

Council Chamber
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Monday, June 19, 1995,
at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: His Worship Mayor Dayday in the Chair;
Councillors Birkmaier, Heidt, Langford, Langlois,
McCann, Postlethwaite, Roe, Steernberg and Waygood;
Director of Planning and Development Pontikes;
Director of Works and Utilities Gustafson;
Director of Finance Richards;
Acting City Solicitor Davern;
Acting City Clerk Hall;
City Councillors' Assistant Kanak

Councillor Atchison entered the meeting at 7:13 p.m. during consideration of Item A.3) of "Communications".

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on June 5, 1995, be approved.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT following consideration of "Communications to Council" the regular Order of Business be suspended and Item 6a) of "Unfinished Business" be brought forward and considered.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

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A. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

**1) Gloria Mitchell, Sidewalk Sale Coordinator
Downtown Merchants Association, dated June 2**

Requesting permission for temporary closure of Second Avenue between 20th and 25th Streets on July 13, 14 and 15, 1995 beginning at 6:00 a.m. in conjunction with 19th Annual Original, Honest-To-Goodness Second Avenue Sidewalk Sale. (File No. CK. 205-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

**2) Karen Taylor-Browne, President
SOS Elms Coalition, dated June 6**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the Adopt an Elm Campaign. (File No. CK. 4200-4)

RECOMMENDATION: that Ms. Taylor-Browne be heard.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Ms. Taylor-Browne be heard.

CARRIED.

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Ms. Karen Taylor-Browne, President, SOS Elms Coalition, addressed Council regarding the Adopt an Elm Campaign and indicated the need for more volunteers. She requested permission to place a band around city-owned elm trees as part of a general public awareness campaign that would lead to an inventory of all elms in the City of Saskatoon. Ms. Taylor-Browne noted that the project would be undertaken by volunteers over a three-month period.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT Council approve the request, in principle, subject to Administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

**3) J. Korobejko
Saskatoon, dated June 5**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding property tax. (File No. CK. 1930-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Korobejko be heard.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT Mr. Korobejko be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. J. Korobejko, 335 Winnipeg Avenue South, addressed Council regarding property taxes and expressed the opinion that he should not be required to pay the penalty previously imposed for late payment. Mr. Korobejko also urged Council not to raise taxes.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**4) Scott Russell, CAFC Coordinator
Saskatoon Fire Department, dated June 7**

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Requesting permission for a fireworks display on Sunday, July 30, 1995 at Saskatchewan Place to be held in conjunction with the Kinsmen Western Canadian Firefighter Combat Challenge Competition as part of the Canadian Fire and Emergency Services Exposition to be hosted by the Saskatoon Fire Department from July 27 to August 1, 1995. (File No. CK. 205-14)

RECOMMENDATION: that the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

5) Don and Jean MacDonald
Elrose, SK, dated June 6

Expressing concern regarding proclamation of the week of June 19 to 20, 1995 as Lesbian and Gay Pride Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

6) Vern Dahl
Saskatoon, dated June 9

Submitting comments regarding the delivering of utility bills. (File No. CK. 362-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and referred to the Administration to write to Mr. Dahl.

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Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Langford.

THAT the information be received and referred to the Administration to write to Mr. Dahl.

CARRIED.

**7) E. Robert Stromberg, Q.C., Chair
Saskatoon Airport Authority Planning Group, dated June 8**

Requesting Council to pass a resolution endorsing the proposed structure of the Board of Directors and of the process of nominating, appointing and revoking of appointments of members of the Board of Directors of the Saskatoon Airport Authority. (File No. CK. 175-43)

RECOMMENDATION: that Council adopt the following resolution:

RE: Endorsement of the structure of the Board of Directors and of the process of nominating, appointing and revoking of appointments of members of the Board of Directors of the Saskatoon Airport Authority.

WHEREAS the Council of The City of Saskatoon has reviewed the relevant draft/proposed provisions of the constating documents of the said Saskatoon Airport Authority relating to the above subject and referenced below:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Council of The City of Saskatoon endorses the structure of the Board of Directors of the Saskatoon Airport Authority and, in particular, endorses the provisions of its Bylaw relating to the nomination, appointment and revocation process.
2. The Council of The City of Saskatoon designates the Mayor to be its authorized representative as a Nominator and as required under the Constitution of the Saskatoon Airport Authority and confers the right on the Mayor to designate an alternate by written notice to the Chair of the Saskatoon Airport Authority.

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Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

WHEREAS the Council of The City of Saskatoon has reviewed the relevant draft/proposed provisions of the constating documents of the said Saskatoon Airport Authority relating to the above subject and referenced below:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The Council of The City of Saskatoon endorses the structure of the Board of Directors of the Saskatoon Airport Authority and, in particular, endorses the provisions of its Bylaw relating to the nomination, appointment and revocation process.*
- 2. The Council of The City of Saskatoon designates the Mayor to be its authorized representative as a Nominator and as required under the Constitution of the Saskatoon Airport Authority and confers the right on the Mayor to designate an alternate by written notice to the Chair of the Saskatoon Airport Authority.*

CARRIED.

**8) Thelma Shortt, Chair and Rennie Keates, Inner City Ministry Worker
Saskatoon Inner City Ministry, dated June 6**

Commenting regarding the proposed rezoning in the Riversdale neighbourhood. (File No. CK. 4353-2-4)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT the information be received and joined to the file.

CARRIED.

**9) Clarence and Mary Janzen
Saskatoon, undated**

Submitting comments regarding proclamation of the week of June 19 to 20, 1995 as Lesbian and Gay Pride Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

**15) Hans Storebo
Saskatoon, dated June 14**

Submitting comments regarding proclamation of the week of June 19 to 20, 1995 as Lesbian and Gay Pride Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

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**10) Wayne Brownlee, President
Tourism Saskatoon, dated April 25**

Providing Council with copies of the 1994 annual report and the 1995/96 Yellowhead Marketing Consortium Travel Guide. (A copy of the Guide is available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office.) (File No. CK. 430-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**11) Doug Cushway
Doug's Spoke'n Sport Inc., dated June 12**

Requesting permission to use the trails north of the Circle Drive Bridge on the east side of the river valley (area known as Sutherland Beach) on June 25, 1995, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the Fifth Annual Kona Cup Mountain Bike Race. (File No. CK. 205-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve the use of the City-owned portion of the trails north of the Circle Drive Bridge on the east side of the river valley (area known as Sutherland Beach) for the Fifth Annual Kona Cup Mountain Bike Race, subject to Administrative conditions.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT City Council approve the use of the City-owned portion of the trails north of the Circle Drive Bridge on the east side of the river valley (area known as Sutherland Beach) for the Fifth Annual Kona Cup Mountain Bike Race, subject to Administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

**12) Andre N. Lalonde, Language Institute
University of Regina, dated June 5**

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Submitting comments regarding the future of the Superintendent's Residence located in the Forestry Farm Park. (File No. CK. 4205-8-4)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT the information be received and referred to the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee and brought forward at the time the matter of the heritage designation for the Superintendent's Residence at the Forestry Farm is considered by Council.

CARRIED.

**13) David W. Atkinson, Chair, Board of Directors
Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan, dated June 13**

Expressing appreciation regarding recommendation for a grant under the Cultural Component of the Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program. (File No. CK. 1871-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause 1, Report No. 9-1995 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

**14) Nayda Veeman, President
Friends of the Broadway, dated June 11**

Expressing appreciation regarding recommendation for a grant under the Cultural Component of the Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program. (File No. CK. 1871-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause 1, Report No. 9-1995 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

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**19) Terry Schwalm, Executive Director
Saskatchewan Craft Council, dated June 13**

Expressing concern regarding the recommendation for a grant under the Cultural Component of the Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program. (File No. CK. 1871-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause 1, Report No. 9-1995 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

**20) Adrienne Sawchuk, Administrative Director
La Troupe du Jour Inc., dated June 16**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the recommendation for a grant under the Cultural Component of the Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program.

RECOMMENDATION: that a representative of La Troupe du Jour Inc. be heard during consideration of Clause 1, Report No. 9-1995 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

**22) Dwayne Drobot, Funding Coordinator
Saskatoon Gateway Players, dated June 19**

Submitting comments regarding application for a grant under the Cultural Component of the 1995 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program. (File No. CK. 1871-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause 1, Report No. 9-1995 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

**23) Emelia Panamaroff, Chair, Board of Trustees
Musee Ukraina Museum Inc., dated June 18**

Asking Council to reconsider their application for assistance under the Cultural Component of the Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program. (File No. CK. 1871-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause 1, Report No. 9-1995 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

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**24) Francisco Moran, President
Hispanic Senior Services Inc., dated June 14**

Asking Council to reconsider their application for assistance under the Cultural Component of the Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program. (File No. CK. 1871-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause 1, Report No. 9-1995 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

**25) David Atkinson, President
Saskatoon Symphony Society, dated June 19**

Submitting comments regarding application for a grant under the Cultural Component of the 1995 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program. (File No. CK. 1871-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause 1, Report No. 9-1995 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received and considered with Clause 1, Report No. 9-1995 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

CARRIED.

**14) Nayda Veeman, President
Friends of the Broadway, dated June 11**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 9.

**15) Hans Storebo
Saskatoon, dated June 14**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 7.

**16) Wayne Brownlee, President
Tourism Saskatoon, dated June 13**

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Commenting regarding the Superintendent's Residence at the Forestry Farm Park. (File No. CK. 4205-8-4)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT the information be received and referred to the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee and brought forward at the time the matter of the heritage designation for the Superintendent's Residence at the Forestry Farm is considered by Council.

CARRIED.

**17) Shanno Lidster, Manager, Blood Donor Recruitment
The Canadian Red Cross Society, dated June 14**

Inviting the City of Saskatoon to challenge the City of Regina to see which community can recruit the largest number of new donors. (File No. CK. 205-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT the City of Saskatoon issue a challenge to the City of Regina on behalf of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

CARRIED.

**18) Marlene Hall, Secretary
Development Appeals Board, dated June 15**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding existing one-unit dwelling with north side yard deficiency at 1201 Kilburn Avenue. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

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Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

- 19) Terry Schwalm, Executive Director
Saskatchewan Craft Council, dated June 13**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 9.

- 20) Adrienne Sawchuk, Administrative Director
La Troupe du Jour Inc., dated June 16**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 9.

- 21) Bob Fink
Saskatoon, dated May 19**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the future of core neighbourhoods. (File No. CK. 4353-1) **At the June 5, 1995 meeting of Council, consideration of this matter was deferred for two weeks.**

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Fink be heard.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Mr. Fink be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Bob Fink, 516 Avenue K South, addressed Council regarding problems in the core area and indicated the need for a multi-faceted solution. He expressed the opinion that the root causes must be addressed by educating and enforcing the laws against discrimination.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

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THAT the information be received and joined to the file.

CARRIED.

- 22) **Dwayne Drobot, Funding Coordinator**
Saskatoon Gateway Players, dated June 19
- DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 9.*
- 23) **Emelia Panamaroff, Chair, Board of Trustees**
Musee Ukraina Museum Inc., dated June 18
- DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 9.*
- 24) **Francisco Moran, President**
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B. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

- 1) **John T. Hawryluk**
Saskatoon, dated May 28

Expressing concern regarding the location of an elm tree on his property. **Referred to the Planning and Development Committee for a report.** (File No. CK. 4139-4)

- 2) **Connie Tate**
Saskatoon, dated June 4

Asking Council to pass non-smoking legislation. **Referred to the Legislation and Finance Committee.** (File No. CK. 185-3)

- 3) **Marianne Yurchuk, Promotion Director**
65CKOM, dated June 5

Submitting various requests regarding the 13th Annual 65CKOM Cruise Nite. **Referred to the Administration for a report.** (Files CK. 205-1 and 1871-9)

- 4) **Ruby Sollid**
Saskatoon, dated June 12

Submitting concerns regarding the condition of graves at the Woodlawn Cemetery. **Referred to the Administration for a report.** (File No. CK. 4080-1)

- 5) **Roland W. Nordick**
Saskatoon, dated June 13

Expressing concern regarding the safety of motorists and pedestrians on roadways and walkways near the river. **Referred to the Works and Utilities Committee.** (File No. CK. 6000-1)

- 6) **Theresa M. Zolner Skrip**
Saskatoon, dated June 12

Submitting comments regarding controlling weeds in the City. **Referred to the Planning and Development Committee.** (File No. CK. 4200-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

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Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

C. PROCLAMATIONS

**1) Marianne Yurchuk, Promotion Director
65CKOM, dated June 5**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of August 21 to 27, 1995 as Cruise Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**2) Debra L. Wieggers, President
Saskatoon Life Underwriters Association, dated June 9**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of November 13 to 17, 1995 as Life Insurance Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

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

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

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

2) that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamations on behalf of City Council.

CARRIED.

UNEFINISHED BUSINESS

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**6a) Request for Encroachment Agreement
Portion of Acadia Drive between Circle Park and Wildwood Malls
(File No. CK. 4090-2)**

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

"Attached is a copy of Clause B1, Report No. 12-1995 of the City Commissioner, which was dealt with as stated by City Council at its meeting held on May 23, 1995:

- IT WAS RESOLVED:
- 1) that City Council defer consideration of this report to June 19, 1995;
 - 2) that City Council, at its meeting on June 19, 1995, consider the following recommendations:
 - a) that the encroachment across the Acadia Drive right-of-way, between the Circle Park Mall and the Wildwood Mall, be approved as has been indicated on the attached plan;
 - b) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the appropriate encroachment agreement which includes the thirteen conditions that are outlined in this report; and,
 - c) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the encroachment agreement, on behalf of the City, under the Corporate Seal; and
 - 3) that the community associations in Ward 9 be notified.'

Also attached are copies of the following communications:

- Letter dated May 25, 1995 from Myron and Cora Kollins, 108 - 1123 Moss Avenue;
- Letter dated June 11, 1995 from Irene Seiferling, 10 Degeer Crescent;

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- Letter from Lloyd N. Abrey, Administrator, Elim Lodge, submitting a petition with approximately 113 signatures;
- Letter dated June 14, 1995 from Cecilia Cote requesting permission to address Council;
- Letter dated June 14, 1995 from R.I. Van Norman, Canadian Tire Associate Store;
- Letter dated June 14, 1995 from Rob Cote, President, Wildwood Community Association requesting permission to address Council;
- Letter dated June 15, 1995 from Grace Swidzinski, 102 Highland Crescent, requesting permission to address Council;
- Letter dated June 14, 1995 from Bryan Plowman, President, Market Mall Merchants Association, requesting permission for a representative to address Council and submitting copies of letters from the following:
 - Letter dated June 12, 1995 from members of the Market Mall Association - Bryan Plowman, President (Owner/Operator, Panhandler/Pot Pourri); Susan Kuz, Vice President (Owner/Operator, Hallidays Ladies Wear/Hallidays Petites); Jerry Choma, Secretary (Owner/Operator, Work World); Burnette Wing, Director (Owner/Operator, House of Eve Salon); and Albert Lee, Executive Official (Manager, KMART);
 - Letter dated June 14, 1995 from H.J. (Joe) Kerger, Sports Cards Plus;
 - Letter dated June 13, 1995 from Susan Kuz, Owner/President, Hallidays;
 - Letter from Jane Bradley, PJ's Wig Boutique;
 - Letter dated June 14, 1995 from Brenda G. Bennion, Purple Parrot Earrings;
 - Letter dated June 14, 1995 from Marion Tocker, A-1 Aquarium & Pet Supply;
 - Letter dated June 14, 1995 from Jerry Choma, Owner/Operator, Work World;

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- Letter dated June 12, 1995 from Burnette Wing, Owner/Operator, House of Eve Salon;
- Letter dated June 15, 1995 from Bob Gibb, The Awl Shoppe;
- Letter dated June 15, 1995 from Bob Barkman, Company's Coming;
- Letter dated June 15, 1995 from Marvin Henderson, Blue Gallery;
- Letter dated June 15, 1995 from Candice and Margaret Odishaw, TLC The Linen Closet Ltd.;
- Letter from Bryan Plowman, Owner/Operator, The Panhandler;
- Letter dated June 14, 1995 from Brenda Plowman, Pot Pourri; and
- Letter from Garry Wagner.

- Letter dated June 15, 1995 from Herta Barron, 218 Willoughby Crescent, requesting permission to address Council;
- Letter dated June 15, 1995 from Geoff Dufour, Robertson Stromberg, requesting permission for Philip Kuefler, Manager, Confederation Mall, to address Council;
- Letter dated June 15, 1995 from Douglas B. Richardson, McKercher McKercher & Whitmore, requesting permission to address Council;
- Letter dated June 15, 1995 from Brian L. Allen, Principle Associate, At Traffic Safety Corporation, requesting permission to address Council; and
- Letter dated June 15, 1995 from Lydia Lazenby, President, Elim Lodge Keenagers Association and Lloyd N. Abrey, Administrator, Elim Lodge Inc., requesting permission to address Council; and
- Letter dated June 14, 1995 from Geoff Dufour, Robertson Stromberg, requesting permission for John Van Haastrecht, President, Devan Properties Ltd., to address Council.
- Letter dated June 16, 1995 from Kenneth D. Zondervan, Saskatoon Manager, Stanley Associates Engineering Ltd., requesting permission to

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address Council; and

Letter dated June 14, 1995 from Councillor Donna L. Birkmaier requesting permission for Rajput Nesar to address Council."

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT all the speakers be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Cecilia Cote indicated the benefits of providing an opportunity for professional and amateur artists to display their work in the proposed link. She expressed the opinion that the citizens of Saskatoon will benefit from the enriched shopping areas and from the added comfort, convenience and safety of an underground passageway. She asked Council to support the project as proposed.

Mr. Rob Cote, President, Wildwood Community Association, advised Council that informational meetings were held on a number of occasions. He expressed the opinion that the owners were very forthcoming with information and indicated that several newsletters about the proposal were sent out to residents. Mr. Cote noted that on June 13 a public meeting was held with 50 people attending and there was only one dissenting vote regarding the proposal.

Ms. Grace Swidzinski, [Saskatoon], indicated that she is one of the residents that lives directly behind Circle Park Mall. She noted that she is not opposed to a connection between the two malls but rather the manner in which the connection is proposed, in that there would be a rise in the roadway. Ms. Swidzinski highlighted concerns regarding the condition of the roadway in winter months, the safety of pedestrians crossing at the lights, the possibility of damage to nearby property by motorists using the roadway and problems with spring runoff. She expressed the view that there are other options such as building an overpass or making the underpass deeper.

Mr. Bryan Plowman, President, Market Mall Merchants Association and Owner/Operator, The Panhandler/Pot Pourri, expressed concern regarding the proposed link between Wildwood and Circle Park Malls. He was of the view that the walkway will be perceived as a major link between the malls and the two malls will be perceived as one mall. Mr. Plowman also expressed concern regarding the timing of the closure of Taylor Street and the rush for approval of the link between the malls. Mr. Plowman questioned the fairness to the merchants at Market Mall who are competing in the same retail market as Wildwood and Circle Park Malls.

Ms. Herta Barron, [Saskatoon], indicated her opposition to the proposed link between the Wildwood and Circle Park Malls. She expressed the opinion that the link would create a super mall in the Wildwood community that was not part of the original plan for the area. Ms. Barron stated her concerns are regarding the possibility of an increase in crime, vast increases in traffic flow, traffic diversion to Moss Avenue and Rosedale and Avondale Roads and the diversion of

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business from other malls. She questioned the validity of a survey done by Devan Properties, regarding the proposal.

Mr. Philip Kuefler, Manager, Confederation Mall, indicated that the owners of Confederation Mall have no objection to the connection of the two malls.

Mr. Douglas B. Richardson, McKercher McKercher & Whitmore, addressed Council on behalf of T & T Properties Ltd. He indicated T & T Properties Ltd. does not oppose the plan to link the two separate malls if safety and fairness issues are met. Mr. Richardson highlighted examples of developments done previously and noted that the developments were done under the existing bylaws and at the expense of the developer. He indicated the importance of being consistent in dealing with all instances concerning underground passages, and noted that he believes concessions are being made with this proposal. Mr. Richardson noted that Dr. Brian Allen would address the issue of safety.

Dr. Brian L. Allen, Principle Associate, At Traffic Safety Corporation, noted that he was asked to conduct a traffic study of the pedestrian and vehicle safety issues arising out of the road design for the proposed link between the two malls. He made reference to the road safety evaluation report provided to Council members and with the use of overhead transparencies, Dr. Allen highlighted issues of particular concern regarding traffic safety.

Ms. Lydia Lazenby, President, Elim Lodge Keenagers Association, expressed support for the proposal. She indicated that Acadia Drive is extremely dangerous to cross, especially in the winter months, and urged Council to approve the proposal to provide an underground tunnel between the two malls.

Mr. Kenneth Zondervan, Saskatoon Manager, Stanley Associates Engineering Ltd., indicated he was involved in preparing the design for the modifications to Acadia Drive. Mr. Zondervan noted that he consulted with the City Engineering Department to ensure that the design was acceptable to City of Saskatoon standards with respect to traffic flow and safety standards. Mr. Zondervan used an overhead transparency and diagrams to represent what is being proposed for Acadia Drive. He addressed issues raised earlier in the meeting regarding traffic safety.

Mr. John Van Haastreht, President, Devan Properties Ltd., emphasized that what they are asking for at this meeting is for approval of an encroachment agreement to provide a pedestrian link between the two malls. He noted that the link will address major safety concerns. Mr. Van Haastreht also addressed various concerns raised earlier in the meeting and highlighted the benefits of the proposal.

Mr. Rajput Nesar had expressed an interest in addressing Council on the matter, however, he was not in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Lloyd Abrey, Administrator, Elim Lodge Inc., referred to a petition submitted to Council by residents of Elim Lodge and the surrounding area, and noted that he was asked to speak on their behalf. He expressed concern regarding the safety of pedestrians crossing Acadia Drive in that

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people do use the existing crosswalk between the malls. He believes that it is only a matter of time until someone will be killed at this crosswalk. Mr. Abrey urged Council to approve the proposal to provide an underground link between the two malls.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT the submitted correspondence and presentations be received as information.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Clause A1, Report No. 14-1995 of the City Commissioner be brought forward and considered.

CARRIED.

REPORT NO. 14-1995 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER

**A1) Enquiry - Councillor Atchison (May 23, 1995)
Request for Encroachment Agreement
Circle Park Mall and Wildwood Mall
(File Nos. CC 6150-10 and 4090-2)**

- "a) What is the proposed closing date for Circle and Taylor? If the proposal for a level grade on Circle Drive goes ahead this year, what date would Taylor and Circle Drive close?**
- b) Do we have a traffic study pertaining to a change in traffic flows when a mall goes from a neighbourhood mall to a super or regional mall (i.e. the joining of Circle Park and Wildwood)?**
- c) Is the contract proposed in Item (F) the same as Midtown Plaza (re: the 22nd Street underpass) and is the proposed contract the same as Midtown Plaza on all other points, and if not, which ones are not and which points are omitted from the Wildwood/Circle Park Mall or Midtown Plaza contract?**
- d) What type of mall is planned for University Heights? What effect would the encroachment have on a mall built in University Heights? Would a mall in University Heights even be built then?**
- e) Will you still be able to drive from Circle Park Mall to Wildwood Mall across Acadia?"**

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Report of the City Engineer, June 5, 1995:

"The following is in response to questions a), b) and e):

- a) During the 1995 construction of the Circle Drive twinning project between 8th Street and Highway 16 (cloverleaf), Taylor Street will be closed to east/west through traffic on two separate occasions. The projected closure dates at this time are between July 15 and August 7, and between September 25 and October 15. It should be noted that the above two closures will only impact east/west Taylor Street traffic. Traffic wishing to access or egress Taylor Street via Circle Drive will still be able to do so. At the end of this year's construction season (i.e. approximately mid-October), Taylor Street will be reopened to east/west traffic flow and be maintained in a full operational mode through the winter. In 1996, the grade separation at Taylor Street is planned to be constructed. Present construction dates are for the period March 15 to September 30, 1996. During this period, Taylor Street will again be closed to east/west traffic (emergency vehicles and City Transit will be accommodated by special detour through the construction zone). Unlike the 1995 detour, the work in 1996 will be such that access/egress to Circle Drive will be limited to right turns only (i.e. no left-turn access from the two new ramp intersections would be permitted). At the end of September 1996, the roadway and bridge components of the project would be complete and the roadways opened to all normal traffic flows.

- b) The Engineering Department has not undertaken any specific studies regarding the traffic impact of creating 'super' or regional shopping centres. As the Committee is aware, a traffic impact study was undertaken for the joining of the Circle Park and Wildwood Malls when the original submission by Devan Properties called for the closure of Acadia Drive. Since its most recent proposal no longer proposes such a closure, no detailed traffic studies have been undertaken. The reason for this is quite simple - the latest Devan proposal will have little, if any, direct impact on traffic flow patterns in the vicinity of the two malls. Other than a grade change on Acadia Drive, and the deletion of the most southern driveway access to Wildwood Mall on Acadia Drive, no changes to the present roadway alignments and access have been requested or approved. Since there is no proposed expansion of either building at this time, there will be no increase in gross leasable floor space. Without expansion, there would be minimal new vehicle trips generated by the current Devan proposal. There may be shifts in present trips, or the creation of a limited number of new vehicle trips, as a result of internal changes within the mall(s). For example, the creation of a movie theatre complex within the Wildwood Mall could have an impact on the time of trips being made to and from the mall. At certain times, this type of commercial enterprise within the mall may attract more vehicle trips than would presently be attending the mall. This potential for change within the Wildwood Mall has always been a possibility (with or without the connection across Acadia Drive) and the Engineering Department would argue that the simple joining of the two malls with a pedestrian linkage has not created a super mall, but only enhanced the viability of the Wildwood Mall and provided a significant benefit to pedestrian safety on Acadia Drive.

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- e) East/west access between Wildwood and Circle Park Malls will remain unchanged from what exists today. Wherever one could drive between the two malls at this time, the same crossings of Acadia Drive will be possible if the pedestrian linkage is approved and constructed."

Report of the City Planner, June 9, 1995:

"The following is in response to question d):

The City of Saskatoon Development Plan provides policies which guide the development of each Suburban Development Area. A Suburban Development Area includes eight to ten residential neighbourhoods, with a total estimated population of 50,000 persons. These residential neighbourhoods are served by a Suburban Centre which includes high schools, district and multi-district parks, institutional sites, and commercial properties. In each Suburban Centre, the commercial area is designated as Suburban Centre Commercial. In the University Heights Suburban Centre, the Suburban Centre Commercial area includes a retail-mall site of 23 acres and a smaller arterial-commercial site totalling 16 acres.

The proposed encroachment represents a pedestrian-enhancement to the Circle Park Mall and the Wildwood Mall. The development potential under the current zoning for each of the two sites is in no way affected by the pedestrian-link. This enhancement is expected to have only a small, marginal effect on the existing or planned retail areas, including the future mall in the University Heights Suburban Centre.

It is expected that a retail mall in the University Heights Suburban Centre will be built when sufficient demand for retail services is generated through the continued development of the surrounding residential neighbourhoods."

Report of the City Solicitor, June 12, 1995:

"The following is in response to question c):

Councillor Atchison has asked for a comparison of the agreement covering the underground tunnel under 22nd Street linking the Midtown Plaza and its parking lot with the proposed Encroachment Agreement.

The Midtown Plaza agreement is in the form of an easement. An easement grants an actual right in property that runs in perpetuity with the land. It need not be assigned from one owner of the Midtown Plaza to the next as it is a right in the land which automatically transfers with the ownership of the land. Because an easement grants a right in the land, it affords security to the owners of the Midtown Plaza. The easements granted to the Midtown Plaza (for the tunnels under 20th and 22nd Streets and the underground parking garage) were granted for a consideration of \$1.00 each.

In contrast, the proposed encroachment agreement with regard to the Circle Park/Wildwood Malls is simply a licence type of agreement which is personal to the owner of the malls (and

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permitted assigns). An encroachment agreement simply acknowledges that a structure encroaches into the public right-of-way and establishes conditions whereby the body having control of the right-of-way (in this case, the City) will allow the encroachment to continue. An encroachment agreement does not create an interest in land nor run with the land. Accordingly, it must be assigned at any time ownership of either mall changes.

The reason for using an encroachment agreement rather than an easement is due to a change in policy on the part of the Department of Highways. While the public right-of-way (Acadia Drive) is under the direction, control and management of the City, ownership of the street is in the Crown. An easement must be granted by an owner and the Department of Highways will no longer agree to an easement over or under a public right-of-way. Accordingly, encroachment agreements are now used which may be executed by the City which has direction, control and management of streets.

Apart from the difference in the nature of the interest created and the fee payable, the proposed encroachment agreement is very similar to the easements for the Midtown Plaza. Both agreements provide that the mall owners must construct and maintain the structures. The owners must indemnify and hold the City harmless from any claim which may arise because of the use or existence of the structures. The owners must also remove the structures in the event the agreements are terminated."

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

- a) that the encroachment across the Acadia Drive right-of-way, between the Circle Park Mall and the Wildwood Mall, be approved as has been indicated on the attached plan;*
- b) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the appropriate encroachment agreement which includes the thirteen conditions that are outlined in this report; and*
- c) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the encroachment agreement, on behalf of the City, under the Corporate Seal.*

IN AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

- d) AND THAT the encroachment agreement include a clause that should additional traffic control be required on Acadia Drive because of the pedestrian underpass, the proponent, Devan Properties, be required to pay such cost for a period of up to three years.*

***THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED.
THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS PUT AND CARRIED.***

REPORTS

City Commissioner Irwin submitted Report No. 14-1995 of the City Commissioner;

Councillor Steernberg, Chair, presented Report No. 11-1995 of the Planning and Development Committee;

Councillor McCann, Member, presented Report No. 9-1995 of the Legislation and Finance Committee;

Councillor McCann, A/Chair, presented Report No. 10-1995 of the Legislation and Finance Committee;

Councillor Langford, Chair, presented Report No. 10-1995 of the Works and Utilities Committee;

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Councillor Birkmaier, Chair, presented Report No. 3-1995 of the Audit Committee;

Councillor Langlois, Chair, presented Report No. 7-1995 of the Budget Policy and Planning Committee;

Councillor Birkmaier, Chair, presented Report No. 6-1995 of the Land Bank Committee;

Councillor Langlois, Member, presented Report No. 2-1995 of the Pension Administration Board;

Councillor Langlois, Chair, presented Report No. 3-1995 of the Personnel and Organization Committee; and

His Worship the Mayor, Chair, presented Report No. 6-1995 of A Committee of the Whole Council.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

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

- a) Report No. 14-1995 of the City Commissioner;*
- b) Report No. 11-1995 of the Planning and Development Committee;*
- c) Report No. 9-1995 of the Legislation and Finance Committee;*
- d) Report No. 10-1995 of the Legislation and Finance Committee;*
- e) Report No. 10-1995 of the Works and Utilities Committee;*
- f) Report No. 3-1995 of the Audit Committee;*
- g) Report No. 7-1995 of the Budget Policy and Planning Committee;*
- h) Report No. 6-1995 of the Land Bank Committee;*
- i) Report No. 2-1995 of the Pension Administration Board;*
- j) Report No. 3-1995 of the Personnel and Organization Committee; and*
- k) Report No. 6-1995 of A Committee of the Whole Council.*

CARRIED.

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

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

Committee arose.

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

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

"REPORT NO. 14-1995 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER

Section A - Works and Utilities

- A1) Enquiry - Councillor Atchison (May 23, 1995)
Request for Encroachment Agreement
Circle Park Mall and Wildwood Mall
(File Nos. CC 6150-10 and 4090-2) _____**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 17.

- A2) Proposed General Loading Zone
1623 - 20th Street West
(File No. CC 6145-1) _____**

Report of the City Engineer, May 26, 1995:

"The Engineering Department has received a request from the owners of Pleasant Hill Plaza to install a 'General Loading Zone' in front of 1623 - 20th Street West.

The Bi-Rite Drug Store is having difficulty with delivery trucks accessing the loading door located on the north side of the store. The trucks that unload at Bi-Rite are quite large and when unloading from the parking lot, they block the parking lot entrance. Some trucks have had to use the existing bus stop to unload items for the store.

The owners of Pleasant Hill Plaza have indicated that they are willing to pay the one-time installation fee of \$300.00 for the loading zone.

The Engineering Department has reviewed this request and proposes that a 'General Loading Zone' be installed in front of 1623 - 20th Street West, as shown on the attached Plan No. D8-2E, and that

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the applicant be required to pay the \$300.00 installation fee."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that a "General Loading Zone" be installed in front of 1623 - 20th Street West, as shown on the attached Plan No. D8-2E; and,
 - 2) that the applicant be required to pay the installation fee of \$300.00.

ADOPTED.

**A3) Proposed Parking Restriction
1212 Osler Street
(File No. CC 6120-2)**

Report of the City Engineer, May 29, 1995:

"The Engineering Department has received a request from the Lutheran Sunset Home of Saskatoon to restrict parking on Temperance Street in the vicinity of the south entrance to the Lutheran Sunset Home.

Residents and staff have experienced difficulties accessing and egressing the south entrance to their parking lot, due to the narrowness of Temperance Street and vehicles parking close to the driveway.

The Engineering Department has reviewed this request and proposes that parking be restricted for five metres each side of the south entrance to the Lutheran Sunset Home, as shown on the attached Plan No. J8-16R."

- RECOMMENDATION:** that a no parking restriction be implemented on Temperance Street, across the driveway to the Lutheran Sunset Home, as shown on the attached Plan No. J8-16R.

ADOPTED.

**A4) Proposed Parking Prohibition
2nd Avenue North -- Duke Street to Princess Street
(File No. CC 6120-2)**

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Report of the City Engineer, June 12, 1995:

"The Engineering Department is proposing that the existing parking prohibition on the west side of 2nd Avenue be extended to the south side of the new driveway constructed at Seafood Sam's Restaurant.

Currently, a parking prohibition exists on the west side of 2nd Avenue, from Duke Street south for approximately 100 metres. This prohibition exists because there is insufficient roadway surface to allow parking on this section of roadway. Parking past this point was allowed, however, it was rarely utilized and no safety concerns were raised until recently. With development of a vacant lot on this block for a restaurant, some parking has been occurring in the area immediately to the south of the existing parking prohibition. Although there is sufficient room to allow for a parked vehicle, there is poor visibility of southbound vehicles stopped in the through lane preparing to parallel park, due to the curve in the roadway. Also, vehicles exiting the newly-created driveway are not visible to southbound motorists due to this same roadway curve. To alleviate these safety concerns, it is proposed that 'No Parking' signs be installed from the existing parking prohibited area, south to the south side of the newly-constructed driveway as shown on the attached Plan No. G6-20V."

RECOMMENDATION: that "No Parking" signs be installed on 2nd Avenue, between Duke Street and Princess Street, as shown on the attached Plan No. G6-20V.

ADOPTED.

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A5) Communications to Council

**From: Kathy Abel, President, Westmount Community and School
Association -- Nina Henry, Westmount Community School
Date: October 14, 1994
Subject: Requesting Council to give further consideration to traffic
concerns in the Westmount Community
(File No. CC 6330-1)**

City Council, at its meeting held on June 5, 1995, considered a report of the Works and Utilities Committee outlining an action plan directed at alleviating traffic concerns in the Westmount Community. The recommendations of the Works and Utilities Committee were adopted recognizing that a source of funding had not been identified for construction of corner bulbs at Avenue M and Rusholme Road. As a result, City Council resolved in part:

"that the Administration be requested to provide a report on the source of funding for the construction of corner bulbs at Avenue M and Rusholme Road."

The estimated cost to construct corner bulbs at Avenue M and Rusholme Road is \$20,000. To be consistent with the source of funding for the improvements approved by City Council on June 5, 1995, the source of funding should be Capital Project No. 631 - 1995 Traffic Safety Program. Allocation of \$20,000 to this work would result in a deferral of an equivalent expenditure for permanent pavement markings or other roadway geometric improvements under the Traffic Safety Program.

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve the construction of corner bulbing at the intersection of Avenue M and Rusholme Road at an estimated cost of \$20,000; and,
 - 2) that the source of funding be Capital Project No. 631 - 1995 Traffic Safety Program.

ADOPTED.

**A6) 1995 Median Construction
Contract No. 5-0011
(File No. CC 6320-5)**

Report of the City Engineer, May 17, 1995:

"The work included in this contract is the reconstruction of the 22nd Street median from Avenue M to Avenue P.

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Tenders were received and opened publicly on Tuesday, May 17, 1995.

The following bids were received and are shown on the attached tabulation. A detailed tabulation includes the 1994 unit prices for identical work with a percent increase for each item.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Total Tender Price</u>
ASL Paving Ltd. SASKATOON, SK.	\$121,627.85
Mid-West Concrete & Paving Stone Ltd. MOOSE JAW, SK.	\$144,172.50

The Engineering Department's estimate for this work is \$104,738.75.

The low bid represents an estimated increase of 21% over similar work tendered in 1994. A small part of the price increase can be attributed to increases in cement powder and other input costs such as fuel and labour. The only other bidder for this contract was 27% higher than low bid. There are sufficient funds in the approved Capital Budget to undertake this work. The net estimated cost to the City is calculated as follows:

Base Tender	\$113,670.89
GST (7%)	<u>7,956.96</u>
Contract Amount	\$121,627.85
GST Rebate	<u>4,546.84</u>
Net Estimated Cost to City	<u>\$117,081.01</u>

The low bidder, ASL Paving Ltd., has worked for the City before and has personnel of adequate experience and equipment of sufficient capacity and quality to undertake a project of this scope and nature."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council accept the tender submitted by ASL Paving Ltd., for the 22nd Street Median Construction, at a total estimated cost of \$121,627.85, including GST; and,
 - 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract documents, as prepared by the City Solicitor, under the Corporate Seal.

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that City Council accept the tender submitted by ASL Paving Ltd., for the 22nd Street Median Construction, at a total estimated cost of

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\$121,627.85, including GST;

- 2) *that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract documents, as prepared by the City Solicitor, under the Corporate Seal; and*
- 3) *that the question of medians and whether or not to maintain them be referred to the Works and Utilities Committee for a report.*

**A7) Contract No. 4-0005
1994 Sidewalk and Median Construction
Contractor: Interprovincial Concrete Ltd. and
Rebel Concrete Services Ltd., A Joint Venture
(File No. CC 6220-1)**

Report of the City Solicitor, June 14, 1995:

"City Council at its meeting on September 26, 1994, awarded the 1994 Sidewalk and Median Construction Contract (Contract No. 4-0005) to Interprovincial Concrete Ltd. and Rebel Concrete Services Ltd., A Joint Venture for the sum of \$454,627.93. The contract contemplated that work would begin in 1994 and would be completed by July 31, 1995. Work began as scheduled and approximately \$106,312.04 worth of work was completed in 1994.

It was anticipated that work would start up again around May 8, 1995. However, the contractor did not begin work as scheduled and ultimately on May 30, 1995, the contractor advised the Engineering Department that it was in receivership and would be unable to complete the contract.

The Engineering Department immediately notified the bonding company, Boreal Property & Casualty Insurance Company, that the contractor had defaulted. Under the terms of the Performance Bond, Boreal has obtained a bid from ASL Paving Ltd. to complete the original Contract for the balance of the unpaid contract price. The Engineering Department is satisfied that ASL Paving Ltd. has sufficient experience, personnel and equipment to undertake the completion of this contract. The Engineering Department expects the work can be completed in 1995 at no additional cost to the City.

Under the terms of the proposed takeover contract, ASL Paving Ltd. will perform the balance of the work for the sum of \$297,813.79. This sum represents the unpaid balance of the original contract price. ASL Paving Ltd. will be responsible to rectify any deficiencies in the work performed by Interprovincial. ASL Paving Ltd. will also honour all warranty obligations under the original contract."

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- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council accept the tender of ASL Paving Ltd. for completion of the 1994 Sidewalk and Median Construction Contract, at a total cost of \$297,813.79; and,
 - 2) that His Worship the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the required Completion Contract between The City of Saskatoon and ASL Paving Ltd. and the Completion Agreement between The City of Saskatoon and Boreal Property & Casualty Insurance Company, as approved by the City Solicitor, under the Corporate Seal.

ADOPTED.

**A8) Proposed Development and Servicing (Extension) Agreement
The City of Saskatoon and Preston Developments Inc.
- Brightwater/Swan Crescent Area of Lakeridge Neighbourhood
(File No. CC 297-21)**

Report of the City Solicitor, June 14, 1995:

"In keeping with the instruction of the Works and Utilities Committee at its meeting held on June 14, 1995, and the further specific instruction of the City Engineer, I have prepared and forward herewith for consideration proposed form of Development and Servicing (Extension) Agreement as between The City of Saskatoon and Preston Developments Inc.

The proposed Agreement pertains to the Brightwater/Swan Crescent area of the Lakeridge neighbourhood, and has been drawn in the form of an extension to an earlier concluded master Agreement pertaining to this area. In addition to all standard development conditions and requirements, the Developer will be responsible for the following additional matters:

1. Buffer Strip construction upon Buffer Strip MB10; and,
2. Fence construction between Buffer Strips containing overhead power lines and adjacent lots."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the proposed Development and Servicing (Extension)

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Agreement as between The City of Saskatoon and Preston Developments Inc. be approved; and,

- 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute such Agreement on behalf of The City of Saskatoon and affix the corporate seal thereto.

ADOPTED.

**A9) Proposed Development and Servicing (Extension) Agreement
The City of Saskatoon and Westland Properties Ltd.
- Chotem Crescent Area of Arbor Creek Neighbourhood
(File No. CC 297-24)**

Report of the City Solicitor, June 14, 1995:

"In keeping with the instruction of the Works and Utilities Committee at its meeting held on June 14, 1995, and the further specific direction of the City Engineer, we have prepared and forward herewith for consideration proposed form of Development and Servicing (Extension) Agreement as between The City of Saskatoon and Westland Properties Ltd.

The proposed Agreement pertains to the Chotem Crescent area of the Arbor Creek neighbourhood, and has been drawn in the form of an extension to an earlier concluded master Agreement pertaining to this area. The Agreement sets forth all standard development conditions and requirements."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the proposed Development and Servicing (Extension) Agreement as between The City of Saskatoon and Westland Properties Ltd. be approved; and,
 - 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute such Agreement on behalf of The City of Saskatoon and affix the corporate seal thereto.

ADOPTED.

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**A10) Proposed Development and Servicing (Extension) Agreement
The City of Saskatoon and Westland Properties Ltd.
- Kerr Road Area of Erindale Neighbourhood
(File No. CC 297-23)**

Report of the City Solicitor, June 14, 1995:

"In keeping with the instruction of the Works and Utilities Committee at its meeting held on June 14, 1995, and the further specific direction of the City Engineer, we have prepared and forward herewith for consideration proposed form of Development and Servicing (Extension) Agreement as between The City of Saskatoon and Westland Properties Ltd.

The proposed Agreement pertains to the Chotem Crescent area of the Arbor Creek neighbourhood, and has been drawn in the form of an extension to an earlier concluded master Agreement pertaining to this area. The Agreement sets forth all standard development conditions and requirements."

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the proposed Development and Servicing (Extension) Agreement as between The City of Saskatoon and Westland Properties Ltd. be approved; and,
- 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute such Agreement on behalf of The City of Saskatoon and affix the corporate seal thereto.

ADOPTED.

**A11) Enquiry - His Worship Mayor Dayday (May 23, 1995)
Noise - Idylwyld Freeway Construction
(File No. CC 375-2)**

"I have received a number of complaints due to the noise created by the jack-hammering done by crews working on the Idylwyld Freeway. The problem is that the jack-hammering begins at 6:00 a.m. and continues until 11:00 p.m., giving nearby residents very little quiet time.

Would the Administration review the following:

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- 1) The noise bylaw and whether such long-term construction was intended to be exempt; and**
- 2) The contract with the contractors and whether the contract included a noise bylaw exemption.**

I would also ask the Administration to see if any interim action could be taken while the situation is being reviewed."

Report of the City Engineer, June 9, 1995:

"At present, Westridge Construction Ltd. under contract to the City of Saskatoon, is working two shifts and work from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Some work may be performed on Saturday, if time is lost due to wet weather. The contractor uses approximately 15 to 18 people per shift on the concrete demolition which is the most cost-effective crew size. Concrete rehabilitation consists of concrete removal, sand blasting, installing additional reinforcing steel, applying epoxy bonding compound, placing concrete, and wet curing for 7 days. Work must be performed in a logical sequence and requires substantial time. It is required that the contractor work long hours to complete the work by September 15 to enable the structures to be paved in warm weather to provide a high quality product for the citizens of Saskatoon.

The large compressors used on the project have mufflers to reduce the sound. The major source of noise is the jackhammer itself and the impact of the chisel to fracture the concrete. It is understood that some form of cover may be available to cover the jackhammer to reduce the noise and this is being pursued.

In addition, noise levels will be monitored to determine what impact the construction noise has in the area.

We acknowledge that construction noise can be very aggravating and will continue to investigate methods of mitigating it."

Report of the City Solicitor, June 14, 1995:

"The Noise Bylaw currently prohibits any construction noises after the hour of 10:00 p.m. and before the hour of 7:00 a.m. However, the Noise Bylaw does contain certain exemptions, two of which are as follows:

- (a) it exempts from its application noises generated from any emergency work that any party may need to perform during the 'quiet' period; and

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- (b) it exempts The City of Saskatoon with respect to any noise arising out of snow removal, repair, maintenance or construction work that it performs or that is performed on its behalf.

Since the repair work in question is being performed on behalf of the City, it is exempt from the operation of the Noise Bylaw.

However, City Council could, if it wishes, amend the Bylaw to eliminate or modify The City of Saskatoon's current exemption from the provisions of the Bylaw. Another possible option would be to insert specific clauses in future contract tender documents relating to allowable hours of operation.

We understand that the Engineering Department does have some concerns about these options because, given the short construction season in Saskatchewan, either of the above solutions could potentially result in higher costs to the City of doing various construction and/or maintenance work, or increase the length of time that roads may have to be closed for such work."

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the clause in the Noise Bylaw which allows an exemption for the City be referred to the Legislation and Finance Committee for review and report; and

2) that the matter of providing a cover for jack hammers to reduce the noise be referred to the Works and Utilities Committee.

**A12) Capital Project 787 -- Traffic Bridge Rehabilitation
(Victoria Bridge)
(File No. CC 6050-1)**

Report of the City Engineer, June 13, 1995:

"In 1986, Reid Crowther and Partners Ltd. performed a condition investigation of the Traffic Bridge, also referred to as the Victoria Bridge. Based on this investigation, the City implemented a plan to carry out rehabilitation works to restore the bridge in accordance with the consultant's recommendations. As part of this plan, a sum of \$40,000 was approved in the 1995 Capital Budget to perform a detailed structural investigation and complete the design for rehabilitation of the

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Traffic Bridge. A sum of \$1,352,000 has been included in the five-year Capital Plan for the bridge rehabilitation during 1996. Work to be performed will include the construction of a new roadway and sidewalk deck, installation of bearings and expansion joints, and painting. The intent is to have an analysis completed during 1995 and to call tenders early next year, with work to be completed by fall of 1996.

To perform the investigation and design, nine consulting engineering firms were requested to submit proposals for the project. Seven firms responded and were evaluated. Reid Crowther and Partners Ltd. has made the best proposal in terms of the resources, expertise, and experience to be assigned to this project. Reid Crowther has carried out the 1986 condition investigation, has overseen the rehabilitation work to date, and as a result are very familiar with the structure. It should be noted that the selection of Reid Crowther and Partners Ltd. represents a deviation from Policy No. C02-006 - 'Appointment of Consultants' in that first consideration is not being given to Saskatoon-based firms that are qualified to provide the services. Reid Crowther and Partners Ltd. no longer has an office in Saskatoon. The majority of the work will be done from the Regina office. In spite of this deviation, your staff believe that Reid Crowther and Partners Ltd. represents the best value-for-money on this project.

On this basis, a tentative engineering service agreement for the sum of \$43,000 (plus GST) was negotiated with Reid Crowther and Partners Ltd. to perform the required bridge inspection testing, review the load rating, evaluate alternative repairs, and prepare a pre-design report which will include a detailed cost estimate for the rehabilitation. The pre-design report is scheduled to be completed during the early part of October."

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council authorize the City Engineer to enter into an engineering services agreement with Reid Crowther and Partners Ltd. to perform the investigation and the design for the rehabilitation of the Traffic Bridge, for an upset fee of \$46,010, GST included.

ADOPTED.

**A13) 1995 Capital Project #P602-3
Construction of Streets on Laycoe Crescent,
Lane, Terrace, and Court in the Silverspring
Neighbourhood - Contract No. 5-0027
(File No. CC 6000-1)**

Report of the City Engineer, June 14, 1995:

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"Capital Project No. P602-3, Contract No. 5-0027, Silverspring Street Construction involves the construction of new streets on Laycoe Crescent, Lane, Terrace, and Court as a component in servicing for the development of new residential lots in the Silverspring Neighbourhood in 1995.

The total project has been divided into two phases as requested by the City Land Manager. Although the Engineering Department may in future wish to proceed with the second phase, this report is intended to concern only that work identified in Phase One of the Project.

Tenders were received and publicly opened on June 13, 1995.

The following bids were received which include GST. Detailed information is shown on the attached tabulation.

ASL Paving Ltd. SASKATOON, Sask.	\$157,592.86
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Central Asphalt and Paving Inc. SASKATOON, Sask.	\$169,504.35
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The Engineering Department's estimate for this work is \$116,500.00.

The net estimated cost to the City is calculated as follows:

Base Tender	\$147,937.25
GST	<u>9,655.61</u>
Contract Amount	\$157,592.86
GST Rebate	<u>9,655.61</u>
Net Estimated Cost to the City	<u>\$147,937.25"</u>

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council accept the tender submitted by ASL Paving Ltd., Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, for the construction of Streets in Silverspring - Laycoe, identified as Phase One, at a total estimated cost of \$157,592.86, GST included; and,
 - 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract documents, as prepared by the City Solicitor, under the Corporate Seal.

ADOPTED.

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**A14) 1995 Capital Project #P602-3
Construction of Sidewalks on Laycoe Crescent,
Lane, Terrace, and Court in the Silverspring
Neighbourhood - Contract No. 5-0026
(File No. CC 6220-1)**

Report of the City Engineer, June 15, 1995:

"Capital Project No. P602-3, Contract No. 5-0026, Silverspring Sidewalk Construction involves the construction of new sidewalks on Laycoe Crescent, Lane, Terrace and Court as a component in servicing for the development of new residential lots in the Silverspring Neighbourhood in 1995.

The total project has been divided into two phases as requested by the City Land Manager. Although the Engineering Department may in future wish to proceed with the Second Phase, this report deals only with work identified in Phase One of the project.

Tenders were received and publicly opened on June 13, 1995. Detailed information is shown on the attached tabulation.

The following bids include GST:

Wappel Construction Co. Ltd. REGINA, Sask.	\$120,521.95
ASL Paving Ltd. SASKATOON, Sask.	\$125,361.07

The consulting engineer's estimate for this work is \$85,000.

The costs to do the work as received in the tenders are greater than the funding which is available from the prepaid services budget, and additional funds will be required to complete the work.

The total estimated cost to the City is calculated as follows:

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Base Tender	\$113,291.54
GST	<u>7,230.41</u>
Contract Amount	\$120,521.95
GST Rebate	<u>7,230.41</u>
Total Estimated Cost to the City	<u>\$113,291.54</u>

The cost of Design and Construction Engineering and Administration will bring the total cost to \$129,000. The approved budget for Project No. 602-3 - Silverspring is \$126,000.00. Additional funding of \$3,000.00 is required to undertake this work."

There are sufficient funds in the General Prepaid Services Reserve to cover the additional cost. However, the Prepaid Services Rates need to be reviewed in light of the higher costs.

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council accept the tender submitted by Wappel Construction Co. Ltd., Regina, Sask. for the construction of Sidewalks in Silverspring - Laycoe, identified as Phase One, at a total estimated cost of \$120,521.95, GST included;
 - 2) that the additional funding in the amount of \$3,000.00 required to complete the work be approved, with the source of funds being the General Prepaid Services Reserve; and,
 - 3) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract documents, as prepared by the City Solicitor, under the Corporate Seal.

ADOPTED.

**A15) Proposed Bylaw No. 7488
Amendment to Traffic Bylaw
Speed Limit on 8th Street - Boychuk Drive to Briargate Road
(File No. CC 5300-2)**

Report of the City Solicitor, June 15, 1995:

"City Council, at its meeting held on May 23, 1995, approved the Engineering Department's proposal that the speed limit be reduced on 8th Street between Boychuk Drive and Briargate Road from 80 kph to 60 kph to deal with the increased traffic on this section of the roadway."

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider proposed Bylaw No. 7488.

ADOPTED.

Section B - Planning and Development

B1) Communications to Council

From: Linda Fritz

919 University Drive

Date: undated

**Subject: Submitting concerns regarding boulevard cleaning
in the early morning hours**

(File No. CC 4070-1)

In the attached communication to City Council, Ms. Linda Fritz expressed concerns regarding the cleaning, in the early morning hours, of the boulevard along University Drive. She questioned the necessity of undertaking this operation between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Report of the General Manager, Civic Buildings and Grounds Department, June 6, 1995:

"Each spring, the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department's staff clean and sweep street-medians throughout the city in order to remove the winter's accumulation of salt and sand from the turf. Our experience is that if the sand and salt are not removed, the vigour of the turf will decline. To minimize the potential damage to the median, this work must be carried out as early as possible in the spring.

The work consists of using a tractor-mounted rotary brush which sweeps the sand and debris from the median onto the driving surface. This tractor is followed by a front-end loader which collects the majority of the material on the street and loads it into trucks for disposal. Subsequently, the Engineering Department's staff use a street-sweeper to remove any remaining sand and grit.

The median-sweeping program was originally carried out during the daytime. However, in order to minimize any conflicts with pedestrian and vehicular traffic and the disruption of closing major streets, the majority of this work has been rescheduled to occur at night.

Normally, the medians on University Drive have been swept during the day because the traffic at that time is considered to be light. However, inclement weather during the spring delayed this year's sweeping program. In an effort to complete the work before starting other spring-time operations (e.g. preparing the sportsfields for use), we attempted to carry out the majority of the sweeping program at night."

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- RECOMMENDATION:** 1) that the information be received; and,
2) that a copy of this report be forwarded to Ms. Linda Fritz.

ADOPTED.

**B2) Subdivision Application #13/95
1305 Rockingham Avenue
(File No. CC 4300-2)**

The following subdivision application has been submitted for approval:

Subdivision Application: #13/95
Applicant: Judy Metcalfe
Legal Description: Lot 6A, Block 10, Plan No. 85-S-49820
Location: 1305 Rockingham Avenue

The June 2, 1995, report of the City Planner concerning this application is attached.

- RECOMMENDATION:** that Subdivision Application #13/95 be approved, subject to the consolidation of the most southerly 1.219 metres (4 feet) in perpendicular width throughout of Lot 6A, Block 10, Plan No. 85-S-49820 with Lot 6B, Block 10, Plan No. 85-S-49820.

ADOPTED.

**B3) Land-Use Applications Received by the Planning and Construction Standards Dept.
For the Period Between May 26 and June 8, 1995
(For Information Only)
(File Nos. CC 4300-2 and CC 4300-2-2)**

The City Planner has received the following applications which are being processed and which will subsequently be submitted to City Council for its consideration:

Subdivision:

- Application #16/95: 716 - 718 Saskatchewan Crescent East
Applicant: Landmark Surveys (1986) Ltd. for Donald Miller

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Legal Description: Lots 7 & 8, Block 118, Plan Q
Current Zoning: R.2
Date Received: May 26, 1995

Application #17/95: Louise Place (See attached map.)
Applicant: Landmark Surveys (1986) Ltd. for the City of
Saskatoon
Legal Description: Parcels X & Y, Block 632, Plan 86-S-34927
Current Zoning: M.3A
Date Received: May 29, 1995

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

**B4) Application for Registration of Condominium Plan
519 - 5th Avenue North -- R.5 District
Lots 48, 49 & the north 5' of Lot 50, Block 183, Plan No. Q13
Applicant: T. R. Webb
(File No. CC 4132-1)**

Report of the City Planner, June 14, 1995:

"An application to register a condominium plan for a development on Lots 48, 49, and the northern 5 feet of Lot 50, Block 183, Plan No. Q13 (519 - 5th Avenue North), has been received from T. R. Webb, on behalf of North Prairie Homes and Construction Ltd. The proposal is for a multiple-unit dwelling which contains four two-storey units. Five parking spaces have been included on the site, four of which are enclosed.

The property at 519 - 5th Avenue North was the subject of a Development Appeal in January of 1995. The City had refused to issue a Development Permit because the proposed development included a detached garage which occupied 34.91% of the rear yard's area. Section 11(3) of The Zoning Bylaw requires that for sites with an area greater than 510 square metres, no accessory building shall occupy more than 30% of the area of a rear yard. The Development Appeals Board granted this appeal; in its opinion, the variance was relatively minor and would not negatively affect the proposed development for this property, nor the neighbourhood in general.

Taking into account the Development Appeal Board's decision, the proposal has been examined under the provisions of The Zoning Bylaw and it complies with the requirements of this Bylaw in all respects. The site is situated within a R.5 District.

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The development has also been examined under the provision of The Building Bylaw. If the construction is completed in accordance with the requirements of the approved building permits, the development will meet the requirements under this Bylaw. A copy of the construction plans, together with the requisite surveyor's plans, have been forwarded to the City Clerk's Department for review, if necessary, by members of City Council.

In view of the above-noted considerations of The Zoning Bylaw and The Building Bylaw, the Planning and Construction Standards Department advises that:

- a) separate occupancy of the units will not contravene the requirements of The Zoning Bylaw;
- b) the approval required under The Zoning Bylaw has been given in relation to the separate occupancy of the units;
- c) the buildings and the division of the buildings into units of separate occupancy, as shown on the plans which have been submitted and as constructed, will not interfere with the existing or likely future amenities of the neighbourhood; and,
- d) the requirement to designate at least one parking space as an exclusive-use area for each unit has been met because in the detached garage, one parking space has been assigned to each dwelling unit."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council authorize the issuance of the Certificate required under Section 10(1)(b) of *The Condominium Property Act, 1993*, to Mr. T. R. Webb (Webb Surveys, 222 Jessop Avenue, Saskatoon, S7N 1Y4), for the condominium development at 519 - 5th Avenue North; and,
 - 2) that the City Clerk be authorized to prepare and to forward the Certificate to the applicant.

ADOPTED.

Section C - Finance

**C1) For Sale by Tender
Water Meters
(File No. CC 1250-1)**

Attached, for Council's information, is a notice For Sale by Tender of Water Meters.

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

**C2) Investments
(File No. CC 1790-3)**

Report of the City Treasurer, June 6, 1995:

"With the approval of the Investment Committee, the attached list indicates purchases and sales for the City's various funds."

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve the above purchases and sales.

ADOPTED.

**C3) Tax Write-Offs
List #2
(File No. CC 1985-4)**

Report of the City Treasurer, May 31, 1995:

"Attached is a list of properties indicating tax adjustments totalling \$5,096.68, for which tax write-off approval is requested by City Council."

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve of the tax write-off in the amount of \$5,096.68, for the reasons detailed in the list prepared by the City Treasurer, May 31, 1995.

ADOPTED.

**C4) 1994 and Previous Business Tax Write-Offs
(File No. CC 1985-2)**

Report of the City Treasurer, June 6, 1995:

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"Attached is a list of Business Tax Accounts totalling \$72,460.56, for which the proprietors discontinued business in 1994 and previous leaving a business tax balance outstanding.

These accounts are now considered due for write-offs as the Treasurer's Department and the City's Collection Agency have made all reasonable efforts to collect the accounts; however, it has now been established that there are no funds available to pay these accounts.

In the case of bankruptcies, claims have been processed; confirmation has been received from the Receivers that there are insufficient funds to pay the City's claim.

The distribution of this write-off will be as follows:

City	\$29,978.48
School Boards	37,398.00
Business Improvements Districts	<u>5,084.08</u>
	<u>\$72,460.56</u>

The following is a summary of the total uncollectible Business Tax Accounts for the previous four years indicating the ratio of business tax write-offs to Business Tax Revenue.

Off Year	Business Tax <u>Levy</u>	Business Tax <u>Write-Offs</u>	% of Write- <u>to Levy</u>
1991	\$9,856,982	\$44,240	0.4
1992	9,852,183	86,711	0.8
1993	9,959,854	97,710	1.0
*1994	9,854,787	33,923	.3
1995	9,690,842	72,461	.7

*The amount of write-offs for 1994 is substantially lower than previous years. It has been the policy of this department to submit two uncollectible write-off reports to Council each year, however, due to the labour dispute in 1994, only one report was submitted. This will result in a larger uncollectible write-off amount for the year 1995."

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve of the Business Tax Accounts recommended for write-off in the list dated May 1995, in the amount of \$72,460.56.

ADOPTED.

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**C5) Enquiry - Councillor Langford (May 23, 1995)
Processing Complaints
Fire Hazards and Derelict Properties
(File Nos. CC 4400-1 & 2500-1)**

"With the number of health concerns, fire hazards and derelict properties on the increase, is it possible to use the 24-hour 'communications' number at the Fire Hall to receive complaints and to channel them to the appropriate authorities to expedite solutions to the problems that exist."

Report of the Fire Chief, June 5, 1995:

"The Fire Department in co-operation with the Planning and Construction Standards Department and Saskatoon District Health - Public Health Services, Environmental Health Department, are in agreement with Councillor Langford's request and are currently implementing the system in the Fire Department's Communications Centre. The new service is planned for implementation to the public in July and is part of the rationalization of inspection services currently being implemented by the Fire Department, Planning and Construction Standards Department and Public Health Services.

The system is comprised of a single phone number which will be answered by the Fire Department's Communications personnel. When Communications staff are busy with emergency incidents, the caller will be diverted to a voice message system and the complaint will be recorded. When operators are available the complaints will be processed and forwarded to the appropriate agency for follow-up and response back to the complainant. The Fire Chief is of the opinion that this service can be provided with minimal impact on the emergency operations of the Fire Department.

At the present time, the Fire Department is co-ordinating the development of public service announcements for the service and its use with the agencies involved. It is essential this be implemented in such a manner as to ensure the complaint line focuses on health and safety related complaints and does not become a general complaint line for a myriad of issues i.e. road repairs, water pressures, etc. A public information strategy is being developed to minimize this potential. The strategy will include the utilization of brochures, inserts in the utility billing system, public service announcements, etc."

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

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**C6) Business Tax Adjustments
(File No. CC 1985-2)**

Report of the City Treasurer, June 15, 1995:

"Submitted, copy attached, is a listing of the 1995 Business Tax Adjustments in the total of \$192,196.12, which requires Council's approval for write-off.

The listing represents businesses which have discontinued business at the premises indicated; these accounts are not uncollectible, but require adjustment in keeping with Business Tax Bylaw #6714(12) which states:

'Where a business is commenced after the 31st day of January or is discontinued before the 1st day of December, the Council shall, upon written request, adjust the amount levied with respect of that business to correspond with the portion of the year during which the business is, or was, carried on; PROVIDED that such request is made before the expiration of one year following the year in respect of which the amount levied is to be adjusted.'

Business tax adjustments are offset by supplementary assessments on new businesses or businesses that relocate, renovate or enlarge premises.

The distribution of this write-off will be as follows:

City	\$ 82,335.70
School Boards	102,323.07
Business Improvement Districts	<u>7,537.35</u>
	\$192,196.12"

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve of the 1995 Business Tax Adjustments in the amount of \$192,196.12, for the reasons detailed on the attached list for the period May 1, 1995 to May 31, 1995.

ADOPTED.

Section D - Services

D1) Routine Reports Submitted to City Council

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Schedule of Accounts Paid	May 31, 1995	June 5, 1995

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\$629,004.55
(File No. CC 1530-2)

Schedule of Accounts Paid \$4,195,329.02 (File No. CC 1530-2)	June 1, 1995	June 6, 1995
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Schedule of Accounts Paid \$830,482.12 (File No. CC 1530-2)	June 5, 1995	June 7, 1995
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Schedule of Accounts Paid \$4,553,399.95 (File No. CC 1530-2)	June 7, 1995	June 12, 1995
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Schedule of Accounts Paid \$1,417,040.74 (File No. CC 1530-2)	June 12, 1995	June 15, 1995
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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

**D2) Operation Safe Haven
Forest Fire Evacuation of Pinehouse Lake Residents
June 4 - 13, 1995
(File No. CC 270-1)**

Report of the Emergency Measures Coordinator, June 14, 1995:

"During the above-noted period, Saskatoon mounted an operation dubbed 'Safe Haven' in order to receive and care for northern residents who were evacuated due to forest fires. This report provides preliminary information about that operation. A more complete report will be prepared following a thorough debriefing of the various agencies involved.

On Tuesday, May 30, 1995, Saskatoon EMO was advised by Saskatchewan Emergency Planning and Saskatchewan Social Services that the forest fire situation in the north was getting worse as each day passed. Several communities were at risk, some due to their close proximity to fires, some from the dense smoke being generated, and some due to fires cutting off roads. Should this situation continue, it would be necessary to evacuate residents. Saskatoon was asked to conduct accommodation surveys to determine our maximum evacuee capacity.

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Based on the contents of our Saskatoon Civic Emergency Plan, those agencies with a predetermined role in this kind of operation were contacted and asked to begin preparations by alerting staff and reviewing resource lists. By Thursday, June 1, 1995, all players were ready to attend a coordinating meeting at EMO. At that meeting, 24-hour contact lists were compiled or confirmed, notification procedures were fine-tuned, the need for detailed tracking of costs was emphasized, and chain of command was reviewed. Most importantly, space availability at the dorms on U of S campus was confirmed as being capable of supporting up to 325 people.

Communication problems of all types were discussed and identified as being the biggest potential difficulty. Interpreters who speak Cree and Chipewyan were put on standby, the limited supply of EMO radios were loaned to Saskatoon Transit, existing cellular phones were re-allocated where necessary, and additional ones were requested from both Cantel and SaskTel.

Since the bulk of our activity would revolve around meeting the human needs of the evacuees, the operation was to be named 'Operation Safe Haven'.

Tasks were assigned based on the prime roles played by agencies on a day-to-day basis. These tasks, together with the name(s) of the individuals in charge of each, are shown below:

Saskatchewan Social Services

Named as the 'Lead Agency' by the province, Social Services is responsible for ensuring that the food, shelter, and clothing needs of all the people evacuated as a result of the forest fires are met. Responsibilities also include arranging any transportation that may be necessary to move the evacuees from one community to another. In addition, Social Services will be receiving the bills for all costs incurred.

Key Contact: Dennis Chubb & John Nicholson

Red Cross

Responsible for the registration of all persons relocated to Saskatoon, and for forwarding all inquiries received from family and friends about those persons to the individuals involved.

Key Contact: Gloria Lynch

Salvation Army

Responsible for mobile feeding (coffee, juices & sandwiches) at the Field House, and for meeting temporary clothing needs of evacuees.

Key Contact: Major John Morgan

Public Health Services

Responsible for 24 hour staffing of the dormitories in order to meet the health and special care needs of the evacuees. Of the 165 evacuees, 112 were special care cases.

Key Contact: Byron Wensley & Janice Chomyn

University of Saskatchewan

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Responsible for provision of food, shelter, and recreational activities for the evacuees.

Key Contact: Lynn Wolan

Public Information

Responsible for dealing with the media in regard to all aspects of the evacuees.

Key Contact: D. Lynn Shyluk and Deb Shutiak

City of Saskatoon Leisure Services Department

Responsible for providing the use of the Field House recreational facility for use as a registration center, and for staffing and maintaining a back-up computerized registration system.

Key Contact: Garry King

City of Saskatoon Transit

Responsible for mass transportation of evacuees within the city to such activities as museum visits, tours, recreational activities, etc.

Key Contact: Doug Turner & Jim Gilchrist

City of Saskatoon Emergency Measures

Responsible for overall coordination between responding agencies, and municipal, provincial, and federal contacts.

Key Contact: Don Litz

Between noon on Friday, June 2, 1995, and late in the evening of Saturday, June 3, 1995, there was a great deal of conflicting information coming to us from the north. In the final analysis, three bus loads of evacuees from the community of Pinehouse were sent to Saskatoon. They arrived at the Field House between 1:30-2:30 a.m. Sunday, June 4, 1995. Although our preparations were made for approximately 300 people, only 128 arrived. Of those, 112 were special needs cases. There were paraplegics, a blind man, an amputee, 12 pregnancies (several of whom were quite advanced), asthmatics, several elders, and numerous young children, all of whom were experiencing breathing problems from the dense smoke.

On arrival, they were provided with coffee, juices, and sandwiches supplied by the Salvation Army. Registration was done concurrently by staff and volunteers from the Red Cross. A copy of that registration form was given to civic staff who used the same data as input into an experimental EMO version of the Leisure Services program database. Public Health staff from the Saskatoon District Health Board triaged all arrivals to determine their medical condition, and MD Ambulance attended the scene to provide use of stethoscopes, blood pressure equipment, etc. By 2:45 a.m., all activity at the Field House was complete. Since the highway buses that dropped the people off had orders for an immediate return to LaRonge, Saskatoon Transit provided buses to take everyone to the U of S dorm at Athabaska Hall. Everything proceeded efficiently enough to allow the evacuees to get to bed by 3:30 am.

For the next week, the staff from Public Health set up a 24-hour operation in one of the dorm rooms. They were augmented by day care workers and interpreters from Social Services during

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regular daytime hours. Two of the evacuees, Len and Glenn McCallum, demonstrated such leadership ability that we gave each of them a cellular phone and included them in all subsequent planning of activities. They were also able to provide us with another communication link back to the Mayor of Pinehouse.

Most evacuees had no personal hygiene items, so an emergency purchase of toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, etc was arranged by Social Services. Salvation Army opened up their Family Thrift Store for those that needed additional clothing, and provided a supply of pampers, pablum, and bottled baby food. Public Health organized special trips to a doctor so that prescriptions could be renewed. Royal University Hospital supplied some much needed catheters. The Rent-It Store donated 16 high chairs for temporary use.

In an effort to take their minds off the troubles at home and to keep them active, a number of social/recreational activities were arranged for the evacuees. Lynn Wolan arranged for them to attend a BBQ with the Saskatchewan Roughriders, gave the children access to the University gym and swimming pool, and obtained free passes to the movie theater in Place Riel. Other group activities included a trip to Wanuskewin and the Western Development Museum. Most of the local transportation needs were met by Saskatoon Transit.

By Saturday, June 10, 1995, the situation in Pinehouse began improving to the point that arrangements for a return were being made. At the same time, we were told to expect the arrival of several hundred others from Stanley Mission. They never arrived.

On Sunday, June 11, 1995, we were able to send 117 of the Pinehouse evacuees back home. The only ones who stayed behind were those individuals who felt an early return would be unwise because of the persistence of smoke. On Monday, June 12, those who had returned home called back to say the smoke had cleared sufficiently for the others to return as well. Arrangements were completed, and the last of the evacuees left Saskatoon at 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, June 13.

There were 165 Pinehouse residents evacuated to Saskatoon. Because two of the pregnant women gave birth while they were here, 167 returned. Many of the youngsters and a lot of the adults had never been out of the north before...some didn't want to go back.

The whole experience was very valuable from an emergency preparedness perspective. Some of Saskatoon's emergency plans were put to the test of a real event. Many positive and some negative points were brought to light. The full extent of the findings regarding plan effectiveness will be tabulated in a more comprehensive report that will be compiled after a series of debriefings have been concluded."

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

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REPORT NO. 11-1995 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor R. Steernberg, Chair
Councillor K. Waygood
Councillor P. Roe

**1. Park Upgrading Program
Neighbourhood Parks
(File No. CK. 4206-1)**

The City initiated its neighbourhood-park upgrading program in 1984. During this period, the City has also addressed park-deficiencies in various older neighbourhoods; these deficiencies have been determined in relation to the City's park-development guidelines. **Together, these initiatives have resulted in thirty-four parks being upgraded or created in established neighbourhoods.** Eighteen of these parks have been on the west-side of the River and sixteen have been on the east-side. (See the attached lists and map.)

This report is intended to update City Council on the status of the neighbourhood-park upgrading program. As is shown in Appendix D, there are currently nine neighbourhood parks on the prioritized list for future upgrading. With the recent notable exception when funding from the Canada-Saskatchewan Infrastructure Works Program was available, the neighbourhood parks have largely been upgraded through the prioritization of unfunded projects in the annual capital-budget process. Lately, City Council has been approving the funding for, on average, two parks per year.

Your Committee has been advised that as soon as the City substantially completes the neighbourhood-park upgrading program, staff would like to commence a similar program for the City's district parks. Projects within the recent capital-budget submissions to finance district-park upgrading projects have been identified. However, these proposal have not been ranked as high as the project which deals with upgrading the neighbourhood parks.

A separate status report will be submitted to your Committee on addressing park-deficiencies in older neighbourhoods, in light of the recently-approved revisions to the City's park-development guidelines. The following May 31, 1995, report from the General Manager of the Leisure Services Department specifically discusses the neighbourhood-park upgrading program and the manner in which the remaining neighbourhood parks are prioritized for future consideration by City Council:

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"Initially, the neighbourhood-park upgrading program was established to bring these parks in established areas up to a specified standard for programs and amenities, as well as to achieve certain maintenance efficiencies, as set out by the former Parks and Recreation Department. The allocation of funds to this program was prioritized primarily in relation to each park's age and maintenance concerns.

In 1988, the Leisure Services and Civic Buildings and Grounds Departments re-examined the prioritization process for determining which parks required upgrading. As a result, the process was changed to involve community associations more directly in identifying the need and urgency to re-develop certain neighbourhood parks and the specific programs and amenities that should be considered in the re-development plans. Therefore, the focus of the upgrading program was changed from being driven strictly by maintenance and safety considerations, to including the park-program priorities based on the preferences of the neighbourhoods' residents.

The neighbourhood-park upgrading program is administered through the capital budget (Project 901: Park Upgrading -- Neighbourhood). This program involves the re-development of an entire, or a large portion of a neighbourhood park. Typically, the project will involve re-landscaping, re-seeding, additional planting, pathway-development, lighting, and the installation of additional irrigation, play-equipment, and park-furniture.

The program utilizes an application and needs-verification process to ensure the involvement of each neighbourhood's residents. The process also ensures that the prioritization of our neighbourhood parks is done in an equitable manner.

Each year, community associations have an opportunity to submit applications to the Leisure Services Department to have certain neighbourhood parks improved or re-developed. In their applications, they are required to provide the following information:

- a description of the nature of the park-development request;
- an outline of the programming deficiencies in the park (i.e. what they want to see and do in their park);
- an explanation of the conditions which are causing the programming deficiencies which could be addressed through a park-upgrading project; and,
- an indication of who is experiencing the need and how many people are represented by the application.

All applications are reviewed and verified by the staff of the Leisure Services and Civic Buildings and Grounds Departments. The verification process takes the following factors into consideration:

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- the programs and amenities that currently exist within the park (i.e. the things you can see and do in the park);
- a preliminary technical evaluation of the current condition of the park and its amenities, including the identification of any maintenance and safety concerns;
- any improvements which have been done to the park in previous years (i.e. are there any recurring problems that need to be fixed); and,
- preliminary estimates of the cost of the project (including the categorization of each project as a major re-development, a minor restoration, an irrigation-upgrade, or a programming enhancement).

Once the need for a major improvement has been verified, the request is placed within the neighbourhood-park upgrading program.

All neighbourhood parks that are included in this re-development program are prioritized according to the following criteria:

- the number of years that the park has been on the list for upgrading;
- the age and condition of the park (i.e. those parks which are in poor condition and which create a safety concern are addressed first);
- the type of request (i.e. the re-development of an existing park's programs is addressed, first; additions to a park's programs are addressed, second); and,
- the cost of the upgrade (e.g. smaller projects can sometimes be accommodated along with bigger projects, depending on the amount of the overall available funding and the costs which are realized through the tendering process).

The prioritized list of neighbourhood parks for future upgrading is re-evaluated annually by your staff. A specific park's ranking on the list may change if more urgent safety, programming, or maintenance concerns arise in another park. Usually, the list does not change drastically from year to year, but changes are made when necessary.

Community associations are advised that all park-improvement projects are subject to City Council's approval of the associated funding. However, because of these associations' involvement through the public-participation process, the City should remain as consistent as possible within the prioritized listing to avoid frustrating the public with the process. Because City Council has varied the amount of funding which is allocated to park-upgrading projects in each year, your staff will no longer comment on the year when a particular park on the prioritized list might be upgraded. Our comments are limited to

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identifying each park's ranking on the list.

Appendix D is the current prioritized list of neighbourhood parks for future upgrading. This list will be used to develop the capital-budget submission for 1996, as well as the capital plan for the subsequent four-year period.

The neighbourhood-park upgrading program has been enthusiastically supported by Saskatoon's community associations and their members. These programs have encouraged a sense of pride and ownership among the residents of these neighbourhoods. This, in turn, has assisted the City in its endeavours to encourage greater use of our neighbourhood parks."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the information be received; and
 - 2) that a copy of this report be forwarded to the Budget Policy and Planning Committee for consideration when it considers the City's strategies and funding priorities for the 1996 Capital Budget.

ADOPTED.

**2. Leisure Services Department
Indoor Rinks/Soccer Centre Program
(Files CK. 611-1 and 610-6)**

Your Committee has considered the following report of the Director of Planning and Development dated June 6, 1995:

"On March 20, 1995, the Budget Policy and Planning Committee considered the Leisure Services Department's preliminary 1995 Operating Budget. During this review, the Committee noted that the budgeted revenue-shortfall on the operations of the indoor rinks and soccer centre had increased from \$102,500 in 1994 to \$110,700 in 1995. Consequently, the Committee resolved:

'that the Administration review and report to the Planning and Development Committee on the matter of recovering a higher proportion of its costs.'

In responding to this resolution, it is important to take a longer-term perspective on the amount by which the Indoor Rinks/Soccer Centre Program has been subsidized by municipal property taxes. In 1990, the budgeted revenue-shortfall was \$367,600; this amount has been reduced in every subsequent year, except the relatively-modest increase

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which occurred in 1995 (\$206,700 in 1991, \$185,900 in 1992, \$153,000 in 1993). By implementing a new revenue-strategy, various cost-efficiency measures, and service-level adjustments, the budgeted shortfall in 1995 is 3.3 times smaller than the amount in 1990.

Over the past six years, the rental operations within the Indoor Rinks/Soccer Centre Program have received considerable attention within the Leisure Services Department. On City Council's direction, our goal has been to eliminate the subsidization of these operations by the municipal property taxes. Our budgetary record over this period demonstrates our success in moving towards this goal. Therefore, we have assumed that the Budget Policy and Planning Committee's concerns are not with respect to the goal of eliminating the subsidy to this Program, but rather with the feasibility of accelerating the date when the service will be fully cost-recovered from its own revenues.

The Indoor Rinks/Soccer Centre Program has two major components. The soccer-centre component refers to the operation of the Wheatland Building which is owned by the Prairieland Exhibition Corporation. The City sub-leases this facility to the Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc., through an agreement which is in effect until April 15, 1998 and which can be renewed for another five years. The terms of this agreement apply for a fixed period and will have no effect on responding to the Budget Policy and Planning Committee's proposal to accelerate the cost-recovery of the Program.

The second component refers to the rental operations for six indoor ice-surfaces. The major impact of your staff's initiatives to reduce the revenue-shortfall for the Indoor Rinks/Soccer Centre Program has occurred in this component which, accordingly, is the primary focus for responding to the Budget Policy and Planning Committee's resolution.

In May of 1993, City Council approved a long-term revenue-generating and cost-reduction strategy to achieve a full cost-recovery on the rental operations at the City-operated indoor rinks. In working towards this goal, your staff have implemented the following initiatives:

- converting two rink-supervisory positions to facility-attendant positions, thereby achieving \$11,100 of annual cost-savings;
- increasing the non-prime-time rental fee from \$60 per hour to \$75 per hour, resulting in additional revenues of \$11,400;
- increasing the rental activities during the summer (e.g. \$5,000 of additional revenue from the Saskatoon Ball Hockey League's use of the Cosmo Arena); and
- promoting the facilities to achieve more non-prime-time rentals, resulting in \$12,000 per year of additional revenues.

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Although these measures serve to reduce the Indoor Rinks/Soccer Centre Program's overall operating costs, they are not sufficient to offset certain additional costs which have been incurred by this Program, as well as various expenditures which have been reallocated to this Program to reflect, more accurately, its direct operating costs. Some of the more significant increases and reallocations of these facilities' costs over the past number of years are as follows:

- increased annual provisions (\$49,700) to the Civic Buildings Comprehensive Maintenance Reserve;
- higher utility costs (\$39,200 from 1992 to 1995), primarily as a result of increased rates;
- a provision for liability and property insurance costs (\$10,500) which was previously charged to the Department's Administration Program; and,
- an increased provision in 1995 for staff compensation (\$9,700).

Over the same period of time, your staff have been implementing a revenue-strategy which was approved by City Council for the City-operated indoor rinks. The strategy has involved the following phased and annual increases to the prime-time rental rates:

- October 1, 1993: Prime-time ice-rental rates were increased from \$100 to \$104 per hour.
- October 1, 1994: Prime-time ice-rental rates were increased from \$104 to the current rate of \$108 per hour.
- October 1, 1995: Prime-time ice-rental rates will be increased from \$108 per hour to \$112 per hour.

Further increases of \$4.00 per prime-time hour have been authorized until a full cost-recovery is achieved.

The rationale for the planned increase for October 1, 1995, has been re-evaluated to confirm that it satisfies City Council's previously-approved criteria. This confirmation process takes two factors into consideration:

- **Revised revenues based on actual operations:** During the first half of the 1995 season (January 1 to April 30), the indoor rinks' actual revenues have exceeded the approved 1995 estimates by \$35,500. These additional

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revenues can be attributed to increased prime-time ice-rentals (\$16,400), school rentals (\$6,100), and non-prime-time ice rentals (\$13,000).

An annual cost/revenue analysis based on the rinks' operating season (i.e. October to April): The current analysis for the 1995-96 season has been provided in Attachment I to this report. The analysis indicates that a rate of \$111.44 per prime-time hour is required to achieve a break-even position on the rentals at the City-operated rinks. This assumes that all of the available prime-time hours are sold during the season.

Your staff are, however, projecting that 96% of the prime-time hours will be sold, resulting in approximately 235 unsold hours. As a consequence of not selling the entire available hours, the revenue-shortfall on the rental portion of the City-operated rinks will be \$23,000. To eliminate the impact of this shortfall, a further increase of \$4.02 per prime-time hour is required. This supplementary rate-adjustment is calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Unrecovered costs due to unsold prime-time hours}}{\text{Projected prime-time-hour sales}} = \frac{\$23,000}{5,718} = \$4.02$$

The preceding analysis suggests that a prime-time rate of $\$111.44 + \$4.02 = \$115.46$ per hour would achieve full cost-recovery on the indoor rinks' rental operations. Therefore, the proposed rate-increase to \$112 per hour on October 1, 1995, is consistent with City Council's approved revenue-strategy.

In order to address the Budget Policy and Planning Committee's suggestion to accelerate the strategy of achieving full cost-recovery on the indoor rinks' rental operations, the following factors should be considered:

Cost-reduction measures which have been implemented and which will affect the indoor rinks' future operating results: In addition to the cost-saving initiatives which were identified at the beginning of this report and which have already been captured in the annual operations of the indoor rinks, your staff have implemented the following measures where the cost-savings are scheduled to be realized in the near future:

- (a) Power capacitors have been installed in the Lions and Archibald Arenas and are now achieving annual savings of \$4,000. These capacitors were financed through a productivity improvement loan which will be fully repaid, through these savings, in 1996. Thereafter, the benefits of these cost-savings will directly and fully affect (i.e. reduce) the subsidization of the indoor rinks' rental operations.

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- (b) An alternative method for cooling the compressors at the A.C.T. Arena will be fully operational in 1995. This initiative will reduce the cost of water-consumption in this facility by approximately \$8,600 per year. A productivity improvement loan is being used to finance the capital cost which has achieved this saving. However, its financial impact on the rental rates will not be realized until the loan is repaid, from the savings, in 1999.

Developing new markets and generating new sources of revenue: Your staff are pursuing ways of expanding the use of the indoor rinks during the summer months. In 1995, we will be initiating an in-line ("roller-blading") hockey program for youth between six and seventeen years of age. For the spring session (May 1 to June 30) of 1995, approximately 170 youth have registered for this program; a summer session (July 1 to August 30) is planned for this year. We are anticipating approximately \$3,000 of additional revenues in 1995 from this initiative.

Responding to market conditions: The Exhibition Arena will no longer be available as an indoor ice-surface. At the same time, a private operator is planning to construct and to begin operating, during the 1995-96 season, a new twin-ice arena in the Rural Municipality of Corman Park. The construction of this new facility will increase, by one, the number of ice-surfaces which are available to the residents of Saskatoon. This could have a negative impact on the future demand for the City-operated ice-arenas.

Another factor which should be considered is the prime-time rental rates which are being charged by the privately-owned and operated indoor rinks. We understand that the following rates are currently being charged by these facilities:

Harold Latrace Arena:

Basic Rate: \$125/hour (includes G.S.T.)
Minor Hockey: \$104/hour (plus G.S.T.)
Day rates and tournament rates are available.

Gemini 4 and Agriplace Twin Arenas:

Adult Rate: \$130/hour (plus G.S.T.)
Child Rate: \$120/hour (plus G.S.T.)
Minor Hockey: \$112/hour (plus G.S.T.)
Day rates and tournament rates are available.

Implications for Minor-Sports Groups: The primary rationale for operating indoor rinks (and basis upon which decisions are made as to the

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number of ice-surfaces which the City will operate) is the provision of facilities for Saskatoon's minor-sports groups. To ease the financial implications on these groups of moving toward a full cost-recovery of the indoor rinks' rental operations, City Council has phased the rate-increases (by establishing a maximum annual increase of \$4.00 per prime-time hour) and by allocating a portion of the additional revenues from these rate-increases to the Youth Sports Subsidy Program.

Based on their current participation levels, their projected usage, and the present subsidy levels (through the Youth Sports Subsidy Program), the following table summarizes the incremental impact of a \$4 per hour rate-increase on the minor-sports groups who use the City-operated indoor rinks:

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Impact of a Rate Increase to Youth-sport Groups (\$4 per hour rate-increase over a full season)					
Minor-Sports Group	Projected Number of Hours Used per Season	Amount of Rate Increase on the Non-subsidized Portion (Subsidy Rate of 36.5 percent)	Total Amount of Increase	Number of Participants	Cost per Participant per Season
Minor Hockey	3,830 hours	\$2.54/hour	\$9,728	3,057	\$3.18
Can Skate	456 hours	\$2.54/hour	\$1,158	1,132	\$1.02
Speedskating	139 hours	\$2.54/hour	\$353	92	\$3.84
Ringette	715 hours	\$2.54/hour	\$1,815	372	\$4.88

After taking the preceding factors into consideration, your staff believe that the long-term revenue-generating and cost-reduction strategy which was approved by City Council in 1993 is effectively achieving the goal of moving the rental operations of the City-operated indoor rinks towards full cost-recovery. We believe that the current phased approach has been responsive to the financial implications and participation levels of our renters, particularly the minor-sports groups."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the information be received; and
 - 2) that the current strategy to achieve a full cost-recovery on the rental operations at the City-operated indoor rinks be reconfirmed.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

- 1) *that the information be received;*
- 2) *that the current strategy to achieve a full cost-recovery on the rental operations at the City-operated indoor rinks be reconfirmed; and*
- 3) *that in subsequent years the full cost of operating these facilities including comprehensive staffing costs be included in the reports to Council.*

**3. Youth Sports Subsidy Program -- 1995-96
 (File No. CK. 1720-3-3)**

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The Youth Sports Subsidy Program provides rental subsidies to eligible sports organizations. The eligibility and allocation criteria are specified in City of Saskatoon Policy C03-034 (Youth Sports Subsidy Program -- Allocation Criteria). In accordance with this Policy, the following report identifies the applicable factors which will affect the allocation of the subsidies during the Program's 1995-96 season.

Report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department, May 17, 1995:

"Background

The Youth Sports Subsidy Program provides subsidies to reduce the rental costs of the facilities that eligible, non-profit, minor-sports organizations require to deliver their programs. The subsidization rate is established annually as follows:

Annual Youth Sport Subsidy Program's Operating Budget
Total Subsidy-Points for all Eligible Sports Organizations

The subsidy-points for each eligible sports organization are determined through an evaluation of its activities by applying four program-variables to the following formula:

Membership x number of annual program-hours per participant x rental-rate per hour
Number of program-hours per session

The program-variables are defined, in City Council's policy, as follows:

- **Membership:** the number of registered participants, 18 years and under, on December 31 of the year in which the subsidy is being calculated.
- **Rental Rate Per Hour:** the City's landlord costs or the market value (for those activity-spaces which are not provided by the City).
- **Annual Program-Hours Per Participant:** the yearly amount of regular time (i.e. in relation to the participation-standards which have been established for the sport or program) which is scheduled by the organization for each participant.
- **Program Hours Per Session:** a measure of the manner in which a particular sport utilizes a facility (i.e. how many people participate in the activity at the same time).

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New Groups which are Eligible to Receive Subsidies in 1995-96

Four new groups have applied for subsidies during the Program's 1995-96 season. The Leisure Services Department's staff have determined that these groups meet the criteria in City of Saskatoon Policy C03-034. They represent an additional 113 youth-participants.

The following table identifies the four new organizations and their program-variables. The subsidy-points have been calculated in accordance with the above-noted formula.

Organization	Membership	Annual Program-Hours Per Participant	Program-Hours Per Session	Rental Rate	Subsidy Points
Saskatchewan Squash Inc.					
- Beginner	10	30	2	\$5.00	750
- Intermediate	11	60	2	\$5.00	1650
- Elite	2	120	2	\$5.00	600
Sutherland TaeKwon Do Club.					
- July/August	32	16	16	\$6.25	200
- Sept., Oct. and Mar. to June	32	48	16	\$9.38	900
- Nov. to Feb.	32	32	16	\$10.42	667
Saskatoon Female Hockey Association	33	50	33	\$112.00	5600
Hub City Twirlers					
- Badge Program	20	20	6	\$17.00	1133
- Corp. Program	5	40		\$17.00	680

Program-Variables

In accordance with Policy C03-034, the Leisure Services Department has also reviewed the program-variables for the thirty-eight organizations which were supported by the Youth Sports Subsidy Program during the 1994-95 season. (The purpose of this review is to update the distribution-formula for the 1995-96 season.) As well, the same information has been provided for the four new organizations which are proposed to receive subsidies in 1995-96.

· **Membership**

As is shown in Appendix A, the membership levels for the organizations which were subsidized in 1994-95 decreased for 11 groups, increased for 23 groups, and did not change for 4 groups. Overall, the net changes, coupled with the addition of 4 new groups, resulted in 1,102 more participants, for a total of 13,324 participants.

· **Rental Rate**

As is shown in Appendix B, 19 groups which are currently on the eligibility list have experienced a change in their facility-costs since last season. Your staff have

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received copies of the organizations' invoices and have confirmed the accuracy of their reported rental costs.

Fifteen groups experienced increased costs, including four ice-rental groups, whose rents increased from \$108 per hour to \$112 per hour. For the Optimist Baton Twirling Club (\$20 per hour to \$23 per hour) and the Saskatoon Minor Basketball Association (\$22 per hour to \$23 per hour), the higher costs were caused by an increase in the rental rates for school gymnasias; for the Kinsmen Can Am Gymnastics Club (\$8.75 per hour to \$17.50 per hour), the Saskatoon Westside Wrestling Club (\$12 per hour to \$12.52 per hour), and the Myracles Baton Twirling Club (\$6.75 per hour to \$13.40 per hour), the increased costs reflected their use of more space because of increased memberships. The Saskatoon Lacrosse Club added an indoor practice to its programming in March, for an increase of \$54 per hour. The hourly leasing costs are higher for the Saskatoon Wrestling Club (\$12 to \$18) and the Free Flyte Trampoline (\$8.33 to \$16). The Kinsmen Tackle Football League is now paying for the cost of a maintenance-person and the utility costs, rather than a per-hour rental rate, for its field (\$50 per hour to \$61.36 per hour). The Saskatoon N.E.S. TaeKwon Do Club is now leasing a facility for a portion of its programs at \$20 per hour; the Riverside Badminton and Tennis Club has experienced higher utility costs (from \$10 per hour to \$24 per hour).

Four groups have experienced lower facility-costs. The Wind Drifters Field Hockey Club (\$40.52 to \$25 per hour), the Saskatoon Kick Boxing Club (\$16 per hour to \$12 per hour), and the Hub City Boxing Club (\$16 per hour to \$14 per hour) relocated to facilities which charged lower rental rates. The Willow Ridge Pony Club, formerly the Rusty Spurs Pony Club, experienced a decrease in its rental rates when the stables changed their owners.

Annual Program-Hours Per Participant

Appendix C indicates that the annual program-hours per participant increased for 15 groups. The hours per participant decreased for 7 groups.

The most significant changes were for the Optimist Baton Twirling Club (which increased its practice-time) and for the Saskatoon TaeKwon Do Association and the Wind Drifters Field Hockey Club (which extended their season into the summer months). The Kinsmen Can Am Gymnastics Club, the Riverside Badminton and Tennis Club, and Myracles Baton Twirling Club expanded their facility-space, therefore requiring fewer program-hours; the Saskatoon Baton Resources Inc. experienced a decline in its participants. The Saskatoon N.E.S. TaeKwon Do Club has decreased its annual program-hours per participant at the Lakewood Civic Centre and has expanded its hours at another leased facility, resulting in an overall

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net increase.

Your staff have confirmed that the program-hours per participant which have been reported by the organizations are reasonable. We recommend the approval of the changes to the hours per participant, as have been identified in Appendix C.

Program-Hours Per Session

According to the information in Appendix D, 14 groups experienced an increase in their program-hours per session. The hours per session decreased for seven groups.

The most significant changes were experienced by the Hub City Track Council, the Marion Gymnastics Club (National and Provincial), and the Saskatoon Lacrosse Club which required more hours per session because of increased membership. The number of participants in the Marion Gymnastics Club (Recreational) and the Saskatoon Fencing Club (Beginners) were lower, therefore requiring fewer program-hours per session.

Funding Considerations

On May 25, 1993, City Council approved a revenue-strategy for the ice rental rates at the City-operated indoor rinks. Under this strategy, the rates will increase by \$4 per prime-time hour per season until the objective of a full cost-recovery for these facilities is achieved. At the same time, City Council agreed that 40 percent of the additional revenues which are generated by these rate-increases would be allocated to provide additional financing for the Youth Sports Subsidy Program.

In accordance with this revenue-strategy, another increase to the prime-time ice-rental rates will occur this year. The financial impact of the higher rates on the Youth Sports Subsidy Program is that its 1996 operating budget will increase from \$566,200 to \$574,450.

1995-96 Youth Sport Subsidy Allocation

For 1994-95, the subsidization rate for the Youth Sports Subsidy Program is 38.6%. By applying the above-noted formula from City of Saskatoon Policy C03-034 and assuming that the four new groups are approved, the subsidization rate for the 1995-96 program-year is now revised to 36.5%

<u>Youth Sports Subsidy Program Budget</u>	=	<u>\$574,450</u>	X	100	=	36.5 percent
Total Subsidy Points of Eligible Groups		1,572,618				

Appendix E is a summary of the subsidy-points for all of the eligible, and the four new,

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sports organizations for the 1995-96 program-year. It also outlines the maximum amount of the subsidy which will be allocated to each group."

For Council's information, your Committee has requested the Administration to provide a further report on which programs might be rationalized. Also, a meeting will be held between the Planning and Development and Legislation and Finance Committees to discuss total City subsidies [i.e. Youth Sports Subsidy and Assistance to Community Groups -- Cash Grants Program (Sports Component)].

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the following sports groups be added to the eligibility list for the Youth Sports Subsidy Program's 1995-96 program-season:

Saskatchewan Squash Inc.
Sutherland TaeKwon Do Club
Saskatoon Female Hockey Association
Hub City Twirlers;
 - 2) that the eligible organizations' annual program-hours per participant and annual program-hours per session, as are outlined in Appendices C and D, be approved for the 1995-96 program-year; and,
 - 3) that the subsidization variables which result in total subsidy-points (for 42 eligible organizations) of 1,572,618 for the 1995-96 season under the Youth Sports Subsidy Program be approved.

ADOPTED.

- 4. Communications to Council**
From: Gordon S. Glen
108 - 111th Street
Date: May 19 and 23, 1995
Subject: Requesting support from the City of Saskatoon
regarding the Trans-Canada Trail
(File No. CK. 277-1)

City Council, at its meeting held on June 5, 1995, was advised that the above communications

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(copies attached) had been forwarded to the Planning and Development Committee for further handling.

Your Committee recently met with Mr. Gordon Glen regarding the Trans-Canada Trail. At that time, it was noted that a letter had been forwarded by His Worship Mayor Dayday to Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association Inc., encouraging members of the route selection working group to consider a corridor that includes Saskatoon as a part of the Saskatchewan route.

Your Committee supports the Mayor's response and

RECOMMENDS: that City Council endorse the consideration of a corridor that includes Saskatoon as part of the Saskatchewan route for the development of the Trans-Canada Trail.

ADOPTED.

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REPORT NO. 9-1995 OF THE LEGISLATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor M. Heidt, Chair
Councillor P. McCann
Councillor H. Langlois

**1. 1995 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program
Cultural Component
(File No. CK. 1871-2)** _____

Report of Chair, Cultural Advisory Subcommittee, May 8, 1995:

"The Cultural Advisory Subcommittee has completed its review of the 1995 Cultural Component of the Assistance to Community Groups Cash Grant Program. Overall, the Subcommittee was pleased with the quality of the programs offered by the applicants; Cash Grant funding is making a contribution to the diversity and number of arts, heritage, and multicultural programs available to the residents of Saskatoon. Our recommendations are shown in the attached summary chart. (See Appendix 1.)

Funding

This year, the available funding was \$96,900, a \$2,000 decrease in funding from 1994, which occurred as a result of City Council's decision to eliminate the Travel Grant program. This decrease in funding presented the Subcommittee with a challenge in its adjudication, particularly when coupled with the increase in the number of applicants (from 36 in 1994 to 45 this year). Over the past six years or so, this Subcommittee has noted, with concern, the continuing trend for funds to decrease and the number of applications to increase. We believe that this cannot continue indefinitely, and that the point will soon be reached where the City will only be providing a token amount of funding to individual groups, instead of making a real difference to the quantity and quality of cultural programs available in Saskatoon. We strongly urge you to increase the amount of funding available to cultural groups in 1996.

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Cultural 'Flagships'

Again this year, the Subcommittee has been faced with the problem of how to deal with Saskatoon's cultural 'flagship' organizations. In our 1994 report, we noted that these organizations are partly funded because of their contribution to the external image of Saskatoon and, therefore, cannot be judged equitably with those whose function is simply to provide Saskatoon residents with cultural programs. We recommended that consideration be given to funding such groups outside of the Cultural Component of the Cash Grant program to ensure that both 'flagships' and other cultural organizations are treated fairly. (See Appendix 2 - Clause 1, Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee to City Council for details.)

We have been advised that our 1994 report has been submitted to the Budget Review Committee for its consideration. Given the lack of any further direction on this matter, the Subcommittee has attempted to be as equitable as possible in its allocation of funding to these groups. We request that, when the Budget Review Committee's recommendations are available, the Cultural Advisory Subcommittee have the opportunity to review and comment on them.

Policy - Sectarian Restrictions

In its 1994 report, the Cultural Advisory Subcommittee expressed its concerns regarding the current policy on the ineligibility of sectarian groups for funding. Section 3.1(a)i of City Policy C03-018 (Assistance to Community Groups) states:

'Community groups that exist primarily for political or sectarian purposes or for the purpose of providing funding to other groups are not eligible for assistance under this policy'.

Difficulties arise where ethnicity, religion, and culture form one entity. This could give rise to a situation where, for example, a language workshop is funded for a non-religious group but a religion-based group applying for a similar workshop is denied funding. In 1994, the Cultural Advisory Subcommittee requested direction from the Legislation and Finance Committee in this regard. (See Appendix 2 - Clause 1, Report No. 10-1994 of the Legislation and Finance Committee to City Council for details.)

In a memo to the Legislation and Finance Committee, dated January 18, 1995, written in response to the concerns raised in the Subcommittee's 1994 report, the City Solicitor advised that:

'It is our opinion that no changes be made to the policy for 1995 applications.'

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This would mean that sectarian groups would not be eligible under the program in 1995. If an application is received from a sectarian group which the Subcommittee feels deserves some consideration notwithstanding the policy, we would suggest that the Subcommittee forward such application to the Legislation and Finance Committee for possible funding from any contingency funds available under the program'.

In compliance with that advice, the Subcommittee recommends that consideration be given by the Legislation and Finance Committee to providing the Musee Ukraina Museum with \$1,500 and the Doukhobor Society of Saskatchewan with \$1,000 from the General Contingency Component of the Cash Grant Program. While the mandate of the Musee Ukraina Museum (Application #12) is historical, the qualification for membership is 'Any individual who is at least 18 years old and who is a member of a Ukrainian Catholic parish within the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon'. Membership of the Doukhobor Society (Application #13) is open to "any person who is a resident of Saskatchewan or who is a member of a Doukhobor Society in Saskatchewan and who agrees with the philosophy and creed of the Doukhobors in general".

Ineligible Application

The Subcommittee has considered the application by the Saskatoon Hispanic Senior Services Inc. (Application #8), and concluded that it is not a group that offers primarily cultural programs (its projects include providing transportation and translation services) and it is, therefore, not eligible for funding under the Cultural Component of the grant. The Subcommittee has requested the Administration to ascertain whether this group could be funded under either the Social Services or General Contingency Components of the Cash Grant."

Your Committee has reviewed this report and wishes to note that the three organizations identified in the report as 'flagships' take up over one-half the funds available under the Cultural Component, and the Committee would like this matter reviewed by the Budget Policy and Planning Committee.

The Committee also notes that the Solicitor's Office is currently reviewing the eligibility criteria for this Program, specifically the question of whether sectarian and special interest groups should be funded by tax dollars, when their membership has qualifications.

With respect to the two recommendations for funding out of the General Contingency Component of the Cash Grants Program, Council will note that the General Contingency Fund was set at \$9,300 for 1995, however, \$4,500 of that amount was transferred to the newly-established Environmental Component of the Program, leaving \$4,800 in General Contingency.

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- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the Cultural Component of the 1995 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program be allocated as outlined under the far right *L&F Recomm.* column of the attached summary report (Appendix 1);
 - 2) that the Musee Ukraina Museum receive \$1,500 to be funded from the General Contingency Component of the Cash Grants Program;
 - 3) that the Doukhobor Society of Saskatchewan receive \$1,000 to be funded from the General Contingency Component of the Cash Grants Program;
 - 4) that the Cultural Advisory Subcommittee be given the opportunity to comment on any recommendations from the Budget Policy and Planning Committee regarding the issue of funding for Saskatoon's 'flagship' organizations; and
 - 5) that funding be increased for the Cultural Component of the Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program in 1996, and the matter of funding for all community groups be referred to the Budget Policy and Planning Committee for discussion during the budget debate.

Pursuant to earlier resolution, Items A.13), A.14), A.19), A.20), A.22), A.23), A.24) and A.25) of "Communications" were brought forward and considered.

Moved by Mayor Dayday,

THAT a representative of La Troupe du Jour Inc. be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Ian Nelson, President, La Troupe du Jour Inc., provided clarification regarding the status of the organization, indicating that it is a professional company of the same status as Persephone Theatre or Twenty-Fifth Street Theatre. He requested that consideration be given to awarding a grant of \$1500 to the organization.

Ms. Edith Gendron, Vice President, La Troupe du Jour Inc., provided Council with information regarding the school component of the activities of the organization.

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Moved by Mayor Dayday,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

- IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the Cultural Component of the 1995 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program be allocated as outlined under the far right L&F Recomm. column of the attached summary report (Appendix 1);*
- 2) that the Musee Ukraina Museum receive \$1,500 to be funded from the General Contingency Component of the Cash Grants Program;*
- 3) that the Doukhobor Society of Saskatchewan receive \$1,000 to be funded from the General Contingency Component of the Cash Grants Program;*
- 4) that the Cultural Advisory Subcommittee be given the opportunity to comment on any recommendations from the Budget Policy and Planning Committee regarding the issue of funding for Saskatoon's 'flagship' organizations; and*
- 5) that funding be increased for the Cultural Component of the Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program in 1996, and the matter of funding for all community groups be referred to the Budget Policy and Planning Committee for discussion during the budget debate.*

2. Communications to Council

From: Peter Dufour, President

Saskatoon Minor Hockey Association

Date: March 23, 1995

Subject: Requesting Council to remove the bylaw regarding the serving of liquor at the Agri Twins Arena

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(File No. CK. 311-1)

Attached is a copy of the above communication, which was forwarded to the Legislation and Finance Committee for further handling.

Also attached is a copy of a letter dated April 10, 1995 from Don Sachs, General Manager, Jemini 4 Arenas, on behalf of the owners of the Agri Twins Arena, in support of the request of the Saskatoon Minor Hockey Association.

Your Committee has determined that Bylaw No. 7116 (copy attached) regulates the control of liquor sales at The Blue Line Arena and Bylaw No. 7162 (copy attached) establishes that no alcohol shall be for sale at The Blue Line Arena at any time when the Arena is primarily being used by minors.

The following information has been provided by the City Solicitor's Office by memo dated May 26, 1995:

"The Agri Twin Arena was originally called The Blue Line Arena. The Blue Line Arena was licensed to sell alcohol under *The Alcohol Control Act, S.S. 1988, c. A-18.01*. Under the *Act*, the Liquor Licensing Commission could issue a Class 'B' licence with respect to a sports stadium where permitted by a bylaw of the municipality in which the sports stadium was located. The *Act* also allowed the municipality by bylaw to restrict the time or events at which alcohol could be consumed, the areas in the sports stadium in which alcohol could be consumed and the types of alcohol which could be consumed at the sports stadium.

Under this authority, the City of Saskatoon passed Bylaw No. 7116, The Blue Line Arena Beverage Alcohol Bylaw on April 2, 1990. This Bylaw granted permission to the Liquor Licensing Commission to issue a Class 'B' licence with respect to The Blue Line Arena. The Bylaw restricted the area in which alcohol could be consumed to the concession/mezzanine area.

It also prohibited the sale or consumption of alcohol at the facility on a Sunday, and at any time when the Arena was primarily being used by minors. The prohibition of sale or consumption of alcohol on a Sunday was removed by the passage of Bylaw No. 7162. This amending bylaw was passed on October 29, 1990.

The prohibition with respect to times when the Arena is primarily being used by minors has remained in effect since the passage of Bylaw No. 7116.

The Alcohol Control Act has been substantially amended over the past three years. The *Act* is now called *The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Act*. The section of the *Act* respecting Class 'B' licences was repealed in 1994. However, a similar provision was enacted in *The Alcohol Control Regulations, 1994*. The concept of a Class 'B' licence has been removed, but has been replaced with a 'special use permit'. The Liquor and Gaming Authority may issue a special use permit respecting a sports stadium where the Council of the municipality in which the stadium is situated authorizes the sale of alcohol in the stadium. We have been

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informed by the Authority that existing Class "B" licences have or will be converted into special use permits. We have also been informed that any restrictions on existing Class 'B' licences will be transferred to the special use permits. There, it appears that the restrictions contained in Bylaw No. 7116 have been transferred to the special use permit issued to Agri Twin Arena.

In order for the Authority to be able to issue a permit to Agri Twin Arena, the City must still authorize the sale of alcohol in the facility. City Council, at its meeting on March 13, 1995, received a report from the Planning and Development Committee regarding the approval of liquor licences for nightclubs in restaurants and taverns. Council resolved that it deal only with applications under *The Alcohol Control Regulations, 1994* which present a land-use conflict, and that all other applications be dealt with administratively. The approval of the sale of alcohol in sports stadiums was not specifically included in the report. However, it would appear that applications regarding sports stadiums could be dealt with using the same process. We have contacted the Planning and Construction Standards Department and confirmed that they are prepared to deal with these applications should Council so direct.

The Agri Twin Arena is located in a zoning district that would permit the sale and consumption of alcohol. There does not appear to be a land-use conflict. Therefore, the application by Agri Twin Arena could be dealt with administratively if Council so wishes.

If Council wishes to permit the sale of alcohol at Agri Twin Arena without restrictions, we would suggest that the application be forwarded to the Planning and Construction Standards Department for processing and that, following the approval of the application by the Planning and Construction Standards Department, Bylaw No. 7116 be repealed."

Your Committee has reviewed this matter and supports the recommendation that this application be dealt with administratively. The application was forwarded to the Planning and Construction Standards Department, and the Department is awaiting the repeal of Bylaw No. 7116 before it makes a decision on the request.

Following the Committee meeting, the Solicitor suggested that perhaps Council might wish to formally include indoor sports stadiums in the categories for which liquor-permit applications can be dealt with administratively. The Committee members subsequently agreed to this proposal.

Attached is a copy of Clause 5, Report No. 5-1995 of the Planning and Development Committee for reference purposes in dealing with the amendments outlined in Recommendations No. 2) and No. 3) to follow.

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that Bylaw No. 7116 be repealed;

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2) that City Council amend its resolution of February 27, 1995 (Clause B5, Report No. 5-1995 of the City Commissioner) dealing with categories of applications that can be dealt with administratively with respect to liquor permits, to read as follows:

"2) that the City Planner be authorized, as an interim measure, to establish a process for reviewing and making recommendations to City Council on applications pertaining to the endorsement and approval of liquor permits for indoor sports stadiums, restaurant/nightclubs, tavern/nightclubs and special occasions/outdoor premises;" and

3) that City Council amend its resolution of March 13, 1995, (Clause 5, Report No. 5-1995 of the Planning and Development Committee) dealing with a non-refundable fee, for liquor permit applications, of \$100.00 to read as follows:

"4) that a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 be charged for the processing and consideration, by the Planning and Construction Standards Department, of each liquor-permit application in the indoor sports stadium, restaurant/nightclub, tavern/nightclub, special occasion/outdoor premises categories".

ADOPTED.

REPORT NO. 10-1995 OF THE LEGISLATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor M. Heidt, Chair
Councillor P. McCann
Councillor H. Langlois

**1. Request for Exemption from Amusement Tax
The Place Riel Society**

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(File No. CK. 1910-2)

Report of City Treasurer, June 8, 1995:

"The attached application has been received from the Place Riel Society requesting exemption from Amusement Tax for Place Riel Theatre.

Place Riel Theatre is a department of Place Riel Society located on the campus of the University of Saskatchewan and has been paying Amusement Tax to the City of Saskatoon for the movies presented in the theatre.

According to the applicant, the purpose of Place Riel Society is to operate a campus centre which fosters social interaction and addresses the social, cultural, and recreational needs of the university community. Any surplus revenue is set aside as reserve for future operating deficits and capital expenditure.

The organization's Financial Statements have been provided. The significant figures from the Financial Statements are as follows:

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>
Income	\$395,340	\$209,533
Expenses	\$381,374	\$256,687
Surplus (Loss)	\$ 13,966	(\$47,154)

This department has reviewed the application and it is our opinion, concurred with by the City Solicitor's Department, that Place Riel Theatre is operating a movie theatre in direct competition with the six other movie theatre establishments in Saskatoon who are required to pay the applicable Amusement Tax. Although Place Riel Theatre is located on campus, it is used by the general public and not restricted to university students.

The Amusement Tax Bylaw allows City Council to exempt an organization from Amusement Tax on the grounds that it is an 'entertainment', the receipts of which are for charitable purposes. Although the applicant has stated that the Society is operated for non-profit purposes, there is no apparent benefit to any 'charitable' organization.

The applicant has stated that Place Riel Theatre also presents non-profit screenings for university, high school, and elementary school groups, as well as, service clubs and organizations such as Scouts Canada, and in this regard has requested that if a blanket exemption does not meet with Council's approval, that consideration be given for the special educational and service club screenings provided."

Your Committee believes that Place Riel Theatre should be exempted from Amusement Tax for special educational and service club screenings only.

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- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that Place Riel Society not be exempted from Amusement Tax for the regular public screenings of Place Riel Theatre; and
 - 2) that Place Riel Society be advised to request an exemption from Amusement Tax for special educational and service club screenings.

ADOPTED.

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**2. 1995 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program
Application from Riversdale Community and Police Help Centre
(File No. CK. 1870-1 and 1870-2-1)**

Report of General Manager, Leisure Services Department, May 29, 1995:

"Your staff have received an application for a Cash Grant under the Assistance to Community Groups Program from the Riversdale Community and Police Help Centre for its summer activities; in particular, its Spirit Day Festival in Victoria Park. (See Appendix 1.) In order to be considered for funding, the program proposed by the applicant should service the needs of Saskatoon residents in one of five categories: sports, culture, recreation, social services, or the environment. As a neighbourhood-based program, the applicant does not meet this requirement. However, at the discretion of the Legislation and Finance Committee, it could be considered under the General Contingency Fund of the Cash Grant Program. The application has, therefore, been referred to the Legislation and Finance Committee for its review.

Your staff are concerned that providing funding for this neighbourhood-based program through the General Contingency component of the Cash Grant sets a precedent for future requests for assistance by associations with similar neighbourhood-based programs. We would be pleased to work with the Centre to identify potential alternative sources of funding in future years.

For the information of the Committee, the Centre received \$750 in funding in 1993 from the General Contingency component of the Cash Grant for a similar program. Since City funding is limited to no more than 50 percent of eligible programs and activities [City Council Policy Number C03-018 (Assistance to Community Groups) Section 3.1 (h)(i)], the maximum potential funding would be \$1293 and not the \$2,000 requested. If the Legislation and Finance Committee wishes to allocate funding, payment should be made contingent on the receipt of the group's most recent Financial Statements which have been approved by the Board of Directors, and a copy of the current Constitution and Bylaws, both of which should have been submitted with the application. (Your staff have requested the organization to submit this documentation, but it has not yet been received.)"

Your Committee has reviewed this application and regrets that it does not fall under the parameters of the Cash Grants Program.

RECOMMENDATION: that the application from the Riversdale Community and Police Help Centre for funding under the 1995 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program be denied.

ADOPTED.

REPORT NO. 10-1995 OF THE WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor A. Langford, Chair
Councillor D. Atchison
Councillor D. L. Birkmaier
Councillor J. Postlethwaite

- 1. Application for Water Connection
Saskatchewan Water Corporation East Treated Waterline
Linda Varcoe
NW 02-35-03-W3M
File No. CK. 7781-2**

Your Committee has considered the following report of the Manager, Water and Pollution Control Department, dated May 30, 1995:

"The attached application for connection to the Saskatchewan Water Corporation East Treated Pipeline was received on May 10, 1995, from Linda Varcoe. The application is for domestic and agricultural uses on a 160-acre property. The estimated consumption is 8,000 gallons.

The applicant is personally engaged in farming, derives her main source of income from farming, her property abuts the waterline and she has agreed not to subdivide.

The application for connection meets all the criteria of Policy No. C09-018, 'Potable Waterline Connections'."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the application to the Saskatchewan Water Corporation's East Treated Water pipeline by Linda Varcoe be approved; and,
 - 2) that the Saskatchewan Water Corporation be so advised.

ADOPTED.

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REPORT NO. 3-1995 OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor D. L. Birkmaier, Chair
His Worship Mayor Dayday
Councillor P. McCann
Councillor R. Steernberg

**1. Comprehensive Audit -- Mendel Art Gallery
(File No. CK. 1600-5)**

Report of City Auditor, May 25, 1995:

"The 1992/93 Corporate Audit Plan included provision to audit the Mendel Art Gallery. This audit was initiated prior to the passing of Bylaw No. 7323 which now gives Audit Services authority to audit non-statutory boards and authorities and to set the scope of such audit engagements. As such, we were obligated to seek the Board's prior approval to undertake this particular project and the Board's endorsement of the Terms of Reference, including project purpose and scope.

The Board chose to limit the scope of the audit to the following objectives:

- To determine the extent to which adequate **controls** are in place for ensuring the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of the Mendel Art Gallery operations; and
- To determine the extent to which adequate **controls** are in place to protect the Gallery's assets (e.g. cash, inventories) from loss or damage.

The Board's responses to audit recommendations have been incorporated into the Executive Summary and detail sections of the Report.

While the Audit Report identifies several opportunities for improvement, we want to emphasize that we also observed significant control strengths -- these we have summarized in the Executive Summary section of the Report.

The Board supports most of the audit recommendations and has already taken action in several areas. In some cases, the Board's response to audit recommendations is 'outstanding'; these recommendations will be considered during the strategic planning process that the Board of Trustees and Management will be undertaking in the near future. Audit Services supports the Board's position to refer consideration of these issues to the strategic planning process.

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An Implementation Plan is included in the Audit Report although implementation dates have not yet been established. The sequencing and dates for implementing many of the recommendations will be affected by the outcome of the strategic planning process that the Board will be engaging in. As such, the Board has asked that tabling of the final implementation plan (i.e. with implementation dates) be deferred to the November 1995 meeting of the Audit Committee. Audit Services understands and supports the Board's position on this matter.

We acknowledge and appreciate the cooperation and support extended by the Gallery Board members and staff throughout the audit. We are confident that the actions taken and planned to be taken by the Board and management, in response to the audit recommendations, will strengthen accountability, enhance the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the institution and the services it provides, and ensure that the Gallery continues to be responsive to the needs of the community it serves."

Your Committee has reviewed this report with representatives of the Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Board of Trustees and has determined that the Board supports the recommendations contained in the Audit Report. The Committee has requested the Board submit an Implementation Plan by November, 1995.

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Pursuant to motion by Councillor Steernberg and carried by a majority of members of City Council, the hour of the meeting was extended beyond 10:30 p.m.

**2. Follow-Up Audit Report
Design Services Branch
Civic Buildings and Grounds Department
(File No. CK. 1600-7)**

Report of City Auditor, May 30, 1995:

"Included in the mandate of the Audit Services Department is the requirement to follow up on comprehensive and financial audits previously carried out by our department. The purpose of follow-up reports is to confirm that action committed to by management, as outlined in the implementation plan, has been carried out.

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The final audit report on the Design and Construction Branch (now called the Design Services Branch) was tabled with City Council on July 2, 1991. Attached is a status report which consists of the initial action proposed by management, the planned implementation dates, and the current status. The current status was completed by program management and verified by Audit Services. Headings used to describe the current status include 'Completed', 'Completed and Ongoing', 'In Progress', 'Outstanding', and 'Alternative Action Taken.'

Audit Services' verification of the current status consisted of discussions with the Branch Manager, review and evaluation of substantiating materials (e.g. drawings, policies, budget documents, etc.), and assessment of actions taken which were different from the actions originally planned (e.g. Action Nos. 1, 4, 11, and 14). It should be noted that the current Branch Manager assumed the position effective August 16, 1994 upon the retirement of the previous Manager.

Audit Services reviewed the actions not agreed to and the alternative actions for appropriateness and determined the following:

- Action No. 1. Property Management function maintained in Civic Buildings & Grounds Department - Because the duties of repairing private property and executing demolition orders associated with the enforcement of the Maintenance Bylaw are similar to the maintenance of City-owned properties, Audit Services agrees with the decision to retain the property management function.

- Action No. 4. Branch Accountability - In the opinion of Audit Services, accountability for the Branch can be better served through improvements to the service levels and performance indicators in the Design and Construction Program Overview (31-008). These improvements will be completed in conjunction with Audit Services.

- Action No. 11. Responses to client enquiries - Audit Services supports the alternative action proposed by management.

- Action No. 14. Mechanical Engineering Standards - Audit Services supports the change in position regarding the establishment of City mechanical engineering standards providing it is clearly stated in the employees' operations manuals what standards are to be adhered to in the design of mechanical systems.

The status of Action 6 and Action 10 is shown as 'completed (qualifier)'. The ability to plan for the longer term is constrained by the absence of long term financial forecasts for capital projects. As City Council further refines its procedures for using long term financial

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forecasts to develop budgetary direction for capital projects, the Design Services Branch will be able to refine its long term planning process.

It is the opinion of Audit Services that management has fairly represented the current status of the implementation plan.

Members of City Council should note that copies of the 'Final Audit Report of the Design and Construction Branch' may be requested from the Audit Services Department."

Your Committee has reviewed this matter with representatives of the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department, and is satisfied with the status report.

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

REPORT NO. 7-1995 OF THE BUDGET POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor H. Langlois, Chair
Councillor P. McCann
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor J. Postlethwaite
Councillor K. Waygood

**1. Sale of Herbicide Sprayers
(Files CK. 1250-1 and 4200-1)**

City Council, at its meeting held on February 13, 1995, considered Clause C3, Report No. 4-1995 a copy of which is attached, and resolved that the matter be referred to the Budget Policy and Planning Committee for review and that the sale of the sprayers not be pursued at this time.

Subsequent to the above referral, Council did not provide any funds in the 1995 Operating Budget to control dandelions in parks and other City-owned land.

Your Committee supports the sale of the two sprayers, since they are not needed now. Other options would be considered in the future, should Council decide to resume applying herbicide to control weeds.

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RECOMMENDATION: that the Administration be authorized to proceed with the sale of the two herbicide sprayers.

ADOPTED.

2. **Communications to Council**
From: Peggy McKercher, Chair
Meewasin Valley Authority
Date: May 26, 1995
Subject: Asking Council to assume operating and maintenance
responsibilities for the Gabriel Dumont Park
(File No. CK. 4205-1)

The above-noted letter, a copy of which is attached, was referred to the Budget Policy and Planning Committee.

Your Committee is of the opinion that this matter should not be finalized until the land and subdivision issues have been resolved.

RECOMMENDATION: that consideration and approval of an agreement with the Meewasin Valley Authority be deferred until the land and subdivision issues are resolved.

ADOPTED.

REPORT NO. 6-1995 OF THE LAND BANK COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor D. L. Birkmaier, Chair
Councillor H. Langlois
Councillor K. Waygood
His Worship the Mayor
City Commissioner
Director of Finance
Director of Works and Utilities

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Director of Planning and Development

**1. Proposed Lane Closing
1831 - 1839 Saskatchewan Avenue
Plan No. G4-SL26
(File No. CK. 6295-1)** _____

Report of the Land Manager, May 24, 1995:

The Engineering Department has received a request to close the lane which serves the properties from 1831 to 1839 Saskatchewan Avenue (Lots 8, 9, and 10, Block 224, Plan G826) in the Kelsey Industrial Area. Prior to commencing any road-closing procedures, the Engineering Department (through the Land Department) negotiates a price for the lane with the potential purchaser. The negotiated price is then recommended to City Council for approval.

The lane in question contains approximately 830 square metres (0.2 acres). Industrial land in this area should sell for approximately \$70,000 per acre. Because the land within the lane is not of an appropriate shape or size to form a legal, stand-alone property, we have discounted the price by 50 percent to \$35,000 per acre. Therefore, 0.2 acres at \$35,000 per acre suggests a selling price of \$7,000.00 for the lane.

Your Committee has determined that there is a prospective purchaser for this property, however, establishing a price is the first step.

RECOMMENDATION: that the selling price of the lane, which is indicated by the cross-hatched area on the attached Plan No. G4SL-26, be \$7,000.00 plus the Goods and Services Tax.

ADOPTED.

**2. Saskatoon Habitat for Humanity
Borden Crescent, Confederation Park
(File No. CK. 750-1)** _____

Report of Director of Planning and Development, May 24, 1995:

On November 23, 1992, City Council agreed to hold nineteen City-owned lots on Borden Crescent for future sale or donation to Saskatoon Habitat for Humanity. This arrangement was put in place until December 31, 1995.

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Since 1992, Habitat for Humanity has acquired three of these lots. This has occurred through separate donations from the City and from the Provincial Government. Houses have been built by Habitat for Humanity on these three lots; a fourth lot is expected to be acquired, through a donation by the Provincial Government, for the construction of a house in 1995.

Attached is a letter from the Chairman of Saskatoon Habitat for Humanity which requests an extension of the holding period on the remaining sixteen lots on Borden Crescent until December 31, 2000. It is anticipated that during this extended period, another five to eight lots will be acquired by this organization for the purpose of building houses.

Your staff support the extension of the holding period. Habitat for Humanity is a major player in the supporting lower-income families in Saskatoon to own a home. The construction of houses on Borden Crescent also provides an opportunity to develop several lots which the City has not otherwise been able to sell. The future owners of these lots will pay property taxes. In addition, the existence of these houses, rather than vacant land, may attract interest from others to purchase and to construct homes in other undeveloped lots in the area.

Your Committee also supports the extension of the holding period for the noted properties, in that no other expressions of interest have been received for these properties.

RECOMMENDATION: that the remaining City-owned lots on Borden Crescent be held for Saskatoon Habitat for Humanity until December 31, 2000, at which time City Council will review the status of this project and determine if this arrangement should be extended or if the lots should be made available for purchase by the general public.

ADOPTED.

REPORT NO. 2-1995 OF THE PENSION ADMINISTRATION BOARD

Composition of Committee

Mr. M. West, Chair
Councillor H. Langlois, Vice-Chair
Councillor D. Atchison
Councillor P. McCann
Mr. J. Beveridge
Mr. P. Jaspar
Mr. W. Wallace
Dr. K. Lal

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Mr. M. Totland
Mr. A. Froess
Mr. M. West
Mr. L. Thiessen
Mr. W. Furrer
Ms. L. Tkachuk
Mr. T. Graham

**1. 1994 Audited Financial Report
General Superannuation Plan
(File No. CK. 1796-1)**

Attached is a copy of the 1994 Audited Financial Report for the General Superannuation Plan, which the Pension Administration Board has reviewed and submits to City Council as information, being City Council is ultimately the "Administrator" of the Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

REPORT NO. 3-1995 OF THE PERSONNEL AND ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor H. Langlois, Chair
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor P. McCann
Councillor P. Roe
Councillor K. Waygood

**1. Affirmative Action Monitoring Report
(File No. CK. 4500-2)**

Report of Director of Personnel Services, May 31, 1995:

"The City of Saskatoon is required to report annually to the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission regarding its progress in implementing its Affirmative Action Program.

This annual report includes hiring and promotion statistics, supports provided by Departments for target-group employees, and work of the joint union-management Affirmative Action Committee.

Attached is the 1994 Annual Monitoring Report."

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Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Director of Personnel Services and wishes to express appreciation to the Personnel Services Department for its efforts in the area of Affirmative Action, and looks forward to continued progress in this area.

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the information be received and referred to the Advisory Committee on Women's Issues and to the Race Relations Committee as information.

REPORT NO. 6-1995 OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Composition of Committee

His Worship the Mayor, Chair
Councillor D. Atchison
Councillor D. L. Birkmaier
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor A. Langford
Councillor H. Langlois
Councillor P. McCann
Councillor J. Postlethwaite
Councillor P. Roe
Councillor R. Steernberg
Councillor K. Waygood

**1. Acquisition of Land Required for Road Widening
Idylwyld Drive North
Part of Lot B, Block 9, Plan 81-S-04615
Peter's Place Ltd.
(Files CK. 4020-1 and 6000-4)**

Early in 1994, the Land Department was instructed to complete the necessary land acquisitions to enable the widening of Idylwyld Drive from 33rd Street to 39th Street. Although the project has been deferred, the Engineering Department has instructed that the necessary land acquisitions be completed.

As part of the required road right-of-way acquisition, the Department has negotiated the purchase of

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approximately 118.5 square metres of the front of Lot B, Block 9, Plan 81-S-04615 (see attached sketch). The property, located on the south east corner of Idylwyld Drive and 38th Street, is registered to Peter's Place Ltd. and the front portion of the property is leased to Manos Restaurant.

The purchase price negotiated is \$100,000.00, plus the relocation of one sign, estimated to be \$2,500.00.

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the purchase of the front 5.182 metres (118.5 square metres) of Lot B, Block 9, Plan 81-S-04615, for the sum of \$100,000.00 plus taxes, be approved; and
 - 2) that the source of funding be the Land Acquisition Component of Capital Project No. 696 - 'Upgrade Idylwyld Drive (36th to 39th)'.

ADOPTED.

**2. Request to Utilize Portion of Surplus
Centennial Auditorium
(File No. CK. 1711-4)**

Your Committee has considered the attached letter from the Executive Director of the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium & Convention Centre and

- RECOMMENDS:** that the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium & Convention Centre be authorized to utilize a portion of the 1994 surplus to repay the outstanding balance of the productivity improvement loan on the renovation to Centennial Hall.

ADOPTED."

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

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

CARRIED.

UNEFINISHED BUSINESS

- 6a) **Request for Encroachment Agreement
Portion of Acadia Drive between Circle Park and Wildwood Malls
(File No. CK. 4090-2)** _____

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 17.

ENQUIRIES

- Councillor Birkmaier
Review Methods to Enforcement of Curfew Bylaw No. 2533
(File No. CK. 185-1)** _____

Would the Legislation and Finance Committee please review the Curfew Bylaw looking at methods for stronger enforcement and increased fines.

- Councillor Postlethwaite
Timing of Identifying Future Needs for Buses
(File No. CK. 1402-1)** _____

In view of the scarcity of buses in the City, pending the arrival of the recently ordered six, and the extremely long waiting period (18-24 months), could the Administration look into the City's future needs for buses so that, if deemed necessary, Council could approve some future year's purchases at this time, to catch up with needs and possibly expedite the addition of more low-floor accessible buses in the fleet.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 7488

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7488, being "*The Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 1995 (No. 2)*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

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Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Bylaw No. 7488 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7488.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7488 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7488 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

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THAT Bylaw No. 7488 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 Heidt,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 p.m.

Mayor

Acting City Clerk