

Council Chambers
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Thursday, July 16, 2009
at 12:00 noon

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, in the Chair;
Councillors Clark, Dubois, Heidt, Hill, Lorje, Neault,
and Penner;
City Manager Totland;
A/City Solicitor Yelland;
A/General Manager, Corporate Services Sutherland;
General Manager, Community Services Gauthier;
General Manager, Infrastructure Services Gourdeau;
City Clerk Mann; and
Council Assistant Mitchener

Councillor Hill entered the meeting at 12:06 p.m. during consideration of Clause B1, Legislative Report No. 12-2009.

With His Worship the Mayor in the Chair the following matters were considered and dealt with as stated:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 14-2009

Section G – CITY MANAGER

**G1) Award of Contract 3 Riverfront Park
River Landing Phase II
(File No. CK. 4129-5 and CC. 4130-2)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that City Council approve the award of River Landing Phase II Riverfront Contract 3, to Allan Construction, in the amount of \$2,883,878 including G.S.T. and P.S.T.;
- 2) that the source of funding in the amount of \$456,550 to complete the construction tender be funded from the land sales in River Landing Phase II; and
- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate contract, and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract document under the Corporate Seal.

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REPORT

The River Landing Phase II Riverfront Contract 3 construction tender document was publicly advertised in The StarPhoenix on May 2, 2009. An addendum was added to the construction document that extended the tender from May 26, 2009, to June 9, 2009. Two bids were received:

- Allan Construction at \$2,883,878 including G.S.T and P.S.T.
- Graham Construction and Engineering Inc. at \$2,902,935 including G.S.T and P.S.T.

Both submissions were reviewed by a representative of Crosby Hanna and Associates and the Project Manager for the riverfront park. The construction tender required the bidder to provide services that includes site preparation and remediation, backshore pedestrian links to Avenues B and C, paving, concrete retaining wall, irrigation and soft landscaping, site furniture, and electrical services. Attachment 1 is the site map identifying the construction area for Contract 3.

The low bid is Allan Construction as follows:

Construction tender	\$2,746,550
GST	<u>\$137,328</u>
Total	\$2,883,878
100% G.S.T. Rebate	<u>(\$137,328)</u>
Net Cost to the City of Saskatoon	\$2,746,550

The tender bid price is significantly higher than the budget estimate of \$2.29 million. In review of the tender price, one of the most significant areas of increase is the cost for shoring of the retaining wall along the riverbank. Your Administration is recommending that the tender for River Landing Phase II be awarded to Allan Construction in the amount of \$2,883,878 (including P.S.T. and G.S.T.).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

An independent appraisal has been prepared by Suncorp Valuations for the land value for various parcels located in River Landing Phase II. Your Administration adjusted the revenue projections for River Landing Phase II to reflect the full amount identified for Parcels "BB" (A. L. Cole Site), Parcel "D" (site parallel to the Senator Sid Buckwold Bridge), and a previous agreed to price for the PEDCO site. The total revenue from land sales for the above mentioned sites is estimated at \$15,346,300. The appraised value of land would provide sufficient revenue to fund the increased costs of \$456,550 for the construction tender. Your Administration will present a funding report on River Landing Phase I and II to the August 17, 2009 meeting of City Council.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. River Landing Phase II Site Map

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 12-2009

Section B – OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

- B1) Enquiry - Councillor M. Heidt (November 6, 2006)
Election Signs
(File No. CK. 6280-1)**
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RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8779.

At the meeting of City Council on July 13, 2009, Council considered Bylaw No. 8778, the purpose of which has to amend The Temporary Sign Bylaw No. 7491 to:

- (a) update the list of streets and adjacent buffer strips where temporary signs, including election signs, are prohibited; and
- (b) update the list of streets and adjacent buffer strips where temporary signs are prohibited, but where garage sale signs, open house signs and election signs are allowed.

At the meeting, Bylaw No. 8778 was not presented as Council decided to expand the list of streets where temporary signs including garage sale, open house and election signs are prohibited. This change is tied to the speed limits on those streets. We are pleased to attach Bylaw No. 8779 reflecting the changes requested by Council at the July 13, 2009 meeting. Schedule “A” now reflects streets with a speed limit of 60 km/hour or more and Schedule “B” reflects streets with a speed limit of 59 km/hour or less.

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ATTACHMENT

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 8779, The Temporary Sign Amendment Bylaw, 2009.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Schedule A of Bylaw No. 8779 be amended to consolidate bullets 7 and 16, and that Council consider Bylaw No. 8779, as amended.

CARRIED.

REPORT NO. 12-2009 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. **Proposed Downtown Bike Friendly Program
(File No. CK. 5300-5-5)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the Downtown Bike Friendly Program be approved.

Your Committee has reviewed and supports the following report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated June 29, 2009, with respect to the proposed Downtown Bus Friendly Program:

“BACKGROUND

A Comprehensive Bicycle Plan was prepared for the City of Saskatoon in 2002, and a Bike Facility Network Study was completed in April 2003. The intent of the study was to improve commuting and access opportunities for cyclists; to make trip distances shorter and more convenient by bicycle; and to encourage cycling as a safe and practical mode of transportation.

REPORT

One of the main issues for cyclists in Saskatoon is the need to bike on downtown streets safely and comfortably. Many cyclists do not feel safe on downtown streets and, therefore, choose to ride on the sidewalks. In addition, some motorists feel that cyclists should not be allowed on streets in the downtown area. Riding on the sidewalk inevitably leads to conflicts with pedestrians and there is actually a greater risk of collisions. The current Bicycle Bylaw, 6884, prohibits cyclists on sidewalks, except on multi-use sidewalks and pathways and while crossing bridges.

The 2002 Comprehensive Bicycle Plan was prepared around the principal that, “every street is a cycling street”, including streets in the downtown core. Placing more cycling facilities in the downtown will help to improve safety and will encourage more people to commute to work by bike.

The Administration, with assistance from the Cycling Advisory Group (CAG) and the Partnership, has developed a Downtown Bike Friendly Program to improve cycling conditions without diminishing circulation and access for all other modes of transportation. The plan identifies where opportunities exist for on-street bike lanes; shared wide traffic lanes (motorists and cyclists abreast); shared narrow traffic lanes (motorists and cyclists travel single-file); and local street travel conditions. The program will consist of “Walk Your Bike” markings on sidewalks; and sharrows, a new pavement marking which has been adopted by the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC), placed on roadways where lane widths are not considered adequate for marked/striped dedicated lanes. The symbol consists of a bike stencil capped by a pair of chevrons (arrows) which raises awareness to both motorists and cyclists that they are allowed to use the lane, and indicates to cyclists the correct positioning when travelling in the lane. The Administration is also recommending an exclusive bike lane on 4th Avenue.

Plan 270-0002-005r001 (Attachment 1) shows the overall recommended placement and type of marking that will be placed on each of the roadways in the downtown area. There are three different types of roadway markings being recommended: exclusive lanes on 4th Avenue; wide-lane sharrows on 25th Street; and narrow-lane sharrows on most of the remainder of the downtown area. Plans 270-0002-006r001, 270-0002-007r001 and 270-0002r008r001 (Attachments 2, 3 and 4) show the detailed plans for placement of these markings.

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

The public will be notified and an education plan for the Downtown Bike Friendly Program, along with the “Walk Your Bike” campaign, will be launched. Motorists will be reminded that cyclists have the right to be on the roadway, and to be aware of cyclists on or around these areas. Motorists will be expected to follow the rules of the road as if there were no sharrows.

The program will be monitored and evaluated for future needs of cyclists in the downtown area.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is sufficient funding within approved Capital Project 1137 – Bicycle Facilities to place sharrows and exclusive lane markings on the roadways indicated, which is estimated to cost approximately \$30,000. If they prove to be effective, future markings, once approved by Council, will be funded from the Roadway Signing and Marking Program.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Plan 270-0002-005r001;
- 2) Plan 270-0002-006r001;
- 3) Plan 270-0002-007r001; and
- 4) Plan 270-0002r008r001.”

Copies of the plan of the proposed cycling facilities for the Downtown Bike Friendly Program are provided for City Council members. A copy is available for review in the City Clerk’s Office and on the City’s website under the City Council agenda.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

THAT the recommendation of the Planning and Operations Committee be adopted.

CARRIED.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 8779

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8779, being “The Temporary Sign Amendment Bylaw, 2009” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT Bylaw No. 8779 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8779.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8779 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

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

CARRIED.

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Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8779 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

THAT Bylaw No. 8779 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.

Moved by Councillor Penner,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk