

Council Chambers
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Monday, March 22, 2010
at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

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

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

THAT the minutes of meeting of City Council held on March 1, 2010, be approved.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

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

CARRIED.

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

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

Committee arose.

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

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

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“ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 4-2010

Section A – COMMUNITY SERVICES

**A1) Land-Use Applications Received by the Community Services Department
For the Period Between February 18, 2010 to March 10, 2010
(For Information Only)
(Files CK 4000-5, PL 4350 and PL 4300)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

The following applications have been received and are being processed:

Rezoning

- Application No. Z7/10: Stonebridge Phase 9
Applicant: Dundee Developments
Legal Description: Various
Current Zoning: R1A
Proposed Zoning: R1B, R2, and RMTN
Neighbourhood: Stonebridge
Date Received: February 17, 2010

- Application No. Z8/10: Hampton Circle, Henick Crescent and Lane
Applicant: Dundee Developments
Legal Description: Various
Current Zoning: R1A
Proposed Zoning: R1B and R2
Neighbourhood: Hampton Village
Date Received: February 19, 2010

- Application No. Z10/10: Stonebridge Phase 10
Applicant: Dundee Developments
Legal Description: Various
Current Zoning: R1A
Proposed Zoning: R1B, R2, and RMTN
Neighbourhood: Stonebridge
Date Received: February 17, 2010

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Subdivision

- Application No. 10/10: 3530 Millar Avenue
Applicant: Webb Surveys for Shelter Bay Holdings Inc.
Legal Description: Part Lot 1, Block 921, Plan 101922230
Current Zoning: IL1
Neighbourhood: Marquis Industrial
Date Received: February 22, 2010
- Application No. 11/10: Rempel Manor/Lane/Cove
Applicant: Webster Surveys for Dundee Realty Corp.
Legal Description: Part of Parcel J, Plan 101961851 and
Part of Parcel H, Plan 101923477
Current Zoning: RMTN and R1A
Neighbourhood: Stonebridge
Date Received: February 22, 2010
- Application No. 12/10: LeValley Cove/Langlois Way
Applicant: Webster Surveys for 630276 Saskatchewan Ltd.
Legal Description: Part of Parcels K and L, Plan 101955843
Current Zoning: RMTN
Neighbourhood: Stonebridge
Date Received: February 22, 2010
- Application No. 13/10: 710 Gordon Road – 72 Bareland Condominium Units
Applicant: Randy Pichler for Jastek Sagebrook Project Inc.
Legal Description: Parcel 105, Plan 101955641
Current Zoning: RMTN
Neighbourhood: Stonebridge
Date Received: February 26, 2010
- Application No. 14/10: Dulmage Crescent/McBeth Crescent
Applicant: Webb Surveys
Legal Description: Lot B, Block 188 and Lot A, Block 190,
Plan 102010835
Current Zoning: R1A
Neighbourhood: Stonebridge
Date Received: February 26, 2010
- Application No. 15/10: Wellman Crescent
Applicant: Webster Surveys for Dundee Realty
Legal Description: Parcel A, Plan 101390655
Current Zoning: IB
Neighbourhood: Stonebridge
Date Received: March 4, 2010

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan of Proposed Rezoning No. Z7/10
2. Plan of Proposed Rezoning No. Z8/10
3. Plan of Proposed Rezoning No. Z10/10
4. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 10/10
5. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 11/10
6. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 12/10
7. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 13/10
8. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 14/10
9. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 15/10

A2) Enquiry – Councillor P. Lorje (May 20, 2008)
Urban Forest
(Files CK 4139-1 and PL 4110-5-4)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

During the May 20, 2008 meeting of City Council, Councillor Lorje made the following enquiry:

“Will the Administration please review the current landscaping guidelines in the city, particularly for new commercial areas. I am particularly concerned that we have guidelines rather than requirements, and that the tree stock specified in the guidelines for commercial and industrial areas either may not be viable, or the trees may not ultimately thrive because the size of the trees planted is too small. Can the review also include a comparison to what is done in other jurisdictions, specifically comparable cities in Alberta.”

REPORT

Section 7.0 of the Zoning Bylaw identifies the landscaping requirements associated with the construction of new commercial, industrial, and multi-unit residential buildings in the City of Saskatoon (City). The regulations identified in the Landscaping Section include the number of trees to be provided on a property, the minimum calliper widths for trees, and a maintenance clause which requires dead material to be replaced.

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The Planning and Development Branch has experienced relatively few commercial or multi-unit residential properties becoming enforcement files. Most enforcement files, defined as not having the landscaping completed within one year of development permit issuance, are generated from industrial areas, particularly heavy industrial properties.

The most common landscaping enforcement issues are summarized as follows:

- 1) required landscaping areas are sometimes paved, fenced, or used for storage;
- 2) required landscaping areas are sometimes developed with inappropriate materials, such as gravel, crushed rock, or artificial turf, rather than grass or other suitable ground cover;
- 3) landscaping areas are sometimes underdeveloped (ie. planting an insufficient number of trees/shrubs, or the plantings are small and frail); and
- 4) the relatively short growing season in Saskatoon creates a narrow window to undertake enforcement actions.

When necessary the Planning and Development Branch works with property owners to encourage them to provide the required landscaping. Site visits, phone calls and letters are the usual course of action. Requests for legal action are considered only when a property owner refuses to provide the required landscape development.

With respect to plantings that do not meet the minimum calliper width requirement contained in the Zoning Bylaw, in most cases staff will advise the property owner in writing that if the planting does not survive the winter, it must be replaced. A Zoning Order may also be issued to ensure the plantings meet the minimum size requirement when replanted. It should be noted that Zoning Orders can be appealed to the Development Appeals Board.

For a broader perspective, staff contacted the Cities of Edmonton and Calgary and found they deal with landscape enforcement in a similar manner as the City of Saskatoon. The City of Edmonton does have a letter of credit system; however, they advised that the process does not work very well, and they have never actually provided the landscaping on a private property, even when the work has not been completed by the property owner. The City of Edmonton cites the difficulty in entering private property to develop the landscape improvements as the City would be liable for any damage to the building or property during the construction. Furthermore, Edmonton does not have the time or resources to develop the landscaping, (including the tendering of contracts), hiring contractors, and the monitoring of the landscape installation. The City of Edmonton issues Zoning Orders and uses the court option to gain compliance, similar to the City of Saskatoon process.

As outlined below in Table 1, the planting requirements for the Cities of Calgary and Edmonton are greater than the City of Saskatoon's requirements plus, they require a percentage of the plantings to be more mature. The City of Edmonton Zoning Bylaw contains a provision for staff to waive the minimum calliper requirements upon request. The minimum planting requirements for Saskatoon are somewhat higher than the City of Regina.

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| Table 1: Minimum Planting Size | | | | |
|---|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Tree Type | Saskatoon | Regina | Edmonton* | Calgary |
| Deciduous (calliper) | 45 mm | 40 mm | 50% @ 50 mm 50% @ 75 mm | 50% @ 50 mm 50% @ 75 mm |
| Coniferous (height) | 1800 mm | 1200 mm | 75% @ 2500 mm 25% @ 3500 mm | 50% @ 2000 mm 50% @ 3000 mm |
| Shrubs (height or spread) | 450 mm | 300 - 700 mm | N/A | 600 mm |
| * Land Use Bylaw contains a provision for a Development Officer to waive these landscaping specifications upon request. | | | | |

The City of Saskatoon Parks Branch, Urban Forestry program advises that planting larger trees does not ensure greater survivability. Site conditions and post-planting tree maintenance are critical to the long term survival of a tree. Urban Forestry advises that as much as 80 percent of a tree's root system can be lost when moved by a tree spade. Once removed, these trees require time to re-establish their roots. The larger the tree, the longer it will take for the root system to re-establish itself and the greater chance for tree failure. Furthermore, larger tree plantings require larger, more expensive equipment, and combined with the higher cost for the tree, makes it more challenging to ensure the proper plantings are provided.

As part of the Zoning Bylaw review, the Planning and Development Branch is considering an option to require property owners to sign a Letter of Intent committing to the provision of any required landscape development within 12 to 18 months of issuance of the Development Permit (depending upon the complexity of the project), and that Zoning Orders be issued if the work is not completed at that time.

The Administration is also considering a minor reduction to the minimum calliper width contained in the Zoning Bylaw. The current requirement for private property is greater than what the Parks Branch uses for City plantings. It is proposed that the Zoning Bylaw requirement reflect the practice of the Corporation. The proposed reduction in the calliper width should also reduce the number of enforcement files managed by the Planning and Development Branch.

These proposed amendments will be presented to City Council in due course, as part of the Zoning Bylaw review.

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A3) Naming Report – “Meadowgreen, Rosewood, and Evergreen Park Names”
(Files CK 6310-1 and PL 4001-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

The park name plans for the Meadowgreen, Rosewood, and Evergreen neighbourhoods were provided to the Naming Advisory Committee Administrator from the Parks Branch (see Attachments 1, 2, and 3).

The Parks Branch has made a request for names to be applied to one park in Meadowgreen, four parks in Rosewood, and six parks in Evergreen. His Worship Mayor Donald Atchison has selected 11 names from the Names Master List, which are indicated on the attached plans. The names selected comprise:

- a) Kate Waygood – Councillor 1979 to 2003 – Meadowgreen District Park, south Meadowgreen;
- b) Swick – Jules Swick – Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame inductee in 2001; 22 years as a Hockey official in the Western Hockey League; refereed the Memorial and Allan Cup games; Past President of the Saskatchewan Golf Association – Rosewood Secondary Core Park;
- c) MacKay – Craig Innis MacKay – Involved in speed skating for 62 years as an athlete (1948 and 1952 Olympics), a coach, referee, and a supporter. He built and maintained Saskatoon's first speed skating oval with his own time, money and equipment. Inducted into Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and Canadian Sports Hall of Fame. MacKay Construction was involved with the construction of several major overpasses and earth moving projects in and around Saskatoon – Rosewood Linear Park;
- d) Bitz – Edmund Bitz – Teacher, involved in sports and other organizations, coach and official for softball and hockey – Rosewood Linear Park;
- e) Adams – Bob Adams – Involved with track and field as an athlete, coach, official, and administrator at all levels from local to international. Athlete: 1952 Olympics and 1954 Commonwealth Games. Coach: 1958 Commonwealth Games and 1964 Olympics. Awards: City of Saskatoon's Merit and Jubilee; Confederation of Canada Centennial Medal; Kinsmen Sportsman of the Year; Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame – Rosewood Linear Park;
- f) Cannam – Les Cannam – Mr. Cannam has served on many Boards of Directors, volunteer committees, business community, and church councils over the past several decades. He received the 2004 Distinguished Community Service Award from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Saskatchewan for his devotion and hard work on multiple volunteer committees. Mr. Cannam was a member of the

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- University of Saskatchewan's Senate for three years and is an accounting lecturer within the College of Commerce – Evergreen Storm Water Utility Area;
- g) Jill Postlethwaite – Councillor 1994 to 1997 – Evergreen Pocket Park;
 - h) Prebble – Peter Prebble – Elected to Saskatchewan Legislature in 1978, 1986, 1999, 2003. Advocate of Children in Saskatchewan, involved with Saskatoon Communities for Children. Helped secure provincial funding for park development at River Landing – Evergreen Linear Park;
 - i) John Brockelbank – Councillor 1982 to 1985 – Evergreen Linear Park;
 - j) George Dyck – Councillor 1974 to 1979 – Evergreen Linear Park; and
 - k) Elaine Hnatyshyn – Councillor 2003 to 2006 – Evergreen Pocket Park and Linear Park System.

According to City of Saskatoon Policy C09-008 (Naming of Civic Property and Development Areas), all requests for park names from the Names Master List will be selected by the Mayor. All of the names on the Names Master List have been previously screened by the Naming Advisory Committee and meet City Council's guidelines for name selection.

His Worship Mayor Donald Atchison notified the Naming Advisory Committee Administrator of the names selected. The selection of His Worship Mayor Donald Atchison was forwarded to the Land Branch and the Parks Branch, and the families have been notified.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Map of Meadowgreen Park Name
2. Map of Rosewood Park Names
3. Map of Evergreen Park Names

Section B – CORPORATE SERVICES

B1) 2010 Capital Budget (2011 – 2014 Capital Plan)
(Files CK 1702-1 and CS 1702-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

At its meeting held on December 14, 2009, City Council approved the 2010 Capital Budget (2011-2014 Capital Plan). Attached, for Council's information, is the approved version of that budget which incorporates any changes that were confirmed at that meeting.

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ATTACHMENT

1. 2010 Capital Budget (2011-2014 Capital Plan)

**B2) Property Realized Reserve Withdrawal
(Files CK 1815-1 and CS 1815-3)**

RECOMMENDATION: that \$537,348.87 be withdrawn from the Property Realized Reserve to fund miscellaneous land development/sales costs incurred during the period November 1, 2008, to December 31, 2009.

ADOPTED.

The Land Manager is authorized to make certain expenditures pertaining to lands held by the City for resale. On an annual basis, the City Comptroller's Office provides City Council with a summary of the costs incurred requesting that it approve the withdrawal of a like amount from the Property Realized Reserve. The following summarizes those expenditures for the period November 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009.

| | |
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| Land Titles | \$ 8,293.00 |
| Survey Costs | 46,037.50 |
| Appraisals | 14,707.00 |
| Deposit on Purchase | 50,000.00 |
| Rezoning Fees | 2,405.64 |
| Commissions | 121,863.93 |
| Property Agent Fees | 35,306.25 |
| Gun Club Clean up | 109,535.97 |
| Hauling topsoil, rubble and rocks | 48,257.29 |
| Lighthouse Project – Interim Financing | 21,681.45 |
| Arthur Cooke | 24,270.74 |
| South Bridge | 40,069.26 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>14,920.84</u> |
| | \$537,348.87 |

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**B3) Preliminary Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
Year Ended December 31, 2009
(File No. CK 1704-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

REPORT

Attached for City Council's information, is a copy of the preliminary financial results by program (Vote / Sub-vote) for the year ended December 31, 2009. This statement, still subject to external audit, reveals a surplus of \$3,663,871.

This surplus will be transferred to the Revenue Stabilization Reserve which was established to mitigate mill rate impacts from changes in revenues from year to year. The current reserve balance, before this transfer, is \$3,000,000 due to the one-time funding into the reserve previously approved by City Council on November 16, 2009, from the available Neighbourhood Land Development Fund distribution. Any future distribution of funds from the surplus and/or Stabilization Reserve will be the subject of a future report during the review of the 2010 Operating Budget.

Your Administration began generating forecasts mid-year 2009, starting with July month-end figures. This forecast predicted a significant deficit at which time the Administration took steps to minimize or reduce the deficit where possible. The City Manager requested Departments to hold all discretionary spending, as well as placed a hiring freeze on all placements to the end of the fiscal year, unless the position was deemed critical to operations and customer service.

In November, based on forecasts using the October 31, 2009 actual financial results, a small surplus was then expected. However, some additional favourable variances materialized resulting in the preliminary surplus. Almost every Department and Board posted favourable variances by taking a serious approach to the mandated spending controls.

The external audit of the financial statements is expected to be completed this spring at which time the final financial statements will be forwarded to the Audit Committee and then City Council for approval.

Included in this report are explanations of the major variances contributing to the surplus.

CIVIC YEAR-END RESULTS – VARIANCE EXPLANATIONS

While most programs are close to budgeted figures, there are some significant variances, both positive and negative, that are explained in the Variance Explanations by Budget Vote below.

Vote 2- Taxation (\$184,100 unfavourable)

There are two items that make up the majority of this variance. Supplementary tax revenues were close, but slightly under target (\$56,500 unfavourable). Economic Incentives (expenditures) were over budget by \$101,800 due to unbudgeted additional incentives.

General Services – Total Variance (\$472,000 unfavourable)
Significant variances include:

Vote 3 – Grants-in-Lieu of Taxes (\$663,000 unfavourable)

The largest portion of this variance (424,300) is the reduced grants-in-lieu of taxes from civic utilities resulting from decreased utility revenues. In addition, an unfavourable variance of \$267,300 (net of the supplementary GIL) was the result of federal and provincial grants-in-lieu of taxes budgeted based on preliminary assessment values that were updated after the establishment of this budget.

Vote 4 – Return on Investment (\$452,900 unfavourable)

Saskatoon Light & Power posted an operating deficit in 2009 of \$683,800 (explanation in the section on Saskatoon Light & Power below). Of this variance, the utility's stabilization reserve was able to cover \$242,600, depleting the reserve, and leaving \$441,200 to be covered by the mill rate. Also the Water and Wastewater utilities net deficit over the amount in the stabilization reserve required an amount of \$11,800 to be covered by the mill rate. (See explanation of water and wastewater variance in the respective section below.)

Vote 5 – Fines and Penalties (\$570,900 favourable)

This variance is partly due to increased parking ticket violations (\$349,800) and increased fine revenues (net \$199,000). The favourable variance in parking ticket revenues is due to the increased enforcement activities which are encouraging those with tickets to pay. Increased fine revenues were also attributed to additional traffic enforcement.

Vote 6 – Fiscal Earnings and Payments (\$268,100 favourable)

The majority of this favourable variance is due to higher interest earnings. An increase of approximately \$9 million in new bond investment contributed a positive variance of \$305,000. Bonds offered a significant yield enhancement compared to lower-yielding money market securities. In addition, interest earnings on higher bank deposit balances, compared to budget, contributed an additional \$134,000 favourable variance. These variances were slightly offset by reduced interest earnings on temporary internal financing of capital projects compared to budget.

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Vote 10 – Corporate Expenditures (\$537,300 unfavourable)

General corporate expenditures are unpredictable and cover items such as employee relocation costs, special events, and meetings. \$116,800 of these costs are offset by a planned favourable variance in the Future Growth vote, Vote 20-22.

Vote 14 – General Payroll Expenditures (\$751,000 favourable)

Most of this variance is a combination of lower pension, medical and dental costs, in addition to lower Workers Compensation payments.

Vote 15 – City-Owned Land (\$328,100 favourable)

The majority of this variance is attributable to interest earned on the extension agreement regarding a major parcel of land being considered for private development.

Vote 19- City Solicitor – Department Total (\$163,400 favourable)

Most of this variance (\$90,000) is the result of reduced insurance premiums. The anticipated cost of the premiums was budgeted higher than the actual premiums that resulted from the renewal during the year. The remaining variance was attributable to reduced staff compensation and operating costs including lower adjuster fees.

Vote 20- Community Services – Department Total (\$644,700 favourable)

Significant variances include:

Vote 20-07 – Forestry Farm Park & Zoo (\$133,800 favourable)

Most of this favourable variance is attributable to higher attendance throughout the summer generating over \$100,000 in additional revenues. The remaining variance was lower utility costs due to weather and mandated spending controls.

Vote 20-23 - Future Growth (\$150,000 favourable)

This favourable variance from a staff vacancy was planned to offset the Strategic Plan development expenditures expensed in Vote 10 of \$116,800. The remaining variance of \$33,100 was attributable to the mandated spending controls.

A number of other sub-vote variances make up the remaining \$360,700 including Indoor Rinks (\$76,300), Neighbourhood Programming (\$87,400), Administration (\$69,600), and Community Development (\$48,000).

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Vote 21- Corporate Services – Department Total (\$615,700 favourable)
Significant variances include:

Vote 21-02 – Assessment (\$248,400 favourable)

Of this variance, \$137,500 is attributable to savings resulting from staff vacancies and associated costs as a result of the mandated spending controls. In addition, \$30,000 that was budgeted but not expended was for the rural inspection program which SUMA was unable to take on during 2009. Miscellaneous savings in various other areas resulted in the remaining favourable variance.

Vote 21-05 – Corporate Information Services (\$361,400 favourable)

The mandated spending controls contributed savings of about \$118,600 due to staff vacancies and freezing expenditures. Close to \$100,000 in savings were realized due to reduced software expenditures. In addition, \$60,000 resulted in a one-time savings from a budgeted maintenance fee that was not required in the first year of a system maintenance contract. Another \$67,300 in savings materialized from lower equipment breakdowns, less paper used in printing, and the delay in the implementation of the second data center.

Vote 22- Fire and Protective Services (\$132,600 favourable)

Staff vacancies and reduced severance pay offset the expected unfavourable variance resulting from the recent contract settlement. The majority of the favourable variance (\$99,600) was from increased revenues from third parties for unexpected contracted work, as well as an increase in provincial funds from a renewed agreement. The remaining variance was from reduced operating costs resulting from mandated spending controls.

Vote 24- Infrastructure Services – Department Total (\$1,337,600 favourable)
Significant variances include:

Vote 24-01 – Management and Administration (\$200,400 favourable)

Due to the mandated spending controls, staff training, and computer expenses were under budget by \$73,500. Increased cost recovery to the City's capital program of nearly \$60,000 was realized due to increased capital work. The remainder was attributable to lower payroll costs and miscellaneous revenues.

Vote 24-05 – Pest Management (\$102,800 favourable)

The Provincial Government provided funding for approximately two-thirds of the cost of the program for West Nile virus control which produced a favourable variance of \$84,000. The remaining variance was from mandated spending controls which included cancellation of fall landscaping projects and the reduction in fertilizer purchases.

Vote 24-06 – Parks Maintenance (\$294,000 favourable)

Almost all savings were the result of the mandated spending controls. Many maintenance and improvement programs were halted and postponed to 2010. Less materials and supplies were purchased saving \$93,200. Salary and payroll expenses were under budget by \$82,500 while other operating expenses were significantly under budget.

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Vote 24-08 – Urban Forestry (\$367,000 favourable)

The savings in this program resulted from a staff shortage throughout the season, as well as savings resulting from the elimination of a tree removal contract.

Vote 24-14 – Paved Streets (\$749,200 favourable)

The variance in this program is due to the reduced requirement of staff which also decreases the amount of expenditures in the program. Staff that was regularly assigned to the program were allocated to capital project work. In addition, \$98,500 in unbudgeted funding under the Provincial Urban Highways Connector Program helped offset expenditures.

Vote 24-15 – Sidewalks (\$139,100 favourable)

A combination of a reduced requirement of staff, as well as vacancies due to the mandated spending controls resulted in this variance.

Vote 24-18 – Snow and Ice Management (\$819,400 unfavourable NET of stabilization reserve)

The variance in this program is due to the increased requirement of staff and materials to complete the program. Most notably, materials and supplies were over budget by \$939,200. Unbudgeted funding of \$210,600 from the Provincial Urban Highways Connector Program helped offset expenditures.

Vote 24-19 – Street Cleaning / Sweeping (\$413,600 unfavourable)

Increased staff requirements and materials to complete the program contributed to this variance. The fall season went longer than anticipated and extra sweeping was assigned. These unfavourable variances include salaries (\$245,000), material and supplies (\$48,500), and vehicle rentals (\$111,200).

Vote 24-21 – Bridges/Subways/Overpasses (\$213,400 favourable)

The mandated spending controls reduced the work assigned to this program resulting in the favourable variance.

Vote 24-22 – Roadway Signing & Marking (\$153,800 unfavourable)

The increased number of road closures and detours required due to the economic activity in the city contributed to this unfavourable variance. The variance includes salaries of \$223,900, materials and supplies, \$273,100. These were offset by an increased cost recovery of \$302,700. Also unbudgeted funding of \$35,600 from the Provincial Urban Highways Connector Program helped offset expenditures. This program was able to avoid about \$44,000 in expenditures due to the mandated spending controls.

Vote 24-23 – Traffic Signals (\$151,200 unfavourable)

This variance resulted from reduced cost recovery due to a reduction in capital work for this program.

Vote 24-23 – Energy Management (\$152,300 favourable)

A delay in opening of new facilities resulted in utility savings.

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Vote 24-27 – Facility Operations (\$568,100 favourable)

This variance is due to several reasons including salary savings of \$392,000 due to vacancies resulting from the inability to find qualified staff, and the billing out of more custom and capital work than anticipated adding to cost recovery by \$299,100.

Vote 24-30 – Vehicle and Equipment Services (\$229,400 unfavourable)

The unfavourable variance in this program is due to several factors. Salaries were over budget due to overtime costs for the maintenance of snow removal and street sweeper equipment. The aging fleet caused a high level of repairs and is reflected in the equipment maintenance account. Snow tire replacement was not budgeted for and additional external rental unit licensing and insurance also contributed to the unfavourable variance.

Utility Services – Department Total (\$378,900 unfavourable)

Significant variances include:

Vote 26 – Environmental Services (\$446,200 unfavourable)

Revenues were under budget by \$316,600. Reduced proceeds from the Cosmo Paper Recycling Program were under budget by \$115,000 due to the low price of paper. Landfill revenues were down by \$73,000 due to the scale down and the estimating of loads to help expedite customer service. The free shingles promotion that would use shingles in road bed construction impacted revenues unfavourably by \$200,000. Staff compensation was \$281,600 over budget due to increased overtime at the landfill as a result of the inability to fill seasonal positions.

Police Service – Total (\$1,701,745 favourable)

Positive budget variances were experienced in both revenues and expenditures. Revenues exceeded budgeted levels by \$306,651 (4.83%). The most notable increase in general revenues was in criminal record check revenue which was \$124,298 (45%) over budget due to rate increases that took effect in June, in addition to a 10.74% volume increase. Provincial Government revenues were under budget by \$104,500 resulting from two programs that had lower than budgeted expenditures and, therefore, less matching revenue. Offsetting this were a number of small positive variances in various programs. Federal revenues were \$169,942 (30.21%) over budget due to higher than expected charge-backs and increased funding, as well as non-budgeted personnel secondment. Total expenditures were \$1,395,094 (2.20%) under budget with staff compensation accounting for the largest share of the under expenditure with a reported budget savings of \$872,287 (1.70 %) while operating costs were \$175,913 (1.64%) under budget. The cost recovery category, which was \$346,973 (100%) over budget, reflects a number of cost recovery situations including special duty services, recovery of travel costs related to courses, recovery of staff costs for union paid business and charge-backs for RCMP integrated units.

Other Boards

All but one of the Boards have posted surpluses for 2009. The only Board to report a deficit is TCU Place, which is \$270,200. The Stabilization Reserve has enough to cover this deficit and will have no affect on the City's year-end financial result.

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Credit Union Centre is reporting a significant surplus of \$2,398,000 which will be transferred to the Board's stabilization reserve, as well as targeting loan repayments for the seat and suite expansion projects for the World Junior Hockey Championships.

The Mendel Art Gallery has reported a surplus of \$42,700, while the Public Library has a surplus of \$988,000. Any surplus funds are retained by these Boards and transferred into their respective stabilization funds or capital reserves as dictated by policy.

Utilities

Water and Wastewater Utilities (\$11,800 NET unfavourable variance)

The total deficit for the water utility was \$2,626,700 of which almost all but \$11,800 is covered by the Water and Wastewater Stabilization Reserve after the \$531,600 surplus from the wastewater utility. A significant portion of the negative water variance is due to reduced water revenues (\$1,178,600) from a cooler than normal spring and summer. On the expense side, lower reserve contributions and grants-in-lieu of taxes helped offset higher costs on water main repairs (\$1,117,200 unfavourable) and higher treatment pumping and storage costs. The wastewater utility posted a \$531,600 favourable variance which is transferred to the stabilization reserve and used to offset the water unfavourable variance. While revenues were down by \$1,330,200 due to the weather, expenditures were under budget by \$1,861,800. A combination of a favourable biosolids liquid injection contract, less sewer maintenance, and curtailed expenditures from the mandatory spending controls contributed to this variance.

Saskatoon Light & Power (\$441,200 NET unfavourable variance)

Saskatoon Light & Power has an operating deficit of \$683,800. The Utility Stabilization Reserve has a balance to offset the deficit by \$242,600 while the general fund is required to make up the remaining \$441,200. Metered revenue including municipal surcharge is \$1,402,000 (1.2%) under budget. The rate increase, effective June 1, 2009, resulted in a 9.3% revenue increase which was almost exactly as estimated in the Operating Budget. However, due to the billing lag some of the June billing was on the old rates. Bulk power cost is \$1,215,000 (1.8%) under budget due to lower than forecast billing demand and energy purchase. Other operating expenses are \$624,000 over budget. It is estimated that the overall weather impact for the year was negligible; increased energy consumption due to colder than normal weather last winter and in October and December and the warmer than normal September have been offset by decreased energy consumption due to cooler than normal July and August weather and a very mild November.

Transit (\$486,800 unfavourable)

This variance is comprised of a number of items including increased severance, as well as salary costs from overtime and use of supervisors to cover for vacant positions. This totalled \$655,300 in unfavourable adjustments. This was partially offset by savings in operating costs and maintenance by \$271,700. Less than budgeted expenditures in advertising, insurance claims and debt charges due to delayed borrowing which occurred in late 2009 contributed to these savings.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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ATTACHMENT

1. Preliminary Financial Results (by Vote/Sub-Vote and Utilities) for the year ended December 31, 2009

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) *that the yearend surplus be transferred to the Revenue Stabilization Reserve; and*

2) *that the Administration report to the Budget Committee on potential allocations from the Revenue Stabilization Reserve.*

**B4) Post Budget Approval
Capital Project 2362 - Animal Off-Leash Areas
(Files CK 152-2 and CS 151-6-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that a post budget increase to Capital Project 2362 – Animal Off-Leash Areas, to relocate the Montgomery Off-Leash Recreation Area in 2010, be approved; and,
 - 2) that the \$25,000 post budget approval be funded from the Animal Services Reserve.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on December 14, 2009, City Council approved Capital Project 2362, Animal Off-Leash Areas for an expenditure of \$20,000 in 2010 for development of an off-leash recreation area (OLRA) in Chief Whitecap Park.

It has been determined that the existing Montgomery OLRA site will close as of April 1, 2010, and funds are required for its relocation.

REPORT

With the South Bridge Project construction plans being finalized, the existing Montgomery OLRA site is required to close as of April 1, 2010. Among other things, this will allow for trees to be removed from the site within the time frame allowed by *The Migratory Bird Act*.

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Your Administration is actively investigating alternative sites. At present, the most suitable and immediately available site identified is a long inactive tree nursery located south of Montgomery and the CN rail yards. Discussions with stakeholders, including the Meewasin Valley Authority, have commenced, and a stakeholder informational meeting has been scheduled for the evening of March 23, 2010, at Montgomery School.

The estimated \$25,000 expenditure for the relocation of the Montgomery OLRA includes a parking lot, signage, and garbage receptacles.

OPTIONS

City Council may approve the recommendation which will allow for the relocation of the current Montgomery off-leash recreation area. Conversely, should City Council choose not to approve the recommendation, this would delay the process of establishing an alternative off-leash recreation park in the area.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This project had been anticipated for development in 2012, and adequate funds are available in the Animal Services Reserve to have the necessary work completed in 2010.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**B5) Past Civic Surpluses and Deficits
(2009 Yearend Projections)
(Files CK 1704-1 and CS 1704-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

BACKGROUND

City Council, at its meeting held on November 16, 2009, when dealing with the Preliminary Year End Forecast for the year ending, December 31, 2009, resolved, in part:

“2) that the Administration report further on past surpluses and deficits.”

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REPORT

The following table summarizes the actual financial surpluses and deficits for the City of Saskatoon operations for the years 1996 to 2008.

| Year | Surplus (Deficit) |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| 1996 | (\$1,960,283) |
| 1997 | (\$1,654,747) |
| 1998 | \$ 428,973 |
| 1999 | \$ 573,764 |
| 2000 | \$ 1,871,160 |
| 2001 | \$ 913,206 |
| 2002 | \$ 1,842,097 |
| 2003 | \$ 1,177,408 |
| 2004 | \$ 1,334,898 |
| 2005 | \$ 2,706,130 |
| 2006 | (\$1,843,307) |
| 2007 | (\$1,432,578) |
| 2008 | (\$1,244,863) |

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

- IT WAS RESOLVED:* 1) *that the information be received; and*
- 2) *that this report be forwarded to the Budget Committee.*

**B6) 2010 Budget Approval - Business Improvement Districts
(Files CK 1680-1, CS 1680-2, CS 1680-3, CS 1680-4, and CS 1680-5)**

- RECOMMENDATION:** 1) that the 2010 budget submissions from The Partnership, Broadway Business Improvement District, Riversdale Business Improvement District, and the Sutherland Business Improvement District be approved; and
- 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the 2010 Business Improvement District Levy Bylaws for submission to City Council for consideration.

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REPORT

Each Business Improvement District (BID) has submitted a copy of its 2010 annual budget for Council's approval. The 2009 Financial Statements will be submitted at a future date. The 2010 levy request for each BID is as follows:

- a) The Partnership – The levy request is \$453,300, which is the same as 2009.
- b) Broadway Business Improvement District – The levy request is \$145,475, which is a \$13,225 increase (10%) over 2009.
- c) Riversdale Business Improvement District – The levy request is \$125,500 which is the same as 2009.
- d) Sutherland Business Improvement District - The levy request is \$19,220, which is a \$740 increase (4%) over 2009.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact to the City.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. January 14, 2010, letter and 2010 proposed budget, The Partnership
2. January 26, 2010, letter and 2010 proposed budget, Broadway BID
3. Proposed budget, Riversdale BID
4. 2010 proposed budget, Sutherland BID

- IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the 2010 budget submissions from The Partnership, Broadway Business Improvement District, Riversdale Business Improvement District, and the Sutherland Business Improvement District be approved;*
- 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the 2010 Business Improvement District Levy Bylaws for submission to City Council for consideration; and*

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- 3) *that the Administration provide a further report regarding the consistency of the reporting process from the organizations.*

**B7) Cheshire Homes of Saskatoon
Nominee to Board of Directors
(Files CK 750-2-2, CS 215-1, CS 750-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that effective May 3, 2010, Mrs. Shelley Sutherland be appointed as the City's nominee to the Board of Directors of Cheshire Homes of Saskatoon, in place of Mr. Cal McCarthy, and that she be authorized to vote the membership interest and execute all documents on behalf of the City of Saskatoon as is necessary to formalize the minutes of Cheshire's Annual General Meetings; and,
 - 2) that the City Clerk advise Cheshire Homes of Saskatoon of the appointment of the City's nominee.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

Mr. Cal McCarthy, Corporate Accounting Manager, Corporate Services Department, has served as City Council's nominee to the Board of Directors of Cheshire Homes of Saskatoon for the past six years. He has now indicated he wishes to be relieved of that responsibility. The City Treasurer, Shelley Sutherland, has volunteered to be the City's representative, replacing Cal McCarthy, subject to City Council approval.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Section C – FIRE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

**C1) 2010 Capital Budget – Project No. 2379
Purchase of Articulating Aerial Truck
Award of Tender 10-0181
(File No. CK. 1400-1, x 1703-FR)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the proposal submitted by Pierce for one Articulating Aerial Truck, at a total estimated cost of \$1,225,373.10, including GST, be accepted;

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- 2) that City Council approve placing the Fire Apparatus Replacement Reserve in a deficit balance for the years 2010 and 2011; and
- 3) that the Corporate Services Department, Purchasing Services, issue the appropriate Purchase Order.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

This project is for the supply and delivery of one (1) Articulating Aerial Truck (Sky Arm).

Two proposals were received and reviewed based on the evaluation criteria.

| | | |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Pierce | Base Price | \$1,167,022.00 |
| | G.S.T. | <u>58,351.10</u> |
| | Subtotal | \$1,225,373.10 |
| | G.S.T. Rebate | <u>(58,351.10)</u> |
| | Subtotal | \$1,167,022.00 |
| | Price Reduction | <u>(\$34,215.30)</u> |
| | Net Cost to City | <u>\$1,132,806.70</u> |

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Rocky Mountain Phoenix | Base Price | \$1,559,816.00 |
| | G.S.T. | <u>77,990.80</u> |
| | Subtotal | \$1,637,806.80 |
| | G.S.T. Rebate | <u>(77,990.80)</u> |
| | Subtotal | \$1,559,816.00 |
| | Price Reduction | <u>(29,411.55)</u> |
| | Net Cost to City | <u>\$1,530,404.45</u> |

The net difference in cost from the two suppliers is \$397,597.75. The proposal submitted by Pierce meets all specifications and offers a more satisfactory delivery time for this unit.

The price reduction offered by Pierce is applied when a chassis and aerial progress payment is made approximately three months prior to final inspection. The remainder owing is due in full at the time of delivery.

This project includes fully equipping the apparatus.

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The Evaluation Criteria is based on the following:

- Price
- Company Experience and Capabilities
- Suitability/Design for Intended Use
- Delivery Schedule
- Meeting all Standards as Listed
- References
- Availability of After Sales Service

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Section E – INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

**E1) Capital Project 2428 – IS Functional Planning Studies
Needs Assessment and Functional Planning Study and
Structural Planning Study
Traffic Bridge
(Files CK 6050-8 and IS 6050-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that a Request for Proposal be issued for a Needs Assessment, Functional Planning Study and Structural Evaluation for the possible replacement of the Traffic Bridge;
 - 2) that up to \$200,000 of the project be funded from approved Capital Project 2428 – IS Functional Planning Studies; and
 - 3) that up to \$100,000 of the project be funded from the 2010 Bridge Maintenance Operating Budget.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

The Traffic Bridge, connecting the Nutana neighbourhood to Saskatoon's downtown, is over 100 years old. It currently serves approximately 7,000 vehicles per day, and is a vital detour route when other bridges are closed. It also serves as an important and well-used pedestrian and cyclist crossing of the South Saskatchewan River. Previous studies have indicated that the superstructure of the existing bridge will need to be replaced in the future.

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The Administration is recommending that a Needs Assessment and Functional Planning Study be undertaken. This project includes the assessment of current traffic; pedestrian and cycling usage; recommendations for the number of lanes, if it is to remain a traffic bridge; what changes would be necessary to increase its utility as a traffic bridge; and how the bridge might be configured as a transit-only or pedestrian/cyclist-only facility.

An extensive public consultation component will be included, which could include open houses, as well as a web-based forum. This public consultation is expected to coordinate with the Community Visioning project, however, because of the engineering aspects and the goal of completing the work by the fall of 2010, it is desirable that the project be separate. In addition, the impact of the transportation consultation and recommendations from the study will be coordinated with the Saskatoon City Centre Plan project.

The Administration is also recommending that a Structural Evaluation be undertaken to determine detailed cost estimates and a feasibility analysis of the options arrived at in the Functional Planning Study.

OPTIONS

No other options were considered.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is sufficient funding within approved Capital Project 2428 – IS Functional Planning Studies and the Bridge Maintenance Operating Budget.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**E2) Traffic Bridge
(Files CK 6050-8 and IS 6050-02)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

The Traffic Bridge is a steel truss bridge constructed in 1907 across the South Saskatchewan River in Saskatoon, linking the downtown with Nutana and other neighbourhoods in the south central parts of the city.

There are three main elements to the bridge: the substructure, which is the concrete river piers; a concrete abutment on the downtown side; and a steel abutment on the Nutana side. The superstructure, which is the steel truss structure resting on the piers and abutments, which, along with the steel stringers and floor beams transfers the load from the deck to the piers; and the deck, which serves as the driving surface and consists of wood planking capped with asphalt. Pedestrians are accommodated by a wood walkway supported by a cantilevered steel structure on the upstream side of the bridge.

The superstructure is built of a variety of steel shapes riveted together to form the trusses, stringers and floor beams. This type of construction is typical of the era and is lightweight and efficient. However, it is also prone to corrosion, particularly at the riveted joints. Corrosion is evident on the bottom members (chords) of the trusses, the joints connecting the various steel components, and the stringers and floor beams that support the deck. Due to their complexity, corrosion problems, lack of structural redundancy and high initial cost, construction of trusses made up of built-up steel sections is no longer common.

The bridge was originally designed to carry both street railway and road vehicles. The traffic lanes are very narrow and the height is restricted. There is currently a five tonne load limit, the only structure owned by the City of Saskatoon with a posted weight restriction. The load restriction is based upon the corrosion on the bottom chord members of the trusses. While the bridge currently has adequate load capacity for light vehicles (heavy duty pick-up trucks typically have a gross vehicle weight of between four and five tonnes) and pedestrians, it is unable to accommodate most maintenance vehicles, buses and emergency services vehicles.

The Traffic Bridge has been the subject of several inspections and reports over the past 50 years. A 1986 evaluation report determined that the steel in the bridge is comparable to CSA G40.21-M 260W. This type of steel is no longer used for structural members in bridges, in part because it does not meet low temperature ductility requirements.

An inspection in October, 2005, by Stantec Consulting, determined that corrosion in the bottom chords and connecting members had rendered the bridge incapable of carrying the posted five tonne load, and the bridge was closed to traffic.

The substructure was inspected in December, 2005, by Wardrop Engineering, and was found to be adequate for the five tonne load limit, without modifications, for approximately 20 years (or until 2025).

A follow up inspection of the superstructure, by Wardrop Engineering in January, 2006, confirmed the findings of the October, 2005 inspection. Wardrop Engineering also presented additional

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rehabilitation options to the City, and Council approved an option that was estimated to extend the bridge's service life for approximately 20 years.

Following the recommendations of Wardrop Engineering, the superstructure was repaired at select locations and a post-tensioning system was installed on the bottom chords of Spans 1, 2 and 3. Following completion of the repairs, the bridge was re-opened to vehicular traffic in the fall of 2006.

REPORT

It is the opinion of the Infrastructure Services Department that the Traffic Bridge is reaching the end of its service life, and any action to significantly extend the life of the bridge would not be in the City's best interest. The best course of action, at this time, is to continue to monitor the condition of the superstructure and make repairs as necessary while exploring options for the eventual replacement of the bridge.

It must be noted that closing the bridge to vehicular traffic and leaving it in place to serve as a pedestrian only bridge, either by allowing pedestrians to use the existing sidewalk or roadway, is not recommended for the following reasons:

- The effect on the trusses from pedestrian loading would be very similar to that of the current 5 tonne load limit. This is because the current bridge design code dictates that pedestrian loading be applied over the entire deck surface (i.e. pedestrians standing shoulder to shoulder). Therefore, it would be no different than allowing traffic to remain on the bridge; and
- The actual live loads (i.e. vehicular and pedestrian traffic) on the bridge are very small, while the dead load (i.e. self-weight) is nearly 75% of the total load. As the structure continues to deteriorate, more of the bridge's remaining capacity will be required to support its own weight. Therefore, remedial work would still be required.

The most recent report from Wardrop Engineering recommends minor repairs and states that they do not foresee any immediate concern with the capacity of the bridge to handle the five tonne load. However, Wardrop does note that corrosion is continuing to advance and that it is critical to inspect the underside of the bridge.

Over the past 100 years, repairs to the Traffic Bridge have been re-active in nature. As a result, corrosion has gone unchecked, and the structural integrity of the superstructure has been compromised. While the repairs to select deficient structural members in 2006 allowed the bridge to return to service, and should remain serviceable for the five tonne load limit until 2025, they did not include replacement of the failed paint coating system. Without a protective coating system, the structural steel of the remaining unrepaired structural steel members will continue to corrode at a highly variable and unpredictable rate. It is probable that this corrosion induced deterioration could affect other critical truss members not included in the 2006 repairs. Therefore, it is possible

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that other deficiencies may be discovered that would require closure or replacement of the bridge prior to 2025.

The substructure has been determined to be adequate for the five tonne loading until at least 2025 without further action. Modifications and repairs to the substructure should enable this part of the bridge to remain serviceable well beyond 2025, for at least the five tonne loading.

The deck, while adequate at this time, may be subject to localized failures. Should a localized failure occur, it will be repaired on a reactive basis and the bridge returned to service upon completion of the repair.

Because of the uncertainties in the rate of deterioration of the superstructure, it is imperative that the bridge be inspected on an annual basis to ensure public safety. There is the possibility that a future annual inspection may reveal a deficiency which would require immediate closure and/or replacement of the bridge. The most critical members are those located below the deck. Unfortunately, these are also the most difficult to inspect.

The Administration will be developing a safe, convenient inspection method in 2010, and will report back to Council in due course.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Inspection of the bridge in 2010 will require \$95,000. This cost will be funded from the Bridge Maintenance Operating Budget.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**E3) Enquiry – Councillor M. Neault (October 27, 2008)
Pedestrian Actuated Crosswalk – Confederation Drive and Massey Drive
(File No. CK. 6150-3)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

BACKGROUND

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

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“Would the Administration look at the possibility of installing a pedestrian actuated crosswalk light at the Confederation Drive and Massey Drive bus stops on both sides of Confederation Drive, servicing the new high school in the west end.”

REPORT

A review was completed, including collection of traffic and pedestrian data, as well as a site inspection, in order to determine the need for a pedestrian actuated crosswalk light at the intersection of Confederation Drive and Massey Drive.

Confederation Drive is a multi-lane arterial roadway carrying approximately 10,800 vehicles per day (vpd), while Massey Drive is a local street carrying approximately 800 vpd. The three-legged intersection of Confederation Drive and Massey Drive currently has an unmarked crosswalk, with a stop sign on Massey Drive, giving right-of-way to Confederation Drive.

A pedestrian and traffic movement count, which was conducted on May 1, 2009, during the peak hours of 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., found that 59 pedestrians crossed at this location (29 adults, 9 teenagers and 21 children).

Calculations were undertaken to determine if a pedestrian actuated traffic signal is warranted. The pedestrian actuated signal warrant system assigns points for a variety of conditions that exist at the crossing location, including the number of traffic lanes to be crossed; the presence of a physical median; the posted speed limit of the street; the distance the crossing point is to the nearest protected crosswalk point; and the pedestrian/vehicle volume weighted cross product. The minimum requirement for the installation of a pedestrian actuated traffic signal is 100 points or greater. The pedestrian study at this location yielded a warrant value of 66 points.

Since Confederation Drive is a multi-lane roadway, the existing centre median increases the safety of the crosswalk by allowing pedestrians to cross one set of lanes at a time using the median as a place of refuge.

A site inspection found that vehicles parking within 10 metres of the curb on Confederation Drive, at the southeast corner of the intersection, reduced visibility of pedestrians to westbound traffic at Massey Drive.

Pedestrian actuated traffic signals are not warranted at this intersection at this time, however, to improve pedestrian safety, the Administration will install a zebra crosswalk on the north side of the intersection, as shown in Plan 205-0205-003r001 (Attachment 1) and Plan No. 210-0011-008r002 (Attachment 2). This measure will alert drivers that pedestrians may be crossing.

OPTIONS

Active pedestrian corridors are also used to enhance pedestrian safety. This device uses illuminated overhead signage and flashing yellow beacons to warn motorists that a pedestrian is waiting to cross. These are only placed on streets that have two or less lanes of traffic in each

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direction, or a maximum of four lanes of traffic. The intersection of Confederation Drive and Massey Drive has five lanes of traffic, two lanes going northbound and three lanes going southbound, therefore, this device is not recommended.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan No. 205-0205-003r001
2. Plan No. 210-0011-008r002

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be referred back to the Administration for further review.

Section F – UTILITY SERVICES

**F1) Saskatoon Light & Power
Sole Source Purchase Over \$100,000 – Electric Meters
(Files CK 1000-2 and WT 2000-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that Council approve the purchase of 4,682 electric meters with advanced metering infrastructure capabilities from Elster Metering, a Division of Elster Canadian Meter Co. Inc., for \$508,648.21 including taxes; and
 - 2) that the Purchasing Manager be authorized to issue the Purchase Order to Elster Metering.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

Saskatoon Light & Power (SL&P) requires residential and commercial electric meters for its 2010 annual meter replacement program (Attachment 1). This item is included in the approved 2010 Capital Budget. In 2008, SL&P standardized on the Elster Metering electric meters as this meter is the one best suited for the present and future metering requirements for the Utility. Elster's system has proven to be the most accepted system used in Ontario where the use of smart metering has been mandated by legislation. Elster's market share is greater than 50% in Ontario's urban electric utilities. Council has previously approved purchases of Elster Meters in September of 2008 and February of 2009.

REPORT

This purchase is a continuation of the annual meter replacement program of the Utility's aging electro-mechanical meters. These meters are out of production and are starting to no longer meet accuracy requirements as mandated by Measurement Canada.

The new electronic meters, commonly called "smart meters", are significantly more robust and accurate, and can provide much more value-added information and capabilities to the Utility. These smart meters have advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) capabilities such as potential for two-way communication; remote reading of meter values; can be extended to water and gas meters if desired; and, support time-of-use rate structures.

There are many advantages of these various features. One advantage of note is that the Utility will be able to implement a system which will allow customers to access their load profiles. This information can be used by customers to monitor their loads and improve efficiencies. The Utility can use this information for an automated distributed system or "smart grid", where voltages and loads can be monitored to improve operational and design requirements and where power outages can be more promptly detected, located, and managed. This will lead to an even higher level of customer service for Saskatoon Light & Power customers.

JUSTIFICATION

The aging electro-mechanical meters are resulting in reduced revenue for the City and increased difficulties in meeting Measurement Canada accuracy requirements. The replacement of the aging electro-mechanical meters with the more accurate smart meters will result in increased revenue, and in fact the Utility expects that the cost of the new meters will be fully recovered through accurate measurement of electricity consumed.

OPTIONS

Saskatoon Light & Power has standardized on the Elster Metering electric meters and as a result no other options were considered.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications with respect to this purchase.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are adequate funds in the approved 2010 Capital Project #724 for the purchase of these meters. The prices quoted are within budget estimates. A breakdown of the costs is indicated below:

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Advanced Metering Infrastructure Meters | \$462,407.46 |
| G.S.T. (5%) | 23,120.37 |
| P.S.T. (5%) | <u>23,120.37</u> |
| Total Cost to the City | \$508,648.20 |
| Less G.S.T. Rebate | <u>23,120.37</u> |
| Net Cost to the City | <u>\$485,527.83</u> |

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Purchase Requirements List

**F2) Hydrovac Services – 2010
Saskatoon Light & Power
(File No. CK. 2300-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the lowest qualified bid submitted by McGill's Industrial Services Inc. be accepted, at a total estimated cost of \$390,663.00 including taxes; and
 - 2) that the City Manager be authorized to approve the appropriate purchase requisition.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

The Utility uses hydrovac services when there is a need to expose existing underground facilities of either Saskatoon Light & Power or other utilities. This is done in order to not damage the underground facilities during the excavation. Saskatoon Light & Power annually issues a Public Tender (over \$100,000) for the purchase of hydrovac services that includes labour, material, and equipment and must meet the specifications and general conditions as detailed by the Utility's specification. This tender is processed by Purchasing Services of the Corporate Services Department.

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REPORT

On January 21, 2010, Purchasing Services received six bids for the supply of these services. The bids were analysed by Saskatoon Light & Power staff and it was determined that the two lowest bids did not meet specifications. The lowest qualified bid submitted by McGill's Industrial Services Inc. met our specifications. The following table shows the bids that were received for this tender:

| <u>Bidder</u> | <u>Total Tender Price</u> |
|---|---------------------------|
| Clark's Trenching Ltd. (Saskatoon, SK) | \$ 358,295.00 |
| Hydrodig (Saskatoon, SK) | \$ 363,250.00 |
| McGill's Industrial Services Inc. (Saskatoon, SK) | \$ 372,060.00 |
| Thompson-Jonsson Trenching (Saskatoon, SK) | \$ 422,650.00 |
| Mammoth Hydro Vac (Vermillion, AB) | \$ 462,013.00 |
| Hurricane Industries Ltd. (Lloydminster, AB) | \$ 563,875.00 |

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Saskatoon Light & Power is adhering to the City's Purchasing Policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The net cost to the City for the bid, submitted by McGill's Industrial Services Inc., is calculated as follows:

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|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Tender Amount (included P.S.T.) | \$372,060.00 |
| G.S.T. | <u>18,603.00</u> |
| Total Tender Price | \$390,663.00 |
| G.S.T. Rebate | <u>(18,603.00)</u> |
| Net Cost to the City | \$372,060.00 |

There are adequate funds in the 2010 Capital and Operating Budgets.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

F3) 2010 Capital Budget
Capital Project #2187 – Organics Processing Facility
Organics Consulting Engineering Services Award
(Files CK 7830-5 and WT-7832-21)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve the award of engineering services to CH2M Hill for Organics Consulting Services for a total upset fee of \$157,075, including taxes; and
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary Engineering Services Agreement for execution by His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk under the Corporate Seal.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

The Environmental Services Branch issued a Request for Proposals for an Owner's Engineer for the Organics Processing Facility project. The Owner's Engineer will provide the following services:

1. Provide on-going technical guidance on the development of an organics processing facility.
2. Develop and award an RFP for design and construction of the organics processing facility.
3. Develop a comprehensive marketing plan for the resulting compost.
4. Provide technical support to stakeholder groups throughout the community engagement and public education processes.
5. Provide oversight of design and construction, and the commissioning and eventual quality assurance and quality control of the facility.

REPORT

Proposals were received from the following six firms:

- Conestoga-Rovers & Associates
- Trow Associates Inc
- 2CG and Golder Associates
- Hatch
- CH2M Hill
- EBA Engineering Consultants Ltd.

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The proposals were ranked by an evaluation team according to a pre-determined ranking system, and the proposal from CH2M Hill was the highest ranked. Their estimated cost of the engineering services contract is \$149,595 (excluding taxes).

The upset fee for the Engineering Services is as follows:

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Basic Upset Fee | \$149,595 |
| G.S.T. @ 5% | <u>7,480</u> |
| Contract Amount | \$157,075 |
| G.S.T. Rebate @ 7% | <u>(\$7,480)</u> |
| Net Cost to the City | <u>\$149,595</u> |

The City has already issued a Request for Qualifications for the design project, which has resulted in a short-list of vendors. Once CH2M Hill has completed the Request for Proposals it will be issued to the current short-list of consulting companies.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This award will include engineering services to extend throughout the project development which will include, at a minimum, all of 2010 and 2011. There are approved funds in the budget of Capital Project #2187 - Composting Facility.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**F4) 2010 Capital Budget
Capital Project #2199 - Water Treatment Plant
South Saskatchewan River Bank Restoration
Consulting Services Approval
(Files CK 4205-5, x 7920-1 and WT 7960-78)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the proposal submitted by AECOM for the consulting services for South Saskatchewan River Bank Restoration, at a total cost of \$208,987.80 (including G.S.T.), be accepted; and

- 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of Saskatoon, under the Corporate Seal, the appropriate contract documents as prepared by the City Solicitor.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

Capital Project #2199 – Water Treatment Plant – South Saskatchewan River Bank Restoration includes reconstruction of the Meewasin Valley Authority (MVA) pathway on the river side of the Water Treatment Plant, and removal and disposal of solids and sediments resulting from the water treatment process which has accumulated within the riverbed over the years.

The MVA pathway was disturbed and closed to the public in 2005 due to the construction of the Sludge Treatment and Handling Facility (STHF) which is presently at the commissioning stage. When fully commissioned, the facility will eliminate the discharge of residual sludge to the river.

The initial concept plans for the river bank restoration were prepared in 2003 by AECOM (legacy UMA) during the STHF detail design and presented to Meewasin Valley Authority. At that time, two options were selected to form the basis for the future site restoration.

The scope of work and methodology for residual sludge removal from the river channel was prepared by AECOM in 2007. The removal of the residual sludge has been recognized by the City and Department of Fisheries and Oceans as a fish habitat compensation plan for the habitat altered during the current construction of the new Intake and Pump Station located across from the Queen Elizabeth Power Station.

REPORT

In 2009, management services for the South Saskatchewan River Bank Restoration project, including supervision for the consulting and construction services and regulatory permissions, were assigned to Meewasin Valley Authority. This arrangement was successfully used during the River Landing “Riverfront Phase II” project, and guarantees continuance in the design concept for all City Riverfront projects.

The project is planned to be handled in two phases. The first phase will include the reconstruction of the MVA pathway along the riverbank, with construction commencing in 2010. The second phase includes sediment removal and finalization of the landscaping is scheduled for spring and summer of 2011.

A Terms of Reference was developed by the MVA, and AECOM was asked to submit a proposal for consulting services for both phases of the project. AECOM was chosen due to their involvement in the development of the preliminary concept plan and in obtaining initial regulatory

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agreements. Their proposal was evaluated based on the work plan, personnel, and schedule by MVA and City staff, and was found to be comprehensive and suitable for the project.

The proposed scope of work includes supplementary environmental services that may be necessary as part of the design and regulatory requirements. Previous experience when dealing with regulatory bodies and the river indicate this service will likely be required.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Based on the proposal submitted by AECOM on March 2, 2010, for the Consulting Services for South Saskatchewan River Bank Restoration project, the upset fee and the net cost to the City would be as follows:

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Landscape Restoration | \$ 56,850.00 |
| Sediment Removal | 96,665.00 |
| Supplementary Services | 32,196.00 |
| Disbursements | <u>13,325.00</u> |
| Sub-Total | \$199,036.00 |
| G.S.T. @ 5% | <u>9,951.80</u> |
| Contract Amount | \$208,987.80 |
| G.S.T. Rebate @ 5% | <u>(9,951.80)</u> |
| Net Cost to the City | <u>\$199,036.00</u> |

Capital Project #2199 – Water Treatment Plant – South Saskatchewan River Bank Restoration has \$1,500,000 of approved funding in the 2010 Capital Budget which allows this proposal for consulting services to be accepted and has adequate funding for pathway construction. The funding for the remaining second phase of the project, which includes removal and disposal of solids and sediments, will be requested in the 2011 Capital Budget and has been accounted for in current utility rates.

OPTIONS

Options include sending the Terms of Reference to the general engineering consulting community and evaluating replies. The sole source approach was favoured by the MVA Project Manager due to AECOM's initial work on the project through their services on the STHF project, and the Administration supports the recommended approach.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Section G – CITY MANAGER

**G1) Federal Contribution Agreement
Circle Drive South River Crossing Project
(Files CK 6001-13 and CC 6050-8)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the Administration be authorized to finalize the funding agreement for the Circle Drive South River Crossing project between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, represented by the Minister of Transport, and the City of Saskatoon; and
 - 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the funding agreement on behalf of the City of Saskatoon.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

In 2008, City Council, together with our partners the Province of Saskatchewan and the Federal Government, agreed to jointly fund the Circle Drive South River Crossing project. The estimated cost of the project is \$297.5 million. The Federal Government has agreed to fund 39% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$106 million toward the project.

On March 4, 2010, the City received a draft funding agreement from Transport Canada for the completion of the Circle Drive South River Crossing project. The City and Transport Canada have discussed the agreement to clarify certain items. The City is currently completing portions of the agreement related to project milestone dates for the receipt of payment. The agreement is to be completed and mutually agreed to by the City and Transport Canada prior to March 25, 2010, and is subject to approval by the Treasury Board. The final agreement will be available for signature by March 31, 2010.

The following components are included in the draft agreement:

- The funding can only be used for this project.
- The agreement is in effect until the earlier of 18 months after the substantial completion date of the final milestone or final project component, whichever is later, or March 31, 2014.
- Canada's role in the project is limited to making a financial contribution to the project.
- A two-member Agreement Management Committee headed by a Federal co-chair and a City co-chair will be established to administer and monitor the agreement.
- All work is subject to inspection and audit by Canada and the Auditor General of Canada.

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- Canada will retain a 5% funding holdback that will be released when the City fulfills its obligations pertaining to the issuance of a declaration of substantial completion, final annual report, final audit, and final reconciliation of all claims and payments.
- Both parties agree to follow the communications protocol set out in the agreement.
- No work on the project will commence until after the completion of an environmental assessment and the completion of aboriginal consultations. The environmental assessment has been submitted. Aboriginal consultations will be completed by March 31, 2010.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 3-2010

Section B – OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

**B1) Commercial Garbage Collection Rates - 2010
(File No. CK. 1905-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw 8831.

ADOPTED.

City Council at its meeting on March 1, 2010, received a report from the Administration and Finance Committee recommending changes to the commercial garbage collection rates set out in Schedule “A” of The Waste Bylaw. City Council adopted the recommended rate changes and resolved that the City Solicitor’s Office prepare the necessary amendments to the Waste Bylaw for consideration by City Council.

In that regard, we are pleased to submit for Council’s consideration Bylaw No. 8831, The Waste Amendment Bylaw, 2010 (No. 2). The amendment implements the rate changes approved by City Council at its March 1, 2010, meeting. The new rates will come into effect on April 1, 2010.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 8831, The Waste Amendment Bylaw, 2010 (No. 2).

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**B2) Closing of Montgomery Off-Leash Recreational Area
(File No. CK. 4205-1, x 6001-13)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider proposed Bylaw No. 8833.

ADOPTED.

The Land Branch has indicated that the consultant for the Circle Drive South River Crossing project (the "Project") requires closure of the Montgomery Off-Leash Recreational Area (the "Montgomery OLRA") to permit road work and site clearing required to accommodate realignment of 11th Street. Site clearing will include removal of a large number of trees. Regulations under the *Migratory Birds Act* prohibit destruction of nests of migratory birds. Therefore, if trees are not removed before nesting, they cannot be removed until fall migration. Although this date is difficult to predict, we would not recommend removal of trees after April 15th. As such, it is important to the Project that the Montgomery OLRA be closed and made available to the consultant by April 1, 2010.

The Animal Services Co-ordinator has met with representatives of the Montgomery OLRA to advise of the impending closure of the site and to obtain their input on the prospective location of a new off-leash recreational area for the neighbourhood. The selected site is under the jurisdiction of the Meewasin Valley Authority (the "MVA") and is, therefore, subject to their development review process. It is anticipated that the approval process will take between two to three months. Subject to MVA approval, this facility could be available shortly thereafter.

The Animal Services Co-ordinator has approved this report.

The attached Bylaw removes the Montgomery OLRA from the list of areas where dogs may be off leash.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 8833, The Animal Control Amendment Bylaw, 2010.

REPORT NO. 4-2010 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. 2009 Annual Report
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee
(File No. CK. 430-27)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered the attached Annual Report of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee dated February 3, 2010 and is forwarding the report to City Council for information.

**2. 2009 Final Report
Doors Open Saskatoon and Future Direction
(Files CK. 205-32 and PL. 205-1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the City Administration be instructed to take a leadership role in future Doors Open events; and
- 2) that the General Manager, Community Services Department be authorized to spend up to \$20,000 per Doors Open event, from the Heritage Reserve, as described in the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 14, 2010.

ADOPTED.

Attached is the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 14, 2010 providing the report from the 2009 Doors Open Saskatoon event. The report also proposes that the Administration take a leadership role for future events and funding of up to \$20,000 for this event, from the Heritage Reserve.

Your Committee was advised that the report and recommendations were reviewed and supported by the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee.

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Your Committee has reviewed the report with the Administration, including the matter of pursuing further opportunities for partnerships for funding this event. Your Committee supports the recommendations, as outlined above.

**3. Innovative Housing Incentives Application
Stewart Property Holdings Ltd. – 340 Avenue D South
(Files CK. 750-4 and PL. 951-74)**

RECOMMENDATION: that funding of 10 percent of the total project cost, estimated at \$59,110, for the renovation of six affordable rental units by Stewart Property Holdings Ltd. be approved under City of Saskatoon Policy C09-002 (Innovative Housing Incentives).

ADOPTED.

Attached is the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated March 1, 2010, with respect to the above request for funding.

Your Committee has reviewed the application with the Administration and supports funding for this project, as outlined in the above recommendation.

**4. Innovative Housing Incentives Application
Saskatoon Housing Coalition – 1609 – 22nd Street West
(Files CK. 750-4 and PL. 951-76)**

RECOMMENDATION: that funding of 10 percent of the total project cost, estimated at \$161,761 for the renovation of 17 affordable rental units by the Saskatoon Housing Coalition be approved under City of Saskatoon Policy C09-002 (Innovative Housing Incentives).

ADOPTED.

Attached is the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 10, 2010, with respect to the above request for funding.

Your Committee has reviewed the application with the Administration and supports the request for funding as set out in the above recommendation.

5. Innovative Housing Incentives Application
Saskatchewan Housing Corporation – 806 Bedford Road
(Files CK. 750-4 and PL. 951-67)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that funding of 10 percent of the total project cost for the development of eight affordable rental units by Saskatchewan Housing Corporation, estimated at \$200,320, be approved under City of Saskatoon Policy C09-002 (Innovative Housing Incentives);
 - 2) that a five-year tax abatement of the incremental taxes be applied to the subject property commencing the next taxation year following completion of construction; and
 - 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate agreement and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement under the Corporate Seal.

ADOPTED.

Attached is the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated March 2, 2010, with respect to the above request for funding.

Your Committee has reviewed the application with the Administration and supports the request for funding as outlined above.

6. Year-end Report – Building Standards Branch
(Files CK. 430-32 and PL. 4240-9)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the information in the Year-end Report be received;
 - 2) that funding in the amount of \$250,000 be approved for a special project to ensure the successful completion of Building Standards Branch program upgrades;
 - 3) that the source of funding for the special project in recommendation 2) be from the Plan Review and Inspection Service Stabilization Reserve;
 - 4) that the Plan Review and Inspection Service Stabilization Reserve cap be adjusted annually to an amount equal to 50 percent of current year program budget; and

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- 5) that the Administration be authorized to amend City Council Policy C03-003 (Reserves for Future Expenditures) to be consistent with recommendation 3) above.

ADOPTED.

Attached is the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 24, 2010, providing the year-end report from the Building Standards Branch. The report also outlines a request for funding for a special project to address a number of major initiatives in the Branch and proposes an adjustment to the Plan Review and Inspection Service Stabilization Reserve cap.

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

**7. Business License Program – Business Profile – 2009 Annual Report
(Files CK. 430-76 and PL. 4005-9)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated March 16, 2010, forwarding the Business Profile - 2009 Annual Report. The report is forwarded to City Council for information.

Copies of the Business Profile – 2009 Annual Report are provided to City Council members. A copy is available for viewing on the City’s website www.saskatoon.ca under the City Clerk’s Office and “Reports and Publications”.

**8. Gordon Howe Campground – 2009 Annual Report and 2010 to 2012 Rates and Fees
(Files CK. 1720-3-2 x 4205-74 and LS. 1701-30)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the rates and fees (including G.S.T.) as outlined in Table 2 of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated March 1, 2010, be approved for the Gordon Howe Campground.

ADOPTED.

Attached is the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated March 1, 2010, with respect to the above matter.

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Your Committee has reviewed the report with the Administration and supports the proposed rates and fees.

**9. 2009 Saskatoon Municipal Golf Courses Annual Report
(Files CK. 430-34 x 4135-1 and LS. 4135-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Attached is the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 18, 2010, with respect to the above matter.

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

Copies of the report have already been provided to City Council members. A copy is available for review on the City's website www.saskatoon.ca under the City Clerk's Office and "Reports and Publications".

**10. 2009 Leisure Centres Annual Report
(Files CK. 430-34 x 610-1 and LS. 430-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 26, 2010, and is forwarding the report to City Council as information. Copies of the report are provided to City Council members. A copy is available for review on the City's website www.saskatoon.ca under the City Clerk's Office and "Reports and Publications".

**11. 2009 Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo Annual Report
(Files CK. 430-1 x 4205-8 and LS. 4206-FO-12)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Attached is the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated March 5, 2010, forwarding the 2009 Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo Annual Report.

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

Copies of the report have already been provided to City Council members. A copy is available for review on the City's website www.saskatoon.ca under the City Clerk's Office and "Reports and Publications".

**12. Revisions to City of Saskatoon Policy C03-007 (Special Events)
(Files CK. 1870-15 and LS. 205-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following revisions to the City of Saskatoon Policy C03-007 (Special Events) be supported, in principle, and forwarded to the Budget Committee for consideration during the 2010 Operating Budget deliberations:

- a) the addition of a new event category entitled "Profile Saskatoon";
- b) the additional provision of \$100,000 per year for the next three years, for a total of \$300,000, to be contributed to the Special Event Reserve; and
- c) the creation of a Legacy Reserve to address the challenge some organizations have in meeting the legacy criteria, which would be used to fund predetermined projects.

ADOPTED.

Attached is the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated March 1, 2010, forwarding proposed revisions to Special Events Policy C03-007.

Your Committee has reviewed the matter with the Administration and supports the proposed revisions, in principle, subject to further review by the Budget Committee.

**13. Youth Sport Subsidy Program 2009-2010 – Budget Report
(Files CK. 1720-3-1 and LS. 1720-8-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the report on the program variables for the 2009 to 2010 Youth Sport Subsidy program year be received as information; and

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- 2) that the resulting operating impact of \$4,500 be referred to the Budget Committee for consideration as part of the 2010 Operating Budget.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed and supports the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated March 2, 2010, with respect to the above program.

**14. Blairmore Integrated Facility – Shaw Centre Capital Project
(Files CK. 606-2 x 4110-32 and LS. 613-10)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the cost overrun of \$822,000 for the completion of the Shaw Centre be funded from available cash for debt repayment resulting from delayed borrowing as identified in the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 26, 2010;
 - 2) the required borrowing be reduced by \$755,000 from the available cash for debt repayment resulting from delayed borrowing as in the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 26, 2010; and
 - 3) that the 2010 Operating Budget provision for related debt charges be reduced by \$68,000.

ADOPTED.

Attached is the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 26, 2010, with respect to the above matter.

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

REPORT NO. 3-2010 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. 2010 Tag Days
(File No. CK. 200-3)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the applications for the 2010 Tag Days, as identified in the attached report be approved.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a report of the General Manager, Corporate Services Department dated March 2, 2010, forwarding a list of applications received for 2010 Tag Days. Your Committee has reviewed the report and supports the approval of the applications.

**2. Earth Hour – March 27, 2010
(File No. CK. 375-4)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the City of Saskatoon participate in Earth Hour; and
- 2) that free transit services be offered the evening of March 27, 2010, commencing at 6:00 p.m. until approximately 1:00 a.m., to further support the City's climate protection initiatives.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a report of the General Manager, Utility Services Department dated February 24, 2010 recommending participation in Earth Hour on March 27, 2010. Your Committee supports the City's participation and has also requested the Administration to report back in April on the reduction of electricity consumption during the initiative.

**3. City of Saskatoon Compost Bin and Rain Barrel
TruckLoad Sale
(File No. CK. 7830-4-2 x 7900-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Attached for City Council's information, is a report of the General Manager, Utility Services Department dated March 2, 2010, regarding a compost bin and rain barrel truckload sale scheduled for May 1, 2010.

Your Committee notes the success of compost bin sales in previous years and is supportive of this initiative.

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the information be received; and
2) that the Administration report on the success of the program including information regarding the location of the sale.

**4. Landfill Operations Update – Line-ups
(File No. CK. 7830-4)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the attached report of the General Manager, Utility Services Department dated March 2, 2010, and is forwarding the report to City Council as information.

**5. 2010 Goals and Objectives – Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee
(File No. CK. 175-9)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed and submits to City Council, as information, the 2010 Goals and Objectives of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee, as outlined in the attached report dated February 11, 2010.

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**6. 2008 Access Transit Annual Report
(File No. CK. 430-17)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a report of the General Manager, Utility Services Department dated February 16, 2010 forwarding the 2008 Access Transit Annual Report.

Your Committee has reviewed the Annual Report with Administration and is forwarding the report to City Council as information.

The report can be found on the City's website at www.saskatoon.ca/org/clerks.office (City Clerk's Reports and Publications.)”

His Worship the Mayor assumed the Chair.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

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

CARRIED.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Brian Taylor and Curtis Berthelot, Pavement Scientific International Inc., presented the Consulting Engineers of Saskatchewan 2009 Brian Eckel Award of Excellence in Transportation, which was awarded to Pavement Scientific International Inc. and The City of Saskatoon for the Green Streets Recycling Infrastructure Program.

MATTERS REQUIRING PUBLIC NOTICE

**8a) Intent to Borrow
(File Nos. CK. 1750-1 and CS 1702-1, 1750-1)**

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“The following is a report of the General Manager, Corporate Services Department dated March 12, 2010:

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- RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council authorize the planned borrowing to finance the following projects approved, in principle, through Capital Budgets and capital plans:
- a) up to \$60,000,000 for Circle Drive South – River Crossing (Capital Project 993) to finance the construction of the roadways and bridge for Circle Drive South;
 - b) an additional \$8,100,000 (up to \$39,000,000) for the Water Treatment New Intake Facility (Capital Project 1208), to finance the additional budgeted expansion of the Ave. H water reservoir;
 - c) up to \$53,000 for Waste Water – Lift Station Upgrades (Capital Project 1243) to finance the upgrade of sanitary sewers throughout the city;
 - d) up to \$4,000,000 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant – Primary Digestion Process Update (Capital Project 1248) to finance the design and installation of a new mixing system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant;
 - e) an additional \$13,000,000 for the Destination Centre (Capital Project 1786), to finance the design and construction of Destination Centre at River Landing;
 - f) up to \$3,000,000 for the Water Treatment Plant – High Lift Pump Station Upgrade (Capital Project 2193) to finance the design and construction of a new High Lift Pump Station at the Water Treatment Plant;
 - g) up to \$13,400,000 for the Water Reservoir Expansion (Capital Project 2198), to finance the expansion of the Ave. H water reservoir;
 - h) up to \$760,000 for the Gordon Howe Campsite Electrical Upgrade (Capital Project 2358), to finance the upgrade of the electrical services at the Campground; and,

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- i) up to \$1,400,000 for the Automated Irrigation Management System (Capital Project 1630), to finance the purchase and installation of a centralized irrigation management system for City parks.

REPORT

The Cities Act and City Council Bylaw 8171 require that City Council give Public Notice before borrowing money, lending money or guaranteeing the repayment of a loan.

Capital Budget Borrowing

The projects in the above-noted recommendation are included in the 2010 Capital Budget. Through its Capital Budget deliberations, City Council has authorized these projects to proceed, subject to a Public Notice Hearing for borrowing. While some expenditures may have already been incurred, no borrowing has been undertaken pending this Public Hearing. It should also be noted that while authorization is being requested for the full borrowing requirements for all of these projects, actual borrowing will occur based on cash flow requirements and/or prevailing market conditions. Debt repayment on all these capital projects is supported by mill rate or water and wastewater utility rates. The debt repayment on the South River Crossing project is a combination of a reallocation of debt retirement from the borrowing for the Circle Drive and Attridge Drive Overpass and Circle Drive and 22nd Street Overpass projects to this borrowing, as well as a disbursement from the water utility.

Project 2358 – Gordon Howe Campground Upgrades, as well as Project 1630 – Automated Irrigation Management System, were included in the 2009 Capital Budget and Public Notice is still required for the internal borrowing. The internal loan on Project 2358 is to be repaid through a combination of increased revenues and reallocated internal debt retirement while the “green loan” for Project 1630 is being repaid through related utility savings from the implementation of the new system.

OPTIONS

The alternative option is not to proceed with the construction of the various capital projects noted above, or to finance these projects without borrowing.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

City Council should be aware that your Administration will follow its existing practice with respect to borrowing. Once an Administrative decision has been made to borrow, Council will be requested to authorize the General Manager, Corporate Services, to effect that borrowing within specified ranges (interest rates, for example). Once a borrowing has occurred, the Administration will draft and present a borrowing bylaw, with all of the relevant data related to the transaction, for Council’s approval.

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City Council is also asked to allow a 10% variance on the borrowing requirements for each project identified. Any variance greater than 10% of the borrowing amount identified must be reported to City Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The requested borrowing identified in the recommendation is being proposed within the capital budget plan with debt repayment covered through mill rate funding that is in place or through water and wastewater utility rates.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

- Advertised in the *Saskatoon StarPhoenix* on Saturday, March 13, and Saturday, March 20, 2010.
- Posted on City Notice board on March 12, 2010.
- Posted on City Website on March 12, 2010.

ATTACHMENT

1. Photocopy of Public Notice.”

General Manager, Corporate Services Department Bilanski presented her report and indicated that item b) noted above was incorrectly advertised so that one item is being retracted and it will be re-advertised for the next meeting of City Council.

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

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT City Council authorize the planned borrowing to finance the following projects approved, in principle, through Capital Budgets and capital plans:

- a) up to \$60,000,000 for Circle Drive South – River Crossing (Capital Project 993) to finance the construction of the roadways and bridge for Circle Drive South;*
- b) up to \$53,000 for Waste Water – Lift Station Upgrades (Capital Project 1243) to finance the upgrade of sanitary sewers throughout the city;*

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- c) *up to \$4,000,000 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant – Primary Digestion Process Update (Capital Project 1248) to finance the design and installation of a new mixing system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant;*
- d) *an additional \$13,000,000 for the Destination Centre (Capital Project 1786), to finance the design and construction of Destination Centre at River Landing;*
- e) *up to \$3,000,000 for the Water Treatment Plant – High Lift Pump Station Upgrade (Capital Project 2193) to finance the design and construction of a new High Lift Pump Station at the Water Treatment Plant;*
- f) *up to \$13,400,000 for the Water Reservoir Expansion (Capital Project 2198), to finance the expansion of the Ave. H water reservoir;*
- g) *up to \$760,000 for the Gordon Howe Campsite Electrical Upgrade (Capital Project 2358), to finance the upgrade of the electrical services at the Campground; and*
- h) *up to \$1,400,000 for the Automated Irrigation Management System (Capital Project 1630), to finance the purchase and installation of a centralized irrigation management system for City parks.*

CARRIED.

REPORT NO. 3-2010 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. Property Acquisition for Future Civic Use
2403 & 2415 Dudley Street; 2402 & 2414 Schuyler Street; and
2321 – 11th Street West
(File No. CK. 4020-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the City purchase the vacant property at 2403 and 2415 Dudley Street, 2402 and 2414 Schuyler Street, and 2321 11th Street West from Maple Leaf Foods Inc., for possible future civic purposes at a purchase price of \$1,195,350; and
 - 2) that the cost of acquisition and related expenses be charged to the Property Realized Reserve, as an interim source of financing.

Your Committee has considered and supports the following report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 26, 2010:

“REPORT

The subject property consists of five vacant, rectangular shaped parcels of land owned by Maple Leaf Foods Inc., comprising an area of approximately 6.217 acres. The largest site, situated just west of Avenue W, is 3.11 acres in size and fronts 11th Street West on the north side and Dudley Street to the south. The four remaining sites are immediately adjacent to each other and form a large rectangle with two sites each 0.80 acres in size fronting Dudley Street, and two sites fronting Schuyler Street each 0.76 acres in size. The configuration of the sites allows for a variety of development options for possible future civic use. Proximity to the Circle Drive South River Crossing roadway network makes these sites strategically well positioned.

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Significant terms and conditions of the Offer to Purchase agreement are as follows:

1. Purchase Price
Purchase price is \$1,195,350 with an initial deposit of \$50,000 within 15 days of acceptance of the Offer. (Deposit provided)
2. Conditions Precedent
 - a) Approval of Saskatoon City Council by March 24, 2010.
 - b) Seller to provide a copy of all Environmental or Geotechnical studies completed on the subject lands on their behalf or that are in their possession. (Completed)
 - c) The City shall have access to the Lands to conduct subsurface environmental investigations as part of a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) to be completed at the Buyer's expense, before March 5, 2010. The results of the examination and testing must be to the satisfaction of the City. The ESA Phase II was completed with satisfactory results.
3. Legal Costs and Disbursements
Each party shall be responsible for its own legal costs.
4. Closing & Possession Dates
March 31, 2010

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

A diagram of the Southwest Industrial Area is attached.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT the recommendation of the Executive Committee be adopted.

CARRIED.

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**2. Policy C01-004
Proclamations
(File No. CK. 205-5)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Policy C01-004, Proclamations, be amended so as to allow the names of individuals to be included in the proclamation, provided that they are associated with the name of the charitable or non-profit organization and that the application is submitted by the organization and not the individual.

Section 3.2 of Policy C01-004 sets out the criteria for proclamations as follows:

- 3.2 a) A proclamation is a formal pronouncement, issued at the discretion of Council, of a message of importance, interest and/or benefit to the community.
- b) Proclamations may be issued to charitable and non-profit organizations to increase public awareness of their causes and/or to promote fund-raising activities, to support major sporting, cultural and entertainment programs of significance to the city, and civic initiatives. Proclamations which involve commercial enterprises and political parties do not qualify.
- c) Proclamations will not be issued if they promote hatred of any person or class of persons, if they involve any illegal activity, or if they contain any inflammatory, obscene or libelous statement.

City Council has never made a proclamation in the name of an individual (eg. John Smith Day). However there are instances where a charitable or non-profit organization has partnered with an individual in order to increase the public profile of their cause, and for this reason your Committee puts forward the above recommendation.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the recommendation of the Executive Committee be adopted.

CARRIED.

**3. Delegation of Authority to City Manager
Acquisition of Provincial Lands
(File No. CK. 4020-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the City Manager be delegated the authority to submit an unconditional bid to acquire Provincial lands offered by public tender upon instruction by the Executive Committee;
 - 2) that if the bid is successful the City Manager report details of the purchase to City Council; and
 - 3) that City Council consider Bylaw 8832.

Your Committee has considered and supports the following report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 2, 2010:

“BACKGROUND

The Provincial Government recently undertook a review of its policy regarding the disposal of surplus Provincial lands. As a result, it our understanding that surplus Provincial lands are now to be sold by public offering, which will require the City to bid on lands that are of interest.

REPORT

Although not yet clearly defined, it is expected that disposal of most Provincial lands will be a straightforward ‘high bid’ tender process, with or without reserve bids. It is unlikely conditional offers will be accepted since that is not the typical practice for land being sold by tender.

However, the City Administration makes all land deals conditional upon City Council approval by a specified date. If the Province will not allow a conditional bid, this may not be an option for the City Administration. As a result, Executive Committee (In Camera) will need to provide instructions to the City Manager if the City is to bid on lands that are strategic or of particular interest for civic use or for future development purposes. It is anticipated that this will not be an issue when sufficient timelines are available. However, the timing of advertising and length of tender period are unknown at this time. This being the case, there may be situations when there is insufficient time to put a recommendation before Executive Committee for their advance consideration and instruction to the City Manager.

To alleviate the possibility of the City missing an opportunity to submit a bid in this situation, it is recommended that the City Manager be delegated the authority to proceed with submitting a bid, either with the instructions of Executive Committee or on the condition that he has the majority approval of individual members of Executive Committee

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where there is no time for a regular Executive Committee meeting. This approval may be obtained in person or electronically via email. If the City's bid is successful, the City Manager will report in public to Council.

This report and recommendation has been reviewed by the City Solicitor.

OPTIONS

There are two alternatives for consideration in this regard.

Option 1 - Delegate authority to the City Manager to submit an unconditional bid to acquire Provincial lands offered by public tender, on condition he/she has received instructions from Executive Committee, or, in the event where the timing of the tender process does not allow time to get instructions from Executive Committee, the City Manager has received instructions to do so from a majority of the members of Executive Committee, either in person or electronically via email.

Option 2 - Reject the recommendation and maintain existing consideration and approval requirements by City Council.

This option would maintain public reporting and ensure Council consideration prior to acquisition of property, however may enable circumstances that would result in a missed opportunity to submit a bid on Provincial Lands in the event of a shortened tender period.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

City Administration Bylaw 8174 (2003) would need to be amended to accommodate delegation of authority to the City Manager as outlined in this report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact."

Attached is a copy of Bylaw No. 8832, which effects the above.

The City Clerk distributed copies of revised Bylaw No. 8832 for Council's consideration.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

- 1) that the City Manager be delegated the authority to submit an unconditional bid to acquire Government lands offered by public tender upon instruction by the Executive Committee;*
- 2) that if the bid is successful the City Manager report details of the purchase to City Council at its next meeting; and*

- 3) *that City Council consider Bylaw 8832.*

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

B. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

1) Mimi Lodoen, President, Mount Royal Community Association, dated March 9

Request for sound attenuation walls along Circle Drive west from 22nd to 33rd Streets on the southeast side bordering Mount Royal. (File No. CK. 375-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration.

CARRIED.

**2) Rev. John Fryters, Ph.D., ICADC, President and CEO,
CHAKAM School of the Bible Inc., dated February 22**

Inviting City Council to actively participate in the Southern Sudan Humanitarian Action Development Agency project as outlined in the letter dated February 22, 2010. (File No. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration for a policy review.

CARRIED.

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**3) Mike Stensrud, Chair, Waste Reduction Committee
Cosmopolitan Industries, dated March 10**

Requesting to meet with Council regarding recycling as outlined in his letter dated March 10, 2010. (File No. CK. 7830-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration for a report at the appropriate time.

CARRIED.

4) Margi Corbett, dated March 8

Submitting comments regarding funding for renovation of the existing Mendel Art Gallery. (File No. CK. 620-4)

RECOMMENDATION: that the letter be referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the letter be referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.

CARRIED.

5) Arnold Grambo, President, Hudson Bay Route Association, dated March 3

Submitting notice of the Hudson Bay Route Association membership fee in the amount of \$200. (File No. CK. 155-7)

RECOMMENDATION: that the 2010 membership fee to the Hudson Bay Route Association in the amount of \$200 be paid.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT the 2010 membership fee to the Hudson Bay Route Association in the amount of \$200 be paid.

CARRIED.

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6) North Central Transportation Planning Committee, undated

Submitting notice of the North Central Transportation Planning Committee membership fee in the amount of \$600. (File No. CK. 155-7)

RECOMMENDATION: that the 2010 membership fee to the North Central Transportation Planning Committee in the amount of \$600 be paid.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the 2010 membership fee to the North Central Transportation Planning Committee in the amount of \$600 be paid.

CARRIED.

**7) Mayor Allan Earle, President
Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA), dated February 24**

Submitting an invoice for the 2010 SUMA Membership Fee in the amount of \$91,920.73. (File No. CK. 155-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that the 2010 Membership Fee to the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association in the amount of \$91,920.73 be paid.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT the 2010 Membership Fee to the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association in the amount of \$91,920.73 be paid.

CARRIED.

8) Michelle Prytula, Race Director, Saskatoon Mogathon, dated March 5

Requesting an extension for time under the Noise Bylaw to allow amplified music to be played in conjunction with the Saskatoon Mogathon being held on June 26, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (File No. CK. 185-9)

RECOMMENDATION: that the request for an extension under the Noise Bylaw to allow amplified music to be played in conjunction with the Saskatoon Mogathon being held on June 26, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., be granted.

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Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the request for an extension under the Noise Bylaw to allow amplified music to be played in conjunction with the Saskatoon Mogathon being held on June 26, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., be granted.

CARRIED.

9) Lorrie Dobni and Kim Ali, Saskatchewan Marathon, dated March 2010

Requesting an extension for time under the Noise Bylaw to allow amplified speakers in conjunction with the 32nd Annual Saskatchewan Marathon being held on May 30, 2010, from 6:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (File No. CK. 185-9)

RECOMMENDATION: that the request for an extension under the Noise Bylaw to allow amplified speakers in conjunction with the 32nd Annual Saskatchewan Marathon being held on May 30, 2010, from 6:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., be granted.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT the request for an extension under the Noise Bylaw to allow amplified speakers in conjunction with the 32nd Annual Saskatchewan Marathon being held on May 30, 2010, from 6:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., be granted.

CARRIED.

10) Nowshad Ali, Project Director, Saskatoon Fireworks Festival – 2010, dated March 16

Requesting an extension for time which amplified sound can be heard on Friday, September 3 and Saturday, September 4, 2010, until 11:30 p.m. and Sunday, September 5, 2010 until 10:00 p.m. (in case of inclement weather) and also requesting the Traffic Bridge be closed on Thursday, September 2 at 6:00 p.m. until Sunday, September 5, 2010 at 12:00 noon, or in case of weather delay, re-open Monday, September 6, 2010 at 12:00 noon, in conjunction with the 3rd Annual Saskatoon Fireworks Festival. (File No. CK. 205-1)

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the request for extension of the time which amplified sound can be heard on Friday, September 3 and Saturday, September 4, 2010 until 11:30 p.m. and Sunday, September 5, 2010 until 10:00 p.m. (in case of inclement weather), be granted; and

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- 2) that the request to close the Traffic Bridge on Thursday, September 2, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. until Sunday, September 5, 2010 at 12:00 noon, or in case of weather delay, until Monday, September 6, 2010 at 12:00 noon, be approved subject to any administrative conditions.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

- 1) *that the request for extension of the time which amplified sound can be heard on Friday, September 3 and Saturday, September 4, 2010 until 11:30 p.m. and Sunday, September 6, 2010 until 10:00 p.m. (in case of inclement weather), be granted; and*
- 2) *that the request to close the Traffic Bridge on Thursday, September 2, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. until Sunday, September 5, 2010 at 12:00 noon, or in case of weather delay, until Monday, September 6, 2010 at 12:00 noon, be approved subject to any administrative conditions.*

CARRIED.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS

1) Susan MacLaren, dated February 25

Submitting comments regarding provincial insurance regulations. (File No. CK. 150-1)

2) Marty Simpson, dated February 25

Submitting comments regarding recycling in the city. (File No. CK. 7830-5)

3) Deborah Skeldon, dated February 26

Submitting comments regarding street naming in the city. (File No. CK. 6310-1)

**4) Walter Katelnikoff, President
Holiday Park Community Association, undated**

Submitting comments regarding residential entrance fees at the landfill. (File No. CK. 1905-1)

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5) Randy Lundy, First Nations University of Canada, dated March 14

Submitting comments regarding funding for the First Nations University of Canada. (File No. CK. 150-1)

6) Mark Hryniuk and Others, various dates

Approximately 16 residents submitting comments regarding the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. (File No. CK. 150-1)

7) Ruth McCuaig, dated March 16

Submitting comments regarding street cleaning in the city. (File No. CK. 6315-1)

8) Joanne Sproule, Secretary, Development Appeals Board, dated March 8

Submitting Notice of Hearing of the Development Appeals Board with respect to the property located at 102 Avenue F South. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

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

CARRIED.

D. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

1) Robin Bellamy, Chair, City Wide Food Drive, dated February 24

Requesting that *The Temporary Sign Bylaw* be amended so as to allow Food Drive signs to be posted in the same location as election signs during the week preceding the annual City-wide Food Drive. (File No. CK. 4350-13) **(Referred to the Administration for a report.)**

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2) Norm Campbell, CEO, Communities in Bloom, dated February 22

Providing information regarding the 2010 Provincial Communities in Bloom Program. (File No. CK. 205-1) **(Referred to the Administration for further handling.)**

3) Michael Weinmeyer, dated February 25

Submitting comments regarding scheduling of programs at the Shaw Centre. (File No. 5500-1) **(Referred to the Administration for appropriate action and response to the writer.)**

4) V. Romancia, dated February 28

Expressing concern regarding the lack of sidewalks on Alberta Avenue north of SIAST from 33rd Street to 38th Street. (File No. CK. 5200-1) **(Referred to the Administration for consideration.)**

5) Melissa Orr, dated February 28

Expressing concern regarding unsafe construction work at the intersection of 1st Avenue and 19th Street. (File No. CK. 7500-1) **(Referred to the Administration for appropriate action.)**

6) Steven Bondy, dated March 1

Submitting comments regarding a parking/towing concern. (File No. CK. 5301-1) **(Referred to the Administration for appropriate action.)**

7) Darren Pickering, dated March 2

Submitting suggestions regarding the possibility of registering the new transit "Go Passes". (File No. CK. 7312-1) **(Referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.)**

8) Darren Pickering, dated March 2

Submitting comments regarding the speed of traffic in residential areas. (File No. CK. 5300-1) **(Referred to the Board of Police Commissioners.)**

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9) Sheri Ebert, March 2

Submitting comments regarding the traffic lights at the intersection of 8th Street and Acadia Drive. (File No. CK. 6250-1) **(Referred to the Administration for consideration.)**

10) Joseph Blatz, dated March 3

Submitting comments regarding traffic signals in the city. (File No. CK. 6280-1) **(Referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.)**

11) Anita Hrytsak, dated March 3

Submitting comments regarding traffic in the Montgomery area. (File No. CK. 6150-1) **(Referred to the Administration.)**

**12) Delores Funk, Senior Water Conservation Coordinator
Saskatchewan Watershed Authority, dated February 10**

Submitting information regarding the Provincial Toilet Replacement Rebate Program. (File No. CK. 7900-1) **(Referred to the Administration.)**

13) Pat Tymchatyn, President, Meadowgreen Community Association, dated March 3

Requesting welcome signage on the corner of 22nd Street and Whitney Avenue and enquiring about funding for this type of community signage. (File No. CK. 6280-1) **(Referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.)**

14) Shelley Guillet, dated March 8

Expressing concern regarding traffic safety on Wasukewin Road and Warman Road. (File No. CK. 6300-1) **(Referred to the Administration for consideration and response to the writer.)**

15) Doug Porozni, Ronmor, dated March 8

Expressing interest in acquiring property located at 319 – 320 Shillinton Crescent and 730 Hart Road in Blairmore. (File No. CK. 4110-32) **(Referred to the Land Bank Committee.)**

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16) Brian Reynoldson, dated March 10

Submitting comments regarding a recent enquiry regarding bicycle licensing. (File No. CK. 306-1) **(Referred to the Administration.)**

17) John Thomson, dated March 12

Submitting comments regarding recycling in the city. (File No. CK. 7830-5) **(Referred to the Administration.)**

18) Darin Reimer, dated March 15

Submitting comments regarding recycling in the city. (File No. CK. 7830-5) **(Referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.)**

19) Joan Feather, dated March 13

Submitting comments regarding snow clearing in the Broadway business district. (File No. CK. 6290-1) **(Referred to the Administration for consideration.)**

20) Nicki Ferguson, dated March 10

Submitting comments regarding the vacant lot located at Avenue P North and 29th Street. (File No. CK. 4139-4) **(Referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.)**

21) Leslie and Helen "Bubs" Coleman, dated March 3

Submitting comments regarding the future use of Chief Whitecap Park. (File No. CK. 4205-38) **(Referred to the Administration.)**

22) Robert Fenske, dated March 7

Submitting comments regarding the future use of Chief Whitecap Park. (File No. CK. 4205-38) **(Referred to the Administration.)**

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23) Hayley Hessel, dated March 9

Submitting comments regarding the future use of Chief Whitecap Park. (File No. CK. 4205-38)
(Referred to the Administration.)

24) Eli Bornstein, dated March 11

Submitting comments regarding the future use of Chief Whitecap Park. (File No. CK. 4205-38)
(Referred to the Administration.)

25) John Elias, dated March 11

Submitting comments regarding the future use of Chief Whitecap Park. (File No. CK. 4205-38)
(Referred to the Administration.)

26) Alma Elias, dated March 11

Submitting comments regarding the future use of Chief Whitecap Park. (File No. CK. 4205-38)
(Referred to the Administration.)

27) James Brodie, dated March 16

Submitting comments regarding residential RV parking. (File No. CK. 6120-1) **(Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

E. PROCLAMATIONS

1) Christine Epp, Coordinator, Volunteer Saskatoon, dated February 25

Requesting Council proclaim April 18 – 24, 2010 as Volunteer Celebration Week in Saskatoon.
(File No. CK. 205-5)

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2) Cathy Sieben, President, Saskatoon Literacy Coalition, dated February 10

Requesting Council proclaim May 2 – 8, 2010 as Saskatoon Literacy Week. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**3) Kelly Harrington, President
Saskatoon & District Labour Council, dated February 27**

Requesting Council proclaim April 28, 2010 as Annual Day of Mourning in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**4) James Gilchrist, Publicity/Sponsorship Coordinator
Saskatchewan Woodworkers' Guild, dated March 8**

Requesting Council proclaim May 30 – June 6, 2010 as Wood Workers Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

5) Mayor Michael Harding, City of Woodstock, dated March 8

Requesting Council proclaim April 8, 2010 as Child Find – Tori Stafford Day in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

6) Janel Dodd, Child Find Saskatchewan, dated March 8

Requesting Council proclaim May 2010 as Missing Children's Month in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**7) Brynn Boback-Lane, President & CEO
Children's Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan, dated March 15**

Requesting Council proclaim July 17, 2010, as the Children's Hospital Foundation celebrates Mike Babcock Day in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

The City Clerk distributed copies of a letter from Dr. Dee Dee (Shirley) Maltman, Chair, Mike Babcock Gala, Children's Hospital Foundation, dated March 17, submitting revised wording of the proclamation as follows: "that Council proclaim July 17, 2010 as Mike Babcock Day for the Children's Hospital Foundation."

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that City Council approve all proclamations as set out in Section E; and

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- 2) that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamations, in the standard form, on behalf of City Council.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

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

CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES

**Councillor D. Hill
Vancouver Pilot Project - Bees on Roof of City Hall
(File No. CK. 7550-1)**

Would the Administration report on the City of Vancouver's demonstration project to install beehives on the roof of their City Hall. Please report on the details and the possibility of doing something similar in Saskatoon. It would be great if the report could come back close to May 29 as that is the National Day of the Honey Bee.

**Councillor D. Hill
New2U Program
(File No. CK. 7830-5)**

Would the Administration please report on implementing the "New2U" program that was privately run last fall, as a city program. The review should focus on the program being run through the Community Services Branch, at the request of a local community association. The review should also include input from the Environmental Services Branch.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw 8831

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8831, being “The Waste Amendment Bylaw, 2010 (No. 2)” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT Bylaw No. 8831 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8831.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8831 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

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Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8831 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT Bylaw No. 8831 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 8832

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8832, being “The City Administration Amendment Bylaw, 2010 (No. 2)” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT Bylaw No. 8832 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8832.

CARRIED.

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

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Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8832 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8832 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT Bylaw No. 8832 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 8833

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8833, being "The Animal Control Amendment Bylaw, 2010" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

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Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT Bylaw No. 8833 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8833.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8833 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8833 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT Bylaw No. 8833 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.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL – continued

A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

**1) Doug Keats, Volunteer Chair
2010 YMCA Strong Kids Campaign, dated March 9**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding proclaiming May 2 – 8, 2010 as YMCA Strong Kids Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that Doug Keats be heard.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT Doug Keats be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Doug Keats, 2010 Strong Kids Campaign, requested that City Council proclaim May 2 – 8, 2010 as YMCA Strong Kids Week in Saskatoon.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

- 1) that City Council proclaim May 2 – 8, 2010 as YMCA Strong Kids Week 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) Michael Lobsinger, Lake Placid Group of Companies, dated March 15

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the expired Memorandum of Sale agreements between Lake Placid River Landing Inc. and the City of Saskatoon, for both Parcel “Y” and the “Lane”. (File No. CK. 4129-3)

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RECOMMENDATION: that Michael Lobsinger be heard.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT Michael Lobsinger be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Michael Lobsinger, Lake Placid Group of Companies, spoke regarding Lake Placid's commitment to the River Landing project and indicated that he has an agreement with Dr. Karim Nasser's company, Victory Majors Investment Corporation, for the purposes of developing River Landing. Mr. Lobsinger requested that that the City re-open the purchase and sale agreement for Parcel Y and lane. Mr. Lobsinger also took the opportunity to introduce Mr. Manlio Marescotti of Marriott Hotels, indicating that the Marriott is interested in this project as well.

3) Karim Nasser, dated March 16

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the River Landing Project and Lake Placid Developments. (File No. CK. 4129-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Karim Nasser be heard.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT Karim Nasser be heard.

CARRIED.

Dr. Karim Nasser, Victory Majors Investment Corporation, confirmed Lake Placid's agreement with Victory Majors Investment Corporation and asked Council to support a motion to refer the River Landing proposal submitted by Lake Placid back to the Administration to review and report.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration to report to City Council at its meeting held on April 12.

CARRIED.

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**4) Sue Barrett, Chairperson
Marr Residence Management Board, dated March 16, 2010**

Requesting permission to address Council to present the 2009 Marr Residence Annual Report.
(File No. CK. 430-60)

RECOMMENDATION: that Sue Barrett be heard.

Moved by Councillor Hill, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT Sue Barrett be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Sue Barrett, Chairperson, Marr Residence Management Board, presented the 2009 Marr Residence Annual Report.

Moved by Councillor Clark, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk