

LATE ITEMS
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014

MATTERS REQUIRING PUBLIC NOTICE

**4a) Proposed Closure of Right-of-Way
Walkway between 569 and 603 Nordstrum Road
(File No. CK. 6295-013-003)**

- Lloyd Beazley, dated March 2, 2014, submitting comments regarding the above matter; and
- Amanda and Jeremy Probe, dated March 3, 2014, submitting comments and **requesting to address** Council regarding the above matter.

REPORT NO. 3-2014 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**4. Multi-Unit Dwelling Recycling
- Results of the Public Consultation and Business Plan Review
(File No. CK. 7830-5)**

- Patrick Predy, dated March 2, 2014, submitting a copy of a letter sent to Councillor Paulsen providing comments regarding the above matter.
- René Pinel, dated March 2, 2014, submitting a newsletter from Cosmopolitan Industries dated February 25, 2014.

SPEAKERS LIST

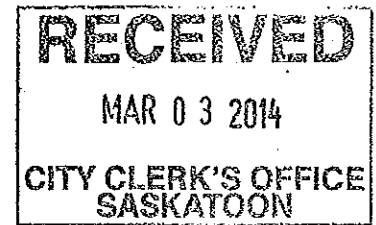
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MISCELLANEOUS

1. **Jeff Kolody** – door-to-door mail delivery

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From: CityCouncilWebForm
Sent: Sunday, March 02, 2014 10:15 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Write a Letter to City Council



TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM:

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COMMENTS:

Re: Walkway Closure 569-603 Nordstrum Road

Again, we witness the re-engineering of Silverwood Heights. While the walkway in question is somewhat in isolation of the walkway network in the neighbourhood it has served a purpose. Its purpose may have been greatly diminished with the completion of the sound wall on Wanuskewin Road. However, it still is actively used by evidence of the packed snow. I have seen many dog walkers continue to use these walkways, especially in the summer, that give access to the buffer strip behind the houses on the east side of Wanuskewin Road from 51st Street to the Fire Hall.

As I have no dog, I have never used these walkways that access the buffer strip for such a purpose. However, it is an amenity that is utilized by some and therefore adds value to the neighbourhood experience and hence its appeal. While the loss of this one walkway will not, in itself, do major harm to the neighbourhood it adds to the changes that have already taken place and builds momentum for more to come. It is like death by a thousand cuts. Each small and none fatal but the cumulative effect becomes both irreversible and devastating. This neighbourhood is slowly evolving into one that is considerably less pedestrian friendly and as a result certainly less child friendly.

I note that the cost to the applicants has doubled over the last few years. However, the walkway closure policy, I believe, contributes significantly to the demand for these walkway closures. The policy provides a significant monetary incentive to all applicants. This coupled with the total elimination of any nuisance factor gives every property owner next to a walkway an almost irresistible incentive to apply for closure. The walkway closure in question adds about 10% (5 feet on a 50 foot lot) to the land holdings of the applicants at a cost of \$4000.00 including application fees. Yet residential land is selling for about \$150,000.00 per lot. This works out to a value of approximately \$15,000.00 per applicant. While I concede my figures are estimates it is about a 375% return on investment immediately and offers the applicants the intangible value of more yard space without the necessity of moving to obtain such an amenity. The value returned to the rest of the community? I suggest a slightly less enjoyable and liveable neighbourhood.

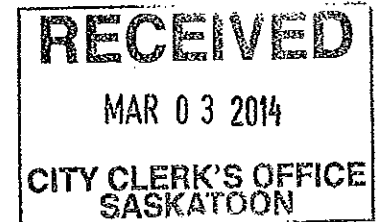
I cannot find on the City website the reasons the request was made to close the walkway or what if any remedial action was taken to address the applicants concerns prior to this moving forward to the vote in council. If this walkway is being closed over crime concerns should the public not be informed so that concerned citizens could play a more active role in deterring or reporting on such activity? I have not seen anything in the Silverwood Newsletter that there were issues with walkways recently. We need to reduce these issues neighbourhood wide not close a walkway so the unresolved issues just get transferred to somewhere else. When access to the buffer strip is restricted by this walkway closure what is the anticipated effect on safety of those that continue to use the buffer strip? Or to access water in the event of a grass fire?

To me there are too many unresolved questions for me to support closure at this time.

I also would encourage Council to reconsider what may be the unintended consequences of a "sale price" of the land that is so far below current values, that it in itself, creates demand for closure of these neighbourhood amenities.

Respectively submitted.

Lloyd W. Beazley



March 3, 2014

To:

His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council
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From:

Amanda and Jeremy Probe
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**Pertaining to: Proposed walkway closure – 569 – 603 Nordstrum Road and
City Council Policy Number C07-017 Walkway Evaluation and Closure**

As property/home owners of the land adjacent to the proposed walkway closure we would appreciate the opportunity to speak at the City Council meeting on March 3, 2014 at 6:00pm.

We would like to briefly discuss how the public use of the said walkway has increased the likelihood of a multitude of issues that have occurred directly at or beside both 569 and 603 Nordstrum Road.

Some of the issues that we would like to note include; in 2003-569 Nordstrum Road had a kitchen window break in which faced the walkway this was noted in the home insurance search, a 2012 bike theft from 569 Nordstrum Road's back yard-reported to the police, a January 2013 graffiti marking about 5ft x 5ft in size on the retaining wall directly behind 569 Nordstrum Road, this was reported to the police, hundreds of city dollars were spent on removal and a photo is present for viewing today if requested. Further issues include poor grading of the said pathway resulting in potential flooding to both 569 and 603 Nordstrum Road and the rotting of 569's fence due to flooding. The walkway has never been seen to be cleared of snow from 569 or 603's recollection and the adjacent grass is cut on average of two times per summer while the grass is approaching waist high or higher at times.

Access to this back public area is easily obtained even if this proposed walkway is closed. Nine houses to the north as well as seventeen houses to the south there is

public access to this back public area. This access does not provide a shortened route to a specific location as it does not open up to Wanuskewin Road until you travel the nine or seventeen houses north or south.

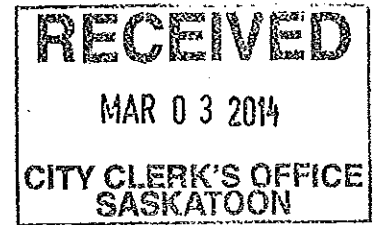
The previous community meeting on March 12, 2013 was attended by a police representative; Inspector Dale Solie, City of Saskatoon Traffic Management Engineer Shirley Matt, Traffic Program Coordinator Lana Dodds, and Councillor Randy Donauer, as well as 603 and 569 property/home owners drew three parties specifically for the closure of this walkway and none opposed to its' closing.

Sincere thanks for your time and consideration on this matter.

Jeremy Probe

Amanda and Jeremy Probe
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From: CityCouncilWebForm
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TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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COMMENTS:

Copy of letter sent to Tiffany Paulsen:

This is only my second letter to you Tiffany since you were elected to City Council, so please know I only write to you on critical matters. Please let me share a recent experience I had with what I think is one of the brightest organizations we have in this city.

One of my life goals is to give back to the Saskatoon community because the city has been so good to my family. I was seeking a volunteer position and was offered a tour of Cosmopolitan Industries. My luck was being there at the same time team Canada was playing for Olympic Gold. What an overwhelming experience to see the jubilation of the staff and clients! Proud Canadians and proud members of the Saskatoon community. The tour afterwards only reinforced my impressions: here was a place where our most disadvantaged found peace, friendships and a meaningful living. God bless the dedicated staff who serve this community.

Tiffany, I have read the ongoing debate about recycling for multiple unit residences. I understand everyone's concern about costs. The last report I read seemed to be a fair compromise between lower costs and supporting an extremely important organization for disabled community members. Can you please support the Cosmo Industries application at the upcoming meeting?

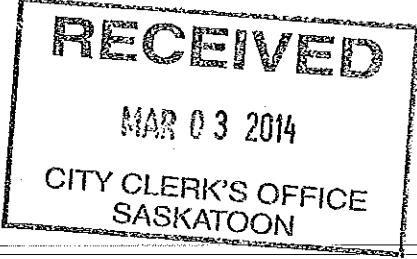
Tiffany, I see a sign when I drive into the city. It says "Saskatoon Shines". Saskatoon shines because we are proud of all our citizens. Both healthy and disabled have enormous opportunities to be productive members of our community. Cosmopolitan Industries had been a proud member of Saskatoon for so many years. We need to support them in this vote.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPad

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Cc: Rene J. Pinel
Subject: Recycling
Attachments: Cosmo deal in jeopardy.pdf



His Worship the Mayor and members of City Council.

Please open up attachment.

I am forwarding this on behalf of Cosmoplitan Industries.

This is to complicated for me to speak to City Council.

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Cosmopolitan Industries

Creating opportunities for adults with intellectual disabilities

COSMOPOLITAN INDUSTRIES' DEAL WITH CITY IN JEOPARDY

ISSUE: After a series of unanimous votes by City Council, Councilor Hill is requesting a delay in approving a city contract for Cosmo. The delay endangers the "*Cosmo Compromise*" developed to ensure the continuing social benefit for persons with intellectual disabilities.

KEY MESSAGES:

- Cosmo's business plan passed the City's Third-Party Auditor review with flying colours. It is time for City Council to keep its promise to persons with disabilities and approve a contract with Cosmo for the Multi-Unit Recycling (MUR) Program.
- Cosmo is the key to unlocking approximately \$1.5 Million dollars annually in new provincial stewardship funding. This new funding will reduce recycling utility fees paid by all residents, whether they live in a multi-unit residence or in a single-family home.
- The provincial government strives to make Saskatchewan the best place in Canada for persons with disabilities to live. Saskatoon has always been a leader in this endeavor. The partnership between the City and Cosmo enables adults with intellectual disabilities to be included in the economic fabric of our community.
- All of the reasons for the City to sign a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with Cosmo two years ago are still valid today to sign a contract with Cosmo to begin rolling out the MUR Program.

BACKGROUND:

- In June 2008, Cosmo signed a 10-year contract with the City to process all of the City's paper fiber recyclables.
- In 2011, the City decided to have a City-wide mandatory curbside recycling program to extend the life of the current landfill and reduce household waste collection costs.
- This put the City in the position of having a contractual liability to Cosmo. To address the issue, City Council unanimously passed a resolution that there would be 'no harm to Cosmo' and obligated it to continue to provide 7800 tonnes of paper fiber to Cosmo to recycle.
- In 2012, Cosmo submitted a proposal to providing single-family curbside collection and processing services for the City of Saskatoon. Cosmo's bid was \$1 million less than successful bidder, Loraas Recycling.

February 25, 2014

Contact: Ken Gryschuk @ 306.260-7093



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- Councilor Pat Lorje put forth what has come to be known as the '*Cosmo Compromise*,' committing the City to enter into a MOU with Cosmo to provide a mandatory recycling service for the Multi-Unit Residences (MUR). This compromise would ensure persons with disabilities remain an integral part of the economic fabric of Saskatoon.
- Since then, City Administration and Cosmo spent 15 months negotiating a proposal that went before Council in July and August of 2013. This proposal was unanimously passed by all Councilors, subject to Cosmo's business plan being reviewed by an independent third party auditor (Deloitte).

- Deloitte reviewed Cosmo's business plan. It was found to be fair to the City in that Cosmo would earn less than a for-profit business would expect to earn. The plan was also found to be sustainable for Cosmo.
- City Administration is proposing MUR's pay \$1.56 as a recycling fee. The City is moving forward with a plan for multi-units to join single-family dwellings in paying a comprehensive fee for promotion, education and other associated activities, bringing the total monthly cost to \$2.50.
- Councilor Hill is now backing away from this commitment. He is recommending the City pass a bylaw requiring all MUR's to have a recycling program with the ability to choose their own service provider.
- If passed, this bylaw would see the demise of Cosmo's recycling operation. To illustrate this point, waste haulers were bringing Cosmo over 2000 tonnes of paper fibre for which they were being paid. Loraas Disposal offered our suppliers a discount on using their private landfill provided they brought all recyclables to Loraas Recycling. This has reduced revenue for Cosmo and the City landfill. This strategy would play out again should such a bylaw be passed.
- In February 2013, the province introduced the Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship regulations (Multi-Material Recycling Program – MMRP). Coming into effect in January 2015, these regulations would provide the City of Saskatoon with approximately \$1.5 million in new funding provided city recycling activities maximize the social benefit for people with disabilities and utilize existing social enterprises such as Cosmo.
- People with disabilities are Saskatchewan's recycling pioneers.
- The City of Saskatoon and Cosmo have successfully partnered for the last 34 years to mutual benefit. Cosmo has recycled over 300,000 tonnes of paper and cardboard, saving the city significant garbage collection costs and extended the life of the landfill. During this period, Cosmo generated a social benefit by providing over 400 participants with opportunities and funds to enhance their quality of life.