

Council Chambers
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Monday, December 15, 2008
at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

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

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the minutes of meeting of City Council held on December 1, 2008, be approved.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

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

CARRIED.

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

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

Committee arose.

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

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

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“ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 23-2008

Section A – COMMUNITY SERVICES

**A1) Land-Use Applications Received by the Community Services Department
For the Period Between November 20, 2008 to December 3, 2008
(For Information Only)
(File Nos. PL. 4115, PL 4350, PL 4300 and CK. 4000-5)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

The following applications have been received and are being processed:

Development Plan

- Amendment No. DPA 40/08: 1612, 1616, 1620, 1632, and 1636 14th Street West
Applicant: City of Saskatoon
Legal Description: Lots 1-3 and 8-12, Block 9, Plan G1221
Current Land Use Designation: Light Industrial
Proposed Land Use Designation: Transitional
Neighbourhood: West Industrial
Date Received: November 10, 2008
- Amendment No. DPA 42/08: Amendment to Direct Control District DCD1
Applicant: City of Saskatoon for Various Owners
Amending Section: New Sub Section 19.2.3.1 to change requirements
for office uses in DCD1
Legal Description: Text Amendment
Neighbourhood: Central Business District
Date Received: December 1, 2008

Rezoning

- Application No. Z41/08: 1612, 1616, 1620, 1632, and 1636 14th Street West
Applicant: City of Saskatoon
Legal Description: Lots 1-3 and 8-12, Block 9, Plan G1221
Current Zoning: IL1
Proposed Zoning: IH
Neighbourhood: West Industrial
Date Received: November 10, 2008

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Subdivision

- Application No. 110/08: 334 Herold Road
Applicant: Webster Surveys Ltd. for City Land Branch
Legal Description: Lot 10, Block 433, Plan 01SA29464
Current Zoning: M3
Neighbourhood: Lakewood Suburban Centre
Date Received: November 25, 2008

- Application No. 111/08: 542 Avenue L South and 1102 17th Street West
Applicant: Tri-City Surveys for Frank Kurenda/Bob Stroh
Legal Description: Lots 14 and 15, Block 4, Plan F5554 and
Lots 1-6, Block 14, Plan H2894
Current Zoning: IL1
Neighbourhood: West Industrial
Date Received: November 25, 2008

- Application No. 112/08: 928 7th Street East
Applicant: Webb Surveys for Frank Randy and Donna Olson
Legal Description: Lots 13 and 14, Block 25, Plan G103
Current Zoning: R2
Neighbourhood: Haultain
Date Received: December 1, 2008

- Application No. 113/08: 548/550 Reid Way
Applicant: Tri-City Surveys for 101098711 Saskatchewan Ltd.
Legal Description: Lot 27, Block 10, Plan 82S38329
Current Zoning: R2
Neighbourhood: Sutherland
Date Received: December 2, 2008

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan of Proposed Development Plan Amendment DPA 40/08
2. Plan of Proposed Rezoning No. Z41/08
3. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 110/08
4. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 111/08
5. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 112/08
6. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 113/08

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**A2) Concentration of Support Service Organizations in Pleasant Hill
(File No.: PL 4125-12 and CK. 4131-31)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report discusses progress made to date on the recommendation adopted by City Council to create a comprehensive system for tracking and mapping community, social, health, and government services in Saskatoon that would be easily accessible by the public. This recommendation was based on the results of the Pleasant Hill Local Area Plan (LAP).

After discussions with various agencies, the Planning and Development Branch will partner with the Community-University Institute for Social Research (CUISR) in the on-going maintenance and enhancement (e.g. mapping activities) of CUISR's existing database of over 400 community-based organizations (the Community Action Plan Information System - CAPIS). Funds allotted to the Pleasant Hill Local Area Plan 2009 Capital Budget (#20-1500-458) and in-kind contributions from the Planning and Development Branch are available to support this role in the short term.

While CAPIS is a rich database of community-based organizations, additional resources are required to have this database easily accessible by the public and other organizations (e.g. web and print), otherwise all efforts to track and map support service organizations will go unrecognized.

As the project develops, the City of Saskatoon (City) and CUISR will engage in discussions with other partnering organizations regarding future project enhancement, management, and funding issues. City Council will be updated on any major activities.

BACKGROUND

The Pleasant Hill LAP was adopted by City Council on June 24, 2002. During the Pleasant Hill LAP process, residents felt, directly or indirectly, that a high concentration of support service organizations had a negative effect on their community. The Pleasant Hill LAP Committee also identified a need to monitor the impact this concentration was having on the community. On October 29, 2007, a report was submitted to the Planning and Operations Committee which provided an overview of the impacts of the geographical concentration of support services on a community.

From this report, City Council adopted Clause 7, Report No. 13-2007 of the Planning and Operations Committee during its November 19, 2007 meeting and resolved:

- “1) that the Community Services Department work in cooperation with the Saskatoon United Way, Community-University Institute for Social Research (CUISR), Regional Intersectoral Committee, Saskatoon Health Region, and the Riversdale Business Improvement District, to create a system for tracking and mapping of community, social, health, and

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- government services in Saskatoon that would be easily accessible by the public.
- 2) that a progress report be provided to City Council by November 2008.”

This report addresses the above recommendations.

REPORT

The Pleasant Hill Local Planning Committee requested that consideration be given to creating a comprehensive list of support service organizations working in Saskatoon with the intent of building a “one-stop-shop” resource centre that would enable residents, businesses, and other stakeholders to conveniently access information about existing services and initiatives. It was anticipated that this type of service might help reduce duplication of services, conserve resources, and reduce the appearance of many support services within the neighbourhood.

Your Administration has found there are already a number of initiatives underway to track support service organizations by community organizations in Saskatoon. This activity points to an opportunity for organizations to work together to create some form of comprehensive (“one-stop”) tracking and mapping system of support organizations in Saskatoon.

- a) Comprehensive Action Plan Information System (CAPIS)
The Community-University Institute for Social Research (CUISR), based in Saskatoon, already maintains an extensive database of support service organizations (over 400 organizations) called CAPIS. Based on CUISR’s related database activities and its close involvement with many support service organizations in Saskatoon, the Planning and Development Branch will partner with CUISR for on-going database development and mapping activities. CUISR will take the lead in database maintenance, and the Planning and Development Branch will provide mapping support. Funds allotted to the Pleasant Hill LAP 2009 Capital Budget and in-kind contributions from the Planning and Development Branch are available to support this role in the short term.

While CAPIS is a rich database of community-based organizations, additional resources are required to have this database easily accessible by the public and other organizations (e.g. web, brochures, pamphlets, etc.), otherwise efforts to track and map support service organizations will go unrecognized.

- b) Business License Program
Through the Business License Program, the Planning and Development Branch maintains a comprehensive commercial and industrial space inventory for the City of Saskatoon (Commercial Space Inventory). This inventory was initiated in 2004 and is comprised mainly of licensed businesses, but has recently expanded to include non-licensed agencies such as, municipal, Provincial, and Federal Government agencies, educational institutions, health care facilities, urban reserves, as well as numerous non-profit organizations. Once the City’s new web portal is

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fully functional, the Business License Program will offer an On-line Business Directory to both internal and external users. Non-licensed agencies are not included in the On-line Business Directory at the present time. If warranted, consideration will be given to expanding the On-Line Directory to include these groups in the future. The Business License Program of the Planning and Development Branch is currently exploring new opportunities, including internal and external partnerships, which will allow the program to enhance their ability to identify, track, and classify all segments of the Commercial Space Inventory, including non-licensed agencies.

c) 211 Saskatchewan

211 is an easy-to-remember three-digit phone number providing free, confidential, multi-lingual access to information about the full range of community, social, health and government services to over 8.5 million Canadians. Since 2002, the United Way of Saskatoon and Area has led the effort in consultation with numerous stakeholders, to examine the feasibility of 211, develop a business case, and ultimately implement a 211 system across Saskatchewan. In the spring of 2007, with support from the Information Technology office of the Provincial Government, an updated and detailed business plan and implementation plan was developed with the assistance of International Business Machine (IBM). United Way of Saskatoon and Area is committed to exploring, with other United Way Agencies, the option of supporting a portion of ongoing operational and start-up costs of a 211 system in Saskatchewan. The United Way of Saskatoon and Area has expressed interest in making a full presentation to the City's Administration and Finance Committee for partnership funding consideration.

d) Comprehensive Community Information System (CCIS)

In collaboration with the City of Saskatoon, Saskatoon Public School Division, Saskatoon Greater Catholic Schools, and other Saskatoon Regional Intersectoral Committee agencies, Public Health Services of the Saskatoon Health Region is facilitating the development of a regional Comprehensive Community Information System (CCIS) (i.e. build once to be used by many) and will reduce the human resources required to provide standard reporting and monitoring by communities, regions, and the province. The primary features of the system are bringing together data from multiple sources in the human service sector and developing tools such as a Geographic Information System (GIS) (i.e. a mapping tool).

Mapping Support Organizations

It is important to note that the foundation of any mapping initiative is the quality of the underlying database. Once the database is created, there are a number of mapping options available, depending on the financial and human resources available. Current and future options include:

a) In-Kind Mapping Services

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These services are available for this project from the Business License, Mapping and Research section of the Planning and Development Branch. Hard copy and basic web-based maps can be developed in cooperation with the community organization recommended to compile the initial database (i.e. CUISR). As previously noted, there is also the future possibility of including non-licensed agencies in the City's up-coming On-line Business Directory which will include a mapping component. (See Page 2.)

b) Basic Mapping Functions at CUISR

CUISR (the organization recommended to house and maintain the database) has experimented with mapping various data using a trial version of Google Earth Pro. Google Earth Pro allows a user to upload 2,500 addresses to be viewed by anyone using a computer installed with Google Earth.

c) New City of Saskatoon Web Portal

The City's new web portal will incorporate a web-based mapping application (launch to be announced) and is another possible mapping option in the future.

Conclusion

The City of Saskatoon Planning and Development Branch, will partner with CUISR to support the on-going maintenance of CUISR's existing support service organization database (CAPIS) and provide mapping support. Ultimately, the success of any tracking and mapping initiative will be determined by how often it is used and by whom. As the project develops, on-going discussions with other interested organizations will take place to address on-going issues such as: project management, funding, promotion/accessibility, and expansion of the tracking and mapping components. As stated in the Pleasant Hill LAP, tracking and mapping support service organizations will hopefully highlight gaps and overlaps in service delivery, become a "one-stop-shop" for support service information, and foster a collaborative approach to improving the quality of life of all Saskatoon residents.

Portions of documentation from The United Way of Saskatoon and Area were adapted for this report with permission.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

- IT WAS RESOLVED:* 1) *that the information be received; and*
- 2) *that a copy of the report be forwarded to the Riversdale Business Improvement District.*

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**A3) Application for Condominium Conversion
830/840 Idylwyld Drive North – Victory Majors Investments Corporation
(File No.: PL 4132 – 30/07 and CK. 4132-1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the direction of City Council issue, with respect to the application submitted by Victory Majors Investment Corporation, to convert the existing apartment at 830/840 Idylwyld Drive North to a condominium; and
- 2) that in the event that City Council approves the application for conversion, it be approved subject to the following conditions:
 - a) completion of the necessary building repairs/modifications as required by City of Saskatoon Policy C09-004 (Condominium Approvals), including the issuance of a building permit for condominium conversion, the submission of an updated Professional Review Report, if required, and any other pertinent repairs/modifications that may be identified during the building permit plan review and building inspection process;
 - b) confirmation that enforceable Lease Agreements have been offered to all current tenants who are residents and have not given notice and that the Lease Agreements contain the following terms:
 - i) tenant to have right to a lease until August 9, 2009, with the tenant to have the right to terminate the lease after 30 days notice;
 - ii) the rent charged under the lease to not exceed the rent charged for comparable residential premises in the same general area in which the converted property is located; and
 - iii) any dispute between the landlord and the tenant as to the rent charged under the lease to be resolved through arbitration under *The Arbitration Act*;

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- c) that final approval be granted to the applicant after conditions a) and b) are fulfilled to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Community Services Department.

BACKGROUND

Victory Majors Investments Corporation has submitted an application for a condominium conversion for an apartment complex containing 78 units (including 77 residential units and one former church). This complex is located at 830/840 Idylwyld Drive North in the Central Industrial area and is the site of the former Sion Academy.

During its meeting held on August 11, 2008, City Council resolved that the Condominium Conversion Application for 830/840 Idylwyld Drive North be referred to the Administration to provide additional notice to tenants and report back at the appropriate time.

Based on this resolution, your administration met with the owner to discuss the matter. Subsequently, the owner corresponded with the tenants who had written City Council regarding their concerns with the conversion. In support of their application, the owner advised the tenants that the application is not being made with the intent to sell the apartments as condominiums, and that it is their intention only to create separate titles for the apartments for flexible use in the future. The owner further advised the tenants that they completed this process with another building ten years ago (306 20th Street East) which they still rent as apartments today. The owner requested the tenants to reconsider their objection to the application in light of this information.

On November 17, 2008, the Community Services Department posted notices in the buildings advising tenants that at the time City Council reconsiders this application, it will be recommended that the owner be required to offer tenants a lease effective until August 9, 2009, if the application is approved. In addition, the notice contained the owner's statement in support of their application as noted above.

After the notice was posted, one tenant expressed concern that at the time they agreed to occupy a suite in early November 2008, they were not informed by the owner of the Condominium Conversion Application. The complaint was conveyed to the owner, who has since advised they spoke directly with the tenant and informed the tenant that they have no intention of giving notices to vacate or sell the units as condominiums in the near future.

On November 28, 2008, the City of Saskatoon (City) was advised by the owner that six month rent increase notices were issued for the buildings. The owner stated that this was a normal increase that was sent out to all of their rental buildings in Saskatoon, and they had given the tenants six months notice as new provincial legislation would likely be passed on December 1, 2008, requiring the extended notice period.

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The Legislative framework for condominium conversions is contained in *The Condominium Property Act, 1993*, which provides that the local authority may approve an application for a condominium conversion if it is satisfied that:

- “1) the proposal complies with the requirements of the Zoning Bylaw;
- 2) the conversion will not significantly reduce the availability of rental accommodation in the area;
- 3) the conversion will not create significant hardship for any or all of the tenants of the existing premises; and
- 4) the building and the parcel have the physical characteristics considered necessary by the local authority to make the premises suitable for conversion.”

The following information, which is attached, is also relevant to City Council in the consideration of this matter:

- 1) Background Information Common to Condominium Conversion Applications;
- 2) City of Saskatoon Policy C09-004 (Condominium Approvals), September 5, 2000;
- 3) City of Saskatoon Policy C09-004 (Condominium Approvals), November 19, 2007;
- 4) CMHC (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation), Saskatoon CMA (Census Metropolitan Area) Rental Market Report, 2007;
- 5) Clause A4, Administrative Report No. 1-2008, Rental Units;
- 6) City of Saskatoon, Housing Business Plan, 2008;
- 7) CMHC, Saskatoon CMA Spring Rental Market Report, 2008;
- 8) City of Saskatoon Policy C09-004 (Condominium Approvals) June 9, 2008; and
- 9) Letter from Victory Majors Investments Corporation dated June 20, 2008.

REPORT

Compliance with the Zoning Bylaw

The site is zoned B1 – Neighbourhood Commercial District and M3 – General Institutional Service District in the City of Saskatoon Zoning Bylaw.

This site is the former Sion Academy. In 1984, the existing school was converted to a 22-unit, multiple-unit dwelling, and a new 55-unit, multiple-unit dwelling was constructed at the rear of the property. A commercial building was also planned for the North West corner of the property. This area is zoned B1 District, however, the building was never constructed. In the future, the development of this area may require a subdivision and/or rezoning and will be subject to the applicable development standards and parking.

Based on the surveyed Condominium Plan submitted by the applicant, it appears that the zoning requirements are satisfied with the exception of the current requirements pertaining to parking and landscaping.

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The building met the Zoning Bylaw requirements for parking and landscaping at the time it was constructed. Therefore, the current parking and landscaping arrangements are considered to be legal non-conforming.

It is noted that as part of this condominium application, the owner intends on transforming the former church area (the area of the administration offices and gymnasium of the former Sion Academy) into a single non-residential condominium unit. This area is currently vacant, and the owner has been advised that should any redevelopment of the non-residential unit be proposed, the applicable development standards and parking requirements will apply.

Availability of Rental Accommodation

The 2007 CMHC Rental Market Report for Saskatoon identifies a city-wide vacancy rate of 0.6 percent and a vacancy rate of 1.0 percent in the area where this apartment building is located. In addition, this report identifies a city-wide availability rate of 1.8 percent and an availability rate of 2.1 percent in the area where this apartment building is located. (A rental unit is considered vacant if, at the time of the survey, it is physically unoccupied and available for immediate rental. A rental unit is considered available if the existing tenant has given or received notice to move, and a new tenant has not signed a lease, or the unit is vacant.)

The Spring 2008 CMHC Rental Market Report for Saskatoon identifies a city-wide vacancy rate of 0.9 percent and a city-wide availability rate of 2.6 percent. The Spring 2008 CMHC Report provides data on a city-wide basis only as opposed to the 2007 CMHC Report, which provides a more detailed breakdown of data for various zones within the City of Saskatoon.

The 2006 Census reported that there were 30,405 rental units, of all types, in Saskatoon including 4,335 units in the area where this apartment building is located. The above-noted 2007 CMHC Report identifies a primary rental market of 13,474 units, including 2,517 units in the area where this apartment building is located. (The primary rental market is defined as privately initiated structures with at least three rental units which have been on the market for at least three months.)

This application involves the conversion of 77 residential units. Since January 1, 2007, 1,608 units have been approved for conversion city wide, and 514 units have been approved in the area where this apartment building is located.

Tenant Hardship

This application has been made in accordance with City Council Policy C09-004 (Condominium Approvals), prior to the recent amendments to the Policy made on November 19, 2007, and June 9, 2009. The applicant has advised that the building was vacant at the time of application (August 9, 2007).

Since application was made to the City of Saskatoon for the conversion, the proponent has re-rented the units. Based on discussions with the owner, we understand that the re-renting of the units started March 1, 2008. The owner did not contact the City of Saskatoon prior to re-renting

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the building to determine the potential impact on the status of their condominium application. The owner has advised verbally that the new tenants should be aware of the conversion, however; the City of Saskatoon has not been provided with any written notice given to the new tenants.

The Administration has discussed, with the owner, the issue of tenant hardship in a low vacancy rate environment, and we have suggested the provision of two-year leases for the current tenants. The owner advised that the condominium application is not for the purpose of a quick resale to the general public, but it is their intention to hold the property as a rental property into the foreseeable future. The owner further stated that an example of their pattern of conducting business is the Vienna Apartments located at 306 20th Street East, a 30-unit building that they obtained condominium status for ten years ago and which they still operate as a rental property. The owner has advised that they are willing to offer one year leases to current tenants, effective as of March 1, 2008.

Based on the original application date of August 9, 2007, and assuming that the current tenants were, in fact, made aware of the application for conversion; your Administration believes that a lease agreement for the new tenants until August 9, 2009, would be reasonable. This would be consistent with the manner in which previous applications were dealt with prior to the Policy amendments made on November 19, 2007.

National Building Code and Professional Review of Building

The applicant has submitted a Professional Review Report addressing the critical life safety conditions for the building. The Building Standards Branch has reviewed the report and has no objections to the application subject to the critical life safety deficiencies noted in the report being addressed, including any other pertinent repairs/modifications that may be identified during the building permit plan review and building inspection process.

It is noted that building permits for interior alterations have been taken out by the owner. Additional building permits will be required by the Building Standards Branch for the condominium conversion. The application for the new building permits will likely require a new or updated professional report to be submitted.

OPTIONS

City Council has the options of approving this application subject to the conditions noted in this report, approving the application subject to additional conditions, or denying the application.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

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COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Notice that City Council will be considering this application on December 15, 2008, has been posted in the subject building.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Background Information Common to Condominium Conversion Applications
2. City of Saskatoon Policy C09-004 (Condominium Approvals), September 5, 2000
3. City of Saskatoon Policy C09-004 (Condominium Approvals), November 19, 2007
4. CMHC (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation), Saskatoon CMA (Census Metropolitan Area) Rental Market Report, 2007
5. Clause A4, Administrative Report No. 1-2008, Rental Units
6. City of Saskatoon, Housing Business Plan, 2008
7. CMHC – Saskatoon CMA Spring Rental Market Report, 2008
8. City of Saskatoon Policy C09-004 (Condominium Approvals) June 9, 2008
9. Letter from Victory Majors Investments Corporation dated June 20, 2008

Item B2 of Communications to Council was brought forward.

“B2) Lorelie Meyers, dated December 7

Commenting on proposed condominium conversion at 840 Idylwyld Drive North.”

The City Clerk distributed copies of the following letters:

- *John Nasser, dated December 11, 2008, advising that he will be attendance to answer questions of Council; and*
- *John Delphi, dated December 11, 2008, submitting comments.*

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the application submitted by Victory Majors Investment Corporation, to convert the existing apartment at 830/840 Idylwyld Drive North to a condominium, be approved, subject to the following conditions:

- a) *completion of the necessary building repairs/modifications as required by City of Saskatoon Policy C09-004 (Condominium Approvals), including the issuance of a building permit for condominium conversion, the submission of an updated Professional Review Report, if required, and any other pertinent*

repairs/modifications that may be identified during the building permit plan review and building inspection process;

- b) *confirmation that enforceable Lease Agreements have been offered to all current tenants who are residents and have not given notice and that the Lease Agreements contain the following terms:*
 - i) *tenant to have right to a lease until August 9, 2009, with the tenant to have the right to terminate the lease after 30 days notice;*
 - ii) *the rent charged under the lease to not exceed the rent charged for comparable residential premises in the same general area in which the converted property is located; and*
 - iii) *any dispute between the landlord and the tenant as to the rent charged under the lease to be resolved through arbitration under The Arbitration Act;*
- c) *that final approval be granted to the applicant after conditions a) and b) are fulfilled to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Community Services Department.*

A4) Application for Condominium Conversion
415 3rd Avenue North – Mike McNinch for 0820820 B.C. Ltd.
(File No.: PL 4132 – 15/08 and CK. 4132-1)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the direction of City Council issue, with respect to the application submitted by Mike McNinch for 0820820 B.C. Ltd., to convert the existing apartment at 415 3rd Avenue North to a condominium; and
- 2) that in the event that City Council approves the application for conversion, it be approved subject to the following conditions:
 - a) submission of suitable professional review reports which address critical life safety aspects, prepared by an independent professional engineer and/or architect licensed to practice in Saskatchewan;
 - b) completion of the necessary building repairs/modifications as required by City of Saskatoon Policy C09-004 (Condominium Approvals), and as noted in the Professional Review

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Reports submitted, including any other pertinent repairs/modifications that may be identified during the building permit plan review and building inspection process;

- c) submission of a surveyed Condominium Plan prepared by a Saskatchewan Land Surveyor;
- d) confirmation that enforceable Lease Agreements have been offered to all eligible tenants who as of February 19, 2009, (being the expiration of the six-month written notice period) are residents and have not given notice, and that the Lease Agreements contain the following terms:
 - i) tenant to have right to a lease for two years from the effective date of the application, with the tenant to have the right to terminate the lease after 30 days notice;
 - ii) the rent charged under the lease to not exceed the rent charged for comparable residential premises in the same general area in which the converted property is located; and
 - iii) any dispute between the landlord and the tenant as to the rent charged under the lease to be resolved through arbitration under *The Arbitration Act*;
- e) payment of \$2,340 being the required approval fee; and
- f) that final approval be granted to the applicant after February 19, 2009, once conditions a), b), c), d), and e) are fulfilled to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Community Services Department.

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BACKGROUND

An application has been submitted by Mike McNinch for 0820820 B.C. Ltd., requesting approval for a condominium conversion involving an apartment building containing 18 residential units. This building is located at 415 3rd Avenue North in the City Park neighbourhood.

The Legislative framework for condominium conversions is contained in *The Condominium Property Act, 1993*, which provides that the local authority may approve an application for a condominium conversion if it is satisfied that:

- “1) the proposal complies with the requirements of the Zoning Bylaw;
- 2) the conversion will not significantly reduce the availability of rental accommodation in the area;
- 3) the conversion will not create significant hardship for any or all of the tenants of the existing premises; and
- 4) the building and the parcel have the physical characteristics considered necessary by the local authority to make the premises suitable for conversion.”

The following information, which is attached, is also relevant to City Council in the consideration of this matter:

- 1) Background Information Common to Condominium Conversion Applications;
- 2) City of Saskatoon Policy C09-004 (Condominium Approvals) September 5, 2000;
- 3) City of Saskatoon Policy C09-004 (Condominium Approvals) November 19, 2007;
- 4) Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) - Saskatoon Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) Rental Market Report – 2007;
- 5) Clause A4 – Administrative Report No. 1-2008 – Rental Units;
- 6) City of Saskatoon – Housing Business Plan – 2008;
- 7) CMHC – Saskatoon CMA Spring Rental Market Report – 2008;
- 8) City of Saskatoon Policy C09-004 (Condominium Approvals) June 9, 2008; and
- 9) Owner’s Offer of Compensation to Tenants.

REPORT

Compliance with the Zoning Bylaw

The site is zoned RM5 District in the City of Saskatoon Zoning Bylaw. Based on a preliminary zoning check, it appears that the zoning requirements are satisfied with the exception of the current requirements pertaining to parking and landscaping.

The building met all Zoning Bylaw requirements at the time it was constructed. Therefore, the current parking and landscaping arrangements are considered to be legal non-conforming.

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Submission of a surveyed Condominium Plan is a condition of approval in the event City Council approves the conversion.

Availability of Rental Accommodation

The 2007 CMHC Rental Market Report for Saskatoon identifies a city-wide vacancy rate of 0.6 percent and a vacancy rate of 1.0 percent in the area where this apartment building is located. In addition, this report identifies a city-wide availability rate of 1.8 percent and an availability rate of 2.1 percent in the area where this apartment building is located. (A rental unit is considered vacant if, at the time of the survey, it is physically unoccupied and available for immediate rental. A rental unit is considered available if the existing tenant has given or received notice to move, and a new tenant has not signed a lease, or the unit is vacant.)

The Spring 2008 CMHC Rental Market Report for Saskatoon identifies a city-wide vacancy rate of 0.9 percent and a city-wide availability rate of 2.6 percent. The Spring 2008 CMHC Report provides data on a city-wide basis only as opposed to the 2007 CMHC Report, which provides a more detailed breakdown of data for various zones within the City of Saskatoon.

The 2006 Census reported that there were 30,405 rental units, of all types, in Saskatoon including 4,335 units in the area where this apartment building is located. The above-noted 2007 CMHC Report identifies a primary rental market of 13,474 units including 3,365 units in the area where this apartment building is located. (The primary rental market is defined as privately initiated structures with at least three rental units, which have been on the market for at least three months.)

This application involves the conversion of 18 units. Since January 1, 2007, 1,608 units have been approved for conversion city wide, and 514 units have been approved in the area where this apartment building is located.

Tenant Hardship

This application has been made in accordance with City of Saskatoon Policy C09-004 (Condominium Approvals), and is subject to the amendments to the Policy made on June 9, 2008. The applicant submitted their application to the City of Saskatoon on August 18, 2008, and provided six months written notice to the tenants on August 19, 2008. The applicant is offering an enhanced Option to Purchase as part of their compensation offer to tenants.

Tenant Consent

City Council's established Policy requires that when vacancy rates are less than 1.5 percent, condominium conversions may only be considered when at least 75 percent of the eligible tenants in the building consent to the conversion. City Council has defined eligible tenants as those tenants who have resided in the building for at least three months prior to the condominium conversion being submitted to the City of Saskatoon. In this instance, only those tenants who resided in the building prior to May 18, 2008, are eligible to vote.

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An information meeting was held for the tenants on Thursday November 6, 2008, at City Hall. A City of Saskatoon representative provided information to the tenants on the conversion process and the voting process, including the process of establishing the eligible voters list. The owner provided information on their plan for conversion and discussed an offer of compensation to voting tenants.

The compensation package offered to the voting tenants provides that the tenants select one of four options, summarized as follows:

- 1) a standard two-year lease option,
- 2) a premium two-year lease option,
- 3) a buy-out and gift pay back two-year lease option, and
- 4) an early buy-out option.

The tenant consent vote was carried out from November 27 to December 4, 2008. Tenants were provided with a voting package which included the owner's written offer of compensation, the voting procedures, and a voting ballot. The tabulated results of the tenant consent vote are as follows:

a)	Ballots Issued	8
b)	Ballots Returned	8
c)	Yes to Conversion	8
d)	No to Conversion	0

This results in 100 percent of the tenants supporting the conversion. Both the tenants and the owner have been advised of the voting results.

National Building Code and Professional Review of Building

The applicant is required to submit a suitable Professional Review Report addressing the critical life safety conditions for the building. The Building Standards Branch will review the report with regard to critical life safety deficiencies noted in the report being addressed, including any other pertinent repairs/modifications that may be identified during the building permit plan review and building inspection process.

OPTIONS

City Council has the options of approving this application subject to the conditions noted in this report, approving the application subject to additional conditions, or denying the application.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Notice that City Council will be considering this application on December 15, 2008, has been posted in the subject building.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Background Information Common to Condominium Conversion Applications (see Attachment to A3)
2. City of Saskatoon Policy C09-004 (Condominium Approvals) September 5, 2000 (see Attachment to A3)
3. City of Saskatoon Policy C09-004 (Condominium Approvals) November 19, 2007 (see Attachment to A3)
4. CMHC – Saskatoon CMA Rental Market Report – 2007 (see Attachment to A3)
5. Clause A4 – Administrative Report No. 1-2008 – Rental Units (see Attachment to A3)
6. City of Saskatoon – Housing Business Plan – 2008 (see Attachment to A3)
7. CMHC – Saskatoon CMA Spring Rental Market Report – 2008 (see Attachment to A3)
8. City of Saskatoon Policy C09-004 (Condominium Approvals) June 9, 2008 (see Attachment to A3)
9. Owner’s Offer of Compensation to Tenants.

Item B1 of Communications to Council was brought forward.

“B1) Matthew Tsinkorang, dated December 5

Advising that he will be present to answer any questions with respect to condominium conversion application for 415 3rd Avenue North. (File No. CK. 4132-1)”

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the application submitted by Mike McNinch for 0820820 B.C. Ltd., to convert the existing apartment at 415 3rd Avenue North to a condominium, be approved, subject to the following conditions:

- a) *submission of suitable professional review reports which address critical life safety aspects, prepared by an independent professional engineer and/or architect licensed to practice in Saskatchewan;*

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- b) *completion of the necessary building repairs/modifications as required by City of Saskatoon Policy C09-004 (Condominium Approvals), and as noted in the Professional Review Reports submitted, including any other pertinent repairs/modifications that may be identified during the building permit plan review and building inspection process;*
- c) *submission of a surveyed Condominium Plan prepared by a Saskatchewan Land Surveyor;*
- d) *confirmation that enforceable Lease Agreements have been offered to all eligible tenants who as of February 19, 2009, (being the expiration of the six-month written notice period) are residents and have not given notice, and that the Lease Agreements contain the following terms:*
 - i) *tenant to have right to a lease for two years from the effective date of the application, with the tenant to have the right to terminate the lease after 30 days notice;*
 - ii) *the rent charged under the lease to not exceed the rent charged for comparable residential premises in the same general area in which the converted property is located; and*
 - iii) *any dispute between the landlord and the tenant as to the rent charged under the lease to be resolved through arbitration under The Arbitration Act;*
- e) *payment of \$2,340 being the required approval fee; and*
- f) *that final approval be granted to the applicant after February 19, 2009, once conditions a), b), c), d), and e) are fulfilled to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Community Services Department.*

Section B – CORPORATE SERVICES

**B1) Motorized Vehicles in Off-Leash Recreation Areas
(File No. CK. 151-15)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on October 27, 2008, City Council resolved:

- “1) that the City Solicitor be instructed to amend *The Animal Control Bylaw No. 7860* to prohibit the use of motorized vehicles in all of Saskatoon’s off-leash recreational areas; and
- 2) that City maintenance vehicles be exempted from the above-noted bylaw provision.”

City Council also requested that a communication strategy be forwarded to Council prior to the implementation of the Bylaw change.

REPORT

The following Communication Plan will be implemented, which is the same as that employed with similar bylaw changes:

1. Issue a news release to announce the bylaw change to the general public.
2. Post the news release on the City’s home webpage.
3. Post an announcement of the bylaw change on the Animal Services website. This announcement would also provide more in-depth information.
4. Post signage in the off-leash recreation areas (OLRAs) indicating that vehicles are not allowed into OLRAs or beyond the parking area if there is a parking area within the OLRA.
5. Community Association Newsletters would also be used to announce bylaw changes. However, their delivery would not be as timely as they print only periodically – annually, semi-annually, or quarterly. In addition, not all Community Associations provide newsletters.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The implementation of the communications plan would cost approximately \$1,000 - \$1,500. Funding will be provided through the Animal Services operating program.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Section C – FIRE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

**C1) Inspection Services Agreement between
Ministry of Social Services and The City of Saskatoon
Home First Program
(File No. CK. 3000-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

As indicated in your Administration's report dated November 15, 2004, to the Executive Committee, the purpose of the Safe Housing Rehabilitation Program is to improve the overall standard of rental properties. Part of this initiative was to develop an Inspection Services Agreement with the Provincial Government in conjunction with the Home First Program, whereby housing and accommodations rented to families or individuals that are clients of Social Services would be inspected prior to taking possession.

In September 2005, your Administration requested Council's approval to enter into an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen (represented by the Minister of Community Resources and Employment) and The City of Saskatoon for the Home First Inspection Program. The approval was given and, in December 2005, Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services began inspecting rental properties that previously would not have been inspected.

REPORT

The Department of Social Services has the overall responsibility for this Program.

To date, Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services has completed approximately 3500 inspections of rental properties which would not normally have required inspection prior to the creation of the Home First Program. These properties are inspected to ensure they meet minimum safety and health standards and also to qualify tenants on social assistance for increased income supplement directly related to the standard of their rented residence.

Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services continues to be compensated for all inspections performed under the Agreement. The Agreement continues to identify an annual maximum of 1040 property inspections, with Social Services paying the City a fixed fee of \$78,000, payable quarterly. This fee has been calculated based on an average of 20 inspections per week at a cost of \$75 per

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inspection file. For each inspection in excess of the maximum number, Social Services pays the City an additional fee of \$75 per inspection, which shall be paid monthly.

Your Administration is pleased to advise Council that Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services has renewed the agreement for a fourth consecutive year (2009) and an additional 1040 rental property inspections. This Agreement continues to foster a significant working partnership with the Provincial Government to assist in addressing quality affordable and safe rental housing in Saskatoon.

ATTACHMENT

1. 2008/2009 Inspection Services Agreement between the Ministry of Social Services and The City of Saskatoon.

Section D – INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

**D1) Enquiry – Councillor D. Hill - October 27, 2008
Traffic Calming Measures – Churchill Drive
(File No. CK. 6320-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

The following enquiry was made by Councillor D. Hill at the meeting of City Council held on October 27, 2008:

“Would the Administration please report on potential traffic calming measures on Churchill from Warman Road to Ravine Drive.”

REPORT

In order to review traffic calming requirements on Churchill Drive, Infrastructure Services will conduct a traffic study in the spring of 2009. At that time, a report will be submitted to City Council with information and recommendations.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**D2) Proposed Sign Change
College Drive Off-Ramp to McKercher Drive
(File No. CK. 6280-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the yield sign located at the College Drive eastbound off-ramp to McKercher Drive southbound be replaced with a lane-added sign, as shown on attached Plan 210-0020-001r003 (Attachment 1).

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

Infrastructure Services has received a request to review the existing signage at the off-ramp from College Drive eastbound to McKercher Drive southbound.

REPORT

The curb lane that begins as the receiving lane at the off-ramp from College Drive eastbound to McKercher Drive southbound ends at Boychuk Drive in order to accommodate the parking lane on McKercher Drive. A sign advising of the lane ending is located approximately 80 metres from the intersection. The distance between the beginning of the receiving lane, at the top of the ramp, and Boychuck Drive is approximately 180 metres, which provides adequate opportunity to safely merge from the curb lane into the adjacent travelling lanes.

According to Policy C07-007, Traffic Control – Use of Stop and Yield Signs, a yield sign, by definition, “shall indicate to vehicle drivers facing the sign that they must yield the right-of-way, stopping if necessary before entering the intersection area to oncoming traffic on the intersecting roadway.” The College Drive off-ramp to McKercher Drive southbound provides for an unrestricted right-turn movement, with no oncoming traffic in the lane, therefore, no one to yield the right-of-way to.

Policy C07-007 also stipulates that yield signs are not to be used at entrance ramps of interchanges where the sign would interfere with free merging movement of vehicles. Currently, motorists familiar with the ramp do not yield, and merge into the desired travelling lane after entering the curb lane; however, those unfamiliar with the roadway geometrics pause and yield (as required by the current signage) before they realize there is no oncoming traffic. This restricts the free-flow movement from the ramp that is possible due to the existence of the receiving lane.

The Administration is recommending that the current yield sign be replaced with an added-lane sign to accurately reflect the roadway geometry, alleviate confusion and facilitate efficient traffic flow.

OPTIONS

No other options were considered.

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POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Replacing the yield sign located at the College Drive eastbound off-ramp to McKercher Drive southbound with a lane-added sign is in accordance with Policy C07-007, Traffic Control – Use of Stop and Yield Signs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are sufficient funds within the Operating Budget for removal of the yield sign and installation of the added-lane signage.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Plan No. 210-0020-001r003.

**D3) Capital Project 1137- Bicycle Facilities
Capital Project 948 – Sidewalk Path Retrofit
Award of Sole Source Agreement
Multi-Use Pathway– Installation of New Pathway
(File No: CK. 5300-5-5 and CK. 6220-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve a sole source agreement with Pavement Scientific International (PSI) Technologies Inc. to provide the design and build prototype concept for a multi-use pathway using recycled material, at the cost of \$229,900 (including G.S.T and P.S.T.); and
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary agreement for execution by the Mayor and City Clerk under the corporate seal.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

The Administration continually seeks new methods in order to reduce costs and improve the design of multi-use pathways. PSI has submitted a proposal for an innovative new design which includes a green concept that uses recycled materials.

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The City of Saskatoon currently generates a significant amount of asphalt and Portland cement concrete rubble. In the past, this stockpiled material has been crushed and used primarily for utility trench backfill. PSI has submitted a proposal to provide the City with a process to recycle asphalt concrete and Portland cement concrete material for use in a bike path system that will provide superior performance relative to conventional road materials. This approach will also allow the City to access provincial funding to help offset the cost of the project.

The Administration is recommending that a sole source agreement be awarded to PSI in order to pilot the new process for the construction of the 33rd Street and Spadina Crescent pathway, as well as two small locations on Lanyon Avenue to be funded from approved Capital Projects 1137- Bicycle Facilities and 948 – Sidewalk Path Retrofit.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The overall cost for the design and construction of the multi-use pathway on Spadina Crescent and 33rd Street and Lanyon Avenue is as follows:

Spadina Crescent and 33 rd Street	\$166,000
Lanyon Avenue	\$ 43,000
G.S.T.	\$ 10,450
P.S.T.	<u>\$ 10,450</u>
TOTAL	\$229,900
Less G.S.T. Rebate	<u>\$ 10,450</u>
TOTAL	\$219,450

Funding for this project was approved in Capital Project 1137 - Bicycle Facilities in the amount of \$50,000 and Capital Project 948 – Sidewalk Path Retrofit in the amount of \$170,000. Funding for this project was to be used in 2008; however, details were not finalized in time, therefore, the project will be completed in 2009.

Should this pilot project prove successful as a means to construct multi-use pathways in the city, the Administration will adopt it as the methodology for future tenders.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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D4) Proposed Parking Meter Rate Increase

File: IS 6210-05 and CK. 6120-3

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that parking meter rates in the Riversdale Business Improvement District be increased to \$1.50 per hour, effective January 1, 2009; and
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary amendments to Traffic Bylaw 7200 to reflect the changes outlined in this report.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

The prevalent metered parking rate in Saskatoon is \$1.50 per hour, which was implemented April 1, 2008. However, a special provision has been made in the Traffic Bylaw 7200 for parking meters in the Riversdale Business Improvement District (BID) to operate at \$1.00 per hour. There now is a desire by the Riversdale BID to increase parking meter rates, effective January 1, 2009, so that they are on par with the rest of the city.

REPORT

As demonstrated in Table 1 below, the average parking meter rate across western Canada is approximately \$2.00 per hour.

Table 1: Parking Meter Rates In Other Cities

City	Metered Parking Rate Per Hour
Calgary	\$1.00 to \$4.00
Edmonton	\$1.00 to \$2.00
Saskatoon	\$1.00 to \$1.50
Regina	\$1.00
Vancouver	\$1.00 to \$5.00
Victoria	\$2.00
Winnipeg	\$1.00

As a local comparison, the daytime parking meter rate at the University of Saskatchewan is \$1.50 per hour, while the Saskatoon Airport Authority has set parking meter rates at \$2.00 per hour. The Saskatoon Health Region operates surface parking lots adjacent to the City's on-street parking meters at St. Paul's Hospital and City Hospital at \$2.00 per hour.

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The Administration is recommending increasing parking rates to \$1.50 per hour as of January 1, 2009, in the Riversdale BID area which would affect 176 parking meters that can be specifically defined as being in the area south of 22nd Street, north of 19th Street, east of Avenue H and west of Idylwyld Drive. This proposal will ensure that the on-street parking meter rates are consistent throughout the city.

STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT

Infrastructure Services has discussed this issue with the Broadway BID, the Riversdale BID and The Partnership, who form part of the Parking Committee. These three organizations have submitted comments supporting this proposed parking meter rate increase.

OPTIONS

No other options were considered.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Increasing metered parking rates in the Riversdale BID to \$1.50 per hour will result in an increase in revenue of approximately \$38,000 annually.

Any additional revenue generated as a result of a parking rate increase is currently assigned to: General Revenues (50%); the Streetscape Reserve (43%); the Parking Capital Reserve (4%); The Partnership (1%); the Riversdale Business Improvement District (1%); and the Broadway Business Improvement District (1%) as shown below.

Distribution	Riversdale \$1.00 to \$1.50 as of January 1, 2009
General Revenues (50%)	\$19,000
Streetscape Reserve (43%)	\$16,340
Parking Capital Reserve (4%)	\$1,520
The Partnership (1%)	\$380
Riversdale BID (1%)	\$380
Broadway BID (1%)	\$380
TOTALS	\$38,000

The Administration will be reporting in 2009 regarding a further rate increase to support Streetscape projects within the BIDs.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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**D5) Capital Project 993– Circle Drive South
Award of Owner’s Engineering Services
(File No. CK. 6050-9)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the proposal submitted by Stantec Consulting Ltd. for the Owner’s Engineering Services contract for the Circle Drive South project, at an estimated 2009 cost of \$1,400,000, be approved;
 - 2) that the engineering services work be funded from Capital Project 993 – Circle Drive South;
 - 3) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary Owner’s Engineering Services contract for execution by His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk under the Corporate Seal; and
 - 4) that the Administration report annually to City Council on the total expenditure to date under this contract and with an estimated cost of the services for the upcoming year.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

At its meeting held on October 27, 2008, City Council approved a recommendation of the Executive Committee that a design build process be the procurement method for the construction of the Circle Drive South Project, and that the Administration utilize an Owner’s Engineer.

The Owner’s Engineering Services contract will assist the Administration in setting up the documentation and process for the design build tenders, and will assist in meeting the requirements for the agreements with provincial and federal government agencies. It will also include assistance with contract administration and quality assurance and control of the design build contract.

The services of the Owner’s Engineer will be utilized over the entire project duration, currently projected to be complete by the end of 2012. The number of hours of effort provided by the Owner’s Engineer will vary each year, with a large percentage of the total contract hours projected to be utilized in 2009. The actual number of work hours that will be required in each of the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 is difficult to estimate at this time, so the Administration will report back to City Council in each of these years with a full accounting of the costs to date and a projected expenditure for that coming year.

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Infrastructure Services issued a request for proposal for the supply of services as the Owner's Engineer on the Circle Drive South Project. Proposals were received from the following two qualified consulting engineering firms:

- Stantec Consulting Ltd.
- AECOM Canada.

After a systematic evaluation of the proposals, staff rated the submission from Stantec Consulting Ltd. as ranking highest within an evaluation table comparison. The evaluation table included criteria such as: project manager, technical staff, team matrix, engineering work plan and project understanding.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Based on the work plan and hourly rates submitted in the proposal from Stantec Consulting Ltd., the estimated cost to the City in 2009 will be \$1,400,000.

Funding for the Circle Drive South Owner's Engineering Services has been provided within Capital Project 993 – Circle Drive South, as well as from our partners, the provincial and federal governments.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Section E – UTILITY SERVICES

- E1) River With Many Islands Concept Report**
(File No. WT 2000-1; CK. 4129-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be considered with the speaker. See Page No. 94.

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E2) Communications to Council

From: Nicole Gantner

Date: January 6, 2008

Subject: Waste Bylaw with Respect to Condominiums

- AND -

From: Robert Eaton

Date: September 16, 2008

**Subject: Bylaw Requiring Multi-Unit Dwellings to Provide Specific
Garbage Bins**

(File No. WT-7831-1; CK. 7830-3)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that, at this time, the current practice be maintained requiring owners of multi-unit residences to supply and maintain metal garbage bins, as per Bylaw No. 8310, The Waste Bylaw;
 - 2) that the Administration consider equity between homeowners during development of the new bylaw; and
 - 3) that the Administration report back on the bylaw revision by the fall of 2009.

BACKGROUND

The above-noted Communications to Council were received and referred to the Administration to provide one report addressing both Ms. Gantner and Mr. Eaton's concerns within four to six weeks of Mr. Eaton's communication. City Council received a status report at its November 17, 2008 meeting, indicating the Administration was collecting information and developing options for inclusion in its report and that a full report would be submitted to City Council's December 15, 2008 meeting.

In their Communication to Council, both Saskatoon residents have expressed concern that the Waste Bylaw, No. 8310, is unfair and discriminatory as it pertains to the provision of waste containers. Both residents are condominium owners; and condominium associations must provide, at their own expense, metal bins for waste collection. The two condominium owners would like the same benefits as single-family home owners, whose waste collection containers are paid for with their City taxes.

This same issue was addressed by the Administration and Finance Committee in Report No. 7-2007, and Administration's recommendation was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on April 30, 2007. Following is an excerpt from Clause 2 of the Report (Attachment 1):

"Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration, and believes that the two options outlined in the report are not feasible in that a significant cost would be involved. The Committee wishes to note that the Bylaw does provide for collection of waste for multi-unit residences by the City under the terms and

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conditions in the Bylaw. The Committee believes the Bylaw provisions are reasonable and agrees with the recommendation of the Administration to maintain current practice.”

REPORT

Multiple-unit dwellings (MUD) are buildings or portions thereof designed for, or occupied as, three or more residences, as defined in The Waste Bylaw. Also stated in the Waste Bylaw, multiple-unit dwellings shall use metal bins for waste collection.

Currently, multiple-unit dwellings receive varying types of waste collection, depending on prior agreements at the time of construction and existing site conditions. Multiple-unit dwellings are receiving one of the following waste collection services:

- collection of privately-owned metal bins serviced by the City of Saskatoon;
- collection of metal bins by a private waste hauler; or
- collection of 100 gallon polyethylene containers supplied by the City of Saskatoon.

There are varying forms of multiple-unit dwellings throughout the City. Such examples include apartment-style condominiums and apartment buildings, new housing, town houses, and the three, four, or five plexes.

As stated in The Waste Bylaw, property owners of multiple-unit dwellings are required to supply and maintain a metal bin(s), at the expense of the owner of the property, for collection of waste by the City of Saskatoon. The bin(s) must meet specifications and be easily accessible or rolled to the property line to minimize the distance travelled by City of Saskatoon staff on private property. Weekly collection services are provided by the City of Saskatoon as part of the property taxes. Should additional collections be required, applicable fees will be charged as stated in The Waste Bylaw.

Property owners are entitled to contract with a private waste hauler, should they choose to do so. Some property owners choose this method of collection in part because they may rent a metal bin from the private waste hauler.

Administration acknowledges that the current bylaws result in condominium owners funding the cost of their containers, while owners of single-family properties have their containers provided through municipal taxes and revenues. Additionally, even within the current bylaw, there are many exceptions within the City. Administration recognizes that a new bylaw and associated policies are required, which both clarify how future conversions and growth are handled but also resolves existing conditions. To this end, Administration will undertake a revised bylaw and policy and report to the Administration and Finance Committee in mid-2009. This revised bylaw and policy will be part of the larger Saskatoon Waste and Recycling plan.

OPTIONS

Although various options are listed below, they are not recommended. When developing the new bylaw and fee structure, consideration will be given to ensure equity among different housing types. In addition, Options 1 and 2 only address those properties which currently do not have a bin that meets the existing bylaw and thus would reward those property owners that contravene the bylaw. Options 1 and 2 do not adequately compensate property owners that have complied with the bylaw.

1. Provide and Service Waste Bins to Multi-unit Dwellings

A multi-unit dwelling (MUD) is a building designated as three or more residences, but does not include an institutional premise. Condominiums and apartment buildings are considered to be MUDs. Administration can amend the Waste Bylaw to recognize that MUD owners will be provided with bins from the City, and that the bins will be maintained by the City.

To accomplish this, the City would;

- assume responsibility for all privately-owned bin maintenance, and;
- replace privately-owned bins as they become unserviceable.

Cost:

- Should only MUD owners that currently own their bins receive this service, the program would cost approximately \$200,000 per year based on ten-year bin depreciation and averaged annual costs.
- Approximately 49% of MUD owners contract privately for the provision and servicing of waste bins. Should all privately-serviced MUD owners wish to receive City service, the annual cost would be approximately \$390,000 per year.
- MUD owners and operators who subscribe to private service may wish to be serviced by the City as soon as the provision of bins by the City comes into effect. If this would happen, the immediate cost would be up to \$1,120,000; however, subsequent annual replacement costs would decrease.

2. Provide and Service Waste Bins to Condominiums

Administration can amend the Waste Bylaw No. 8310 to recognize that condominium owners and operators will be provided with bins from the City, and that the bins will be maintained by the City.

To accomplish this, the City would;

- assume responsibility for privately-owned bin maintenance at all condominiums, and;
- replace privately-owned condominium bins as they become unserviceable.

Cost:

- Should only condominium owners that currently own their bins receive this service, the program would cost approximately \$50,000 per year based on ten-year bin depreciation and averaged annual costs.
- Should all privately-serviced condominium owners wish to receive this service, the approximate annual cost would be \$100,000.
- Condominium owners and operators who subscribe to private service may wish to be serviced by the City as soon as the provision of bins by the City comes into effect. If

this would happen, the immediate cost would be up to \$550,000; however, subsequent annual replacement costs would decrease

3. Recognize Apartment Units as Commercial Entities

If Option 1 or 2 is adopted, the Administration could further amend the bylaw to recognize apartment units as commercial entities, and could charge apartment owners for waste removal services. This could be achieved with either a bin rental and tipping fee structure, or with a flat-rate weekly fee structure charging per cubic yard of bin space.

Revenue:

- At a flat rate of \$4 per cubic yard per week, the City would collect approximately \$12,200 per week, or \$634,000 per year for waste collection from apartment bins currently being serviced by the City. It must be recognized that the \$4 per cubic yard is a residential rate that does not address the landfill space costs. If privately serviced properties choose to utilize this service, there may be a negative affect on landfill space.

4. Reconsider Options from Report 7-2007

Acquire Bins for Property Owners of MUDs:

“The cost to provide one-time funding for the acquisition of metal bins for property owners of multi-unit dwellings to appropriately address refuse space would be approximately \$2.6 million.”

This involves an estimate of providing a subsidy to all multi-unit properties that currently abide by the bylaw. This subsidy is equivalent to the initial cost per unit that was paid by the MUD to purchase their metal bin(s). Option 1 is different because it addresses only those properties that do not own metal bins; including those that currently choose to rent a bin and have it serviced by another company and those that chose to contravene the bylaw.

Provide a Subsidy for Property Owners of MUDs:

“Another option discussed was to provide a subsidy in the amount of the cost of a 300 gallon container per 4 yd³ bin. This option would provide a subsidy of approximately 27% of the cost of a new bin (and would need to be translated to the various sizes of bins that currently are on the market). This cost, considering existing multi-unit dwellings that currently use the City of Saskatoon’s collection services, would be approximately \$500,000. If all multi-unit dwellings choose to use the City’s waste collection service, the cost could rise to \$700,000.”

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The recommendation is in accordance with an existing policy. There are no policy implications if the recommendation is adopted.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The recommendation is in accordance with current operations. There are no financial impacts if the recommendation is adopted.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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ATTACHMENT

1. Clause 2, Report No. 7-2007 of the Administration and Finance Committee.

The City Clerk distributed copies of the following letters:

- *Darin Felstrom, Interim Condominium Board President, Discovery Park, dated December 15, 2008, submitting comments; and*
- *Robert Eaton, dated December 10, 2008, submitting comments.*

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that, at this time, the current practice be maintained requiring owners of multi-unit residences to supply and maintain metal garbage bins, as per Bylaw No. 8310, The Waste Bylaw;

2) that the Administration consider equity between homeowners during development of the new bylaw; and

3) that the Administration report to the Administration and Finance Committee on the bylaw revision by the spring of 2009.

**E3) Tap Water Testing and Education Program
(File No. WT-7920-1 and CK. 7920-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

The following report is a summary of the City's proposed approach to address recent concerns raised by residents regarding the presence of lead in drinking water.

Lead is present in water, soil, food, and consumer products. The City of Saskatoon's Water Treatment Plant delivers water to the distribution system which is virtually lead-free. Testing in the City's distribution system demonstrates that the source water and distribution system do not contribute to elevated lead levels in our drinking water.

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Lead in drinking water is believed to be introduced at the connection to the home for homes with lead water supply service connections, and from lead within the home plumbing systems. Solder containing lead was used in the majority of Saskatoon homes. Health Canada (1992) estimated that approximately 11% of lead uptake in humans comes from drinking water. The balance comes from air, soil, dust, and food. There are human health implications with regard to lead exposure including anaemia, damage to the nervous system, impaired mental functioning, and other problems.

There are approximately 6,850 homes in Saskatoon that have lead service connections. Most service connections installed prior to 1950 were made from lead. The City has been replacing these lead service connections at a rate of approximately 90 per year. Lead service connections have been replaced as part of the current replacement program for failed and poor condition water and sewer connections. In addition, lead connections are also replaced in areas where watermain replacement occurs. The standard process has been for the City to pay for replacement of the portion from the water main to the property line, and for the property owner to pay for the portion of the connection on their property. Both the water connection and the sewer connection are typically replaced concurrently. The City's cost includes the restoration of the road, sidewalk, and a portion of the landscaping reinstatement. In 2007, approximately 70% of homeowners opted to replace their portion of the service connection when the City's portion was replaced.

The concentration of lead and other corrosion-based metals in drinking water is believed to be affected by the chemical composition of the connection, the temperature of water, the corrosive or non-corrosive properties of the water, the length of time water is in stationary contact with connection and plumbing pipe material, and the condition of pipe material. The *Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality* (Health Canada, 1996) recommend:

“in order to minimize exposure to lead ... that only the cold water supply be used, after an appropriate period of flushing to rid the system of standing water, for analytical sampling, drinking, beverage preparation and cooking”.

A May 2008 addendum to the guidelines noted:

“faucets should be thoroughly flushed before water is taken for consumption or analysis”.

The City's water is treated such that it is prone to deposit calcium carbonate in the distribution system and in homes. This is believed to coat plumbing systems and help reduce water contact with lead service connections or lead in plumbing systems. Regular testing is performed to ensure that the City's water is prone to precipitate Calcium Carbonate, and the water consistently exceeds Health Canada's recommendations. This approach helps but does not fully protect all homes. Some cities in Alberta and Ontario have begun investigations on this issue using *Guidance on Controlling Corrosion in Drinking Water Distribution Systems* (Health Canada, April 2008).

REPORT

Many cities in Canada are in a similar position as Saskatoon, in that the citizens have inherited plumbing systems developed with lead service connections, lead solder, and plumbing fixtures containing lead. Administration has reviewed how other cities have responded to lead drinking water concerns, and recommends that Saskatoon's approach be focused on an expanded education and testing program.

Testing

Current practice is that Administration tests and evaluates drinking water at the plant and within the distribution system for a variety of water quality parameters. At present, the City's Permit to Operate a Water Treatment Plant, issued by the provincial Ministry of Environment, requires semi-annual testing for lead at the water treatment plant. The water treatment plant has always been well below the Maximum Acceptable Concentration (MAC) for lead. Resident's tap water tests are completed only in response to water quality complaints or requests for testing. The sampling has been overseen by the Environmental Services Branch laboratory and the actual tests completed at the Saskatchewan Research Council. In consideration of the higher volume of requests for testing that are expected due to increased awareness of this issue, Administration will not be responding to requests for lead testing, and will instead refer homeowners to accredited private testing facilities. The City will instead implement a tap water testing program, with the City selecting the locations.

Administration is proposing an expanded testing program immediately, followed by a more scientific comprehensive testing program to be completed during the summer of 2009. These two approaches will enable the City to better understand water quality at the tap. In the immediate term, Administration will sample 50 residences, selected to represent various areas of the City with lead connections. Administration will provide sample containers and procedures to homeowners and the City will pay the full cost of the testing. The primary focus of the investigation will be to determine the amount of lead present in water at the tap.

For those home owners not part of the study, but who have their water tested by an accredited lab, Administration will request copies of the test results to provide additional information on lead levels to the City.

In addition to the testing program underway, Administration will include in the 2009 operating budget a comprehensive program for a larger investigation to determine lead levels in water. The primary focus of this investigation will be to conduct a corrosion survey, based on the recommendations in *Guidance on Controlling Corrosion in Drinking Water Distribution Systems* (Health Canada, April 2008). This program will involve a multi-tier sampling program at residences. This program will be conducted during the summer months, as the lead concentrations are greatest during this time of year due to the elevated water temperatures. This testing practice is recommended by senior levels of government when testing for lead. Once the specifics of the sampling program have been determined, it will be reviewed by the provincial Ministry of Environment.

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Education

Coupled with the testing and monitoring program, Administration will be undertaking a public education initiative on controlling lead levels in water. The elements of this may include bill stuffers, information in the newspaper and the City's website, as well as a letter to property owners with lead water pipe connections. The Communications Branch will work with the Utility Services Department to develop this education campaign. The letter to property owners will inform them that their property is in an area serviced by lead water connections, that water testing is available, and that it is recommended they flush their water lines for 3.5 minutes if water has been standing in their plumbing system for 6 hours or more. The City will work with both Ministry of Environment and the Saskatoon Health Region on this educational material. Administration will also explore the possibility of utilizing existing public information available from organizations such as the American Water Works Association.

Other communities have taken various approaches. The City of Regina does not survey for lead but replaces lead service connections when work on a residence requires changes to a water or sewer connection and cost shares with the property owner. Calgary and Edmonton notify customers with lead service connections and test tap water. They also provide public education on controlling lead levels in water. Examples of public information available on other cities' websites are attached (Attachment 1).

In the meantime, the City of Saskatoon's website has recently been updated to provide information on lead pipes and drinking water (Attachment 2).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost of initial testing is estimated at \$13,000. The public education program will be \$25,000. Public education will be initiated in 2008, with the majority of the budget expended in 2009. Administration will include the summer 2009 multi-tiered monitoring program in the 2009 operating budget.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Policy C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Information from other cities' websites.
2. City of Saskatoon's website information on lead pipes and drinking water

Section F – CITY MANAGER

F1) 2009 StarPhoenix Advertising Contract
(File No. CC 366-2, and CK. 366-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that an Advertising Agreement with the Saskatoon StarPhoenix be approved with a total projected cost of \$500,000 for 2009.

ADOPTED.

The Communications Branch negotiates an annual volume sales agreement with The StarPhoenix for advertising in The Saskatoon StarPhoenix and Sunday Sun. Previously, individual sections, branches, and/or departments would purchase advertising separately, and would be charged a line rate according to their individual volumes.

Currently, the purchasing of newspaper advertising is conducted under one account to take advantage of volume discounts. This account has been extended to include the boards and commissions of City Council (i.e. Credit Union Centre, TCU Place, Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon Police Service, and the Saskatoon Public Library). It is estimated that this centralized advertising initiative saves approximately \$100,000 annually.

The 2009 Agreement forecasts a \$500,000 volume of sales based on the previous year's volume (Attachment 1). The line rate, the amount charged for each line of advertisement, is based on this projected volume. It should be noted that the Agreement is similar to a blanket purchase order, and does not require the City to spend the full amount in order to receive the line rate. As such, the City can continue to minimize advertising expenditures.

The City of Saskatoon is required by *The Cities Act* to run various print ads such as open and closed City meetings, development notices, and zoning changes. In addition to the advertisements in 2008, the City of Saskatoon through the StarPhoenix, produced three Leisure Guides, one mini Leisure Guide and the Annual Report to Citizens.

The StarPhoenix will be increasing line rates by 2.5% over 2008. Therefore, the new Monday to Thursday rate will increase from \$1.24/line to \$1.28/line, and the Friday and Saturday rate will increase from \$1.41/line to \$1.45/line. The Sunday Sun line rate increases from \$1.08 to \$1.11 per line. As well, the Communications Branch has negotiated an agreement that includes guaranteed placement in the "A" section at no additional charge (a 30% saving), a 50% saving on "filler" material (\$0.73/line), and a reduction for colour insertions. As a value-added bonus, all City of Saskatoon ads will be placed on-line on the StarPhoenix website for seven days. This allows our messages to be viewed by another huge audience.

Over the past few years in order to improve communications from the City to the public, the Communications Branch has regulated ad size, produced most ads in-house, and had the StarPhoenix produce the overall page layout. This makes the ads look more consistent and has

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improved the layout so that the ads are not spread over several pages. The City Page has truly become a “page” and its visual impact and messages cannot be missed by readers.

Previously, each branch or department was separately responsible for the placement of ads resulting in a rough hodgepodge of ads with inconsistent visual identity and appeal. The ads often used different fonts, sizes, logo treatments, and design.

The Saskatoon StarPhoenix prints the only daily newspaper, and full-circulation Sunday paper (Sunday Sun) in Saskatoon. As they are the sole supplier of this type of advertising, this agreement may be considered a single source contract.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. The StarPhoenix Advertising Agreement for 2009

F2) 2008 Civic Services Survey
(File No. CC 365-5 and CK. 365-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

The 2008 Civic Services Survey (Attachment 1) indicates that the quality of life, the overall level of services delivered by the City of Saskatoon, and the value received for municipal property taxes in Saskatoon continues to be rated high by citizens.

The major findings of the survey are as follows:

- The large majority (90%) of Saskatoon residents rate the quality of life in Saskatoon as good to very good, a slight decrease from the 2007 survey rating of 92%.
- The large majority (87%) of residents continue to believe that the programs and services they receive from the City of Saskatoon are good or very good value for their municipal tax dollar. This is a slight increase from 2007’s rating of 85%.
- A large majority (88%) of Saskatoon residents continue to be satisfied with the overall level of services provided by the City of Saskatoon. This is down from the 93% rating in 2007.

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- According to 18% of Saskatoon residents, crime and policing remains the top issue of importance, but this is a decrease from 19% in 2007. Other issues identified include housing (13%), social issues (10%), taxation and spending (9%), and traffic flow/congestion (9%).
- The most important services to the residents of Saskatoon continue to be quality of drinking water, treatment of sewage, police services, and fire protection. These ratings are consistent with previous surveys.
- According to Saskatoon residents, the City of Saskatoon is doing the best in delivering quality drinking water, fire protection services, reliable electrical services, and the treatment of sewage. These ratings are consistent with previous surveys.
- In 2008, citizens ranked satisfaction with the City's delivery of snow and ice management higher than in 2007 (6.14 out of 10 in 2008 as compared to 5.59 in 2007). This could be attributed to the new Snow and Ice Program, initiated in 2008 with crews working shifts of 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and the introduction of snow routes to aid with snow clearing efficiency.
- Forty-four percent of residents have visited the City of Saskatoon's website in the past six months, and 56% of those visitors used online services such as looking for general information, finding transit routes, registering for leisure programs, and applying for jobs.

These survey results are reported and discussed with Senior Management and then distributed to each Department for specific and more detailed review. They assist in the formation of the three-year Corporate Business Plan and corresponding annual Departmental Business Plans for the coming year.

For the 2008 survey, 500 residents were interviewed October 20 to November 7, 2008. This sample size gives a 95% level of certainty that the overall results of the survey are within +/- 4.4%, of what they would be if the entire adult population of Saskatoon were polled.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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ATTACHMENT

1. City of Saskatoon Civic Services Survey, Report Summary, October 2008, prepared by Fast Consulting.

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**F3) Smart Centres
Sale of 7.59 Acres – Blairmore Suburban Centre
(File No. CC. 4125-7, and CK. 4110-32)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council extend the closing date for this Agreement until March 31, 2009; and,
 - 2) that the City Solicitor draft the appropriate amendment to the contract for signature by His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk.

ADOPTED.

City Council, by agreement dated August 21, 2008, had agreed to the direct sale of 7.59 acres on Betts Avenue to Smart Centres for a retail development. The closing date of the sale was to be December 15, 2008.

Smart Centres has requested an extension of the closing date to March 31, 2009 to allow them to continue negotiations with various tenants. No changes to the construction timelines for the agreement have been requested. It is anticipated that construction will commence in 2009.

The Administration has no objection to this request.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**F4) River Landing - Riverfront Park Phase I
Contribution Agreement
(File No. CK. 4129-3, CC. 4130-2 and SPR 4129-3)**

- RECOMMENDATION:** that the contribution agreement with the Meewasin Valley Authority for funding the construction of the riverfront on River Landing Phase I be amended to extend the expiration date to December 31, 2010.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

In 2006 the City of Saskatoon engaged the Meewasin Valley Authority to construct the riverfront park at River Landing Phase I. The funding agreement was for \$5.75 million, with \$3 million from Western Economic Diversification and \$2.75 million from the City of Saskatoon capital budget.

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REPORT

All funds and commitments to Western Economic Diversification, as set out in the agreement, have been fulfilled (Attachment 1). While Meewasin Valley Authority has completed the majority of the work (water/play feature, amphitheatre, plazas, pavilion), some projects remain to be done:

1. Work on trail connections and landscaping was deferred to allow for future construction access to the destination centre site from the west. Meewasin Valley Authority did not want to construct work that may be damaged by an adjacent project. Future work will include the north-south trail corridor to Saunders Place and 19th Street.
2. Construction of the dock was deferred when tenders were significantly over budget. The decision was made to redesign a more modest dock that will still meet public needs. The future dock will allow for operational flexibility and address sedimentation issues.
3. A number of smaller projects (e.g. river fountains, interpretative features, fire pit, picnic tables, bio-swale planting) were deferred until after the price of the redesigned dock is known. The budget will not allow for all of the listed work to be completed, so the smaller projects were deferred to ensure decisions will be made with more complete information at hand.

Meewasin Valley Authority forecasts that a portion of the project funding will be unspent at December 31, 2008 when the funding agreement ends. Meewasin Valley Authority has written to request that the term of the funding agreement be extended to December 31, 2010 to reserve these remaining funds to complete the project (Attachment 2). Approximately \$400,000 is available in the City of Saskatoon capital budget.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Contribution Agreement (October 5, 2006)
2. Letter from Meewasin Valley Authority (November 11, 2008)

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 12-2008

Section A – OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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

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

Councillor D. Hill	-	For the Month of January 2009
Councillor M. Heidt	-	For the Month of February 2009
Councillor B. Dubois	-	For the Month of March 2009
Councillor C. Clark	-	For the Month of April 2009
Councillor G. Wyant	-	For the Month of May 2009
Councillor B. Pringle	-	For the Month of June 2009
Councillor G. Penner	-	For the Month of July 2009
Councillor T. Paulsen	-	For the Month of August 2009
Councillor M. Neault	-	For the Month of September 2009
Councillor P. Lorje	-	For the Month of October 2009

ADOPTED.

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

In the past, Council has appointed the Deputy Mayor on a reverse alphabetical basis with a monthly rotation. A further report will be submitted after the Civic Election to be held October 28, 2009, in order to appoint the Deputy Mayor for November and December.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Section B – OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

**B1) Motorized Vehicles in Off-Leash Recreation Areas
(File No. CK. 151-15)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8726.

ADOPTED.

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At its meeting held on October 27, 2008, City Council resolved:

- “1) that the City Solicitor be instructed to amend *The Animal Control Bylaw No. 7860* to prohibit the use of motorized vehicles in all of Saskatoon’s off-leash recreational areas; and
- 2) that City maintenance vehicles be exempted from the above-noted bylaw provision.”

We are pleased to enclose Bylaw No. 8726 amending *The Animal Control Bylaw* to prohibit the use of motorized vehicles in off-leash recreational areas.

The penalty for operating a motorized vehicle in an off-leash area is set out in Subsection (i) of Schedule No. 7. We have set the penalty amount at \$100.00 for the first offence, \$200.00 for the second offence and \$300.00 for subsequent offences.

Operation of a motorized vehicle in an off-leash area creates a public hazard. Therefore, in determining an appropriate penalty amount, we reviewed penalties set out for similar types of offences under other City bylaws. Our review indicated that, in particular, *The Fire and Protective Services Bylaw, 2001* prescribes a penalty of \$100.00 for a first offence and \$200.00 for a second offence. The prescribed penalty for operating a motorized vehicle in an off-leash area has been set for a similar amount. However, Council may determine that another amount is more appropriate.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 8726, The Animal Control Amendment Bylaw, 2008 (No. 2).

REPORT NO. 18-2008 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. Funding Gap for National Historic Sites
(File No. CK. 710-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the Administration send a letter to the Chair, Cabinet Committee on Priorities and Planning, Government of Canada, and to The Honourable James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, in support of a call by the Heritage Canada Foundation for the establishment of a National Landmarks Fund for maintenance of all National Historic Sites, being such funding would protect the integrity of nationally recognized heritage sites.

ADOPTED.

Attached is the report of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee dated November 20, 2008, advising your Committee of its support for the Heritage Canada Foundation's call for a National Landmarks Fund, in that the City has four National Historic Sites within its limits.

Your Committee has reviewed the report and supports the above recommendation put forward by the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee.

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2. Communications to Council

From: Heather Schwager on behalf of Pastor David Meir,
Senior Pastor, Lighthouse Victory Church
Date: October 22, 2008
Subject: Request to put Skating Rink on City Property
(Files CK. 611-1 and LS. 611-10)

RECOMMENDATION: that the request to operate an outdoor skating rink on City property adjacent to Lighthouse Victory Church, at 2802 Rusholme Road, be denied for reasons outlined in the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 24, 2008.

ADOPTED.

City Council, at its meeting held on October 27, 2008, considered a letter and presentation with respect to a request from the Lighthouse Victory Church to build a skating rink on City property adjacent to their property at 2802 Rusholme Road. The matter was referred to the Administration to report to the Planning and Operations Committee.

Attached is a report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 24, 2008, in response to the above referral. Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration and has also been advised by representatives of the Lighthouse Victory Church that they would be happy to support the community rink on Ottawa Avenue and should not require anything further.

Following review of this matter, your Committee supports the above recommendation of the Administration.

**3. Youth Sports Subsidy Program 2007-2008 – Year-End Report
(Files CK. 1720-3-1 and LS. 1720-8-1 and 1870-12-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the over-expenditure experienced in the 2007-2008 subsidy year be funded from the Youth Sports Subsidy Special Event Reserve, which has uncommitted funds of \$68,540 available.

ADOPTED.

Attached is the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 27, 2008, with respect to the above matter.

Your Committee has reviewed the report with the Administration, including measures that will be taken with respect to future budgeting for this program, and supports the above recommendation.

**4. Downtown Housing Incentives – “The Wycliffe”
525 3rd Avenue North
(Files CK. 750-4, x1965-1 and PL.4130-18)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that a five-year tax abatement on the incremental taxes for the fourth phase of The Wycliffe be applied commencing the next taxation year following completion of the project; and
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary Agreement.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed and supports the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 24, 2008, with respect to the above application.

**5. Western Region Métis Women’s Association -
Supported Transitional Housing Units – 314 Avenue T South
(Files CK. 750-4 and PL. 951-60)**

- RECOMMENDATION:** that funding of ten percent of the total project cost for the renovation and provision of five affordable rental units by Western Region Métis Women’s Association totalling \$44,243 from the Affordable Housing Reserve be approved.

ADOPTED.

Attached is the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 24, 2008, regarding an application received from the Western Region Métis Women’s Association for funding assistance under the Innovative Housing Incentives Program.

Your Committee has reviewed the report with the Administration and supports the recommendation for funding assistance, as outlined above.

**6. Municipal Enterprise Zone Program – Annual Report 2008
(Files CK. 3500-13 and 4110-34)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve, in principle, a further \$150,000 for approximately one year of funding for the Municipal Enterprise Zone Program;
 - 2) that the Administration report on the funding source in due course; and

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- 3) that City Council approve the policy changes to Administrative Policy A09-031 (Municipal Enterprise Zone) concerning maximum automatic permit fee rebates and properties listed for relocation assistance/land exchange as outlined in this report.

ADOPTED.

Attached is the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 24, 2008, with respect to the Municipal Enterprise Zone Program.

Your Committee has reviewed the report with the Administration and supports the above recommendations.

**7. Back Lane Program
(Files CK. 6315-1 and PW. 6125-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the Service Level Policy for Earth Street and Back Lanes, based on current funding levels, be approved;
 - 2) that the Administration report further in 2009 regarding the overall condition of the City's Earth Street and Back Lanes, including strategies on program funding; and
 - 3) that the report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated November 27, 2008, be referred to the Budget Committee for consideration.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the attached report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated November 27, 2008 with the Administration and supports the above recommendations.

**8. West Perimeter Highway Functional Planning Study
(Files CK. 6000-1 and IS. 6332-20)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the West Perimeter Highway Functional Planning Study Report (Attachment 2 of the report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated November 21, 2008) be received; and

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- 2) that the proposed alignment of the west perimeter highway be approved.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed and supports the attached report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated November 21, 2008, with respect to the proposed alignment of the west perimeter highway.

REPORT NO. 2-2008 OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Councillor M. Neault, Chair
His Worship Mayor D. Atchison
Councillor C. Clark
Councillor B. Dubois
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor D. Hill
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Councillor G. Wyant

**1. Preliminary Capital Budget – 2009
Capital Plan – 2010 – 2013
(File No. CK. 1704-1)**

Your Committee reviewed the preliminary version of the above-noted document, as well as several administrative reports, at a public meeting held on December 9, 2008.

Copies of the tables referred to in the following recommendations are attached.

**Limit of Land Operations Reserve
(File No. CK. 1815-1)**

Attached is a report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated December 2, 2008.

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that Section 10.3 of City Council Policy C03-003 – Reserves for Future Expenditures be revised to read “that the balance of the Land Operations Reserve shall not exceed one and a half times the annual operating budget of the Land Branch”; and

- 2) that no action be taken regarding the disposition of the surplus funds until after the 2008 year-end results have been received.

ADOPTED.

Table 5 – Reserve for Capital Expenditures

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the 2009 Operating Provision of \$4,812,400 be allocated to capital;
 - 2) that the following amounts be allocated from the 2009 Operating Budget to capital:
 - \$200,000 of anticipated assessment growth;
 - \$72,000 of the 2008 expected interest earning from the Saskatchewan Infrastructure Growth Initiative re-investment; and
 - \$900,000 of the expected franchise fee revenue from SaskEnergy;
 - 3) that Project 2183 (US-Greenhouse Gas Reduction), totalling \$300,000 of which \$150,000 is subject to confirmation of external funding be approved;
 - 4) that the remaining 2009 finance expenditures for the capital projects identified in Table 5 be approved;
 - 5) that the Administration report by May 1, 2009 on the availability of funds for the replacement of Mayfair Pool; and
 - 6) that the Administration report further with regard to the allocation of any additional funding which may become available to finance unfunded capital expenditures.

ADOPTED.

Table 6 – General Capital Projects – Civic Departments

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the following projects be approved subject to confirmation of external funding:

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- Project 1786 (River Landing Phase 1/Destination Centre), totalling \$2,400,000;
 - Project 1522 (Infrastructure Services Department – Traffic Noise Attenuation), totalling \$4,200,000;
- 2) that Project 2048 (Forestry Farm Park and Zoo Master Plan Implementation), totalling \$300,000 be approved of which \$40,000 is subject to 2009 Operating Budget approval;
 - 3) that Project 2358 (Gordon Howe Campsite Electrical Upgrade) totalling \$860,000 be approved subject to a Public Notice Hearing for borrowing and 2009 Operating Budget approval;
 - 4) that Project 876 (Utility Services Department – Regional Waste Management Facility), totalling \$3,075,000 be approved of which \$250,000 is subject to a Public Notice Hearing for borrowing (Productivity Improvement Loan); and
 - 5) that the remaining 2009 finance expenditures for General Capital Projects – Civic Department summarized in Table 6 be approved;

ADOPTED.

Table 7 – Land Development Projects

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that Project 1466 (Arterial Road – Wanuskewin Road), totalling \$6,300,000 be approved, of which \$2,600,000 is subject to confirmation of external funding; and
 - 2) that the remaining 2009 financed expenditures for Prepaid Land Development Projects summarized in Table 7 be approved.

ADOPTED.

Table 8 – Boards and Commissions

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that Project 1817 (Mendel Art Gallery), totalling \$12,000,000 be approved subject to a Public Notice for borrowing and confirmation of external funding; and
 - 2) that the remaining 2009 finance expenditures for General Capital Projects – Boards and Commissions summarized in Table 8 be approved.

ADOPTED.

Table 9 – Water/Wastewater Utility Projects

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the following projects be approved subject to a Public Notice for borrowing:
 - Project 0713 (Water Treatment Plant – Reservoir Pumping Capacity), totalling \$1,181,000;
 - Project 1217 (Low Lift Buildings), totalling \$1,700,000; and
 - Project 2198 (Water Treatment Plant – Reservoir Capacity Extension), totalling \$800,000;
 - 2) that the remaining 2009 financed expenditures for Water Utility Projects summarized in Table 9 be approved; and
 - 3) that the 2009 financed expenditures for Wastewater Utility Projects summarized in Table 9 be approved.

ADOPTED.

Table 10 – Transit and Access Transit Projects

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the following projects be approved subject to receipt of remaining funding under the Federal Transit Funding Program:
 - Project 537 (Terminals), totalling \$2,900,000;
 - Project 583 (Transit Replacement/Refurbish Buses), totalling \$4,090,000;

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- Project 2095 (Access Transit – Bus Replacement), totalling \$550,000;
 - Project 2320 (Dart System Improvement), totalling \$220,000; and
 - Project 2326 (Access Transit – New Facility), totalling \$275,000; and
- 2) that the remaining 2009 financed expenditures for Transit Utility projects summarized in Table 10 be approved.

ADOPTED.

Table 11 – Saskatoon Light and Power Projects

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that Project 1281 (Electrical System Power Supply Options), totalling \$1,350,000 be approved subject to approval of the use of funds from the Electrical Distribution Replacement Reserve; and
- 2) that the remaining 2009 financed expenditures for Saskatoon Light and Power Projects summarized in Table 11 be approved.

ADOPTED.

Tables 14 – 31 – 2009 Capital Reserves Forecast

- RECOMMENDATION:** that the following 2009 financed expenditures be approved:
- Projects funded from the Parking Reserve totalling \$367,000, summarized in Table 14;
 - Projects funded from the Civic Buildings Comprehensive Maintenance Reserve, totalling \$3,474,000 summarized in Table 15;
 - Projects funded from the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Reserve, totalling \$4,343,000 summarized in Table 16;

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- Projects funded from the Infrastructure Reserve – Surface, totalling \$6,810,000 (above the black line) summarized in Table 18;
- Projects funded from the Infrastructure Reserve – Water & Sanitary Sewer, totalling \$9,377,000 (above the black line) summarized in Table 19;
- Projects funded from the Transportation Infrastructure Expansion Reserve, totalling \$706,000 (above the black line) summarized in Table 20;
- Projects funded from the Snow & Ice Management Reserve, totalling \$485,000 summarized in Table 21;
- Projects funded from the Infrastructure Reserve – Parks, totalling \$859,000 (above the black line) summarized in Table 22;
- Projects funded from the Infrastructure Services Reserve – Storm Water, totalling \$1,510,000 (above the black line) summarized in Table 24;
- Projects funded from the Trunked Radio System Infrastructure Replacement Reserve, totalling \$150,000 summarized in Table 25
- Projects funded from the Traffic Safety Reserve, totalling \$490,000 (above the black line) summarized in Table 26;
- Projects funded from the Bridge Major Repair Reserve, totalling \$275,000 (above the black line) summarized in Table 27;
- Projects funded from the Transit Capital Projects Reserve, totalling \$595,000 summarized in Table 28;
- Projects funded from the Transit Vehicle Replacement Reserve, totalling \$1,720,000 (above the black line) summarized in Table 29;

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- Projects funded from the Access Transit Capital Projects Reserve, totalling \$220,000 summarized in Table 30; and
- Projects funded from the Landfill Replacement Reserve, totalling \$3,215,000 summarized in Table 31.

ADOPTED.

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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. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees – 2009
(Files CK. 175-1, 225-1 and 255-1)**

Your Committee has met and considered the matter of appointments and reappointments to City Council's various boards, commissions and committees. This report deals with the filling of vacancies only – it does not include current members whose terms have not expired. Unless otherwise indicated, all appointments commence January 1, 2009.

Administration and Finance Committee
(File No. CK. 225-50)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillors Heidt, Hill, Neault, Paulsen and Penner be reappointed to the Administration and Finance Committee for 2009.

ADOPTED.

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**Audit Committee
(File No. CK. 225-13)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillors Clark, Dubois, Neault, Lorje and Wyant be appointed and reappointed to the Audit Committee for 2009.

ADOPTED.

**Land Bank Committee
(File No. CK. 225-33)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillors Heidt, Hill, Lorje, Neault and Penner be reappointed to the Land Bank Committee for 2009.

ADOPTED.

**Planning and Operations Committee
(File No. CK. 225-49)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillors Clark, Dubois, Lorje, Pringle, and Wyant be reappointed to the Planning and Operations Committee for 2009.

ADOPTED.

**Access Transit Advisory Committee
(File No. CK. 225-58)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the Access Transit Advisory Committee be disbanded and that its members be thanked for their work on the Committee.

ADOPTED.

City Council, at its meeting held on December 17, 2007, resolved:

- 1) that the Administration work with the Access Transit Advisory Committee to ensure that an appropriate customer care process is in place for Access Transit users and that an appropriate mechanism is established for the Transit Branch to obtain feedback regarding its policies and programs;
- 2) that the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee be requested to ensure that it pays due regard to transit issues when carrying out its mandate; and

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- 3) that, subject to the above being carried out to City Council's satisfaction, the Access Transit Advisory Committee be disbanded at the end of 2008.

All members of the Access Transit Advisory Committee were advised of the foregoing. Attached are memos dated November 18 and April 16, 2008 from the Secretary of the Access Transit Advisory Committee.

**Access Transit Appeals Board
(File No. CK. 225-67)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Donna Boots, Michelle Ouellette, and Connie Tenaski be reappointed to the Access Transit Appeals Board for 2009.

ADOPTED.

**Advisory Committee on Animal Control
(File No. CK. 225-9)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the following be reappointed to the Advisory Committee on Animal Control for 2009:

Councillor Neault
Ms. Danielle Chartier
Ms. Marni Harvey
Ms. Angela Hosni
Ms. Nina Faye Morey
Dr. Jacques Messier, replacing Dr. Stan Rubin
(Western College of Veterinary Medicine)
Dr. Michael Powell
(Saskatoon Academy of Veterinary Practitioners)
Mr. Calvin Nickel, replacing Ms. Shirley Ross
(SPCA Board)
Ms. Maggie Sim, replacing Mr. Darren Hill
(Saskatoon Health Region)
 - 2) that the Committee report further regarding the remaining vacancy.

ADOPTED.

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**Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee
(File No. CK. 225-40)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee for the terms indicated:

For 2009

Councillor Clark
Councillor Pringle
Ms. Shandel Wilson, replacing Ms. Patricia McNeill McCrea
Ms. Michelle Prytula, replacing Ms. Niki Smith
Dr. Eric Lefol
Ms. Bertha Gana
Ms. Caroline Cottrell
Ms. Evelyn Peters

To the end of 2010

Mr. Michael Maurice
Mr. Jim Balfour (Ministry of Social Services)
Mr. Cort Dogniez
(Board of Education for Saskatoon Public Schools)
Ms. Cathy Nilson (Saskatoon Health Region)
Dr. Shakeel Akhtar (Saskatchewan Intercultural Association)
Mr. Howard Sangwais (Ministry of Social Services)
Ms. Karen Schofield
Police Chief Clive Weighill (Saskatoon Police Service)
Ms. Angella Pinay
(Board of Education for Saskatoon Catholic Schools)

ADOPTED.

**District Planning Commission
(File No. CK. 175-10)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillors Penner and Dubois be appointed and reappointed to the District Planning Commission for 2009.

ADOPTED.

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**Mayor's Committee on Neighbourhood Safety
(File No. CK. 225-69)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillors Clark, Lorje and Neault be reappointed to the Mayor's Committee on Neighbourhood Safety for 2009.

ADOPTED.

**Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee
(File No. CK. 225-18)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the following be reappointed to the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee for the terms indicated and report further regarding the remaining vacancies:

For 2009

Councillor Clark
Ms. Mary Tastad

To the end of 2010

Mr. James Winkel
Mr. Joseph Michel Fortier
Mr. Terry Scaddan (Downtown BID)
Mr. Sheldon Wasylenko (Sutherland BID)
Ms. Lenore Swystun, replacing Ms. Margaret Hendry
(Saskatoon Heritage Society)
Ms. Dorothea Funk (Local History Room)
Mr. Allan Duddridge, replacing Bill Schaffel
(Saskatchewan Association of Architects)
Ms. Cecilia Elizabeth (Riversdale BID)

2) that the Committee report further regarding the remaining vacancy.

ADOPTED.

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**Municipal Planning Commission
(File No. CK. 175-16)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be reappointed to the Municipal Planning Commission for the terms indicated:

For 2009

Councillor Dubois

To the end of 2010

Ms. Debbie Marcoux

Mr. Kurt Soucy

Mr. Art Evoy (Board of Education for Saskatoon Catholic Schools)

ADOPTED.

**Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee
(File No. CK. 225-70)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee for 2009:

Councillor Clark

Councillor Neault

Mr. Paul Gauthier

Mr. Ross Johnson, replacing Mr. Murray Totland

2) that the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee report to City Council through the Executive Committee rather than the Planning and Operations Committee, and that its terms of reference be amended accordingly.

ADOPTED.

**Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee
(File No. CK. 175-9)**

- RECOMMENDATION:** 1) that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee for the terms indicated:
- For 2009
- Councillor Paulsen
- To the end of 2010
- Mr. Chris Gallaway, replacing Dr. Judit Smits
Ms. Dani Xu
Ms. Marie Ann Bowden
- 2) that the Committee report further regarding the remaining vacancy.

ADOPTED.

**Social Services Subcommittee – Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program
(File No. CK. 225-2-4)**

- RECOMMENDATION:** that the following be reappointed for 2009:
- Ms. Tracy Muggli
Ms. Sheri Benson (United Way)
Mr. Ian Wilson (Board of Education for Saskatoon Public Schools)
Ms. Doris Colson, replacing Mr. Murray Gross
(Ministry of Social Services)
Ms. Carol McInnis
(Board of Education for Saskatoon Catholic Schools)

ADOPTED.

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**Traffic Safety Committee
(File No. CK. 225-8)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be reappointed to the Traffic Safety Committee for the terms indicated:

For 2009

Councillor Penner

To the end of 2010

Ms. Debbie Banks

Mr. Om Kochar

Mr. Lloyd Driedger (Saskatchewan Trucking Association)

Mr. Brady Ives (SGI – Traffic Safety Promotion Division)

Ms. Treena Abdellatif, replacing Mr. Garth Sheard
(Saskatoon Health Region)

Mr. Gregg Willie (Board of Education for Saskatoon Public Schools
– School Community Council Assembly)

ADOPTED.

**Visual Arts Placement Jury
(File No. CK. 175-44)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Visual Arts Placement Jury for the terms indicated:

For 2009

Ms. Seanine Warrington

Mr. Ed Gibney (Prairie Sculptors' Association)

Mr. Paul Ferguson (CARFAC Saskatchewan Visual Artists)

Mr. Lloyd Isaak (Meewasin Valley Authority Design
Advisory Committee)

To the end of 2010

Ms. Michelle Yuzdepski, replacing Ms. Anahit Falihi; and

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- 2) that the Committee report further regarding remaining vacancy:

ADOPTED.

**Albert Community Centre Management Committee
(File No. CK. 225-27)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the following be reappointed to the Albert Community Centre Management Committee for 2009:

Councillor Clark
Mr. Jim Greenshields (City employee designated by City Manager)
Mr. Jason Aebig, replacing Mr. Grant Whitecross (Nutana Community Association - Public)
Mr. Darrel Epp (Varsity View Community Association - Public); and
 - 2) that the Committee report further regarding the remaining vacancies.

ADOPTED.

**Board of Police Commissioners
(File No. CK. 175-23)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Board of Police Commissioners for 2009:
- Councillor Heidt
Councillor Wyant
Mr. Gordon Martell
Ms. Vera Pezer

ADOPTED.

**Centennial Auditorium and Convention Centre Corporation Board of Directors
(Regarding TCU Place, Saskatoon's Arts & Convention Centre)
(File No. CK. 175-28)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the City's representative be instructed to vote the City's proxy at the 2009 Annual Meeting for the reappointment of the following to the Centennial Auditorium & Convention Centre Corporation Board of Directors throughout a term expiring at the conclusion of the 2011 Annual Meeting:

Councillor Paulsen
Councillor Penner
Ms. Mary Ellen Buckwold
Mr. Donald Ravis
Ms. Jill Reid
Ms. Jyotsna Custead
Mr. Boris Kischuk
Mr. Ian Sutherland

ADOPTED.

**Credit Union Centre Board of Directors
(File No. CK. 175-31)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the City's representative be instructed to vote the City's proxy at the 2009 Annual Meeting for the reappointment of the following to the Credit Union Centre Board of Directors throughout a term expiring at the conclusion of the 2011 Annual Meeting:

Councillor Hill
Councillor Wyant
Mr. Orest Chorneyko
Ms. Ineke Knight
Ms. Crystal Smudy

ADOPTED.

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**Library Board
(File No. CK. 175-19)**

- RECOMMENDATION:** 1) that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Library Board for the terms indicated:
- For 2009
- Councillor Dubois
- To the end of 2010
- Ms. Cindy Sherban, replacing Mr. Jefeng Ying
Ms. Marlene Rochelle
- 2) that the Committee report further regarding the remaining vacancy.

ADOPTED.

**Marr Residence Management Board
(File No. CK. 225-52)**

- RECOMMENDATION:** that the following be reappointed to the Marr Residence Management Board for 2009:
- Councillor Clark
Ms. Donna Baldwin

ADOPTED.

**Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation Board of Trustees
(File No. CK. 175-27)**

- RECOMMENDATION:** 1) that the City's representative be instructed to vote the City's proxy at the 2009 Annual Meeting for the appointment and reappointment of the following to the Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation Board of Trustees throughout a term expiring at the conclusion of the 2011 Annual Meeting:
- Councillor Paulsen
Councillor Clark
Mr. Robert Christie, replacing Ms. Barbara Beavis

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Mr. Jack Hillson
Mr. Brent Klause
Ms. Carol Cisecki
Mr. John Hampton
Dr. Alexander Sokalski

- 2) that the Committee report further regarding the remaining vacancy.

ADOPTED.

**Board of Revision
(File No. CK. 175-6)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Board of Revision for 2009:

Mr. Adrian Deschamps
Mr. Marvin Dutton
Mr. David Gabruch
Mr. Kenneth Howland
Mr. Robin Mowat
Mr. Murray Scharf
Mr. Peter Stroh
Mr. Patrick Thomson
Mr. Bernie Rodych
Mr. Raymond Lepage (Alternate Member)
Mr. Karman Kawchuk (Alternate Member)

ADOPTED.

**Property Maintenance Appeals Board
(File No. CK. 225-54)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Ian Oliver be reappointed to the Property Maintenance Appeals Board to the end of 2010 and that the Committee report further regarding the remaining vacancy.

ADOPTED.

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**Waste Management Appeals Board
(File No. CK. 175-52)**

- RECOMMENDATION:** 1) that the following be reappointed to the Waste Management Appeals Board for the terms indicated:
- For 2009
- Mr. Michael Brockbank
- To the end of 2010
- Mr. Ian Oliver; and
- 2) that the Committee report further regarding the remaining vacancy.

ADOPTED.

**Naming Advisory Committee
(File No. CK. 225-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:** that Councillors Penner and Wyant be appointed and reappointed to the Naming Advisory Committee for 2009.

ADOPTED.

**Technical Planning Commission
(File No. CK. 175-26)**

- RECOMMENDATION:** that Councillor Dubois be appointed to the Technical Planning Commission for 2009.

ADOPTED.

**Dakota Dunes Development Corporation Board of Directors
(File No. CK. 175-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:** that Councillor Heidt be nominated for reappointment to the Dakota Dunes Development Corporation Board of Directors for 2009.

ADOPTED.

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**Broadway Business Improvement District Board of Directors
(File No. CK. 175-47)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Clark be reappointed to the Broadway Business Improvement District Board of Directors for 2009.

ADOPTED.

**Communities for Children Board of Directors
(File No. CK. 175-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Paulsen be nominated for appointment to the Communities for Children Board of Directors for 2009.

ADOPTED.

**Downtown Business Improvement District Board of Management
(File No. CK. 175-48)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Clark be appointed to the Downtown Business Improvement District Board of Management for 2009.

ADOPTED.

**Federation of Canadian Municipalities Committees (FCM)
(File No. CK. 155-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillors Dubois, Paulsen, Wyant and Hill be nominated for reappointment to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Committees.

ADOPTED.

**Meewasin Valley Authority – City Representatives
(File No. CK. 175-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that His Worship the Mayor, and Councillors Hill, Penner and Clark be nominated for appointment and reappointment to the Meewasin Valley Authority for 2009.

ADOPTED.

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**Meewasin Valley Authority Appeals Board
(File No. CK. 175-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Grant Scharfstein be nominated for reappointment to the Meewasin Valley Authority Appeals Board to the end of 2011.

ADOPTED.

**North Central Transportation Planning Committee
(File No. CK. 155-10)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Dubois be nominated for reappointment to the North Central Transportation Planning Committee for 2009.

ADOPTED.

**Partners for the Saskatchewan River Basin
(File No. CK. 225-64)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Heidt be nominated for appointment to the Partners for the Saskatchewan River Basin for 2009.

ADOPTED.

**Riversdale Business Improvement District Board of Management
(File No. CK. 175-49)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Lorje be reappointed to the Riversdale Business Improvement District Board of Management for 2009.

ADOPTED.

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**Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA)
City Advisory Committee
(File No. CK. 180-11)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be nominated for appointment and reappointment to the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency for 2009:

Councillor Heidt
Ms. Marlys Bilanski, General Manager, Corporate Services
City Assessor (Observer)

ADOPTED.

**Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association Board of Directors
City's Representatives
(File No. CK. 155-3)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillors Hill and Paulsen be nominated for reappointment to the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association Board of Directors for 2009.

ADOPTED.

**Saskatoon Airport Authority
Community Consultative Committee
(File No. CK. 175-43)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Penner be nominated for reappointment to the Saskatoon Airport Authority Community Consultative Committee throughout a term expiring at the conclusion of the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Saskatoon Airport Authority Corporation.

ADOPTED.

**Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership
(File No. CK. 155-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Dubois be nominated for reappointment to the Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership for 2009.

ADOPTED.

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**Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition Corporation – City’s Representatives
(File No. CK. 175-29)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Pringle be nominated for reappointment to the Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition Corporation for 2009.

ADOPTED.

**Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority
(File No. CK. 175-37)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be nominated for appointment and reappointment to the Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority for 2009:

Councillor Neault
Councillor Paulsen
Mr. Murray Totland

ADOPTED.

**South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards Inc.
(File No. CK. 225-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Heidt be nominated for reappointment to the South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards Inc. for 2009.

ADOPTED.

**Sutherland Business Improvement District Board of Management
(File No. CK. 175-50)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Dubois be reappointed to the Sutherland Business Improvement District Board of Management for 2009.

ADOPTED.

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**Tourism Saskatoon – Board of Directors
(File No. CK. 175-30)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillors Dubois and Neault be nominated for reappointment to the Tourism Saskatoon Board of Directors for 2009.

ADOPTED.

**Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association
(File No. CK. 155-5)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Dubois be nominated for reappointment to the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association for 2009.

ADOPTED.

**Wanuskewin Heritage Park Board of Directors
(File No. CK. 175-33)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Dubois be nominated for reappointment to the Wanuskewin Heritage Park Board of Directors for 2009.

ADOPTED.

**Board of Trustees – General Superannuation Plan
(File No. CK. 175-46)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Board of Trustees – General Superannuation Plan for 2009:

Councillor Paulsen
Mr. Murray Totland

ADOPTED.

**Board of Trustees – Saskatoon Police Pension Plan
(File No. CK. 175-34)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Wyant be appointed to the Board of Trustees – Saskatoon Police Pension Plan for 2009.

ADOPTED.

**Pension Benefits Committee
(File No. CK. 225-55)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillors Paulsen and Wyant be appointed and reappointed to the Pension Benefits Committee for 2009.

ADOPTED.

**2. Circle Drive South – Property Acquisition
Portion of SE 17-36-05-W3, Extension 2
Portion of Former Saskatoon Golf & Country Club Lands (6.76 acres)
(File No. CK. 4020-1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the City purchase approximately 6.76 acres of the former Saskatoon Golf & Country Club lands currently owned by 101109059 Saskatchewan Ltd. at a purchase price of \$475,000.00;
- 2) that the cost of acquisition and related expenses be charged to the Property Realized Reserve, as an interim source of financing; and
- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary sale agreement based on the terms and conditions outlined in this report, and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of City Council.

ADOPTED.

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Your Committee has considered and supports the following report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated November 26, 2008:

“BACKGROUND

At its meeting held May 28, 2007, City Council considered Clause 6, Report No. 9-2007 of the Executive Committee and adopted the following recommendation with respect to the Circle Drive, South River Crossing project:

- “3) that the Administration be authorized to negotiate with all land owners identified for the acquisition of the necessary rights-of-way for the construction of this project.”

REPORT

Property had previously been acquired for the Circle Drive South River Crossing project between Lorne Avenue and the South Saskatchewan River. A portion of these lands were purchased from the Saskatoon Golf & Country Club.

During the functional planning study for this project, it was identified that the right-of-way that was previously established was workable, but not ideal from an engineering design standard or a cost perspective. Additionally, it was realized that any additional land purchase from the Saskatoon Golf & Country Club would cause them to cease operation on this portion of the course (the portion north of the CN Rail line and south of the proposed Circle Drive alignment).

Subsequently, the Saskatoon Golf & Country Club has adopted a new development plan and had decided to sell all of their lands to the north of the CN Rail line. The City of Saskatoon notified Saskatoon Golf & Country Club that there was an interest in acquiring an additional seven acres of land adjacent to the proposed Circle Drive alignment and prospective purchasers were notified of this.

The successful purchaser was 101109059 Saskatchewan Ltd. and the City of Saskatoon has successfully negotiated a purchase of 6.76 acres of this land. This purchase will allow the alignment of the main lanes of Circle Drive to be straightened, thus reducing (flattening) two horizontal curves. As well, the original alignment would have required permanent retaining walls along Circle Drive and the ramps to Lorne Avenue within the constrained right-of-way. A significant cost savings of several million dollars will be achieved through the acquisition of this property and the elimination of the retaining walls.

The City's property agent has negotiated and signed an Offer to Purchase Agreement with the property owner, subject to City Council's approval. Significant terms and conditions of the Offer to Purchase Agreement are as follows:

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1. Purchase Price
Purchase price for the property is \$475,000 with an initial deposit of \$10,000 to be paid within 12 days of acceptance of this offer.
2. Conditions Precedent
Approval of Saskatoon City Council by December 15, 2008.
3. Legal Costs and Disbursements
Each party shall be responsible for its own legal costs.
4. Closing Date
Closing Date shall be the earliest date acceptable to both Buyer and Seller, subsequent to the subdivision approval and registration of the subject Lands.

OPTIONS

There are no options.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

As noted above, the purchase price of the land is \$475,000. In addition, subdivision costs of approximately \$5,000 are estimated to be incurred.

It is recommended that the cost of acquisition and related expenses be charged to the Property Realized Reserve as an interim source of funding.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Plan 240-0070-005r001.”

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**3. Implementation of the Accessibility Action Plan
(File No. CK. 225-70)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee is pleased to submit the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 24, 2008. The full report "Implementation of Accessibility Action Plan" is not being recopied but is available for viewing in the Office of the City Clerk and has been posted on the City's website – www.saskatoon.ca, look under "c" for City Clerk's Office and then under the "Reports and Publications" section."

His Worship the Mayor assumed the Chair.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

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

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

B. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

1) Matthew Tsinkorang, dated December 5

Advising that he will be present to answer any questions with respect to condominium conversion application for 415 3rd Avenue North. (File No. CK. 4132-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 14.

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2) Lorelie Meyers, dated December 7

Commenting on proposed condominium conversion at 840 Idylwyld Drive North.

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 8.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS

**1) Rob Norris, Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour,
dated November 25**

Confirming the intent to proceed with amendments to *The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996* with respect to workplace smoking ban. (File No. CK. 185-3)

**2) Theresa McQuoid, Executive Director Saskatchewan Scrap Tire Association,
dated November 26**

Advising of progress made to remove scrap tires from landfill sites by December 2009. (File No. CK. 7830-5)

3) Maureen Sinclair, dated November 27

Commenting on proposals to alter the weir. (File No. CK. 4129-2)

4) Allison Braun, dated November 28

Commenting on the rental situation in Saskatoon. (File Nos. CK. 750-1 and 4132-1)

5) Jassen Epp, dated December 5

Commenting on proposed front garbage pick-up. (File No. CK. 7830-3)

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6) Carol Beauregard, dated December 5

Commenting on store hours. (File No. CK. 184-2-2)

7) Pat Lorje, Acting CEO, Wanuskewin Heritage Park, dated December 4

Submitting 2007-2008 Annual Report including audited financial statements. (File No. CK. 430-1)

**8) James Clancy, National President, National Union of Public
and General Employees, dated November 26**

Expressing gratitude to City Council for acknowledging the First Annual Community Social Workers Appreciation Day on November 6, 2008. (File No. CK. 205-5)

9) Joanne Sproule, Deputy City Clerk, dated November 26

Submitting Notice of Hearing of the Development Appeals Board with respect to the property located at 155 2nd Avenue South. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

10) Joanne Sproule, Deputy City Clerk, dated November 26

Submitting Notice of Hearing of the Development Appeals Board with respect to the property located at 409 Avenue F South. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

11) Joanne Sproule, Deputy City Clerk, dated November 28

Submitting Notice of Hearing of the Development Appeals Board with respect to the property located at 409 Avenue C North. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

12) Joanne Sproule, Deputy City Clerk, dated November 28

Submitting Notice of Hearing of the Development Appeals Board with respect to the property located at 838 50th Street East. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

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13) Joanne Sproule, Deputy City Clerk, dated November 28

Submitting Notice of Hearing of the Development Appeals Board with respect to the property located at 309 Camponi Place. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

D. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

1) Tad Dulewich, dated November 26

Requesting that a bowl be included in proposed new skatepark. (File No. CK. 610-8) **(Referred to Administration for consideration.)**

2) Wilf Martin, dated November 27

Commenting on the red light camera on 51st Street. (File No. CK. 5300-8) **(Referred to Administration for consideration.)**

3) Susan Maltby, dated November 28

Commenting on the intersection of Preston Avenue and Main Street. (File No. CK. 6250-1) **(Referred to Administration for consideration.)**

4) Andrei and Tatiana Smolyakov, dated November 30

Commenting on beekeeping within City limits. (File No. CK. 151-1) **(Referred to Planning and Operations Committee for further handling.)**

5) Beverly Groves, dated November 30

Commenting on proposed development at Churchill Park. (File No. CK. 6320-1) **(Referred to Administration for consideration.)**

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6) K. Kuemper, dated December 3

Commenting on the future of Mayfair Pool. (File No. CK. 613-7) **(Referred to Budget Committee for further handling.)**

7) Bernie Hounjet, President, SFM Board of Directors, dated November 28

Requesting slower speed limits during the Farmers' Market. (File No. CK. 5200-5) **(Referred to Administration for consideration and response to the writer.)**

8) Neil Kordalchuk, dated December 4

Commenting on a situation involving theft at a City hotel. (File No. CK. 5000-1) **(Referred to Board of Police Commissioners for further handling.)**

9) Antoinette Martens, dated November 28

Commenting on proposed changes to Chief Whitecap Park. (File Nos. CK. 4205-38 and 152-2) **(Referred to administration for further handling.)**

10) Heather Graham, dated November 30

Commenting on proposed changes to Chief Whitecap Park. (File Nos. CK. 4205-38 and 152-2) **(Referred to administration for further handling.)**

11) Keith Hobson, undated

Commenting on proposed changes to Chief Whitecap Park. (File Nos. CK. 4205-38 and 152-2) **(Referred to administration for further handling.)**

12) Kathleen Robertson, dated December 1

Commenting on proposed changes to Chief Whitecap Park. (File Nos. CK. 4205-38 and 152-2) **(Referred to administration for further handling.)**

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13) Anton Kachayev, dated December 5

Commenting on dogs off-leash in parks that are not designated off-leash areas. (File No. CK. 152-1) **(Referred to Administration for appropriate action.)**

14) Ernie Todd, dated December 6

Requesting legal information about professional wrestling shows in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 174-24) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

15) Rob Minogue, dated December 7

Commenting on a swamp located in an off-leash dog park. (File No. CK. 152-2) **(Referred to Administration for appropriate action.)**

**16) Angela Wallman, Finance and Personnel Officer,
Tourism Saskatoon, dated December 9**

Submitting 2009 Operating and Capital Budget. (File No. CK. 1711-1) **(Referred to Budget Committee for further handling.)**

**17) Bruce Dewar, CEO, 2010 Legacies Now and
Ruth MacKenzie, President, Volunteer Canada, dated December 5**

Congratulating City Council on being selected as a celebration community for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay and offering assistance for recruiting volunteers. (File No. CK. 205-1) **(Referred to Administration for further handling.)**

18) Joseph Blatz, dated December 9

Commenting on stop signs located on Gordon Road. (File No. CK. 6280-1) **(Referred to Administration for consideration.)**

19) Joseph Blatz, dated December 9

Commenting on snow and ice clearing on unimproved lots in developing areas. (File No. CK. 6290-1) **(Referred to Administration for appropriate action.)**

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

E. PROCLAMATIONS

1) Susan Saville, District Director, John Howard Society of Saskatchewan dated November 26

Requesting City Council proclaim the week of February 8 to 14, 2009 as John Howard Week. (File No. CK. 205-5)

2) Falak Sajan, Program Coordinator, Heart and Stroke Foundation, dated December 3

Requesting City Council proclaim February 2009 as Heart Month and requesting a flag raising in celebration. (File No. CK. 205-5)

3) Dave Prociuk, dated December 5

Requesting City Council proclaim January 2009 as Crime Stoppers Month. (File No. CK. 205-5)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve all proclamations as set out in Section E;
 - 2) that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamations, in the standard form, on behalf of City Council; and
 - 3) that the request for a flag-raising be approved.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

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

- 3) *that the request for a flag-raising be approved.*

CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES

**Councillor M. Heidt
Smoke Detectors in Rental Properties
(File No. CK. 2500-1)**

Regarding fire alarms in rental properties, currently we have a bylaw in Saskatoon where it is the landlords who are responsible for smoke alarms only.

Would the Administration look at this policy for non hard wired smoke detectors that have been altered, with batteries removed or gone dead.

Would the Administration look the policy for non hard wired smoke detectors to be inspected at the time the property is rented out, and once a year to ensure it is still there and working; that the tenant is responsible to keep it working and document if they can't get it fixed by the landlord if it is defective.

**Councillor C. Clark
Partnerships with Employers – Transit Passes for Employees
(File No. CK. 7312-1)**

Could the Administration report on best practices to encourage partnerships with employers in Saskatoon to provide transit passes to their employees in some form of cost-sharing relationship, thereby reducing parking expenses for employers and increasing transit ridership in Saskatoon. These programs exist in many North American cities already, often with good results, including Winnipeg, Edmonton, and Regina.

**Councillor B. Pringle
Traffic – Circle Drive and Ruth Street Exit
(File No. CK. 6320-1)**

Could the Administration please assess the traffic situation going south on Circle Drive at the Ruth Street exit. So far this winter two vehicles parked on the side of the road have been hit and totalled, and this happened at least three times last winter. Residents believe it is a speed or icy conditions issue.

PRESENTATIONS

His Worship the Mayor presented the 2008 CUPE 59/City of Saskatoon Joint Scholarship Award to Ms. Bahar Bahrani.

His Worship the Mayor presented Mr. Phil Richards, City Manager, with a Certificate of Devoted Civic Service, in recognition for his years of service with the City of Saskatoon.

HEARINGS

- 4a) Proposed Development Plan Phasing Map Amendment
From 'Phase II' to 'Phase I'
Applicants: Boychuk Investments Ltd. and City of Saskatoon, Land Branch
Proposed Bylaw No. 8723
(File No. CK. 4351-08-21)**
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REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“The purpose of this hearing is to consider proposed Bylaw No. 8723.

Attached are copies of the following:

- Proposed Bylaw No. 8723;
- Report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated October 21, 2008 recommending that the proposed amendments to the City’s Development Plan Phasing Map from “Phase II” to “Phase I”, as shown on Attachment 2 to the report, be approved;
- Letter from the Municipal Planning Commission dated November 21, 2008 advising that the Commission supports the above-noted recommendation; and
- Notice that appeared in the local press under dates of November 29 and December 6, 2008.”

The City Clerk distributed copies of a letter from Gord Forsyth, Principal, Gordon Forsyth & Associates Landscape Architects, dated December 8, 2008, submitting comments.

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

His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.

Mr. Randy Grauer, Manager, Planning and Development Branch, Community Services Department, reviewed the proposed Development Plan Amendment and expressed the Department’s support.

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Mr. Brad Sylvester, Chair, Municipal Planning Commission, expressed the Commission's support of the proposed Development Plan 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 Penner, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT the submitted correspondence and report be received.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 8723.

CARRIED.

- 4b) Proposed Rezoning from FUD District to R1A District
Portion of Sections 17 and 18, Township 36, Range 4
West of 3rd Meridian – Rosewood Neighbourhood
Applicants: Boychuk Investments Ltd. and City of Saskatoon, Land Branch
Proposed Bylaw No. 8724
(File No. CK. 4351-08-21)**
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REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“The purpose of this hearing is to consider proposed Bylaw No. 8724.

Attached are copies of the following:

- Proposed Bylaw No. 8724;
- Report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated October 21, 2008 recommending that the proposal to rezone the lands shown on Attachment 3 to the report, be approved (See Attachment 4a);

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- Letter from the Municipal Planning Commission dated November 21, 2008 advising that the Commission supports the above-noted recommendation (See Attachment 4a); and
- Notice that appeared in the local press under dates of November 29 and December 6, 2008.”

Councillor Wyant excused himself from discussion and voting on the matter due to a conflict of interest and was not present in the Council Chamber.

His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.

Mr. Randy Grauer, Manager, Planning and Development Branch, Community Services Department, reviewed the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment and indicated that this amendment will in no way affect the wetlands area.

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 Penner, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT the submitted correspondence and report be received.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 8724.

CARRIED.

Councillor Wyant re-entered the Council Chamber.

- 4c) Application to Amend Contract Zoning Agreement
Part of Lot C, Lots D and E, Plan No. H341
ISC Surface Parcel 131590470 – RM2 Zoning by Agreement
806 Bedford Road – Westmount Neighbourhood
Applicant: Saskatchewan Housing Corporation
Proposed Bylaw No. 8725
(File No. CK. 4351-08-22)**
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REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“The purpose of this hearing is to consider proposed Bylaw No. 8725.

Attached are copies of the following:

- Proposed Bylaw No. 8725;
- Report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 3, 2008 recommending that the new Contract Zoning Agreement for Part of Lot C, and Lots D and E, Plan No. H341 (806 Bedford Road) be approved.
- Letter from the Municipal Planning Commission dated November 21, 2008 advising that the Commission supports the above-noted recommendation; and
- Notice that appeared in the local press under dates of November 29 and December 6, 2008.”

His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.

Mr. Randy Grauer, Manager, Planning and Development Branch, Community Services Department, reviewed the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment and expressed the Department’s support.

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 Pringle, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

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THAT the submitted correspondence and report be received.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 8725.

CARRIED.

(Councillor Penner was not present during the entire hearing and therefore was not able to vote.)

MATTERS REQUIRING PUBLIC NOTICE

- 5a) Proposed Closure of Right-of-Way
Portion of Public Right-of-Way adjacent to
154 and 202 Frobisher Crescent and 542 and 546 Redberry Road
(File No. CK. 6295-08-15)**
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REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“The following is a report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated December 5, 2008:

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the walkway between 154 and 202 Frobisher Crescent and 542 and 546 Redberry Road be closed;
 - 2) that upon receipt of the legal land survey documents the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate bylaw for consideration by City Council;

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- 3) that upon approval of the bylaw, the City Solicitor be instructed to take all necessary steps to bring the intended closing forward and to complete the closing; and
- 4) that upon closing the portion of the right-of-way it be sold to Hugh and Mary Jayne Pearman of 154 Frobisher Crescent; Karen Scott and Derrick William Astle of 202 Frobisher Crescent; Robert James and Brenda Faye Huebert of 546 Redberry Road; and Ivan Dennis and Tanya Dawn Turgeon of 542 Redberry Road for \$1,000 each.

REPORT

The Planning and Operations Committee, at its meeting held on June 9, 2008, considered the attached report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Service Department dated June 6, 2008 (Attachment 1) and approved the recommendation that the Administration proceed with public notice for the closure of the walkway between 154 - 202 Frobisher Crescent and 542 - 546 Redberry Road in the Lawson Heights neighbourhood.

As outlined in Plan No. 240-0002-003r002 (Attachment 2), Area "1" will be sold to Derrick William Astle and Karen Scott of 202 Frobisher Crescent for \$1,000; Area "2" will be sold to Robert James Huebert and Brenda Faye Huebert of 546 Redberry Road for \$1,000; Area "3" will be sold to Ivan Dennis Turgeon and Tanya Dawn Turgeon of 542 Redberry Road for \$1,000; and Area "4" will be sold to Hugh Pearman and Mary Jayne Pearman of 154 Frobisher Crescent.

Once closure has been approved, the Administration will proceed with acquiring the legal land survey documents to transfer the title of land. Typically, this process involves acquiring a plan of consolidation and gathering utility consents to verify easements. This process can take between six to eight months. Once all the documentation has been received, a report will be submitted to City Council to consider the bylaw for closure. If there are any utilities located in this walkway, easements will be attached to the title or will be relocated at the expense of the property owner.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

- Advertised in The StarPhoenix and Sun on the weekends of December 6 and 7 and December 13 and 14, 2008;
- Posted on City Hall Notice Board on Friday December 5, 2008;

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- Posted on the City of Saskatoon website on Friday, December 5, 2008; and
- Flyers distributed to affected parties on December 4, 2008.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated June 6, 2008;
2. Plan No. 240-0002-003r002; and
3. Copy of Public Notice.”

Ms. Angela Gardiner, A/General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department, presented the report.

Mr. Lloyd Beazley expressed support for the new walkway closure policy and requested Council to keep this walkway open.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT consideration of the matter be deferred for six months in order that the applicants can be advised of the new walkway closure policy and asked whether they wish to proceed under the parameters of the new policy.

CARRIED.

**5b) Proposed Closure of Right-of-Way
Portion of Right-of-Way Between Avenue L and Avenue M, 17th Street to 18th Street
(File No. CK. 6295-08-26)**

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“The following is a report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated December 8, 2008:

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council consider Bylaw 8731;
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to take all necessary steps to bring the intended closing forward and to complete the closing;
 - 3) that upon closing all of right-of-way as described in Plan of Proposed Lane Closure as prepared by Webb Surveys, it be sold to Habitat For Humanity Saskatoon Inc. for \$7,985.99 plus GST; Mr. Gordon

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Wesley Gerbrandt for \$1,400.00 plus GST; Ms. Glenda Camrud for \$2,543.46; and McGill's Mechanical Services Inc. for \$61.89 plus GST; and

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

BACKGROUND

City Council, at its meeting held on November 6, 2006, considered the closure of a portion of the right-of-way between Avenue L and Avenue M, 17th Street to 18th Street and deferred consideration of the matter for two weeks in order for the Administration to consult further with an additional prospective purchaser (Attachment 1).

On November 20, 2006, the Administration advised City Council that consultations were still ongoing with the prospective purchaser. Council resolved that the Administration report back at the appropriate time

The Administration has now received confirmation that all adjacent property owners are in agreement with the division of the land, as shown in Plan No. 240-0043-001r001 (Attachment 2).

REPORT

Closure of a portion of right-of-way between Avenue L and Avenue M, 17th Street to 18th Street is of interest to the adjacent property owners who want to consolidate the lane as part of their businesses.

Approval for closing the portion of right-of-way has been received from the Minister of Highways (Attachment 4).

If approved, as shown on Plan 240-0043-001r001 and the Plan of Proposed Subdivision Consolidation (Attachment 3), Area 'A', will be sold to Habitat For Humanity Saskatoon Inc. for \$7,985.99 plus GST and will be consolidated with Block 5, Lots 9 to 13, and Block 15, Lots 1 to 5. Area 'B', will be sold to Gordon Wesley Gerbrandt for \$1,400.00 plus GST and will be consolidated with Block 11, Lots 1 and 2. Area 'C' and 'D', will be sold to Glenda Camrud for \$2,543.46 plus GST and will be consolidated with Block 5, Lots 14 to 17 and Block 5, Lots 18 to 21. Area 'E', will be sold to McGill's Mechanical Services Inc. for \$61.89 plus GST and will be consolidated with Block 5, Lots 22 to 26.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the closure, including all solicitors' fees and disbursements, will be paid for by the purchasers.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

- Advertised in The StarPhoenix and Sun on the weekends of December 6 and 7, and 13 and 14, 2008 (Attachment 6);
- Posted on City Hall Notice Board on Friday, December 5, 2008;
- Posted on the City of Saskatoon website on Thursday, December 4, 2008; and
- Flyers distributed to affected parties on Thursday, December 4, 2008.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Excerpt from the minutes of meeting of City Council held on November 6, 2006;
2. Plan No. 240-0043-001r001;
3. Plan of Proposed Lane Closure Subdivision and Consolidation, dated August 12, 2008;
4. Copy of letter from Department of Highways, dated September 8, 2008;
5. Proposed Bylaw No. 8731; and
6. Copy of Public Notice.”

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

Ms. Angela Gardiner, A/General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department, presented the report.

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 Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

- 1) *that City Council consider Bylaw 8731;*
- 2) *that the City Solicitor be instructed to take all necessary steps to bring the intended closing forward and to complete the closing;*
- 3) *that upon closing all of right-of-way as described in Plan of Proposed Lane Closure as prepared by Webb Surveys, it be sold to Habitat For Humanity Saskatoon Inc. for \$7,985.99 plus GST; Mr. Gordon Wesley Gerbrandt for \$1,400.00 plus GST; Ms. Glenda Camrud for \$2,543.46; and McGill’s Mechanical Services Inc. for \$61.89 plus GST; and*

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

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

1) Paul Van Pul, dated December 2

Requesting permission to address City Council with respect to proposed power station at the weir.
(File No. CK. 2300-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Paul Van Pul be heard.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Clause E1, Administrative Report No. 23-2008 be brought forward and that Paul Van Pul be heard.

CARRIED.

**“E1) River With Many Islands Concept Report
(File No. WT 2000-1; CK. 4129-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

At its meeting held on September 15, 2008, City Council resolved that:

“the River With Many Islands Concept Report, submitted by Paul Van Pul, be referred to the Administration, the Meewasin Valley Authority and to the committee reviewing the Whitewater proposal for review and comment.”

BACKGROUND

Saskatoon Light & Power (SL&P) has been exploring alternative energy generation possibilities to provide environmental and economic benefits to the City of Saskatoon. One of the concepts being considered is that of hydro power generation at the weir. To investigate this possibility further, SL&P contracted Knight Piesold Consulting from Vancouver to conduct a concept development and technical review.

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The South Saskatchewan River Green Power and the White Water Park Concept Development and Technical Review provided by Knight Piesold Consulting in April 2008, indicated that a hydro power facility at the weir appeared feasible and that there may be economic and environmental benefits to the City if a hydro power facility were to be constructed.

The next stage of development, as recommended by the Consultant, involves the initial consultation and meetings with the immediate stakeholders, and the completion of pre-feasibility and baseline environmental studies. City Council gave approval for this next stage of development to proceed at its November 17, 2008 meeting.

REPORT

The elevation of the South Saskatchewan River through much of Saskatoon is maintained by the weir located near Spadina Crescent and 33rd Street. The weir was constructed in 1938, and all construction near the river since then has been based on the water levels and riverbed levels that are a result of the weir's construction. Modifications to the weir level could significantly affect the operation of facilities upstream of the weir. Implementation of the concept outlined in Mr. Van Pul's report is contingent upon removal of the weir and modification of the river valley.

Administration has determined that the following criteria, in order of importance, should be used to determine the need for the weir.

1. Need for weir as a reservoir creating entity for our source water supply.
2. Need for weir as part of the potential hydro-electric generation facility.
3. Need for weir as a tourism or public destination facility.

Further discussion on the role of the weir is discussed below.

1. Need for Weir as a Reservoir Creating Entity for our Source Water Supply

The City operates water intakes adjacent to the Water Treatment Plant, utilizes intakes at the Queen Elizabeth Power Station, and will be constructing a new intake facility upstream of the Queen Elizabeth Power Station.

The weir has elevated upstream water levels. There is great value from a water supply perspective by having the weir in place. The weir effectively creates a 'reservoir beneath the river'. Although much sedimentation has occurred, climate changes in the long term are unpredictable and we are dependent on flow from the Gardiner Dam. The presence of the weir will give the City a great deal of flexibility and available options should our source flow be changed significantly due to climate change or should flow be adversely affected at the Gardiner Dam.

From a water provider perspective, there is great potential benefit in having the weir in place, and no benefit from its removal.

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2. Need for the Weir as a Component of the Potential Hydro-Electric Generation Facility

The basic premise of SL&P's hydro generation project is that the majority of the Weir remains intact and it is an essential component of the project. The generation facility is expected to be unobtrusive and blend in well with the Weir. The South Saskatchewan River Green Power Project, should it be developed, will have an economic benefit and a positive environmental impact for the City.

From an electrical generator perspective, there is great potential benefit in having the weir in place, and no benefit from its removal.

3. Need for the Weir as a Tourism or Public Destination Facility

The weir site has received significant investment over the past decade, and has become a significant part of our history. It is a destination site in the City.

The River of Many Islands concept may also draw people to the river, and it will be difficult to compare the two options from an 'attraction' perspective. Further analysis and consultations would need to occur.

The condition of the weir is not well defined, and will need to be as part of the investigation of the feasibility of the hydro-generation project. Once the condition of the weir is known, an action plan for its rehabilitation and/or upgrade as part of the hydro-generation project will be considered and included with that project.

Administration will retain Mr. Van Pul's report on file, and it will be considered in the rare event that:

1. the hydro-generation project is not pursued, and
2. the weir condition becomes such that its removal is required and other steps are taken to ensure a stable source water supply.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Mr. Paul Van Pul spoke regarding proposed options for the weir site and asked that Council consider giving "River With Many Islands" the opportunity to be presented to the broader public. He provided Council with a copy of his presentation.

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Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

- 1) *that the information be received; and*
- 2) *that a copy of Mr. Van Pul's presentation be forwarded to Saskatoon Light and Power.*

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL - continued

2) Dwayne Hounsell, dated December 3

Requesting permission to address City Council with respect to promoting local businesses within the tendering process. (File No. CK. 292-1 and 5000-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Dwayne Hounsell be heard.

His Worship the Mayor noted that Mr. Hounsell had withdrawn his request to address Council at this time.

3) Robin East, dated December 7

Requesting permission to address City Council with respect to audible signal lights. (File No. CK. 6250-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Robin East be heard.

His Worship the Mayor noted that Mr. East had withdrawn his request to address Council at this time.

The City Clerk advised Council that Mr. East had been in contact with her and asked that Council consider his letter in his absence.

Moved by Councillor Clark, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT the letter be referred to the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee.

CARRIED.

MOTIONS

Councillor Wyant gave the following Notice of Motion at the meeting of City Council held on December 1, 2008:

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

‘THAT the City of Saskatoon work with the City Mayors to take such steps as necessary to have the Provincial Government recognize the serious economic problems and impediments to development that contaminated lands and brown field sites pose to adjacent businesses, property owners and municipalities.

That the City of Saskatoon work with the City Mayors to request the Provincial Government establish a working group of government and municipal officials to develop reasonably appropriate and practical standards and plans for the remediation of contaminated lands and brown field sites, considering factors such as:

- (a) land use, location and development potential;
- (b) harm to citizens, adjacent businesses, property owners and cities; and
- (c) creation of certainty through a remediation certification process.’”

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT the City of Saskatoon work with the City Mayors to take such steps as necessary to have the Provincial Government recognize the serious economic problems and impediments to development that contaminated lands and brown field sites pose to adjacent businesses, property owners and municipalities.

That the City of Saskatoon work with the City Mayors to request the Provincial Government establish a working group of government, SUMA, and municipal officials to develop reasonably appropriate and practical standards and plans for the remediation of contaminated lands and brown field sites, considering factors such as:

- (a) land use, location and development potential;*
- (b) harm to citizens, adjacent businesses, property owners and cities;*
- (c) creation of certainty through a remediation certification process; and*
- (d) explore funding options.*

IN REFERRAL

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration to bring forward an appropriate report, including background information, for submission to the Saskatchewan City Mayors group.

THE REFERRAL MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw 8723

Councillor Wyant did not vote due to a conflict of interest.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8723, being “The Development Plan Amendment Bylaw, 2008 (No. 11)” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT Bylaw No. 8723 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8723.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8723 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8723 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Bylaw No. 8723 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

Bylaw 8724

Councillor Wyant did not vote due to a conflict of interest.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8724, being “The Zoning Amendment Bylaw, 2008 (No. 23)” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

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Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT Bylaw No. 8724 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8724.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8724 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8724 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Bylaw No. 8724 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

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Bylaw 8725

Councillor Penner was not present during the entire hearing and therefore did not vote.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8725, being “The Zoning Amendment Bylaw, 2008 (No. 29)” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT Bylaw No. 8725 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8725.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8725 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

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

CARRIED.

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Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8725 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT Bylaw No. 8725 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

Bylaw 8726

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8726, being “The Animal Control Amendment Bylaw, 2008 (No. 2)” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT Bylaw No. 8726 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8726.

CARRIED.

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

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Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8726 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8726 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Bylaw No. 8726 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

Bylaw 8731

Councillor Pringle did not vote due to a conflict of interest.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8731, being "The Street Closing Bylaw, 2008 (No. 15)" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

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Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT Bylaw No. 8731 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8731.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8731 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8731 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Bylaw No. 8731 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

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Moved by Councillor Lorje,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk