

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE LATE ITEMS FOR THE MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON OCTOBER 24, 2011:

LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 13-2011

Section B - Office of the City Solicitor

B1) Seasonal Taxi Licenses
(File No. CK. 307-4)

- Dale Gallant, Manager, Saskatoon Radio Cabs, dated October 20, 2011, submitting comments and requesting to speak to Council on the above matter.

REPORT NO. 11-2011 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2. Sunday Meter Parking Rates
(File No. CK. 6120-3)

- Jason Vanin, dated October 19, 2011, submitting comments;
- Dorothea Funk, dated October 20, 2011, submitting comments;
- Ron Sekulich, dated October 20, 2011, submitting comments;
- Scott Morrison, dated October 21, 2011, submitting comments; and
- Alison Uitti, dated October 22, 2011, submitting comments.

SPEAKERS LIST

(NOT including Presentations, Hearings or Matters Requiring Public Notice
(* represents late letter)

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*1. **Dale Gallant**

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

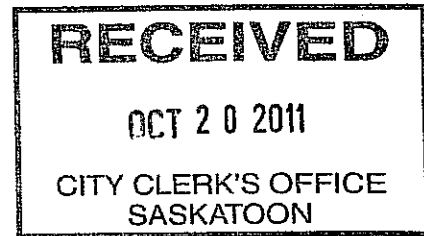
2. **Barb Biddle** – wind turbine project

3. **Jack Grover** - homelessness

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To: City Council
Subject: Write a Letter to City Council



TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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COMMENTS:

October 20, 2011
Saskatoon City Council

Please consider this notice of my request to be added to the list of speakers for the City Council meeting on Monday October 24, 2011. The following is a summary of my position:

I would ask that Council amend the Taxi Bylaw to more closely follow your Administration's recommendation that an equal number of seasonal winter plates be issued to each of the three taxi companies.

As Council has previously decided that our two competitors should receive four seasonal plates, I ask that we be given the same number. This is preferable, at this point, to going back to three for each company, as I would not like this amendment to adversely affect our competitors.

Our reasons for this request are:

- 1) We feel our customers are no less important than those of our competition and we need to be able to look after them this winter.
- 2) The seasonal plates are meant to improve service to the public. By restricting one company's ability to improve service, an uneven playing field is created.
- 3) While we are the smallest company, that is a fairly recent situation and we are trying our best to keep our market share. We do not believe Council wants to restrict one company and give an advantage to others.
- 4) Your Administration and the taxi companies have met many, many times in the last six or eight months to work on the implementation of measures from the Consultant's report passed by Council. We have been able to do so, and have moved beyond the partisan politics where each company put its own interests first. This is readily shown by the fact that neither of the two larger companies once suggested at any of our meetings that the seasonal plates be given on a proportional basis. A lot of effort, time, energy and expense has gone into these meetings and I think your recognition of the consensus we have achieved will keep the process moving along positively.
- 5) If I may quote Councilor Lorje's recent comment regarding Gordie Howe Bowl and hiring outside consultants, "This is a lesson well learned. This is what happens when we get an

expensive consultant in from elsewhere. There's been a three year delay on this just chasing our tail."

I would suggest that throwing out the work we have done is chasing our tail. I would further suggest that the taxi companies and your Administration working together can make the best recommendations for the City and our industry, without necessarily following all of the recommendations of the "expensive consultant from elsewhere."

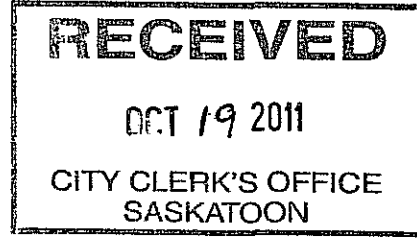
6) It is taxi companies' experience and knowledge of the overall picture of our industry that will get the service improvement City Council is looking for. We want to do this while giving an equal opportunity to drivers, lease operators, and taxi plate owner-operators.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dale Gallant
Saskatoon Radio Cabs Ltd.

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Sent: October 19, 2011 4:13 PM
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TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM:

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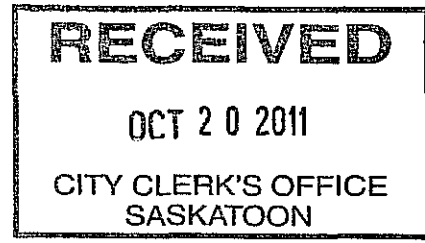
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COMMENTS:

Making meters active on Sundays would do far more harm than good to our community. If enacted it shows that Saskatoon's number one focus is on money and not on quality community living.

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TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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COMMENTS:

I am dismayed that City Council may approve parking fees on Sundays.

I live downtown and current parking fees are already a huge deterrent for friends and relatives to visit me where I live on 5th Avenue. Extending the fees to Sundays would make it even worse. . Often, these are out of town guests so transit is not an option.

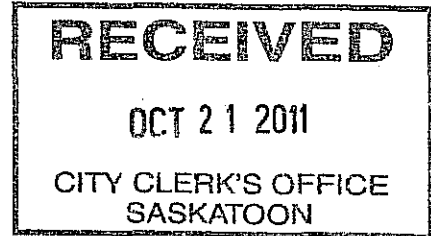
The argument that "Sunday has become just another day to shop" downtown(StarPhoenix, Oct. 18, p. 1) is just plain false. Sure, there's shopping, but it's also a day when families come downtown to enjoy the park, events, and the library without running out constantly to plug the meter.

I'm amazed that Council would even consider such a regressive move especially when most cities of a similar charge don't charge for weekend parking. I'm equally amazed that the Partnership (Downtown Improvement District) would support it. Know that this proposal is not supported by many downtown residents and businesses and those who want to spend time downtown.

I hope wisdom prevails and Council votes against Sunday parking fees. The impact on the downtown is more than the \$395,000 in projected revenues.

Sincerely,
Dorothea Funk

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TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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COMMENTS:

Dear City Council

I am opposed to your idea of charging for parking on Sunday.

You use a comparison of other major cities that do charge for parking to justify your action (Montreal, Toronto, Calgary & Vancouver)
This comparison is a Red Herring. I am certain that none of these cities charged for Sunday Parking when their population was just over 200,000.

Let's make a closer, more reasonable comparison..like Regina. I confirmed in person this afternoon that:

- 1) Regina now still charges half what Saskatoon Charges for parking \$1.00 per hour vs. \$2.00 per hour in Saskatoon
- 2) Regina does not charge for parking on Sunday.
- 3) In fact Regina offers 2 hours free parking on SATURDAY. The reason for this must be to encourage shopping downtown, not trying to chase it away to the Malls like you are doing in Saskatoon.

I have been told (by a councillor) that charging for parking is needed to keep people from parking all day downtown, tying up spots for actual shoppers. In my experience I have never had a problem getting a parking stall on Sunday, another Red Herring.

I also consider the 2 hour time limit to be a "Ticket Trap" anyway.

Say I go to a movie that is 1.5 hours long. I need to get there a little early and it takes time to exit the theater and get to my car. If it takes longer than 2 hours, presto! a parking ticket. Gosh, the city gets my \$4.00 for the meter & a ticket. Sort of like double jeopardy.

I should probably cut my loses and just not plug the meter to begin with.

If in fact charging for parking on Sunday it is a way to make sure cars do not park all day and not another cash grab after all I have a reasonable compromise.

Offer 2 (or 2.5) hours of free parking and ticket the offenders who park longer. The money generated from the fines will cover the cost of enforcement, even more depending on how aggressive you want to be. This seems to be a more enlightened option.

It is a fair and reasonable compromise (something you may want to consider for Saturday too), unless of course it is in fact just another poorly veiled grab for cash.

As I mentioned before, parking is already double here than in Regina.

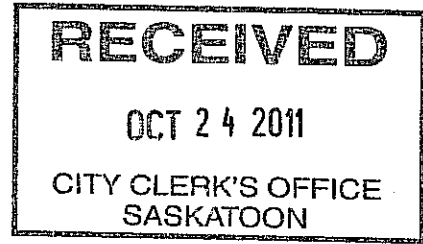
Enough is enough.

Regards,

Ron Sekulich
27 - Eddy Place

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TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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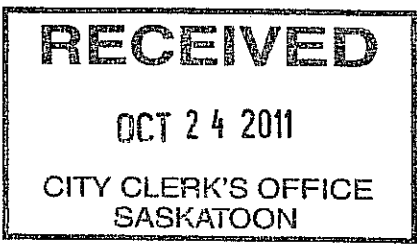
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COMMENTS:

I have not enjoyed living in Saskatoon over the past 6 years. I found this city to be gluttonous with advantage focused on greedy agendas. Paying for parking on Sunday is but a microcosm of what is ahead. Looking to move to a smaller community to avoid these increasing costs.

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Sent: October 22, 2011 2:28 AM
To: City Council
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TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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COMMENTS:

Dear Members of City Council,

Friday, October 21, 2011

I am writing in response to council's desire to begin charging people for parking downtown on Sundays starting January 1, 2012. Before you finalize your decision I would like to ask you to consider a few questions.

Have you thought about the impact your decision will make on the community life of the downtown places of worship? I'm sure each of us has felt that awkward moment during a funeral service at a downtown church on a Saturday when we realize that our meter is running out. That moment when we have to choose between getting a ticket or honouring the family of a dear friend by staying to have tea in the hall.

Often, there are elderly people who attend worship who struggle to get out during the winter but who are willing to make the effort to participate in their faith communities. With the 90 minute limit placed on parking, many seniors may feel that leaving a worship service before it is over to plug a meter would be dishonouring. The time limit would also inhibit the community life that takes place following worship. Often there are fellowship times when people can renew friendships and receive ministry from their community. If people have to think about a time limit, they might reconsider returning for a time to visit depending upon their age or a variety of other circumstances such as single parent families who wouldn't dream of leaving their children to add money to a meter but who might find it very inhibiting to have to bundle all of their kids up to do so in the middle of a service, particularly in our delightful winter weather.

Beyond worship life, there is a leisureliness about families taking unrestricted time to enjoy walks, skating and the beauty of the riverbank area. The commons is that unique ownership by everyone in our city of that which cannot be owned- nature, relaxation, common places to gather without cost.

Of course, revenue is important and your citizens recognize that you have a limited budget from which to administer many helpful services but to consider a day of rest as "just another shopping day" is to make a sweeping generalization about the choices being made on a Sunday.

Around the world, a day of rest is seen as a necessity for healthy life. Farmers recognize the benefits of resting a field, racehorse owners know better than to overrun their horses and doctors promote proper rest in order for people to carry on the everyday regimen that keeps a city running smoothly. Allowing a day of rest for the meters and meter readers may not seem like an urgent need but the ripple effect on our city's lifestyle, if the bylaw goes into effect, will be far reaching.

My final question addresses protocol regarding the decision making process. Has council consulted with the First Nation and Metis elders of this area? They have been appointed by our Creator as keepers of the land and their wisdom in this and other council decisions would be extremely beneficial. Please also consider asking for input from the leaders of the downtown worship centers before moving ahead with your decision to charge for parking on Sundays.

If you do go ahead with your plan, would you consider extending the time limit on meters to three hours to allow for at least a glimmer of the leisureliness that comes from getting lost in flying a kite with your child or receiving Communion and prayer without having to check your watch and worry about a penalty?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alison Uitti