

Council Chambers
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Friday, July 21, 2006
at 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, in the Chair;
Councillors Alm, Birkmaier, Dubois, Neault, Penner, and Wyant;
A/City Manager Gauthier;
City Solicitor Dust;
General Manager, Corporate Services Bilanski;
A/General Manager, Infrastructure Services Sexsmith; and
A/City Clerk Hall.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider the report of the Administration.

CARRIED.

Council went into Committee of the Whole with His Worship the Mayor in the Chair.

Committee arose.

Councillor Birkmaier, Deputy Mayor, made the following report:

LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 12-2006

Section B – OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

B1) Blairmore Suburban Centre Lands (File No. CK. 6332-19)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the Agreement between The City of Saskatoon and the Province of Saskatchewan with respect to the Blairmore Suburban Centre Lands be approved; and
- 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement under the Corporate Seal.

ADOPTED.

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At its meeting held October 17, 2005, Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding between The City of Saskatoon and the Province with respect to the North West Transportation Plan. The Memorandum of Understanding also provided for the purchase of the lands required for the Blairmore Suburban Centre. Due to program changes at the Department of Highways, the Memorandum of Understanding was not executed. Instead, the Department of Highways requested some changes to the Memorandum of Understanding.

Negotiations have resulted in the attached Agreement which will replace the Memorandum of Understanding. The Agreement provides as follows:

- a) the City will purchase the necessary land from the Department of Highways;
- b) the purchase price will be the average of two independent professional appraisals;
- c) if the appraisals vary more than 35% the purchase price will be established pursuant to the dispute resolution clause in the Agreement;
- d) the purchase price will be paid by the City by crediting it or portions of it against roadway projects designated by the Department of Highways and approved by The City of Saskatoon over a four-year period;
- e) any sum remaining uncredited at the end of the four-year period will be paid to the Province;
- f) the City will be responsible for all costs arising out of the relocations of the Highway 7 Urban Connector and Highway 14 Urban Connector Highways;
- g) the City will be responsible for the maintenance, upkeep and repair of the relocated Highway 7 Urban Connector and Highway 14 Urban Connector Highways within its urban limits;
- h) the new Highway 7 Urban Connector and the realigned Highway 14 Urban Connector Highways will be built as soon as the City has funding for the construction; and
- i) the temporary at grade intersection of Highway 7 and Highway 14 shall be completed by December 31, 2006.

With respect to the establishment of the purchase price this Agreement is similar to the Memorandum of Understanding. The one difference is that the Agreement provides that if the appraisals vary more than 35% then the purchase price will be established pursuant to the dispute resolution clause in the Agreement.

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The Memorandum of Understanding required the City to build an interchange at the intersection of Highways 7 and 14 by November 30, 2008. The Province had agreed to try to fund 50% of that interchange. The new Agreement does not provide for the requirement to build an interchange. However, it does make the City responsible for all costs of relocating Highway 7. According to Infrastructure Services, the new Highway 7 will not be constructed until the City is prepared to build an interchange. The Agreement provides that the City will undertake this construction when it has adequate funding in place. In the meantime, the temporary at grade intersection of Highway 7 and 14 will be completed by December 31, 2006.

The other significant change to the Agreement is that the Memorandum of Understanding required the City to fund 50% of an interchange at Marquis Drive and Highway 16. This requirement has been removed from the Agreement. Thus, while the Province is not committed to providing funding for the interchange at Highway 7 and 14, neither is the City committed to providing funding for the interchange at Marquis Drive and Highway 16.

The Administration recommends that the Agreement between The City of Saskatoon and the Province be approved.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Agreement between The City of Saskatoon and the Province with respect to the Blairmore Suburban Centre Lands.

Moved by Councillor Penner,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 a.m.

Mayor

A/City Clerk