

Council Chambers
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Monday, June 11, 2007
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, Neault, Paulsen,
Penner, Pringle, and Wyant;
City Manager Richards;
City Solicitor Dust;
A/General Manager, Corporate Services Lawson;
General Manager, Community Services Gauthier;
General Manager, Fire and Protective Services Bentley;
General Manager, Infrastructure Services Totland;
City Clerk Mann; and
Council Assistant Mitchener

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT the minutes of meeting of City Council held on May 28, 2007, be approved.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

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

CARRIED.

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

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

Committee arose.

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

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- Application No. 32/07: 94 Galbraith Crescent/446 Stone Crescent
Applicant: Webb Surveys for Patrick Young & Kent Parsons
Legal Description: Lots 98, 27 and closed lane, Block 846,
Plan 76S14680
Current Zoning: R1A
Neighbourhood: Fairhaven
Date Received: May 17, 2007

Subdivision

- Application No.: 33/07 315 Herold Road
Applicant: Webb Surveys for Loblaw Properties West Inc.
Legal Description: Part of Lot 4, Block 431, Plan 01SA09948
Current Zoning: B2
Neighbourhood: Lakewood Suburban Centre
Date Received: May 17, 2007
- Application No.: 34/07 Hampton Circle/Gate, McClocklin Road
Applicant: Webster Surveys for Saskatoon Land Devco Ltd.
Legal Description: Part of NW ¼ Sec. 6-37-5-W3M
Current Zoning: B1B
Neighbourhood: Hampton Village
Date Received: May 29, 2007
- Application No.: 35/07 26/28 Anderson Crescent
Applicant: Peters Surveys for Doug Daniels
Legal Description: Lot 7, Block 594, Plan 67S18233
Current Zoning: R2
Neighbourhood: College Park
Date Received: May 30, 2007
- Application No.: 36/07 801 – 32nd Street West
Applicant: Tri-City Surveys for Phillip Settler
Legal Description: Lots 1 and 2, Block 28, Plan G4296 and
Lot 22, Block 28, Plan 101299271
Current Zoning: R2
Neighbourhood: Hudson Bay Park
Date Received: May 30, 2007

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan of Proposed Condominium No. 10/07.
2. Plan of Proposed Condominium No. 11/07.
3. Plan of Proposed Rezoning No. Z12/07.
4. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 32/0.
5. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 33/07.
6. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 3407.
7. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 35/07.
8. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 3607.

**A2) Enquiry – Councillor M. Heidt (December 4, 2006)
Government-Funded Housing/Care Homes
(File No. PL 4350-5 and CK 750-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the information be received; and
2) that the issue of community awareness and consultation for supportive housing forms be referred to the Development Plan/Zoning Bylaw review project for further consideration.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

During its December 4, 2006, meeting, City Council received the following inquiry by Councillor Myles Heidt:

- “1) Would the Administration please look at our existing policy to ensure there is a process for the community to become involved when a government-funded home (Capital or Operating) is being built to ensure they know who their neighbour will be. At the present time, any type of home, regardless of its activity, as long as it is under “5” is permitted and a discretionary use is not required, and the community does not know the violations going on. This would only include housing funded by the Federal, Provincial or Municipal governments for Capital or Operating.
- 2) What is involved to change the definition of care homes to ensure when people buy a lot and build a house, they know what’s going to go beside them. Most people believe a care home is for seniors, not an activity home that can have five families, not five people.

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- 3) Would the Administration report back on the enforcement policy we presently use to police “5” people and what is the process to ensure people cooperate. Does the policy mean “5” people no matter the age?”

REPORT

Background

The City of Saskatoon’s Development Plan outlines the land use policy context for supportive housing forms in Saskatoon. Section 5.3.2 e) states:

“Supportive housing forms and tenures, such as private and public care homes, custodial care facilities, child and adult day care, family shelters, and other forms of supportive housing will be facilitated in all areas of the City. The Zoning Bylaw will contain the densities, locations, and development standards under which these uses may be established.”

Residential care homes are defined in the Zoning Bylaw as:

“a licensed or approved group care home governed by Provincial regulations that provides, in a residential setting, 24 hour care of persons in need of personal services, supervision or assistance essential for sustaining the activities of daily living or for the protection of the individual.”

The Zoning Bylaw also contains a definition for custodial care facility:

“a facility for the detention or open custody of persons pursuant to the provisions of The Young Offenders Act (Canada) or The Summary Convictions Procedures Act (Saskatchewan), or a community training residence as defined in The Corrections Act (Saskatchewan).

Residential care homes or custodial care facilities with up to five persons under care (Type I) are generally a fully permitted use in all residential areas, as is the keeping of up to five boarders in a one unit dwelling. Having up to five boarders in a home, or up to five persons under care, is considered to have a similar land use impact as a one unit dwelling, particularly in terms of measurable factors such as traffic, parking, noise, building size, water and sewer usage, public transit needs, etc.

Care homes or custodial care facilities with six or more persons under care (Type II) are only permitted in residential areas at the discretion of City Council. Discretionary uses applications involve consultation with nearby residents and the local community association, as well as a public hearing before City Council.

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The Development Services Branch monitors the distribution of care homes in Saskatoon. This information is useful in evaluating new discretionary use applications for Type II care homes. The concentration of large care homes can sometimes become an issue due to the measurable factors noted previously (traffic, parking, noise, or building size).

Community Involvement in Care Home Applications

Presently, there are about 240 care homes operating in the City of Saskatoon, with about two thirds of these containing five residents or less and one third containing six or more residents. Within the 240 total care homes, there are at least 15 different types of care homes and care facilities, licensed by a variety of Provincial and Federal agencies. Some are supported financially by government and some are not. The Zoning Bylaw is drafted to be consistent across the entire care home landscape. The development standards contained within the Zoning Bylaw are intended to be objective and measurable, including number of residents, number of required parking spaces, building size and setbacks, landscaping, and other factors.

Public consultation is currently required when care homes exceed five residents under care, and are subject to the discretionary use process.

For a variety of reasons, including resident confidentiality, the many different types of care homes in the City of Saskatoon, and the varying degrees of government support that may come and go for any given care home project, it would be challenging to require a different level of public consultation for publicly funded care homes vs. privately funded care homes. The City of Saskatoon's Zoning Bylaw is set up to evaluate numbers of residents in a care home not the type of resident, or their source of funding.

Options for Further Community Involvement in Care Home Applications

The simplest way to provide increased community involvement in care home applications is to lower the number of persons that may be included as a permitted use. For example; lower the permitted number of boarders or care home residents from five to three. The discretionary use process would then apply to a greater number of potential care homes. It should be noted that the Administration receives very few complaints or inquiries related to care homes. An increase in the number of discretionary use applications will also have an impact on Administrative resources.

One of the challenges to setting the limit below five relates to confidentiality of health issues. Many of the current care homes with five or fewer residents accommodate individuals with physical or mental health issues. In the Administration's view, all residents should have a reasonable opportunity to access supportive housing in our residential communities.

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As noted previously, the discretionary use process applies throughout most residential areas for care homes with six or more residents. In addition, in new neighbourhoods, the larger care home sites are pre-selected, with signs and notices advising prospective area lot purchasers of the proposed care home sites.

It would also be desirable for care home operators, operator groups/associations and relevant Provincial and Federal Licensing Agencies, to pro-actively improve community relations through appropriate community awareness programs. Opportunities for such awareness programs will be discussed with the noted agencies as part of the upcoming Development Plan and Zoning Bylaw Review.

Enforcement Policy for the Number of Residents Within Care Homes

The Development Services Branch is the primary administrative branch involved in Zoning Bylaw enforcement. Typically, the branch receives very few complaints or inquiries related to care homes or custodial care operations. If necessary, staff will inspect care homes, day care centres or other similar uses to determine the number of individuals under care or supervision. The age of persons under care or supervision is not a factor in determining the relevant number. All persons under care are counted, regardless of age.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Section B – CORPORATE SERVICES

B1) Incentive Application – CNH Canada, Ltd.
(File No. 3500-13)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the application from CNH Canada, Ltd. for a five-year tax abatement on the incremental portion of taxes assessed on 1000 – 71st Street East be approved, commencing in 2008; and that the tax abatement be applied at a rate of 100% for five years;
- 2) that CNH be authorized to count new hires made after October 31, 2006, rather than within one year after City Council approves their application; and

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- 3) that the City Solicitor be instructed to bring forward the appropriate bylaw and agreement.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

Attached is a report from John Cross, Chair, Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority Inc. (SREDA) Incentives Review Sub-Committee. The report is self-explanatory and provides the required information for City Council to consider the request by CNH Canada, Ltd. for a five-year tax abatement.

In his report, Mr. Cross has also attached the May 31, 2007 letter from Brad Redelopp, Plant Manager of CNH Canada, Ltd. requesting permission to count new hires made after October 31, 2006 rather than within one year after City Council approves their application.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Report – Chair, SREDA Incentives Review Sub-Committee.

B2) 2007 City of Saskatoon Operating Budget
(File No. 1704-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

Attached for City Council's information, is a copy of the 2007 City of Saskatoon Operating Budget. This budget reflects all changes made by the Budget Committee and City Council, with final approval at the April 16, 2007, City Council meeting. This was followed by the setting of the mill rate and approval of the required bylaws on May 7, 2007.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. 2007 City of Saskatoon Operating Budget

**B3) 2007 Contract Negotiations
Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 859
(File No. 4720-6)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve the proposed changes set out in the attached report dated June 5, 2007, with respect to the 2007 contract with the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 859; and,
 - 2) that City Council authorize completion of the revised contract incorporating all the changes for execution by His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk under the Corporate Seal.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a report dated June 5, 2007, detailing conditions agreed upon by the bargaining team of the City and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 859.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Report dated June 5, 2007.

Section C – FIRE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

**C1) Fire Fighter Stand Down for Safety Week
June 17 to 23, 2007
(File No. 4655-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the information be received; and,

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- 2) that City Council proclaim the week of June 17 to 23, 2007, as Fire Fighter Stand Down for Safety Week.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

In 2005, the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the International Association of Fire Fighters developed a joint initiative to dedicate one week to the culture of safety in the Fire Service. Since its inception in 2005, the “Stand Down for Safety” has focused on keeping safety in the forefront of training, emergency response, and service initiatives for the community we serve. Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services has an excellent record of safety, and has continually focused on the safety of staff in all divisions and services provided by the Department through the shared leadership of the Management and Union (Local 80 of I.A.F.F.) in the joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee.

In 2006, Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services co-developed a Safety Officer Training Program in cooperation with the Manitoba Office of the Fire Commissioner. The program is destined to receive certification according to the National Fire Protection Association 1521 Standard “Professional Qualifications for Fire Department Safety Officer”, and recently trained twelve senior operations staff as emergency incident safety officers.

Recently, the City of Saskatoon developed its Safety Vision, “A safe and healthy workplace, where employees can complete their work in an injury-free manner, benefits everyone. We will make safety the first consideration in everything we do, with the goal of zero accidents at work and at home”.

REPORT

By its very nature fire fighting is an extremely dangerous business, both in the training to do the job and the uncertainty related to responding to an emergency call. The theme of this year’s Stand Down for Safety is “Ready to Respond”. The Department provides ongoing training throughout the year and in no way does the terminology of stand down suggest that normal duties, training, and services would be affected. The week’s activities have been developed to complement all functions and to focus discussion and emphasis on related safety subjects and basic fundamentals.

The week’s activities are also designed to combine the responsibilities of individuals and the organization to share the same goals and to be “ready to respond” and to increase the safety of responders through training, equipment, and team work.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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ATTACHMENT

1. Stand Down for Safety – June 17 to 23, 2007

Section D – INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

**D1) Neighbourhood Walkway Review for
Revision of Walkway Closure Policy
File No. 6150-03; CK. 6295-1**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the 19 walkways identified in this report be declared as essential walkways, thereby making them exempt from requests for closure;
 - 2) that the current freeze on all walkway closure requests be removed; and
 - 3) that the Administration continue with public consultations on the walkway closure process and policy and report back at the appropriate time.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on February 26, 2007, City Council considered presentations from residents requesting that the closure of the walkway between Peberdy Crescent and Wakabayashi Crescent move forward. Council resolved:

- “1) that the Administration proceed with the public hearing on the closing of the walkway between Wakabayashi and Peberdy, and
- 2) that a freeze be put on all future walkway closures until the policy can be further reviewed.”

REPORT

The intent of walkways is to provide essential linkages for mobility within and between neighbourhoods. However, some walkways provide little utility for pedestrian and non-motorized modes of transportation, and therefore serve to create a situation conducive to irritation and nuisance for adjacent homeowners. The most cited reasons why adjacent homeowners request walkway closures include, but are not limited to:

- Vandalism, such as graffiti on fence boards and fence boards being damaged;

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- Garbage and beer bottles left on lawns by walkways users;
- Noise at night, and;
- General nuisance, such as parties at night and apparent drug use.

As a part of the Walkway Closure Policy (C07-017) review, all neighbourhoods were to be reviewed to identify walkways categorized as essential. These essential walkways were seen as providing an absolutely essential service to the public and would not be considered for closure at any point in time.

The identification of essential walkways relied on three criteria:

1. The walkway was acting as an emergency service route to a cul-de-sac or P-Loop exceeding 150 metres in length, as outlined in Section 14(5) of Bylaw No. 6537 for controlling the subdivision of land, and/or;
2. The walkway was directly connected to a school-access route through established park facilities in such a manner that no reasonable alternative routes were available.
3. The walkway was directly connected to a pedestrian overpass.

The essential walkway criteria did not consider inter- and intra-neighbourhood mobility or actual usage patterns and miscellaneous usage patterns (such as facilitating utility rights of way) since these factors could be subject to review within the proposed revisions to the Walkway Closure Policy (C07-017).

A total of 34 neighbourhoods throughout the City of Saskatoon contain walkways. Based on the aforementioned selection criteria, 19 walkways contained within nine neighbourhoods (equivalent to 5% of all walkways in the City) were identified as essential. It is the intent that these proposed essential walkways, as outlined in the attached neighbourhood maps, be held exempt from public requests for walkway closure.

Upon establishing this list of essential walkways, the Administration intends to present the information to the general public as part of the consultation process on the walkway closure process and policy that will begin this September. However, several walkway closure requests have been brought forward to Infrastructure Services since the freeze was put in place. In light of the extended timeframe required to complete the closure policy review, the Administration is recommending that the freeze on walkway closure reviews be lifted, and that investigations proceed into walkway closure requests based on the current walkway closure policy and the essential walkways.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Neighbourhood Walkway Plans.

Section E – UTILITY SERVICES

E1) Communications to Council

From: Jacquie Pickard

Date: February 20, 2007

**Subject: Requesting that Buses Run on Canada Day
(File No. CK.7300-1, 205-12)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

The above-noted correspondence from Jacquie Pickard, dated February 20, 2007, was considered at the meeting of City Council on February 26, 2007 and referred to the Administration for a report.

REPORT

As part of the City's Centennial celebration in 2006, the Saskatoon Centennial Committee chartered buses from Saskatoon Transit to provide transportation to Diefenbaker Park.

Historically, Saskatoon Transit has not provided service on Canada Day, and no allocation exists within the operating budget. The approximate cost of operating a similar charter service as was done for the centennial celebration last year would be \$10,000.

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**E2) Post Budget Adjustments
Saskatoon Light & Power
2007 Capital Projects 1308, 1334, and 1335
File No. CK. 1703-1**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve post budget adjustments in the amount of \$3,415,000.00 for Saskatoon Light & Power Capital Projects as follows:
 - a) additional funding of \$1,225,000.00 to Project 1308;
 - b) additional funding of \$1,190,000.00 to Project 1334;
 - c) advance funding of \$1,000,000.00 to Project #1335; and
 - 2) that these adjustments be funded as follows:
 - a) \$726,000.00 from the Saskatoon Light & Power Electrical Distribution Extension Reserve; and
 - b) \$2,689,000.00 from the Saskatoon Light & Power Electrical Distribution Replacement Reserve.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

Saskatoon Light & Power approved Capital Projects 1308, 1334, and 1335 are underway and require additional funding, as the actual expenditures are expected to exceed the present budgeted funding.

Project 1308 Elec Feeders – Conversion Intermediate Substations converts the primary distribution system within the service area of substations from 4.16 kilovolts to 14.4 kilovolts. The Project component being considered is to convert the service area of the Avenue A Substation. This Substation, located on Avenue A south of 19th Street, is being removed from service due to the River Landing Phase II development. The service area included the southern portion of the Central Business District, part of the business area west of Idylwyld Drive in the vicinity of 22nd Street south to 18th Street and adjacent area. This conversion would normally take three years to complete, but Saskatoon Light & Power has been requested to complete it in 1.5 years. General costs have escalated due to increased cost of materials, weather delays, coordination of power outages with our customers, and the use of overtime to complete the Project on time. Additional funding of \$1,225,000.00 is required to complete the Project.

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Project 1334 Elec S/S – J.M. Taylor Upgrade is the upgrade of the building infrastructure to accommodate upgrades to the existing switchgear. Within the scope of this Project was the upgrade of the breaker relaying and associated hardware. Upon further review it was determined that it was not cost effective to refurbish the existing switchgear due to its age and its rating. The scope of this Project is, therefore, being expanded to include the complete replacement of the existing 4.16 kilovolt switchgear and associated hardware. Although much of the funding will not be required until 2008, the Administration is requesting all of the additional funding of \$1,190,000 in 2007 so that we can order the switchgear as soon as possible.

Project 1335 Elec S/S – College Park is the upgrade of existing switchgear in 2008. This schedule is being changed to take advantage of the economies of ordering switchgear for two substations at the same time. The existing Project budget shows funding for the switchgear purchase and installation in 2008 and 2009. It is proposed to advance the \$1,000,000 shown in 2008 to this year so that we can tender this switchgear with Project 1308.

JUSTIFICATION

Projects 1308, 1334, and 1335 are required to ensure reliable delivery of electricity to Saskatoon Light & Power's current and future customers.

OPTIONS

In general, development tends to dictate electrical system load capacity and routing requirements. The River Landing Phase II development required the retirement and removal of the Avenue A Substation. The conversion of the primary distribution system to eliminate the need for the Avenue A Substation is the only viable alternative. The J.M. Taylor and College Park Substations' initial proposal for breaker and relay change out was abandoned during the detailed design stage as the proposal was found not to be cost effective and by combining the purchase of switchgear the City will realize substantial cost savings.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds are available for the adjustments from the Saskatoon Light & Power Extension and Replacement Reserves. Allocations between the reserves will be in the same proportions as the original budget amounts.

Capital Project	Extension Reserve	Replacement Reserve	TOTAL
Project #1308		\$1,225,000.00	\$1,225,000.00
Project #1334	\$ 393,000.00	797,000.00	1,190,000.00
Project #1335	<u>333,000.00</u>	<u>667,000.00</u>	<u>1,000,000.00</u>
Totals	\$ 726,000.00	\$2,689,000.00	\$3,415,000.00

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**E3) Automated Garbage Collection
Conversion from 300 Gallon Communal Containers
to Individual Containers – Riversdale
(File No. 1702-684)**

RECOMMENDATION: that a one-year trial conversion from automated lane garbage collection (300 gallon containers) to automated individual container garbage collection be implemented for all residences in Riversdale, commencing in August 2007.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

On June 2, 2000, City Council approved, in principle, the Solid Waste Management Master Plan 2000-2020. The Master Plan is a long range, comprehensive, integrated management plan to serve as a basis for annual operating and capital budgets for solid waste management programs. The plan includes a garbage collection strategy related specifically to front street conversion:

“The rear lane larger container collection system will be converted to a front street single unit collection system wherever a majority of the residents in a neighbourhood are supportive of the change.”

This report is separate and distinct from the pending report dealing with the accelerated conversion of all other neighbourhoods in Saskatoon currently being serviced by 300 gallon containers. The

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community consultation process for Riversdale began prior to the Administration receiving direction from the Executive Committee to propose a new method to accelerate conversion of neighbourhoods.

DISCUSSION

Presently, approximately 30,000 residences (50 percent of the city) are provided with rear lane automated garbage collection. This service utilizes 300 gallon containers that are shared by an average of three and a half households. There are a number of problems inherent in the large container rear lane program which favours the conversion to the smaller individual household containers:

- The large bins do not support waste minimization efforts.
- The large bins encourage disposal of unacceptable wastes.
- Rear lane pick-up results in damage to collection trucks.
- The collection trucks damage rear lanes.
- Rear lane containers are a target for fires, graffiti and other vandalism.
- Rear lane containers are a source of litter and strewn waste.

The individual container collection, located on the front street wherever possible, uses 100 gallon containers. Individual container garbage collection services are currently provided to the remaining 50 percent of the city's households.

The first conversion from communal to individual containers was done in 1997 in the Pacific Heights area. The conversion included an extensive public consultation process carried out in three phases:

- An initial information meeting that resulted in 70 percent support for a mini pilot project.
- A four-month mini pilot project involving 290 households that resulted in 71 percent support for a one-year trial in the entire community.
- A one-year, full-scale trial conversion that resulted in 83 percent support for permanent conversion.

The City followed a similar approach when converting Confederation Park, Massey Place Westview, and Mount Royal. These conversions consisted of one-year trial periods and are outlined below:

- 1550 residents in Confederation Park (January 2002 to January 2003);
- 875 residents in Massey Place (October 2002 to October 2003);
- 1000 residents in Westview (February 2004 to February 2005);
- 1200 residents in Mount Royal (December 2004 to December 2005); and
- 850 residents in Pleasant Hill (September 2006 – currently in one year trial).

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During these one-year trial periods, the City responded to all specific collection problems and found a solution that best suited the residents and the City. After the one-year trial, there were no requests to revert back to the communal container collection system.

In general, conversion to individual container collection in Pacific Heights, Confederation Park, Massey Place, Westview, and Mount Royal has resulted in cleaner back lanes and a minimum number of complaints. Since these conversions have been implemented, the number of bylaw and complaint calls has been drastically reduced and container arsons have been almost eliminated.

JUSTIFICATION

The proposed approach to convert Riversdale to individual container garbage collection is similar to that used in the above mentioned conversions. Riversdale will present some problems with respect to collecting all individual containers from the front street. These problems will be addressed by having the individual containers collected in the lane, where required. Residents will be required to store the container on their private property and roll it to the front street, or one side of the lane, on collection day. Containers must be removed from the street or lane and stored back on private property within 24 hours of collection.

On April 24, 2007, the Administration gave a presentation to the Riversdale community at a public meeting. The Riversdale community consists of approximately 650 households. The results of the community consultation are shown in Table 1. These results show that the majority of residents in Riversdale are in favour of the trial conversion.

Table 1: Results from the Riversdale Public Consultation Process

April 2007, Public Consultation on a One Year Trial for Individual Container Garbage Collection				
Neighbourhood	Input Method	For One Year Trial	Against One Year Trial	Undecided
Riversdale	Phone Calls / Letters	60	21	0
	Email	4	0	0
	Meeting	0	1	0
	Total	64	22	0
	Percent	74%	26%	0%

In light of the support from the community, the Administration is recommending that the Riversdale neighbourhood undergo a one-year trial conversion to individual container waste collection. If, at the end of the trial period, the residents do not support the conversion to front street waste collection, the community will be consulted to discuss other waste collection options.

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OPTIONS

1. Impose a mandatory conversion without a trial - Since the one-year trial does not guarantee permanent conversion, mandatory conversion would resolve all problems associated with communal container collection. As Council is considering a mandatory accelerated conversion for other communities, this may be a viable option. However, the existing public consultation process that has occurred would be compromised.
2. Maintain status quo with communal container collection - Public opinion suggests that the community favours conversion to individual container collection, therefore, the Administration does not recommend this option as it would not be accommodating the request of the community or addressing the recommendations of the Solid Waste Master Plan, and the benefits of individual container collection would not be realized.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as the process being recommended for conversion aligns with the City's current model.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The conversion to individual container collection in Riversdale can be accommodated in the existing operating budget.

It should be noted that this will be the final conversion that can be accommodated within the existing operating budget. Even with its problems, communal container collection is more economical than individual container collection, purely from a collection perspective. The higher collection cost is consistent with the fact that, on average, smaller containers require 3.5 times as many pickups. Additional staff and equipment are required for every 5,000 households that are converted from communal container collection to individual container collection. The City has already succeeded in converting 4,625 residents, as well as 850 residents currently involved in a one year trial in the Pleasant Hill neighbourhood.

It should also be noted that there are positive benefits to converting to individual container collection. The level of complaints, vandalism, fires, illegal dumping and lane maintenance requirements will be drastically reduced.

The capital budget includes funding for neighbourhood conversions in Project #1475, the Automated Garbage Container Replacement Reserve. The purchase of 650 containers total approximately \$50,000 and container removal, new container delivery and other related costs total approximately \$5,000. The total capital expenditure for the conversion will be approximately \$55,000.

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

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A communication program will be carried out in two phases; the first phase prior to the conversion trial and the second phase, if needed, after the one-year trial conversion. The program includes:

Phase 1:

- Distribution of an information pamphlet and collection schedule to each affected household, which includes the following information:
 - Date and method of conversion;
 - Frequently asked questions/answers;
 - Contact number for questions/concerns;
 - Quick facts related to conversion;
 - Front street collection benefits; and
 - Front street collection schedule.

Phase 2:

- If there is a substantial amount of requests to revert to rear lane collection, a public survey will be sent to each household. This survey will be in the form of a questionnaire, which will evaluate the level of support for the conversion.
- If necessary, a public meeting would be held to discuss alternative collection options if residents do not support front street conversion.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

If the one-year trial results in permanent conversion, there will be a beneficial environmental impact. Individual household containers reduce the amount of garbage disposed of; encourages waste minimization efforts, thereby extending the landfill life; reduces arson and vandalism; and promotes responsibility of personal waste.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

His Worship the Mayor assumed the Chair.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

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

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

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The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

B. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

1) Floyd L. Collins, Sr., Elks Chairperson, dated May 21

Requesting permission to fly their flag in Civic Square from Friday July 26 to Thursday, August 2, 2007 in conjunction with the Elks and Royal Purple National Convention. (File No. CK. 274-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the request for the flag raising be approved subject to administrative conditions.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the request for the flag raising be approved subject to administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

**2) Shannon Doka, Community Involvement Coordinator, SaskEnergy
Share The Warmth, dated May 23**

Providing information regarding the 2007 Share the Warmth Home Energy Efficiency Project. (File No. CK. 375-5)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that City Council approve the proclamation as set out above; and that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamations on behalf of City Council; and
- 2) that the matter be referred to the Administration for appropriate action.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

1) that City Council proclaim October 4, 2007 as Home Energy Efficiency Project Day in Saskatoon and that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamation on behalf of City Council; and

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- 2) *that the matter of the Share the Warmth Home Energy Efficiency Project be referred to the Administration for appropriate action.*

CARRIED.

3) **Lloyd Acker/Susan Serack-Acker, dated June 2**

Commenting on health hazards related to smoke from backyard fires. (File No. CK. 185-14)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

4) **Dianne Loraas, Hope Fellowship Church, dated June 5**

Asking that City Council extend the time which amplified music can be heard under the Noise Bylaw on Sunday, June 24, 2007 from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Ashworth Holmes Park. (File No. CK. 185-9)

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council grant the request to extend the time which amplified music can be heard under the Noise Bylaw on Sunday, June 24, 2007 from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Ashworth Holmes Park.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT grant the request to extend the time which amplified music can be heard under the Noise Bylaw on Sunday, June 24, 2007 from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Ashworth Holmes Park.

CARRIED.

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C. INFORMATION ITEMS

1) Shauna Baccus, Saskatoon Professional Firefighters, dated May 18

Advising of their Fifth Annual Boot Drive at Market Mall on Saturday, June 23, 2007 where they will be collecting donations from motorists between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4 p.m.; proceeds going to Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada. (File No. CK. 205-1)

2) Mark Thompson, dated May 22

Commenting on traffic issues due to construction. (File No. CK. 6001-1)

3) Jamie McKenzie, dated May 23

Submitting correspondence between himself and a representative from the Saskatchewan Roughriders with respect to the possibility of an exhibition game being played in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-1)

4) The Hon. Deb Higgins, Minister Responsible for The Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority, dated May 23

Responding to a letter from the City Clerk on behalf of City Council with respect to the operation of liquor permitted premises in Nutana. (File No. CK. 4000-12)

5) Galen Van Cleave, President, The Landing Condominium Corp., undated

Expressing support for the continuance of the sound attenuation wall along the west side of Idylwyld Freeway between 8th Street and Taylor Street. (File No. CK. 375-2)

6) The Hon. Len Taylor, Minister of Health, dated May 29

Responding to letter received from Assistant City Clerk on behalf of City Council with respect to the needle exchange program in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 5000-1)

7) Heather Shand, dated May 31

Commenting on a CBC report regarding Saskatoon Municipal Politics. (File No. CK. 150-1)

8) Gail Mount, dated May 29

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Commenting on issues with a neighbour. (File No. CK. 750-1)

9) V. Romancia, dated June 3

Commenting on garbage collection and waste reduction. (File No. CK. 7830-3)

10) Dan Smith, dated June 5

Commenting on road construction. (File No. CK. 6000-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT, with respect to Item C4, the letter be forwarded to the Administration.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

D. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

1) Doris MacLachlan, dated May 24

Expressing concerns with respect to the safety of the 42nd Street Bridge. (File Nos. CK. 375-1 & 375-4) **(Referred to Administration for appropriate action.)**

2) Chad Franklin, dated May 25

Expressing safety concerns with respect to the intersection of Boychuk Drive and Taylor Street. (File No. CK. 6250-1) **(Referred to Administration for appropriate action.)**

3) Pat Tymchatyn, President, Meadowgreen Community Association, dated May 30

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Requesting that any new development in Meadowgreen be zoned for single family dwellings, only. (File No. CK. 4351-1) **(Referred to Administration for appropriate action.)**

4) Rev. Doug Ayer, dated May 30

Asking why Saskatoon does not have a Boxing/Wrestling Commission. (File No. CK. 175-24) **(Referred to City Solicitor to respond to the writer.)**

5) Brad Laidlaw, dated May 27

Submitting a petition of approximately 8 signatures with respect to the construction of a sound barrier near Poplar Crescent. (File No. CK. 375-2) **(Referred to Administration for consideration.)**

6) Darrin Kruger, dated May 31

Expressing concerns about a vacant lot on Hunt Road. (File No. CK. 4400-1) **(Referred to Administration for appropriate action.)**

7) Bonnie Paul, dated June 3

Requesting information with respect to the operation of left-turn signals. (File No. CK. 6250-1) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

8) Shawna Arthurs, dated June 3

Enquiring about the walkway between Macklem Drive and Confederation Drive. (File No. CK. 6295-1) **(Referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.)**

9) Donna Dubè, dated June 4

Suggesting that the Alice Turner Branch library should be expanded. (File No. CK. 650-1) **(Referred to the Director of Libraries to respond to the writer.)**

10) Daryn Moody, Community Farms Market of Saskatoon Co-operative Ltd., dated May 29

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Suggesting that the Lakewood Civic Centre parking lot be used as a satellite location for the Saskatoon Farmers Market. (File Nos. CK. 4225-1 & 205-7) **(Referred to the Administration for further handling.)**

11) Wayne Duncan, dated June 4

Commenting on the number of crows in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 151-2) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

12) Jim Shafer, dated June 4

Commenting on dandelion problems at Kistikan Park. (File No. CK. 4200-2) **(Referred to Administration for appropriate action.)**

13) Ron Williams, dated June 5

Commenting on dandelion problems on Airport Drive and Wildwood Park. (File No. CK. 4200-2) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

14) Jerome Trohak, dated June 5

Commenting on an issue with the Saskatoon City Police. (File No. CK. 5000-1) **(Referred to Board of Police Commissioners for further handling.)**

15) John Thomson, dated June 6

Commenting on graffiti and pond development in Dundonald Park. (File No. CK. 5000-3) **(Referred to the Administration for further handling.)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

E. PROCLAMATIONS

1) Gisèle Nyembwe, UNHCR Canada, dated May 28

Requesting that City Council proclaim June 20, 2007 as World Refugee Day.

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve the proclamation as set out in Section E; and that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamation on behalf of City Council.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT City Council approve the proclamation as set out in Section E; and that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamation on behalf of City Council.

CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES

Councillor B. Dubois
Backyard Firepits
(File No. CK. 2500-1)

Would the Administration please report on the number and nature of complaints received by Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services regarding the use of backyard fire pits and also include the feasibility of requiring fire pits to be extinguished by 11:00 p.m. similar to the requirements of the current noise bylaw.

Councillor M. Neault

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Traffic Calming – Diebenbaker Drive
(File No. CK. 6320-1)

Could the Administration look at traffic calming measures on Diefenbaker Drive from the school zone to Monk Drive going west and from the same school zone to Laurier Drive going east, and also 33rd Street from Hughes Avenue going west out of the city. Excessive speeds have been reported in these two areas and Police have been notified. Critical times are 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily.

Councillor C. Clark
Rail Corridor between Saskatoon and Regina
(File No. CK. 7000-1)

Would the City Manager please report on the status of the rail corridor between Saskatoon and Regina, and in particular between Regina and Craik, as there is indication that it could be decommissioned.

Could the report include a discussion of the potential impact this could have on the future transportation strategy for Saskatoon and region as this is the only direct rail corridor connecting the two main urban centres of the province, and given that rail transportation is one of the most efficient forms of travel in terms of greenhouse gas emissions, keeping with our recently announced strategy to reduce greenhouse gases.

Councillor M. Heidt
Walkway Closures
(File No. CK. 6295-1)

Would the Administration please look at implementing a payment plan for the purchase of the land only for a closure.

The total is approximately \$2000.00 in total for the applicants. This does create some hardship and a payment plan over 12-24 months would help to overcome this extra cost.

Councillor G. Penner
Dandelion Control

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(File No. CK. 4200-2)

We are currently being inundated with dandelions, and there have been many complaints regarding our parks and public areas. Could I have a report on options we have to relieve this problem.

Moved by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk