

Council Chambers
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Tuesday, February 17, 2009
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, Paulsen, Penner,
Pringle, and Wyant;
City Manager Totland;
A/City Solicitor Manning;
General Manager, Corporate Services Bilanski;
A/General Manager, Community Services Gryba;
A/General Manager, Fire and Protective Services Paulsen;
A/General Manager, Infrastructure Services Gourdeau;
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 January 26, 2009, be approved.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

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

CARRIED.

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

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

Committee arose.

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

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

“REPORT NO. 2-2009 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION”

Composition of Commission

Mr. Brad Sylvester, Chair
Mr. Kurt Soucy, Vice Chair
Mr. Gord Androsoff
Councillor Bev Dubois
Ms. Carole Beitel
Mr. Bruce Waldron
Ms. Debbie Marcoux
Mr. Art Evoy
Mr. Randy Warick
Mr. Fred Sutter
Ms. Janelle Hutchinson
Ms. Leanne DeLong
Mr. Stan Laba

- 1. Proposed Development Plan Amendment
West Industrial Land Use Policy Map
from ‘Light Industrial’ to ‘Transitional’ and
Proposed Rezoning from IL1 Zoning District to IH Zoning District
1612, 1616, 1620, 1632, and 1636 14th Street West;
805 Avenue P South; and 1603, 1605, 1607, and 1610 Garfield Street
West Industrial Neighbourhood
Applicant: Planning and Development Branch, City of Saskatoon
(File No. 4351-09-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposed amendments to the West Industrial Land Use Policy Map to re-designate 1612, 1616, 1620, 1632, and 1636 14th Street West, 805 Avenue P South and 1603, 1605, 1607, and 1610 Garfield Street from ‘Industrial - Light’ to ‘Transitional’;
 - 2) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to rezone 1612, 1616, 1620, 1632, and 1636 14th Street West, 805 Avenue P South and 1603, 1605, 1607, and 1610 Garfield Street from IL1 – Light Industrial to IH – Heavy Industrial;

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- 3) that the General Manager, Community Services Department, be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendments;
- 4) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaw; and
- 5) that at the time of the Public Hearing, City Council consider the Commission's recommendation that the proposed amendments to the West Industrial Land Use Policy Map and to the Zoning Bylaw be approved.

ADOPTED.

Attached is the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated December 30, 2008, with respect to the above matter.

Your Commission has reviewed the report with the Administration and supports the proposed changes, as outlined in the above report.

Your Commission also reviewed with the Administration the opportunities to re-examine the land use and zoning patterns in the area in the future, as was discussed in the West Industrial Local Area Plan and as reviewed in the above submitted report.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 3-2009

Section A – COMMUNITY SERVICES

**A1) Land-Use Applications Received by the Community Services Department
For the Period Between January 15, 2009 to February 4, 2009
(For Information Only)
(File Nos. CK. 4000-5. PL. 4132, PL. 4350, PL. 4131, and PL. 4300)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

The following applications have been received and are being processed:

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Condominium

- Application No. 2/09: 210 Camponi Crescent (36-Unit Conversion)
Applicant: Webb Surveys for Camponi Developments Ltd.
Legal Description: Lots 12, 13, and 14, Block 843, Plan 79S38425
Lot 16, Block 843, Plan 02SA05954
Current Zoning: M2
Neighbourhood: Confederation Suburban Centre
Date Received: January 28, 2009

Discretionary Use

- Application No. D1/09: 510 Paton Crescent
Applicant: R & D Fraser Homes for R. Lindain
Legal Description: Lot 1, Block 539, Plan 101928405
Proposed Use: Type II Residential Care Home
Neighbourhood: Willowgrove
Date Received: February 3, 2009

Rezoning and Concept Plan Amendment

- Application No. Z1/09: 3014 McClocklin Road
Applicant: Commerce Holdings Ltd.
Legal Description: Lot 38, Block 1, Plan 101928472
Current Zoning: B1B and RM3
Proposed Zoning: B2 by Agreement
Neighbourhood: Hampton Village
Date Received: January 15, 2009

Subdivision

- Application No. 8/09: 4003 Millar Avenue
Applicant: Webb Surveys for 101113686 Sask. Ltd.
Legal Description: Lot 2, Block 934, Plan 101932545
Current Zoning: IH
Neighbourhood: Marquis Industrial
Date Received: January 19, 2009
- Application No. 9/09: 310 – 110th Street
Applicant: Webb Surveys for Myles Parkinson
Legal Description: Lot 6, Block 11, Plan G8
Current Zoning: R2
Neighbourhood: Sutherland
Date Received: January 21, 2009

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- Application No. 10/09: 115 – 108th Street
Applicant: Webster Surveys for Sam Akinbolue
Legal Description: Lot 20, Block 112, Plan G122, and
Lot 40, Block 112, Plan 101336723
Current Zoning: R2
Neighbourhood: Sutherland
Date Received: January 22, 2009

- Application No. 11/09: 3202 - 3204 7th Street East
Applicant: Meridian Surveys for Martin Donald Lepage
Legal Description: Lot 6, Block 429, Plan 67S14203
Current Zoning: R2
Neighbourhood: Brevoort Park
Date Received: January 22, 2009

- Application No. 12/09: 138 Meglund Place and 202 Meglund Crescent
Applicant: Webb Surveys for Leonard and Stella Arndt and
Mabelann Anderson
Legal Description: Walkway Closure L5, Plan 76S01809; Lot 17, Block
819, Plan 76S08720; Lot 18, Block 819, Plan
76S24786
Current Zoning: R1A
Neighbourhood: Wildwood
Date Received: January 22, 2009

- Application No. 13/09: 234/236 Avenue K South
Applicant: Webster Surveys for Rosvita Mielczark
Legal Description: Lot B, Block 31, Plan 101873785
Current Zoning: R2
Neighbourhood: Meadowgreen
Date Received: January 26, 2009

- Application No. 14/09: 1831 Saskatchewan Avenue
Applicant: Webb Surveys for Jason Wionzek, Colliers
McClocklin
Legal Description: Lane Closure in Blocks 27 and 224, Plan Nos. G30
and G826 and Consolidation with Lots 22-27, Block
27, Plan G30; Parcels A and B, Plan G30; Lots 8-10,
Block 224, Plan G826 and Lot 11, Block 224, Plan
No. 101458492
Current Zoning: IL1
Neighbourhood: Kelsey Woodlawn
Date Received: January 30, 2009

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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 Condominium No. 2/09
2. Plan of Proposed Discretionary Use No. D1/09
3. Plan of Proposed Rezoning Z1/09
4. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 8/09
5. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 9/09
6. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 10/09
7. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 11/09
8. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 12/09
9. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 13/09
10. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 14/09

**A2) *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act*
Appointment of Building Officials
File No.: CK 4510-1, BS 4510-2**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that Kim McHarg and Craig Senick be appointed as Building Officials, pursuant to Section 5 of *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act*;
 - 2) that the City Clerk be authorized to issue a Certificate of Appointment, pursuant to Section 5 of *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act*, for the persons named in the preceding recommendation; and
 - 3) that the list of all Building Official appointments that are still active as at the date of this report be adopted. (See Attachment 1.)

ADOPTED.

REPORT

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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ATTACHMENT

1. City of Saskatoon Building Official Appointments

Section B – CORPORATE SERVICES

- B1) City of Saskatoon Business Development Incentives Policy
Statistics Report to December 31, 2008
(File No. CK. 3500-13 and CS 3500-1)**
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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

Attached is a letter and a report received from Alan Migneault, CEO, Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority Inc. (SREDA). The report provides statistics on SREDA Administered Incentives for the years 2004 to 2008.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C02-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter dated February 4, 2009, from Alan Migneault, Chief Executive Officer, SREDA.
2. Statistics Report – SREDA Administered Incentives Business Development Incentive Policy C09-014 to December 31, 2008.

- B2) Contract Award
September 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008
(File No. CK. 1000-1 and CS1000-1)**
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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

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REPORT

In accordance with Policy C02-003, Purchase of Goods, Services and Work, your Administration is required to report three times a year on the award of contracts and requests for proposals between \$50,000 and \$100,000. The attached report has been prepared detailing the contract awards for the period September 1, 2008, to December 31, 2008.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Contract Award Report September 1, 2008, to December 31, 2008.

**B3) Provincial Capital Infrastructure Program
Municipal Economic Enhancement Program
File No. CK. 1860-1 and CS 1860-1**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve the following prioritized list of capital projects for submission under the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program:
 - P2427 Repair Cosmo Park Riverbank Slope Failure;
 - P1911 East Fire Hall;
 - Major Rerouting of Confederation Drive Sewer System;
 - P0625 North East Sector Trunk Sewers.
 - 2) that the City of Saskatoon execute the attached Funding Agreement.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

On February 2, 2009, the Province announced \$100 million in new capital infrastructure funding for urban, rural and northern municipalities which will be delivered on a per capita basis. Saskatoon is eligible for \$22,011,925. The program appears to be unconditional with funding for 100% of eligible project costs. Municipalities are required to submit a one-page infrastructure plan with a prioritized project list, estimated costs and construction timelines, together with a signed copy of a funding agreement (Attachment 1) to the Province by February 28, 2009. The infrastructure plan will be reviewed by the Province to ensure it is consistent with program objectives and timelines.

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Projects submitted must be completed by March 31, 2011. Accordingly, your Administration is recommending submission of the following projects:

P2427, Repair Cosmo Park Riverbank Slope Failure	\$ 2,600,000
P1911 East Fire Hall (excluding land)	\$ 5,400,000
Major Rerouting of Confederation Drive Sewer System	\$ 9,000,000
P0625 North East Sector Trunk Sewers	<u>\$ 5,880,000</u>
Total	\$22,880,000

It should be noted that while the above-noted projects are currently funded, the intent will be to transfer an equivalent amount of funds to other priority projects and/or to be used as a matching source of funding for other federal/provincial funding programs.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Municipal Economic Enhancement Program Agreement

**B4) Tax Policy – 2009 Property Value Reassessment
(File No. CK. 1616-1 and CS 1615-6)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that there be a phase-in of the tax impact of the 2009 provincial reassessment for residential and condominium classes at 50% in 2009, and 50% in 2010;
 - 2) that there be a phase-in of the impact of the 2009 reassessment for multi-residential properties at the following percentages: 15% in 2009, 20% in 2010, 30% in 2011, and 35% in 2012; and
 - 3) that there be a phase-in of the impact of the 2009 reassessment for commercial properties at the following percentages: 15% in 2009, 20% in 2010, 30% in 2011, and 35% in 2012; and
 - 4) the contingency balances established for the 2005 revaluation period be written off;
 - 5) that the multi-residential contingency requirement for 2009 appeals be established at \$294,000 or 4.33% to be levied

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over a 3-year period (2009, 2010 and 2011) at the rate of 1.44% per year;

- 6) that the appeal contingency for the commercial and industrial property class continue to be established by agreement for the 2009 provincial reassessment;
- 7) that the previously approved 10-year tax shift continues as planned.

BACKGROUND

Provincial legislation requires a revaluation of all property values every four years. This cycle began with the first full reassessment in almost 30 years in 1997. All properties were reassessed in 2001, 2005, and are being reassessed again for the 2009 tax year. The core change occurring for 2009 is that properties are being updated from fair values as at June 30, 2002, (which have been in place since 2005) to fair values as at June 30, 2006.

On a citywide basis, aggregate property values have increased approximately 34%. However, the increases vary by property class. City Council's direction in past reassessments was to begin each reassessment on a 'revenue-neutral' basis at the property class level with no shifting of taxes between property classes. In other words, the increase in fair value at the property class level was to be offset by a corresponding reduction in the effective tax rate for that property class. With these changes in place, reassessment will not cause shifting of taxes between property classes. Total revenue required from each property class (assuming the same total revenue requirement for all taxing authorities) is the same as we begin the 2009 process as when we ended the 2008 process.

There will still be tax shifting, however, within each property class. Within the residential property class, for example, values increased by approximately 34% overall. In response, the tax rate for residential properties will decrease by 34% as we begin the 2009 process. But within this property class, some properties increased in value by more than 34%, others by less. If, for example, a property increased in value by 39%, but the tax rate only decreased by 34%, the result is a shift in taxes to that property. On the other hand, a property that increased in value by 29% will see a tax reduction because the tax rate decreased by 34%. The tax tool City Council has to deal with this shifting is a phase-in of the tax shift.

It has been the experience that with each reassessment there is an increase in assessment appeals to the Board of Revision. As appeals increase, the risk to planned tax revenue also increases. The tax tool City Council has to deal with appeal losses (which directly reduce tax revenue) is to establish appeal contingencies against such losses.

As part of its management of these reassessments, it has been City Council's practice to review its various tax policy options at the time of each reassessment. This report provides Council with Administrative recommendations with respect to phase-in, appeal contingencies, and the status of the planned 10-year tax shift (between property classes) that has been in place since 2001.

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REPORT

This report will summarize the impact of reassessment on each class of property, as well as recommend use of the following tax tools:

- phase-in to mitigate impact of tax shifts within a property class;
- appeal contingencies to mitigate risk of potential losses.

Finally, the report will review the status of the planned 10-year tax shift (between property classes) that has been in place since 2001.

The analysis of the tax impact within each property class was completed by applying the *preliminary revenue-neutral effective tax rate* by class to the verified preliminary 2009 taxable assessments in each class.

Residential and Condominium Class

Residential

The analysis of the tax-dollar implications within this class was done on 54,496 properties (97.3% of the total 55,983) where the 2009 taxable assessment is greater than the 2008 taxable assessment due only to the revaluation (and not through improvements, buildings added, etc.)

As indicated in the Residential Summary, Attachment 1:

- the overall average tax change is a decrease of \$23 or - .79%
- 58.4% of properties (31,822) will have an average decrease of \$163
- 41.6% of properties (22,674) will have an average increase of \$175
- 77.4% of properties (42,166) are within 10% + or – of being revenue-neutral
- 19.6% of properties (10,689) are between 10 and 25% + or – of being revenue-neutral
- 2.5% of properties (1,390) have a tax impact of between 25 and 50% (+ or -)
- 0.46% of properties (251) have a tax impact greater than 50% (+ or -)

Attachment 1a, the charted results of the analysis, shows that the distribution is normal and the majority of properties lie close to the centre.

Condominium

The analysis of the tax-dollar implications for properties within the condominium class was completed on 12,696 (97% of the total 13,078) where the 2009 taxable assessment is greater than the 2008 taxable assessment due only to the revaluation (and not through improvements, buildings added, etc.).

As indicated in the Condominium Summary, Attachment 2:

- the overall average tax change is an increase of \$48 or 2.24%

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- 46.8% of properties (5,947) will have an average decrease of \$152
- 53.2% of properties (6,749) will have an average increase of \$224
- 71.0% of properties (9,018) are within 10% + or – of being revenue-neutral
- 22.0% of properties (2,796) are between 10 and 25% + or – of being revenue-neutral
- 4.5% of properties (580) have a tax impact of between 25 and 50% (+ or -)
- 302 properties have a tax impact greater than 50% (+ or -)

The data was also charted, and as shown in Attachment 2a, the distribution is normal and the majority of properties lie close to the centre.

Phase-in Recommendation for Residential and Condominium Properties

Saskatoon has been phasing-in the impact of changes to property values due to revaluation with each reassessment, beginning in 1997. As was the case with the 2005 revaluation, Administration recommends the impact of the 2009 revaluation to the residential and condominium classes of property be phased in over a two-year period.

Multi-Family Residential Property

The analysis of the tax-dollar implications for properties within the multi-residential class was completed on 662 (96.8% of the total 684) where the 2009 taxable assessment is greater than the 2008 taxable assessment due only to the revaluation (and not through improvements, buildings added, etc).

As indicated in the two charts in Attachment 3:

- the overall average tax change is an decrease of \$1,407 or - 4.49%
- 55.1% of properties (365) will be decreasing:
 - average decrease of \$6,566
 - median decrease of \$2,062
- 44.9% of properties (297) will be increasing:
 - average increase of \$4,934
 - median increase of \$1,740
- 28.2% of properties (187) are within 10% + or – of being revenue-neutral
- 31.9% of properties (211) are between 10 and 25% + or – of being revenue-neutral
- 24.5% of properties (162) have a tax impact of between 25 and 50% (+ or -)
- 102 properties will have a tax impact greater than 50% (+ or -)

The distribution of these changes differ from the residential classes, in that, while the decreases (the left half) look normal, the increases (the right half) are not. The curve spikes back up at the far right of the curve for properties with a value increase greater than 100% increase, Attachment 3a.

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Phase-in Recommendation for Multi-Residential Properties

The tax impact of the 2009 revaluation on multi-residential properties may have a negative effect on an already challenged rental market considering the current low vacancy rate and escalating rent levels. To mitigate the impact of the shift, your Administration is recommending a phase-in period of 4 years with 15% of the impact phased in 2009, 20% in 2010, 25% in 2011 and 40% in 2012. This stepped approach will allow property owners time to adjust and plan for the higher increases in the later years. It should be noted, however, that this approach also defers much of the decrease in tax for those benefiting from the reassessment until the later years.

Commercial and Industrial Property Class

The analysis of the tax-dollar implications within this class was done on 2,723 properties (94.2% of the total 2,890) where the 2009 taxable assessment is greater than the 2008 taxable assessment due only to the revaluation (and not through improvements, buildings added, etc).

As indicated in the Commercial Summary, Attachment 4:

- the overall average tax change is an increase of \$374 or 1.23%
- 46.4% of properties (1,264) decreasing; median value: \$2,840
- 53.6% of properties (1,459) increasing; median value: \$2,358
- 20.5% of properties (559) are within 10% + or – of being revenue-neutral
- 28.2% of properties (768) are between 10 and 25% + or – of being revenue-neutral
- 29.4% of properties (801) have a tax impact of between 25 and 50% (+ or -)
- 21.8% of properties (595) (Attachment 5b) have a tax impact greater than 50% (+ or -)

The distribution charts, Attachment 4a, show that the tax shift impact for the commercial class changes differ from the residential classes, in that, while the decreases (the left half) look normal, the increases (the right half) are not. The curve spikes back up as the percentages increase.

Phase-in for Commercial Properties

Again, the 2009 revaluation has resulted in some commercial properties valued significantly more than they had been in the past, and some significantly less. Your Administration has reviewed these results with representatives of the Saskatoon Combined Business Group, and discussed phase-in options.

Your Administration is recommending a phase-in period of 4 years with 15% of the impact phased in 2009, 20% in 2010, 25% in 2011 and 40% in 2012. As with the multi-residential class, this stepped approach will provide additional time for property owners to adjust their current arrangements and plan for the higher increases in the later years. Again, while this approach benefits those property owners who will experience large increases, it also defers much of the decrease in tax for those benefiting from the reassessment until the later years.

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Appeal Contingencies

The City Assessor and his staff have endeavoured to communicate the impact of the revaluation to property owners throughout this past year including: preview letters to all property owners with preliminary 2009 values, numerous discussions with various individuals and groups, ward meetings, and through the website. Assessment notices will be mailed in the next week, and property owners will have the opportunity to appeal if they believe the values are incorrect.

Residential Appeals

Every year, a small percentage of property owners appeal their assessment. As appeal losses for residential properties have been quite modest, we have levied a contingency against the residential property classes only in years of a provincial reassessment.

The reassessment of 2005 introduced a new sales comparison approach in the valuation of residential and residential condominiums. With this allowable approach, the assessment office was able to produce assessed values that were reasonable and more readily accepted in the residential and residential condominium property group. As a result, the number of appeals for these types of properties was lower in 2005 than in the previous reassessment. The 2009 reassessment has used the same valuation processes as were introduced in the 2005 reassessment.

For properties in the multi-residential and commercial classes, the 2009 assessment process is moving to a market appraisal standard that replaces the process-based assessment system that existed in the past. This change may result increased appeal volumes in 2009 within both these classes.

Residential, Condominium and Multi-Residential Contingency

As indicated in the chart below, the contingency levy approved by City Council in 2005 was 0.5% for both the residential and condominium classes, and 1% for multi-residential. The appeal losses for residential and condominium were less than anticipated, while the losses in the multi-residential class exceeded the contingency.

Property Class	2005 Total Levy		Appeal Losses 2005	2008 Contingency Balance	2009 Recommended	
	\$\$	%			\$\$	%
Residential	268,000	1/2%	-47,859	220,140	39,000	0.05%
Condominium	38,000	1/2%	-16,995	21,006	21,006	0.16%
Multi-Family	80,500	1%	-203,064	-122,564	416,000	6.15%

The contingency for multi-residential appeals is in a deficit position of \$122,564 (1.82% of levy) and the 2009 requirement is estimated at \$293,436 (4.33%) totalling \$416,000 (6.15%).

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The contingency for residential appeals is in a positive position of \$220,140. Residential appeal losses are estimated to be approximately \$39,000 (.05% of levy) leaving unused funds of \$181,140. Your Administration has identified two options for Council to consider:

1. The excess of \$181,140 residential contingency may be returned to the taxpayers in that class through a reduction of the 2009 levy requirement in that property class. The 6.15% requirement for the multi-residential class (city and school portion including deficit) would be levied over a 3-year period (2009, 2010 and 2011) at the rate of 2.05% per year.
2. The contingency balances established for the 2005 revaluation period be written off (\$181,140 credit in residential and \$122,564 deficit in multi-residential) leaving balances of \$39,000 in the residential contingency and a zero balance in the multi-residential contingency. The multi-residential contingency requirement for 2009 appeals is estimated to be \$294,000 or 4.33% to be levied over a 3-year period (2009, 2010 and 2011) at the rate of 1.44% per year.

Your Administration is recommending Option 2, requiring no additional residential contingency levy, and a multi-residential contingency levy to offset future losses.

The contingency for condominium appeals is in a positive position of \$21,006 (.016%), and it is not anticipated losses will exceed this amount in 2009. Your Administration is recommending no additional contingency levy for condominium appeals in 2009.

Commercial Appeals and Contingency

Your Administration is recommending no contingency levy against commercial properties for 2009. We have an agreement with the Saskatoon Combined Business Group under which the appeal contingency balance is reviewed and a contingency levied as deemed required.

In addition, there is agreement that any shortfall in this appeal reserve will also be levied against commercial properties.

10-Year Tax Shift Plan

In 2001, City Council adopted a tax policy that shifts taxes from commercial and multi-family properties to residential and condominium properties over a 10-year period. At the conclusion of that period, the intent is to have one residential effective tax rate (for all residential, condominium and multi-family residential properties) and an effective tax rate on commercial and industrial properties at 1.75 times the residential rate.

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The first two data columns of the table below summarize the ratio of tax incidence at the time the tax shifting began, and the target once the planned shifting ended. The next two columns show the 2008 ratio and the planned 2009 ratio.

Property Class	Actual Tax Ratio in 2001	Target Tax Ratio Over 10 years	Actual Tax Ratio in 2008	Planned Tax Ratio After 2009 Shift
Residential	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Condominium	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Multi-Family	1.80	1.00	1.20	1.10
Commercial	2.36	1.75	1.85	1.80

Your Administration concludes that nothing has occurred through the 2009 reassessment that should cause City Council to reconsider the tax ratio targets it set in 2001, or the 10-year plan to shift these taxes.

COMMUNICATION PLAN

Once tax policy is established for 2009, your Administration will begin developing a communication plan, which will include information on the website, training of Customer Service Representatives, and written communication to customers (accompanying the 2005 Property Tax Notice).

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This entire report is dealing with tax policy implications and options for 2009.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All recommendations and options are revenue-neutral to the various taxing authorities. The financial impact of this report is with individual property owners.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Summary of Impact on Residential Properties.
- 1a. Charted Results of Impact on Residential Properties.
2. Summary of Impact on Condominium Properties.
- 2a. Charted Results of Impact on Condominium Properties.
3. Summary of Impact on Multi-Residential Properties.
- 3a. Charted Results of Impact on Multi-Residential Properties.
4. Summary of Impact on Commercial Properties.
- 4a. Charted Results of Impact on Commercial Properties.

- IT WAS RESOLVED:*
- 1) *that there be a phase-in of the tax impact of the 2009 provincial reassessment for residential and condominium classes at 50% in 2009, and 50% in 2010;*
 - 2) *that there be a phase-in of the impact of the 2009 reassessment for multi-residential properties at the following percentages: 15% in 2009, 20% in 2010, 30% in 2011, and 35% in 2012;*
 - 3) *that there be a phase-in of the impact of the 2009 reassessment for commercial properties at the following percentages: 15% in 2009, 20% in 2010, 30% in 2011, and 35% in 2012;*
 - 4) *the contingency balances established for the 2005 revaluation period for residential and multi-residential property classes in the amounts of \$181,140 positive and \$122,564 negative be written off against the 2008 operations;*
 - 5) *that the multi-residential contingency requirement for 2009 appeals be established at \$294,000 or 4.33% to be levied over a 3-year period (2009, 2010 and 2011) at the rate of 1.44% per year;*
 - 6) *that the appeal contingency for the commercial and industrial property class continue to be established by agreement for the 2009 provincial reassessment; and*
 - 7) *that the previously approved 10-year tax shift continues as planned.*

Section C – HUMAN RESOURCES

**C1) Saskatoon Tribal Council Employer Recognition
(File No. CK. 205-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

The City of Saskatoon is committed to providing local government through leadership, teamwork, partnership and dedication to the community. Our Employment Equity Program strives to assist in supporting that mission in ensuring all members of society have fair and equal access to employment opportunities. Our goal is to have our workforce reflect the diversity of our community of Saskatoon. The Human Resource Department partners with community-based organizations like the Saskatoon Tribal Council in achieving a representative workforce.

The Saskatoon Tribal Council, a member of the Saskatchewan Indian Training Assessment Group Inc. (SITAG), is a program delivery agency that works closely with the City of Saskatoon to increase the employment of First Nations people within the Corporation. On December 18, 2008, the Saskatoon Tribal Council and SITAG acknowledged the City of Saskatoon's dedication to the growth and development of the First Nations workforce.

The Saskatoon Tribal Council partners with the City of Saskatoon on diversity initiatives, such as, Aboriginal Pre-employment Transit Operator Program, Me Ta We Tan – Travelling Cultural Van, Aboriginal Youth Leadership and Development Programs and regularly assisting in the recruitment of First Nations people through our corporate Outreach Recruitment Program.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Letter from Saskatoon Tribal Council and Saskatchewan Indian Training Assessment Group Inc. dated November 25, 2008.

Section F – UTILITY SERVICES

**F1) Enquiry – Councillor B. Dubois (September 29, 2008)
Transit for Disabled Funding
(File No. CK. 1860-6 and WT 7305-7)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

BACKGROUND

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Dubois at the meeting of September 29, 2008:

“Would the Administration please bring forward the details on funding not received recently from the Provincial Transit for Disabled Funding (TFD) as well as devise a plan with Council to move forward for acquiring future funding.”

REPORT

The Municipal Transit Assistance for People with Disabilities (TFD) Program is a financial assistance program for participating cities and towns in support of paratransit services, administered by the Province of Saskatchewan. The primary role of the program is to allocate operating grants for paratransit properties throughout the province. There are a total of 76 municipalities, which consist of 13 cities and 63 towns, in the program. The TFD fund, which has had the same cap of \$2.375 millions dollars for operating budgets, for the last eight years, is a performance based program (as directed by SUMA) in which the funding formula is based on how many revenue service trips each property provides annually. Correspondence received on April 3, 2008 from Mr. Russ Krywulak, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, confirmed that Saskatoon’s Access Transit will receive \$604,728.00 as our community’s TFD operating allocation for 2008.

In addition to the TFD, the Province of Saskatchewan administers the Centenary Fund consisting of \$275,000 for annual capital projects. These capital funds are divided into five \$55,000.00 grants for bus replacements. Access Transit has not received the \$55,000.00 grant for a bus replacement since 2006. For bus replacements in 2008, Access Transit Administration wrote a report to Council requesting a transfer of funds from Federal funding to the Access Transit reserve for three bus replacements. As Saskatoon is one of seven cities eligible for federal public transit funding, Access Transit is perceived to have adequate capital funding.

City of Saskatoon Capital Budget projects are approved at the end of December of each year. Provincial budgets are approved at the end of March each year, including requests for the Transit for Disabled (TFD) funding. This timing difference makes it difficult for Saskatoon Transit to accurately plan the Access Transit Capital Budget.

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In the October 2008 audit report prepared by Robert Prosser and Associates, insufficient provincial funding and the possible future ramifications are discussed. Furthermore, under Recommendation #10, it states that the following matters be referred to City Council for direction:

- Provincial funding levels that have not kept pace with operating costs or demand,
- The unfunded transfer of responsibility for ambulatory patient transport, and;
- Efforts to pursue a community-wide plan to cooperatively address demand for accessible transportation services.

An article appeared in the October 27, 2008 Regina Leader Post regarding Regina's paratransit service. Regina's paratransit is experiencing similar funding issues. It is imperative that paratransit properties, in conjunction with senior civic management and civic officials, continue to lobby the provincial government for a revised and increased level operating and capital funding grants. In this regard, Saskatoon Transit is currently participating in a multi-community review of current and future operating funding support received from the Provincial Government. SUMA, Saskatchewan Municipal Affairs and the Cities of Saskatoon, Regina, Moose Jaw have established a working group to build a case for increased support from the Province of Saskatchewan for the Municipal Transit Assistance for People with Disabilities Program, as well as develop a comprehensive provincial policy on Transit for the Disabled.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. TFD Funding vs. Total Cost to the City of Saskatoon
2. October 27, 2008 Article from the Regina Leader Post

IT WAS RESOLVED: that consideration of the matter be deferred to the next meeting.

**F2) 2009 Capital Budget
Capital Project #1217 and #1054-39 – Water Treatment Plant
Intake Infrastructure, Screening Building and Low Lift Station Upgrade
Award of Engineering Services
(File No. CK. 7920-1 and WT 7960-83-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the proposal for the engineering services (Option 1A) submitted by AECOM Canada Ltd. (AECOM) for the design, project engineering, and construction supervision of the replacement/repairs to the intake infrastructure, Screen Building, and Low Lift Station to an upset limit cost of \$393,786.90 (including G.S.T. and P.S.T) be accepted; and

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- 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary Engineering Services Agreement for the execution by His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk under the Corporate Seal.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

Within 2009 Capital Project #1217 and #1054-39 exists a total of \$3,289,000 of approved funding for the replacement/repairs of the existing river intake infrastructure, the Screen Building, and the Low Lift Station. This system is more than 50 years old and is presently utilized for supplying make-up water during peak flow requirements in the summer and when the main water intake at the Queen Elizabeth Power Station is shut down for maintenance. This water intake will serve as a redundant supply in the future for the new water intake system.

REPORT

Four consultants were invited to submit an engineering proposal to develop a concept plan (Stage 1) for the repair/renovations of the existing river intake infrastructure, the Screen Building, and the Low Lift Station. AECOM (EarthTech) was the successful proponent and has submitted a proposal with three concept plan options:

- Option 1: Repairs/replacement of equipment without the building repairs.
- Option 2: Repairs/replacement with the building repairs.
- Option 3: Repairs/replacement with a new combined building envelope.

The Water Treatment Plant staff has worked with AECOM to form an Option 1A. Based on Option 1A, AECOM and the Administration entered into negotiations resulting in a subsequent proposal (Stage 2) for the detailed design, project engineering, and construction supervision of the replacement/repairs to the intake infrastructure, Screen Building, and Low Lift Station.

The recommendations within the subsequent proposal (Stage 2) are as follows:

- Replacement of two dysfunctional travelling band screens, two gate valves, two sand pumps, gratings, steel structures, HVAC system, and the electrical upgrade.
- Investigation and examination of five river intake pipes, two river intake weirs, bar screen replacement, flushing/cleaning of jammed pipes and/or replacement.
- Necessary repairs and renovations of the existing footprints of the screening building and low lift station.

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The cost estimate includes upset fees for detailed design, selection of equipment, tender document preparation, and supervision of contract for construction/installation/commissioning. The engineer's estimate for the construction and replacement of equipment is approximately \$2,508,281.00. The net cost to the City for proposal Option 1A submitted by AECOM would be as follows:

Contract Base Price (including PST)	\$353,398.50
Contingency (7%)	23,559.90
GST (5%)	<u>16,828.50</u>
Total Tender Price	\$393,786.90
GST Rebate (5%)	<u>16,828.50</u>
Net Cost to the City	<u>\$376,958.40</u>

OPTIONS

AECOM submitted the initial proposal (Stage 1) with three options for modifying the Screen Building and Low Lift Station. Option 1 did not provide adequate space for an electrical control room nor provide an adequate HVAC system to remove humidity from the building to prevent corrosion of the equipment. Options 2 and 3 involved higher structural and building construction costs of approximately \$1,100,000 and \$2,750,000 more than Option 1A, which was deemed excessive. It is felt that it would be more prudent to apply these resources elsewhere on higher priority items.

Your Administration recommends Option 1A as outlined in the report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

2009 Capital Projects #1217 and #1054-39 have approved funding of \$3,289,000.00 and, as such, sufficient funding exists.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Section G – CITY MANAGER

**G1) River Landing - Capital Budget Update
(File No. CK. 4129-5 and CC 4130-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the information be received; and
 - 2) that River Landing Phase II Project 1787 receive a post budget adjustment of \$2.51M to be funded as outlined in the attachment.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

The River Landing redevelopment project is designed to enhance the sustainability of the city's downtown and core neighbourhoods by reclaiming and developing under-utilized areas of the city adjacent to the riverbank.

The original budget estimates were established in 2004 based on the South Downtown Concept Plan. As preliminary and detailed design plans were developed for each project, Administration was able to establish more accurate and timely budget estimates. However, infill construction, particularly brownfield redevelopment, involves atypical construction compared to greenfield development. Phase II, with its varied past uses, contains a nest of un-charted underground foundations, walls, and abandoned utilities which has made design and construction an ongoing challenge. As well, the heated local economy in the past two years has made securing contractors, subcontractors, materials, and trades people difficult and costly. While project managers have been successful in designing and engineering through these issues, this work has generated various accumulated and projected cost increases.

At the same time, the investment into infrastructure, public spaces, and the riverfront, coupled with improved values for real estate, have significantly increased the value of the land that will be ultimately sold for development. This report updates progress achieved to date and outlines the need for additional capital, along with a source for the required funds.

REPORT

River Landing Phase I

Riverfront

While the Phase I riverfront pathway was opened in 2007, major amenities, including the amphitheatre and children's water play feature, were officially opened to great fanfare on June 20, 2008. As well, the early numbers from the trail counters are encouraging. In July, pedestrian counts indicate that the area experienced a significant jump in activity. 2009 projects remaining

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include the boat dock, the natural gas fire pit, tree grates, additional site furnishings, and the backshore link.

Streets and Streetscape

Construction of the new Saunders Road and hard-surface public area to the north of Persephone Theatre was completed in 2008. Construction of the remaining sidewalks surrounding Parcel Y will begin following the construction of the River Landing Village project.

The original budget, established in early 2004, included an estimate for surface parking under the Senator Sid Buckwold Bridge. This project is now being done in conjunction with the reconstruction of 19th Street. There have been significant increases in construction costs over the past four to five years, coupled with an increase in the scope of the project. These costs will be absorbed by the contingency allowance on Phase I.

Consultation and Planning

Consultation and planning captures all global reports, evaluations, studies, design, and marketing accruing to Phase I. The original budget did not include civic staff salaries and benefits.

Destination Complex

While the Destination Committee continues to work on establishing recommended uses, expenditures to date include the previously approved construction of the south and west foundation walls for future underground parking and the construction of the temporary parking lot and lighting surrounding Persephone Theatre. Revenue into this cost centre includes a monthly lease payment from the Theatre.

River Landing Phase II

Environmental Cleanup

The remediation of soil on the majority of the parcels for re-development was completed in 2006. The project was very challenging, with soil conditions sometimes varying within two metres of any particular location. Soil issues continue to be encountered within the right-of-ways and have been dealt with under the permit issued by the regulatory authorities. While this was not a complete surprise, as the site has had a number of varying uses throughout the years, the volumes have been more than anticipated by project engineers.

Farmers' Market/Ideas Inc./Market Square

As many of those travelling along 19th Street will know, renovations and expansion of the former electrical garage and offices into the new home for the Saskatoon Farmers' Market and business incubator are now complete. The grand opening of the renovated building and Market Square took place on October 1, 2007 and since then, the Market has experienced record crowds. Meanwhile,

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the Ideas Inc. business incubator was officially unveiled on October 1, 2007 and is now fully operational with all commercial retail units leased and open for business.

Renovations of the old buildings proved to be problematic, including the previously reported and unexpected removal of asbestos insulation in the ceiling, additional work required on a new roof, and additional expenses in dealing with unexpected, abandoned underground infrastructure and soil conditions within the Market Square.

Riverfront

Following the input received at public open forums, stakeholder consultations, and two visioning workshops, the Master Plan for the redevelopment of the riverfront on River Landing Phase II was completed. Construction start was delayed to June, 2007 due to extraordinary environmental review and study. The first two contracts focused on hardening the river edge, retaining walls, underground services, the construction of the pedestrian bridge and pathway. The renovation of the former A.L. Cole pumphouse is also underway. The construction schedule calls for the reopening of the riverfront walk in spring/summer 2009.

The final contract is set to be tendered this spring and will complete pathway construction, develop the park entries from Avenues A and B, soft landscaping, activity area, and the boat dock. Given recent construction cost increases, it is estimated that an additional \$250,000 will be required. Areas around the existing lift station and backshore link along the Senator Sid Buckwold Bridge will need to be addressed following the completion of the removal of the lift station and the installation of the force main.

Servicing

The streetscape designs and construction for Avenues A, B, and C between 19th Street and 20th Street were completed in the spring of 2008.

South of 19th Street, construction started in May of 2008 on the streets, sidewalks, streetscape furniture, trees and irrigation, and other street amenities. Sonnenschein and Avenues A and B to Sonnenschein are complete. The remaining project will be complete in 2009. Due to the soil and underground infrastructure issues uncovered in other areas completed to date, it is anticipated that an additional \$150,000 will be required.

Pathways, Parking and Connections (19th Street Reconfiguration)

In April of 2008, the reconfiguration of 19th Street began. For years, residents have lamented the poor condition of 19th Street, specifically the grotto-like dip in the street under the bridges. The area was not ideal for both pedestrian and vehicle traffic, and the South Downtown Concept Plan called for the removal of these barriers to improve the movement east and west along 19th as well as north and south across 19th. When the original plan to build pedestrian bridges was not well-received by stakeholder groups, the engineers designed a system that would see the 1st Avenue

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overpass removed and 19th Street raised by seven feet, allowing for an at-grade intersection to be constructed.

The new 19th Street roadway, as well as the new 1st Avenue entry onto the Senator Sid Buckwold Bridge, was opened in December 2008. Work continues through the winter and completion of the project, mostly streetscape and landscaping, is scheduled for the summer of 2009.

Additional project capital costs identified in the attached budget (Attachment 1) will cover the work to remove the concrete retaining wall, underground infrastructure, and additional quantities of paving stones and asphalt required to complete the project.

Isinger Park/Substation Mitigation

The design of the new pocket park next to Avenue C, south of 19th Street, began in earnest with a public open house held on November 15, 2007 at Princess Alexandra School. Local residents were provided an opportunity to provide valuable input at the earliest stages of the development. Construction of the park began in the spring of 2008 and is scheduled to be complete by the summer of 2009.

Funding

The capital plan for both Phase I and Phase II draws funds from the federal and provincial governments, contributions from the City of Saskatoon, and from the sale of land. In Phase II, the pending sale agreement with PEDCO for Parcel A, coupled with recent independent appraisals for the value of the remaining two parcels will cover the actual and projected increases in capital costs.

The global financial downturn may create difficulties for major developers to obtain financing for the purchase and development of River Landing parcels. To this end, Administration has developed a strategy to bridge finance these projects through the Property Realized Reserve should there be any delays in marketing the parcels.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. River Landing Phase I and Phase II Budgets.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 3-2009

Section A – OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

**A1) Travel Expenses and Car Allowance – Councillors
(File No. CK. 1970-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Section 3.4 of Policy No. C01-023, “City Councillors’ Travel and Training”, states that the City Clerk will, on an annual basis, prepare a report listing the total cost of Councillors’ combined travel and training from the Councillors’ Common Travel and Training Budget, and the total cost of each Councillor’s individual travel and training.

Each Councillor is allotted \$3,500 per year for general travel and training, such as attendance at the annual SUMA and FCM conferences. This amount is pro-rated in an election year. In addition, a Common Travel and Training Budget in the amount of \$24,000 is provided in order for a Councillor to attend annual conferences or board meetings of any organization on which he or she sits as an official representative of the City of Saskatoon, such as the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association.

The amount spent on car allowance in 2008 is also included. There was a total budget of \$20,000 for use by all Councillors.

The following are the expenditures in 2008:

Individual Travel and Training

Total Amount Budgeted	\$ 35,000
Total Amount Spent	\$ 30,852

Individual Expenditures

Councillor Clark	\$ 3,911
Councillor Dubois	\$ 3,600
Councillor Heidt	\$ 6,966
Councillor Hill	\$ 5,800
Councillor Lorje	\$ 0
Councillor Neault	\$ 0
Councillor Paulsen	\$ 2,930
Councillor Penner	\$ 4,464
Councillor Pringle	\$ 0
Councillor Wyant	\$ 3,181

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Common Travel and Training

Total Amount Budgeted	\$ 24,000
Total Amount Spent	\$ 15,533
Councillor Clark	\$ 0
Councillor Dubois	\$ 6,394
Councillor Heidt	\$ 140
Councillor Hill	\$ 1,454
Councillor Lorje	\$ 217
Councillor Neault	\$ 0
Councillor Paulsen	\$ 5,253
Councillor Penner	\$ 0
Councillor Pringle	\$ 0
Councillor Wyant	\$ 2,075

Car Allowance

Total Amount Budgeted	\$ 20,000
Total Amount Spent	\$ 13,579

Individual Expenditures

Councillor Clark	\$ 0
Councillor Dubois	\$ 1,944
Councillor Heidt	\$ 1,652
Councillor Hill	\$ 1,863
Councillor Lorje	\$ 2,479
Councillor Neault	\$ 0
Councillor Paulsen	\$ 785
Councillor Penner	\$ 1,089
Councillor Pringle	\$ 2,436
Councillor Wyant	\$ 1,331

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Section B – OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

**B1) Snow and Ice Program - Snow Routes
Implementation of Phase 2
(File No. CK. 6290-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8743.

ADOPTED.

At its meeting held on January 26, 2009, City Council resolved:

- “1) that Bylaw No. 7200, The Traffic Bylaw, be amended to include the streets listed in the Snow Route Phase 2 Street List (Attachment 1) for ‘no parking’ bans as installation commences in winter 2008/2009;
- 2) that the fine for an offence for parking on a designated snow route during a ban be increased from \$50 to \$65; and
- 3) that the City Solicitor be instructed to make the necessary amendments to Bylaw No. 7200 for consideration by City Council.”

We are pleased to enclose Bylaw No. 8743 amending *The Traffic Bylaw* to include the streets listed in the Snow Route Phase 2 Street List and amending the parking offence on a designated snow route to \$65.00.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 8743, The Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 2009 (No. 2).

REPORT NO. 3-2009 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. Perceptions Affecting Affordable Housing Projects
(File No. CK. 750-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the report entitled Affordable Housing in Saskatoon: Industry Perceptions and Experiences be received as information.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 27, 2009, with the Administration and is forwarding the report to City Council as information.

**2. Varsity View Community Association Request to Declare Installation of
Playground Equipment in President Murray Park a Municipal Project
(File No. CK. 4205-1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the installation of playground equipment in President Murray Park be approved as a Municipal Project, which is jointly funded by the Varsity View Community Association and the City of Saskatoon; and
- 2) that the Treasurer's Branch, Corporate Services Department, be authorized and directed to accept donations for this project and to issue appropriate receipts to donors who contribute funds to the project.

ADOPTED.

Attached is the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 23, 2009, with respect to the above matter.

Your Committee has reviewed the report and is supporting the above recommendations.

REPORT NO. 1-2009 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

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

**1. Sole Source Purchase Over \$100,000 – Electric Meters
(File No. CK. 1000-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that approval be granted for the purchase of 4,662 electric meters with advanced metering infrastructure capabilities from Elster Metering, a Division of Elster Canadian Meter Co. Inc., for \$500,095.90 including taxes; and
 - 2) that the Purchasing Manager be authorized to issue the Purchase Order to Elster Metering for this purchase of meters.

ADOPTED.

Attached is the report of the General Manager, Utility Services Department dated January 28, 2009 regarding the purchase of electric meters with advanced metering infrastructure capabilities. This proposed purchase of meters is part of the 2009 annual meter replacement program which was approved in the 2009 Capital Budget. The Administration has selected the electric meters from Elster Metering, in that they are best suited for the present and future for the utility.

Your Committee has reviewed this matter with the Administration, and supports this purchase of meters.

**2. Commercial Garbage Collection Rates – 2009
(File No. CK. 1905-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that commercial garbage collection fees be increased effective April 1, 2009, as outlined in Table 1 of the attached report; and

- 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary bylaw amendments for consideration by City Council.

ADOPTED.

Attached is the report of the General Manager, Utility Services Department dated January 8, 2009 containing information on proposed increases to the commercial garbage collection fees as outlined in Table 1 of the report. This increase in tipping fees is for garbage collection services to approximately 450 commercial and institutional customers throughout the City, and approximately 50 civic locations, and is designed for full cost recovery. Since the last increase in 2007, the costs of collection have increased by approximately 20%. As will be noted, the two values in each entry in Table 1 of the report represent the rate for scheduled and unscheduled pick-ups.

Your Committee has reviewed this matter with the Administration and supports the proposed fee increases.

REPORT NO. 3-2009 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

His Worship Mayor D. Atchison, Chair
Councillor C. Clark
Councillor B. Dubois
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor D. Hill
Councillor P. Lorje
Councillor M. Neault
Councillor T. Paulsen
Councillor G. Penner
Councillor B. Pringle
Councillor G. Wyant

**1. Canadian Navy Centennial Essay Contest and Educational Resource
(File No. CK. 1870-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the City of Saskatoon sponsor the Canadian Navy Centennial Essay Contest and Educational Resource in the amount of \$1,000.

ADOPTED.

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Your Committee has considered and is pleased to support the funding request outlined in the attached letter from The Naval Officers' Association of Canada.

**2. Remuneration for Board of Revision Members
(File No. CK. 175-6)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) the Chair of the Board of Revision receive an annual honorarium of \$3,600 and the Panel Chairs receive an annual honorarium of \$1,800; and
 - 2) that all Board of Revision members receive a remuneration of \$150/day and \$75/half day, while in session.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered and supports the following report of the City Clerk dated January 26, 2009:

“On January 15, 1998, City Council set the remuneration for members of the Board of Revision as follows:

Board Chair - \$3,000 annual honorarium plus \$125/day and \$62.50/half day,
while in session

Panel Chairs - \$1,500 annual honorarium plus \$125/day and \$62.50/half day,
while in session

Board members - \$125 per day and \$62.50/half day, while in session.

As City Council is aware, 2009 is a revaluation year, and it is expected that, as in other revaluation years, the workload for the Board of Revision will be substantial. The appeals coming before the Board of Revision are complex and require a considerable commitment of board members' time.

A review of other jurisdictions in Western Canada has shown that the compensation rate and formula for compensation varies from one jurisdiction to another; however, when applying Saskatoon's rate and formula to other cities, the results showed that Saskatoon has fallen behind in its level of compensation.

In order to both recognize the work of the members of the Board of Revision and to meet the level of compensation in other Cities, it is being recommended that the annual honorarium for the Board Chair be increased to \$3,600; the annual honorarium for Panel Chairs be increased to \$1,800; and the daily rate for all members, while in session, be increased to \$150 (\$75/half day).

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

It is estimated that the proposed changes will cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**3. Saskatoon Airport Authority
Members Nominated by The City of Saskatoon
Expiration of Term
(File No. CK. 175-43)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council nominate the following persons to be Members of the Saskatoon Airport Authority, for the terms indicated:

- 1) Nancy Hopkins, Q.C., throughout a term expiring at the conclusion of the 2012 Public Annual Meeting of the Corporation, which will be held prior to May 15, 2012; and
- 2) Peter MacKinnon throughout a term expiring at the conclusion of the 2012 Public Annual Meeting of the Corporation, which will be held prior to May 15, 2012.

ADOPTED.

The Saskatoon Airport Authority is a not-for-profit corporation pursuant to the provisions of the *Canada Corporations Act*, and is responsible for managing, operation and development of the Saskatoon John G. Diefenbaker International Airport. The City of Saskatoon is a Nominator of the Corporation.

The above appointments are necessary to address two of the City’s nominations whose terms expire at the conclusion of the 2009 annual meeting.

**4. Appointments – Albert Community Centre Management Committee
(File No. CK. 225-57)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed to the Albert Community Centre Management Committee for 2009:

Councillor C. Clark
Jim Greenshields (City employee designated by City Manager)

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Jason Aebig (Public)
Annemarie Cherneskey (Public)
Grant Whitecross (Nutana Community Association)
Darrel Epp (Varsity View Community Association)

ADOPTED.

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

RECOMMENDATION: that the City's representative be instructed to vote the City's proxy at the 2009 Annual Meeting for the appointment of Jason Aebig to the Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation Board of Trustees throughout a term expiring at the conclusion of the 2011 Annual Meeting.

ADOPTED.

**6. Capital Budget Calculations
Transit Projects
AND
Approval of Tenders
Transit Services Branch, Utility Services
(File No. CK. 7300-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

City Council, at its meeting held on November 17, 2008, approved the increased funding and the award of the contract for Capital Project 2319, Transit Electronic Fare Box. Council referred the matter of arriving at figures for Capital Budget for Transit to the Administration and Finance Committee.

City Council, at the same meeting, awarded a contract for the supply of onboard bus digital video and audio visual surveillance systems and referred the matter of approvals of tenders by the Administration to the Administration and Finance Committee.

The Administration and Finance Committee, at its meeting held on November 24, 2008, resolved that these matters be referred to the Administration to report to the Executive Committee.

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Attached is a report of the General Manager, Utility Services Department dated January 26, 2009 regarding the two issues.”

His Worship the Mayor assumed the Chair.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

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

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were considered and dealt with as stated:

B. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

1) Jessie Kalman, Polaris Institute and Greenpeace Canada, dated January 27

Encouraging Council to sign letter to President Obama with respect to Canada’s tar sands. (File No. CK. 375-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

2) Donald K. Johnson, dated December 18 & January 12

Commenting on proposal to provide greater private sector funding to charities. (File No. CK. 1860-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

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3) Janice Moorgen, dated January 28

Advising of a fundraiser for the Miss Canada Globe pageant by way of an advertising campaign. (File No. CK. 1870-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS

1) Katelyn Janzen, dated December 19

Commenting on parking in the downtown area. (File No. CK. 6120-3)

2) Paul Newbigging, Christian Children's Fund of Canada, dated January 12

Providing a certificate to thank the citizens of Saskatoon for donations received to sponsor children in developing countries. (File No. CK. 150-5)

3) Justine Lustig, dated January 22

Commenting on snow removal. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

4) Iris Rugg, dated January 26

Commenting on recent increase in fees at the walking track at the soccer centre. (File No. CK. 1720-1)

5) Dale Gallant, dated January 27

Commenting on proposal to mandate shields in taxis. (File No. CK. 7000-1)

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6) David Gabruch, Chair, Board of Revision, dated January 26

Submitting copy of 2008 Annual Report of the Saskatoon Board of Revision. (File No. CK. 430-1)

7) Oliver E. Laxdal, undated

Commenting on the need to upgrade hiking, biking, walking and jogging trails in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 5300-5-5)

8) Vivian R. Dawson, dated January 27

Commenting on wheelchair accessibility at TCU Place. (File No. CK. 620-3)

9) Austyn Schenstead, dated January 29

Commenting on electricity wasted by traffic lights. (File No. CK. 6250-1)

10) W. Novakosvsky, By law Prosecutor, U of S, dated January 30

Commenting on parking situation at and near the U of S. (File No. CK. 6120-1)

11) Angela Wallman, Tourism Saskatoon, dated January 20

Submitting 2008 Un-Audited Financial Statements. (File No. CK. 1610-1)

12) Christopher Thomson, dated February 6

Commenting on snow removal. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

13) Brad Taylor, dated February 8

Commenting on interview on CTV with respect to recent stabbings. (File No. CK. 5000-1)

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14) Joanne Sproule, Deputy City Clerk, dated January 28

Submitting Notice of Appeal of Development Appeals Board with respect to the property located at 405 Avenue O south. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

15) Jack Grover, Grover Holdings Ltd., dated January 22 & 28

Commenting on property located at 402 27th Street West. (File No. CK. 4400-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Pringle, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

D. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

1) Erica Salud, dated December 19

Commenting on the lighting on the Traffic Bridge. (File No. CK. 6050-8) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

2) The Hon. Nancy Heppner, Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority, dated January 16

Providing information on low flush toilets as a water conservation initiative. (File No. CK. 7900-1) **(Referred to Administration for consideration.)**

3) Doreen Wilson, dated January 21

Commenting on snow removal and proposed front-street garbage pick-up. (File Nos. CK. 6290-1 & 7830-3) **(Referred to Administration for further handling.)**

4) Paget Code, dated January 21

Commenting on the need for bicycle lanes in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 5300-5-5) **(Referred to Administration for consideration.)**

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5) Jackie Latendresse, dated January 21

Commenting on the need for bicycle lanes in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 5300-5-5) **(Referred to Administration for consideration.)**

6) Andrew Johnson, dated January 21

Commenting on the need for bicycle lanes in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 5300-5-5) **(Referred to Administration for consideration.)**

7) Tony Ollenberger, dated January 22

Commenting on difficulties trying park after snow has been plowed. (File No. CK. 6290-1) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

8) Doug N. Ayer, dated January 23

Offering to be Saskatoon's Poet Laureate. (File No. CK. 362-1) **(Referred to Director of Libraries to respond to the writer.)**

9) Camille St. Amand, dated February 2

Commenting on ways to reduce waste. (File No. CK. 7830-5) **(Referred to Administration for consideration.)**

10) Gary Giesbrecht, dated February 4

Commenting on services provided to a neighbour. (File No. CK. 7830-3) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

11) G. Shawn Ward, dated February 5

Commenting on the need for median boulevards on Adilman Drive. (File No. CK. 6320-1) **(Referred to Administration for consideration.)**

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12) Joni Hagen, Recreation Consultant, Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association Inc., dated February 2

Providing information with respect to Sogo Active and the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay Route. (File No. CK. 247-1) **(Referred to Administration for further handling.)**

13) Norm Campbell, Chief Executive Officer, Communities in Bloom, dated February 2

Providing information on the Communities in Bloom Program. (File No. CK. 205-1) **(Referred to Administration for further handling.)**

14) Matthew Warren, Recreation Consultant, Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association Inc., dated February 4

Providing information with respect to the SPRA 2009 Spring Education and Training Symposium. (File No. CK. 247-1) **(Referred to Administration for further handling.)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

E. PROCLAMATIONS

1) David M. Arnot, Chief Commissioner, Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission, dated January 28

Requesting City Council proclaim March 21, 2009 as International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. (File No. CK. 205-5)

2) Becky Sasakamoose Kuffner, Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Coordinator, dated February 2

Requesting City Council proclaim March 2009 as Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Month and asking permission to hold a flag raising. (File No. CK. 205-5)

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3) Ken Wilkinson, SCC Board Chair, Saskatchewan Craft Council, dated January 28

Requesting City Council proclaim the week of April 12 to 18, 2009 as Week of Craft. (File No. CK. 205-5)

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

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

- 1) that the above-noted flag raising be approved, subject to administrative conditions;*
- 2) that City Council approve all proclamations as set out in Section E; and*
- 3) that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamations, in the standard form, on behalf of City Council.*

CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES

Councillor B. Pringle
Recycling Depot – Stonebridge Neighbourhood
(File No. CK. 7830-5)

Given that Stonebridge is rapidly growing, and there is a desire for greater recycling options in this area, would the Administration please provide the residents with city plans to locate a visible recycling depot, especially paper and cardboard in the short term.

Councillor B. Pringle
Safety Issues – Clarence Avenue South
(File No. CK. 6250-1)

I still continue to get many calls regarding pedestrian safety concerns on Clarence Avenue South. Three public meetings have occurred, and we have made important adjustments. Could the Administration please explore installing a crosswalk caution sign similar to the one we have placed on McEwen Avenue in Eastview.

Councillor G. Penner

**Sound Attenuation – Circle Drive Between 14th Street East and 8th Street East
(File No. CK. 375-2)**

When the sound attenuation walls were constructed between 14th Street East and 8th Street East, the wall coming south to 8th Street from Circle Drive stops prior to the intersection, leaving some homes without sound attenuation. Could I have a report indicating why the wall was ended where it is and whether there is any other solution possible for this site.

Councillor T. Paulsen

**RV Parking
(File No. CK. 6120-1)**

Could the Administration please report on amending The Traffic Bylaw to allow those streets that do not have on-street parking available for loading/unloading RVs to park the RV on the driveway/sidewalk in front of the homeowner's residence for loading and unloading purposes only.

The meeting recessed at 6:57 p.m. and reconvened at 7:00 p.m. with His Worship the Mayor in the Chair.

HEARINGS

**4a) Discretionary Use Application
One-Unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite – Type II
Lot 17, Block 36, Plan No. E5618
507 Avenue G South – Riversdale Neighbourhood – R2 Zoning District
Applicant: Nicholas Walkley
(File No. CK. 4355-08-12)**

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“The purpose of this hearing is to consider the above-noted discretionary use application.

The City Planner has advised that notification posters have been placed on site and that letters have been sent to all adjacent landowners within 75 metres of the site.

Attached are copies of the following:

- Report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated December 19, 2008, recommending that the application submitted by Nicholas Walkley requesting City Council's permission to use 507 Avenue G South for the purpose of a One-Unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite – Type II be approved subject to the following:

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- 1) the final plans submitted for the proposed secondary suite being substantially in accordance with those plans submitted in support of this Discretionary Use Application; and
 - 2) the applicant obtaining a Development Permit and all other relevant permits (such as Building and Plumbing Permits) prior to the use of this site for the purpose of a One-Unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite - Type II.
- Letter dated January 15, 2009, from the Municipal Planning Commission advising that the Commission supports the above-noted recommendation.”

The City Clerk distributed copies of a letter from Vince Hilbert, undated, submitting comments in opposition to the discretionary use application.

His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.

Mr. Tim Steuart, Community Services Department, reviewed the Discretionary Use Application and expressed the Department's support.

Ms. Leanne DeLong, member, Municipal Planning Commission, expressed the Commission's support of the Discretionary Use Application.

Mr. Vince Hilbert, resident in the area, expressed concern regarding parking in the back lanes as a result of rental properties in the area and asked that this application not be approved.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the submitted reports and correspondence be received.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT the application submitted by Nicholas Walkley requesting City Council's permission to use 507 Avenue G South for the purpose of a One-Unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite – Type II be approved subject to the following:

- 1) the final plans submitted for the proposed secondary suite being substantially in accordance with those plans submitted in support of this Discretionary Use Application; and*
- 2) the applicant obtaining a Development Permit and all other relevant permits (such as Building and Plumbing Permits) prior to the use of this site for the purpose of a One-Unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite - Type II.*

CARRIED.

**4b) Discretionary Use Application
One-Unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite – Type II
Lot 45, Block 5, Plan No. 00SA15145
117 Avenue E South – Riversdale Neighbourhood – R2 Zoning District
Applicant: Larry Stewart
(File No. CK. 4355-09-1)**

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“The purpose of this hearing is to consider the above-noted discretionary use application.

The City Planner has advised that notification posters have been placed on site and that letters have been sent to all adjacent landowners within 75 metres of the site.

Attached are copies of the following:

- Report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated December 29, 2008, recommending that the application submitted by Larry Stewart requesting permission to use 117 Avenue E South for the purpose of a One-Unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite – Type II be approved subject to:
 - 1) the applicant obtaining a Development Permit and all other relevant permits (such as Building and Plumbing Permits) and licenses; and
 - 2) the final plans submitted for the proposed One-Unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite – Type II being substantially in accordance with the land submitted in support of the Discretionary Use Application.

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- Letter dated January 15, 2009, from the Municipal Planning Commission advising that the Commission supports the above-noted recommendation.”

His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.

Mr. Tim Steuart, Community Services Department, reviewed the Discretionary Use Application and expressed the Department’s support.

Ms. Leanne DeLong, member, Municipal Planning Commission, expressed the Commission’s support of the Discretionary Use Application.

Mr. Larry Stewart, proponent, indicated that this property was previously a rental property and is being brought up to standards.

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 Wyant,

THAT the submitted reports and correspondence be received.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the application submitted by Larry Stewart requesting permission to use 117 Avenue E South for the purpose of a One-Unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite – Type II be approved subject to:

- 1) *the applicant obtaining a Development Permit and all other relevant permits (such as Building and Plumbing Permits) and licenses; and*
- 2) *the final plans submitted for the proposed One-Unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite – Type II being substantially in accordance with the land submitted in support of the Discretionary Use Application.*

CARRIED.

- 4c) Discretionary Use Application
Residential Care Home – Type II Expansion (Eight to Ten Residents)
Lot 3, Block 376, Plan No. 59S06254
2904 Preston Avenue South – R2 Zoning District
Nutana Park Neighbourhood
Applicant: Elmwood Residences Inc.
(File No. CK. 4355-09-2)**
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REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“The purpose of this hearing is to consider the above-noted discretionary use application.

The City Planner has advised that notification posters have been placed on site and that letters have been sent to all adjacent landowners within 75 metres of the site.

Attached are copies of the following:

- Report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 8, 2009, recommending that the application submitted by Elmwood Residences Inc. requesting permission to expand the existing Residential Care Home – Type II, located at 2904 Preston Avenue South, from eight to ten residents be approved subject to the applicant obtaining a Development Permit and all other relevant permits (such as Building and Plumbing Permits) and licences; and
- Letter dated January 28, 2009, from the Municipal Planning Commission advising that the Commission supports the above-noted recommendation.”

His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.

Mr. Tim Steuart, Community Services Department, reviewed the Discretionary Use Application and expressed the Department’s support.

Ms. Leanne DeLong, member, Municipal Planning Commission, expressed the Commission’s support of the Discretionary Use Application.

Ms. Shelley Bartram, Elmwood Residences, indicated that this is an opportunity to provide affordable housing for individuals as a transition in to independent living.

His Worship the Mayor ascertained that there was no one present in the gallery who wished to address Council on this matter.

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Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the submitted reports and correspondence be received.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT the application submitted by Elmwood Residences Inc. requesting permission to expand the existing Residential Care Home – Type II, located at 2904 Preston Avenue South, from eight to ten residents be approved subject to the applicant obtaining a Development Permit and all other relevant permits (such as Building and Plumbing Permits) and licences.

CARRIED.

- 4d) Discretionary Use Application
Residential Care Home – Type II Expansion (Eight to Ten Residents)
Lot 3, Block 412, Plan No. 61S10301
1625 Preston Avenue South – R2 Zoning District
Brevoort Park Neighbourhood
Applicant: Elmwood Residences Inc.
(File No. CK. 4355-09-5)**
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REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“The purpose of this hearing is to consider the above-noted discretionary use application.

The City Planner has advised that notification posters have been placed on site and that letters have been sent to all adjacent landowners within 75 metres of the site.

Attached are copies of the following:

- Report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 8, 2009, recommending that the application submitted by Elmwood Residences Inc. requesting permission to expand the existing Residential Care Home – Type II,

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located at 1625 Preston Avenue South, from eight to ten residents be approved subject to the applicant obtaining a Development Permit and all other relevant permits (such as Building and Plumbing Permits) and licences; and

- Letter dated January 28, 2009, from the Municipal Planning Commission advising that the Commission supports the above-noted recommendation.”

His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.

Mr. Tim Steuart, Community Services Department, reviewed the Discretionary Use Application and expressed the Department’s support.

Ms. Leanne DeLong, member, Municipal Planning Commission, expressed the Commission’s support of the Discretionary Use Application.

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 reports and correspondence be received.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Clark, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT the application submitted by Elmwood Residences Inc. requesting permission to expand the existing Residential Care Home – Type II, located at 1625 Preston Avenue South, from eight to ten residents be approved subject to the applicant obtaining a Development Permit and all other relevant permits (such as Building and Plumbing Permits) and licences.

CARRIED.

- 4e) Discretionary Use Application
One-Unit Dwelling with Secondary Suite – Type II
Lot 5, Block 4, Plan No. I5611
100 – 111th Street West – RM4 Zoning District
Sutherland Neighbourhood
Applicant: Homes by Ens (Robin Riehl)
(File No. CK. 4355-09-3)**
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REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“The purpose of this hearing is to consider the above-noted discretionary use application.

The City Planner has advised that notification posters have been placed on site and that letters have been sent to all adjacent landowners within 75 metres of the site.

Attached are copies of the following:

- Report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 7, 2009, recommending that the application submitted by Homes by Ens requesting permission to use 100 - 111th Street West for the purpose of a One-Unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite – Type II be approved subject to the following:
 - 1) the final plans submitted for the proposed One-Unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite – Type II being substantially in accordance with those plans submitted in support of this Discretionary Use Application; and
 - 2) the applicant obtaining a Development Permit and all other relevant permits (such as Building and Plumbing Permits) prior to the use of this site for the purpose of a One-Unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite – Type II.
- Letter dated January 29, 2009, from the Municipal Planning Commission advising that the Commission supports the above-noted recommendation; and
- Letter dated February 2, 2009, from Gordon and Florence Glen advising that they have no objection to the proposed development.”

His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.

Mr. Tim Steuart, Community Services Department, reviewed the Discretionary Use Application and expressed the Department's support.

Ms. Leanne DeLong, member, Municipal Planning Commission, expressed the Commission's support of the Discretionary Use Application.

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Mr. Robin Riehl, Homes by Ens, reviewed the project and asked that the application be approved.

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 Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT the submitted reports and correspondence be received.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT the application submitted by Homes by Ens requesting permission to use 100 - 111th Street West for the purpose of a One-Unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite – Type II be approved subject to the following:

- 1) the final plans submitted for the proposed One-Unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite – Type II being substantially in accordance with those plans submitted in support of this Discretionary Use Application; and*
- 2) the applicant obtaining a Development Permit and all other relevant permits (such as Building and Plumbing Permits) prior to the use of this site for the purpose of a One-Unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite – Type II.*

CARRIED.

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- 4f) Discretionary Use Application
Home Based Business – Type II
Lot 10, Block 208, Plan No. G779
205 Garrison Crescent - R1 Zoning District
Grosvenor Park Neighbourhood
Applicant: Darin Churchill
(File No. CK. 4355-09-4)**
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REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“The purpose of this hearing is to consider the above-noted discretionary use application.

The City Planner has advised that notification posters have been placed on site and that letters have been sent to all adjacent landowners within 75 metres of the site.

Attached are copies of the following:

- Report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 7, 2009, recommending that the application submitted by Darin Churchill requesting permission to use 205 Garrison Crescent for the purpose of a Home-Based Business – Type II be approved subject to the applicant obtaining a Development Permit and all other relevant permits (such as Building and Plumbing Permits) and licenses; and
- Letter dated January 29, 2009, from the Municipal Planning Commission advising that the Commission supports the above-noted recommendation.”

His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.

Mr. Tim Steuart, Community Services Department, reviewed the Discretionary Use Application and expressed the Department’s support.

Ms. Leanne DeLong, member, Municipal Planning Commission, expressed the Commission’s support of the Discretionary Use Application.

Mr. Darin Churchill, proponent, advised he was in the gallery to answer questions of Council.

His Worship the Mayor ascertained that there was no one present in the gallery who wished to address Council on this matter.

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Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

THAT the submitted reports and correspondence be received.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the application submitted by Darin Churchill requesting permission to use 205 Garrison Crescent for the purpose of a Home-Based Business – Type II be approved subject to the applicant obtaining a Development Permit and all other relevant permits (such as Building and Plumbing Permits) and licenses.

CARRIED.

**4g) Proposed Development Plan Amendment
DCD1 – Section 19.2.3.1 – Linkage and Land Use
Applicant: City of Saskatoon
Proposed Bylaw No. 8738
(File No. CK. 4110-08-4)**

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“The purpose of this hearing is to consider proposed Bylaw No. 8738.

Attached are copies of the following:

- Proposed Bylaw No. 8738;
- Clause 1, Report No. 1-2009 of the Municipal Planning Commission which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on January 12, 2009; and
- Notice that appeared in the local press under dates of January 24 and 31, 2009.”

The City Clerk distributed copies of the following letters:

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- *Andy Stegmann, Tonko Realty Advisors Ltd., dated February 10, 2009, submitting comments in favour of the proposed Development Plan Amendment; and*
- *Terry Scaddan, Executive Director, The Partnership, dated February 11, 2009, requesting permission to address Council.*

His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.

Mr. Tim Steuart, Community Services Department, reviewed the proposed Development Plan Amendment and expressed the Department's support.

Ms. Leanne DeLong, member, Municipal Planning Commission, expressed the Commission's support of the proposed Development Plan Amendment.

Mr. Terry Scaddan, Executive Director, The Partnership, expressed support for the proposed bylaw.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the submitted reports and correspondence be received.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 8738.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL - continued

A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

1) Evan Carlson, Passion for Action Against Homelessness, dated January 29

Requesting permission to address City Council with respect to proclaiming February 26, 2009, as Day of Action against Homelessness. (File No. CK. 205-5)

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RECOMMENDATION: that Evan Carlson be heard.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT Evan Carlson be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Evan Carlson, Passion for Action Against Homelessness, provided information on the group and asked that Council proclaim February 26, 2009, as Day of Action Against Homelessness in Saskatoon.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

- 1) that City Council proclaim February 26, 2009, as Day of Action Against Homelessness in Saskatoon; and*
- 2) that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamation, in the standard form, on behalf of City Council.*

CARRIED.

2) Krisan Macas, dated February 11

Requesting permission to address City Council with respect to issuing temporary taxi licenses.
(File No. CK. 307-4)

RECOMMENDATION: that Krisan Macas be heard.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT Krisan Macas be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Krisan Macas expressed concern regarding the lack of taxi licenses issued in the city and asked that the Executive Committee review its decision of August 13, 2008, on the matter of issuing additional taxi licenses and suggested that licenses be made non transferable.

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Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration to report to the Executive Committee, and that the report include information on options for non-transferable as well as owner-operated licenses.

CARRIED.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw 8738

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8738, being “The Development Plan Amendment Bylaw, 2009 (No. 2)” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT Bylaw No. 8738 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Heidt Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8738.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

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That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8738 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8738 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Bylaw No. 8738 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 8743

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8743, being "The Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 2009 (No. 2)" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT Bylaw No. 8743 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

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Moved by Councillor Heidt Seconded by Councillor Lotje,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8743.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8743 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8743 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Bylaw No. 8743 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 Heidt,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk