

Council Chambers
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Monday, August 13, 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, Lorje, Neault, Paulsen,
Penner, and Wyant;
City Manager Richards;
A/City Solicitor Manning;
A/General Manager, Corporate Services Peacock;
General Manager, Community Services Gauthier;
General Manager, Fire and Protective Services Bentley;
General Manager, Infrastructure Services Totland;
General Manager, Utility Services Wandzura;
A/City Clerk Hall; and
Council Assistant Mitchener

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the minutes of meeting of City Council held on July 16 and July 20, 2007, be approved.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

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

CARRIED.

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

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

Committee arose.

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

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

“REPORT NO. 5-2007 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION”

Composition of Commission

Mr. Brad Sylvester, Chair
Mr. Gord Androsoff, Vice Chair
Councillor Bev Dubois
Ms. Carole Beitel
Mr. Bruce Waldron
Mr. Roy Ball
Mr. Michael Chyzowski
Ms. Debbie Marcoux
Mr. John McAuliffe
Mr. Kurt Soucy
Mr. Vern Waldherr
Mr. Randy Warick
Mr. Fred Sutter

- 1. Proposed Rezoning from R1A to RMTN and from R1A to R1B
Proposed Parcel A, Proposed Parcel B and Proposed Parcels 552, 553, 554
(ISC Surface Parcels: 161461009, 118533045, 118533056)
Willowgrove Neighbourhood
(File No. CK. 4351-1)**
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RECOMMENDATION: that consideration of the following recommendations and report be deferred until Item 5b) under “Matters Requiring Public Notice” (Proposed Amendment to Willowgrove Concept Plan) is considered:

- 1) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to rezone the sites along Muzyka Road (Proposed Parcels A and B), as indicated on Attachment 3 to the report of the General Manager, Community Services dated June 11, 2007, from R1A District to RMTN District;
- 2) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to rezone the sites along Muzyka Road (Proposed Parcels 552, 553, and 554), as indicated on Attachment 3 to the report of the General Manager, Community Services dated June 11, 2007, from R1A District to R1B District;
- 3) that the General Manager, Community Services Department,

be requested to prepare the required notices for advertising the proposed amendments;

- 4) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaws; and
- 5) that at the time of the public hearing, City Council consider the Municipal Planning Commission's recommendation that the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendments be approved.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that consideration of the matter be deferred until after consideration of Item 5b) Matters Requiring Public Notice.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 18-2007

Section A – COMMUNITY SERVICES

- A1) Capital Projects UDA Station 20 West Redevelopment and Pleasant Hill Revitalization**
(File No.: PL. 951-22, PL. 4131-20; CK. 4131-28)

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve reallocating the \$8,813.08 favourable variance from Capital Project No. 2292 UDA Station 20 West Redevelopment to Capital Project No. 2293 UDA Pleasant Hill Revitalization.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

During its February 12, 2007 meeting, City Council resolved to purchase 29 parcels of property in the Pleasant Hill neighbourhood subject to satisfactory results from Phase I Environmental Screening. City Council also resolved to execute the Urban Development Agreements with the Government of Canada and the Province of Saskatchewan to provide financial assistance towards the Pleasant Hill Revitalization project. This project will produce over one block of clean, vacant, and fully serviced land that will be ready for development in the Pleasant Hill area.

During its February 26, 2007 meeting, City Council considered the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, and resolved that the recommendation be adopted. (See Attachment 1.) The report recommended, in part, that \$40,000 from the Land Bank Program distribution be allocated to fund Station 20 West Redevelopment project charges that could not be covered under the Urban Development Agreement, or had no source of funding. The report also recommended that \$1,000,000 from the Land Bank Program distribution be allocated to Urban

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Development Agreement funding for 2007 and 2008 and \$1,000,000 to the Pleasant Hill Revitalization project for land acquisitions.

REPORT

Capital Project No. 2292, UDA Station 20 West Redevelopment, is now complete. The charges that could not be covered by the Urban Development Agreement and required funding from the Land Bank Program distribution total \$31,186.92. The approved Land Bank Program distribution funding was \$40,000.00, leaving a favourable variance of \$8,813.08. Your Administration is recommending that the favourable variance of \$8,813.08 be allocated to Capital Project No. 2293, UDA Pleasant Hill Revitalization, to fund costs that are not covered by the Urban Development Agreement.

OPTIONS

City Council has the discretion to return the unspent funding to the Land Bank Program or allocate to another high priority project.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Urban Development Agreement for the Pleasant Hill Revitalization project provides \$3.293 million dollars of assistance towards the estimated infrastructure, land acquisition, and development costs of the project. The favourable variance of \$8,813.08 will be used to cover unforeseen costs related to environmental screening charges and site remediation.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Clause 4, Report No. 4-2007, which was adopted by City Council on February 26, 2007

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**A2) Request For Encroachment Agreement
211 Avenue D North
Lots 8 to 17 Inclusive, Block 13, Plan G582
(File No. CC 4090-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council recognize the encroachment at 211 Avenue D North (Lots 8 to 17 inclusive, Block 13, Plan G582);
 - 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 211 Avenue D North, 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 Avenue D North. There is an Encroachment Agreement already in place, however; the property is changing ownership and a new agreement is required. The total area of encroachment is approximately 0.15m² and will, therefore, be subject to an annual charge of \$50.00.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter from the Surveyor, received July 26, 2007.
2. Real Property Report dated February 1, 2007.

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A3) Naming Report – “Stonebridge Street Names”
(File No. PL 4001-5; CK. 6310-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

The street name plan for Stonebridge Neighbourhood was provided to the Naming Advisory Committee Administrator from the developer, Dundee Developments. (See Attachment 1) The developer has requested four names from the Names Master List, which are indicated on the attached plan. The names requested comprise:

- i) ‘Alm Crescent’ – Terry Alm – City Councillor – 2003-2006
- ii) ‘Hartley Road’ and ‘Hartley Terrace’ – Hartley Sommerfeld – selected as a tribute to the Sommerfeld family from whom Dundee Realty acquired the land
- iii) ‘Victor Road’ and ‘Victor Place’ - Victor Sommerfeld - selected as a tribute to the Sommerfeld family from whom Dundee Realty acquired the land
- iv) ‘Assaly Street’ and ‘Assaly Bay’ – Fred Assaly - selected to recognize a Saskatoon family with a long history of involvement in the business community in Saskatoon

According to Council Policy No. C09-008 (Naming of Civic Property and Development Areas), all requests for street names from the Names Master List will be selected by the Mayor. All of the names on the Names Master List have been previously screened by the Naming Advisory Committee and meet Council’s guidelines for name selection.

His Worship, Mayor Donald Atchison notified the Naming Advisory Committee Administrator that the street names for Stonebridge had received City Council approval. The selection of His Worship, Mayor Donald Atchison was forwarded to Dundee Developments and the families have been notified.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Map of Stonebridge Street Names.

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A4) Communications to Council

**From: Lory Sproxtton, Manager Facilities
Saskatoon Airport Authority**
Date: December 11, 2006
Subject: Saskatoon Shines Signage Landscaping
(FILE NO: 216-30; CK. 4139-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on December 11, 2006, City Council considered the above-noted letter with respect to the above. Council passed a motion that the matter be referred to the Administration for a report.

REPORT

On January 23, 2004, the City of Saskatoon and the Saskatoon Airport Authority entered into an agreement for the maintenance of the Saskatoon Shines landscape area. (Attachment 1).

Additional correspondence dated, February 3, 2004, was sent to the Saskatoon Airport Authority (Attachment 2) outlining construction schedule, along with detailed plans outlining the location, utilities, planting plan, etc.

Further correspondence dated July 20, 2006, from the Saskatoon Airport Authority (Attachment 3) was sent to the Office of the City Clerk, acknowledging the Authority's inability to maintain the landscaped site to an acceptable standard, along with a request to reduce the size of the landscaped area to a more manageable size.

The Urban Design Section, Land Branch, has been directly involved in meeting with and discussing the issues the Authority raised in their July 20, 2006, correspondence regarding the maintenance and "downsizing" of the landscaped area around the signs. Urban Design actions identified at this meeting include:

- 1) Review of landscape design to reduce scope of planting;
- 2) Addressing weed growth; and
- 3) Review of landscape design prior to implementation with Airport Authority and Parks Branch

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Remediation work to reduce the scope of the planting bed has been designed by the Urban Design Section and agreed to by the Airport Authority. Implementation has been carried out by the Parks Branch and the remediation is now substantially complete. A new agreement has been proposed in which the Parks Branch maintain the shrub bed during a three-year establishment period and then the Airport Authority take over the maintenance of the bed for the next three-year term. (Attachment 4). The Airport Authority will take over maintenance of the new turf areas immediately for a six-year term. At the end of this term, each party will discuss the continuation of the agreement.

ATTACHMENTS

1. January 23, 2004 correspondence
2. February 3, 2004 correspondence
3. July 20, 2006 correspondence
4. July 19, 2007 correspondence

**A5) The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act
Appointment of Building Officials
(File No. CK. 4510-1, PL 4510-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the following persons be appointed as Building Officials pursuant to Section 5 of *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act*: Donald (Jamie) Wilson, Chris Gates, Ty Tweidt, and Trevor Stoesz;
 - 2) that the City Clerk be authorized to issue a Certificate of Appointment pursuant to Section 5 of *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act* for the persons named in the preceding recommendation; and
 - 3) that the list (see Attachment 1) of all Building Official appointments that are still active as at the date of this report be adopted.

ADOPTED.

Building Officials are appointed by City Council for the purpose of enforcing *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act*. Since the last appointments were made, staffing changes have been made, and it is necessary to adjust the list of Building Officials to align with the list maintained by the Provincial Government.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. City of Saskatoon Building Official Appointments.

**A6) Proposed Pleasant Hill Revitalization Concept Plan
Expression of Interest
File No. CK. 4131-31 and PL. 951-22**

RECOMMENDATION: that the Administration be instructed to distribute the Expression of Interest to housing providers in Saskatoon and report back with recommendations for selection of a shortlist of housing providers to advance to the Request for Proposal stage.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

On July 16, 2007, City Council resolved:

- “1) that City Council endorse the concept plan as shown on Attachment 2;
- 2) that City Council authorize the Administration to proceed with the necessary steps to create developable sites based on the endorsed concept plan and Pleasant Hill UDA Agreement;
- 3) that the developable sites A through E identified on the concept plan be disbursed through an Expression of Interest followed by a Request for Proposal for each site; and
- 4) that the Administration report back on the terms of reference for the Expression of Interest (EOI) and Request for Proposal (RFP) for sites A through E prior to issuance.”

REPORT

The City Planning Branch has established a local Committee to oversee the development and issuance of an EOI and RFP for the proposed development sites in the Pleasant Hill Revitalization Project. The Committee is comprised of the following members:

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Pleasant Hill Community

- Helen Arneson, President
- Dorothy Ross
- Cecile Smith
- Rod Smith
- Crystal LaPlante
- Sharon Arneson
- Tim Dwernychuk
- Ilsa Arneson-Kun
- Etheline Tom
- Bonnie Howman
- Elder Michael Maurice
- Elder Betsy Henderson
- Father Remi

City of Saskatoon

- Alan Wallace, Manager, Neighbourhood Planning
- Elisabeth Miller, Neighbourhood Safety Co-ordinator
- Brian Lepoudre, Community Consultant
- Courtney Johnson, Planner

On July 5, 2007, the EOI/RFP Committee met to review and approve the attached EOI. (See Attachment 1). The EOI will be distributed to all housing providers and developers in Saskatoon.

The EOI contains a list of items and criteria which are important for housing providers to consider as they construct their submissions. The important elements which are expected to be included in each submission are:

- a) a high standard of building design;
- b) a high standard of site design and landscaping;
- c) innovations which promote environmental sustainability and lowers long term operating costs, such as:
 - i) high energy efficiency;
 - ii) solar access;
 - iii) durable, low maintenance materials;
 - iv) environmentally friendly building materials;
- d) social sustainability – adds value to community and promotes neighbourliness and physical connectivity with the surrounding uses;
- e) health - promotes walkability, mobility, and incorporates universal accessibility standards where appropriate;

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- f) incorporates safety standards and CPTED principles, both in building and site design;
- g) development should be designed so as not to preclude the possibility of homeownership (i.e. units can obtain separate title);
- h) developments should focus on providing units and amenities which focus on families; and
- i) all proposals should describe the intended market of each development and the affordability.

The EOI is intended to be a competitive process with a scoring system developed by the Committee to rank proposals.

This criteria and their point rating are summarized below

Development Proposal Summary	60
References and Property Management Experience	25
Development Experience	15
Total	100 points

The Pleasant Hill Community is quite concerned about good property management, and felt that the experience of the developer in managing and operating residential rental properties is of particular importance. The major portion of the scoring has been left to the proposal submissions. The Committee is expecting each proponent to include a description about how their development will add value to the Pleasant Hill neighbourhood.

Upon receiving submissions to the Expression of Interest, the Committee will rank the proposals and select no more than three per development parcel to proceed to the Request for Proposals stage.

The deadline for EOI submissions is Friday, September 28, 2007. This gives the proponents six weeks to develop their EOIs. Early indications seem to indicate a high degree of interest in these sites from a variety of housing providers.

The Committee will develop the Request for Proposals after the shortlist has been finalized from the EOI and approved by Council. The Request for Proposals will be forwarded to City Council for approval prior to distribution to the shortlisted housing providers.

ATTACHMENT

1. Pleasant Hill Revitalization Expression of Interest.

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**A7) Land-Use Applications Received by the Community Services Department
For the Period Between July 5 to August 1, 2007
(For Information Only)
(File Nos. PL. 4132, PL. 4355-D and PL. 4300; CK. 4000-5)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

The following applications have been received and are being processed:

Condominium

- Application No.: 19/07 106 Armistice Way
Applicant: Webb Surveys for
 Versailles Place Developments Ltd.
Legal Description: Parcel T, Plan 101902485
Current Zoning: M3
Neighbourhood: Nutana Suburban Centre
Date Received: July 18, 2007
- Application No.: 20/07 512 - 4th Avenue North
Applicant: Colliers McClocklin for Atlantic Fund Ltd.
Legal Description: Lot 67, Block 183, Plan 99SA24455
Current Zoning: RM5
Neighbourhood: City Park
Date Received: July 30, 2007
- Application No.: 21/07 320 - 5th Avenue North
Applicant: Viking Devs. Corp. for Kabo Developments Ltd.
Legal Description: Lots 28 to 31, Block 166, Plan 99SA32572
Current Zoning: RM5
Neighbourhood: City Park
Date Received: July 31, 2007

Discretionary Use

- Application No.: D 12/07 348 Avenue X South
Applicant: Beverly Dyck (Creative Concepts and Counselling
Legal Description: Lots 20 and 21, Block 30, Plan G198
Current Zoning: R2
Proposed Use: Type II Home Based Business
Neighbourhood: Meadowgreen
Date Received: July 23, 2007

Discretionary Use

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- Application No.: D13/07 218 Dunlop Street
Applicant: Realistic Homes
Legal Description: Lot 9, Block 11, Plan G171
Current Zoning R2
Proposed Use: Personal Care Home
Neighbourhood: Forest Grove
Date Received: July 26, 2007

Subdivision

- Application No: 41/07 127 - 110th Street
Applicant: Webster Surveys for David Stuckel
Legal Description: Lot 25, Block 2, Plan I 5611
Current Zoning: R2
Neighbourhood: Sutherland
Date Received: July 4, 2007
- Application No.: 42/07 2054 and 2056 Easthill
Applicant: Webster Surveys for Curtis Mah
Legal Description: Lot 14, Block 567, Plan 64S15315
Current Zoning: R2
Neighbourhood: Eastview
Date Received: July 4, 2007
- Application No.: 43/07 1405 Prince of Wales Avenue
Applicant: Webster Surveys for Don Ryan
Legal Description: Lot 15, Block 2, Plan I-196
Current Zoning: R2
Neighbourhood: North Park
Date Received: July 4, 2007
- Application No.: 44/07 3214 and 3216 7th Street E
Applicant: Webb Surveys for Martin and Shirley Dyck
Legal Description: Lot 9, Block 429, Plan 67S14203
Current Zoning: R2
Neighbourhood: Brevoort Part
Date Received: July 10, 2007

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Subdivision

- Application No.: 45/07: 104 - 107th Street W
Applicant: Webb Surveys for Donna Suranyi
Legal Description: Lot 9, 10, 11, Block 2, Plan G122
Current Zoning: R2
Neighbourhood: Sutherland
Date Received: July 10, 2007

- Application No.: 46/07 51 and 55 Selkirk Crescent
Applicant: Webster Surveys for Peter Wright
Legal Description: Lots 54 and 55, Block 452, Plan 61S17572
Current Zoning: R2
Neighbourhood: Westview
Date Received: July 20, 2007

- Application No.: 47/07 439 and 441 Redberry Road
Applicant: Peters Surveys for Abdolamir Landi
Legal Description: Lot 10, Block 897, Plan 77S35116
Current Zoning: R2
Neighbourhood: Lawson Heights
Date Received: July 26, 2007

- Application No.: 48/07 231 and 233 Avenue Q North
Applicant: Webb Surveys for Marco Iula
Legal Description: Lots 15, 16 and 17, Block 13, Plan G131
Current Zoning: R2
Neighbourhood: Mount Royal
Date Received: July 25, 2007

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan of Proposed Condominium No. 19/07.
2. Plan of Proposed Condominium No. 20/07.
3. Plan of Proposed Condominium No. 21/07.
4. Plan of Proposed Discretionary Use D12/07.
5. Plan of Proposed Discretionary Use D13/07.
6. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 41/07.
7. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 42/07.
8. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 43/07.
9. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 44/07.

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10. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 45/07.
11. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 46/07.
12. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 47/07.
13. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 48/07.

**A8) Amendment of Mortgage Registered Against the Henk Ruys Soccer Centre
(File No. LS 610-17; CK. 610-6)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council consent to the amendment of the FirstSask Credit Union mortgage registered against the Henk Ruys Soccer Centre in Lawson Heights as outlined in this report; and
 - 2) that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the appropriate documents.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

By way of a lease dated July 1, 1998, the City leased a portion of Municipal Reserve MR1, Plan 77S13119 (Parcel X, Plan 98SA20614) to the Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. for the purpose of constructing and operating the Henk Ruys Soccer Centre. City Council at its November 16, 1998, meeting, consented to a mortgage by way of assignment of this lease to the Saskatoon Credit Union Ltd. (now FirstSask Credit Union). The amount of the mortgage was \$2,700,000.

REPORT

Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. has arranged with FirstSask Credit Union to borrow a further \$500,000 for the purpose of clearing all outstanding liabilities related to the SaskTel Sports Centre. In connection with the loan, Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. has requested that the City consent to the amendment of the mortgage by way of assignment of the lease to secure this further loan. It should be noted that the City registered its mortgage securing the loan for the SaskTel Sports Centre (University Heights) against the Lawson Heights title as additional security. It is intended that the further loan to the Credit Union would be in priority to the City's mortgage. The Credit Union may require a postponement document in addition to the consent to the amendment of the mortgage.

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The request to the Credit Union was two fold; \$300,000 in order to complete the outdoor portion of the park, including bleachers, pathway, and fencing in order to, in turn, release the \$300,00 of Federal funding related to that part of the project. The remainder of \$200,000 will enable payments to the contractor and the school board for outstanding liabilities relation to construction of the SaskTel Sports Centre.

The Credit Union has agreed to lend the money by way of an increase to the mortgage on the first building, but need the City to postpone its secondary charge against the first building in order to release the funds.

Your administration has been informed that the first full year of operations in the SaskTel Sports Centre has met all expectations from an actual to budget perspective.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Section B – CORPORATE SERVICES

**B1) Enquiry – Councillor Pringle (June 25, 2007)
Sick Bank Program
(File No. CK. 4630-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Pringle at the meeting of City Council held on June 25, 2007:

“Could Administration provide Council with information about the City’s ‘Sick Bank Program.’ I would like it to include:

- 1) How the program works;
- 2) How is it funded;
- 3) Decision-making process as to how employees are placed on this program;
- 4) The cost of these benefits in the last year;
- 5) Number of employees who have benefited; and
- 6) Status of this fund today.”

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General Sick Bank Administration

The City of Saskatoon (City) currently has three separate sick banks which provide long term disability benefits for members of CUPE 59, CUPE 47, CUPE 859, ATU 615, and the Saskatoon City Police Association who have exhausted their short term sick leave.

Each sick bank has a joint committee, comprised of union and management representatives, who are responsible for managing, accounting, investing, reporting to members, and administering the sick bank fund. Each joint committee has a set of guidelines it adheres to in determining eligibility requirements for benefits, the application process, waiting periods, duration of payments, amount of payments, the appeal process and funding. A summary of these guidelines is outlined on Attachment 1 and the actual guidelines for each of the sick banks are in Attachment 2.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Sick Bank Guidelines Summary
2. Sick Bank Guidelines (CUPE, ATU 615, and Saskatoon City Police Association)

IT WAS RESOLVED: that consideration of the matter be deferred to the September 4, 2007 meeting of City Council.

Section D – INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

**D1) Enquiry –Councillor M. Heidt (February 12, 2007)
Proposed Closure of Walkway between Hunt Road & Nesbitt Way
(File No. 6350-1; CK. 6295-1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the Administration proceed with public notice to close the walkway between Hunt Road and Nesbitt Way;
- 2) that the existing mid-block crosswalk adjacent to the walkway on Hunt Road be removed;
- 3) that an active pedestrian corridor be installed at the crosswalk on Hunt Road and Nesbitt Crescent/Sumner Crescent; and

- 4) that traffic calming curbs be installed at the crosswalk of Hunt Road and Wedge Road.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Heidt at the meeting of City Council held on February 12, 2007:

“Would the Administration please report back on closing this walkway. It is between the intersections of Hunt and Wedge and Hunt and Sumner.

People presented me with a petition of 86% of the people voting for closure in the catchment area.

Please report back as it leads into a park; however, with Hampton Village increasing traffic flow, it is becoming too dangerous and should be moved to the intersection at Hunt and Sumner.”

REPORT

The walkway between Hunt Road and Nesbitt Way meets up with an existing pedestrian corridor and permanent traffic calming devices leading to Dundonald Park, Dundonald Elementary School and St. Peter’s Elementary School.

Infrastructure Services reviewed the walkway between Nesbitt Way and Hunt Road in 2005 to determine if the walkway was redundant. A study showed that there were 93 pedestrians of which 87 were elementary school children using the route to school. In October 2005, a survey of the residents within the catchment area was completed. A total of 78 surveys were sent out of which 33 responded. Of the 33 respondents, only 20% were in favour of the closure. Thus, the walkway was not considered for closure.

In response to Councillor Heidt’s enquiry of February 12, 2007, Infrastructure Services reviewed the possibility of closing the walkway again. Pedestrian counts at the intersection of Hunt Road and Nesbitt Crescent/Wedge Road and Hunt Road; and the mid block of Hunt Road adjacent to the walkway were completed in March 2007. The pedestrian studies were done at each of the locations at peak times to determine the trips taken by pedestrians. This information is outlined in the following table.

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**Pedestrian Counts
 2007 Counts – March of 2007**

Time	Hunt Rd & Nesbitt Crescent / Sumner Crescent		Hunt Road Walkway	Wedge Rd & Hunt Rd	
	Hunt Rd South Approach	Hunt Rd North Approach	Midblock	Hunt Road South Approach	Hunt Road North Approach
8:00-9:00	52	0	33	0	22
11:30-1:30	31	9	26	0	19
3:00-5:00	45	1	33	0	59
Total	128	10	92	0	100
Overall Total	138		92	0	100
	95.6% are elementary students		97.8% are elementary students	85 % are elementary student	

The data indicates that pedestrians are using all three locations to travel to Dundonald and St. Peter’s Schools.

St. Peter’s School uses a crossing guard to guide pedestrians across the standard crosswalk at Hunt Road and Nesbitt Crescent/Sumner Crescent. There is a pedestrian corridor and permanent traffic curbs mid-block on Hunt Road adjacent to the walkway, and there is a stop control at the Hunt Road and Wedge Road Crossing.

Hunt Road is classified as a local roadway, which typically carries a traffic volume of between 1,000 to 3,000 vehicles per day. The average daily traffic (ADT) measured on Hunt Road was 1,880 vehicles per day, which is within the acceptable range for a local roadway.

A proposal to improve pedestrian safety along Hunt Road was presented to the residents and Dundonald Community Association (Attachment 1). This proposal involved:

- Removal of the existing mid-block crosswalk and traffic calming devices on Hunt Road and close the walkway.
- Upgrade the crosswalk at Hunt Road and Wedge Road by adding traffic calming curbs.
- Upgrade the crosswalk at Hunt Road and Nesbitt Crescent/Sumner Crescent to an Active Pedestrian Corridor.

This proposal was distributed to 221 residents for feedback, of which 14 responses were received. Based on the attached Plan No. 280-0009-001r001 (Attachment 2), 11 agreed with the proposal, and 3 disagreed.

The Dundonald Community Association does not support the closure of the existing mid-block crosswalk as stated in their letter dated June 8, 2007 (Attachment 3).

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Only one of the property owners living adjacent to the walkway initially agreed with this proposal. The remaining three property owners were contacted by telephone July 6, 2007 in order to ascertain why they did not respond to the survey. All three property owners misunderstood the proposal and thought that the changes were being done regardless of the outcome of the survey. It was confirmed that all property owners are willing to purchase the walkway should it be closed.

In order to proceed with a walkway closure, all property owners adjacent to the walkway must be in agreement. According to a letter dated July 8, 2007 (Attachment 4), all property owners are now in agreement with the closure of the walkway due to vandalism and improper behavior during the night time, and are willing to purchase the walkway. Therefore, although the walkway is well utilized and acts a link to the school, the Administration is recommending that it be closed and offered for purchase to the adjacent property owners.

Furthermore, the closure of the walkway would eliminate the need for the mid-block crossing on Hunt Road. It is the Administration's position that a superior option to assist pedestrians crossing Hunt Road would be to install an active pedestrian corridor at the crosswalk on Hunt Road and Nesbitt Crescent, and temporary curb extensions on Hunt Road and Wedge Road.

Some of the residents expressed concerns that skateboarders will use the curb extensions being proposed on Hunt Road and Wedge Road, therefore, the Administration will monitor them and receive feedback from the community before making them permanent.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If approved, the installation of the active pedestrian corridor and traffic calming curbs, as well as the removal of the existing corridor and traffic calming curbs mid-block, would cost approximately \$45,000.00. There are sufficient funds in Capital Project 1506 – Traffic Signal Replacement.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposal to Improve Pedestrian Safety;
2. Plan showing results of Survey;
3. Letter from Dundonald Community Association dated June 8, 2007; and
4. Letter from residents living adjacent to walkway with attached petition.

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**D2) Enquiry –Councillor B. Pringle (April 16, 2007)
Traffic Safety Measures-Adelaide Street between Preston and McEown Avenue
(File No. 6320-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the existing mid-block pedestrian corridor on Adelaide Street between Preston Avenue and McEown Avenue be converted to an Active Pedestrian Corridor.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Pringle at the meeting of City Council held on April 16, 2007:

“Could the Administration please explore traffic safety measures on Adelaide Street between Preston Avenue and McEown Avenue, possibly lowering the speed limit from 40 km/h to 30 km/h and putting in speed bumps. Many seniors coming to Market Mall are very concerned about their safety.”

REPORT

The section of Adelaide Street that runs between Preston Avenue to McEown Avenue is classified as a collector roadway with an expected traffic volume of between 8,000 to 10,000 vehicles per day. Adelaide Street is surrounded by senior’s housing on the north side, and Market Mall on the south side. The posted speed limit on this street is 50 km/hr.

The traffic controls and devices on this section consist of a two-way stop at Preston Avenue and Adelaide Street, giving right-of-way to Preston Avenue; a mid-block pedestrian corridor and permanent curb extensions on Adelaide; and a pedestrian corridor and three-way stop at Adelaide Street and McEown Avenue.

Traffic calming devices such as speed humps are often used to reduce excessive speeding. To determine if speed humps would be beneficial, a traffic volume and speed study was conducted in May of 2007. The speed study measures the 85th percentile speed (the speed at which 85 percent of the vehicles are travelling at or less than) and the traffic volume indicates the average daily traffic. The result of the study indicated that the average daily traffic (ADT) was 2,930 vehicles per day, and the 85th percentile speed was 47 km/hr.

Pedestrian counts were done in May 2007 to determine the usage to Market Mall. The count was conducted during the peak hours of the day, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.; 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; and 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The counts are summarized in the table below:

Peak hour Pedestrian Studies

**Adelaide Street between Preston Avenue and McEown Avenue
 Date of Study May 23 and 24, 2007**

Location	Pedestrian Classification				
	Elementary	High School	Adult	Seniors	Total
Preston Ave & Adelaide Street (East Approach)	1	122	13	8	144
Adelaide Street (Midblock)	0	80	30	136	246
McEown Ave & Adelaide Street (West Approach)	0	92	11	0	103

These studies indicate that pedestrians are using these crosswalk locations as a route to Market Mall, and that the mid-block crossing on Adelaide Street is used more by seniors as a route to the Market Mall than the other two locations.

The Administration is recommending that the pedestrian corridor on Adelaide Street be converted to an Active Pedestrian Corridor to improve pedestrian safety. The Active Pedestrian Corridor uses amber flashing beacons to warn motorists that a pedestrian is crossing. The Administration has not identified any other safety issues on this portion of Adelaide Street. The traffic volumes are well within the typical volumes for a collector roadway, and the 85th percentile speed is below the posted speed limit.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If approved, the installation of the active pedestrian corridor will cost approximately \$5,000.00. This project would be included in Capital Project 631 – Traffic Safety Improvements, and would be part of the 2008 budget.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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D3) Communications to Council

**From: Patrick Little
Date: May 22, 2007
Subject: Expansion of Circle Drive – Purchase of Homes
(File No. CK. 6050-9)**

RECOMMENDATION: that at the appropriate time, any properties deemed surplus be offered for sale to the previous owners at current market price.

BACKGROUND

City Council, at its meeting held on May 28, 2007, considered the attached correspondence (Attachment 1) dated May 22, 2007, from Patrick Little with respect to the purchase of homes in preparation for the proposed expansion of Circle Drive. Council passed a motion that the matter be referred to the Administration for a report back to City Council.

REPORT

Infrastructure Services had been assembling land adjacent to the existing Dundonald Avenue for a number of years for the future right-of-way for Circle Drive. A total of 10 residential properties had been identified for purchase, and the City of Saskatoon had completed the purchase of seven of those properties. In each case, the property was leased back to the original owner.

The Circle Drive alignment that was approved by City Council at its meeting held on May 28, 2007, will not require the extent of right-of-way along Dundonald Avenue that was previously envisioned. As a result, some, or potentially all of these properties will be surplus to the City's needs. Having said that, the Circle Drive South River Bridge Project is only in the design stages, and funding for the entire project has not been secured. It is, therefore, the Administration's opinion that the properties be retained until design is complete and funding has been secured in order to ensure that properties can be disposed off with the certainty that they will not be required.

The homes that have been purchased by the City of Saskatoon along Dundonald Avenue that may be surplus to this project are shown on Attachment 1.

Other properties have also been purchased along Dundonald Avenue, however, they are currently vacant parcels. These vacant lands will also be disposed of if they are surplus to the City's needs.

Infrastructure Services, in consultation with the Land Branch Manager, is proposing that at the appropriate time, any properties deemed surplus be offered for sale to the previous owners at current market values. If the previous owner does not wish to purchase the property, it would be sold by public tender.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Correspondence dated May 22, 2007 from Patrick Little; and

The A/City Clerk distributed copies of a plan showing which homes have been purchased adjacent to Dundonald Avenue for Circle Drive South River Crossing Project.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the recommendation be adopted.

**D4) Land Development – C.N. Industrial Subdivision
Capital Project No. 0774
(File No. 1815-2; CK. 4000-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that approximately 350 metres of Melville Street be upgraded to a paved 10 metre rural cross section as shown on Attachment 1;
 - 2) that an increase of \$400,000 to Capital Project 0774 – Land Development – C.N. Industrial Subdivision be approved;
 - 3) that the increase in budget be funded from the General Prepaid Services Reserve; and
 - 4) that the road upgrade work be sole sourced to ASL Paving Ltd. as a Change Order to Contract 6-0105, Melville Street Road Construction, at an approximate cost of \$350,000 including P.S.T. and G.S.T.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

Melville Street is in the process of being rebuilt in a new alignment (from Clarence Avenue west to the ‘tracks’), and the subsequent land is being developed by the City’s Land Branch. As shown on Attachment 1, there is a portion of existing Melville Street from Portage Avenue east to the ‘tracks’ that has never been paved properly, is currently a gravel surface, and is a very heavily used.

This ‘old’ portion was built to a simple rural standard when the CN Industrial Area was created. Through the evolution of the area, new industry utilization, and a varied history, this portion of

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roadway was never upgraded. In light of the new development immediately east on the same road, it is prudent to upgrade this portion of roadway to a minimum standard to tie the 'new CN Industrial Area' to the 'old CN Industrial Area'.

REPORT

Contract 6-0105, Melville Street Road Construction, was awarded and is proceeding towards completion in 2007. The opportunity exists to add the work on Melville, from Portage Ave to the tracks, to this contract.

The Administration is recommending that the construction be sole sourced to ASL Paving Ltd. as it is of similar scope and immediately adjacent to the existing work which was competitively bid. This would also mean that the additional reconstruction could be completed in unison with the new Melville construction.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The work is estimated to cost a total of \$400,000, comprised of \$350,000 (including G.S.T.) in direct contract items, and \$75,000 in indirect costs such as engineering, testing, surveying, administration levies and other similar costs including a 10% contingency.

The additional work will be funded from the General Prepaid Reserve for land development.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Melville Street Portage Avenue to Tracks Road Re-Construction

**D5) Membership in the South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards Incorporated
(File No. 155-01 and CK. 225-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the City of Saskatoon join the membership of the South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards Incorporated.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be considered with Item A2 of Communications to Council.

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D6) Communications to Council

From: Richard Zimmer

Date: May 21, 2007

Subject: Greenhouse Gas

(File No. CK. 375-4)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

City Council, at its meeting held on May 28, 2007, considered the attached correspondence (Attachment 1) dated May 21, 2007 from Richard Zimmer with respect to greenhouse gas. Council passed a motion that the letter be referred to Administration for a report back to City Council.

REPORT

Vehicles are purchased to perform a specific task and the users of the vehicles are consulted to make sure the most effective type of vehicle is purchased. In the case of the Mega Quad Cab Dodge Truck, the requirements of the vehicle were to purchase a four-wheel-drive crew cab with an 8-foot box. The crew cab is required for the surveyors as the rear portion of the cab is used as an office and survey plans are worked on out of the elements. To get the 8-foot box would have meant going to a ¾ ton truck which is higher, rides rougher, costs more to purchase and is less fuel efficient. The Surveyors accepted a ½ ton truck with the short box. The purchase of these vehicles was done through a public tender.

An analysis of fuel consumption of recently purchased four-wheel-drive crew cab Dodge Dakotas and four-wheel drive regular cab Ford Rangers shows the fuel economy to be almost identical, with any differences more related to type of use and driving patterns.

Vehicle and Equipment Services have made significant strides in down-sizing the fleet in recent years. When it is time to replace vehicles or equipment, they are replaced with the most efficient unit that meets the functional requirements. With this down-sizing, the fuel consumption of the Vehicle and Equipment Services fleet of vehicles and equipment has been virtually the same for the last three to four years, even with the additional vehicles added to meet the increased needs of a growing city.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Correspondence dated May 21, 2007 from Richard Zimmer.

**D7) Snow and Ice Program
(File No. CK. 6290-1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that Bylaw No. 8463, The Sidewalk Clearing Bylaw, 2005, be amended as follows:
 - a) to include all sidewalks, including sidewalks in commercial and residential areas;
 - b) the compliance time for the owner or occupant of adjoining property to clear or remove, or cause to be cleared or removed, snow or ice or other loose debris from the sidewalk adjoining the property to be changed from; on or before 0900 hours on each day, or in the case of a heavy snowfall; on or before 1200 hours on each day, to within 24 to 48 hours of when the snow or ice was deposited, depending upon location of the sidewalk, as outlined in this report;
 - c) the area of the nine Sidewalk Clearing Areas currently identified in Bylaw No. 8463, to be amended as outlined in this report;
 - d) enforcement for non-compliance with the Bylaw to include:
 - (a) a fine; and/or
 - (b) removal of the snow or ice at the expense of the owner; and
- 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to make the necessary amendments to Bylaw No. 8463 for consideration by City Council.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on February 12, 2007, City Council considered Clause 2, Report No. 3-2007 of the Planning and Operations Committee and resolved, in part:

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- “5) that the Administration report further with respect to the implementation of a residential sidewalk snow clearing bylaw similar to that of the City of Edmonton, with time frames consistent with the provisions in effect for the business districts.”

In 2005, Bylaw No. 8463 (Attachment 1) was passed by City Council. It requires that owners or occupants of property in certain commercial areas clear sidewalks of snow or ice or other loose debris on or before 9:00 a.m. each day, except in the case of a heavy snowfall, when removal is to be completed on or before 12:00 noon each day. Owners and occupants of private residences living in the designated commercial areas are exempt from the snow and ice removal requirements.

Pursuant to Section 333 of *The Cities Act*, the current bylaw allows the City to take whatever measures are necessary to remedy a contravention of the bylaw and remove snow and ice and add the costs of such removal to the tax roll of an adjoining property. It also provides for an Order to Remedy process potentially resulting in a fine of \$100 for an individual (plus \$25 per day for a continuing offence), and \$200 for a corporation (plus up to \$50 per day for a continuing offence).

REPORT

This report provides information on what other jurisdictions have in place to ensure property owners keep their sidewalks in a useable and safe condition through the winter months, and includes recommendations as well as options to consider for inclusion in The City of Saskatoon Sidewalk Clearing Bylaw.

Residential sidewalk clearing programs are common in other jurisdictions across Canada. The cities used for reference include Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary and Edmonton.

The following is a summary of jurisdictional information:

Sidewalk Bylaw Summary Chart by City								
City	Sidewalk Bylaw	Fine		Costs Added To Property Taxes	Time to Comply	Complaint Basis	Areas Cleaned	Assistance Available
Toronto	530-1999	\$105	+/or	Yes	12 hrs	?	All adjacent	Register cost? -
Winnipeg	3422/83	\$25	+/or	Yes	48 hrs	Yes	Designated	?
Calgary	20M88	-	+/or	Yes	24 hrs	Yes	All adjacent	Volunteer Program
Edmonton	5590	\$85	+/or	Yes	48 hrs	Yes	All adjacent	Volunteer & Paid Program
Regina	9881	\$100	+/or	Yes	24 hrs	Yes	Designated	?
Saskatoon	8463	100 + \$25/day	+/or	Yes	0900 or 1200 the next day	Yes	Designated	Paid

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Time Frame

The cities surveyed have varying lengths of time to adhere to sidewalk clearing requirements, with the longest being 48 hours. Some of the cities had designated areas with different requirements.

The Administration believes that, for most areas, 48 hours after the end of any accumulation of snow is an appropriate amount of time to comply with the bylaw. This time frame will allow City crews to clear the portions of sidewalks that front City-owned properties adjacent to streets. It will also allow property owners to complete their snow removal requirements, as well as provide assistance to others who may not be able to complete it themselves. It is the Administration's opinion that this will allow a reasonable amount of time for an owner to clean multiple properties, especially if we are going to be encouraging a "help your neighbour" program. The time frames in the current bylaw could not be met by City crews, and a snowfall in the evening or overnight would require homeowners to clear their sidewalks before they leave for work.

The Administration is proposing a 24 hour time limit for the nine areas that are currently identified in Bylaw 8463. The 24 hour requirement is necessary because of the large amount of foot traffic in these business areas. The City does not anticipate any problems adhering to the 24 hour limit for sidewalks adjacent to City-owned property within the nine areas.

The weather station at the airport can be utilized as a benchmark to determine when the "snow stops". It has an accessible website and is being successfully used by the City of Calgary.

When snow clearing on the streets occurs, the crews will make every effort to place the windrows as close to the curb as possible. Occasionally, cleared snow will fall on the sidewalk adjacent to properties. These will be investigated on a case-by-case basis.

Sidewalk Clearing Areas

The Administration is recommending that the nine Sidewalk Clearing Areas currently included in Bylaw No. 8463, be modified as follows:

- Area 1 – to be reduced to encompass Lawson Heights Mall;
- Area 2 – to be reduced to encompass the two shopping areas at Attridge Road and Kenderdine Road;
- Area 3 – Central Avenue – No change;
- Area 4 – to be reduced to encompass the Extra Foods site on Herold Road;
- Area 5 – to be reduced to encompass Market Mall;
- Area 6 – to be reduced to businesses on Broadway Avenue;
- Area 7 – Downtown – No change;
- Area 8 – 33rd Street West – No change; and
- Area 9 – to be reduced to encompass the Confederation Mall and Superstore/Canadian Tire Site.

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The intention is to require owners or occupants to clear sidewalks in front of and along side of their properties. The sidewalks in front of walkways, between crescents and back lanes would be the responsibility of the property owners on either side of the public corridor, to share on equal terms.

Notification, Enforcement and Penalties

There is no staff or resources available to search for violations, therefore, the process will be complaint driven by the public, as it is in other jurisdictions. After a complaint is received, an inspection will occur and at that time, if there is a bylaw violation, the property owner will be advised in writing that they must comply within 48 hours. One copy of the notice will be handed to the occupant or left in the mailbox. A copy will be mailed to the owner, if different from the occupant. A third copy of the notice will be retained in the enforcement files.

After the compliance period of 48 hours has ended, another site visit will be made and, if necessary, City crews will clean the sidewalk and charges will be added to the tax roll of the property. Subsequent violations will follow the same procedure but with escalating ticket amounts. This would eventually lead to a mandatory court appearance with the fine to be determined by the court.

Pictures would be taken at various stages of the process to verify the violation.

Non-Profit Agencies for Assistance in Snow Removal

The City of Edmonton has a network of non-profit agencies which provide assistance to seniors and people with disabilities. Employees are paid on an hourly basis at a reasonable rate (\$10 to \$12/hour). The City has no involvement in the program, except to make contact information available to the public. Applicants apply to the agencies, and services are provided to the capacity of the agency.

In Saskatoon, there are similar non-profit agencies who provide services for a nominal fee.

Services for Seniors is a non-profit agency which could provide snow and ice clearing, however, lack of staffing has had an impact on the number of seniors they are able to serve. They have also indicated that they provide a service level of 72 hours, which would be in violation of the proposed bylaw. The Saskatoon Urban Camp provides inmates to Services for Seniors to do fall and winter maintenance to a specified number of residences. The John Howard Society is able to provide people to assist non-profit agencies, but they can not guarantee a specific number of participants at any time. The Administration has not yet been successful in contacting Youth Works about its possible assistance.

Given the service level requirements of the proposed bylaw, non-profit agencies alone would likely not be a feasible option for residents.

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The City of Saskatoon will provide a contact list of prospective agencies and groups, but will ensure that the public is aware that service from an outside agency does not mean an exemption from the bylaw, nor does it allow for an adjustment of the timeline specified in the bylaw.

Volunteer Program

A “Snow Angels” program, run by several departments within the City of Calgary, is a program where people are nominated as angels by the people they help. Nominees receive a letter from the Mayor and a pin. Each season there are prize draws wherein everyone nominated is entered.

Edmonton has a program, operated by the Alberta Youth Volunteer Society, which has volunteers ‘adopt a driveway’ for the season. There are no incentives to volunteer and it is not a city-run program.

A volunteer program similar to Calgary’s could be run by The City of Saskatoon at a minimal cost, using existing staff. As there is no time sensitive requirements, and it is a seasonal program, it could be handled during slower times between several employees. The City of Saskatoon could partner with businesses to provide prizes for draws for the volunteers, and the businesses that provide prizes would have their names associated with the program as a reward for their donations. New sponsors could be sought each year to give every business an opportunity to participate.

Conclusion

The Administration is recommending that if a public complaint is made, and a time period of 48 hours has elapsed since the completion of a snow fall, that an inspection take place. If it is determined that there is a violation of the bylaw, a notification letter will be issued, allowing the owner/occupant 48 hours to comply. If the property is still in violation after the second compliance period has ended, then a ticket will be issued and crews will be dispatched to clear the sidewalk at the owner’s expense. Repeated violations during a winter season will result in increased ticket amounts and a mandatory court appearance.

In conjunction with the Communications Branch, a plan will be formulated to inform the public before the normal arrival of the first snowfall. The multimedia campaign may include print ads, mail drops, posters and media ads. It may also include reminders on radio stations after the first few, or all snowfalls. This advertising program can run in combination with the other snow program enhancements proposed for the upcoming winter season.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

At this point it is not clear how many additional bylaw enforcement personnel will be required. As the workload would be seasonal and sporadic, an option could be to use the Corps of Commissionaires, and/or seasonal staff. Other jurisdictions have several personnel and teams of inspectors enforcing the bylaws. Vehicles and other equipment will also be required for gathering of evidence and serving notices.

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Historically, there has been a large number of enforcement issues during the first year of the bylaw. This does diminish as more people become aware, however, other cities have indicated that there is still an impact on the workload of enforcement personnel after two to three years.

One new full-time bylaw enforcement position is approximately \$60,000 for wages and expenses. With the workload dependant upon the weather, it may be possible to access personnel from another department or area. The Corp of Commissionaires has indicated that two personnel with two vehicles would cost approximately \$8,000, based on 40 hours per call out, and five call outs per season. Having the Commissionaires on contract for the initial two-three years will then help determine the need for additional bylaw enforcement requirements for successive years.

A combination of contractor and City crews may be required. When the work load exceeds what a contractor can accomplish, City crews would switch from their normal duties to help. Costs for clearing the sidewalk will be recovered from the property owner. An extra 3.5 FTE are now available through the 2007 Operating Budget. The crews will have at least 48 hours to complete the City's requirements for snow clearing and then have some personnel available to help the contractor if required.

Funding for the information campaign will be from the Snow and Ice Program. Any additional resources required for the program will be requested through the 2008 Operating Budget.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Bylaw No. 8463, The Sidewalk Clearing Bylaw, 2005.

Items B21 – B25 of Communications to Council were brought forward.

“B21) Yolanda van Petten, dated August 11

Submitting comments regarding the proposed snow clearing bylaw. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

B22) Lisa Hamp, dated August 11

Submitting comments regarding the proposed snow and ice program. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

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B23) Mike Heseltine, dated August 11

Submitting comments regarding the proposed snow and ice program. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

B24) Lorraine Mcaulay, dated August 11

Submitting comments regarding the proposed snow and ice program. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

B25) Lisette Coulling, dated August 13

Submitting comments regarding the proposed snow and ice program. (File No. CK. 6290-1)”

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that Bylaw No. 8463, The Sidewalk Clearing Bylaw, 2005, be amended as follows:

- a) to include all sidewalks, including sidewalks in commercial and residential areas;*
- b) the compliance time for the owner or occupant of adjoining property to clear or remove, or cause to be cleared or removed, snow or ice or other loose debris from the sidewalk adjoining the property to be changed from; on or before 0900 hours on each day, or in the case of a heavy snowfall; on or before 1200 hours on each day, to within 24 to 48 hours of when the snow or ice was deposited, depending upon location of the sidewalk, as outlined in this report;*
- c) the area of the nine Sidewalk Clearing Areas currently identified in Bylaw No. 8463, to be amended as outlined in this report;*
- d) enforcement for non-compliance with the Bylaw to include:
 - (a) a fine; and/or*
 - (b) removal of the snow or ice at the expense of the owner;**

2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to make the necessary amendments to Bylaw No. 8463 for consideration by City Council;

3) that implementation of the fine process be delayed with only warnings issued for non-compliance for the first year; and

- 4) *that the Administration report back on one-year's time on the effectiveness of the program, prior to implementing the fine process.*

His Worship the Mayor assumed the Chair.

Moved by Councillor Clark, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

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

CARRIED.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor Dubois welcomed the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture delegates and their instructor who were present in the gallery.

HEARINGS

- 4a) Proposed Zoning Bylaw Text Amendment
Permit Parking Stations as a Discretionary Use in AG District
Applicant: Vecima Networks Inc.
Proposed Bylaw No. 8623
(File No. CK. 4350-1)**
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REPORT OF THE A/CITY CLERK:

“The purpose of this hearing is to consider proposed Bylaw No. 8623.

Attached are copies of the following:

- Proposed Bylaw No. 8623;
- Report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated June 25, 2007 recommending that the proposed Zoning Bylaw text amendment to permit Parking Stations in an AG – Agricultural Zoning District as a Discretionary Use, be approved;
- Report of the Municipal Planning Commission dated July 19, 2007 advising that the Commission supports the above-noted recommendation; and
- Notice that appeared in the local press under dates of July 28 and August 4, 2007.”

His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.

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Mr. Tim Steuart, 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.

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 Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Neault, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 8623.

CARRIED.

MATTERS REQUIRING PUBLIC NOTICE

- 5a) Proposed Direct Sale – 230 Avenue L South – Station 20 West
(File No. CK. 4131-31 x CK. 4215-1)**

REPORT OF THE A/CITY CLERK:

“The following is a report of the Executive Committee:

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council authorize the Administration to proceed with the direct sale of Lot 35, Block 7, Plan 101904397 (230 Avenue L South, formerly 1120 – 20th Street West), to the Station 20 West Development Corporation Inc. subject to conditions outlined in the report for the development of a Community Enterprise Centre comprising of offices, retail space, and a public plaza.

Your Committee has reviewed the following report of the General Manager, Community Services Department and is pleased to submit the above recommendation.

BACKGROUND

During its October 3, 2005, meeting, City Council, resolved to purchase the existing building and land at 1120 – 20th Street West.

During its January 9, 2006, meeting, City Council approved the demolition of the existing building at 1120 - 20th Street West (former DJ's Nightclub and Pawn Shop).

In March 2006, City Council entered into an Urban Development Agreement which provided funding from the three levels of government to undertake the demolition and site remediation of the property at 1120 – 20th Street West.

In the fall of 2006, the site at 1120 20th Street West was re-subdivided to create a new parcel, now known as 230 Avenue L South. (See Attachment 1.)

REPORT

The Community Services Department, Land Branch, has purchased the land and building at 230 Avenue L South in accordance with City Council's October 3, 2005, resolution. The existing building has been demolished, the site has been remediated for contamination to a commercial standard, and the site has been re-subdivided (now known as 230 Avenue L South). The Station 20 West Development Corporation has been offered the right of first refusal on 230 Avenue L South until May 31, 2007, pending a review of their business plan for a Community Enterprise Centre.

The QUINT Development Corporation and the Child Hunger and Education Program (CHEP) are the lead organizations behind the Station 20 West proposal. A new organization has been formed to undertake the site development at 230 Avenue L South, called 'The Station 20 West Development Corporation Inc.'

It is Station 20 West's desire to commence with construction of a Community Enterprise Centre in the Spring of 2008. The Community Enterprise Centre is a \$12.5 million dollar, 3,882 square metres (41,787 ft²) mixed use building. It is expected to be four storeys and house retail space (grocery store planned), commercial office space, and an outdoor plaza.

The Administration has thoroughly reviewed the Business Plan for the Station 20 West Community Enterprise Centre (See Attachment 2).

Overall, the numbers appear good, with several committed tenants who are able to pay market rates for space and enter into multi-year leases. The Station 20 West development is expected to be at capacity from the outset of operation. Station 20 West received an \$8 million grant from the Province of Saskatchewan in 2007. Station 20 West expects to raise \$2.5 million from private donations by the fall of 2008, and will carry a residual \$2 million dollar mortgage for a five year period. Without accounting for available incentives through the Enterprise Zone, Station 20 expects to operate with a small surplus beginning in year three. A modest reserve of \$50 thousand will be established to cover unforeseen expenses.

Station 20 West has pledged not to approach the City of Saskatoon for any additional funding support in the event that the venture does not proceed or operate as planned.

The Community Services Department has also been working with the Station 20 West group to develop an adequate parking plan for the employees and customers expected to work and visit the site. Although there is no minimum parking standard contained in the existing B5 zoning for the uses proposed, it is the view of the City of Saskatoon Administration and Station 20 West that more off-site parking must be secured for the project to be successful. Towards this end, Station 20 West is pursuing an option to develop more parking on the adjacent parking lot at St. Georges' Hall and utilizing part of the Avenue L roadway. The Community Services Department is putting a condition in the Sale Agreement which gives Station 20 West up to one year to establish a suitable parking solution.

The Community Services Department is recommending proceeding with a direct sale to the Station 20 West Development Corp. Inc. Subject to meeting the terms specified below in the Sale Agreement.

The terms of the Sale Agreement are listed below:

- 1) Purchaser must obtain a building permit no later than 12 months from the closing date. (Note - title will be transferred to the purchaser on the closing date of the transaction. This will allow the purchaser to obtain financing and use the site as security).
- 2) The building foundation must be completed no later than August 31, 2008.
- 3) If the purchaser has not completed the foundation by August 31, 2008, then an option to purchase will arise in favour of the City, whereby the City of Saskatoon has the option for six months to re-purchase the property for the original purchase price.

- 4) Purchaser has until the date of obtaining an occupancy permit to work out a suitable off-site parking arrangement to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Community Services Department.
- 5) If the purchaser has not found a suitable off-site parking arrangement by the date of obtaining an occupancy permit, the purchaser will undertake negotiations with the City of Saskatoon to determine a suitable off-site parking solution.
- 6) The Land at 230 Avenue L South will be sold for \$1.
- 7) The purchaser must agree to pay \$42,798.13, which are development charges related to subdivision and off-site levies.
- 8) Closing date of the transaction will be upon City Council's approval of the direct sale.

The site's tax title value is estimated at \$56,500 (2005) plus site remediation (\$124,800) for an estimated book value of \$181,300.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is required pursuant to Section 3 i) of Policy C01-021, *The Public Notice Policy*. Advertisements have been placed in *The StarPhoenix* and *The Saskatoon Sun* in advance of both the Public Executive Committee meeting on July 18, 2007, and the regular meeting of City Council on August 13, 2007.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Plan
2. Executive Summary – Business Case for Station 20 West Community Enterprise Centre'

Also attached is a copy of the notice that appeared in the local press under dates of July 14 and August 11, 2007."

Mr. Rusty Chartier expressed support for Station 20 West.

Mr. Bill Bernard, Good Food Junction, spoke in favour of Station 20 West.

Mr. Don Kossick expressed support for Station 20 West.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT City Council authorize the Administration to proceed with the direct sale of Lot 35, Block 7, Plan 101904397 (230 Avenue L South, formerly 1120 – 20th Street West), to the Station 20 West Development Corporation Inc. subject to conditions outlined in the report for the development of a Community Enterprise Centre comprising of offices, retail space, and a public plaza.

CARRIED.

5b) Proposed Amendment to Willowgrove Concept Plan
Applicant: City of Saskatoon, Land Branch
(File No. CK. 4131-26)

REPORT OF THE A/CITY CLERK:

“The purpose of this matter requiring public notice is to consider the following recommendation of the General Manager, Community Services Department:

RECOMMENDATION: that the proposed amendment to the Willowgrove Neighbourhood Concept Plan as shown on Document 3 of Attachment 1 to the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated July 5, 2007, be approved.”

Attached are copies of the following:

- Report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated June 25, 2007;
- Report of the Municipal Planning Commission dated July 19, 2007 advising that the Commission supports the above-noted recommendation;
- Report of the Planning and Operations Committee dated July 19, 2007 advising the Committee supports the above-noted recommendation; and
- Notice that appeared in the local press under dates of August 4, 2007 and August 5, 2007.”

*Note - Clause 1, Report No. 5-2007 of the Municipal Planning Commission is to be considered following this matter.”

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 Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT the proposed amendment to the Willowgrove Neighbourhood Concept Plan as shown on Document 3 of Attachment 1 to the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated July 5, 2007, be approved.

CARRIED.

Clause 1, Report No. 5-2007 of the Municipal Planning Commission was brought forward and considered at this time.

“REPORT NO. 5-2007 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

- 1. Proposed Rezoning from R1A to RMTN and from R1A to R1B
Proposed Parcel A, Proposed Parcel B and Proposed Parcels 552, 553, 554
(ISC Surface Parcels: 161461009, 118533045, 118533056)
Willowgrove Neighbourhood
(File No. CK. 4351-1)**
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RECOMMENDATION: that consideration of the following recommendations and report be deferred until Item 5b) under “Matters Requiring Public Notice” (Proposed Amendment to Willowgrove Concept Plan) is considered:

- 1) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to rezone the sites along Muzyka Road (Proposed Parcels A and B), as indicated on Attachment 3 to the report of the General Manager, Community Services dated June 11, 2007, from R1A District to RMTN District;
- 2) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to rezone the sites along Muzyka Road (Proposed Parcels 552, 553, and 554), as indicated on Attachment 3 to the report of the General Manager, Community Services dated June 11, 2007, from R1A District to R1B District;
- 3) that the General Manager, Community Services Department, be requested to prepare the required notices for advertising the proposed amendments;
- 4) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaws; and
- 5) that at the time of the public hearing, City Council consider the Municipal Planning Commission’s recommendation that the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendments be approved.

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Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated June 11, 2007, with respect to approval for advertising and preparation of the necessary bylaws for the above proposed rezoning.

Your Commission has reviewed the report with the Administration and is supporting the above recommendations.”

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

- 1) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to rezone the sites along Muzyka Road (Proposed Parcels A and B), as indicated on Attachment 3 to the report of the General Manager, Community Services dated June 11, 2007, from RIA District to RMTN District;*
- 2) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to rezone the sites along Muzyka Road (Proposed Parcels 552, 553, and 554), as indicated on Attachment 3 to the report of the General Manager, Community Services dated June 11, 2007, from RIA District to RIB District;*
- 3) that the General Manager, Community Services Department, be requested to prepare the required notices for advertising the proposed amendments;*
- 4) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaws; and*
- 5) that at the time of the public hearing, City Council consider the Municipal Planning Commission’s recommendation that the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendments be approved.*

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

1) Jim Leach, dated July 10

Requesting permission to address City Council with respect to Hampton Village and McNab Park roadways. (File No. 6000-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Jim Leach be heard.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT Jim Leach be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Jim Leach proposed that with McNab Park possibly moving, that the City look at connecting Claypool Drive and 51st Street in order to accommodate the traffic from Hampton Village to the north end.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

2) Harold Martens, South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards, dated July 17

Requesting to address City Council with respect to the South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards. (File No. CK. 225-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Clause D5, Administrative Report No. 18-2007 be brought forward and that Harold Martens be heard.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT Clause D5, Administrative Report No. 18-2007 be brought forward and that Harold Martens be heard.

CARRIED.

“ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 18-2007

**D5) Membership in the South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards Incorporated
(File No. 155-01 and CK. 225-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the City of Saskatoon join the membership of the South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards Incorporated.

BACKGROUND

The South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards Incorporated (SSRWSI) is a newly formed non-profit corporation with the purpose of protecting the quality and quantity of water in the South Saskatchewan River. The SSRWSI was formed from the South Saskatchewan River (SSR) Watershed Advisory Committees (WACs) to implement the South Saskatchewan River Watershed Source Water Protection Plan. The WACs, which have been working together for three years, consist of representatives from the City of Saskatoon, urban and rural municipalities, agriculture, industry, and environmental groups along the South Saskatchewan River.

To become a member, the City of Saskatoon is being asked for a membership commitment of \$20,000 per year for three years. The money raised from membership, along with provincial government funding, will go towards the operation of the SSRWSI. The SSRWSI's primary operating expense is for a Watershed Coordinator position that works to implement the Source Water Protection Plan.

DISCUSSION

The SSR Watershed is the region that drains into the SSR and includes all the land, air, plants, and animals within its boundaries. The purpose of this Source Water Protection Plan is to protect the quality and quantity of water within the SSR and the ecosystem within the watershed. This is important to the residents of Saskatoon as it will protect Saskatoon's drinking water source and promotes environmental responsibility so that the river quality and quantity is maintained for future generations.

The watershed planning process is based on the recommendations from the *Laing Report of Inquiry* into the incident of a cryptosporidium outbreak in North Battleford. Justice Laing recognized

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source water protection as the first barrier in protecting drinking water and that watershed planning is the process to commence that action.

The SSR watershed planning process commenced in late 2004 with an invitational informational meeting. This meeting brought together stakeholder urban and rural municipalities, other organizations such as Watershed Associations, Irrigation Districts and Conservation and Development Authorities and special interest groups such as SWF and Nature Saskatchewan. Watershed planning was endorsed by everyone attending and it was agreed that each municipality would send a representative to be on one of the three WACs. A technical committee was also set-up to provide information to the WACs. The City of Saskatoon has both City Council and Administration representatives on the WAC and an Administration representative on the technical committee. The SSRWSI was formed from the various committees and the City of Saskatoon has a City Councillor and an Administration representative sitting on the SSRWSI board.

The work of the SSRWSI is of particular interest to the City of Saskatoon in terms of its ability to work with those upstream of the City's drinking water intakes to reduce the risk and quantity of contaminants potentially entering the SSR. The SSRWSI's goals align with the City's goals to protect the river.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial impact to become a member is \$20,000 per year, for the next three years and funded from the utility operating budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The support of the South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards Incorporated will result in an improved level of water quality and quantity in the South Saskatchewan River and the watershed's ecosystem.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Mr. Harold Martens provided information on the South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards Incorporated and indicated that they are seeking a 3-year commitment from the City of Saskatoon at a cost of \$20,000 per year.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the City of Saskatoon join the membership of the South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards Incorporated for 3 years at a cost of \$20,000 per year.

CARRIED.

3) Martin Been, dated July 20

Requesting permission to address City Council with respect to a proposal to convert Milroy Apartments, 320 5th Avenue North, into condominium units. (File No. CK. 4132-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Item B1) of Communications to Council be brought forward and that Martin Been be heard.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT Item B1) of Communications to Council be brought forward and that Martin Been be heard.

CARRIED.

“B1) Eric Flogan, dated July 9

Expressing concern about proposal to convert 320 5th Avenue North from apartments into condominium units. (File No. CK. 4132-1)”

Mr. Martin Been, tenant at The Milroy Apartments located at 320 - 5th Avenue North, submitted a petition containing approximately 112 signatures protesting the proposed conversion of The Milroy Apartments to condominiums.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT the information be received and forwarded to the Administration.

CARRIED.

4) Clayton Ruszkowski on behalf of University of Saskatchewan Space Design Team dated August 3

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Requesting permission to address City Council on behalf of the University of Saskatchewan Space Design Team. (File No. CK. 1870-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Clayton Ruszkowski be heard.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT Clayton Ruszkowski be heard.

CARRIED.

The A/City Clerk distributed a pamphlet regarding the project.

Mr. Clayton Ruszkowski, President, University of Saskatchewan Space Design Team, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Team's project and asked that the City of Saskatoon provide financial support in the amount of \$15,000.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

5) Rusty Chartier, dated August 5

Requesting permission to address City Council regarding music played at the Van Impe ball diamond. (File No. CK. 375-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that Rusty Chartier be heard.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT Rusty Chartier be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Rusty Chartier expressed concerns regarding racism in the city, specifically the content of the music that was being played at the Van Impe ball diamond in July 2007.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the information be received and forwarded to the Administration and the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee to examine whether a policy would be appropriate to ensure this kind of event does not happen in a City facility.

CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 18-2007 - CONTINUED

**D8) 2007 Roadway Reconstruction
Capital Projects No. 0836 and 0835
(File No. 6005-1; CK. 6000-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve post budget increases of:
 - a) \$800,000 to Capital Project No. 0836 - Arterial Preservation, to a total of \$3,300,000 from \$2,500,000;
 - b) \$275,000 to Capital Project No. 0835 - Collector Preservation, to a total of \$875,000 from \$600,000;
 - 2) that the \$1,075,000 increase to Capital Projects No. 0836 and 0835 be funded from the Infrastructure Replacement Reserve - Surface Discretionary and as a result of this funding allocation, the Reserve be allowed to fall into a deficit position, in this amount, on a temporary basis; and
 - 3) that the Administration report further during the budget review process on a strategy to bring the Reserve into a funded position on a go forward basis.

BACKGROUND

Current funding for road preservation and restoration projects on arterial and collector class roadways is provided by Capital Project No. 0836 (Arterial Roadways) and Capital Project No. 0835 (Collector Roadways) through the Infrastructure Replacement Reserve – Surface Discretionary. Infrastructure Services has a backlog of roadway restoration projects that exceed available funding on an annual basis and thus must prioritize projects for each year’s program. The Infrastructure Replacement Reserve – Surface Discretionary is currently funded annually from an authorized provision in the City’s Operating Budget. For 2007, Capital Project No. 0835 – Collector Road Preservation has \$600,000 of approved funding in place and Capital Project No. 0836 – Arterial Road Presevation has \$2,500,000 of approved funding in place.

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REPORT

Three roadway sections have now been identified for complete reconstruction, on a priority basis, due to the rapid deterioration of their condition this year. As the problems with these three roadway sections became apparent only after spring thaw, the funding for Capital Projects No. 0835 and 0836 was already allocated to the annual preservation and restoration programs. It is likely that these new failures are the result of the road structures becoming saturated due to the increase in precipitation experienced over the last number of years. Infrastructure Services is unable to maintain these road surfaces in any reasonable condition with simple surface patching and unless a full structural rebuild is undertaken on the failed sections, the roads will become impassable. The current approved capital funding is inadequate to cover the cost for repairing these unanticipated sections of failed roadways.

Marquis Drive is an arterial roadway that serves the Agriplace area, including Credit Union Center. It also serves as the main connector route between Highways 11/12 and Highway 16. The roadway structure either has failed or is failing between Thatcher Avenue and Idylwyld Drive in both directions. In 2003, the section of Marquis Drive from Thatcher Avenue to Highway 16 was reconstructed due to persistent structural failures of the road. During this reconstruction project the existing roadway materials were examined and it was determined that they did not meet the gradation required by our current aggregate specification. Also, the thickness of the granular layers was found to be at the thickness that did not comply with our current arterial roadway standard. At that time, the condition of Marquis Drive between Thatcher Avenue and Idylwyld Drive was viewed to still be in a serviceable condition.

The areas now identified for reconstruction on Marquis Drive include 5,000 square metres (westbound) and 4,500 square metres (eastbound) for a total reconstruction area of 9,500 square metres. The estimated cost for the reconstruction of this portion of Marquis Drive is \$1,100,000 based on half of the roadway being reconstructed with a subsurface drainage layer and the remaining roadway being restored using the standard reconstruction method. There is currently \$300,000 of unallocated funding available under Capital Project No. 0836 for this work with the remaining \$2.2 million of approved project funding already committed to other roadway preservation treatments. An additional \$800,000 is therefore required to fund the reconstruction of Marquis Drive.

The additional collector locations that have been identified to be in need of reconstruction are Nemeiben Road from Boychuk Drive to Weyakwin Drive, and Parkdale Road from Moss Avenue to Leland Place. Both locations require a subsurface drainage layer as there is high water tables in each location. The estimated cost for the reconstruction of these sections of roadway is \$375,000. There is currently \$100,000 of unallocated funding available under Capital Project No. 0835 for this work with the remaining \$500,000 of approved project funding committed to other roadway preservation treatments. An additional \$275,000 is therefore required to fund the reconstruction of these two roadway sections.

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Since the Administration sees no alternative but to undertake this additional work this construction season (the work on Parkdale Road is already underway), a post budget increase to these two capital projects in the total amount of \$1,075,000 is being requested at this time. Since all the Surface Discretionary funding has already been allocated as part of the 2007 Capital Budget, the Administration is further requesting that City Council approve the reserve being allowed to temporarily fall into a deficit position until such time as the Administration can formulate a new reserve funding strategy and report back during the upcoming budget review process.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

**D9) Capital Project No. 1787
River Landing Phase 2
Isinger Park Playground Purchase
(File CK. 1000-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the sole source bid submitted by Kompan Incorporated for the supply of senior and junior play apparatus for the Isinger Park site at a total cost of \$109,766.03 (including P.S.T. and G.S.T.) be approved; and
 - 2) that Purchasing Services issue the appropriate Purchase Order.

BACKGROUND

Isinger Park, previously known as the River Landing Pocket Park, is being developed in River Landing Phase 2, between Avenue B and C, north of the existing electrical substation. UMA Engineering was hired in 2006 as the consultant to design the park.

The supply of playground apparatus was included in the tender for the overall Isinger Park construction, which closed on June 19, 2007. The sole bidder for the tender was Wilco Landscape Contractors of Saskatoon.

As the tender received was approximately \$330,000.00 higher than the budget for the project, the Administration reviewed the submitted bid with the consultant with the goal of reducing the project costs to a point where they were in line with the budget. Several revision and deletion options were

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proposed that would allow the project to proceed within the established budget. Wilco Landscape Contractors was also involved in the discussions and is in agreement with all proposed changes.

One of the options brought forward by the consultant during the cost cutting review was the removal of the supply and installation of playground apparatus from the park construction contract, and purchase of the equipment directly from the manufacturer, using the distributor's installation crew. This would save approximately \$44,000.00.

REPORT

The consultant has selected playground apparatus from Kompan Incorporated, a reputable and internationally recognized playground manufacturer which will be one of a kind for Saskatoon, with clean flowing lines that fit in well with the design already established in River Landing.

River Landing is being developed with many layers of detail that make it a unique location both within and outside of Saskatoon. For example, the site furniture, lighting and streetscape components have been developed or selected to compliment each other and unify the overall site. These elements have been chosen based on criteria that include having a modern, clean design, having a high level of craftsmanship and durability, and the use of modern materials and colours. The selected playground equipment fits well within these design criteria.

The goal is to provide a developed park site within an established budget and an achievable timeline. The procurement of playground equipment outside of the construction contract provides a cost savings with very little anticipated impact on construction progress or coordination. This purchase, along with other changes and revisions to the project, will help to keep the project within budget. The Administration is, therefore, recommending a sole source purchase from Kompan Incorporated for the supply of the tot and intermediate play components for the Isinger Park site as follows:

Base Upset Fee	\$96,033.00
Freight	\$ 2,990.00
P.S.T. (5%)	\$ 4,801.65
G.S.T (6%)	<u>\$5,941.38</u>
Contract Amount	\$109,766.03
G.S.T. Rebate @ 6%	(\$5,941.38)

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Net Cost to the City \$103,824.65

OPTIONS

One option would be to keep the playground supply within the contract with Wilco Landscape Contractors, however this would eliminate the cost savings noted.

Another option would be to publicly tender the supply of playground equipment for Isinger Park. This would delay the purchase significantly and other manufacturers would not be able to exactly match the product from Kompan. As the entire project was originally publicly tendered, there was an opportunity for competing playground manufacturers to submit alternate bids. No alternate bids were received at that time.

A third option would be to eliminate the play equipment components from Isinger Park. Based on public input, pocket park development standards, and public expectation, elimination of these components is not recommended.

A fourth option would be to install a reduced scale of play equipment to achieve similar cost savings, however, redesign of the play areas could delay installation, and play value would be reduced.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are sufficient funds within Capital Project No. 1787 - River Landing Phase 2 - Isinger Park Construction to fund this project.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

Section E – UTILITY SERVICES

- E1) Capital Project 1225
Biosolids Dewatering Facility (North 40)
Relining of Cell 6 (4A)
Post Budget Adjustment and Contract Award
(File No. 7500-1; CK. 7800-1)**

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RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that additional funding of \$130,000 from the Wastewater Collection and Treatment Replacement Reserve be approved for Project 1225 – Wastewater Sludge Disposal Facility Replacement (Deep Cell #4A Asphalt Relining);
- 2) that the tender for Relining of Cell 6 (4A) at the North 40 Biosolids Dewatering Facility, as submitted by Suer and Pollen Mechanical Partnership, in the amount of \$679,036.00 including GST, be accepted; and,
- 3) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute appropriate contract documents as prepared by the City Solicitor, under the Corporate Seal.

REPORT

The City of Saskatoon 2006/2007 Capital Budget includes funding in the amounts of \$294,000 and \$307,000 respectively for the relining of Deep Cell 6 at the North 40 site. Work for this project includes but is not limited to the following:

- Removal of sludge in the cells
- Reconditioning the existing soil bentonite liner
- Construction of a clay/clay till liner over the soil bentonite liner
- Resurfacing the cell interior with asphalt

Two bids were received and are shown as follows (which include contingency and GST):

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Total Tender Price</u>
Suer and Pollon Mechanical Partnership	Saskatoon, SK	\$ 679,036.00
SaskCon Repair Services Ltd.	Saskatoon, SK	\$ 808,528.25

The commercial and technical bid evaluation was carried out by Golder Associates Ltd. The low bidder, Suer and Pollen Mechanical Partnership, was recommended for contract award.

The net cost to the City for the low bid submitted by Suer and Pollen Mechanical Partnership is shown below:

Base Price (including PST)	\$ 640,600.00
GST (6%)	<u>\$ 38,436.00</u>
Total Tender Price	\$679,036.00
GST Rebate (6%)	<u>(\$38,436.00)</u>

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Net Cost to the City

\$640,600.00

The low bid is higher than the available approved project funding. Considering the engineering services fee and the various charges already expended, an additional \$130,000 in funding will be required to complete the project. Sufficient additional funding is available within the Wastewater Treatment Asset Replacement Reserve to fund the balance of the project.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

**E2) The Crescent Shuttle
- and -
Enquiry – Councillor B. Dubois (November 20, 2006)
Bus Charters
(File No. 7300-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

BACKGROUND

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Dubois at the meeting of City Council held on November 20, 2006:

“Would the Administration please report on the Transit Services Plan for the bus charters as approved recently with the order of two new buses?”

REPORT

This spring Saskatoon Transit received two new shuttle buses to replace the aging red “Flag-a-Ride” buses. The intent of these new buses was to re-launch and re-brand the shuttle service. Saskatoon Transit has been working with the Riversdale, Broadway, and The Partnership Business Improvement Districts on this task. The purpose of this report is to present the re-branding of this service.

Attachment 1 illustrates the new look of the Crescent Shuttle. As illustrated, this is a complete departure from the look of the old red buses. The three BIDs, along with Saskatoon Transit, felt it

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was important to roll out an entirely new look with the new service. Attachment 2 illustrates the new Crescent Shuttle bus stop signage. As shown, the same “Crescent” symbol is being used on all things associated with the shuttle service. As well, unlike the old service, the Crescent Shuttle will have designated bus stops with scheduled service. On the reverse of each of the bus stop signs a schedule will be posted. This was a common complaint of the old shuttle service that people never knew when the bus would arrive.

The schedule times of the Crescent Shuttle are from 9:50 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. (Tuesday to Saturday). As shown on Attachment 2, the Crescent Shuttle stops at the major hotels, Giant Tiger, Farmer’s Market/River Landing, Extra Foods grocery store on Broadway, Midtown Plaza, City Hall, and the Downtown Bus Terminal. Brochures (Attachment 3) will be printed that contain the Shuttle’s schedule, major destinations, and hours of service. These brochures will be distributed throughout the three BID areas.

As with the previous Flag-a-Ride service, ridership counts will be taken in order to gauge the success of the new Crescent Shuttle.

The intent of these buses is to provide a shuttle service between three business improvement districts. Outside of the shuttle service hours, these buses like all of Saskatoon Transit’s fleet, are available for charters. However, their primary purpose is that of the Crescent Shuttle service.

These shuttle buses were ordered with an accessible door so that in the event that the shuttle service is discontinued they could be converted to the Access Transit fleet with minimal costs. Nevertheless, the shuttle buses are not intended to be fully accessible. People who require fully-accessible transportation are advised to contact Access Transit.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The operating costs for the Crescent Shuttle have been approved in the 2007 operating budget. The marketing and promotional costs have been provided by Rawlco Radio and The Partnership.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. The Crescent Shuttle Bus Design
2. The Crescent Shuttle Bus Stop Sign Design
3. The Crescent Shuttle Brochure

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

**E3) U-Pass Agreement
(File No. 7300-1; CK. 7312-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the City of Saskatoon and the University of Saskatchewan Students Union (USSU) enter into an Agreement outlining the terms and conditions of the Universal Bus Pass Program (U-Pass) for undergraduate students at the University of Saskatchewan; and,
 - 2) that the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the attached Agreement on behalf of the City.

REPORT

In the summer of 2006, Saskatoon Transit and the University of Saskatchewan Students Union (USSU) began discussion about the possibility of a universal bus pass (U-Pass) for all undergraduate students at the University of Saskatchewan. A U-Pass is a bus pass that undergraduate university students would receive during the regular fall and winter university sessions (September thru April), and becomes a mandatory component of their student fees.

In February of this year, undergraduate students held a referendum and voted in favour of entering into an agreement with Saskatoon Transit for two years. Since this time, Saskatoon Transit and the USSU have been preparing for the upcoming school year and the onset on the U-Pass Program. As part of the program, a formal Agreement (Attachment 1) is required to be signed between the two parties that outlines the terms and conditions. This Agreement has been reviewed by the City Solicitor's Office and is being recommended to City Council for approval and subsequent execution by the Mayor and City Clerk.

Additionally, the Administration and the USSU are working together on a comprehensive marketing and promotional campaign to ensure all undergraduate students are aware of the U-Pass program.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

A detailed cost analysis has been completed by Saskatoon Transit to determine the cost of the U-Pass. The principle behind the U-Pass fee was that the cost of the U-Pass would be revenue neutral for Saskatoon Transit based upon our existing university undergraduate ridership

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numbers. Using this principle the cost of the U-Pass is \$59 per semester with \$2 going to the USSU as an administration fee.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. U-Pass Agreement

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

- 1) *that the City of Saskatoon and the University of Saskatchewan Students Union (USSU) enter into an Agreement outlining the terms and conditions of the Universal Bus Pass Program (U-Pass) for undergraduate students at the University of Saskatchewan;*
- 2) *that the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the attached Agreement on behalf of the City; and*
- 3) *that the Administration report back in January 2008 regarding ridership.*

CARRIED.

Section F – CITY MANAGER

**F1) 19th Street Connections and Pathways – River Landing Phase II
(File No. CC 4130-2 and CK. 4129-5)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the information be received; and,
 - 2) that the 19th Street connections and pathways project be re-tendered this fall.

BACKGROUND

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In assessing issues for the re-development of the riverfront, the South Downtown Concept Plan noted that the existing conditions of 19th Street between 1st Avenue and Avenue A are a significant impediment for east-west and north-south traffic and pedestrian movement. The Plan called for improvements to address these issues and improve safety and efficiency.

In March 2006, Stantec Consulting was awarded the contract for design and began the process of reviewing existing conditions and engaging stakeholders. In the preliminary design stage, Stantec presented four options that followed the model outlined in the Concept Plan. After a review of these designs, Stantec provided an additional option that does not include the construction of the two pedestrian bridges, yet still accomplishes the goals for optimum pedestrian and vehicle access.

Following preliminary design, stakeholder consultation, and public input, the option chosen involves the removal of the 1st Avenue on-ramp bridge structure leading to the Senator Sid Buckwold Bridge. The on-ramp is the lowest of the remaining three bridges that span 19th Street, and its removal would allow for the substantial raising of 19th Street. An “at grade” signalized intersection at 19th Street and 1st Avenue would be constructed which would maintain access to the Senator Sid Buckwold Bridge and the Idylwyld Freeway from the east side of Idylwyld Drive.

In the December 18, 2006 report to City Council, the project was estimated to cost approximately \$5 million including soft costs. The report noted that “*given the volatile nature of construction costs, City Council should be aware that these are estimates based on preliminary design layouts and, that final costs will be determined through the detailed design, bidding, and construction process.*” By the time the tender was issued in June 2007, this estimate was upgraded to \$5.7 million.

REPORT

At the deadline for tender submissions, the City received only one bid for \$9.1 million from Graham Construction - 60% higher than the estimate. In addition, the contractor indicated that they would not be able to meet either a fall 2007 or summer 2008 completion date and, instead, offered a fall 2008 completion.

Officials from Stantec noted that a number of factors may have been at work, the most prevalent being the heated construction market and the incredible demand for subcontractors and materials. The tight completion timeframe was also a factor as noted by the Graham completion date.

In light of the fact that it was not within a reasonable proximity to the existing budget and did not meet completion dates, Administration rejected the bid. The intention is to re-examine certain elements of the design and re-tender the project this fall with a fall 2008 completion date. It is hoped that the additional construction time will result in a more competitive bid.

Work currently underway on 19th Street and area involves replacing and relocating underground utilities including water, sewer, power, and gas. In light of the delay for the subsequent roadway construction and removal of the 1st Avenue ramp, Administration could either return the grade

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(level) of 19th Street to existing grade, or fill in 19th Street to a point approximately a half a meter under the designed (finished) grade. Administration has chosen the latter option.

The first option would require the water/sewer pipes to be temporarily insulated at an estimated cost of between \$50,000 and \$75,000. This expenditure is a sunk cost in that the insulation would not be required beyond the construction project. Infrastructure Services advise that this money is better spent bringing 19th Street up to the designed grade (less half a metre) with a temporary gravel surface. This option will require a temporary 4.1 metre height restriction under the 1st Avenue bridge until the ramp is removed. This would allow for most vehicle traffic except for large trucks and city buses. Extensive signage would be required to accommodate this option.

Should the lowest bid remain considerably higher than the budget, Administration will report on additional funding strategies at that time.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Items B19 and B20 of Communications to Council were brought forward.

“B19) Joe Kuchta, dated August 12

Submitting comments regarding the 19th Street connection and pathways at River Landing Phase II. (File No. CK. 4129-5)

B20) Rob Brown, dated August 12

Submitting comments regarding the 19th Street connection and pathways at River Landing Phase II. (File No. CK. 4129-5)”

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 12-2007

Section A – OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

**A1) City of Saskatoon Municipal Manual - 2007
(File No. CK. 369-1)**

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

I am pleased to present the 2007 City of Saskatoon Municipal Manual for the information of Council.

Copies of the municipal manual are available in the City Clerk's Office for a cost of \$5.30, including G.S.T.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2007 Municipal Manual

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

Section B – OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

**B1) Transit Fares
(File No. CK. 7312-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8624.

As part of the Administrative Reports, the Utility Services Department has recommended that the City enter into an agreement with the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union to provide for a unique transit pass.

It is our view that a bylaw amendment is required to implement a transit pass program for undergraduate students attending the University of Saskatchewan (the "U-Pass Program").

Enclosed for City Council's consideration is The Transit Fares Amendment Bylaw, 2007. The Bylaw sets out the transit fares applicable to the U-Pass Program and makes consequential amendments to the definition section.

Members of the Transit Services Branch have reviewed the Bylaw.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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ATTACHMENT

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1. Proposed Bylaw No. 8624.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

REPORT NO. 8-2007 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor G. Wyant, Chair
Councillor B. Dubois
Councillor P. Lorje
Councillor C. Clark
Councillor B. Pringle

1. **Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Office Annual Report
(File No. CK. 430-29)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated June 28, 2007, providing the annual report of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Office, including activities for the period June 2005 to December 2006, as well as monitoring accountabilities relative to Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Policy C10-023.

Your Committee has reviewed the report with the Administration and is forwarding the report to City Council for its information.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

REPORT NO. 11-2007 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor G. Penner, Chair
Councillor M. Neault
Councillor D. Hill
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor T. Paulsen

1. 2006 Annual Report
Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee
(File No. CK. 430-19)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Attached is a copy of the 2006 Annual Report of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee, which is being submitted to City Council as part of the mandate for advisory committees. A copy of this report can be viewed under the City of Saskatoon website, www.saskatoon.ca, click on letter “s”, select from the Alphabetical Listing - Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee.

Your Committee acknowledges, with appreciation, the work of this advisory committee.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

2. Appointment – Board of Directors - Road Map 2020
Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee Representative
(File No. CK. 175-9)

RECOMMENDATION: that Dr. Tom Wolf be appointed as the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee (SEAC) representative on the new Board of Directors for Road Map 2020, to December 31, 2008.

Your Committee has determined that a new Board of Directors for Road Map 2020 is being established, and that this Board will have one representative each from Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee, Meewasin Valley Authority and Saskatchewan Environmental Society, as well as from up to four corporate champions and four members of the public.

The Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee has submitted the name of their representative who would serve until December 31, 2008, and recommends the appointment of Dr. Tom Wolf. This appointment date coincides with the completion of Tom Wolf’s six-year term on the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

3. Communications to Council

From: Mark R. Norman
Canadian Fallen Heroes Association
Date: March 14, 2007
Subject: Request for Sponsorship – Canadian Fallen Heroes
Memorial Prints Program
(File No. CK. 1870-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the City participate as a sponsor of the Canadian Fallen Heroes Association Memorial Prints, as outlined in Option No. 2 of the attached report, as follows:

- the City providing \$9,600 over two years to launch this initiative, with the source of funding being the contingency of \$4,800 from the Financial Assistance to Community Groups Cash Grants Program for each of the fiscal years 2007 and 2008;
- securing an agreement with the Royal Canadian Legion Saskatchewan Command to lead the balance of the fundraising campaign; and
- declaring this a Municipal Project thereby authorizing and directing the Treasurer's Branch to accept donations and to issue receipts to donors who contribute funds to this project.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated June 28, 2007 in response to a referral made by your Committee to the Administration regarding the above-noted request for sponsorship.

Your Committee has reviewed this proposal with the Administration and supports Option No. 2 which provides funding to launch this initiative, and a means to do additional fundraising for the balance of the program.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

**4. City of Saskatoon Policy C03-007 Special Events
Request for Funding – 2007 Canadian Open Badminton Championships
(File No. CK. 1870-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that funding in the amount of \$10,000 be allocated to the 2007 Canadian Open Badminton Championships, as this event meets the eligibility requirements as outlined in City of Saskatoon Policy C03-007 (Special Events).

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated June 29, 2007 with respect to the above-noted Request for Funding under the Special Events Program.

Your Committee has reviewed this request with the Administration and supports this funding as the event meets the eligibility requirements for Special Events funding.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

REPORT NO. 13-2007 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. Automated Garbage Collection
Accelerated Conversion from 300 Gallon Communal Containers
to Individual Containers – City Wide
(File No. CK. 7830-3)**

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- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that a program of accelerated conversion of automated lane garbage collection (300 gallon containers) to automated individual container garbage collection (100 gallon containers) for all residences currently serviced by 300 gallon containers be approved in principle subject to funding approval in the appropriate budgets; and
 - 2) that this report be referred to the Budget Committee for consideration during the 2008 Operating and Capital Budget discussions.

Your Committee has reviewed and supports the attached report of the General Manager, Utility Services Department dated July 9, 2007.

Items B2 – B4 of Communications to Council were brought forward.

“B2) Cam Tennent, dated July 18

Commenting on proposal to end alley garbage pick up. (File No. CK. 7830-3)

B3) Jan Coleman and Lawrence Mitchell, dated July 18

Commenting on proposal to provide each household with separate garbage containers. (File No. CK. 7830-3)

B4) Kyle Graham, dated July 30

Submitting comments regarding proposal to provide each household with separate garbage containers on busier streets. (File No. CK. 7830-3)”

Moved by Councillor Clark, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

**2. 2008 Can-Am Police – Fire Games – Major Special Event Funding
(File No. CK. 1870-15)**

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RECOMMENDATION: that the final instalment of \$40,000 be provided to the 2008 Can-Am Police-Fire Games Committee, from the Special Event Reserve, as outlined in the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated July 5, 2007.

Your Committee has considered and supports the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated July 5, 2007.

Moved by Councillor Clark, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

3. Future Revenue Sharing Model
(File No. CK. 1870-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve an expenditure of \$25,000 as the City's share towards a consulting contract with Nichols Applied Management for assistance in preparing background information supporting a future revenue sharing model, and that the funding source be the Reserve for Capital Expenditures.

Your Committee has considered and supports the attached report of the General Manager, Corporate Services Department dated June 27, 2007.

Moved by Councillor Clark, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

4. Community Engagement Strategy for the Whitewater Park Proposal
(File No. CK. 4129-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the Administration proceed with the Community Engagement Strategy outlined in the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated July 3, 2007, to determine the level of interest for a whitewater recreation facility in Saskatoon and to identify issues and concerns from stakeholders.

Your Committee has considered and supports the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated July 3, 2007.

Moved by Councillor Clark, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

5. **Process – Appointments to Boards & Committees**
(File No. CK. 225-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Policy C01-003 *Appointments to Civic Boards, Commissions, Authorities and Committees*, be amended to reflect the following:

- 1) that separate advertising be undertaken for appointments to the Boards of Credit Union Centre, Saskatoon Public Library, Centennial Auditorium, Saskatoon Police Commission and Mendel Art Gallery;
- 2) that input from the Boards of the above five bodies be sought annually as to specific skills and abilities required;
- 3) that people applying to serve on any of City Council's boards and committees be required to submit resumes and reference letters with their applications;
- 4) that current members requesting to be reappointed to any committee or board be required to submit a new application, but not be required to submit a resume or reference letter, and that the City Clerk devise a new form for that purpose;
- 5) that appointees who miss three meetings in a row without explanation be deemed to have resigned; and
- 6) that the term of appointment on all of City Council's boards and committees be no greater than two years.

Your Committee has reviewed the current process for making appointments to boards and committees, as is outlined in Policy C01-003, a copy of which is attached, and puts forward the above recommendation for consideration.

Moved by Councillor Clark, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATONS TO COUNCIL – CONTINUED

B. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

1) Eric Flogan, dated July 9

Expressing concern about proposal to convert 320 5th Avenue North from apartments into condominium units. (File No. CK. 4132-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 45.

2) Cam Tennent, dated July 18

Commenting on proposal to end alley garbage pick up. (File No. CK. 7830-3)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 64.

3) Jan Coleman and Lawrence Mitchell, dated July 18

Commenting on proposal to provide each household with separate garbage containers. (File No. CK. 7830-3)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 64.

4) Kyle Graham, dated July 30

Submitting comments regarding proposal to provide each household with separate garbage containers on busier streets. (File No. CK. 7830-3)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 64.

5) Aaron Krahn, Saskatchewan Nursery Landscape Association, dated July 20

Requesting that the City of Saskatoon enforce landscape development requirements listed in the Zoning Bylaw. (File Nos. CK. 4139-1 & 185-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the letter be referred to the Administration.

CARRIED.

6) Dorothy Hyde, Dundonald Community Association, dated July 17

Requesting an extension of time under the Noise Bylaw where outdoor entertainment can be heard on Sunday, August 26, 2007, from 12 Noon to 12 Midnight in conjunction with the community's Fun Day in the Park event. (File No. CK. 185-9)

RECOMMENDATION: that the request by the Dundonald Community Association for an extension of time under the Noise Bylaw where outdoor entertainment can be heard on Sunday, August 26, 2007, from 12 Noon to 12 Midnight in conjunction with the community's Fun Day in the Park event be granted.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the request by the Dundonald Community Association for an extension of time under the Noise Bylaw where outdoor entertainment can be heard on Sunday, August 26, 2007, from 12 Noon to 12 Midnight in conjunction with the community's Fun Day in the Park event be granted.

CARRIED.

7) Jill Cope, Communications Manager, City of Saskatoon, dated July 20

Requesting permission to temporarily close the Traffic Bridge and surrounding streets on Friday, September 21, 2007, from 6 a.m. until 12 Midnight in conjunction with Chief Whitecap – John Lake – Bridging 125 Celebration. (File No. CK. 205-1)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the request to temporarily close the Traffic Bridge and surrounding streets on Friday, September 21, 2007, from 6 a.m. until 12 Midnight in conjunction with Chief Whitecap – John Lake – Bridging 125 Celebration be granted subject to any administration conditions.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the request to temporarily close the Traffic Bridge and surrounding streets on Friday, September 21, 2007, from 6 a.m. until 12 Midnight in conjunction with Chief Whitecap – John Lake – Bridging 125 Celebration be granted subject to any administration conditions.

CARRIED.

8) Slawko J. Kindrachuk, Ukraine Day in the Park, dated July 18

In conjunction with the 7th Annual Day in the Park being held on August 25, 2007, Mr. Kindrachuk has requested that the flag of Ukraine be flown at City Hall the week prior to this event; that Spadina Crescent between the Broadway Bridge and 21st Street East be temporarily closed; that the time which activities and entertainment can be heard under the Noise Bylaw be extended to 11:00 p.m.; and that Council proclaim the week of August 19 to 25 as Ukraine Week. (File Nos. 205-1 & 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the requests that the flag of Ukraine be flown at City Hall the week prior to the August 25, 2007 event; that Spadina Crescent between the Broadway Bridge and 21st Street East be temporarily closed; that the time which activities and entertainment can be heard under the Noise Bylaw be extended to 11:00 p.m. be granted subject to any administration conditions; and
- 2) that City Council proclaim August 19 – 25, 2007 as Ukraine Week in Saskatoon and that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamation on behalf of City Council.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

- 1) *that the requests that the flag of Ukraine be flown at City Hall the week prior to the August 25, 2007 event; that Spadina Crescent between the Broadway Bridge and 21st Street East be temporarily closed; that the time which activities and entertainment can be heard under the Noise Bylaw be extended to 11:00 p.m. be granted subject to any administration conditions; and*
- 2) *that City Council proclaim August 19 – 25, 2007 as Ukraine Week in Saskatoon and that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamation on behalf of City Council.*

CARRIED.

9) Dave Parkalub, Cosmopolitan Industries Ltd., dated July 25

Requesting temporary closure of 34th Street East between Alberta and Ontario Avenues on Friday, September 7, 2007 in conjunction with their Annual Summer Wind-up. (File No. CK. 205-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the request to temporarily close 34th Street East between Alberta and Ontario Avenues on Friday, September 7, 2007 in conjunction with their Annual Summer Wind-up be approved subject to any administration conditions.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the request to temporarily close 34th Street East between Alberta and Ontario Avenues on Friday, September 7, 2007 in conjunction with their Annual Summer Wind-up be approved subject to administration conditions.

CARRIED.

10) Debbie Murphy, The Partnership, dated July 24

Advising that the date for Art au Jus has changed from August 11, 2007 to September 15, 2007, and requesting that the street closure approved by City Council on Monday, July 16, 2007, instead be approved for September 15, 2007.

RECOMMENDATION: that the request to temporarily close 21st Street between 3rd and 4th Avenues on Saturday, September 15, 2007 in conjunction with Art au Jus be granted subject to any administration conditions.

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The A/City Clerk noted that Ms. Murphy had advised the City Clerk's Office that this event is no longer taking place and therefore the request for temporary closure has been withdrawn.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

11) Marie and Noel Lyon, dated July 19

Commenting on graffiti and suggesting the allocation of space to wall artists.
(File No. CK. 5000-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

12) Len Boser, dated July 27

Commenting on fees charged when changing from a family membership to a single membership at Lakewood Civic Centre. (File No. CK. 5500-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the letter be referred to the Administration.

CARRIED.

13) John Rae, 1st Vice President, Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians, dated July 13

Submitting a letter expressing concern regarding the quiet hybrid vehicles and how they affect the safety of visually impaired citizens. They are asking Council to write a letter in support of their concerns to auto manufacturers. (File No. CK. 7000-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration for consultation with the CNIB and a report to the Temporary Committee on Accessibility.

CARRIED.

**14) Cathy Watts, Chairperson
Parkland Trans Canada Trail Association Inc., dated July 26**

Submitting a letter seeking support from Council to register about 2 kilometers of trail from Whiteswan Drive to Warman/Wanuskewin Road with the Trans Canada Trail Foundation and the City of Saskatoon and permission to sign the existing trail that extends from Whiteswan Drive to the pavilion in Gabriel Dumont Park. (File No. CK. 277-4)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the Administration be authorized to submit the Trans Canada Trail Registry Form designating the Meewasin Trail from Whiteswan Drive to Warman road, as part of the Trans Canada Trail; and
 - 2) that the Administration report back on the signage issue, should a significant budgetary impact be involved.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

- 1) *that the Administration be authorized to submit the Trans Canada Trail Registry Form designating the Meewasin Trail from Whiteswan Drive to Warman Road, as part of the Trans Canada Trail; and*
- 2) *that the Administration report back on the signage issue, should a significant budgetary impact be involved.*

CARRIED.

15) **Vincent Greveves, dated August 2**

Submitting suggestions on how to control violence and drug usage in the city.
(File No. CK. 5000-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the letter be referred to the Mayor's Committee on Neighbourhood Safety.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the letter be referred to the Mayor's Committee on Neighbourhood Safety.

CARRIED.

16) **Tim Hildebrand, dated August 2**

Submitting suggestions with respect to the housing situation in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 750-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the letter be referred to the Administration.

CARRIED.

17) **Darrell Noakes, President, Saskatoon & District Safety Council, dated August 3**

Requesting that Brian Fehr replace Joseph Chan as the Saskatoon and District Safety Council representative on the Traffic Safety Committee. (File No. CK. 225-8)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Brian Fehr be appointed to replace Mr. Joseph Chan as the Saskatoon and District Safety Council representative on the Traffic Safety Committee for 2007.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Mr. Brian Fehr be appointed to replace Mr. Joseph Chan as the Saskatoon and District Safety Council representative on the Traffic Safety Committee for 2007.

CARRIED.

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18) Hon. Frank Quennell, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, dated August 7

Submitting a letter encouraging the City of Saskatoon to put a moratorium on the conversion of rental units to condominiums, until such a time that the City, working with the province, can effect necessary changes to policy, bylaws, and, possibly, legislation. (File No. CK. 750-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the matter be referred to the In Camera portion of Executive Committee for legal advice.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

19) Joe Kuchta, dated August 12

Submitting comments regarding the 19th Street connection and pathways at River Landing Phase II. (File No. CK. 4129-5)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO.57.

20) Rob Brown, dated August 12

Submitting comments regarding the 19th Street connection and pathways at River Landing Phase II. (File No. CK. 4129-5)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO.57.

21) Yolanda van Petten, dated August 11

Submitting comments regarding the proposed snow clearing bylaw. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 27.

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22) Lisa Hamp, dated August 11

Submitting comments regarding the proposed snow and ice program. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 27.

23) Mike Heseltine, dated August 11

Submitting comments regarding the proposed snow and ice program. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 27.

24) Lorraine Mcaulay, dated August 11

Submitting comments regarding the proposed snow and ice program. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 27.

25) Lisette Coulling, dated August 13

Submitting comments regarding the proposed snow and ice program. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 27.

26) Kent Hartshorn, Development Officer, College of Kinesiology, dated July 6

Requesting an extension of time under the Noise Bylaw where outdoor concert can be heard on September 14, 2007 between 6:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. at a location directly adjacent and west of Potash Corp. Park (Griffiths Stadium) with the stage facing north towards the Stadium parkade, in conjunction with the University of Saskatchewan's Centennial Homecoming celebrations. (File No. CK. 185-9)

RECOMMENDATION: that the request for an extension of time under the Noise Bylaw where an outdoor concert can be heard on September 14, 2007 between 6:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. at a location directly adjacent and west of Potash Corp. Park (Griffiths Stadium) in conjunction with the University of Saskatchewan's Centennial Homecoming celebrations be granted.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the request for an extension of time under the Noise Bylaw where an outdoor concert can be heard on September 14, 2007 between 6:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. at a location directly adjacent and west of Potash Corp. Park (Griffiths Stadium) in conjunction with the University of Saskatchewan's Centennial Homecoming celebrations be granted.

CARRIED.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS

1) Tim Fehr, dated July 3

Commenting on problems resulting from Canada Day fireworks display. (File Nos. CK. 7830-3 & 6320-1)

2) David Klatt, dated July 12

Attaching correspondence with respect to the Police EAGLE program. (File No. CK. 5000-1)

3) Derek Starecki, dated July 16

Commenting on security issues with respect to Gabriel Dumont Park. (File No. CK. 5000-1)

4) Jill Postlethwaite and Kent Pollard, Ad Hoc Committee on Accessibility, dated July 18

Submitting thanks to City Council for the creation of the new Accessibility Advisory Committee. (File No. CK. 225-70)

5) Ron Bort, Voice of People with Disabilities, Inc., dated July 20

Submitting thanks to City Council for the creation of the new Accessibility Advisory Committee. (File No. CK. 225-70)

6) Nick Peti, dated July 23

Commenting on construction noises behind Pawlychenko and Herold Roads. (File No. CK. 185-9)

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7) Bob By, dated July 24

Suggesting that the intersection at 18th Street West and Circle Drive be re-opened. (File No. CK. 6000-1)

8) The Hon. Buckley Belanger, Minister of Highways and Transportation, dated July 18

Responding to request from City Council with respect to cell phone usage while driving a motor vehicle. (File No. CK. 5300-1)

9) Betsy and John Bury, dated July 31

Submitting comments regarding the City joining the Mayors For Peace. (File No. CK. 277-1)

10) Patricia Pasloski, dated August 7

Submitting comments regarding the City joining the Mayors For Peace. (File No. CK. 277-1)

11) Sandra Finely, dated August 7

Submitting comments regarding the City joining the Mayors For Peace. (File No. CK. 277-1)

12) Mary Anne Rubin, dated August 7

Submitting comments regarding the City joining the Mayors For Peace. (File No. CK. 277-1)

13) Joe Rubin, dated August 7

Submitting comments regarding the City joining the Mayors For Peace. (File No. CK. 277-1)

14) Stuart Houston, dated August 7

Submitting comments regarding the City joining the Mayors For Peace. (File No. CK. 277-1)

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15) Heather Beck, dated August 2

Submitting suggestions regarding watering in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 7500-1)

16) Lloyd Lahti, dated August 2

Submitting comments regarding the proposed installation of lighting on the Traffic Bridge. (File No. CK. 6050-8)

17) Brian Kelly, dated August 4

Submitting comments regarding the proposed installation of lighting on the Traffic Bridge. (File No. CK. 6050-8)

18) Frances Sreedar & Gregg Parchomchuk, dated August 6

Submitting comments regarding noise levels at the Saskatoon Exhibition. (File No. CK. 375-2)

19) Roberta Fehr, dated August 7

Submitting comments regarding McNab Park housing. (File No. CK. 4131-1)

20) Diane Kanak, Deputy Assistant City Clerk, dated July 23

Submitting Notice of Hearing of the Development Appeals Board with respect to the property located at 827 Brookhurst Bay. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

21) Diane Kanak, Deputy Assistant City Clerk, dated July 26

Submitting Notice of Hearing of the Development Appeals Board with respect to the property located at 82 Red River Road. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

D. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

1) Mary Ellen Schnitzler, dated July 3

Commenting on Sutherland off-leash dog park. (File Nos. CK. 152-2 & 6050-1) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

2) The Hon. Harry Van Mulligan, Minister of Government Relations, dated July 4

Providing information on amendments to various Acts. (File No. CK. 127-1) **(Referred to Administration for further handling.)**

3) Codey Ledoux, dated July 4

Commenting on recreational activities on the riverbank. (File No. CK. 6000-5) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

4) Eli Hnatiuk, dated July 5

Expressing concern over flooding issues in the Westview Neighbourhood. (File No. CK. 7820-1) **(Referred to Administration for appropriate action.)**

5) Colin Azure, dated July 9

Commenting on the proposal to move McNab Park. (File No. CK. 4131-1) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer. A copy of the Administration's response is attached.)**

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6) V. Romancia, dated July 10

Commenting on plans for River Landing II. (File No. CK. 4129-1) **(Referred to Administration for further handling.)**

7) Carl Heinbigner, dated July 13

Suggesting security cameras be placed in the Transit Mall. (File No. CK. 5000-1) **(Referred to Administration for consideration.)**

8) Roger Cote, dated July 17

Commenting on backyard fire pits. (File No. CK. 2500-1) **(Referred to the Executive Committee for further handling.)**

9) Randy Benson, dated July 17

Commenting on backyard fire pits. (File No. CK. 2500-1) **(Referred to the Executive Committee for further handling.)**

10) Bernard Swimmer, dated July 18

Commenting on backyard fire pits. (File No. CK. 2500-1) **(Referred to the Executive Committee for further handling.)**

11) Bonita Wong, dated July 18

Commenting on backyard fire pits. (File No. CK. 2500-1) **(Referred to the Executive Committee for further handling.)**

12) K. Kuemper, dated July 20

Commenting on backyard fire pits. (File No. CK. 2500-1) **(Referred to the Executive Committee for further handling.)**

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13) Peter Bailey, Zellers Store 492, dated July 16

Requesting extended store hours in December, 2007. (File No. CK. 184-2) **(Referred to City Solicitor to report to the Executive Committee.)**

14) Eric Yee, dated July 22

Commenting on difficulties encountered with water disruptions. (File No. CK. 7500-1) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer. A copy of the Administration's response is attached.)**

15) Gordon Wensley, dated July 27

Submitting comments and concerns with respect to property maintenance around Avenue W and 20th Street. (File No. CK. 4400-1) **(Referred to the Administration for appropriate action regarding condition of the property.)**

16) Erika Wald, dated July 27

Submitting comments regarding sustainable environment in the city. (File No. CK. 150-1) **(Referred to the Administration for a response to the writer.)**

17) Tyler Holowaty, dated July 30

Requesting that the City erect a higher fence along 11th Street, by Nutana high school field in order to keep soccer balls inside the field. (File No. CK. 4188-1) **(Referred to the Administration to report to the Planning and Operations Committee.)**

18) Brandon Mack, dated August 1

Requesting that a small skatepark be installed in one of the parks surrounding the Vancouver Avenue area. (File No. CK. 610-8) **(Referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.)**

19) Devon Amerud, dated August 6

Requesting that a skateboard "plaza" be installed in the city. (File No. CK. 610-8) **(Referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.)**

20) Warren Johnson, dated August 7

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Submitting comments regarding the police service. (File No. CK. 5000-1) **(Referred to the Board of Police Commissioners.)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

E. PROCLAMATIONS

1) Alison Gelata, Public Relations Specialist, M & M Meat Shops, dated July 20

Requesting Council proclaim September 20, 2007 as National Family Dinner Night in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

2) Michael Bradford, President, Saskatoon Literacy Coalition, dated August 2

Requesting Council proclaim September 8, 2007 as International Literacy Day in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**3) Margaret McNabb, Secretary/Treasurer
Osteoporosis Canada, Saskatoon Chapter, dated August 3**

Requesting Council proclaims October 20, 2007 as Osteoporosis Day in Saskatoon and November 2007 as Osteoporosis Month in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

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- 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 Paulsen, 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 P. Lorje
Bylaw Governing Condominium Conversions
(File No. CK. 4132-1 and CK. 750-1)**

Will the Administration provide a report to Executive Committee on a review of our existing condominium conversion bylaw, together with suggestions for improvements to ensure an adequate supply of affordable rental housing while still maintaining an orderly investment market for multi unit accommodation.

**Councillor M. Neault
Bond for Builders Who Damage Sidewalks
(File No. CK. 4110-1)**

Would the Administration look at the possibility of asking for a bond on builders for damage to sidewalks due to construction. Let them police the problem, not us.

**Councillor D. Hill
Status of Capital Projects
(File No. CK. 1701-1)**

Would the Administration provide a detailed report on the status of every capital project and the status of all reserves.

Please include:

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- details of project overage and how the overage was funded;
- what estimated overages, if any, we can expect on projects not reported to date; and
- the status of each reserve, including balance at the start of the fiscal year.

**Councillor M. Heidt
Waiver of Building Permit Fees
(File No. CK. 1720-1)**

With the shortage of student and affordable housing in the city, would the Administration report back on the feasibility of increasing by waiving the fees for legalizing suites, discretionary use applications for secondary suites, condominiums and apartments.

Also include in the report:

- the impact of tax incentives for residents in the area converting to legal suites for a period of time; and
- identify the costs and source of funding and recommend the time required, as for businesses in the Enterprise Zone.

**Councillor B. Dubois
Feasibility of Installing Pedestrian Actuated Signal
Central Avenue at Reid and Rossmo Roads
(File No. CK. 6150-1)**

Would the Administration please report on the feasibility of installing a pedestrian activated crosswalk on Central Avenue at Reid and Rossmo Roads.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw 8623

Moved by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8623, being "The Zoning Amendment Bylaw, 2007 (No.16)", and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Clark , seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Bylaw No. 8623 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Clark, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8623.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8623 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Clark, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Clark, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8623 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Clark, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Bylaw No. 8623 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the A/City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

Bylaw 8624

Moved by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8624, being “The Transit Fares Amendment Bylaw, 2007”, and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Clark , seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Bylaw No. 8624 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Clark, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

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THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8624.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8624 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Clark, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Clark, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8624 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Clark, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Bylaw No. 8624 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the A/City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Clark,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

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CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk