-way as described in Plan of Proposed Lane Closure prepared by Webb Surveys, it be sold to Habitat For Humanity

Saskatoon Inc. for \$9,379.86 plus GST, Mr. Gordon Wesley Gerbrandt for \$2,796.31 plus GST, and McGill's Mechanical Services Inc. for \$61.89 plus GST; and

- 4) that all costs associated with this closing be paid by the applicant including solicitors' fees and disbursements.

REPORT

An application has been received from Habitat For Humanity Saskatoon Inc. located at 515 Avenue L South and 1202 - 17th Street West, on behalf of Mr. Ian MacLennan and Mr. Gordon Wesley Gerbrandt of 1212 - 17th Street West, to close and purchase a portion of right-of-way as shown on Plan No. 242-0043-003r004 (Attachment 1).

Area 'A' will be sold to Habitat For Humanity Saskatoon Inc. for \$9,768.86 plus GST and consolidated with Block 5, Lots 9-13, and Block 15, Lots 1-5. Area 'B' will be sold to Gordon Wesley Gerbrandt for \$2,796.31 plus GST and consolidated with Block 11 Lots 1 & 2. Area 'C' will be sold to McGill's Mechanical Services Inc. for \$61.89 plus GST and consolidated with Block 5, Lots 22 - 26.

The right-of-way closure is of interest to the property owners who want to consolidate the lane as part of their businesses.

SaskTel has facilities within the proposed closure and has granted permission for closure, subject to easements being granted. Approval for the closing of the portion of right-of-way has been received from the Minister of Highways (Attachment 3).

Negotiations for this lane closure have been ongoing for a number of years. All landowners adjacent to the lanes in question were offered the portion of property adjacent to their properties. Only the two landowners above have agreed to purchase the property.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

- Advertised in the *Star Phoenix* and *Sun* on the weekends of October 28 & 29 and November 4 & 5, 2006 (Attachment 5)
- Posted on City Hall Notice Board on Friday, October 27, 2006
- Posted on City Website on Thursday, October 27, 2006
- Flyers distributed to affected parties on Thursday, October 26, 2006

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1. Plan No. 242-0043-003r004
2. Plan of Proposed Lane Closure, dated October 13, 2006
3. Copy of letter from Department of Highways, dated December 19, 2005
4. Proposed Bylaw No. 8496
5. Copy of Public Notice”

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 Penner, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

- 1) *that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8496 (Attachment 4);*
- 2) *that the City Solicitor be instructed to take all necessary steps to bring the intended closing forward and to complete the closing;*
- 3) *that upon closing the portion of right-of-way as described in Plan of Proposed Lane Closure prepared by Webb Surveys, it be sold to Habitat For Humanity Saskatoon Inc. for \$9,379.86 plus GST, Mr. Gordon Wesley Gerbrandt for \$2,796.31 plus GST, and McGill's Mechanical Services Inc. for \$61.89 plus GST; and*
- 4) *that all costs associated with this closing be paid by the applicant including solicitors' fees and disbursements.*

IN DEFERRAL

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT consideration of the matter be deferred for two weeks.

THE DEFERRAL MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED.

**5b) Proposed Lane Blockage
adjacent to 201, 203, 207, and 211 – 11th Street East and 621 McPherson Avenue
(File No: CK. 6150-1)**

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“The following is a report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated October 27, 2006:

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RECOMMENDATION: that the lane adjacent to 201, 203, 207, and 211 – 11th Street East and 621 McPherson Avenue, as shown on Plan No. 242-0046-001r001 (Attachment1), be permanently closed to motor vehicles.

BACKGROUND

Infrastructure Services received a request from residents living adjacent to the east-west lane and north-south lane located at 201, 203, 207, and 211 – 11th Street East and 621 McPherson Avenue. The residents made the request to have the lane closed to traffic due to concerns outlined in a letter dated July 24, 2006. (Attachment2).

REPORT

In order to determine the lane utilization, Infrastructure Services conducted a vehicle – pedestrian count on July 27, 2006 during the peak hours of the day. The results of the count are as follows:

Lane located at 201, 203, 207, and 211 – 11th Street East and 621 McPherson Avenue

Time	Vehicles	Pedestrians
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	3	0
11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.	3	0
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	0	0
Total	6	0

Infrastructure Services completed a field inspection during the peak times of the day and observed a minimal amount of traffic movement in the lane. During the a.m. peak hour three vehicles accessed the lane; three more vehicles accessed the lane during the mid-day peak hour while the p.m. peak hour had no vehicle movement. A total of six vehicles and no pedestrians were observed during the peak hours.

An investigation of this lane confirms that the adjacent property owners do not need the lane to access the backyards nor is there any back lane garbage pickup. Due to the lack of vehicle usage in the lane located at 201, 203, 207, and 211 – 11th Street East and 621 McPherson Avenue during the peak hours, Infrastructure Services is recommending that the lane be converted to a walkway to improve safety concerns.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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- Advertised in the *Star Phoenix* and *Sun* on the weekends of October 28 & 29 and November 4 & 5, 2006 (Attachment 3)
- Posted on City Hall Notice Board on Friday, November 3, 2006.
- Posted on City Website on Friday, November 3, 2006.
- Flyers distributed to residents living on 11th Street and McPherson Avenue on Thursday November 2, 2006.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan No. 242-0046-001r001
2. Request Letter dated July 24, 2006
3. Copy of Public Notice'

Attached are copies of the following letters:

- William Williams, dated November 6, 2006; and
- Beverly LaPointe, dated November 6, 2006, requesting permission to address Council.”

Ms. Beverly LaPointe, applicant, spoke in favour of the proposed blockage and provided Council with pictures and maps of the area.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the submitted correspondence be received.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

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THAT the lane adjacent to 201, 203, 207, and 211 – 11th Street East and 621 McPherson Avenue, as shown on Plan No. 242-0046-001r001 (Attachment1), be permanently closed to motor vehicles.

CARRIED.

**5c) Proposed Closure of Right-of-Way
Portion of Public Right-of-Way
adjacent to Fairlight Drive and Streb Crescent
(File No. CK. 6295-1)**

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

The following is a report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated October 30, 2006:

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8545;
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to take all necessary steps to bring the intended closing forward and to complete the closing; and
 - 3) that upon closing the portion of right-of-way as described in Plan of proposed subdivision prepared by Webb Surveys, it be sold to Alfred Glen Gjesdal and Amy Christine Gjesdal of 3666 Fairlight Drive, and Darrin Lloyd Hrischuk and Shelly Ann Hrischuk of 234 Streb Crescent for \$1,000.00 each.

REPORT

An application has been received from the residents to close a public right-of-way as shown on Plan of proposed subdivision (Attachment 1).

In accordance with City Council Policy Number C07-017 – Walkway Closure Fee Assistance, the portion of public right-of-way “Lot B1” will be sold to Darrin Lloyd Hrischuk and Shelly Ann Hrischuk of 234 Streb Crescent for \$1,000, and the portion of public right-of-way “Lot B2 will be sold to Alfred Glen Gjesdal and Amy Christine Gjesdal of 3666 Fairlight Drive for \$1,000.00, as outlined in Plan No. 242-0060-003r001 (Attachment 2).

The portion of right-of-way adjacent to 234 Streb Crescent and 3666 Fairlight Drive has been utilized as a walkway joining Streb Crescent to Fairlight Drive. A pedestrian count, conducted on Monday, March 6, 2006 during the peak hours, indicated only 22

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pedestrians accessed the walkway, including 1 high school student, 20 elementary students, and 1 adult.

Infrastructure Services, SaskEnergy, SaskTel, SaskPower, and Shaw Cablesystems have facilities within the proposed closure and have granted permission for closure, subject to easements being granted.

Based on Infrastructure Services' count data, there is not a significant number of pedestrians accessing the walkway. Infrastructure Services is proposing to close the walkway.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

- Advertised in the *Star Phoenix* and *Sun* on the weekends of October 28 & 29 and November 3 & 4, 2006 (Attachment 5)
- Posted on City Hall Notice Board on Friday, October 27, 2006
- Posted on City Website on Friday, October 27, 2006
- Flyers distributed to affected parties on Thursday October 26, 2006

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan of Proposed subdivision dated June 15, 2006
2. Plan No. 242-0060-003r001
3. Copy of letter from Department of Highways dated May 11, 2006
4. Proposed Bylaw No. 8545
5. Copy of Public Notice'

Attached are copies the following letters:

- Alfred and Amy Gjesdal, dated October 31, 2006;
- Irene Stadnyk, undated; and
- Karen Klassen and Ritchard Istace, dated November 6."

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 Neault, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

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THAT the submitted correspondence be received.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Neault, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

- 1) that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8545;*
- 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to take all necessary steps to bring the intended closing forward and to complete the closing; and*
- 3) that upon closing the portion of right-of-way as described in Plan of proposed subdivision prepared by Webb Surveys, it be sold to Alfred Glen Gjesdal and Amy Christine Gjesdal of 3666 Fairlight Drive, and Darrin Lloyd Hrischuk and Shelly Ann Hrischuk of 234 Streb Crescent for \$1,000.00 each.*

CARRIED.

**5d) Proposed Closure of Right-of-Way
Portion of Public Right-of-Way
adjacent to 126 Russell Road and 34 Roborecki Terrace
(File No. CK. 6295-1)**

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“The following is a report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated October 27, 2006:

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8544;
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to take all necessary steps to bring the intended closing forward and to complete the closing; and
 - 3) that upon closing the portion of right-of-way as described in Plan of proposed subdivision prepared by Webb Surveys, it be sold to Monte Liebrecht of 126 Russell Road and Derald Woolman of 34 Roborecki Terrace for \$1,000.00 each.

REPORT

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An application has been received from Monte Liebrecht and Juanita Liebrecht of 34 Roborecki Terrace and Derwald Woolman and Janet Woolman of 126 Russell Road to close and purchase a portion of the public right-of-way walkway, as shown on Plan of proposed subdivision (Attachment 1).

In accordance with City Council Policy Number C07-017 – Walkway Closure Fee Assistance, the portion of public right-of-way “Lot B1” will be sold to Derald Woolman and Janet Woolman of 126 Russell Road for \$1,000.00, and the portion of public right-of-way “Lot B2” will be sold to Monte Liebrecht and Juanita Liebrecht of 34 Roborecki Terrace for \$1000.00, as outlined in Plan No. 242-0001-001r001 (Attachment 2),

The portion of right-of-way adjacent to 126 Russell Road and 34 Roborecki Terrace has been utilized as a walkway joining Russell Road to Roborecki Terrace.

Saskatoon Transit Services requires 450 meters of walking distance service standard for one-unit dwellings and town homes. By closing the walkway, potential passengers would have an additional 75 meter walk to a bus stop. The walkway is not highly utilized. A pedestrian count, conducted on Monday, March 6, 2006 during the peak hours, indicated only 19 pedestrians accessed the walkway, including 15 high school students, 3 elementary students and 1 adult.

SaskPower, SaskTel, Infrastructure Services, Shaw Cablesystems, SaskEnergy, and City of Saskatoon Building Standards Branch have facilities within the proposed closure and have granted permission for closure, subject to easements being granted.

Based on Infrastructure Services’ count data, there is not a significant number of pedestrians accessing the walkway. Infrastructure Services is proposing that the walkway be closed.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

- Advertised in the *Star Phoenix* and *Sun* on the weekends of October 28 & 29 and November 4 & 5, 2006 (Attachment 4)
- Posted on City Hall Notice Board on Friday, October 27, 2006
- Posted on City Website on Friday, October 27, 2006
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1. Plan of Proposed subdivision dated June 19, 2006
2. Plan No. 242-0001-001r001
3. Proposed Bylaw No. 8544
4. Copy of Public Notice'

Attached is a copy of a letter from Pat Herr dated October 31, 2006 objecting the above proposed closure.”

Mr. Monte Liebrecht, applicant, spoke in favour of the proposed closure and asked Council for its support.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the submitted correspondence be received.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

- 1) *that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8544;*
- 2) *that the City Solicitor be instructed to take all necessary steps to bring the intended closing forward and to complete the closing; and*
- 3) *that upon closing the portion of right-of-way as described in Plan of proposed subdivision prepared by Webb Surveys, it be sold to Monte Liebrecht of 126 Russell Road and Derald Woolman of 34 Roborecki Terrace for \$1,000.00 each.*

CARRIED.

**5e) Proposed Closure of Right-of-Way
Portion of Public Right-of-Way
adjacent to Fairlight Drive and Priel Place
(File No. CK. 6295-1)**

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

The following is a report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated October 27, 2006:

“RECOMMENDATION: 1) that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8543 (Attachment 4);

- 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to take all necessary steps to bring the intended closing forward and to complete the closing; and
- 3) that upon closing the portion of right-of-way as described in Plan of proposed subdivision prepared by Webb Surveys, it be sold to Norm Daniel Neault and Jacqueline Joyce Neault of 302 Priel Place, and Phyllis Anne Bay of 3663 Fairlight Drive for \$1,000.00 each.

REPORT

An application has been received from the property owners to close the public right-of-way as shown on Plan of proposed subdivision (Attachment 1).

In accordance with City Council Policy Number C07-017 – Walkway Closure Fee Assistance, the portion of public right-of-way “Lot B1” will be sold to Phyllis Anne Bay of 3663 Fairlight Drive for \$1,000.00, and the portion of public right-of-way “Lot B2” will be sold to Norm Daniel Neault and Jacqueline Joyce Neault of 302 Priel Place for \$1000.00, as outlined in Plan No. 242-0014-001r001 (Attachment 2).

The portion of right-of-way adjacent to 302 Priel Place and 3663 Fairlight Drive has been utilized as a walkway. A pedestrian count, conducted on Monday, March 6, 2006 during the peak hours, indicated only 17 pedestrians accessed the walkway, including 2 high school students and 15 elementary students. The walkway is joining Priel Place to Fairlight Drive.

SaskTel, Infrastructure Services, Shaw Cablesystems, SaskEnergy, and SaskPower have facilities within the proposed closure and have granted permission for closure, subject to easements being granted.

Based on Infrastructure Services’ count data, there is not a significant number of pedestrians accessing the walkway. Therefore, Infrastructure Services is proposing to close the walkway.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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- Posted on City Hall Notice Board on Friday, October 27, 2006

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- Posted on City Website on Friday, October 17, 2006
- Flyers distributed to affected parties on Thursday October 26, 2006

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan of Proposed subdivision dated July 20, 2006
2. Plan No. 242-0001-001r001 – Walkway Closure Fairlight Drive to Priel Place
3. Copy of letter from Department of Highways Dated May 16, 2006
4. Proposed Bylaw No. 8543
5. Copy of Public Notice”

Councillor Neault excused himself from discussion and voting on the matter due to a conflict of interest and left the Council Chamber.

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 Pringle, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

- 1) *that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8543 (Attachment 4);*
- 2) *that the City Solicitor be instructed to take all necessary steps to bring the intended closing forward and to complete the closing; and*

- 3) *that upon closing the portion of right-of-way as described in Plan of proposed subdivision prepared by Webb Surveys, it be sold to Norm Daniel Neault and Jacqueline Joyce Neault of 302 Priel Place, and Phyllis Anne Bay of 3663 Fairlight Drive for \$1,000.00 each.*

CARRIED.

Councillor Neault re-entered the Council Chamber.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL - CONTINUED

A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

- 1) **Victoria Neufeldt, President, Saskatoon Heritage Society, dated October 30**

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Requesting Don Kerr, editor of the *Saskatoon History Review* to address Council to present complimentary copies of the 2006 issue. (File No. 205-30)

RECOMMENDATION: that Don Kerr be heard.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Don Kerr be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Don Kerr, editor of the Saskatoon History Review, presented Council with a copy of the 2006 issue of the Saskatoon History Review.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

2) **Kent Gray, Chairperson, Whitewater Proposal Committee, dated October 10**

Requesting to address Council with respect to the whitewater park proposal project. (File No. CK 4129-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Kent Gray be heard.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Kent Gray be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Kent Gray, Chairperson, Whitewater Proposal Committee, provided a PowerPoint presentation with respect to the whitewater park proposal at the weir in Saskatoon and asked the City for its support.

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Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration to review and report at the appropriate time.

CARRIED.

3) Bruce Wood, Men's Resource Centre of Saskatoon, dated October 24

Requesting to address Council with respect to declaring Tuesday, December 5, 2006, as White Ribbon day in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that Bruce Wood be heard.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Bruce Wood be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Bruce Wood, Men's Resource Centre of Saskatoon, provided information with respect to the White Ribbon campaign and asked that Council proclaim December 5, 2006 as White Ribbon Day in Saskatoon.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

- 1) that City Council proclaim December 5, 2006 as White Ribbon Day in Saskatoon, and*
- 2) that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamation on behalf of City Council.*

CARRIED.

4) Terry Scaddan, Executive Director, The Partnership, dated November 6

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to two shuttle buses to serve Downtown, Broadway, and Riversdale areas. (File No. CK. 7300-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Clause E2, Administrative Report No. 20-2006 be brought forward and that Terry Scaddan be heard.

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Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Clause E2, Administrative Report No. 20-2006 be brought forward and that Terry Scaddan be heard.

CARRIED.

**“E2) Downtown Shuttle – Free Flag-a-Bus Service
Replacement Bus Purchase Tender
(File: CK. 7300-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the Administration be authorized to proceed with the purchase of two 21-passenger buses for at total cost of \$225,796, including P.S.T. and G.S.T., from Crestline Coach Limited; and
 - 2) that funding be provided 50% from the Transit Vehicle Replacement Reserve and 50% from the Federal Transit Program.

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. The capital and operational costs of the project were funded by Transit and the BIDs were responsible for the initial promotion of the service. Transit painted the buses red and the BIDs had them decaled. At Council’s direction, the service was extended to September 3, 2005, and then again to December 31, 2005. On April 24, 2006, the service was approved to operate year round as part of Saskatoon Transit’s base operating budget.

The Administration is currently working with the BIDs to create a new identity to effectively promote the service for the benefit of all partners involved. This cannot occur, however, until the two buses currently providing the service are replaced.

The buses currently being used to deliver the shuttle service are no longer able to provide dependable service due to mechanical problems as a result of their age and mileage. Conventional low floor buses have been used when the existing buses have been out of service because of mechanical failure. Due to the number of low floor buses required for the new Transit service, they are often no longer available. Conventional low floor buses also do not offer the visibility or the distinctiveness of the red buses. Routing will also need to be altered in the winter because it is not possible to operate a conventional low floor bus on Second Avenue South due to snow.

On August 9, 2006, the Administration tendered for the supply of two 21-passenger buses. As of the closing date of August 30, 2006, bids were received from three companies as follows:

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Company	Make	Model	Size	Total Bid (Incl. P.S.T. & G.S.T.)
Crestline Coach	Turtletop	Odyssey	26 ft	\$225,796
Overland Custom Coach Inc.	Starcraft	Allstar	25 ft	\$191,008
Overland Custom Coach Inc.	Glaval	Universal	25 ft	\$199,966

The Administration reviewed the submissions and Crestline Coach Ltd. of Saskatoon was the only supplier that fully complied with the tender specifications. The tender specifications were designed to meet the operational needs of our climate and to prevent excessive maintenance costs due to inferior material selection and design quality. The two submissions from Overland Custom Coach Inc., failed to meet the chassis, structural and training specifications of the tender and, therefore, were not considered as fully compliant bids.

The Administration is recommending the award of the tender to Crestline Coach Ltd. of Saskatoon as follows:

Basic Upset Fee	\$199,820
G.S.T. @ 7%	\$ 13,987
P.S.T. @ 6%	<u>\$ 11,989</u>
Total Tender Price	\$225,796
G.S.T. Rebate (7%)	\$ 13,987
Net Cost to the City	<u>\$211,809</u>

Funding for the purchase of the two 21-passenger buses be will be provided 50% from the Transit Vehicle Replacement Reserve and 50% from the new Federal Transit Funding Program.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Mr. Terry Scaddan, Executive Director, The Partnership, spoke in support of the shuttle bus service indicating that it will help to strengthen Saskatoon’s downtown core.

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Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

- 1) *that the Administration be authorized to proceed with the purchase of two 21-passenger buses for at total cost of \$225,796, including P.S.T. and G.S.T., from Crestline Coach Limited; and*
- 2) *that funding be provided 50% from the Transit Vehicle Replacement Reserve and 50% from the Federal Transit Program.*

CARRIED.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw 8543

Councillor Neault excused himself from voting due to a conflict of interest and left the Council Chamber.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8543, being “The Street Closing Bylaw, 2006 (No. 11)”, and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Bylaw No. 8543 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8543.

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. 8543 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8543 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Bylaw No. 8543 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.

Councillor Neault re-entered the Council Chamber.

Bylaw 8544

Moved by Councillor Wyant, seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8544, being “The Street Closing Bylaw, 2006 (No. 12)”, and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Bylaw No. 8544 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 Pringle,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8544.

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. 8544 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8544 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT Bylaw No. 8544 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 8545

Moved by Councillor Wyant, seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8545, being “The Street Closing Bylaw, 2006 (No. 13)”, and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Bylaw No. 8545 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8545.

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. 8545 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8545 read a third time at this meeting.

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT Bylaw No. 8545 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 8546

Moved by Councillor Wyant, seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8546, being “The Zoning Amendment Bylaw, 2006 (No. 18)”, and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Bylaw No. 8546 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8546.

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. 8546 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8546 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT Bylaw No. 8546 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 8547

Moved by Councillor Wyant, seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8547, being “The Zoning Amendment Bylaw, 2006 (No. 19)”, and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Bylaw No. 8547 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 Pringle,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8547.

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. 8547 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8547 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT Bylaw No. 8547 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

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Moved by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk