

Council Chambers
City Hall, Saskatoon, SK
Monday, January 20, 2003
at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: His Worship Mayor Maddin, in the Chair;
Councillors Atchison, Fortosky, Heidt, McCann, Paulsen,
Penner, Roe, Steernberg, Swystun and Waygood;
City Manager Richards;
General Manager, Community Services Gauthier;
General Manager, Corporate Services Veltkamp;
A/General Manager, Fire and Protective Services Fawcett;
General Manager, Infrastructure Services Uzelman;
General Manager, Utility Services Hewitt;
City Solicitor Dust;
City Clerk Mann;
Councillors' Assistant Long.

PRESENTATION

His Worship the Mayor commenced the 2002 "Living in Harmony" Recognition Awards and indicated that, since 1994, the Race Relations Committee has presented four "Living in Harmony" Recognition Awards to recognize local organizations or individuals for their efforts in promoting intercultural harmony. The recipients of the awards were presented with framed originals of past winning submissions from the "Living in Harmony" art competition.

His Worship the Mayor presented the following awards:

- **CROSSING BRIDGES:** Bridge City Track and Arts Program - accepted by Tina Tran, Alfred Delgado Lopez, Shirley Laroque, Kelvin Robertson-Severight, Harry Lafond, Shannon Leydon, Mark Arcand and Denise Matechuk;
- Roger Carter – His Worship the Mayor explained that Mr. Carter could not be in attendance.
- Saskatchewan Intercultural Association – accepted by Rodolfo Pino-Robles, President; and
- Dr. Shakeel Akhtar.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on January 6, 2003 be approved.

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COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

**1) Marlene Hall, Secretary
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, dated January 10**

Requesting permission for Bill Delainey, Chair, Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, to address Council to present copies of the "Wonder City" Heritage Driving Tour Booklet. (File No. CK. 225-18)

RECOMMENDATION: that Bill Delainey be heard.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Bill Delainey be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Delainey was not in attendance.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**2) Janice Mann, Secretary
Board of Police Commissioners, dated January 8**

Requesting permission for Leanne Bellegarde Daniels, Board Chair, to make a presentation to Council with respect to Saskatoon Police Services accomplishments in 2002. (File CK. 5000-1)

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RECOMMENDATION: that Leanne Bellegarde Daniels be heard.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Police Chief Sabo be heard.

CARRIED.

Police Chief Sabo outlined the accomplishments of the Saskatoon Police Services in 2002 and the goals for 2003. He thanked Council for its support.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**3) Tim Kurka
Gary Emde Realty Inc./RE/MAX, dated January 15**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to discharging the mortgage on 48 Borden Crescent. (File No. CK. 750-4) (For Council's information, attached is a copy of Clause A3, Administrative Report No. 1-2003 which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on January 6, 2003.)

RECOMMENDATION: that Tim Kurka be heard.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT Tim Kurka be heard.

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Mr. Gary Emde, Gary Emde Realty Inc./RE/MAX, advised that there is an offer to purchase the property at 48 Borden Crescent and requested that Council discharge the mortgage and forgive the \$3,500.00 so that there could be a clear title on the property which will allow them to go ahead with the sale of the home. He indicated that if the sale does not go forward, the foreclosure will proceed.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the matter be referred to the Planning and Operations Committee for review and report back.

CARRIED.

**4) Kent Smith-Windsor, Executive Director
The Chamber, dated January 17**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the SUMA resolution proposed by the Committee on Economic Growth. (File No. CK. 155-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that Item AA16 of Communications be brought forward and considered and that Kent Smith-Windsor be heard.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT Item AA16 of Communications be brought forward and considered and that Kent Smith-Windsor be heard.

CARRIED.

**“AA16)Janice Mann, Secretary
Committee on Economic Growth, dated January 15**

Submitting recommendations with respect to education funding through property taxes. (File No. CK. 1870-1)

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the Province be requested to establish a Tax Review Committee with the intention of reforming the method by which education is funded in the Province of Saskatchewan, thereby improving property tax competitiveness in the Province of Saskatchewan; and

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- 2) that City Council submit the above as an emergent resolution to the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association, for consideration at its upcoming convention.”

Mr. Kent Smith-Windsor, Executive Director, The Saskatoon and District Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the Committee on Economic Growth’s proposed SUMA resolution and asked that Council pass the recommendations of the Committee. He provided Council with a copy of a document entitled “Property Tax for Education Purposes in Saskatchewan” and requested that a copy of it be sent to SUMA with the proposed resolution.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

- 1) *that the Province be requested to establish a Tax Review Committee with the intention of reforming the method by which education is funded in the Province of Saskatchewan, thereby improving property tax competitiveness in the Province of Saskatchewan; and*
- 2) *that City Council submit the above as an emergent resolution to the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association, for consideration at its upcoming convention.*

CARRIED.

AA. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

- 1) **Li Fanghong and Cai Xiaonan**
17 – 2521 7th Street East, dated January 2

Submitting comments with respect to the public transit system and the condition of the streets after the snow fall. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received and forwarded to the Administration for information.

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**2) Paul Van Loon
Lung Association of Saskatchewan, dated January 2**

Submitting information with respect to no-smoking bylaws. (File No. CK. 185-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received and that Mr. Van Loon be provided with information regarding the process the City is undertaking.

CARRIED.

**3) Brooke Wilken
626 Addie Crescent, dated January 4**

Submitting comments with respect to bike paths. (File No. CK. 5300-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received and joined to the file.

CARRIED.

**4) Mrs. D. McLellan
212 Champion Crescent, undated**

Expressing disappointment regarding the 2007 World University Games bid and opposition to the proposed casino in downtown Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 4110-23)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received.

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**5) Brian and Sharon Elder
1704 Shannon Crescent, dated January 3**

Expressing opposition to a downtown casino. (File No. CK. 4110-23)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**6) Ken Wood, C.A., General Manager
Saskatchewan Place, dated January 8**

Responding to Councillor Atchison's enquiry of January 6, 2003 regarding the possible naming of SaskPlace. (File No. CK. 611-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received and that the possibility of naming an internal roadway at Saskatchewan Place, in honour of Bill Hunter be referred to the Naming Committee.

CARRIED.

**7) John Zubowicz
51 Cooper Crescent, Regina, SK., dated January 10**

Expressing opposition to the public and private consumption and distribution of cannabis. (File No. CK. 5000-1)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**8) Dr. Claude W. Hutton
806 8th Avenue North, dated January 8**

Submitting concerns with respect to the Residential Parking Permit Program in City Park. (File No. CK. 6120-4-4)

RECOMMENDATION: that the matter be referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.

Moved by Councillor Swystun, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the entire issue of Residential Parking Permit Programs be referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.

CARRIED.

**9) Keith Krochak, Chairman Wakeboard Nationals
Saskatchewan Water-ski Association, dated January 9**

Requesting permission for temporary closure of Spadina Crescent between the Broadway and Victoria Bridge, and permission for an extension to the noise bylaw in connection with the 2003 Canadian National Wakeboard Championships to be held August 21 to 24, 2003. (File No. CK. 205-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the requests be approved subject to administrative conditions.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT the requests be approved subject to administrative conditions.

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10) Squire Shop Ltd., undated

Expressing opposition to the resolution passed by a majority of municipalities at the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) Convention to examine the creation of other municipal revenue streams, over and above property taxes and user fees. (File CK. 1910-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**11) Carol Wiebe
3 Rainy Court, dated December 3**

Requesting that a minimum speed limit be implemented on Circle Drive. (File No. CK. 6001-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the matter be referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the matter be referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.

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**12) Georgie A. Davis
101-125 Avenue B North, dated January 12**

Requesting that the City review the Snow Removal Bylaw. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the matter be referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT the matter be referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.

CARRIED.

**13) Elizabeth M. Chizek
208 315 Pinehouse Drive, undated**

Submitting comments with respect to the location of the transit terminal. (File No. CK. 7311-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and forwarded to the Administration.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT the information be received and forwarded to the Administration.

CARRIED.

**14) Nancy R. Baltzan, Committee Chairperson
The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Evangelist, dated January 11**

Requesting a grant of \$3,000.00 to install a clock in the Cathedral bell tower of St. John's Anglican Cathedral in connection with the 100th Anniversary celebrations. (File No. CK. 1870-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the request be denied since there is no source of funding for requests like these.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT the request be denied since there is no source of funding for requests like these.

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**15) Joanne Sproule, Secretary
Saskatoon Development Appeals Board, dated January 15**

Submitting notice of Development Appeal Board Hearing for property located at 420 – 3rd Avenue North. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**16) Janice Mann, Secretary
Committee on Economic Growth, dated January 15**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 4.

B. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

**1) Erika Haug
709 6th Avenue North, dated January 2**

Expressing concerns with respect to the pamphlet delivered to Jim Pankiw's constituents entitled "Stop Indian Crime." (File No. CK. 100-10) **(Referred to the Executive Committee.)**

**2) Clark Brenzil, Provincial Weed Control Specialist
Crop Development Branch, Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food, dated January 9**

Submitting information with respect to Weed Inspector Appointments for 2003. (File No. CK. 4510-1) **(Referred to the Administration.)**

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

C. PROCLAMATIONS

**1) Karen MacEwan, March Drive Coordinator
The Kidney Foundation of Canada, dated January 8**

Requesting that Council proclaim March, 2003 as Kidney Month in Saskatoon and requesting permission to fly the Kidney Foundation's flag. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**2) Ron and Jan Gitlin, Co-Chairpersons, Holocaust Committee
(Congregation Agudas Israel Jewish Community Centre, dated January 7**

Requesting that Council proclaim January 17, 2003 as Raoul Wallenberg Day in Saskatoon and requesting that McKinnon Avenue from Main Street to 12th Street be temporarily renamed Raoul Wallenberg Avenue. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**3) Michelle Skjerven
Kinette Club of Saskatoon, dated January 14**

Requesting that Council proclaim the week of February 15 to 21, 2003 as Kinsmen and Kinettes Week in Saskatoon and February 20, 2003 as Kinsmen and Kinettes Day in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**4) Regine Haensel, Race Relations Coordinator
Community Services Department, dated January 14**

Requesting that Council proclaim March, 2003 as Race Relations Month in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

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

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- 2) that permission be granted to the Kidney Foundation to fly the Kidney Foundation flag;
- 3) that McKinnon Avenue from Main Street to 12th Street be temporarily renamed Raoul Wallenberg Avenue on January 17, 2003; and
- 4) that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamations on behalf of City Council.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

- 1) *that City Council approve all proclamations as set out in Section C;*
- 2) *that permission be granted to the Kidney Foundation to fly the Kidney Foundation flag;*
- 3) *that McKinnon Avenue from Main Street to 12th Street be temporarily renamed Raoul Wallenberg Avenue on January 17, 2003; and*
- 4) *that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamations on behalf of City Council.*

CARRIED.

REPORTS

General Manager, Community Services Gauthier presented Section A, Administrative Report No. 2-2003;

General Manager, Corporate Services Veltkamp presented Section B, Administrative Report No. 2-2003;

City Manager Richards presented Section F, Administrative Report No. 2-2003;

City Clerk Mann presented Section A, Legislative Report No. 2-2003;

City Solicitor Dust presented Section B, Legislative Report No. 2-2003;

Councillor Sternberg, Chair, presented Report No. 2-2003 of the Planning and Operations Committee;

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Councillor Heidt, Chair, presented Report No. 2-2003 the Administration and Finance Committee; and

Councillor Heidt, Chair, presented Addendum to Report No. 2-2003 of the Administration and Finance Committee;

His Worship the Mayor, Chair, presented Report No. 2-2003 of the Executive Committee.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider the following reports:

- a) Administrative Report No. 2-2003;*
- b) Legislative Report No. 2-2003;*
- c) Report No. 2-2003 of the Planning and Operations Committee;*
- d) Report No. 2-2003 of the Administration and Finance Committee;*
- e) Addendum to Report No. 2-2003 of the Administration and Finance Committee; and*
- f) Report No. 2-2003 of the Executive Committee.*

CARRIED.

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

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

Committee arose.

Councillor McCann, 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. 1-2003

Section A – COMMUNITY SERVICES

**A1) Request For Encroachment Agreement
18 Sparling Crescent
Lot 34, Block 431, Plan 61-S-10303
(File No. CK 4090-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council recognize the encroachment at 18 Sparling Crescent (Lot 34, Block 431, Plan 61-S-10303);
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the appropriate encroachment agreement making provision to collect the applicable fees; and
 - 3) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of Saskatoon under the Corporate Seal and in a form that is satisfactory to the City Solicitor, the agreement with respect to this encroachment.

ADOPTED.

McKercher McKercher & Whitmore, Barristers and Solicitors, on behalf of Aaron Neilson Sherdahl and Caleste Sherdahl, the purchasers of the property located at 18 Sparling Crescent, have requested to enter into an Encroachment Agreement with the City of Saskatoon. As shown on the attached Real Property Report, part of the detached garage encroaches onto the lane. The total area of encroachment is approximately 0.18m² and will, therefore, be subject to an annual charge of \$50.00.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter from McKercher McKercher & Whitmore, Barristers and Solicitors dated December 20, 2002
2. Real Property Report dated January 26, 1993.

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**A2) Easement Requirement – SaskPower
Hudson Bay Industrial
Lot 7, Block 866, Plan 01SA15097
File No. CK 4090-3)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council grant an easement to SaskPower as outlined on the attached plan; 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 agreement as prepared by the City Solicitor.

ADOPTED.

Carol A. Moore, on behalf of SaskPower's Land Department, has requested the City's approval for an easement over Lot 7, Block 866, Plan 01SA15097, as shown outlined on Attachment 1. The purpose of this easement is to install underground street light control on the above-mentioned area.

The Community Services Department and Infrastructure Services Department have no objection to the granting of this easement to SaskPower.

ATTACHMENT

Part of Registered Plan 01SA15097

**A3) White Buffalo Youth Lodge Transfer of Partnership
(File No. CK. 610-9)**

- RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council approve an amendment to the original agreement for the operation of the White Buffalo Youth Lodge to replace the Metis Urban Self-Government Council of Saskatoon Inc. with the Central Urban Metis Federation Inc.

ADOPTED.

During its July 16, 2001 meeting, City Council approved an agreement for the establishment and operation of a multi-purpose facility in the City Centre. The terms of the agreement were negotiated with three other parties, namely STC Urban First Nations Services Inc., Metis Urban Self-Government Council of Saskatoon Inc., and Saskatoon District Health.

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Since that time, the Metis Urban Self-Government Council of Saskatoon Inc. organization has dissolved and has been struck off the Corporations Branch corporate registry. In a letter dated March 27, 2002 (see Attachment 1), the former Chair of the Metis Urban Self-Government Council of Saskatoon Inc. requested that the Central Urban Metis Federation Inc. (CUMFI) replace the former organization in the partnership agreement. As indicated in the letter, the representatives for the Metis will remain the same.

Once the recommendation has been approved, the Office of the City Solicitor will amend the agreement and all four parties will re-sign the amended document.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter from Metis Urban Self-Government Council of Saskatoon Inc., dated March 27, 2002

**A4) Proposed Easement Requirements – Lakewood Suburban Centre
SaskPower Easement Request
Municipal Buffer Strip MB14 & MB16, Plan 96S13326,
Municipal Buffer Strip MB18 & Municipal Reserve MR5, and
Blocks 431 to 435, Plan 01SA09948 and Parcel CC, Plan 89S02055
(File No. CK. 4090-3)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve the easements outlined on the attached plan; 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 agreements as prepared by the City Solicitor.

ADOPTED.

The design for the Lakewood Suburban Centre has now been finalized; as a result, the easement requirements for the area have been determined and are shown on the attached plan. With City Council's approval of the attached easement plan, the administration will execute the easements, the first of which is detailed below.

Carol A. Moore, on behalf of SaskPower's Land Department, has requested the City's approval for an easement over Municipal Buffer Strip MB14 and MB16, Plan 96S13326, Municipal Buffer Strip MB18 and Municipal Reserve MR5, and Blocks 431 to 435, Plan 01SA09948 and Parcel CC, Plan 89S02055, as shown outlined on Attachment 1. The purpose of this easement is to provide underground servicing to the adjacent area.

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The Community Services Department and the Infrastructure Services Department support the easements outlined in the attached plan including the easement requested by SaskPower as detailed above.

ATTACHMENT

1. Part of Registered Plan 01SA09948

**A5) Land-Use Applications Received by the Community Services Department
For the Period Between December 30, 2002 to January 10, 2003
(For Information Only)
(File No. CK. 4000-5)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

The following applications have been received and are being processed:

Condominium

- Application No.18/02 : 314 Nelson Road
Applicant: T. Webb & Milbrandt Homes Ltd.
Legal Description: Lot 6, Block 438, Registered Plan No. 01SA04536
Current Zoning: M3
Neighbourhood: University Heights Suburban Centre
Date Received: December 23, 2002

Development Plan

- Amendment No. DPA 3/03 Lands north of Dundonald and Westview neighbourhoods
Applicant : Dundee Development Corporation
Legal Description: Various
Current Land Use Designation: Saskatoon Planning District (DAG1) and Urban Holding
Proposed Land Use Designation: Residential, Light Industrial and Business Park
Neighbourhood: North West Development Area
Date Received: January 8, 2003

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Development Plan

- Amendment No. DPA 4/03
Applicant : City of Saskatoon
Legal Description: Parcel A, Plan 93S45207 and Parcel B, Plan 94S01799
Current Land Use Designation: Special Use Area
Proposed Land Use Designation: Residential
Neighbourhood: North East Development Area
Date Received: December 17, 2002

Discretionary Use

- Application No. D19/02
Applicant: George Haines
Legal Description: Lots 20 & 21, Block 21, Plan FW
Current Zoning: R2
Proposed Use: Bed and Breakfast home
Neighbourhood: Varsity View
Date Received: December 24, 2002

Rezoning

- Application No. Z5/03
Applicant: City of Saskatoon
Legal Description: Parcel B, Plan 94S01779
Current Zoning: AG
Proposed Zoning: R1A
Neighbourhood: Willowgrove
Date Received: December 17, 2002

Subdivision

- Application No.68/02 :
Applicant: W.Soroski for P.R. Developments
Legal Description: Lot 1, 2 & 3, Block 529, Rer'd Plan No. 63S21779
Current Zoning: M3
Neighbourhood: Nutana Suburban Centre
Date Received: December 23, 2002

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Subdivision

- Application No.1/03: 311-313 Stillwater Drive
Applicant: Larson Surveys for Michael Sladek
Legal Description: Lot 13, Block 199, Registered Plan No. 81S24837
Current Zoning: R2
Neighbourhood: Lakeview
Date Received: December 30, 2002

Subdivision

- Application No.2/03: 425 Lenore Drive
Applicant: Larson Surveys for Michael Sladek
Legal Description: Lot 33, Block 912, Registered Plan No. 77S41401
Current Zoning: R2
Neighbourhood: Lawson Heights
Date Received: January 6, 2003

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan of Proposed Condominium No. 18/02
2. Plan of Proposed Development Plan Amendment DPA3/03
3. Plan of Proposed Development Plan Amendment DPA4/03
4. Plan of Proposed Discretionary Use No. D19/02
5. Plan of Proposed Rezoning Z5/03
6. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 68/02
7. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 1/03
8. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 2/03

**A6) 2003 Capital Budget
Capital Project No. 2035
Regional Retail Study
(File No. PL 4125-6)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the proposal for retail planning services submitted by Robin Dee and Associates for the Regional Retail Study at a total fixed cost of \$117,506.00 inclusive of taxes be accepted; and,

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

ADOPTED.

REPORT

City Council approved, in its 2003 Capital Budget, Project 2035, the Regional Retail Study. This project is important as the city experiences significant growth in the retail sector and the accompanying demands to make more retail space available for development. The study will assess current retail inventory and shopping patterns and analyze the future retail/service space needs. This report will assist the Administration in determining the appropriate retail/service structure for the next 15 years and allow the modification of retail development policy as necessary.

A comprehensive retail/service space needs and distribution study requires the services of an experienced retail analyst. This specific area of expertise is quite rare in Canada and nonexistent locally. The Community Services Department has developed a relationship with Robin Dee and Associates of Oakville Ontario. This firm has significant experience in this scale of retail/service space analysis for Ontario municipalities including the City of Oshawa and the City of Peterborough. Robin Dee and Associates has developed a proposal to conduct the Regional Retail study for the City of Saskatoon and has teamed with a local firm, Fast Consulting, to carry out the necessary consumer surveys. The administration has reviewed his methodology and it will meet the objectives of the study. City Planning have received confirmation of Robin Dee and Associates' capabilities from several Ontario Municipalities.

The cost to the City for the proposal submitted by Robin Dee and Associates will be \$117,506.00 in fees and expenses including taxes. Capital Project 2035 has \$120,000 of approved funding allocated in the 2003 Capital Budget. As such, sufficient funding is in place to allow for the contract to be signed and the consulting services to begin.

ATTACHMENT

1. Corporate Profiles for Robin Dee and Associates and Fast Consulting.

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Section B – CORPORATE SERVICES

**B1) 2002 Residential Property Taxes and Utility Charges Survey
Prepared by the City of Edmonton
(Files CK. 1920-1 and 1905-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

On an annual basis, the City of Edmonton has undertaken to survey cities across Canada for information that would allow property tax and utility charge comparisons. Most of the comparisons used are based on an “average” house as defined in the survey. This year, the survey was expanded to include 26 cities, including some of the smaller centers in the Province of Alberta. A copy of the full survey is attached for Council’s information.

The survey results provide some very positive responses for those areas directly in control of City Council. However, they also point out some of the negatives that have been the subject of concern in recent years.

City Council has direct responsibility for the municipal portion of the property tax base (the library has been included for purposes of the survey). The response to the survey reveals that of the 26 cities surveyed, the City of Saskatoon municipal property tax ranked 6th lowest (page 23) in Canada (the other five cities all being located in Alberta). Not included in this comparison is Calgary’s and Edmonton’s (who are 2nd and 5th respectively) reliance on business taxes as a major revenue source. The impact of business taxes is highlighted later in this report, but had those taxes not been available to these cities, Saskatoon’s ranking of 6th may have improved.

The utility charges included in the survey are telephone, power, water, sewer and garbage (including surcharges). City Council has direct responsibility for water and sewer charges, and garbage collection is included in the property tax component. Telephone and power costs are effectively set by Crown Corporations. The response to the survey, for the combined cost of municipal property taxes and utility charges of the 26 cities surveyed, ranked the City of Saskatoon 2nd lowest (page 23) in Canada (Medicine Hat being the lowest).

However, what the survey also pointed out is Saskatchewan’s high reliance on property taxes for the support of education. When School taxes are added to the survey results, Saskatoon ranked 17th lowest (page 11). This ranking was influenced by the fact that the school taxes in Saskatoon were the highest of the 26 cities surveyed.

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Every year when we present the survey results to City Council, we caution that the survey must be viewed with the understanding that the comparisons are not necessary equitable. By necessity, the survey ignores the impact of Provincial policy on local taxation. For example, cities such as Fredericton and St. John's have no reliance on property taxes for education. City residents in British Columbia receive homeowner grants that partially offset property taxation, and other provinces have varying differences in the services that are shared between the local and provincial government.

Another example of policy differences that will impact survey results is the fact that some cities still have business taxes. While these benefit the municipality, they do not impact the survey (as it is based on taxes applicable to a residential property). In order to allow some comparison for the impact of business taxes, we asked the City of Edmonton to include these taxes in their survey and provide a table that compared the average property tax paid by each resident (i.e. total property and business taxes paid on residential, multi-residential and commercial properties divided by local population totals). On a per capita basis, Saskatoon ranked 10th lowest (page 17) of the 26 cities surveyed (inclusive of both municipal and school taxes).

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2002 Residential Property Taxes & Utility Charges Survey – City of Edmonton

**B2) Agreement for Sale between the City and the Board of Education
(Files CK. 4130-2 and 1815-3)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the total price of \$3,115,000 for the purchase of the School Board Lands be funded from the Property Realized Reserve.

ADOPTED.

As part of the South Downtown Development plan, the City, under an Agreement for Sale between the City and the Board of Education, purchased the School Board Lands for a total price of \$3,115,000. The City, also under agreement, agreed to sell the School Board Lands to Princeton Developments Ltd. (Princeton) assuming they met a number of conditions.

The original funding for this transaction included \$2,400,000 from the Property Realized Reserve and \$715,000 from the Parking Capital Reserve (towards the construction of a parkade).

Now that Princeton has not proceeded with the purchase, your Administration is recommending that the full amount of the purchase of the School Board Lands be funded from the Property Realized Reserve.

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**B3) Contract Awards
September 1, 2002 – December 31, 2002
(File No. CK. 1000-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

The Purchase of Goods, Services and Works Policy requires that the City Manager report three times a year on the award of contracts and requests for proposals which are between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

In accordance with City Council's policy, the attached report has been prepared detailing the contract awards for the period September 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002.

ATTACHMENT

1. Contract Award Report - September 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002.

**B4) 2003 Capital Budget (2004-2007 Capital Plan)
(File No. CK. 1702-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

At its meeting held on December 16, 2002, City Council approved the 2003 Capital Budget (2004-2007 Capital Plan). Attached, for Council's information, is the final version of that budget which incorporates the changes which were confirmed at that meeting.

ATTACHMENT

1. 2003 Capital Budget (2004-2007 Capital Plan)

**B5) Sask 9-1-1 Agreement
(File No. CK. 270-3)**

RECOMMENDATION: that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the attached Agreement.

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As City Council is aware, Saskatoon's agreement with the Province of Saskatchewan, to provide 9-1-1 services for the Saskatoon region, expired September 29, 2001. Since that time, the City has been in discussions with the Province and expressed its concern regarding the difference between the level of funding that was being made available through the proposed agreement extension, and the actual cost of providing the service.

To date, we have been unable to obtain any commitment for additional funding to be identified within the terms of the attached agreement. However, in 2001, the Province, in recognition of the under-funding in all regions, provided an interim reallocation of the startup/promotion funding that is available provincially from the monthly 9-1-1 telephone charge. The City of Saskatoon received an additional \$100,000 and, in 2002, included a similar amount in its 9-1-1 operating budget.

We have been informed that the City will not receive the additional funding for 2002 unless a signed agreement is in place. The purpose of this report is to obtain Council's approval to enter into such an agreement.

The proposed agreement does not address the financial concerns of the City. However, we do not anticipate being able to negotiate a retroactive amendment that would place Saskatoon in a different financial situation than the other two Regions. The City of Regina had previously signed a similar agreement that we understand expires in 2003. The City of Prince Albert agreement expired in November 2002, and they are being requested to renew. Your Administration is recommending that the current agreement be signed with an ending date of March 31, 2003. The Saskatoon Police Service has taken a lead role in attempting to negotiate the funding terms of a new agreement on a go forward basis. They have reviewed the attachment and are aware of our request to City Council.

ATTACHMENT

1. Sask 9-1-1 Agreement.

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the attached Agreement; and

2) that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee for further discussion.

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Section F – CITY MANAGER

**F1) 2003 StarPhoenix Advertising Contract
(File No. CK 366-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that an Advertising Agreement with the Saskatoon StarPhoenix be approved with a total projected dollar volume of \$400,000 for 2003.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

The Saskatoon StarPhoenix is the owner of the only daily and full-circulation Sunday paper in Saskatoon. As they are the sole supplier of this type of advertising, this Agreement may be considered a single source contract.

The Communications Branch negotiates an annual volume sales agreement with The StarPhoenix for advertising in the Saskatoon StarPhoenix and Sunday Sun. Previously, individual Sections, Branches, and/or Departments would purchase advertising separately, and would be charged a line rate according to their individual volumes. Currently, the purchasing of newspaper advertising is conducted under one account to take advantage of volume discounts. It is estimated that the centralized advertising account saves approximately \$100,000 annually.

The 2003 Agreement forecasts a \$400,000 volume of sales based on the previous year's volume and a projected increase due to the provisions for public notice contained in the new *Cities Act*. The line rate, the amount charged for each line of advertisement, is based on this projected volume. It should be noted that the Agreement is similar to a blanket purchase order, and does not require the City to spend the full amount in order to receive the line rate. As such, the City can continue to minimize advertising expenditures.

While The StarPhoenix increased line rates by 4%, the Communications Branch negotiated a reduction in that increase due to the projected increase in volume. As such, the new Monday to Thursday rate will be \$1.11/line, and the Friday and Saturday rate will be \$1.26/line (a 1.8% and 2.4% increase respectively). As well, the Agreement includes guaranteed placement in the "A" section at no additional charge, a substantially reduced rate for "filler" material, a reduction for colour insertions, and the lowest rate possible for inclusion in the Saskatoon Sun.

The Communications Branch is also pursuing the further centralization and redevelopment of the City Page in 2003. As a result of each Department being separately responsible for the placement of ads, the current City Page is often a rough hodgepodge of ads with inconsistent visual identity and appeal. The ads often use different fonts, sizes, logo treatments, and design. As well, the placement of ads is not managed such that the City Page is often placed over several pages.

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The objective of this initiative is to improve communications from the City to the public by employing more consistency and clarity in the City Page, thereby increasing readership and retention of the City's messages.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Clause 5, Report No. 2-2003 of the Planning and Operations Committee be brought forward and considered.

CARRIED.

“REPORT NO. 2-2003 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

**5. Central Urban Metis Federation Inc., Family Housing Project
(File No. CK. 750-4)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that funding of up to \$180,000 be approved to the Central Urban Metis Federation Inc. (from the Affordable Housing Reserve), for the acquisition and renovation of the apartment buildings at 102 and 104 Avenue U South and 101 Avenue T South; and
 - 2) that this funding be identified as the City's share of funding for the Saskatchewan Centenary Affordable Housing Program and that the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation be notified of the City of Saskatoon's desire to undertake this project as a priority for the renewal of the Pleasant Hill neighbourhood.

Your Committee has reviewed and supports the recommendations outlined in the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services dated December 31, 2002, with respect to the above project.”

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that funding of up to \$180,000 be approved to the Central Urban Metis Federation Inc. (from the Affordable Housing Reserve), for the acquisition and renovation of the apartment buildings at 102 and 104 Avenue U South and 101 Avenue T South; and

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- 2) *that this funding be identified as the City's share of funding for the Saskatchewan Centenary Affordable Housing Program and that the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation be notified of the City of Saskatoon's desire to undertake this project as a priority for the renewal of the Pleasant Hill neighbourhood.*

LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 2-2003

Section A – OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

**A1) Public Hearing/Consultations
Saskatoon Municipal Wards Commission
(File No. CK. 265-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

As Council is aware, a Municipal Wards Commission has been established, comprised of Mr. Justice Peter Foley, Chair, Professor Joseph Garcea, and the City Clerk. The purpose of this report is to advise City Council and citizens of Saskatoon of the upcoming activities of the Commission.

According to *The Cities Act*, ward boundaries must be reviewed at least once every nine years. The existing wards have been in place since October of 1994. The new ward boundaries will become effective with the next municipal election, to be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2003.

In establishing the boundaries for the wards, the Municipal Wards Commission must establish a quotient for each ward by dividing the total population of the City by the number of wards into which the municipality is to be divided, and the population of each ward must not vary by more than 10% from the quotient established. Under this formula, the City's new wards must have populations in the range of 18,553 to 22,675. The existing wards range in population from 17,697 to 25,840.

The Commission must also take into consideration:

- Current and prospective geographic conditions, including density and relative rate of growth of population; and
- Any special diversity or community of interest of the inhabitants.

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The following is the process that the Municipal Wards Commission will follow:

- Hold a preliminary public consultation meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in Committee Room E, City Hall, in order to receive input from the public.
- Draw tentative boundaries based on public input and legislative requirements listed above.
- Hold another public consultation meeting(s), tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2003 at 7:00 p.m., in order to receive input on the proposed boundaries.
- Establish ward boundaries based on public input and legislative requirements.
- Submit final report to City Council by the end of March.

In addition, information is being placed on the City's website (city.Saskatoon.sk.ca) regarding this process.

Citizens should call the City Clerk at 975-3240 if they have any questions regarding the above.

Section B – OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

**B1) Municipal Enterprise Zone
Gemini Freight Systems Inc. - 2420 - 11th Street West
Lots 2 & 3, Block 116, Plan 89S20258
(File No. CK. 1965-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Council consider Bylaw No. 8179.

ADOPTED.

City Council at its meeting on September 9, 2002 approved the application by Gemini Freight Systems Inc. for a one-year abatement of property taxes on a truck storage and truck wash facility to be built on the property located at 2420 - 11th Street West, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The abatement applies to the new building being built and the land. Work began on the building this fall and is expected to be completed in 2003. The abatement will begin in the 2003 taxation year.

Our Office has prepared the appropriate municipal enterprise zone tax Incentive Agreement. The Agreement has been reviewed by Gemini Freight Systems Inc. and is acceptable in its current form. We are pleased to submit Bylaw No. 8179 for Council's consideration. The proposed Agreement is attached as Schedule "A" to the Bylaw.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 8179.

**B2) Enquiry - Red Light Districts
(File No. CK. 280-5-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

City Council at its meeting of August 12, 2002, heard an enquiry from Councillor Fortosky as follows:

“The people who live on and around the stroll have had enough of prostitution and its associated problems. Would the Administration, through the City Solicitor, please report on the establishment of a Red Light District for Saskatoon, taking into account comparable districts across North America.”

Our Office reported to Council on November 29, 1999, that prostitution is regulated by Federal criminal law, and attempts by municipalities to legislate with respect to prostitution or related activities have consistently been struck down by the Courts as exceeding municipal jurisdiction. That report dealt with an enquiry with respect to the City developing a prostitution bylaw. Such a bylaw was never implemented.

The current enquiry deals with establishing a “Red Light District”. A red light district may be defined as an area set aside within a community wherein adult related activities are permitted to be carried out. This permission may either be explicit by means of legislation, or by tacit approval involving the absence of enforcement of any legislation prohibiting the activities. There are currently, to the best of our knowledge, no red light districts approved by Councils anywhere in Canada.

In preparing this opinion, we reviewed the report of the Working Group on Prostitution prepared by the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Deputy Ministers Responsible for Justice, issued in December of 1999. The report included a review of two jurisdictions in the United States that had experience with a type of red light district. The first mentioned was in Nevada where the State government has legalized and regulated prostitution and related activities. In that state bawdy houses are permitted, but the workers are restricted in the hours during and locations at which they can practice their trade. The situation in Nevada is apparently often cited by those seeking to have prostitution decriminalized as an example of the problems associated with regulating prostitution.

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The second example mentioned in the report took place in Boston in the 1970's. In that case, the City established a zone for prostitution and adult entertainment activities. The City found that the zone attracted a great deal of criminal activity and did not have the positive effects it had hoped for. The project was abandoned.

Our Office also reviewed a report from the City of Toronto, Board of Health which was submitted on April 24, 1995, dealing with prostitution in the City of Toronto. That report recognized the legislative restrictions on Canadian municipalities who seek to deal with prostitution related issues in their communities.

The report of the City of Toronto, Board of Health also mentioned the Boston experience and indicated that the problems associated with the red light district involved other businesses leaving the area, attitudes towards the area changing because of the explicit sexual nature of the zone, an increase in crime, and an actual decrease in enforcement resulting in the area becoming run down and unsafe.

In summary, because it involves criminal law, the City does not have the jurisdiction to establish a red light district. Council could pursue the matter with the Federal Government if it wished.

Councillor Fortosky also asked that we investigate the possibility of creating an "unofficial" red light district through tacit approval and selective enforcement in certain areas of the City. As we understand it, this would be a "recognized stroll area" where the Police "left people alone".

We surveyed law enforcement personnel and legal departments in various jurisdictions, who indicated that such a program would be highly problematic. No city would admit to such a program, and legal counsel we spoke with indicated they would not recommend such a program as they felt it raised numerous charter and practical issues.

We also asked the Saskatoon Police Service if they had any comment on creating an "unofficial" red light district. Their reply is attached.

ATTACHMENT

1. Copy of letter from Deputy Chief MacEwan to Office of the City Solicitor dated January 9, 2003, regarding Movement of the "Stroll".

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the Administration compile all of the reports that have been done on the subject of prostitution in the City;

2) that the Administration prepare a report on what the impact of the planned Local Area Plan initiatives will be; and

- 3) *that these reports be presented to the Social Policy Development Round Table for discussion with Mr. Peter Prebble.*

REPORT NO. 2-2003 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor R. Steernberg, Chair
Councillor D. Atchison
Councillor P. McCann
Councillor P. Roe
Councillor K. Waygood

1. Special Needs Transportation Delivery Review
(File No. CK. 7305-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve the transfer of \$30,000 from the \$75,000 surplus to cover the associated costs of a comprehensive review of the Special Needs Transportation Service.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the attached report of the General Manager, Utility Services Department dated December 6, 2002, with respect to the above matter. The Administration amended the recommendation outlined in that report to change the amount of the transfer from \$25,000 to \$30,000 to cover the associated costs of the comprehensive review of the Special Needs Transportation Service.

Upon review of the report with the Administration, your Committee supports the recommendation outlined above.

2. City of Saskatoon Policy C10-017 (Parks and Recreation Open Space)
(File No. CK. 4205-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that City of Saskatoon Policy C10-017 (Parks and Recreation Open Space) be rescinded.

ADOPTED.

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Your Committee has considered the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated December 5, 2002, with respect to the above policy. During review of the matter with the Administration, your Committee has been advised of recent amendments to the Park Development Guidelines under Administrative Policy A10-017. This also necessitated changes to the Development Plan. Your Committee has been further advised of the duplication of policy statements in Parks and Recreation Open Space Policy C10-017 and the Development Plan.

Your Committee, therefore, supports the recommendation to rescind Parks and Recreation Open Space Policy C10-017.

**3. Enquiry – Councillor Atchison – Lots for Special Care Homes
(File No. CK. 4110-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the identification of proposed residential care home sites in new neighbourhoods be implemented as part of the neighbourhood concept plan approval process and that this be reviewed in 24 months' time.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated December 5, 2002, with respect to the above matter.

As background information, City Council, at its meeting held on March 19, 2001, had considered Clause A1, Administrative Report No. 6-2001 and resolved that the information be received and referred to the Planning and Operations Committee. Your Committee requested the Administration to report on a tentative implementation plan for designating lots for social housing in new neighbourhoods. The above report was submitted in response to this referral.

**4. Sufficiency/Increased Funding – Affordable Housing Reserve
(File No. CK. 750-4)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the information be received;
- 2) that the Land Bank Committee report to the Planning and Operations Committee on the ability of the Land Bank Program to sustain a level of contribution to the Affordable Housing Reserve of 20% of land component proceeds versus the current level of 10%;

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- 3) that a copy of the report be forwarded to the Administration and Finance Committee, the Social Housing Advisory Committee, the Audit Committee, the Land Bank Committee, and the Municipal Planning Commission for their information, and that outstanding files in these Committees on this matter be closed; and
- 4) that upon receiving the report from the Land Bank Committee, as per recommendation 2) above, the Planning and Operations Committee report to City Council on a funding strategy to provide contributions to the Affordable Housing Reserve at the level contemplated in this report.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated December 31, 2002, with the Administration. Your Committee supports the recommendations contained in that report, as outlined above.

**5. Central Urban Metis Federation Inc., Family Housing Project
(File No. CK. 750-4)**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 27.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Clause 1, Report No. 2-2003 of the Executive Committee be brought forward and considered.

CARRIED.

“REPORT NO. 2-2003 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE”

**1. Voyageur Club of Saskatoon (Capri Place)
(File No. CK. 1870-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that all the tax penalties and interest owing on 304-2nd Avenue South (Capri Place) be cancelled upon the Voyageur Club of Saskatoon Inc. meeting the following conditions:

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- a) payment in full of all tax arrears, excluding interest and penalties, owing on the property on or before the 31st day of March 2003;
- b) payment in full of all outstanding utility accounts owing to the City on or before the 31st day of March, 2003;
- c) payment in full of the principal sum owing under all writs of execution registered against the property by Her Majesty the Queen (Canada); and
- d) proof satisfactory to the City that Her Majesty the Queen (Canada) has waived or cancelled all interest and penalties owing on the principal amounts of the writs of execution against the property.

The Administration has been working with the Voyageur Club Saskatoon Inc. (Capri Place) to address the collection of tax arrears owing on the property.

Your Committee recognizes the benefit to the community of Capri Place, and supports their efforts to become a viable operation. Your Committee therefore submits the above recommendation.”

IT WAS RESOLVED: that all the tax penalties and interest owing on 304-2nd Avenue South (Capri Place) be cancelled upon the Voyageur Club of Saskatoon Inc. meeting the following conditions:

- a) payment in full of all tax arrears, excluding interest and penalties, owing on the property on or before the 31st day of March 2003;*
- b) payment in full of all outstanding utility accounts owing to the City on or before the 31st day of March, 2003;*
- c) payment in full of the principal sum owing under all writs of execution registered against the property by Her Majesty the Queen (Canada); and*
- d) proof satisfactory to the City that Her Majesty the Queen (Canada) has waived or cancelled all interest and penalties owing on the principal amounts of the writs of execution against the property.*

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REPORT NO. 2-2003 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

**1. Banking Services
(File No. CK. 1660-3)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the current banking services agreement with the Royal Bank of Canada be extended for an additional two years.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Corporate Services Department dated December 17, 2002, recommending an extension of the current banking services agreement with the Royal Bank of Canada. Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration, and supports the recommendation.

**2. Communications to Council
From: Marsha Day, Chairperson, Fundraising Committee
Friends of the Broadway Theatre Inc.
Date: December 6, 2002
Subject: Request to Waive Landfill Fees
Renovations to Broadway Theatre
(File No. CK. 1870-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that up to \$1,000 maximum be granted to the Friends of the Broadway Theatre Inc. to cover landfill fees for renovations to the Broadway Theatre, under the Provision of Civic Services Program.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the above-noted communication which was considered by City Council at its meeting held on January 6, 2003 and referred to the Administration and Finance Committee for a report.

Your Committee has determined from the General Manager, Corporate Services Department, that there is no funding available for the entire request of \$5,000 however, up to \$1,000 could be made available from the Provision of Civic Services Program. Your Committee supports the granting of \$1,000 for landfill fees from the Provision of Civic Services Program.

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3. Communications to Council

From: Boyd Clark, Executive Director
Saskatoon SPCA Inc.
Date: November 14, 2002
Subject: Mortgage on the SPCA Building
(File No. CK. 1870-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the City Solicitor be instructed to realign the priority of the City's mortgage on the subject property to a second charge on the title.

ADOPTED.

City Council considered the above-noted communication at its meeting held on December 2, 2002 and it was referred to the Administration and Finance Committee for a report. Your Committee met with Mr. Boyd Clark, Executive Director, SPCA Inc., to review the issue in detail, and referred the matter to the Administration for a report. Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Corporate Services Department dated December 23, 2002 in response to the Committee's referral. Also attached is a copy of the above-noted communication from Mr. Boyd Clark.

Your Committee has reviewed the attached report with the Administration and with Mr. Boyd Clark, and supports the recommendation as outlined above. This will allow the SPCA Inc. to negotiate a line of credit with the Bank.

**4. Revenue Stabilization Policies
(File No. CK. 1815-1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the Water and Sewer Utility Stabilization Reserve be capped at 5% of metered revenue (including the infrastructure levy), beginning with the 2003 fiscal year;
- 2) that the Electrical Utility Stabilization reserve be capped at 1.5% of metered revenue, beginning with the 2003 fiscal year;
- 3) that the Transit Utility Stabilization Reserve be capped at 5% of total, beginning with the 2003 fiscal year;
- 4) that a new Storm Water Management Stabilization reserve be created;

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- 5) that the Board of Police Commissioners be requested to report back on the establishment of a revenue stabilization reserve for the Saskatoon Police Service; and
- 6) that the Administration prepare appropriate amendments to City Council Policy C03-003 (Reserves for Future Expenditures).

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Corporate Services Department dated December 20, 2002 forwarding a proposal to cap various reserves to fund year-end deficits when they occur. Your Committee has reviewed this proposal with the Administration, and supports the caps.

**5. 2003 Property Tax Abatements
(File No. CK. 1965-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the abatements of taxes for 2003 be approved for all former applications, as outlined in Sections A to L of the attached report; and
 - 2) that the new applications from McNab Park, Saskatoon Elks Lodge #12 Inc., Tamara's House Services for Sexual Abuse Survivors Inc., Voyageur Club of Saskatoon Inc. – Capri Place, be denied.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Corporate Services Department dated December 2, 2002 forwarding the listing of applications received for abatement of taxes for 2003 as well as additional information submitted on behalf of the McNab Park (Application M2). Your Committee has reviewed this listing with the Administration, and has heard an appeal from The Canadian Red Cross Society (Application M1) which was referred to the City Solicitor for review of the legislation which granted them a tax abatement on their former building – now owned by Canadian Blood Services. The Committee also heard appeals from Saskatoon Elks Lodge (Application M3), and the Voyageur Club of Saskatoon (Application M5), as well as the submission from McNab Park. Your Committee wishes to support the denial of the new applications at this time, in keeping with a decision made by a previous Council in 1998 for a freeze on granting funding to new applicants until a review of the whole program has been completed. As Council is aware, the Social Policy Development Round Table has reviewed the

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question of grants and tax abatements, and the Administration is developing one program that will address all funding applications. This will likely result in a change for all funding applications in 2004. The Administration has indicated that all applicants will be advised accordingly, so that they are prepared for a change to their funding for 2004.

**6. Nutana Kiwanis Park Pathway
(File No. CK. 4205-9)**

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u>	1)	that a project to construct a pathway in Nutana Kiwanis Park be designated a Municipal Capital Project;
	2)	that the Treasurer's Branch be authorized and directed to accept donations for this project, and to issue appropriate receipts to donors who contribute funds to the project; and
	3)	that the sources of funding for Project #2110 Nutana Kiwanis Park Pathway be:
		Dedicated Land Reserve \$28,900
		Park Enhancement Reserve \$20,600
		Other (donations) <u>\$11,500</u>
		Total Project \$61,000

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated December 19, 2002 regarding a project to construct a pathway in Nutana Kiwanis Park in partnership with the community. The Saskatoon Health Region approached the City regarding this pathway idea for seniors and older adults to walk in Nutana Kiwanis Park, in follow-up to the formation of a "Walking Group" from McEown and MacDonal Tower, Scott Forget and Ilarion Residence which promotes walking as a fitness activity.

Your Committee has reviewed this proposal with the Administration and supports this very innovative partnership venture.

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**7. Audit Report – Housing Programs
(File No. CK. 1600-32)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the information be received and that the outstanding recommendations from the Audit – Housing Programs be closed;
 - 2) that housing initiatives continue to be evaluated on their merits and their ability to meet a range of goals and objectives in light of civic policies and resources;
 - 3) that any requests for funding to the City be received and processed by the Administration, and that one of the recommendations to City Council for each application be that a copy of the report (and Council’s decision) be referred to the Social Housing Advisory Committee as information;
 - 4) that the authority to approve any request for financial assistance remain with City Council and not be delegated to the Administration;
 - 5) that the City continue to honour its financial and contractual commitments to the public housing subsidy program;
 - 6) that the proposed changes to City of Saskatoon Policy C09-002 (Innovative Housing Incentives) be adopted; and
 - 7) that the Administration be directed to respond with a discussion paper to address the City’s continued involvement in the rent supplement program.

ADOPTED.

City Council considered the Audit Report – Housing Programs at its meeting held on March 25, 2002 and resolved in part:

That Recommendations 8,9,18,21,25 and 26 from the Audit Report – Housing Programs be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee for further consideration.

The Committee considered Council’s referral at its meeting held on April 29, 2002 and referred comments on each of these Audit recommendations to the Administration for an overall report.

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City Council considered Clause 3, Report No. 6-2002 of the Planning and Operations Committee regarding the Innovative Housing Incentive Policy C09-002 at its meeting held on May 21, 2002 and resolved, in part:

- 2) that the matter of the Innovative Housing Incentives Policy C09-002, with respect to shelter housing, be referred to the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee subsequently referred this matter to the Administration and Finance Committee in that the Committee was already dealing with the Audit recommendations. The Administration indicated that they would include both issues in an overall report to the Committee.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated December 31, 2002, (Attachment "A"). Also attached, as background information, is a copy of the Implementation Plan for the Audit Report – Housing Programs (Attachment "B") as well as a copy of Clause 3, Report No. 6-2002 of the Planning and Operations Committee as referenced above (Attachment "C").

Your Committee has reviewed this matter with the Administration in detail, and supports the recommendations put forward, with a small change to Recommendation No. 3), so that all applications considered by City Council are forwarded to the Social Housing Advisory Committee as information, following Council's decision on the matter. This will keep the Advisory Committee informed as to what is happening in the community in terms of social housing.

ADDENDUM TO REPORT NO. 2-2003 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor M. Heidt, Chair
Councillor O. Fortosky
Councillor T. Paulsen
Councillor G. Penner
Councillor L. Swystun

**8. National Board of Directors Meeting, March, 2003
(File No. CK. 155-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: That the following resolution be submitted for consideration at the FCM National Board of Directors Meeting in March, 2003 by deadline date of January 22, 2003:

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WHEREAS

- 1) Canada's aboriginal population continues to grow rapidly,
- 2) Most of Canada's aboriginal population growth is occurring in cities, particularly in Western Canada,
- 3) Statistical information shows that urban neighbourhoods with a disproportionately large aboriginal population experience serious impacts including, but not limited to:
 - Decreased proportion of employed persons
 - Decreased average income
 - Decreased proportion of owner-occupied homes
 - Increased population of school-aged children
 - Increased population on social assistance,
- 4) The Federal Government in its throne speech of September 30, 2002 promised to work with larger cities to address special needs of new immigrants,
- 5) The needs and challenges of aboriginal peoples moving into cities are similar to those of new immigrants,
- 6) Each city that is experiencing rapid aboriginal growth will have somewhat different needs, which is why targeted regional funding is preferred over a uniform national program,
- 7) There is a strong desire within local communities to proceed with visible, "street level" actions to address known issues and challenges,
- 8) Local human service agencies and orders of government have demonstrated ability, proficiency, and accountability in the delivery of integrated service initiatives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) FCM request the Government of Canada to provide targeted regional funding to municipal governments with a high concentration of aboriginal population to undertake initiatives which will reduce the barriers faced by aboriginal people moving into cities and settling into the social and economic life of their new communities,
- 2) the Federal Government introduce targeted measures to help children and adults in the aboriginal community learn English as a second language so that they can realize the opportunities as other Canadian citizens in all municipalities,
- 3) FCM request that local orders of government participate in allocating the targeted Federal funding in order to ensure that the funds are directed to the priority needs of each community,
- 4) FCM exercise its influence, on behalf of all municipalities, to convince the Federal Government to view Canada's aboriginal population in the same light as they view Canada's new immigration population – as our future!

ADOPTED.

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Mayor Maddin advised the Administration and Finance Committee that he raised with the Big City Mayors of FCM the issue of the Federal Government providing the same funding to cities like Saskatoon, with a high aboriginal population, as is provided to cities like Vancouver and Toronto which have a high immigrant population, as many of the needs are the same. The Big City Mayors agreed with the concept. Mayor Maddin is therefore requesting that this issue be the topic of a proposed resolution at the FCM National Board of Directors meeting in March, 2003.

The Administration and Finance Committee considered this matter at the request of His Worship, Mayor Maddin, at the meeting held on January 13, 2002 and resolved:

“That the Administration develop an appropriate Resolution that would be referred to FCM for consideration at the National Board of Directors Meeting in March, 2003, and submit this Resolution to City Council on January 20, 2003, addressing the need for special federal funding for cities with a high aboriginal population.”

REPORT NO. 2-2003 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**1. Voyageur Club of Saskatoon (Capri Place)
(File No. CK. 1870-1)**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 34.

**2. Cancellation of Council Meeting
(File No. CK. 255-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the meeting of City Council scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2003 be cancelled.

ADOPTED.

City Council has previously established its meeting dates for 2003.

It is customary that Council does not meet during the week after Easter; however, inadvertently a meeting was scheduled during that time.

It is recommended that the meeting be cancelled.

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3. Communications to Council

**From: Don Schlosser, Vice-President for Cities
Saskatoon Urban Municipalities Association**
Date: December 23, 2002
**Subject: Increasing Revenue Sharing Grants or Alternative Revenue Sources
(File No. CK. 155-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) be advised of City Council's support of the resolution regarding increasing revenue sharing grants or alternative revenue sources.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered the above letter from Mr. Schlosser, copy attached, and submits the above recommendation.

**4. Appointment to the Municipal Planning Commission
(File No. CK. 175-16)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Ms. Karen Thogersen be appointed to the Municipal Planning Commission to the end of 2005, to replace Ms. Colleen Yates.

ADOPTED.

Ms. Colleen Yates has resigned from the Municipal Planning Commission.

**5. Appointment to the Board of Police Commissioners
(File No. CK. 175-23)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Brian Peters be appointed to the Board of Police Commissioners for the year 2003.

ADOPTED.

The above recommendation is put forward in order to replace Mr. Dan Ish, who declined reappointed to the Board of Police Commissioners.

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Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

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

CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES

**Councillor G. Penner
Requirement for Driver's Abstracts – New Transit Driver Hiring
(File No. CK. 4570-1)**

When transportation companies hire drivers, among other requirements, the company reviews a driver's abstract for each driver hired. My understanding is that this is a very valuable type of material for the company.

Does the City require drivers, that it hires, to provide a driver's abstract?

Does our Administration believe that this would be desirable?

**Councillor T. Paulsen
Exit Signage – Circle Drive and 22nd Street
(File No. CK. 6280-1)**

The signage and exits on the overpass located at Circle Drive and 22nd Street are confusing, particularly with respect to the exit that leads to the Fairhaven Business District.

Could the Administration please report on placing a sign on the appropriate exit that leads to the Fairhaven Business District that states 'Fairhaven Business District'.

**Councillor T. Paulsen
Feasibility of Creating a Right Turning Lane at Boychuk Drive and Briarwood Road
(File No. CK. 6320-1)**

Could the Administration please report on the feasibility of creating a right turning lane on Boychuk Drive onto Briarwood Road (the entrance closest to the freeway). There has been a large number of townhouses and homes built in this area, with more to come in the near future, creating a very dangerous intersection without a turning lane.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 8179

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8179, being “The Gemini Freight Systems Inc. Incentive Bylaw, 2003” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT Bylaw No. 8179 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8179.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8179 was considered clause by clause and approved.

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Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,
THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,
THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8179 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Bylaw No. 8179 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.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.”

Moved by Councillor McCann,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk