

Council Chamber
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Monday, April 20, 1998
at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: His Worship Mayor Dayday in the Chair;
Councillors Atchison, Birkmaier, Harding, Heidt, Langford, Maddin,
Roe, Steernberg, and Waygood;
A/City Commissioner Richards;
City Solicitor Dust;
City Clerk Mann;
A/City Councillors' Assistant Holmstrom

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on April 6, 1998 be approved.

CARRIED.

HEARINGS

- 2a) Discretionary Use Application
Proposed Boarding House
205 Copland Crescent
(File No. CK. 4355-1)**

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“City Council, at its meeting held on March 9, 1998 received notice of the above discretionary use application.

The General Manager, Planning and Building Department, has now advised that the necessary on-site notification poster has been placed on the site and letters have been sent to adjacent land owners within 60 metres of the site.

Council, at this meeting, is to consider granting its permission for the proposed use.

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The matter is also being reported on under Clause 1, Report No. 6-1998 of the Municipal Planning Commission.

Attached are copies of the following communications:

- Letter dated April 8, 1998 from James and Susan Dosman, 614 Leslie Avenue;
- Letter dated April 11, 1998 from Norman and Rachel Neumann, 611 Leslie Avenue;
- Letter dated April 13, 1998 from Dora and Kay Nasser;
- Letter undated, from Wenda McArthur, 212 Garrison Crescent; and
- Letter dated April 8, from Orville and Elizabeth Anderson, 606 Leslie Avenue.”

His Worship Mayor Dayday opened the hearing and ascertained that there was no one present in the gallery who wished to address Council with respect to the matter.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT Clause 1, Report No. 6-1998 of the Municipal Planning Commission be brought forward and considered.

CARRIED.

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“REPORT NO. 6-1998 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION”

- 1. Discretionary Use Application
Boarding House (Retirement Home)
205 Copland Crescent
West ½ Lot 9 and All of Lot 10,
Block 201, Plan G779
Applicant: Dale Schultz
(File No. CK. 4355-1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

that the application by Dale Schultz requesting permission to use the West ½ of Lot 9 and All of Lot 10, Block 201, Plan No. G779 (205 Copland Crescent) for the purpose of a Boarding House be approved, subject to the following:

- a) limiting the maximum number of boarders to eight (8); and
- b) the provision of a minimum of four off-street parking spaces (as shown on the attached site plan).

A summary page, including a location plan for the above Discretionary Use Application, is attached.

Your Commission has considered and concurs with the following report of the Planning and Building Department dated March 11, 1998:

“B. PROPOSAL”

An application has been submitted by Dale Schultz requesting City Council’s approval to use the West ½ of Lot 9 and All of Lot 10, Block 201, Plan No. G779 (205 Copland Crescent) for the purpose of a Boarding House which will serve as a Retirement Home for eight residents. This property is zoned R.1 District in the City’s Zoning Bylaw and, as a consequence, a Boarding House providing sleeping accommodations for not more than eight boarders may only be permitted by City Council at its discretion. Refer to the attached plan.

C. REASON FOR THE PROPOSAL (BY APPLICANT)

The applicant operates a retirement home for independent seniors known as “The Cottage Club”. This concept of independent living includes:

- A private room with full access to all facilities and amenities.
- 3 meals every day plus snacks, coffee, etc. anytime.
- Free transportation for appointments, shopping, etc.
- Full participation in a warm supporting home environment.
- Sensible accommodation at a reasonable rate.

The residents are seniors who enjoy each other’s company, playing cards, shuffleboard, old time music, gardening, staying well, caring about each other, and visiting with family and friends. All needs such as cooking, cleaning and laundry are the responsibility of the resident coordinator.

Saskatoon has a large demand for neighbourhood retirement homes. More and more seniors no longer wish to live alone, but do not require a personal care giver or nursing home. The Cottage Club is not a personal care or nursing home, it is for independent seniors who no longer wish to live alone. Residents must be ambulatory and totally independent as no personal, supervisory or nursing care is provided. In addition, residents who may require or are assessed at needing any level of care are given 30 days notice to find suitable accommodations.

The applicant is now operating a home for independent seniors for up to five residents. The dwelling is such that a studio within could be easily converted to a bathroom and two bedrooms. The residence has a waiting list to accommodate the expansion.

The coordinator, Dale Schultz, has 27 years of professional experience through his ownership and administration of Del Haven Lodge (a 52 bed retirement and nursing care complex in downtown Saskatoon).

D. JUSTIFICATION

1. Comments By Others

Public Works Department - Water and Sewer Branch

The Application for discretionary use is acceptable to this department. Any required upgrades or changes to the water and sewer connections will be at the owners expense.

Transportation Department

The Transportation Department reviewed the application and noted that:

Although no additional parking requirements are requested for personal care homes, this application is for a boarding house with independent residents. This suggests that they are independently mobile and may have their own vehicles.

As a minimum, it would be expected that one space would be required for staff and that one space for every three residents would be desirable. In this situation, the total off-street parking requirements would therefore be four spaces.

2. **Planning and Building Department Comments**

- a) The Zoning Bylaw defines a Boarding House as a building or structure or part of a building or structure kept, used or advertised as or held out to be a place where sleeping accommodation is furnished to roomers whether for remuneration, compensation or not for a period of one week or more, and having sleeping accommodations for more than five roomers, but not more than fifteen roomers.

The R.1 District in the City's Zoning Bylaw specifies that a Boarding House may provide sleeping accommodations for not more than eight boarders and only by City Council at its discretion.

- b) It is the opinion of the Planning and Building Department that the approval of a Boarding House to be used as a Retirement Home for

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up to eight residents is generally appropriate in low-density residential districts.

- c) Saskatchewan Health Continuing Care Branch has indicated that licensing from their Branch is not required since all the residents of the retirement home are totally independent and that no personal, supervisory or nursing care is provided.
- d) The minimum off-street parking requirements for a Boarding House in the R.1 District is 1 parking space. The site plan does indicate that two off-street parking spaces are provided in the rear yard of this site. As noted above, the Transportation Department indicated that since the boarders are independent they may have their own vehicles and in this situation a total of four off-street parking spaces should be provided. The applicant has agreed to provide the four off-street parking spaces in the rear yard.
- e) The site is in close proximity to a City Transit stop located at Garrison Crescent and Leslie Avenue. This transit route provides easy access to the City Centre and Circle Centre Mall.
- f) The discretionary use application, in all other respects, is in conformance with the Zoning Bylaw.
- g) The proposed boarding house is consistent with the residential land use designation for this area within the Development Plan.
- h) In consideration of any discretionary use application, it should be noted that Section 74(2) of the Planning and Development act applies, whereas:

‘On receipt of a discretionary use application, the Council may, by resolution or bylaw:

- 1) reject the application; or,
- 2) approve the application where the facts presented establish that the proposed use or form of development:

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- i) will not be detrimental to the health, safety, convenience and general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity or injurious to property, improvements or potential developments in the vicinity; and,
- ii) complies with the applicable provisions of the Zoning Bylaw and will not be contrary to the development plan or basic planning statement.’

E. COMMUNICATION PLAN

The President of the Varsity View Community Association was notified of this application by letter dated February 16, 1998. If this application is recommended for approval by the Municipal Planning Commission, it will be advertised in accordance with City Council’s policy and a date for a public hearing will be set. Advertising will consist of sending notices of the public hearing by regular mail to all assessed property owners within a radius of 60 metres (200 feet) of the site. Notice signs prepared by the Planning and Building Department will be placed on site by the applicant.

F. ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Location Facts
- 2. Site Plan
- 3. Site Photo”

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

THAT the submitted correspondence be received.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

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Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT the application by Dale Schultz requesting permission to use the West ½ of Lot 9 and All of Lot 10, Block 201, Plan No. G779 (205 Copland Crescent) for the purpose of a Boarding House be approved, subject to the following:

- a) limiting the maximum number of boarders to eight (8); and*
- b) the provision of a minimum of four off-street parking spaces (as shown on the attached site plan).*

CARRIED.

**2b) Hearing
Proposed Zoning Bylaw/Map Amendment
CNR Property Between 23rd and 24th Street
ID.1 District to B.6(H) District and
B.6 to B.6(H) District
Proposed Bylaw No. 7742
(File No. CK. 4110-3)**

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“Attached is a copy of Clause 1, Report No. 3-1998 of the Municipal Planning Commission which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on February 23, 1998.

A copy of the Notice which appeared in the local press under dates of March 28 and April 4 1998, is attached.

Council, at this meeting, is to hear and determine any submissions with respect to the proposed amendments prior to its consideration of Bylaw No. 7742, copy attached.”

His Worship Mayor Dayday opened the hearing and ascertained that there was no one present in the gallery who wished to address Council with respect to the matter.

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Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Harding, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 7742.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

**1) Alan Thomarat, Research and Communications Director
The Chamber, dated April 14**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the 1998 Operating Budget. (File No. CK. 1704-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Clause 2, Report No. 2-1998 of the Budget Committee, Clause A3, Report No. 8-1998 of the City Commissioner, Items A.2, A.7 and AA.1 to AA.3 of "Communications" be brought forward for consideration and that Mr. Smith-Windsor be heard.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Clause 2, Report No. 2-1998 of the Budget Committee, Clause A3, Report No. 8-1998 of the City Commissioner, Items A.2, A.7 and AA.1 to AA.3 of "Communications" be brought forward for consideration and that the speakers be heard.

CARRIED.

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“REPORT NO. 2-1998 OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

**2. 1998 Operating Budget
(File No. CK. 1704-1)**

- RECOMMENDATIONS:**
- 1) that the 1998 Estimates and Revenues and Expenditures, as outlined in the attached summary document, be approved;
 - 2) that the budgetary request of the Library Board, submitted to the Budget Committee on March 20, 1998 be approved;
 - 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate Tax Levy Authorization Bylaw;
 - 4) that the provisions of the bylaw establishing the formula for the annual grants to Tourism Saskatoon and SREDA be deferred for one year, allowing the parties to re-negotiate a more suitable funding arrangement;
 - 5) that the General Manager of Environmental Services be requested to increase the water and sewer rates to raise sufficient funds to contribute \$365,800 to the Self Funded Insurance Reserve;
 - 6) that the question of phasing out the grant to Wanuskewin Heritage Park be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee;
 - 7) that the matter of cultural grants be referred back to the Administration and Finance Committee; and
 - 8) that the issues of funding for future capital shortfalls be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.

The preliminary version of the 1998 Operating Budget Estimates was submitted to City Council on March 23, 1998. Your Committee met publicly on March 30 and 31 and reviewed the document in detail.

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Attached is a summary which reflects the recommendations of the Budget Committee, as well as a recommendation being put forward by the Administration (Clause A3, Report No. 8-1998 of the City Commissioner) regarding park redevelopment.

Once again, the Budget Committee faced a number of difficult choices in its budget deliberations. Not only were members faced with the decision of whether or not all current services should be sufficiently funded in order that they could continue, but they also needed to address a number of citizen requests for new or improved services, as well as issues which, if not appropriately addressed, could impact the service delivery beyond 1998. This report will address each of these challenges.

Current Services

Setting priorities has always been one of the most difficult tasks to face Councillors. Programs and services which are presently funded from the Operating Budget have evolved as needs and funding became available. While continual reviews of these programs has resulted in increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of delivering those programs, it has proven extremely difficult to eliminate programs. While not all citizens support any one program, every program has a large constituency who will work extremely hard to ensure that programs and services which impact their lives, are protected. This emphasizes the diversity of interests and needs of the citizens of Saskatoon. Until Council is able adjust or eliminate existing services, its primary role defaults to one of ensuring that existing services are provided in the most efficient and cost effective manner.

After considerable review and debate, the 1998 Operating Budget has been finalized on the basis that no programs would be eliminated. To ensure that this could be attained, it was necessary to provide sufficient funding to meet increasing program costs. The City of Saskatoon, like every other business, faces the inflationary pressures which have been placed on the costs of the goods and services which it purchases, and the need to adequately compensate its employees. This budget, therefore, provides for those increases in the cost of providing services.

New/Improved Services

Throughout the year, Council receives many requests from its citizens to improve service levels for existing programs, or to become involved in programs in which it has not historically participated. These requests are often based on the changes which are taking place in society in general, or as a result of increasing demands of a growing city. While not all requests could be addressed (e.g. increases to Social and Cultural grant programs, increased funded for Crisis Intervention), a number have been included in this budget. They include:

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- a) Dutch Elm Disease - Saskatoon enjoys the benefits of a large urban forest which needs to be protected from a possible invasion of Dutch Elm Disease. The key to fighting this disease is to ensure that the existing inventory of Elm trees remain healthy. This budget, therefore, contains funding to begin a program which will ultimately decrease the tree pruning cycle to once every seven years - a cycle which is considered an important step in this protection program.
- b) Many citizens have emphasized that more should be done to ensure that the environment within which we enjoy our summers, can be protected. For this reason, this budget includes funding to increase our fight against dandelions and pests. These funds will be used to provide environmentally friendly defenses against these nuisances which, for many, destroy the beauty of the City and our ability to enjoy the outdoors.
- c) Police Service - most Councillors were advised by their constituents that police services were high on their list of priorities for 1998. This budget addressed their requests in two ways. First, it ensured that not only would the Police be able to maintain the level of service which was included in the 1997 budget, but they would be able to attain that level of service throughout the year. Sufficient funding is now in place to allow the Police Service to maintain its staffing levels through hiring from other police agencies as well as through the annual recruitment of staff to attend Police College. In addition, the Committee has recommended that the Police Service receive sufficient funding to enable it to recruit and additional 8 officers, and 2 civilians, which will allow it to reintroduce some of the services which were eliminated in prior years, as well as addressing some of the most immediate concerns pertaining to some of the criminal activities which are taking place in our city. By protecting our complement of police officers, the Police can increase their efforts towards crime prevention, including a more visible presence in our communities.
- d) Animal Control - numerous complaints have been received about the need to address problems associated with an increasing dog population (both nuisance issues as well as safety issues). This budget now provides sufficient funding to ensure that the public will always have access to two wardens on a twenty four hour a day basis.

Protection of Services Into the Future

One of the simplest ways the Committee could have reduced the impact of the 1998 budget on the mill rate, was to ignore recommendations which resulted in the requirement for additional funding, but which would not necessarily have impacted the delivery of programs in 1998. These include:

- a) Fire Apparatus Reserve - this budget includes, as part of the Fire and Protective Services Budget, sufficient funding to ensure that its fleet of fire fighting apparatus can be replaced in a timely manner. While such equipment has a life which can exceed 20 years, much of the fleet

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is reaching the end of that life cycle. While a deferral of this decision would not necessarily have impacted the ability of the Fire and Protective Services Department to provide adequate fire protection to its citizens in the coming year, the risks, and potentially even greater funding problems, would have been transferred to future Councils.

- b) Centennial Auditorium - the City of Saskatoon is the only municipal government in Saskatchewan which owns and operates a theatre and convention centre the likes of the Centennial Auditorium. However, this structure is over 30 years old, and many of its major components are in need of repair and upgrading. City Council, when considering both the 1997 and 1998 Capital Budgets, committed to keeping this facility open for the benefit of its citizens. This commitment results in the requirement to increase the support grant provided to the Centennial in order that it is able to finance the debt created as a result of its capital program.
- c) One of the major concerns which the City will ultimately have to address are the costs associated with maintaining its infrastructure of roads, streets, underground services, etc. , as well as the construction of similar services as a result of our growth. This Council has reaffirmed the City policy to reallocate any reductions in debt charges to either increasing its contribution to capital programs, or to create new debt which is used to enhance the funding which is available for capital. In addition, this budget includes a Council decision to reserve one third of the estimated assessment growth towards our capital needs. It is recognized that these additional funds are far from sufficient to meet our current and future needs. It is also recognized that without assistance from senior levels of government, the City will never be in a position to address this funding deficiency.
- d) Self Insurance - a corporation the size of the City of Saskatoon must provide a certain level of self insurance. The total of this self insurance must be at least equal to the total of all claims which fall within our deductible range. In the past two years, the City's self insurance costs have exceeded \$2,000,000. Much of this pertains to claims which are filed for damages as a result of water and sewer main breaks. Most of these claims are submitted by Insurance Companies as a result of a court decision which makes the City liable because it is the owner of these services- not necessarily because it has been negligent in any manner. Until the City is able to persuade the Provincial Government to make the necessary legislative changes which would save the City harmless from such claims, additional funding must be provided for the Self Insurance Reserve.

While the Committee could have decided to defer an increased contribution with an assumption that our experience might improve, this decision would not have appropriately addressed the long term risks involved with insurance. Therefore, adopting the same practice as Insurance Companies (reserving funds for abnormal demands), is also prudent for the City. The intent is to avoid the year end funding problems which the City faced in both 1996 and 1997. These

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additional funds were originally included in the 1998 Operating Budget in the Risk Management Program, as the Water and Sewage Utilities had already set their rates for 1998 at the beginning of the year. The Budget Committee wishes to maintain the principal of user pay, and is therefore recommending that this additional funding requirement be charged to the Utilities. This will require a mid year rate adjustment.

The recommendation of the Budget Committee is that the Budget, as amended, be adopted and the necessary bylaw be prepared to set the appropriate mill rate which will raise sufficient funds to meet the requirements of the budget.

REPORT NO. 8-1998 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER

**A3) 1998 Operating Budget
(File No. 1704-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the provision to the Infrastructure Reserve (Parks) be \$500,000;
 - 2) that the Administration be instructed to increase the base provision to the Infrastructure Reserve (Parks) by \$83,333 annually (commencing in 1999) until the reserve provision reaches its 1997 base level of \$750,000;
 - 3) that Council approve revised Capital Project Nos. 901, 1599, and 1600;
 - 4) that Council approve Bylaw No. 7747. The Mill Rate Factors Bylaw, 1998; and,
 - 5) that Council approve Bylaw No. 7746, The Tax Levy Authorizaton Bylaw, 1998.

Report of A/General Manager, Finance Department, April 14, 1998:

“Included, as part of the report from the Budget Committee, is the 1998 Budget Summary which incorporates all of the changes which were directed by the Budget Committee with the exception of the motion which pertained to the elimination, for 1998, of the transfer to the Infrastructure Reserve (Parks). The effect of the 1998 Budget, combined with the need to address assessment appeal

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losses/adjustments and changes to the assessment manual, is the requirement to increase the City's mill rate by 5.28%.

During its deliberations, the Budget Committee approved, after considerable debate, the deferral, for a period of one year, of the annual contribution to the Infrastructure Reserve (Parks) totalling \$750,000. The result of that motion was the elimination of the 1998 Capital program for Project Nos. 901, 1599, and 1600. The Committee redirected these funds for two specific purposes - to eliminate the impact of program improvements (Dutch Elm, pest management and turf management) totalling \$263,500 and to create an operating reserve which would fund these improvements for two additional years. It was our understanding that the Administration would be asked to gradually increase the Budget base to ensure that sufficient funding was in place by 2001 to fund these programs once the operating reserve was expended.

As a result of the motion, any Capital program funded from the Infrastructure Reserve (Parks), would be deferred for a period of one year. The principal project impacted would be Harold Tatler Park. As a result of discussions held since the review by the Budget Committee, it is our understanding that there is general support of an amendment which would maintain the spirit of the original motion (i.e. to provide funding for program additions), but allow Harold Tatler Park to begin construction in 1998. The amendment would limit the reduction of the transfer to the Infrastructure Reserve (Parks) to \$250,000, which would then be used to fund the program improvements previously identified. The transfer to the Infrastructure Reserve of \$500,000 would fund an adjusted 1998 capital program, with the reserve funding increasing by \$83,333 per year commencing 1999 in order to re-establish the 1997 base of \$750,000 by the year 2001.

If City Council supports the amendment, it must also approve a revision to the 1998 Capital Budget. Attached, for Council's consideration, is a revised capital plan (for projects funded from the Infrastructure Reserve (Parks)) based on the new funding formula. If approved, the Harold Tatler Park project will proceed, with only minor adjustments to the original construction schedule, Sid Buckwold Park will be delayed for one year (2002 to 2003), and the Kiwanis Irrigation project will be deferred until 2001 (from 1998).

In response to the budget resolutions for each taxing authority, the Administration has determined the 1998 uniform mill rate, the 1998 mill rate factors for each property class, and the resulting changes to effective tax rates.

Table 1 provides the 1997 and 1998 uniform mill rate for each taxing authority. A bylaw to establish the 1998 uniform mill rate (The Tax Levy Authorization Bylaw, 1998) is attached.

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Table 1	1997 Uniform Mill Rate	1998 Uniform Mill Rate
CITY	13.43	14.14
SCHOOL BOARDS	18.93	18.93
LIBRARY	<u>1.65</u>	<u>1.71</u>
	34.01	34.78

In addition to establishing the uniform mill rate for 1998, the Administration has calculated the 1998 mill rate factors necessary to effect the Budget Committee recommendation to follow the previously established principle of redistributing all assessment changes and any changes to the total tax levy, through equal percentage changes to effective tax rates for each property class. Table 2 provides the 1997 and 1998 mill rate factors for each property class. A bylaw to establish the 1998 mill rate factors (The Mill Rate Factors Bylaw, 1998) is attached.

Table 2	1997 Mill Rate Factors	1998 Mill Rate Factors
Residential	0.8331	0.8415
Condominiums	0.7363	0.7424
Multi-Unit Residential	1.3766	1.3845
Commercial	1.3235	1.3360

Effective tax rates reflect the impact of all aspects of the property tax levy (changes to the uniform mill rate by the City, School Boards, and the Library, changes to mill rate factors, and changes in the assessment roll). Table 3 indicates the 1997 and 1998 effective tax rates which result from the proposed 1998 property tax levy. As noted in the table, the 1998 mill rate and mill rate factors result in an increase of 2.8% in the effective tax rate for each property class.

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Table 3	1997 Effective Tax Rate	1998 Effective Tax Rate	percentage change
Residential	2.13	2.19	2.8%
Condominiums	2.13	2.19	2.8%
Multi-Unit Residential	3.98	4.09	2.8%
Commercial	4.50	4.63	2.8%

If the residential effective tax rate (rounded to 3 decimal places) is applied to a house with a fair value of \$100,000, the 1998 property tax levy will be \$2,194, an increase of \$69 over 1997.

Table 4	1997 Property Taxes	1998 Property Taxes
CITY	\$ 839	\$ 892
SCHOOL BOARDS	1,183	1,195
LIBRARY	<u>103</u>	<u>107</u>
	\$ 2,125	\$ 2,194"

ATTACHMENTS

1. Revised Capital Projects 901, 1599 and 1600
2. Mill Rate Factors Bylaw, 1998
3. Tax Levy Authorization Bylaw, 1998

A2) Sigrid Eyre
1608 Adelaide Street East, dated April 14

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the 1998 Operating Budget. (File No. CK. 1704-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Ms. Eyre be heard.

A7) Jim Short

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Saskatchewan landlord Association Inc., dated April 17

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the pending mill rates. (File No. CK. 1704-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause 2, Report No. 2-1998 of the Budget Committee and that Mr. Short be heard.

**AA1) Arthur Baalim, Chairperson, Board of Directors
Saskatoon Crisis Intervention Service, dated March 26**

Submitting a request for financial assistance for the Saskatoon Crisis Intervention Centre. (File No. CK. 1704-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause 2, Report No. 2-1998 of the Budget Committee.

**AA2) Todd Reichert, President
Brevoort Park Community Association, dated April 2**

Submitting comments regarding park improvement funds being allocated for pest control. (File No. CK. 1704-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause 2, Report No. 2-1998 of the Budget Committee.

**AA3) Hilda Noton
2513 Paul Crescent, dated April 7**

Submitting comments regarding park improvement funds being allocated for pest control. (File No. CK. 1704-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause 2, Report No. 2-1998 of the Budget Committee.”

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Mr. Kent Smith-Windsor, Executive Director, The Chamber, requested that Council consider a submitted list of recommendations to reduce the proposed tax increase.

Ms. Sigrid Eyre, 1608 Adelaide Street East, requested the Council place a cap on taxes.

Mr. Jim Short, Saskatchewan Landlord Association Inc., requested that the recommendations of the Saskatoon Local Tax Committee be incorporated into the proposed mill rate increase.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

- 1) that the 1998 Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures, as outlined in the 1997 and 1998 Operating Budget Summary, be approved;*
- 2) that the budgetary request of the Library Board, submitted to the Budget Committee on March 20, 1998 be approved;*
- 3) that the provisions of the bylaw establishing the formula for the annual grants to Tourism Saskatoon and SREDA be deferred for one year, allowing the parties to re-negotiate a more suitable funding arrangement;*
- 4) that the General Manager of Environmental Services be requested to increase the water and sewer rates to raise sufficient funds to contribute \$365,800 to the Self Funded Insurance Reserve;*
- 5) that the question of phasing out the grant to Wanuskewin Heritage Park be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee;*
- 6) that the matter of cultural grants be referred back to the Administration and Finance Committee;*
- 7) that the issues of funding for future capital shortfalls be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee;*
- 8) that the provision to the Infrastructure Reserve (Parks) be \$500,000;*
- 9) that the Administration be instructed to increase the base provision to the Infrastructure Reserve (Parks) by \$83,333 annually (commencing in 1999) until the reserve provision reaches its 1997 base level of \$750,000;*

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- 10) *that Council approve revised Capital Projects No. 901, 1599, and 1600;*
- 11) *that Council consider Bylaw No. 7747, The Mill Rate Factors Bylaw, 1998; and,*
- 12) *that Council consider Bylaw No. 7746, The Tax Levy Authorization Bylaw, 1998.*

YEAS: *His Worship the Mayor, Councillors Harding, Heidt,
Langford, Maddin, Roe, and Waygood* 7

NAYS: *Councillors Atchison, Birkmaier and Steernberg* 3

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the regular Order of Business be suspended and that Clause 1, Report No. 2-1998 of the Budget Committee be brought forward for consideration.

CARRIED.

“REPORT NO. 2-1998 OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

**1. 1997 Reassessment Implementation
Re-balancing Tax Revenues
(File No. CK 1615-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council follow the previously established principle of redistributing all assessment changes and any changes to the total tax levy, through equal percentage changes to effective tax rates for each property class, as outlined in Table 4 of the report of the General Manager, Finance Department, dated March 26, 1998.

Attached is a report of the General Manager of the Finance Department, dated March 26, 1998. Your Committee has reviewed this report and puts forward the above recommendation in order to ensure that each property class is not impacted differently each year.”

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT City Council follow the previously established principle of redistributing all assessment changes and any changes to the total tax levy, through equal percentage

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changes to effective tax rates for each property class, as outlined in Table 4 of the report of the General Manager, Finance Department, dated March 26, 1998.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS - CONTINUED

- 2) **Sigrid Eyre**
1608 Adelaide Street East, dated April 14

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 9.

- 3) **Max Haiven**
Students Working for Social Integrity, undated

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI). (File No. CK. 277-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Haiven be heard.

- 4) **Warren Peterson**
Community Health Services Association, dated April 15

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI). (File No. CK. 277-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Peterson be heard.

- 5) **Merv Harrison**
Multifaith Social Justice Circle, undated

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI). (File No. CK. 277-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Harrison be heard.

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**6) Kateri Hellman Pino, Chair
Oblate Justice and Peace Committee, undated**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI). (File No. CK. 277-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Ms. Pino be heard.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the speakers be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Max Haiven, Students Working for Social Integrity, requested that Council support a resolution to oppose the signing of the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI).

Mr. Warren Peterson, Community Health Services Association, requested that Council support a resolution to oppose the signing of the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI).

Mr. Merv Harrison, Co-Chair, Multifaith Social Justice Circle, requested that Council support a resolution to oppose the signing of the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI).

Ms. Kateri Hellman Pino, Chair Oblate Justice and Peace Committee, requested that Council support a resolution to oppose the signing of the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI). She indicated an urgency as the agreement is supposed to be signed on April 27 or 28, 1998.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

WHEREAS the federal government has, since 1995, been in the process of negotiating the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) with the other 28 member countries of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); and,

WHEREAS there has been no consultation with municipalities or their federations about the effects of the MAI; and,

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WHEREAS there would be serious effects on municipalities for the MAI, including:

- *a prohibition against “performance requirements” of any kind being placed on any investment, including a certain level of local content, achieving a certain level of local production, or hiring local workers;*
- *the requirement for compensation for “expropriation” (which is defined in very broad terms) could require municipalities to compensate foreign investors for changes to zoning bylaws;*
- *the “national treatment” requirement would mean that municipalities could not give preference to local contractors, suppliers, or service providers;*

AND WHEREAS the MAI would be in place for twenty years once agreed to;

AND WHEREAS serious concerns about the MAI have already been raised by hundreds of organizations with representatives in over 70 countries around the world, the Canadian municipalities of Windsor, Squamish, Tecumseh, Duncan have passed resolutions against the MAI and similar resolutions are pending in several other Canadian municipalities;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Saskatoon urge the federal government to suspend negotiations on the MAI until it has consulted widely and in depth with the people of Canada, especially and including the soliciting of detailed responses from municipal councils and their citizens;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Saskatoon urge the federal government to follow the recommendation of the Parliamentary Sub-Committee on International Trade, Trade Disputes and Investment that the final version of the MAI be submitted for further debate among Canadians and there be further parliamentary hearings before the federal government commits Canada to the MAI;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Saskatoon communicate directly with the Prime Minister to express our concerns and to urge a full public debate on the MAI, including public hearings in every province;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Saskatoon communicate with the provincial government urging it to intervene with the federal government immediately to protect the rights of municipal governments to act in the interests of their citizens;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Saskatoon forward to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ Standing Committee on Policies and Resolutions, a resolution calling on the FCM to fully investigate and analyze the MAI with regard to its impact on

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municipal governments and that it make the strongest possible representations to the federal government on behalf of municipal governments;

AND BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the appropriate staff of the City of Saskatoon be directed to communicate this issue to local Members of Parliament, local Members of the Legislative Assembly, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to convey the terms of this resolution;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Sergio Marchi, Minister of International Trade, local members of Parliament, the Premier of Saskatchewan, the Honourable Berny Wiens, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, local Members of the Legislative Assembly, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

CARRIED.

7) **Jim Short**
Saskatchewan landlord Association Inc., dated April 17

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 9.

8) **Jim Cook**
Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc., dated April 20

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the Saskatoon Soccer Centre. (File No. CK. 610-6 & CK. 1965-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause 3, Report No. 7-1998 of Administration and Finance Committee and that Mr. Cook be heard.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Clause 3, Report No. 7-1998 of Administration and Finance Committee be brought forward for consideration and that Mr. Cook be heard.

CARRIED.

“REPORT NO. 7-1998 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

**3. Request for Exemption from Taxation
Proposed Indoor Soccer Facility - Umea Park
Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc.
(File No. CK. 610-6 & CK. 1965-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. be granted an exemption from property taxes for the leasehold parcel located adjacent to Lawson Civic Centre, and any building(s) thereon, for the applicable portion of the 1998 fiscal year and all of the 1999 fiscal year;
 - 2) that for the years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003, the land improvements of Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. will be exempt from taxation, in part, based upon the proportion that the soccer related revenues bear to the total revenues of the centre;
 - 3) that if the proportion of soccer related revenues bear to the total revenues exceeds 95%, the property shall be totally exempt;
 - 4) that in order to be eligible for the tax exemption in the years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003, Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. must provide the City with an audited statement of revenues and facility uses for the immediately preceding year, by February 28 of the year for which the exemption is sought; and
 - 5) that Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. may apply for further tax exemption after the year 2003, and the granting of any future exemption, in whole or in part, will be at the discretion of City Council.

Your Committee received a request for exemption from taxation for the proposed indoor soccer facility to be located in Umea Park, from the Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc., and referred the matter to the Administration for a report.

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The following report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department, dated April 15, 1998, was received in response to the Committee's referral, and has been discussed with representatives of the Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc., and your Committee supports the requested tax exemption as outlined in the above-noted recommendations, for this City-wide indoor soccer facility:

“BACKGROUND

During its April 6, 1998, meeting, City Council adopted Clause No. 3, Report No. 6 of the Administration and Finance Committee. Clause No. 3 reads, in part, as follows:

‘that the proposal submitted by Saskatoon Soccer Centre to lease a certain portion of Parcel MR1, Plan No. 77-S-13019 (Umea Park) for the purpose of building and operating a Public Recreation Facility for a lease period not to exceed 40 years, and at an annual lease fee of \$1.00 be approved, in principle, subject to the term and conditions as outlined in the report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, dated March 10, 1998’.

Within the March 10, 1998, report, referenced above, Item 9 on page 3 identifies the allowable uses for the leasehold parcel. This item reads as follows:

‘The proposed leasehold parcel and building may be used in accordance with the following terms and conditions which are to be incorporated within a lease agreement:

1. The lessee covenants and agrees that the property will be used for the construction and operation of an indoor soccer facility and for no other purpose.
2. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Agreement, the Lessee may use the facility for long-term uses other than as an indoor soccer facility with the permission of the Lessor, provided always that such uses must be for public recreation purposes or such other purposes permitted under *The Planning and Development Act, 1983* and the Regulations passed pursuant to that Act and Zoning Bylaw No. 6772. The Lessee may use the facility for short-term uses of an ancillary nature as follows:
 - i. the provision of food concession and lounge services provided such services are intended to serve the patrons and spectators of various sporting events;

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- ii. the operation of a physiotherapy clinic; and,
- iii. other uses which may be mutually agreed to.'

At the March 30, 1998, in-camera meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee, Mr. John Riggs, Treasurer, Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. presented a letter dated March 27, 1998, requesting the Committee to forward a recommendation to City Council to provide for the exemption from property taxes for the proposed indoor soccer facility (see Attachment 1). The Committee resolved:

'that the matter of the request from Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc., for exemption from taxation for the proposed indoor soccer facility to be located in Umea Park, be referred to the Administration for a report on what percentage of the facility might qualify for tax exemption in terms of public use, as opposed to rental by outside organizations, and how this might be determined on an annual basis.'

This report will address the referral question from the Committee.

DISCUSSION

The intent of the City of Saskatoon's partnership with Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. is to provide a much needed recreation facility to support the sport of indoor soccer without imposing any ongoing financial impact on the taxpayers. In support of this partnership, the City has agreed to lease a parcel of municipal reserve property to Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. for \$1.00 per year and has also made an \$800,000 one-time contribution to the construction of the facility.

Granting of a property tax exemption is consistent with the original intent of the partnership with Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. Providing the primary use of the facility is, and continues to be, for indoor soccer and those ancillary uses adopted by City Council on April 6, 1998, the Administration supports the granting of the property tax exemption as part of this original understanding. Granting of a property tax exemption for any property can be accomplished by City Council annually or, for any period not more than five years, through a bylaw.

Mr. John Riggs, Treasurer, Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc., projects revenues of \$687,914 during the first complete year of operations. Included in this total are revenues of \$34,500 which would not be considered to be related to indoor soccer (e.g. Walking fitness program for seniors, in-line hockey rentals). As these revenues represent a small proportion (3.7%) of total revenues, the Administration would consider the use of the facility, under these

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circumstances, to be primarily for indoor soccer. Therefore, the Administration would support a 100% property tax exemption to Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. for that year.

However, if these other uses begin to increase significantly, the Administration recommends a reduction, or total elimination, of property tax exemption, depending upon the nature and magnitude of these other uses. The rationale behind this is that granting property tax exemptions (in whole or in part) to organizations renting space from Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. will provide them with an unfair advantage over current or potential providers of this same service at another facility. If Council decides to reduce the exemption, the Administration recommends it be based upon the ratio of soccer-related revenues to total revenues. City Council has been diligent in its review of recreation fees and charges to ensure that City-owned and operated facilities do not use property tax dollars to compete against taxpaying service providers. This is reflected in a report, (which was adopted by City Council on March 11, 1996) from the Planning and Operations Committee on the subject of Rental Fees Proposal at City-owned and operated leisure centres. Included within the rationale for the proposed leisure centre rental fees is the following statement:

‘Nevertheless, certain rate adjustments are required to achieve parity with the market and to reflect a ‘level playing field’. In your staff’s opinion, the proposed rental rates accomplish those objectives.’

At this point in time, the nature, amount, and frequency of other uses within the indoor soccer facility cannot be identified in sufficient detail to establish a clear and objective formula which will address the many different scenarios which may impact upon a decision to allow a property tax exemption to Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. Consequently, the Administration proposes that property tax exemption, if so desired by City Council, be granted to Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. on a year by year basis. A year is defined as the City’s fiscal year being January 1 and ending December 31. At the end of each fiscal year, Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. will be required to file an audited statement of revenues which differentiates between indoor soccer and ancillary uses (as stated in the report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, dated March 10, 1998) and other uses. The Administration will review this audited statement of revenues and prepare a report for consideration by the Administration and Finance Committee recommending one of three options regarding the status of the property tax exemption in effect at that time. The options are: (i) continue; (ii) adjust based upon the proportion of soccer usage; or (iii) eliminate current level of property tax exemption.

OPTIONS

There are four options regarding the matter of property tax exemption for the indoor soccer facility to be operated by Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. adjacent to the Lawson Civic Centre:

- a) deny request to grant property tax exemption;
- b) grant property tax exemption unconditionally, subject only to annual renewal of exemption status;
- c) grant a property tax exemption unconditionally for any period up to five years; and,
- d) grant property tax exemption based on a formula established through resolution of City Council and incorporated into the leasehold agreement.

With regards to item d) above, it is very difficult to establish a clear and objective definition of those uses which should require the payment of property tax versus those uses which should not. Your Administration is of the view that experience will provide the best guidance on this matter. Therefore, if City Council is inclined to provide a property tax exemption for the indoor soccer facility to be operated by Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. adjacent to the Lawson Civic Centre, then the greatest degree of flexibility can be achieved by providing such an exemption on a year by year basis without any specified criteria. An annual review process will allow for a full evaluation of the continued desirability to exempt this property in whole or in part.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Based on a review of the proposed leasehold parcel and preliminary building plans, the City Assessor estimates assessment and property tax amounts as follows:

land assessment	=	\$364,400
building assessment	=	\$1,439,400
property tax payable	=	\$1,803,800 @ 47.10 mills = \$85,000"

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Resolution of this matter will be incorporated into the leasehold agreement with Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter from John Riggs, Treasurer, Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc., dated March 27, 1998”

Mr. John Riggs, Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc., spoke in support of the proposed recommendations of the Administration and Finance Committee.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

- 1) *that Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. be granted an exemption from property taxes for the leasehold parcel located adjacent to Lawson Civic Centre, and any building(s) thereon, for the applicable portion of the 1998 fiscal year and all of the 1999 fiscal year;*
- 2) *that for the years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003, the land improvements of Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. will be exempt from taxation, in part, based upon the proportion that the soccer related revenues bear to the total revenues of the centre;*
- 3) *that if the proportion of soccer related revenues bear to the total revenues exceeds 95%, the property shall be totally exempt;*
- 4) *that in order to be eligible for the tax exemption in the years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003, Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. must provide the City with an audited statement of revenues and facility uses for the immediately proceeding year, by February 28 of the year for which the exemption is sought; and*
- 5) *that Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. may apply for further tax exemption after the year 2003, and the granting of any future exemption, in whole or in part, will be at the discretion of City Council.*

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the regular Order of Business be suspended and Clause 2, Report No. 7-1998 of the Administration and Finance Committee be brought forward for consideration.

CARRIED.

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“REPORT NO. 7-1998 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE”

2. Communications to Council

**From: Bernie Cruikshank, President
Friends of the Forestry Farm House
Date: March 31, 1998
Subject: Superintendent’s Residence
(File No. CK. 4205-8-4)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the Superintendent’s Residence at the Forestry Farm be exempted from property taxes under *The Heritage Property Act*, for the duration of the initial lease period of 10 years.

Attached is a copy of the above-noted communication which was considered by City Council, at its meeting held on April 6, 1998, and referred to the Administration and Finance Committee for a report to Council on April 20, 1998.

Your Committee has met with Ms. Bernie Cruikshank and has determined that the initial lease from the City is for a 10-year period. Granting an exemption from property taxes for this period would allow the Friends of the Forestry Farm House to undertake the extensive renovations required for this building and establish permanent tenants. City Council has the final decision on tenants for the building, and in that way, will be able to determine whether there needs to be a change with respect to the issue of the tax exemption at some time in the future. This is a unique situation, in that the building is located in the Forestry Farm Park and therefore has constraints with respect to the type of tenants that would be allowed to occupy the building.”

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT the Superintendent’s Residence at the Forestry Farm be exempted from property taxes under The Heritage Property Act, for the duration of the initial lease period of 10 years.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS - CONTINUED

AA. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

- 1) **Arthur Baalim, Chairperson, Board of Directors**
Saskatoon Crisis Intervention Service, dated March 26

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 9.

- 2) **Todd Reichert, President**
Brevoort Park Community Association, dated April 2

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 9.

- 3) **Hilda Noton**
2513 Paul Crescent, dated April 7

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 9.

- 4) **Fern Larner, Executive Assistant**
Saskatchewan Place, dated April 1

Submitting Notice of Annual Members' Meeting of the Saskatchewan Place Association Inc. to be held on Wednesday, April 22, 1998. (File No. CK. 175-31)

RECOMMENDATION: that the City of Saskatoon, being a member of the Saskatchewan Place Association Inc., appoint Henry Dayday, or in his absence, Donna L. Birkmaier or Myles Heidt, of The City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual Members' Meeting of the Saskatchewan Place Association Inc., to be held on the 22nd day of April, 1998, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the City of Saskatoon, being a member of the Saskatchewan Place Association Inc., appoint Henry Dayday, or in his absence, Donna L. Birkmaier or Myles Heidt, of The City

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of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual Members' Meeting of the Saskatchewan Place Association Inc., to be held on the 22nd day of April, 1998, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

CARRIED.

**5) Jim McLeod
The Partnership, dated April 2**

Requesting permission for the temporary street closure of 23rd Street between Third and Fourth Avenue on August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30th from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for a series of flea markets. (File No. CK. 205-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

**6) Jim McLeod
The Partnership, dated April 2**

Requesting permission for the temporary street closure of 21st Street between First and Second Avenue on July 14 from 12:00 noon to 12:00 midnight for a kickoff street barbeque event to the Great Northern River Roar. (File No. CK. 205-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

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**7) Steve Warnar, Vice President Refrigeration & Air Conditioning
Contractor Association of Saskatchewan, dated April 8**

Submitting comments regarding the criteria on a Request for Quotation File #8-0332. (File No. CK. 1000-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

THE CITY CLERK ADVISED CITY COUNCIL THAT MR. WARNAR HAD TELEPHONED AND INDICATED THAT THE ISSUES HE RAISED HAD BEEN SATISFACTORILY ADDRESSED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**8) Mark Hillenbrand and Tyler Robinson
1901 McKinnon Avenue South, dated March 31**

Requesting approval from Council regarding the proposed business venture of a roller blade rental facility along the riverbank. (File No. CK. 300-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions and subject to approval by the Partnership.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.

CARRIED.

**9) Trent Praski
403 Steiger Way, dated April 10**

Requesting approval from Council regarding a license for a roller blade vendor in downtown Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 300-1)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions and subject to approval by the Partnership.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee .

CARRIED.

**10) Terri Magnuson, Office Manager
The Partnership, dated April 13**

Submitting a letter of support for Mr. Trent Praski's request for a roller blade vendor's license. (File No. CK. 300-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Item AA.9 of "Communications".

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.

CARRIED.

**11) Orlene Eremondi
Larson House Detoxification Centre, dated April 14**

Requesting permission for the temporary street closure of 21st Street between Avenue O and the back lane on May 9 from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a fund raiser. (File No. CK. 205-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

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**12) Bruce Kemp
Bruce's Cycle Works, dated April 14**

Requesting permission to use the Sutherland Beach Recreation Site and Trails from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on July 12, 1998 for the Briko Cup #4 Provincial 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 Briko Cup #4 Provincial Mountain Bike Race, subject to Administrative conditions.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

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 Briko Cup #4 Provincial Mountain Bike Race, subject to Administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

**13) Donald R. Morgan, Chair, Board of Trustees
Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, dated April 14**

Submitting a letter of appreciation to Council for allocating funds to the Mendel's capital building replacement reserve and the financial statements and the Annual Report of the Mendel Art Gallery for 1997. (Copies have been forwarded to City Council and a copy is available for viewing in the Office of the City Clerk). (File No. CK. 175-75 and CK. 430-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

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**14) Marlene Hall, Secretary
Development Appeals Board, dated April 6**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding property at 724 - 7th Avenue North. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

**15) Marlene Hall, Secretary
Development Appeals Board, dated April 6**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding property at Bay 13, 1945 McKercher Drive. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

**16) Marlene Hall, Secretary
Development Appeals Board, dated April 6**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding property at 1404 - 6th Avenue North. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

**17) Marlene Hall, Secretary
Development Appeals Board, dated April 6**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding property at 1811 - 1813 Avenue D North. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

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B. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

**1) Jim McLeod
The Partnership, dated April 2**

Submitting a request for changes to the Street Vending Policy (Use of Sidewalks - Vending - C09-013). **Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.** (File No. CK. 300-0-1)

**2) B. Behari
S. S. Pacific Imports Inc., dated March 4**

Submitting a request for forgiveness of interest penalties on property taxes. **Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.** (File No. CK. 1915-1)

**3) Ralph Paquin, Superintendent of Finance and Administration
Saskatoon Public School Division, dated April 9**

Submitting notification of the Saskatoon Board of Education's annual estimates for the 1998 fiscal year. **Referred to the Administration.** (File No. CK. 1905-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

**4) Adele Smillie
2005 Hanover Avenue, dated April 5**

Submitting comments regarding the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI). **Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.** (File No. CK. 277-1)

**5) Beyrl Lane, Chair of the Council
St. Thomas-Wesley United Church, dated April 15**

Submitting comments regarding the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI). **Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.** (File No. CK. 277-1)

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Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

C. PROCLAMATIONS

**1) Murray P. Scharf, Chair
50th Anniversary Committee, The Commissionaires, dated April 8**

Requesting Council to proclaim April 26 to May 2, 1998 as The Commissionaires Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**2) Faith Bodnar, Just Say No - Program Coordinator
Public Legal Education Association of Saskatchewan, dated April 16**

Requesting Council to proclaim May 17 to 23, 1998 as Just Say No Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**3) Peggy MacLeod, Member of Executive
Saskatoon Health District Chapter, dated April 15**

Requesting Council to proclaim May 11 to 17, 1998 as National Nurses 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 Harding, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

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

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

CARRIED.

REPORTS

Ms. Marilyn Marrow, Chair, submitted Report No. 2-1998 of the Advisory Committee on Women's Issues;

Mr. G. Grismer, Chair, presented Report No. 6-1998 of the Municipal Planning Commission;

Councillor D. L. Birkmaier, Chair, presented Report No. 2-1998 of the Budget Committee;

Acting City Commissioner Richards presented Report No. 8-1998 of the City Commissioner;

Councillor Harding, Chair, presented Report No. 7-1998 of the Planning and Operations Committee;

Councillor Roe, Chair, presented Report No. 8-1998 of the Planning and Operations Committee;

Councillor D. L. Birkmaier, Chair, presented Report No. 7-1998 the Administration and Finance Committee;

Mr. Bruce Richards, Chair, submitted Report No. 1-1998 of the Firefighters' Pension Trustees;

Councillor D. L. Birkmaier, Chair, presented Report No. 2-1998 of the Land Bank Committee; and

His Worship Mayor Dayday, Chair, presented Report No. 7-1998 of the Executive Committee.

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Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

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

- a) Report No. 2-1998 of the Advisory Committee on Women's Issues;*
- b) Report No. 6-1998 of the Municipal Planning Commission;*
- c) Report No. 2-1998 of the Budget Committee;*
- d) Report No. 8-1998 of the City Commissioner;*
- e) Report No. 7-1998 of the Planning and Operations Committee;*
- f) Report No. 8-1998 of the Planning and Operations Committee;*
- g) Report No. 7-1998 of the Administration and Finance Committee;*
- h) Report No. 1-1998 of the Firefighters' Pension Trustees;*
- i) Report No. 2-1998 of the Land Bank Committee; and*
- j) Report No. 7-1998 of the Executive Committee.*

CARRIED.

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

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

Committee arose.

Councillor Langford, 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. 2-1998 OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON WOMEN’S ISSUES

Composition of Committee

Ms. Marilyn Morrow, Chair
Councillor Kate Waygood
Ms. Evvy-Lois Akanni
Ms. Margo Couldwell
Ms. Deborah Fraess
Ms. Eva Marie Lerat
Ms. Mavis Moore
Ms. Parisa Sheermohammadi
Ms. Carolyn Viczko
Ms. Catherine Zuck

**1. Sexual Abuse of Children
(File No. CK. 280-5)**

RECOMMENDATION: that if it is determined that the City’s Gardener’s Residence is not a suitable location for a safe house for children, the City be encouraged to facilitate a new location and to ensure that the location is safe.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee was provided with a copy of Clause 1, Report No. 1-1998 of the Executive Committee which dealt with the lease of the City’s Gardener’s Residence to a designated tenant for the purpose of assisting children who have been sexually abused. Your Committee is also aware that there is some opposition to this location. In discussions about the matter, your Committee is of the opinion that when a location is chosen for a safe house for children, the actual location should not be public, to ensure the safety of the children. Your Committee would note that this matter is one of the main focuses of discussion by the Committee in 1998 and members of the Committee have begun networking with the Saskatoon Communities for Children.

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REPORT NO. 6-1998 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Composition of Commission

Mr. Glen Grismer, Chair
Ms. Ann March, Vice-Chair
Councillor P. Roe (shared position)
Councillor K. Waygood (shared position)
Mr. Ron Mantyka
Mr. Ken Rauch
Ms. Leslie Belloc-Pinder
Mr. Gregory Kitz
Ms. Georgia Bell Woodard
Ms. Lina Eidem
Mr. Paul Kawcuniak
Ms. Sheila Denysiuk
Mr. Nelson Wagner
Mr. Ken McDonough

- 1. Discretionary Use Application
Boarding House (Retirement Home)
205 Copland Crescent
West ½ Lot 9 and All of Lot 10,
Block 201, Plan G779
Applicant: Dale Schultz
(File No. CK. 4355-1)**

DEAL WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 1.

- 2. Zoning Bylaw Text Amendment
Photography Studio in M.2 Districts
Applicant: Ms. Shannon Brunner
602 Queen Street
(File No. CK. 4350-1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to amend Section 39(1) of

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the City of Saskatoon Zoning Bylaw No. 6772 to add "Photography Studio" to the list of permitted uses in the M.2 District and to use the existing development standards for office uses with Photography Studios;

- 2) that the General Manager, Planning and Building Department be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendment;
- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaw; and
- 4) that at the time of the public hearing City Council consider the Commission's recommendation that the proposed amendment be approved.

ADOPTED.

Your Commission has considered and concurs with the following report of the Planning and Building Department dated March 20, 1998:

"B. PROPOSAL

Ms. Shannon Brunner has applied to City Council to amend Section 39(1) of the City of Saskatoon Zoning Bylaw No. 6772 to add "photography studios" to the list of permitted uses in the M.2 Zoning District.

C. REASON FOR PROPOSAL

Ms. Brunner and Mr. Douglas Zolinsky are the owners of 602 Queen Street. They wish to use a portion of their existing dwelling at 602 Queen Street for the purpose of establishing a photography studio. The purpose of the amendment is to allow them to establish a small scale studio specializing in the photography of children. It is expected that up to two employees will be hired to work in the studio. At the present time, the M.2 District does not list a photography studio as a permitted use. However, a photography studio is a permitted use in the M.1 and M.3 Districts.

D. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Ms. Brunner's property was included in an enquiry about several locations where photography studios were suspected to be operating. An inspection of the property by the Planning and Building Department was undertaken on January 20, 1998 and it was determined that part of the property was being used as a photography studio with three employees. The owners were advised on January 27, 1998 to cease using

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the property at 602 Queen Street as a photography studio, or pursue two options:

- 1) cease using the property as a photography studio and apply for a home occupation as a freelance photographer with no employees and no on-site studio; or,
- 2) submit an application for an amendment to the zoning bylaw to permit a photography studio in the M.2 district.

The owners have chosen to apply for an amendment to the M.2 district.

E. JUSTIFICATION

1. Planning and Building Department Comments

A photography studio is currently a permitted use in the M.1 and M.3 districts which are similar in purpose to the M.2 District. The 'M' zones are institutional zoning districts which are intended to permit primarily offices and institutional uses such as libraries, museums, private schools, multiple unit dwellings, medical clinics, etc.. These zones are not intended to contain retail or commercial uses.

Most photography businesses in Saskatoon are located in institutional, commercial or industrial zoning districts. Some operate as freelance photographers from residential locations. There are thirty-four (34) photographers listed in the Saskatoon yellow pages. The following list breaks down their locations and zoning:

<u>No. of Photography Businesses</u>	<u>Zoning District</u>
6	No address
8	R.1A/R.2/R.4
2	M.1
3	B.2
1	B.2A
2	B.4
4	B.6
8	ID

It is the opinion within the Planning and Building Department that a photography studio operates in a similar manner to an office use where employees and clients make trips to the site to conduct a form of business not involving retail sales or large quantities of stock in trade. It is unlikely that a photography studio will generate a large amount of traffic over and above what an office use would generate. The existing development standards for office development in the M.2 District would be applicable to photography studios in the M.2 District. The existing standards for offices in the M.2 District are discussed in section 3 below.

2. Development Plan Policy

Several M.2 sites are designated as “Residential” in the City of Saskatoon Development Plan. Following is clause 3.1 of the Development Plan which describes Residential Development.

‘RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

3.1 The predominant use of land in areas designated residential shall be residential. Complementary **institutional uses and community facilities** of an ancillary and compatible character will be permitted.’

Although the predominant use of land under a Residential designation shall be residential, the Development Plan permits institutional uses and community facilities which are deemed to be complementary. Most permitted uses in the M.1 and M.2 Districts are generally considered to be compatible with residential environments.

3. Compatibility with Adjacent Land Uses

There are a total of 108 sites in Saskatoon zoned as M.2. The average size of an M.2 site is 916.8 m² (9,868.7 ft²). However, there is a high variance between site sizes meaning that some sites are very small (263.39 m² - 2,835.3 ft²) while others can be very large (6,651.73 m² - 71,600.6 ft²). Most sites are served by collector or arterial streets (please refer to Attachment No. 1). The site area of 602 Queen Street is 696.1m² (7,493 ft²).

It is the opinion within the Planning and Building Department that the existing development standards for offices in the M.2 District are

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appropriate for photography studios. The existing standards for offices in M.2 are listed below:

- a) Front Yard Setback: 6 metres
- b) Side Yard Setback: 2.1 metres
- c) Rear Yard Setback: 7.5 metres
- d) Open Space: 50%
- e) Height of Building: 3 storeys
- f) Minimum Site Frontage: 15 metres
- g) Minimum Site Area: 555 m²
- h) Off-Street Parking: 1 space/24m² of building area use for purpose.
- i) Off-Street Parking Location: side and rear yards only.

The M.2 District also requires landscaping of the front 3 metres and signage is limited. It is the opinion within the Planning and Building Department that the M.2 District contains adequate development standards to prevent future photography studios from affecting adjacent properties in a negative way.

4. Conclusion

It is the opinion within the Planning & Building Department that photography studios could be accommodated within all M.2 zoning districts using the existing development standards for offices without creating negative impacts on adjacent or nearby properties. There are many examples of small offices in Saskatoon which are located near or adjacent to residential properties in M.1 and M.2 locations which do not create negative impacts on surrounding sites.

The Planning & Building Department has no objection to this application advancing to the Public Hearing stage.

F. COMMUNICATION PLAN

If this application is approved for advertising by City Council, a notice will be placed in the Star Phoenix once a week for two consecutive weeks. Upon the notices being advertised, City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed amendment.

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G. ATTACHMENT

1. Existing Locations of M.2 Zoning Districts in Saskatoon.”

**3. Proposed Rezoning - Briarwood Road
Part of Parcel L, Plan 96-S-13323
R.1A District to RM(Tn) District
Applicant: City of Saskatoon
(File No. CK. 4351-1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to rezone Part of Parcel L, Plan 96-S-13323 from an R.1A District to an RM(Tn) District;
- 2) that the General Manager, Planning and Building Department be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendment;
- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaw; and,
- 4) that at the time of the public hearing City Council consider the Commission's recommendation that the rezoning be approved.

ADOPTED.

A summary page, including a location plan for the above Proposed Rezoning, is attached.

Your Commission has reviewed and supports the following report of the Planning and Building Department dated March 30, 1998:

“B. PROPOSAL

The City of Saskatoon Land Manager has submitted an application requesting approval from City Council to rezone Part of Parcel L, Plan 96-S-13323 from an R.1A District to an RM(Tn) District in the Briarwood neighbourhood (please refer to the Location Plan on the cover page).

C. REASON FOR PROPOSAL

The City of Saskatoon intends to market this site for the construction of low density, townhouse style multiple unit dwellings. The rezoning, if approved, will enable development to proceed in accordance with the land use pattern established by the Briarwood Neighbourhood Sketch Plan (please refer to Attachment No. 1).

D. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On June 5, 1995, City Council endorsed a revised Neighbourhood Sketch Plan for Briarwood Neighbourhood. A Neighbourhood Sketch Plan is a design plan which shows the street layout and major land uses within a proposed neighbourhood. It is used as a blueprint for the future development of new neighbourhoods, neighbourhood extensions and large infill areas.

Neighbourhood Sketch Plans are reviewed by the Municipal Planning Commission, both Standing Committees of Council and the Technical Planning Commission before being endorsed by City Council. An approved sketch plan is used as the basis for the approval of further rezoning and subdivision in a neighbourhood. The Briarwood neighbourhood sketch plan has identified seven sites for the construction of multiple unit dwellings within the Briarwood neighbourhood.

E. JUSTIFICATION

1. Planning and Building Department Comments

The R.1A Zoning District is used as a means to 'hold' land which is intended for future urban development within areas identified for residential development. The City of Saskatoon Development Plan may designate future residential areas decades in advance of any actual development. As the time approaches to develop a new neighbourhood, the neighbourhood is planned by what is called a 'neighbourhood sketch plan'. The sketch plan is a blueprint or design plan which lays out the street system, parks, school sites, neighbourhood commercial sites and sites for multiple unit dwellings.

It may take many years before a neighbourhood is fully developed. For example, the development of the Briarwood neighbourhood began in 1987. As neighbourhood development progresses, rezoning of land must occur to accommodate those uses which were approved in the neighbourhood sketch plan. Ideally, the rezoning should occur well in advance of any surrounding

construction so that the housing consumer has a clear picture of the zoning pattern before purchasing land within the neighbourhood.

The purpose of this rezoning is to rezone the land required for low-density multiple unit dwellings along Briarwood Road. Actual development of the site is not projected to occur for two years. Furthermore, at current construction rates, the development of proposed adjacent single family homes appears to be at least two years away from this site.

The portion of Parcel L proposed for rezoning is approximately 1.7 hectares (4.2 ac) in size. The RM(Tn) District typically permits a density of between 7 and 13 dwelling units per acre. Therefore, the expected development density of this site could be between 29 and 55 units. Thirty-four units (34) have been identified as likely to be constructed on the Neighbourhood Sketch Plan (8 dwellings per acre).

As of December 31, 1997, there were 311 permits issued for one unit dwellings and 34 multiple unit dwellings in the Briarwood Neighbourhood.

2. Development Plan Policy

The Development Plan presently contains the following policy regarding the development of multiple unit dwellings.

‘3.3.3 The allocation of land for multiple-unit dwellings in new or existing neighbourhoods shall, insofar as possible, adhere to the following principles:

- a) be grouped in a limited number of predetermined areas with adequate public amenities around them;
- b) be situated at or near the intersection of primary neighbourhood entry points and neighbourhood collector street(s); and,
- c) that residential zoning districts of varying density be situated relative to each other to provide a gradation within the neighbourhood.’

The proposed site is located on Briarwood Road which serves as the major collector road for the Briarwood Road neighbourhood. The site is located adjacent to a proposed linear park and walkway which links to the neighbourhood park. It is the opinion within the Planning and Building Department that the proposed site conforms to the Development Plan and is well situated near public amenities.

3. Compatibility with Adjacent Land Uses

The RM(Tn) District permits the development of multiple unit dwellings, group townhouses, street townhouses, dwelling groups and day care centres. The expected use of this site will be for the development of group townhouses. Buildings are limited in height to 3 storeys, site coverage is limited to a maximum of 30% for dwelling groups and landscaping is required in the front and side yard in this district.

It is the opinion within the Planning and Building Department that the development standards contained in the RM(Tn) District are sufficient to protect adjacent residential properties from any incompatibility with proposed single family homes expected in the future.

4. Comments by Others

Public Works Department

The above proposed application to rezone Parcel L from an R.1A District to an RM(Tn) District is acceptable to this department.

Transportation Department

The Transportation Department has reviewed the proposal to rezone the parcel of land described above from current R.1A to RM(Tn). There are no objections or concerns with the proposal.

5. Conclusion

It is the opinion within the Planning & Building Department that this proposal represents a good opportunity to increase the variety of housing choices available to consumers in the Briarwood neighbourhood. The proposed site is appropriately situated along the collector road of Briarwood Road and the RM(Tn) District contains sufficient development standards to ensure land use compatibility with adjacent development.

On this basis, the Planning & Building Department has no objection to this application advancing to the Public Hearing stage.

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F. COMMUNICATION PLAN

If this application is approved for advertising by City Council, a notice will be placed in the Star Phoenix once a week for two consecutive weeks. Notice boards will also be placed on the site. The Community Associations have already been advised in writing of this application.

G. ATTACHMENT

1. Revised Briarwood Neighbourhood Sketch Plan - June, 1995.”

REPORT NO. 2-1998 OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

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

1. **1997 Reassessment Implementation
Re-balancing Tax Revenues
(File No. CK 1615-2)**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 20.

2. **1998 Operating Budget
(File No. CK. 1704-1)**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 9.

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REPORT NO. 8-1998 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER

Section A - Administration and Finance

A1) Routine Reports Submitted to City Council

RECOMMENDATION: that the following information be received.

ADOPTED.

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$850,476.14	March 31, 1998	April 6, 1998
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$575,643.87	April 2, 1998	April 8, 1998
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$5,387,596.55 (File No. 1530-2)	April 8, 1998	April 15, 1998

**A2) Investments
(File No. 1790-3)**

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

ADOPTED.

Report of the A/General Manager, Finance Department, April 6, 1998:

“With the approval of the Investment Committee, the attached list indicates purchases and sales for the City’s various funds.”

ATTACHMENT

1. Schedule of Securities Transactions (March 16-31, 1998)

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**A3) 1998 Operating Budget
(File No. 1704-1)**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 9.

**A4) 1998 Business Improvement District (BID) Levies
(File No. 185-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw Nos. 7748, 7749, and 7750.

ADOPTED.

Report of the City Solicitor, April 9, 1998:

“City Council, at its meeting on April 6, 1998, established the 1998 levies for the Downtown Business Improvement District, the Riversdale Business Improvement District and the Broadway Business Improvement District and instructed this Office to prepare the necessary bylaws to implement these levies. We have enclosed for Council’s consideration three (3) bylaws which establish the 1998 levy for each respective BID.”

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 7748;
2. Proposed Bylaw No. 7749; and
3. Proposed Bylaw No. 7750.

**A5) 1997 Audited Financial Reports/Public Accounts
(File No. 1895-3)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Report of the A/General Manager, Finance Department, April 15, 1998:

“Attached, for City Council’s information, are the following financial reports:

City of Saskatoon Financial Report 1997

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Saskatoon Public Library Financial Report 1997
General Superannuation Plan
Police Superannuation Plan
Fire Department Superannuation Plan
Part Time and Seasonal Employee's Superannuation Plan

Included, as part of each statement, is the unqualified opinion of our external auditors, KPMG.

Also attached, is a copy of the 1997 Public Accounts. While this report is not subject to audit, it uses the same information base from which audited financial statements are prepared."

ATTACHMENTS

1. City of Saskatoon Financial Report 1997
2. Saskatoon Public Library Financial Report 1997
3. General Superannuation Plan
4. Police Superannuation Plan
5. Fire Department Superannuation Plan
6. Part Time and Seasonal Employee's Superannuation Plan
7. 1997 Public Accounts

**A6) Capital Status Report
(File No. 1702-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Report of the Acting General Manager, Finance Department, April 15, 1998:

"Attached, for City Council's information, is a copy of the 1997 Capital Status Report. This report provides a summary of all projects for which some activity is still outstanding at December 31, 1997, as well as those projects that were completed during 1997."

ATTACHMENT

1. Capital Status Report as at December 31, 1997

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Section B - Planning and Operations

**B1) Proposed No Parking -Idylwyld Park
(File No. 6280-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that No Parking signs be installed along the frontage of Idylwyld Park on Poplar Crescent and Saskatchewan Crescent.

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, April 2, 1998:

“The Transportation Department has been requested to improve pedestrian safety on Poplar Crescent and Saskatchewan Crescent in the vicinity of Idylwyld Park. The requests resulted from concerns for the safety of children going to the park and playground. It is proposed that playground signs be installed to warn drivers that a park is ahead. The proposed placement of No Parking signs will improve the visibility along the park frontage.

Poplar Crescent and Saskatchewan Crescent are local streets with a Transit route in one direction on each. Traffic volumes are relatively low. Parking is currently allowed on both sides of each street and is in ample supply.

Parking prohibitions are in effect on many park frontages throughout the City and ensure that a clear view is available between the street and the park.”

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.

**B2) Water and Sewer Rates
May 1, 1998 Increase
(File No. 1905-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the rate changes as outlined in the attached table be approved effective May 1, 1998; and,
2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary rate bylaws for the consideration of Council.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Environmental Services Department, April 2, 1998:

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“At the March 31, 1998 meeting of the Budget Committee, in reviewing the 1998 Operating Budget, it was resolved:

‘that the General Manager of Environmental Services be instructed to increase water and sewer rates to raise sufficient funds to contribute \$365,800 to the Self-Financed Insurance Reserve.’

It has been determined by the Risk Management Division of the City Solicitor’s office that this amount represents property damage claims from water main breaks and sanitary sewer backups and, therefore, should be funded by the water and sewer rates.

This cost increase can be funded by a May 1, 1998 increase in the residential and commercial fixed monthly service charges in both the Water and Sewer Utilities. While the rate increase could be applied to the volumetric rates, increases to the fixed service charges enhance the utilities’ revenue stabilization and fixed cost recovery.

Service charges increase on a graduated scale by meter size as a reflection of the customer’s demand on the system. As a result, residential and commercial customers will see increases of different amounts, depending on the size of the meter.

The increase amounts to \$.50 per month for a residential customer with a 5/8" meter. This accounts for approximately 74 percent of all residential customers. Residential customers with 3/4" or 1" meters will see monthly increases of \$.70 and \$1.50, respectively. Most of the commercial customers have meters ranging in size from 5/8" to 2" and will see a monthly increase of \$.70 to \$8.00, accordingly. See Table 1 attached.”

ATTACHMENT

1. Table 1: Combined Water and Sewer Fixed Service Charges (\$/month)

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**B3) Water and Sewer Rates
May 1, 1998 Increase
(File No. 1905-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw Nos. 7744 and 7745.

ADOPTED.

Report of the City Solicitor, April 8, 1998:

“The General Manager, Environmental Services Department, has placed a report before City Council dated April 2, 1998, requesting an increase in the residential and commercial fixed monthly service charges for both the water and sewer utilities. Bylaw Nos. 7744 and 7745 put into place these rate increases. Thus, if Council adopts the recommendations outlined by the General Manager, Environmental Services Department, these two Bylaws should also be considered by City Council.”

ATTACHMENTS

1. Bylaw No. 7744
2. Bylaw No. 7745

**B4) Development and Servicing (Extension) Agreement
Confederation Developments Ltd.
N.W. Portion of Carter Way, Confederation Park Neighbourhood
(File No. 4111-16)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the proposed Development and Servicing (Extension) Agreement as between The City of Saskatoon and Confederation Developments 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.

Report of the City Solicitor, April 5, 1998:

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“In keeping with the instruction of the Planning and Operations Committee at its meeting held on March 31, 1998, and the further specific direction of the General Manager, Public Works Department, we have prepared and forward herewith for consideration proposed form of Development and Servicing (Extension) Agreement as between The City of Saskatoon and Confederation Developments Ltd.

The proposed Agreement pertains to the N.W. portion of Carter Way in the Confederation Park neighbourhood and has been drawn in the form of an extension to an earlier concluded master agreement pertaining to this area. It is proposed that the Developer’s obligation to construct lanes throughout the development area be delayed so as to minimize subsequent re-construction expenses incurred by the City as a consequence of new house construction. Except as noted, the Agreement sets forth all standard development conditions and requirements.”

ATTACHMENT

1. Proposed Development and Servicing (Extension) Agreement as between The City of Saskatoon and Confederation Developments Ltd.

**B5) Development and Servicing (Extension) Agreement
Preston Developments Inc. - Arbor Creek
Neighbourhood Subdivision No. 26-97
(File Nos. 4111-37 and 4131-1)**

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

Report of the City Solicitor, April 5, 1998:

“In keeping with the instruction of the Planning and Operations Committee at its meeting held on March 17, 1998, and the further specific direction of the General Manager of the Public Works Department, we have prepared and forward herewith for consideration proposed form of

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Development and Servicing (Extension) Agreement as between The City of Saskatoon and Preston Developments Inc.

The proposed Agreement pertains to the Budz Court/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.”

ATTACHMENT

1. Proposed Development and Servicing (Extension) Agreement as between The City of Saskatoon and Preston Developments Inc.

**B6) Development and Servicing (Extension) Agreement
Confederation Developments Ltd. - Confederation Park
N.E. Portion of Carter Way, Confederation Park Neighbourhood
(File Nos. 4111-16 and 4131-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the proposed Development and Servicing (Extension) Agreement as between The City of Saskatoon and Confederation Developments 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.

Report of the City Solicitor, April 5, 1998:

“In keeping with the instruction of the Planning and Operations Committee at its meeting held on March 31, 1998, and the further specific direction of the General Manager, Public Works Department, we have prepared and forward herewith for consideration proposed form of Development and Servicing (Extension) Agreement as between The City of Saskatoon and Confederation Developments Ltd.

The proposed Agreement pertains to the N.E. portion of Carter Way in the Confederation Park neighbourhood and has been drawn in the form of an extension to an earlier concluded master agreement pertaining to this area. It is proposed that the Developer’s obligation to construct lanes

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throughout the development area be delayed so as to minimize subsequent re-construction expenses incurred by the City as a consequence of new house construction. Except as noted, the Agreement sets forth all standard development conditions and requirements.”

ATTACHMENT

1. Proposed Development and Servicing (Extension) Agreement as between The City of Saskatoon and Confederation Developments Ltd.

**B7) Land-Use Applications Received by the Planning and Building Department
For the Period Between March 27 and April 8, 1998
(For Information Only)
(File Nos. PL 4350 and 4300)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, April 8, 1998.

“The following applications have been received, are being processed, and will subsequently be submitted to City Council for its consideration:

Rezoning

- Application Z13/98: 685 Reid Road
Applicant: Tim Van Duyvendyk for Dutch Growers Garden
Centre
Legal Description: Parcel M, Plan 82-S-38329
Current Zoning: R.2
Proposed Zoning: A.G.
Date Received: March 27, 1998

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Subdivision

- Application #17/98: Preston Avenue (No Civic Address)
Applicant: Garry Mak for University of Saskatchewan
Legal Description: NW ¼ - 26 and SW ¼ 35 - 36 - R5 - W3
Current Zoning: A.G.
Neighbourhood: University of Saskatchewan
Date Received: April 2, 1998”

ATTACHMENT

1. Plan of Proposed Subdivision #17/98

**B8) Proposed Yield Signs - Avenue D and 30th Street
(File No. 6280-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Yield signs be placed at Avenue D and 30th Street as indicated on Plan No. F6 - 2E (SP).

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, April 7, 1998:

“The Transportation Department has reviewed the intersection of Avenue D and 30th Street, and confirms that Yield signs are warranted. Although this location has generated very few vehicle collisions, it has generated ample confusion for motorists. The installation of Yield signs will clarify the confusion with respect to assignment of right-of-way. It is the intention of the Yield signs to assign right-of-way to Avenue D.

The proposed installation is consistent with City Policy No. C07-007, Traffic Control - Use of Stop and Yield Signs.”

ATTACHMENT

1. Plan No. F6 - 2E (SP)

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**B9) Request For Encroachment Agreement
Lots 16-20, Block 149, Plan Q2
101 - 23rd Street East
(File No. PL 4090-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council recognize the encroachment at 101 - 23rd Street East (Lots 16-20, Block 149, Plan Q2);
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the appropriate encroachment agreement making provision to collect the applicable fees; and,
 - 3) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City under the Corporate Seal.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, March 30, 1998:

“The King George Motor Hotel (1990) Ltd. has requested to enter into an Encroachment Agreement with the City of Saskatoon. As shown on the attached Surveyor’s Certificate, part of the building and canopy encroach onto City property. The total area of encroachment is approximately 44 m² and will, therefore, be subject to an annual charge of \$143.00. From our records, the encroachments have likely existed since 1962 when the parkade was constructed.”

ATTACHMENTS

1. Real Property Report for 101 - 23rd Street East
2. Letter from King George Motor Hotel (1990) Ltd. dated March 26, 1998

**B10) Request For Encroachment Agreement
Lots 21 - 25, Block 149, Plan Q2
157 - 2nd Avenue North
(File No. PL 4090-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council recognize the encroachment at 157 - 2nd Avenue North (Lots 21 - 25, Block 149, Plan Q2);

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- 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the appropriate encroachment agreement making provision to collect the applicable fees; and,
- 3) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City under the Corporate Seal.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, March 30, 1998:

“The King George Motor Hotel (1990) Ltd. has requested to enter into an Encroachment Agreement with the City of Saskatoon. As shown on the attached Surveyor’s Certificate, part of the building and canopy encroach onto City property. The total area of encroachment is approximately 147.62 m² and will, therefore, be subject to an annual charge of \$479.76. From our records the encroachments have likely existed since 1910 when the building was constructed and 1965 when the canopy was added.”

ATTACHMENTS

1. Real Property Report for 157-2nd Avenue North
2. Letter from King George Motor Hotel (1990) Ltd. dated March 26, 1998

**B11) Subdivision Application #18/98
 1347 Fletcher Road
 (File No. PL4300-18/98)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Subdivision Application No. 18/98 be approved, subject to:

- a) the owner agreeing in writing to the granting of all required easements in favor of the City of Saskatoon for electrical distribution purposes; and,
- b) the Certificate of Approval for the proposed severance being issued subject to the severed portion of Lot 15 being consolidated with the existing title for the most Easterly 3.048 metres in perpendicular width throughout of Lot 15,

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Block 185, Plan 80-S-31337 and all of Lot 11 in Block 185,
Plan 80-S-31337.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, April 9, 1998:

“The following subdivision application has been submitted for approval:

Subdivision Application: #18/98
Applicant: Tri-City Surveys Ltd. For C.I.C. Industrial Interests Inc.
Legal Description: Lot 15, Block 185, Plan 80-S-31337
Location: 1347 Fletcher Road”

ATTACHMENT

1. April 9, 1998 Subdivision Report

REPORT NO. 7-1998 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor H. Harding, Chair
Councillor D. Atchison
Councillor P. McCann
Councillor P. Roe
Councillor R. Steernberg

1. Communications to Council

**From: Byron Kidd and Darren Morris
By-Mor Restaurants Inc.**
Date: March 18, 1998
**Subject: Burger King - 402 - 22nd Street West - Entrances/Exits
(File No. CK. 6320-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the request from Messrs. Kidd and Morris for a fourth access to the property at 402 - 22nd Street West, such as shown on the attached plan, not be approved; and

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- 2) that the Administration and the proponents work to resolve the issues in an appropriate way.

ADOPTED.

City Council, at its meeting held on March 23, 1998, considered the above-noted communication from Messrs. Kidd and Morris, copy attached, and referred the matter to the Planning and Operations Committee for a report.

Your Committee, at its meeting held on April 14, 1998, received a presentation from Mr. Kidd requesting that approval be given for the installation of two entrances to the property at 402 - 22nd Street West from Avenue D to allow for proper access to the parking lot. Your Committee was advised by the Administration that according to Bylaw No. 4785 which regulates the installation of private crossings in the City of Saskatoon, only three crossings are allowed on this particular site—two crossings on the major side and one crossing on the minor side. A copy of Bylaw No. 4785 is attached for City Council's information. Your Committee was further advised by the Administration that the owner is entitled to full access from the lane.

Upon consideration of the matter, your Committee has determined that it would not be prepared to recommend an exemption to the bylaw and, therefore, could not support a fourth access to this property such as shown on the attached plan. Your Committee is recommending further that the Administration and the proponents work to resolve the issues in an appropriate way.

**2. Review of Youth Sports Subsidy and the Sports
Component of the Assistance to Community Groups
Cash Grants Program
(File No. CK. 1870-2-6)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the information be received; and
 - 2) that the funds remaining in the Sports Participant Grant Program at the end of the season be placed in a reserve for

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future use by organizations and the department for increasing participation in sport for learn-to/developmental and reduce cost as a barrier to participation.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee, at its meeting held on March 11, 1998, considered the report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department dated March 2, 1998, regarding the above matter and resolved:

- “1) that the report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department dated March 2, 1998, be received as information;
- 2) that the funds remaining in the Sports Participant Grant Program at the end of the season be placed in a reserve for future use by organizations and the department for increasing participation in sport for learn-to/developmental and reduce cost as a barrier to participation; and
- 3) that the report be forwarded to the Leisure Services Advisory Board for information and comment if deemed necessary.”

Your Committee was advised that the Leisure Services Advisory Board considered this matter at its meeting held on March 26, 1998 and received a presentation from representatives of the Leisure Services Department. Comments made by the Board included suggestions that there be better publicity of the availability of the program since organizations that might be able to use the program may not be aware of the existence of the program. The Board also suggested that there may have to be more flexibility in relation to applications from community associations to allow them to begin to offer programs in these areas in the future. In addition, your Committee was advised that the Leisure Services Advisory Board supports Recommendation 2) above.

Your Committee has considered and supports the following report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department dated March 2, 1998:

“BACKGROUND

During its November 20, 1995, meeting, City Council approved the creation of the Sports Participation Grant to replace the sports component of the Assistance to Community Groups Cash Grant Program. The purpose of the Sports Participation Grant is to ensure quality coaching in all sports; to encourage people of all ages to participate in a sports activity of their choice; and to assist providers of sports programs to include people of all ages who

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could not otherwise afford to participate. The Sports Participation Program has three categories of grants. The categories are as follows:

1. Fifty percent of the total available funds will be allocated for skill development programs for coaches. This recognizes that the roles played by the coach (teacher, leader, organizer) are significant to the success of a sports activity.
2. Twenty-five percent of the total available funds will be allocated to learn-to and developmental programs to encourage those not currently active to get involved in a sport.
3. Twenty-five percent of the total available funds will be allocated to programs which provide access where cost is a barrier to participation.

During its November 23, 1995, meeting, the Leisure Services Advisory Board considered a report approved by City Council on November 20, 1995, on the above matter. The Leisure Services Advisory Board resolved that the Leisure Services Department report on the new program once it has been in operation, including information on the following:

- how funding was allocated in the three areas;
- to whom funding was allocated;
- the demand in each area; and,
- whether funds were transferred between areas due to lack of demand in a particular area.

This report responds to the Leisure Services Advisory Board inquiry.

REPORT

1996/97 Program Year

The new Sports Participation Grant Program started July 1, 1996, and was phased-in until the program was fully operational July 1, 1997. The phase-in approach allowed groups, who had previously received cash grant funding, time to adjust their budgets and activities, and to develop new programs that would meet the eligibility criteria under the Sports Participation Grant.

The following table provides an overview on the phase-in for the Sport Participation Grant:

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Year	Total Funding Available	Assistance to Community Groups Cash Grant	Sports Participation Grant
1996	\$66,500	\$49,875	\$16,625
1997	\$66,500	\$16,625	\$49,875
1998	\$64,500 ¹	---	\$64,500

¹\$2,000 transferred to the Community Partnership Program for cross country ski trail grooming by the Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club.

The Sports Participation Grant year is July 1 to June 30. The amount of money allocated to each of the three categories during the phase-in for the 1996/97 grant year is identified in Table 2 below.

Sports Participation Grant Categories			1996-97 Grant Year Sports Participation Grant	
Skill Development for Coaches	Learn-to/ Developmental	Cost as a Barrier	July 1/96-Dec 31/96	Jan 1/97-Jun 30/97
\$24,937.50	\$4,156.25	\$4,156.25	\$16,625	\$16,625
Total \$33,250				

Each year the Leisure Services Department sets priorities for Learn-to/Developmental, and Reducing Cost as a Barrier based on the data received from the Needs Assessment. For the 1996/97 funding year, the priorities were: people with disabilities, Aboriginal people, females, and seniors. Appendix A shows the groups which applied for funding in 1996/97, the total funding requested, and the total funding approved for each of the groups.

In total, \$33,250 was approved for funding programs hosted in the 1996/97 subsidy year; however, only a total of \$16,340 was claimed by the groups. The reason for the under-expenditure was either the programs were not held or the programs were held and the costs were not as high as originally projected. We believe that many of the groups had difficulty coordinating the proposed programs in all three categories. To address the under expenditure in the category of Skill Development for Coaches, your staff have approached the Zone 6 Sports Council and asked them to coordinate the Level 1 Theory program for all

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coaches. This allows the individual groups to focus their coaching clinics on the technical component, which is specific to their sport.

1997/98 Program Year

For the first full operational year July 1, 1997, to June 30, 1998, the priorities remained the same as for 1996/97.

For the 1997/98 subsidy year, there is a total of \$64,500 available for the Sports Participation Grant. This is a reduction of \$2,000 as a result of a transfer to the Community Partnerships Program, for the Nordic Ski Club to groom cross country ski trails, for use by the public, competitive athletes, and learn-to programming around the city. To date, the Department has received applications and approved funding for \$44,861 (70 percent of available funding). Appendix B shows the total approved funds for each group and shows a total of \$19,639 unallocated funds for the year. Due to the amount of unallocated funds, staff continue to receive applications throughout the year, and will process these and allocate funds until the funding has been depleted. Your staff have found that the greatest under expenditure is in the category of Learn-to and Developmental where 61 percent of the funds have not been allocated.

In discussion with the groups, the organizations are having difficulty developing and designing programs in the areas of Learn-to/Developmental and Cost as a Barrier. In 1998, staff will be assisting the sporting groups, to help them better design and promote these programs, to ensure all allocated funds are applied as approved.

Even though the 1997/98 program year is not complete, it appears that once again the grant program will be under spent, particularly in the areas of learn-to/developmental and cost as a barrier. Needs assessment surveys completed in 1997 show that there continues to be a need for organizations to be providing sports programs for people who are new to the activity and/or need to develop skills and for people who have expressed cost as a barrier to participation.

Although your staff are working with organizations to help them better design and promote these programs, it is anticipated that this process will take some time. Therefore, staff are recommending that the funds remaining in the sports participation grant program at the end of the season be placed in a reserve for future use by organizations and the department for increasing participation in sport for learn-to/developmental and reduce cost as a barrier to participation.

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1. Appendix A
2. Appendix B”

**3. Saskatoon Transit Services - Senior Citizen Bus Passes
(File No. CK. 7312-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the sale of Senior Citizen Bus Passes be offered in quarterly or yearly periods, effective July 1, 1998;
 - 2) that the price of Senior Citizen Bus Passes be as follows:
Annual - \$148 per year (July 1 - June 30)
Quarterly - \$40 for each three month period;
 - 3) that all Senior Citizen Bus Passes be sold through the downtown Customer Services Centre only; and,
 - 4) that the City Solicitor be requested to bring forward the appropriate Bylaw amendment.

Your Committee has considered and concurs with the following report of the General Manager, Transportation Department dated April 7, 1998:

“BACKGROUND

Senior Citizen Bus Passes are currently priced at \$148 for an annual pass valid from July to June of the following year, or at \$74 for a six-month Pass valid from July to December, or January to June. There is currently no price incentive to purchase an annual Senior’s Pass versus two six-month Passes.

In view of the fact that the current minimum price of \$74 for obtaining a Senior Citizen Bus Pass might be a barrier for some in terms of paying this amount at one time, the Transit Services Branch is reviewing its current policy of offering only six-month and one-year Passes.

DISCUSSION

The current policy for Senior Citizen Bus Passes provides limited options for seniors who wish to take advantage of discounted seniors' fares. While most agree that the monthly charge (about \$12 per month) is a reasonable price, the fact that an individual can only purchase a minimum six-month Pass at one time could create a financial burden, particularly for those seniors with a low or fixed income.

The Transit Services Branch is proposing that the current policy be revised to allow for a minimum purchase of three months at one time, rather than the current six months, which would reduce the minimum price of purchasing a Senior Citizen Bus Pass.

It is recommended to maintain the annual price at the current rate of \$148, and offer a three-month Pass for a price of \$40. The six-month Pass would be discontinued. This pricing structure would reduce the minimum price for a Senior Citizen Bus Pass, create an incentive to purchase a Senior's Pass, and more evenly distribute the sale of Seniors' Passes throughout the year.

Historically, Senior Citizen Bus Passes have been sold at City Hall only. This practice was modified approximately two years ago when the distribution of Passes was extended to a selected subset of the Transit ticket vendors. This has created some problems for Transit Administration as all Seniors' Passes must be entered into a computerized database. In many cases, the information received from the vendors is not complete and information must be entered manually into the database.

Due to the recent opening of the Downtown Customer Services Centre within the bus terminal, and the important administrative requirements of Seniors' Passes, it is further recommended to sell all Seniors' Passes through the Downtown Customer Services Centre only.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

It is anticipated that this program would have little significant effect on Senior Citizen Bus Pass sales revenues, and may even have a slightly positive impact as more seniors would now be able to afford the Pass and other seniors would have an incentive to purchase a yearly Pass."

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be referred back to the Planning and Operations Committee for further review.

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**4. Residential Parking Permit Program
(Files CK. 6120-4 and 6330-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the criteria for the establishment of a Residential Parking Permit Program, as proposed in this report, be approved; and,
2) that the City Solicitor prepare the appropriate bylaw to implement the program.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed and supports the following report of the General Manager, Transportation Department dated April 9, 1998:

“BACKGROUND

City Council, at its meeting held on May 12, 1997, when dealing with Clause 2, Report No. 12-1997 (attached) of the Planning and Operations Committee resolved:

- ‘1) that the attached draft policy respecting Residential Parking Permits be approved;
- 2) that a further report be submitted following consultation with the University of Saskatchewan and the City Park area community associations; and
- 3) that the matter of instituting a special event parking permit program for the residents of the Exhibition neighbourhood during the Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition be reported upon, and dealt with separately.’

It should be further noted that when the Planning and Operations Committee dealt with this matter initially, the Committee was of the opinion that the permit program must be driven and supported by the requesting area residents, and that the program be cost neutral.

Resolution No. 3 above has previously been reported upon, and was dealt with as a separate report to Council.

DISCUSSION

As the Committee is aware, the Transportation Department has been dealing with the issue of residential parking permit (RPP) programs for some period of time. Our previous reports on this matter outlined the reasons why such a program should be adopted and, in addition,

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discussed the policy issues to be addressed.

It has always been the position of the Transportation Department that the intent of this type of program is to address daily, on-going and persistent residential parking concerns experienced by particular neighbourhoods within the City. The common denominator is that there is a large parking and traffic generator in the area which generates spill-over parking into the residential area on a daily basis (i.e. educational institutions, hospitals, large commercial centres). It is not the intent of this program to deal with short duration, special event parking.

As instructed by Council, the Parking Branch held public meetings with the Varsity View and the City Park Community Associations in 1997. At both meetings, the majority of attendees were in favour of an RPP program in their area. Approximately half of the attendees would be willing to pay the \$25 permit fee, although they would all prefer that the program be offered free of charge.

There was more support for the program from the residents of the Varsity View community. Many Varsity View residents who live on Elliot Street, Osler Street, Temperance Street and Bottomley Avenue currently have a two-hour parking restriction in front of their homes. These residents are very supportive of this program and are anxious for its implementation. These same residents of Varsity View would also support a Resident Parking Only zone. They view the current two-hour parking restriction as having little benefit, as their streets are still congested. If the current two-hour parking restriction can be determined as inadequate, then a more restrictive parking restriction, such as a one-hour restriction, could be implemented.

Questions did arise regarding the size of the program zone and applying for permits. Residents were assured that if there was support for an RPP program, then the area of the zone would be large enough so as not to simply push the problem onto their neighbours. Also, the permit application process will be kept as simple as possible, keeping in mind that certain checks must be incorporated into the process.

The people who were not supportive of this program were reassured that the program must be driven and supported by the residents. It is proposed that a minimum of 70 percent of the residents in the proposed RPP zone must support the program before the program is implemented.

The following criteria is recommended as a basis for the establishment of an RPP program:

1. The RPP program allows area residents to park on a street for a period of

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- time longer than that allowed by a posted parking restriction.
2. Permits will only be issued to residents of single-housing units or multi-housing units with up to four separate dwelling units. Permits will not be issued to residents of apartment buildings with five or more dwelling units. The rationale for not issuing permits to residents of apartment buildings is that it would involve issuing far more permits than the number of available parking stalls in a given block or area. In addition, multi-housing units are required to provide a specified level of off-street stalls whereas there is no such, or a lesser, requirement for apartment buildings.
 3. Residents will be required to provide proof that they reside within a single or multi-housing unit and that they own or operate a vehicle that is parked at their place of residence.
 4. Permits will only be issued for vehicles weighing less than 5,000 kilograms and are shorter than six metres in length.
 5. One permit will be issued per resident with a vehicle. A resident will not be issued more than one permit regardless of the number of vehicles they may own or operate.
 6. The cost of a standard permit is \$25 per year plus applicable taxes.
 7. One visitor permit will be issued per single housing unit and one visitor permit per dwelling unit in a multi-housing unit within an RPP zone.
 8. Visitor permits will cost \$5 per year, plus applicable taxes, provided the resident has purchased a standard RPP. If the resident has not purchased a standard permit, the cost of the Visitor permit will be \$25 per year.
 9. Visitor permits will only be valid on the block where the residence is located.
 10. Temporary permits will be issued for residents within an RPP zone for special events. Issuance of temporary permits will be at the discretion of the Parking Branch.
 11. The cost of a temporary permit will be \$1 per day plus applicable taxes.
 12. The standard permit, visitor permit and temporary permit will consist of a decal or tag that will be prominently displayed within a vehicle.
 13. Lost or stolen visitor and temporary permits will not be replaced.
 14. Standard permits, visitor permits and temporary permits are valid only for the zones for which they are issued. They do not exempt the user from the City's global restrictions (such as 36 hour maximum, parking within ten metres of an intersection, parking in front of a hydrant, etc.) and posted parking restrictions or prohibitions (such as bus stops, No Parking Anytime Zones, Loading Zones, etc.)

The implementation of an RPP program will be initiated by an area's residents. They will

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submit a request for such a program to the Parking Branch. The Parking Branch will supply the applicants with the criteria for the establishment of such a program along with blank petitions which they will circulate to residents of the proposed zone. If the applicants demonstrate that there is sufficient support for the establishment of an RPP zone, then the Parking Branch will conduct on-street parking studies within the proposed zone to determine if such a zone is warranted. If certain conditions are met regarding the level of support by the residents and is supported by a shortage of available on-street parking, then the Parking Branch will recommend to Council that the zone be established.

In areas which already have on-street parking restrictions, such as two-hour parking, then the program will involve the issuance of permits to residents. In areas that do not have such restrictions already in place then the least restrictive parking condition will be installed at the same time permits are issued to residents that wish to participate in the program. As previously mentioned, the permits will only exempt the residents from posted time restrictions such as two-hour parking. Resident Parking Only zones are not being considered at the present time.

If participation by residents within an established zone drops to a level where it is deemed to be too low to justify such a program, then the Parking Branch may submit a recommendation to Council to have the zone abolished.

JUSTIFICATION

Residential parking permit programs have been used in many major Canadian cities and are seen as an effective, long-term solution to the parking problems being experienced in some of Saskatoon's neighbourhoods.

Previous reports to Council on this subject have explained the pros and cons, and have detailed the policies and procedures of an RPP program.

The above has been discussed and endorsed by the Parking Committee.

OPTIONS

At this point, there are no options to consider with respect to implementing or not implementing the program as this has been resolved by Council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The implementation of an RPP program will need to be established by bylaw; therefore,

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Council is required to request the City Solicitor to prepare the necessary bylaw.

The Parking Branch will develop administrative guidelines and processes to facilitate the implementation and operation of an RPP program.

COMMUNICATION PLAN

There is a need to develop a communication strategy involving the community associations that have demonstrated a desire to participate in such a program. The Parking Branch will work with the Communications Branch to develop and implement such a strategy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Since the RPP program is expenditure neutral, there will be little impact on current operating and capital programs. It is intended that the permit fees collected will cover the costs of establishing and administering this program. Fees require adjustments in the future after the City has gained experience in this area.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Copy of Clause 2, Report No. 12-1997 of the Planning and Operations Committee.”

REPORT NO. 8-1998 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor P. Roe, Chair
Councillor D. Atchison
Councillor H. Harding
Councillor P. McCann
Councillor R. Steernberg

**1. Social Housing Advisory Committee Annual Report - 1997
(Files CK. 430-36 and CC. 225-3)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed and is submitting the following report of the Chair, Social Housing Advisory Committee dated March 13, 1998, regarding the 1997 Annual Report, to City Council for its information:

“EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SHAC has had significant successes over the past two years, primarily through increasing the capacity of the community to address the need for affordable housing:

- increasing the number of groups and agencies working on housing issues and project delivery;
- facilitating the development of new policies and mechanisms to assist these groups, both within government and other institutions;
- increasing awareness of the importance of adequate availability of affordable, safe and secure housing for maintaining the quality of life of our whole community;
- facilitating a more co-ordinated, integrated and planned approach to housing.

This work is beginning to lead to new projects and initiatives coming forward to replace the loss of social housing programs and to address the growing need for housing that is affordable to and supportive of low-income and special needs households.

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BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on May 23, 1989, City Council adopted Clause 5, Report No. 20-1989 of the former Planning and Development Committee which was to establish a Social Housing Advisory Committee (SHAC). The Committee's Terms of Reference are:

- 1) To monitor and advise the Planning and Operations Committee on the distribution and availability of existing social housing in Saskatoon;
- 2) To advise the Planning and Operations Committee on present and future needs for social housing and on the ways the City of Saskatoon can help meet these needs;
- 3) To make recommendations to the Planning and Operations Committee on initiatives the City of Saskatoon should take to improve the distribution and availability of affordable housing; and
- 4) To facilitate co-ordination and co-operation of agencies and organizations interested in providing social housing in Saskatoon.

SHAC hired a temporary resource to act as a Housing Facilitator for the City of Saskatoon. Russell Mawby started in this position on April 1, 1996, which was partly funded by the Province of Saskatchewan Municipal Government Housing Division. The Facilitator's mandate is to:

- explore and develop a range of innovative housing models that will provide affordable housing to people with low and moderate incomes.
- explore and recommend how the City of Saskatoon might be involved in and how it can promote long-term affordable housing developments, including any financing strategies that may be required.
- explore opportunities and facilitate partnerships between the non-profit and private sectors for social housing.
- act as a clearinghouse for innovative housing ideas and models.
- monitor, evaluate and respond to housing policies, programs and legislation from all levels of government.
- identify, monitor and liaise with various target groups that are in the greatest need of affordable housing.

REPORT

Overview

Housing is a fundamental determinant of individual and thus community quality of life.

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The need for more affordable, supportive and secure housing is growing in Saskatoon, and, as described in our Strategic Plan, neither the public nor private markets can meet this demand on their own.

On the public side, delivering social housing used to be relatively straight-forward when Government programs existed to shape and control delivery. Those programs are gone, which means that addressing social housing needs is much more difficult and complex.

The private and community sector will be the primary deliverers of housing that meets the needs of low-income households, and most of SHAC's efforts have been towards encouraging and enabling take-up of the need for housing by the community as a whole.

Therefore, a wide variety of interests and sectors need to be involved, particularly if Provincial and Federal governments are to continue any form of support for housing. It is clear that there is little support for direct intervention in housing at the Federal level, and little capacity to greatly expand programs for new housing at the Provincial level. Thus, any expected involvement in housing by other levels of Government must come from alternative sources, which means greater liaison and contact with, for example, Health and Social Services, and others Departments, as well as the community at large.

Strategic Plan Activities and Workplan

SHAC's Strategic Plan, accepted by Council on August 12, 1996, closely follows the City's Strategic Plan, particularly in its focus on encouraging and enabling personal and community responsibility to help make Saskatoon a model city with a high quality of life, built up from a quilt of neighbourhoods, where people are empowered to take control of their own lives.

In 1997, SHAC developed a Workplan to implement specific strategies of the Strategic Plan. This Workplan was approved by Council on October 6, 1997. In relation to the strategies, we identified three main issues in our community around the need for affordable housing. We have had strong success in all three areas, in part by being able to use our combined strengths as a multi-sectoral committee, and by facilitating networking and discussion in the community.

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Table One: Workplan Strategies

	Education	Advocacy	Development
Strategic Plan Strategies	Work to ensure a high level of awareness about housing issues, including continued investigation of alternatives, innovations and opportunities.	Communicate the benefits of appropriate housing to all stakeholders in our community, to encourage an acceptance and acknowledgement of the role housing plays in all aspects of life in Saskatoon.	Facilitate a take-up of the market for a broader range of housing options, encouraging new partnerships, and offering a climate of new ideas and new ways of working together with the community.
Workplan Issues	There aren't many groups in the community who are working to meet the growing need for affordable housing.	The groups that do exist are struggling to survive in the face of reduced (or non-existent) funding, and have to compete in a regulatory environment that does not support their needs.	Even when groups are able to act, they have great difficulty in getting the needed financing.
Workplan Actions	Increase the number of groups and people in the community who are working to deliver affordable housing.	Encourage networking and mutual support to assist those groups to achieve their goals. This includes finding new supporters and sponsors of affordable housing, particularly from sectors that have not traditionally been involved in affordable housing.	Address the need for new ways of financing affordable housing, including new forms of investment, and new ways of enabling Provincial and Federal Governments to support affordable housing development.

Education

SHAC has been actively expanding our outreach to the community to encourage better understanding of housing issues and the impact on quality of life in Saskatoon.

- Renter's Handbook: SHAC took over publication of the "Renter's Handbook" from Race Relations, and distributed 3,000 copies to the community. We also included a survey of the distributors of the handbook to make sure we are providing the

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- appropriate service with this publication. Early results indicate a high degree of satisfaction with the "Renter's Handbook".
- SHAC Report: Publication of the "SHAC Report" continued, reaching housing related organizations across Canada. Articles from the "SHAC Report" have been reprinted in national publications, and we have received a number of enquiries from other municipalities about the work we are doing. As well, media exposure of the critical need for affordable housing in Saskatoon has been well received and has greatly increased knowledge and understanding of both the issues and the need for co-operation and collaboration by all sectors of society.

There has been a significant increase in the number of agencies and groups in the community who are tackling housing issues. This includes groups who are working towards delivering housing, as well as groups and organizations that are beginning to explore ways of supporting the delivery of more affordable housing, particularly through financing initiatives.

- Quint Development Corporation formed the Quint Housing Co-operative, which is managing a pilot project in partnership with the City, the Province, local Credit Unions and other businesses, stabilizing inner-city neighbourhoods through low-income ownership of 10 homes.
- The Inner City Council of Churches launched a housing program with the goal of delivering 10 homes over the next five years, in partnership with Saskatoon Habitat for Humanity. The homes will be located on vacant lots within core neighbourhoods.
- The Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC) was formed to provide a vehicle for acquisition of existing properties and move them into non-profit ownership by the residents. The first project attempted was Borden Place, which fell through due to lack of financing, but the AHC remains as an entity ready to act, and continues to explore opportunities and avenues of financing for other projects.
- SaskNative Rentals assisted the development of the Women and Poverty Strategy to enable the formation of a housing co-op for households headed by Metis women.
- Saskatchewan Social Services Youth Support Network is developing a proposal for a youth shelter and housing initiative.
- The Saskatoon Community Clinic is leading the formation of an Abbeyfield Homes Society to expand the options available to seniors, particularly those seniors who require some support in order to maintain their independence, but who would not be best served by placement in care homes.

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Advocacy

In the past year, SHAC has participated in or initiated a number of discussions, forums, presentations and other outreach activities aimed at increasing the awareness of the important role quality housing plays in all of our lives, as well as to explore innovative means of improving the availability of affordable, appropriate housing:

- Provincial Liaison: The Saskatchewan Inter Municipal (SIM) network continues to bring together community and municipal interests in housing every three months. The purpose is to share information and opportunities, and to discuss issues of common interest to stakeholders across the province. Saskatchewan Municipal Government, Housing Division and Economic Development are active participants in these meetings.
- Community Network: SHAC hosted a networking lunch on September 16, 1997 which brought together representatives from business, banking, development and affordable housing to discuss mutual concerns and explore opportunities. This has led to a number of discussions around specific initiatives, and has greatly facilitated greater understanding of and support for the need for affordable housing in our community. Strong support from the housing sector in particular. One direct outgrowth of this event was the development of a Community Housing Trust concept (see below), which should be incorporated in 1998.

Development

On the ground development activity was minimal in 1997, with only 2 projects and 28 units being assisted through the Social Housing Reserve:

- Saskatoon Housing Coalition, purchase of apartment building for independent living (18 units);
- Quint Housing Co-operative, purchase of existing homes for eventual ownership by low-income families (10 units).

This level of activity reflects the issues raised in the Overview of this discussion, which are lack of active sponsors and lack of access to financing.

Therefore, SHAC has been active in assisting the development of other mechanisms aimed at overcoming this lack of support, including the establishment of a community-owned and operated Housing Trust:

Community Housing Trust

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The Saskatoon Housing Trust will facilitate new social and economic investment in our community by facilitating and providing new and innovative sources and mechanisms for financing the development of low-income, community-based housing.

The trust will fill the gaps in the housing market place by enabling the community to address needs not being met by either the public or private sector housing industry, such as low-cost housing for low-income families:

- Enable community-based housing groups to overcome the current difficulty in accessing conventional financing by providing a vehicle for new institutional and organizational investment in community-based non-market housing development.
- Maximize the use of existing resources and infrastructure to increase the availability of affordable, stable and safe housing and revitalize at-risk neighbourhoods, and facilitate the acquisition and construction process that leads to new and rejuvenated homes and neighbourhoods.
- Provide a mechanism for more appropriate and beneficial use of public monies to support the development of quality affordable housing in the community, including taking on a co-ordinating role to direct financial support from governments, foundations, etc.

Summary - Strategic Plan Activities

This list of activities captures the key events of 1997, and shows the diverse range of issues and interests that SHAC is involved in. What it does not show is the intense behind-the-scenes activity that is necessary for any of these items to occur. In many ways, it is this activity that will, in the long run, be the lasting legacy of SHAC's work in 1996 and 1997, since it is creating a new way of looking at housing issues, and is instigating new ways of working to solve the continuing problem of housing availability and affordability in Saskatoon.

Planning and Building Department and other City Departments

The Planning and Building Department has always been an active participant in SHAC. With the establishment of the Housing Facilitator position, this relationship has strengthened, as has contact with other City Departments. Key activities specifically involving the Planning and Building Department and others include:

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- Property Maintenance and Occupancy Bylaw (No. 7400): both the Housing Facilitator and the Chair of SHAC participate in regular community meetings with Fire and Protective Services on the Property Maintenance and Occupancy Bylaw.
- Accessibility Incentives (Plan Saskatoon): assisted the North Saskatchewan Independent Living Centre (NSILC) with the development of incentives aimed at increasing the availability of housing accessible to disabled persons. Partners include the Saskatchewan Home Builders Association, Canadian Paraplegic Association, and local architects and builders. A package of possible incentives was submitted to the Plan Saskatoon project, and elements of the proposal were incorporated into the Proposed Development Plan.
- Community Well-being Studies: Participation in various on-going, relationships with Health, Social Services, Education and Business to increase their support for and understanding of the key role housing plays in building a strong, stable society. Development of a set of Housing Indicators is underway with the support of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and a Housing Database is being developed in partnership with local housing providers to better track and monitor housing resources in Saskatoon.
- Housing Policies: The loss of Federal and Provincial social housing programs has required that City policies developed in support of those programs be revised to reflect the fact that future social housing projects will not likely be publicly owned, but will instead be developed by private not-for-profit corporations:
 - Social Housing Reserves (No. CK 226-1): A Social Housing Operating Reserve was created because the Urban Municipalities Act prevents the City from supporting privately owned projects from a Capital Reserve. The Social Housing Capital Reserve will be maintained to deal with any publicly-owned housing projects that may come forward in the future.
 - Innovative Housing Policy (No. C09-002): SHAC has examined possible revisions to the Policy to allow new, innovative kinds of development to occur with some level of commitment from the City, and will be bringing them forward to Committees of Council in 1998. The recommended changes refer to the kinds of projects we will support, and to a certain extent the way we fund those projects and, in general, reflect the shift towards ensuring that the housing in our community enhances the well-being of both the residents and the neighbourhood in which they live.”

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2. Communications to Council

**From: Sue Kristjanson
150 Rogers Road
Date: September 3, 1997
Subject: Request for Installation of Pedestrian Activated Signal
in front of Dr. John G. Egnatoff School
(File No. CK. 6150-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the existing pedestrian corridor at the Kenderdine Road and Rogers Road intersection be converted to a pedestrian-actuated traffic signal in 1998.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered and concurs with the following report of the General Manager, Transportation Department dated March 23, 1998:

“BACKGROUND

The Planning and Operations Committee, at its meeting held on September 16, 1997, considered the above-mentioned letter addressed to City Council requesting an investigation into improving pedestrian crosswalk safety on Kenderdine Road at Rogers Road. The Transportation Department has also received requests from the Erindale Community Association, the Father Robinson Parent Association, the Saskatoon Board of Education and the Dr. John G. Egnatoff Parent School Association for the installation of pedestrian-actuated traffic signal at this intersection. As a result of these requests, a study of the intersection was initiated to review the operation of the intersection.

DISCUSSION

Dr. John G. Egnatoff School is located at the northeast corner of Kenderdine Road and Rogers Road. Kenderdine Road is classified as a major collector, while Rogers Road is classified as a minor collector east of Kenderdine Road and a local street west of Kenderdine Road. The school and nearby intersections are shown on the school signing plan No. P6-1A (Attachment 1).

In the spring of 1994, the Transportation Department undertook a pedestrian and traffic volume count at the intersections of Bentham Crescent and Rogers Road, both on Kenderdine Road. The analysis of this data indicated that the installation of a pedestrian

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corridor was warranted if the pedestrian crossings at both intersections could be consolidated at Rogers Road. A recommendation to install a pedestrian corridor across the north side of the intersection of Kenderdine Road and Rogers Road was approved by City Council on July 17, 1995 and installation completed later that year.

A similar analysis of the 1994 data for the installation of a pedestrian-actuated traffic signal yielded a priority rating of 55 points where a value of 100 or more indicates a signal may be warranted.

JUSTIFICATION

Subsequent to the recent enquiries, a review of the accident history of this intersection was undertaken. Our records since 1993 show that one right-angle accident occurred in 1993 and another occurred in 1995. No accidents involving pedestrians have been reported.

On October 14, 1997, pedestrian and vehicle counts were taken at the Kenderdine Road and Rogers Road intersection. A comparison of the data showed the elementary pedestrian volume from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. had increased from 260 in 1994 to 409 in 1997, while the north-south vehicular traffic on Kenderdine Road had increased from 460 to 682 during this same period. A warrant calculation for a pedestrian-actuated traffic signal based upon the current data has produced a rating of 91 points, a value which is less than the minimum requirement of 100 for a pedestrian-actuated signal. The intersection was placed on a priority list with other locations where additional facilities have been requested and reviews undertaken. Table 1: Pedestrian Actuated Signal Priority List (Attachment 2) indicates that this intersection is ranked third in the locations identified by pedestrian-actuated signal priority points. The preceding two locations are also under active review.

The Erindale subdivision is still an actively growing area with continuing development in the north end of the community. Located east and south of Erindale is the new area of Arbor Creek which is only into its second year of development. As this new area grows, a significant portion of motorists are expected to utilize the west leg of Kenderdine Road as their primary route to and from Arbor Creek. Additionally, the two elementary schools in Erindale will undoubtedly be expected to accommodate the additional student population of the growing subdivision until the two new schools are built in Arbor Creek. This growth in student population is expected to bring with it an associated increase in both vehicular and pedestrian traffic at the Kenderdine Road / Rogers Road intersection. Although the current data does not fully support the need for a pedestrian-actuated traffic signal at this time, the growing influence of the Arbor Creek development is of such significance that the installation of such a facility at this time is justified proactively.

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As a result of the intersection investigation and analysis, the Transportation Department is proposing that the existing pedestrian corridor facility on the north side of the Kenderdine Road and Rogers Road intersection be converted to a pedestrian-actuated traffic signal to enhance the ability of pedestrians to cross safely. The work would involve installation of east-west pedestrian signals on the existing poles actuated by conventional push buttons, replacement of the existing overhead illuminated pedestrian signs with north-south vehicle traffic signals, and installation of a suitable traffic signal controller complete with cabinet. Minor additions to the existing signing and road markings would also be required. The proposed installation is illustrated on the intersection crosswalk plan No. 202-0209-001 (Attachment 3).

Reasonable service for motorists using Kenderdine Road will be maintained through the use of this device as the north-south vehicle signals will be red only when the east-west 'Walk/Don't Walk' phase has been initiated by a pedestrian. Installation of this signal is proposed for the 1998 construction season.

OPTIONS

The Transportation Department also considered geometric improvements such as corner bulbing and median islands in combination with the existing pedestrian corridor facility. The improvements in pedestrian safety provided by such an arrangement would, however, require the existing Transit stop to be relocated elsewhere on Kenderdine Road. The current location of the Transit stop provides the optimum access to the residences in the immediate vicinity and is inherently a 'No Stopping Zone' when unoccupied by a Transit vehicle. Additionally, the current Transit stop does not compete with ideal parking locations for parents delivering children to and from school but still provides elementary student passengers with service that is reasonably close to the school's main entrance. As such, geometric improvements to the intersection were rejected.

Pedestrian signals offer the highest level of pedestrian crosswalk protection that the Transportation Department could provide short of constructing a pedestrian overpass or tunnel. Neither of these devices is considered a realistic option at this location. It should also be noted that the use of pedestrian signals exceeds the service level provided by bulbing or medians.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This recommendation is consistent with City policy regarding roadway operation and the provision of pedestrian-actuated signals.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost of converting the existing pedestrian corridor facility to a pedestrian-actuated traffic signal is estimated to be \$20,000. Funding has been approved in the 1998 Capital Project No. 579-2, Erindale Subdivision (General Prepaid Services).

ATTACHMENTS

1. School Signing Plan No. P6-1A
2. Table 1: Pedestrian Actuated Signal Priority List
3. Intersection Crosswalk Plan No. 202-0209-001”

**3. Agreement for Tour Boat Operations
on South Saskatchewan River
(Files CK. 5520-10 and LS 290-59)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the City renew an agreement between the City of Saskatoon and South Sask River Tours (formerly W.W. Northcote River Cruises) providing access to the riverbank city-owned docking facility at the Mendel Art Gallery in accordance with the terms of the previous agreement between the parties, with the following revisions:
 - a) South Sask River Tours will adhere to a schedule as prepared in conjunction with the City and other users for the usage of the Mendel docking site;
 - b) the Licensee will keep in force at all times a policy of public liability in the amount of \$2,000,000;
 - c) this Agreement does not give the Licensee the exclusive use of the river or docking location approved; and,
 - d) the Licensee must operate in compliance with regulations of the Federal Department of Transport (Navigation Safety) regarding public transport;
- 2) that the Agreement be approved for a three-year term from May 15, 1998 to September 30, 2000; and,

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- 3) that the City Solicitor's Office be requested to prepare the required agreement for execution on behalf of the City of Saskatoon, by His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed and supports the following report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department dated March 20, 1998:

“BACKGROUND

In 1988, two river boat tour companies, W.W. River Tours and Northcote River cruises, operated simultaneously on the South Saskatchewan River. They amalgamated in 1989 into one operation, W.W.Northcote River Cruises.

On September 9, 1991, City Council authorized that the City enter into a three-year Indemnification Agreement (Attachment 2) with Darrell and Roy Balkwill, owners of W.W. Northcote River Cruises. The Agreement authorized use of the river bank near the Mendel Art Gallery and near the Vimy Memorial Bandshell in Kiwanis Park as a docking area for their tour boat operations. In 1993, due to concerns regarding the condition of the docking facility at Vimy Memorial Bandshell in Kiwanis Park, the owners, Darrell and Roy Balkwill, removed the dock and used only the Mendel docking site.

During its May, 24, 1994, meeting, City Council consented to the assignments of the rights and privileges under the Indemnification Agreement with Darrell and Roy Balkwill to Kevin Greyeyes for the remainder of the Agreement under the same terms and conditions.

During its June 5, 1995, meeting, City Council extended the agreement for three years until the end of the 1997 season under the same terms and conditions as the previous agreement. Mr. Kevin Greyeyes, owner and operator of the tour boat operation since 1994, has now requested that his agreement be renewed for an additional three years. He is also requesting that the agreement be recognized under the new name of the business 'South Sask River Tours'.

During its May 28, 1996, meeting, City Council approved a second boat tour operation, Shearwater Water Taxi Service. The two tour boat operations have continued operating cooperatively and successfully on the river at varying hours.

JUSTIFICATION

The Tour Boat operation has operated on the river since 1988. South Sask River Tours proposes to operate the tour boat seven days a week from mid-May to early September.

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Weekend operations continue until the end of September, weather permitting. The tours run hourly from 12 noon with the last tour departing at 8:00 p.m. A river boat tour lasts 50 minutes and is accompanied by historical commentary on the sites and buildings, as well as the history of Saskatoon. The boat has a capacity of 12 passengers. Tourists embark and disembark at the Mendel docking site. The tour cruises down the river to Gabriel Dumont Park and then returns.

Sask River Tours operates the size of boat that can be accompanied with existing river traffic on the South Saskatchewan River. In 1989, the Meewasin Valley Authority (MVA) implemented boating regulations that designates four zones to accommodate the various types of river traffic:

- No-Boat Zone
- Power Boat Zone
- Rowing and Canoeing Zone
- Slow Zone

The Slow Zone imposes a 30 kilometer per hour speed limit and permits tour boats and pleasure craft to explore the river without disrupting canoeing or rowing. The tour boat cruise travels at a slow speed, does not produce a significant wake, and does not interfere with other river traffic. The Parks Branch, Public Works Department and the Asset Management Department have been notified of this request and to date have had no concerns. There will be no ticket booth. On the park property behind the Mendel Art Gallery, tickets will be purchased as individuals walk onto the boat. The Meewasin Valley Authority is aware of the request for the agreement. Although there are no concerns regarding use of the river, Mr. Greyeyes has been advised to review his tour boat operation with the MVA specifically related to private charters to Yorath Island.

OPTIONS

There are no other options as the Mendel dock site is the only city-owned public docking facility.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter of Request from Sask River Tours
2. Original Indemnification Agreement with W.W. Northcote”

REPORT NO. 7-1998 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor D.L. Birkmaier, Chair
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor A. Langford
Councillor J. Maddin
Councillor K. Waygood

**1. Proposal - Pet Survey for 1998
Advisory Committee on Animal Control
(File No. CK. 151-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that approval be granted to undertake a pet survey in 1998, based on the pet survey model used in 1997, in the amount of \$87,500.00;
 - 2) that, in order to conduct the pet survey, approval be granted to allow for the sale of licenses at the door to enable the survey to be cost-recovery; and
 - 3) that the Administration be requested to report further with respect to management of the pet survey program.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered the following report of the Chair, Advisory Committee on Animal Control, dated April 14, 1998, with representatives of the Advisory Committee on Animal Control, and supports the pet survey proposal so that the information base for the new Animal Control Program can be established, and has provided Recommendation No. 3) above recognizing that the S.P.C.A. has concerns about who will manage the pet survey program:

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“The Advisory Committee on Animal Control recommends the completion of the Pet Census which began in the summer of 1997. The data from the 1997 and 1998 is essential in developing the information base for the new Animal Program. The focus of the new program is to be cost-recovered or user pay. (This concept was supported by the public attending the meetings held in 1996.)

INFORMATION

The Advisory Committee on Animal Control would recommend that 20 survey staff be hired for approximately 13 weeks, to complete the survey in the summer months of 1998. It is the intent of the Committee to hire mature students. The projected cost of the 1998 survey is \$87,500.00. The sole mechanism for cost recovery is the sale of dog licenses while the survey is conducted.

The 1997 survey results showed 55% of households owned a dog. There are 47,330 households remaining to be surveyed this year. The following outlines the possible license revenue from the remaining households:

26,031	x	\$10.50	=	\$273,330
(55% of households remaining to be surveyed in 1998)		(Average License Cost)		(Possible License Revenue)

It should be noted that only 8,333 licenses would have to be sold to recover the cost of the 1998 survey, which has been determined to be \$87,500.00.

Information obtained from the survey would provide the data base required for the new Animal Services Program. The survey would also provide an opportunity to educate the public regarding a pet owner’s responsibilities and the proposed new program.

FUNDING

The Advisory Committee on Animal Control recommends that licenses be sold to begin to increase license revenues as the new program is developed. Since it is the Committee’s intent for the 1998 pet survey to be completed on a cost-recovery basis, it is essential that approval be given to sell dog licenses at the door.

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ATTACHMENT

1. Pet Survey Results"

2. **Communications to Council**
From: Bernie Cruikshank, President
Friends of the Forestry Farm House
Date: March 31, 1998
Subject: Superintendent's Residence
(File No. CK. 4205-8-4)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 30.

3. **Request for Exemption from Taxation**
Proposed Indoor Soccer Facility - Umea Park
Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc.
(File No. CK. 610-6 & CK. 1965-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 24.

REPORT NO. 1-1998 OF THE FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION FUND TRUSTEES

Composition of Committee

Mr. Bruce Richards, Chair
His Worship the Mayor
Mr. Tim Leier
Mr. Owen Mann
Mr. Dave Rumpel
Mr. Jim Wood

**1. Portability Provision - Saskatoon Fire Superannuation Plan
Airport Employees (Transferred from Transport Canada)
(File No. CK. 1798-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Bylaw No. 7752 (including the Portability Agreement) being an amendment to Bylaw No. 5585 - Fire Department Employees Superannuation Plan, be considered at this meeting.

ADOPTED.

Negotiations have been held regarding an agreement to facilitate transfers of pension credits for Airport Firefighters from the Public Service Superannuation Act (Transport Canada) to the Fire Department Employees Superannuation Plan, and the matter was referred to the Plan Actuary to prepare an appropriate Transfer Agreement. Before resolution of the negotiations, the Federal Government passed legislation changing the basis for all such agreements without having the required policy and administrative detail in place to implement any agreements. The City was advised that policy development and regulations are taking far longer than expected and that they could not give a definitive time frame for the completion of this work. The Federal Government also passed regulations to the Public Service Superannuation Act on April 30, 1997 allowing vested employees under age 50 on June 20, 1996, who ceased employment prior to April 30, 1997, with the option of transferring the commuted value of their deferred pension to a locked-in RRSP, deferred life annuity contract or another registered pension plan. All employees of the Saskatoon Firefighters Integration Plan were eligible for this option and received letters to this effect from Transport Canada on September 30, 1997.

The Human Resources Department received many calls from affected members after September 30, 1997 from Transport Canada. In response, a letter from their office dated December 8, 1997 (sample attached) was issued, assuring members that the True Value Option compared favourably

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with the Transfer Agreement the Actuary was attempting to establish. It is our understanding, that many of the members have since opted for the True Value Option, and have had their entitlement transferred to a locked-in RRSP.

As an alternative to the Transfer Agreement which would have to await the above-noted policy development and regulation changes, a "portability provision" in Bylaw 5585 is being recommended by the Trustees, which would simply allow the Plan to receive a direct transfer of contributions from the Public Service Superannuation Plan in accordance with a "Portability Agreement" between the Plan and the transferring-in member. A member who has not transferred out his entitlement could then use the amount offered under the True Value Option to purchase past service to the extent of the amounts specified and required by the Fire Superannuation Plan, as determined by the Actuary. Any shortfall could be made up by the member through a lump sum buy back. Surplus amounts, if any, over what is needed to fully re-instate service could be transferred to the members locked-in RRSP account, as permitted by Revenue Canada.

Attached is a copy of Bylaw No. 7752, which provides for a portability provision as an amendment to Bylaw No. 5585, as well as a copy of the proposed Portability Agreement which will become an Appendix of the Plan under this provision. The Firefighters' Pension Fund Trustees have reviewed this information and support this Bylaw amendment as being the preferred option to provide for the former Transport Canada employees (Airport Firefighters), rather than a Transfer Agreement. As will be noted, these employees will have one year from the date of passage of the Bylaw to exercise this option.

REPORT NO. 2-1998 OF THE LAND BANK COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor D. L. Birkmaier, Chair
His Worship the Mayor
Councillor H. Harding
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor A. Langford
Councillor K. Waygood

**1. Sale of Part of Parcel A, Registered Plan No. 62-S-03373
Part of Original Parcel Used for Park Land
(File No. CK. 4214-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the recommendations contained in Clause A5), Report No. 7-1998 of the City Commissioner which forms part of the attached excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of City Council held on April 6, 1998, be now adopted as follows:

- 1) that City Council consider the sale of “All that portion of Parcel A, Registered Plan No. 62-S-03373, lying to the east limit of St. Henry Avenue, Registered Plan No. 66-S-07385 and to the north of the westerly production of the south limit of Lot 7, Block 479, Plan 62-S-03373”; and
- 2) that, if approved, the land be sold for \$43.06 per square metre and all monies received from the sale be paid to the Dedicated Lands Account.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered the concerns expressed by Mr. Alan Myers regarding the sale of the above-noted property, as outlined in his letter dated April 3, 1998 (a copy of which is also attached), and has determined that this piece of property (public reserve) cannot be programmed by the Leisure Services Department, and there is sufficient park space in this area already. Under these circumstances, the Committee supports the sale of this property. Mr. Alan Myers has been provided with a copy of this report.

**2. Request to Sell City-Owned Property
Konihowski Road, Pezer Crescent, Lane and Cove
Silverspring Neighbourhood
(File No. CK. 600-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:
- 1) that the Land Manager be authorized to sell 77 lots on Konihowski Road, Pezer Crescent, and Lane Court within the Silverspring Neighbourhood, through a lot-draw process as outlined in this report;
 - 2) that any of the lots which are not sold through the lot draw process be placed for sale over the counter, on a first-come, first-served basis;
 - 3) that the Land Manager be authorized to offer a volume rebate program for builders in the Silverspring Neighbourhood, as outlined in this report; and
 - 4) that the Land Manager be authorized to administer development controls for the 77 new lots, as a condition of sale, in accordance with the criteria as outlined in this report.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered the following report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department dated March 26, 1998, and supports the sale of the properties outlined therein, at the prices, including a volume rebate program, which have been approved by the University of Saskatchewan:

“BACKGROUND

In 1997, the City sold 99 lots within the Silverspring neighbourhood. As of December 31, 1997, a total of 684 single-family lots, or approximately 57% of the projected 1200 lots to complete Silverspring, had been sold in the neighbourhood.

At its meeting held on July 14, 1997, City Council approved the pricing and sale of 75 lots, constituting the first phase of the Pezer subdivision within Silverspring. Currently 5 of these lots remain and are available for sale over the counter. In conjunction with the Saskatoon Homebuilders Association “New Homes Month” promotion, a nine-home parade of show-homes is scheduled to open on Pezer Crescent in early April 1998.

REPORT

Your staff intend to offer 77 lots for sale as the second and final phase of the Pezer subdivision. (See Attachment #1). With the exception of 4 lots which will be held for the purchase and construction of show-homes in conjunction with the Saskatoon Homebuilders' Association fall "Travelling Show-home Parade" promotion, all of the lots will be offered for sale to both individuals and builders through a lot-draw process. Any lots that are not sold through this process will be made available for purchase over-the-counter on a first-come, first-served basis.

Pricing

Prices for residential lots are comprised of the approved prepaid service rates, a land rate ranging between \$364.00 per front metre and \$1,125.00 per front metre, and the approved land administration fee. Prices are adjusted based on the type of street the lot is located on (i.e. collector, crescent, cul-de-sac) and the size and shape of the lot. Using the example of a standard crescent lot with 15 metres of lot frontage, the breakdown of its sale price is as follows:

Total Lot Price, not including GST =	\$37,950.00
Services =	\$25,577.35
Land =	10,224.54
Administration Fee =	<u>2,148.11</u>
Total =	\$37,950.00

Development Controls

Consistent with the first phase of the Pezer subdivision, development-controls will be administered as a condition of sale for the 77 new lots. The controls apply to both individuals and builders as follows:

- All dwellings must be constructed with an attached garage.
- The minimum size for a bungalow, bi-level, or split-level dwelling will be 1,000 square feet. The minimum size for a two-storey dwelling will be 1,500 square feet.

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Volume Rebate

The City offers a volume rebate to eligible builders in the Silverspring neighbourhood. (To qualify as an eligible builder, a builder must be listed on the Land Branch's eligibility list as a registered company and have successfully completed a probation period.) The purpose of the program is to maintain the sales momentum for eligible builders active in the neighbourhood. Builders purchased approximately 51% of the lots sold in Silverspring in 1997.

Private land developers operating within the City offer similar rebate programs for builders in their particular projects as well. It is the opinion of your staff that a volume rebate program should be applied to the 77 new lots, as follows:

Total Purchase of Lots in 1998	Rebate
\$100,000	2%
\$200,000	3%
\$300,000	4%
\$400,000	5%

This rebate program is consistent with the one applied to the first phase of the subdivision. We anticipate approximately \$50,000.00 in rebates will be paid to builders as result of this program.

University of Saskatchewan Approval

Under the agreement with the University of Saskatchewan, their approval is required for the proposed lot prices for the second phase of the Pezer subdivision. We will also be requesting the University to cost-share in the volume rebate program to a maximum of \$25,000.00, as they did last year for the first phase of the Pezer subdivision.

ATTACHMENT

1. Plan showing 77 lots located within the second phase of the Pezer subdivision.”

REPORT NO. 7-1998 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

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

**1. Appointment of Acting City Commissioner
(File No. CK. 4510-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Phil Richards be appointed Acting City Commissioner from April 21, 1998 until a new City Commissioner is appointed

ADOPTED.

A Search Committee comprised of His Worship the Mayor and four members of Council has been struck to determine a process for recruiting a new City Commissioner. In the meantime, your Committee wished to have Mr. Phil Richards appointed Acting City Commissioner.

**2. Albert Community Centre Management Committee
(File No. CK. 225-27)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Peter Holdstock be appointed to the Albert Community Centre Management Committee, for the year 1998.

ADOPTED.

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**3. Appointment of Cultural Representative
Leisure Services Advisory Board
(File No. CK. 175-4-3)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Ms. Kathy Bond be appointed as the cultural representative on the Leisure Services Advisory Board, to the end of the year 2000.”

ADOPTED.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

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

CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES

**Councillor Heidt
Crosswalk Timing - 22nd Street and Avenues P, H and W
(File No. CK. 6150-1)**

22nd Street is a roadway 6 lanes at Avenue P, Avenue H and Avenue W.

At the crosswalks, you can't make it across unless you run. This for seniors or handicapped people is very dangerous.

Could the Administration please report back on why these walk times are so short and what they recommend to overcome this safety issue.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 7742

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7742, being "*The Zoning Amendment Bylaw, 1998 (No. 3)*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Bylaw No. 7742 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7742.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

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That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7742 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7742 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT Bylaw No. 7742 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.

Bylaw No. 7744

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7744, being "*The Waterworks Amendment Bylaw, 1998*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

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The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Bylaw No. 7744 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7744.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7744 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

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

CARRIED.

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Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7744 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT Bylaw No. 7744 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.

Bylaw No. 7745

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7745, being "*The Sewage Works Amendment Bylaw, 1998*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Bylaw No. 7745 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

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The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7745.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7745 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7745 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



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Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT Bylaw No. 7745 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.

Bylaw No. 7746

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7746, being "*The Tax Levy Authorization Bylaw, 1998*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Bylaw No. 7746 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

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Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7746.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7746 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7746 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT Bylaw No. 7746 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.

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Bylaw No. 7747

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7747, being "*The Mill Rate Factors Bylaw, 1998*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Bylaw No. 7747 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7747.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7747 was considered clause by clause and approved.

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Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Roe,
THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,
THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7747 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,
THAT Bylaw No. 7747 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.

Bylaw No. 7748

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,
THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7748, being "*The Downtown Business Improvement District Levy Bylaw, 1998*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

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Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Bylaw No. 7748 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7748.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7748 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7748 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT Bylaw No. 7748 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.

Bylaw No. 7749

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7749, being "*The Riversdale Business Improvement District Levy Bylaw, 1998*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Bylaw No. 7749 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

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Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7749.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7749 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7749 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT Bylaw No. 7749 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.

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Bylaw No. 7750

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7750, being "*The Broadway Business Improvement District Levy Bylaw, 1998*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Bylaw No. 7750 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7750.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7750 was considered clause by clause and approved.

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Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7750 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT Bylaw No. 7750 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.

Bylaw No. 7752

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7752, being "*A bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to amend Bylaw No. 5585, entitled 'A bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to provide for superannuation of the employees of the Fire Department'*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

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The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Bylaw No. 7752 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7752.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7752 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

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

CARRIED.

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Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7752 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT Bylaw No. 7752 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 Langford,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk