

Council Chambers  
City Hall, Saskatoon, SK  
Monday, September 9, 2002  
at 7:00 p.m.

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

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

*Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Penner,*

*THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on August 12, 2002 be approved.*

*CARRIED.*

### **HEARINGS**

- 2a) **Proposed Zoning Bylaw Map Amendment  
(RMTN District to RM2 District)**  
**Applicant: Northridge Development Corporation**  
**Legal Description: Parcel J, Registered Plan No. 96S28728**  
**Civic Address: 670 Kenderdine Road**  
**Proposed Bylaw No. 8142**  
**(File No. CK. 4350-1)**
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#### REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“The purpose of this hearing is to consider proposed Bylaw No. 8142, a copy of which is attached.

A copy of Notice which appeared in the local press under dates of August 17 and August 24, 2002 is also attached.

Attached is a report of the Community Services Department, dated July 11, 2002 recommending that City Council approve the proposal to rezone Parcel J, Plan 96S28728 (670 Kenderdine Road) from an RMTN District to an RM2 District.

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Attached is a report of the Municipal Planning Commission dated July 31, 2002, advising that the Commission supports the above-noted recommendations.”

*His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.*

*Mr. Randy Grauer, Community Services Department, indicated the Department’s support of the proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment. He indicated that the local community association has offered their support of the Rezoning.*

*Ms. Colleen Yates, Chair, Municipal Planning Commission, indicated the Commission’s support of the proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment.*

*Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Penner,*

*THAT the hearing be closed.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,*

*THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 8142.*

*CARRIED.*

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**2b) Hearings**

**Proposed Development Plan Amendment**

**(Residential to Special Area Commercial)**

**101 – 115<sup>th</sup> Street and 1416 Central Avenue**

**Lots C and D, Block 7, Plan G654**

**Applicant: Kindrachuk Agrey Architects for Mr. Gord Beresh, Jeca Holdings Ltd.**

**Proposed Bylaw No. 8143**

**(File No. CK. 4351-1)**

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**REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:**

“Council, at this meeting, is to hear and determine any submissions with respect to the proposed amendments prior to its consideration of Bylaw No. 8143, copy attached.

A copy of Notice which appeared in the local press under dates of August 17 and 24, 2002 is also attached.

Attached is a report of the Community Services Department dated June 18, 2002, recommending:

- 1) that City Council approve the proposed amendments to the City’s Development Plan to redesignate Lots C and D, Block 7, Plan G654 (101 – 115<sup>th</sup> Street and 1416 Central Avenue) from ‘Residential’ to ‘Special Area Commercial’ in the City’s Development Plan;
- 2) that City Council approve the proposed amendments to Section 19.1.1.9 to re-designate Lots C and D, Block 7, Plan G654 (101 – 115<sup>th</sup> Street and 1416 Central Avenue) from ‘Office/Institutional’ to ‘Special Area Commercial’ in the Sutherland Local Area Plan Land Use Map; and
- 3) that City Council approve the proposed amendments to the City’s Zoning Bylaw to rezone Lots C and D, Block 7, Plan G654 (101 – 115<sup>th</sup> Street and 1416 Central Avenue) from an M1 District, to a B2 District, subject to a zoning agreement.

Attached is a report of the Municipal Planning Commission dated July 31, 2002 advising that the Commission supports the above-noted recommendations.

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Also attached are copies of the following:

- Letter dated August 20, 2002 from Lloyd and Anne Rowlett, 113 115<sup>th</sup> Street West; and
- Petition, undated, with approximately 25 signatures from Kara Kuryluk and others.”

*His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.*

*Mr. Randy Grauer, Community Services Department, indicated the Department's support of the proposed Development Plan amendment, as well as the proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment.*

*Ms. Colleen Yates, Community Services Department, indicated the Commission's support of the proposed Development Plan amendment, as well as the proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment.*

*Ms. Connie Hopper, 114 115<sup>th</sup> Street East, indicated that she lives across the street from the property. She spoke against the Zoning amendment based on the concerns raised in the petition submitted to Council and indicated that there was no clear plan provided at the community consultation meeting.*

*Mr. Derek Kindrachuk, applicant, outlined the process that was followed and asked for Council's support of the application.*

*Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,*

*THAT the submitted correspondence be received.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,*

*THAT the hearing be closed.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,*

*THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 8143.*

*CARRIED.*

**2c) Hearings**

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**Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment  
(M1 to B2 District by Agreement)  
101–115<sup>th</sup> Street and 1416 Central Avenue – Sutherland/Forest Grove Neighbourhood  
Lots C and D, Block 7, Plan G654  
Applicant: Kindrachuk Agrey Architects for Mr. Gord Beresh – Jeca Holdings Ltd.  
Proposed Bylaw No. 8144  
(File No. CK. 4351-1)**

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REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“Council, at this meeting, is to hear and determine any submissions with respect to the proposed amendments prior to its consideration of Bylaw No. 8144, copy attached.

A copy of Notice which appeared in the local press under dates of August 17 and 24, 2002 is also attached.

Attached is a report of the Community Services Department dated June 18, 2002 (See Attachment 2b) recommending:

- 1) that City Council approve the proposed amendments to the City’s Development Plan to redesignate Lots C and D, Block 7, Plan G654 (101 – 115<sup>th</sup> Street and 1416 Central Avenue) from ‘Residential’ to ‘Special Area Commercial’ in the City’s Development Plan;
- 2) that City Council approve the proposed amendments to Section 19.1.1.9 to re-designate Lots C and D, Block 7, Plan G654 (101 – 115<sup>th</sup> Street and 1416 Central Avenue) from ‘Office/Institutional’ to ‘Special Area Commercial’ in the Sutherland Local Area Plan Land Use Map; and
- 3) that City Council approve the proposed amendments to the City’s Zoning Bylaw to rezone Lots C and D, Block 7, Plan G654 (101 – 115<sup>th</sup> Street and 1416 Central Avenue) from an M1 District, to a B2 District, subject to a zoning agreement.

Attached is a report of the Municipal Planning Commission dated July 31, 2002 advising that the Commission supports the above-noted recommendations.”

*His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.*

*Mr. Randy Grauer, Community Services Department, indicated the Department’s support of the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment.*

*Ms. Colleen Yates, Chair, Municipal Planning Commission, indicated the Commission’s support of the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment.*

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*Mr. Derek Kindrachuk, applicant, explained that the advertising for the hearing indicates that service stations would not be permitted in the Rezoning Agreement, and advised that the developer has no intention of building a service station on the site.*

*Ms. Gail Barrie, 115<sup>th</sup> Street, indicated that during the public consultation meetings, there was no clear indication of what is intended for the property. She asked that if the Bylaw is defeated, that the community be consulted again, and that more information be provided.*

*Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,*

*THAT the submitted correspondence be received.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,*

*THAT the hearing be closed.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,*

*THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 8144.*

*THE MOTION WAS PUT AND LOST.*

*Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,*

- 1) that the Administration readvertise for a hearing in four-weeks' time, with all application and advertising costs being borne by the City; and*
- 2) that the Rezoning Agreement prohibit service stations and gas bars in addition to the others currently listed.*

*CARRIED.*

*His Worship the Mayor rose on a point of privilege and welcomed visitors from the cities of Maceio and Uniao in northeastern Brazil who are in the City for one month, and were brought*

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*here by the Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon who have had missionaries working in their cities for the past 38 years.*

- 2d) Hearings  
Proposed Development Plan Amendment  
(Heavy Industrial to Light Industrial)  
Parcel A, Plan FH in SE 20-37-5 W3rd  
3525 Idylwyld Drive North – Agriplace Neighbourhood  
Applicant: Jim Christie on behalf of J.R. Holdings Ltd.  
Proposed Bylaw No. 8145  
(File No. CK. 4351-1)**

**REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:**

“Council, at this meeting, is to hear and determine any submissions with respect to the proposed amendments prior to its consideration of Bylaw No. 8145, copy attached.

A copy of Notice which appeared in the local press under dates of August 17 and 24, 2002 is also attached.

Attached is a report of the Community Services Department dated June 18, 2002 recommending:

- 1) that City Council approve the proposed amendments to the City’s Development Plan to re-designate Parcel A, Plan FH in SE 20-37-5 W3rd (3525 Idylwyld Drive North) from ‘Heavy Industrial’ to ‘Light Industrial’ in the City’s Development Plan; and
- 2) that City Council approve the proposed amendments to the City’s Zoning Bylaw to rezone Parcel A, Plan FH in SE 20-37-5 W3rd (3525 Idylwyld Drive North) from an IH District by Agreement, to an IL1 District.

Attached is a report Municipal Planning Commission dated July 31, 2002 advising that the Commission supports the above-noted recommendations.”

*His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.*

*Mr. Randy Grauer, Community Services Department, indicated the Department’s support of the proposed Development Plan Amendment.*

*Ms. Colleen Yates, Chair, Municipal Planning Commission, indicated the Commission’s support of the proposed Development Plan Amendment, as well as the proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment.*

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*Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Roe,*

*THAT the hearing be closed*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,*

*THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 8145.*

*CARRIED.*

- 2e) Hearings**  
**Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment – (1H to IL1)**  
**Parcel A, Plan FH in SE 20-37-5 W3rd**  
**3525 Idylwyld Drive North – Agriplace Neighbourhood**  
**Applicant: Jim Christie on behalf of J.R. Holdings Ltd.**  
**Proposed Bylaw No. 8146**  
**(File No. 4351-1)**

**REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:**

“Council, at this meeting, is to hear and determine any submissions with respect to the proposed amendments prior to its consideration of Bylaw No. 8146, copy attached.

A copy of Notice which appeared in the local press under dates of August 17 and 24, 2002 is also attached.

Attached is a report of the Community Services Department dated June 18, 2002 (See Attachment 2d) recommending:

- 1) that City Council approve the proposed amendments to the City’s Development Plan to re-designate Parcel A, Plan FH in SE 20-37-5 W3rd (3525 Idylwyld Drive North) from ‘Heavy Industrial’ to ‘Light Industrial’ in the City’s Development Plan; and
- 2) that City Council approve the proposed amendments to the City’s Zoning Bylaw to rezone Parcel A, Plan FH in SE 20-37-5 W3rd (3525 Idylwyld Drive North) from an IH District by Agreement, to an IL1 District.



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Attached is a report Municipal Planning Commission dated July 31, 2002 advising that the Commission supports the above-noted recommendations. (See Attachment 2d)”

*His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.*

*Mr. Randy Grauer, Community Services Department, indicated the Department’s support of the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment.*

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,*

*THAT the hearing be closed.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,*

*THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 8146.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,*

*THAT the regular order of business be suspended and that Clause A1) of Communications be brought forward and considered.*

*CARRIED.*

**“A1) Shannon Grunerud and Michelle Geenen, Co-Directors  
2002 Shinerama Campaign, dated August 30”**

Requesting permission to shine the shoes of Council members and requesting Council to proclaim September 19, 2002 as Shinerama Day in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council proclaim September 19, 2002 as Shinerama Day in Saskatoon;
  - 2) that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamation on behalf of City Council; and
  - 3) that participants of Shinerama Saskatoon be given permission to shine the shoes of Council members.”

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*Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,*

- 1) that City Council proclaim September 19, 2002 as Shinerama Day in Saskatoon;*
- 2) that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamation on behalf of City Council; and*
- 3) that participants of Shinerama Saskatoon be given permission to shine the shoes of Council members.*

*CARRIED.*

*Representatives of Shinerama Saskatoon shined the shoes of City Council.*

**2f) Hearings  
Proposed Closure  
Portion of Walkway – Adjacent to 850-854 Confederation Drive  
Plan No. 242-0018-001r001  
Proposed Bylaw No. 8148  
(File No. CK. 6295-1-850)**

**REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:**

“Attached is a copy of Clause D2, Administrative Report No. 10-2002 which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on May 21, 2002.

Council, at its meeting held on May 21, 2002 gave notice of its intention to consider the proposed street closing and instructed the City Solicitor to take further necessary steps in respect of the matter.

The following is a report of the City Solicitor dated August 27, 2002:

‘City Council at its meeting held on May 21, 2002, instructed this Office to proceed with the above closing.

All of the preliminary proceedings in connection with the proposed closing have been taken, and we have secured consents from all those required to give same.

We are attaching at this time the following:

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1. Proposed Bylaw No. 8148 to close a portion of the walkway between 850 and 854 Confederation Drive;
2. Photocopy of letter dated July 22, 2002, from the Deputy Minister of Highways and Transportation advising that the Minister grants consent to the Council of The City of Saskatoon to pass the necessary bylaw for said closing;
3. Copy of Notice of Closing with attached drawing which will be advertised in accordance with *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984* on August 31, 2002 and September 7, 2002. (The City Clerk will report with respect to any petitions to be heard.)

This will confirm that we have completed all required services on the interested parties by registered mail.'

*His Worship the Mayor 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 Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Penner,*

*THAT the hearing be closed.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,*

*THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 8148.*

*CARRIED.*

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**2g) Hearings  
Request for Annexation – Willows Golf Course Community  
(File No. CK. 4131-1)**

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**REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:**

“The following is a report of the City Manager, dated September 5, 2002:

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the City Clerk be instructed to make application to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board for the alteration of the City’s boundaries, concerning the lands identified in Attachment No. 1 of this report, in accordance with Section 13 of *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984*.

**BACKGROUND**

At Council’s meeting held on October 22, 2001, the Administration, by report dated October 16, 2001, recommended to Council that the City take the necessary procedures to apply for an alteration of the City’s boundaries to include the lands commonly known as the Willows Golf and Country Club. The report (copy attached) sets out the reasons for that recommendation.

After considering the report, Council resolved:

- “1) that City Council instruct the Administration to take the necessary procedures pursuant to Section 13 of *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984* to apply for an alteration of the City’s boundaries to include the lands commonly known as the Willows Golf and Country Club; and
- 2) that in addition, the Administration be instructed to seek a meeting with representatives of the Rural Municipality (R.M.) of Corman Park to discuss a possible complementary resolution by the R.M.”

On July 15, 2002, Council resolved that:

“that City Council instruct the Administration to proceed with the advertising and required notices for a Public Meeting in accordance with Section 13 of *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984*.”

**REPORT**

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The Administration has undertaken the necessary advertising and notices to proceed with the Public Meeting on Monday, September 9, 2002.

The Administration has conducted negotiations with representatives of the R.M. of Corman Park with a view to obtaining a complementary resolution of the municipality agreeing to the alteration of the City's boundaries. The Administration has proposed to the R.M. that it would recommend the following to Council:

- (a) that the City and the R.M. undertake, subject to agreement on a funding formula, a study of land use and planning issues in the Saskatoon Planning District within the next 12 months with the goal of developing recommendations for revising the District Plan. Such recommendations would be presented to the two Councils for consideration in the normal manner;
- (b) that the City and the R.M. undertake a review within the next 12 months of the possible extension of sanitary sewer service to the R.M. In particular, the study would examine whether such service is technically and financially feasible. The recommendations of the study would be presented to Council for its consideration; and
- (c) that the City make a one-time tax loss compensation payment to the R.M. in the amount of 22.5 times the taxes for the municipal portion.

The R.M. considered the Administration's proposal at a meeting held on August 29, 2002. Its response, by letter dated August 30, 2002, is attached. Essentially, the R.M. is not prepared to provide a complementary resolution without further movement by the City on tax loss compensation.

In light of the R.M.'s response, the Administration does not believe that further negotiations would be productive. The compensation offered is far more than has been offered in any past situation. The City traditionally has offered 5 times the tax loss for agricultural land and 10 times the tax loss for commercial and industrial sites. In addition, the R.M. is also seeking some form of ongoing revenue sharing on the incremental tax. The Administration is not prepared to recommend entering into such an arrangement.

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In view of the foregoing, the Administration is recommending that City Council instruct the City Clerk to make an application to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board for the appropriate alteration of the City's boundaries without a complementary resolution having been received from the R.M. This would result in the Municipal Board making the final decision on the matter. The Board can approve the application 'subject to any terms and conditions that the Board considers appropriate' or can reject the application. The Board routinely awards tax loss compensation as one of the terms of its decision.

In conducting a review of the application, the Board can consider any or all of the following:

- (a) land use planning;
- (b) tax sharing;
- (c) local boards and commissions;
- (d) municipal services;
- (e) municipal capital works;
- (f) mill rates and assessments;
- (g) disposition of land or improvements that is owned by or leased to a municipality, local board or commission;
- (h) disposition of assets and liabilities;
- (i) municipal electoral boundaries;
- (j) grants or other assistance from the Government of Saskatchewan or Canada;
- (k) local school divisions;
- (l) transportation, communication and utilities and rates for those things;
- (m) local improvements in the area affected;
- (n) hospital, library and other inter-municipal bodies;
- (o) bylaws; and
- (p) any other matters that the Minister or the Board considers relevant.

Furthermore, the Board may, at its discretion, decide to hold a public hearing.

In summary, while the Administration supports reviewing options for the future with respect to golf course communities within the R.M., it maintains its recommendation that, in the existing circumstances and time frame, annexation is the preferred option for the proposed development of this property.

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**OPTIONS**

Council's alternatives to adopting the recommendation are as follows:

1. To instruct the Administration to continue negotiations with the R.M. to arrive at a complementary resolution. As previously stated, the Administration does not believe that such negotiations would lead to an acceptable outcome with respect to the issue of tax loss compensation.
2. To not proceed with the application for alteration of the City's boundaries at this time.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Legal description of lands requested for Annexation with attached map;
2. Copy of Administration Report dated October 16, 2001; and
3. Letter from R.M. of Corman Park to City Manager dated August 30, 2002.'

Also attached is a copy of Notice which appeared in the local press under date of August 3, 2002.

Attached are copies of the following:

- Letter dated June 19, 2002 from Gerald Yausie, Board Chair, Saskatoon (East) School Division No. 41; and
- Letter dated July 2, 2002 from Tammy Knuttila, Administrator, The Rural Municipality of Corman Park."

*His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.*

*City Planning Branch Manager Sully provided an overview of the process which has occurred to date regarding this annexation proposal, as outlined in the report of the City Manager dated September 5, 2002 and the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated October 16, 2001. Mr. Sully advised of the Administration's support of the recommendation that the City be instructed to make application to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board for alteration of the City's boundaries.*

*City Manager Richards reviewed the discussions which have taken place to date between the City and the Rural Municipality of Corman Park. He indicated that the only outstanding issue is the question of tax loss compensation. Mr. Richards explained that the cost of providing city services exceeds property tax revenue that is collected, and that there is no net gain to the City in annexations. Accordingly, the Administration is in favour of a lump-sum payment rather than tax revenue sharing.*

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*Mr. Neil Fisher, legal counsel for the R.M. of Corman Park, submitted a brief regarding the Willows Annexation and outlined the contents which included a history of the cooperation between the City of Saskatoon and the R.M., the R.M.'s position on the matter and a proposed resolution. He asked that Council consider a formula which would allow the ratepayers of each municipality to share in the tax revenue to be generated by this project.*

*Mr. Norman Drey, Director of Education, Saskatoon East School Division #41, outlined the School Division's objections to the proposed Annexation. He provided City Council with a copy of his brief.*

*Mr. Bob Lockhart, Chairman of the Board, Hamlet of Furdale, spoke in opposition to the annexation, outlining the Hamlet's concerns including traffic problems, school concerns, and infringement on the buffer zone.*

*Mr. Brad Munroe, Working Ventures, owner of the property in question, gave his reasons for supporting the annexation and the planned development. He indicated that the lack of sewer and water in the R.M. of Corman Park made it impossible to do the development there.*

*Mr. Joel Teal, Executive Vice President, Dundee Development Corporation, outlined the history of the matter. He noted that the R.M. of Corman Park has now stated that this development would be a good thing for the rate payers of the Saskatoon district, and that there are no outstanding planning issues. The only issue is compensation. Mr. Teal provided Council with a copy of his presentation.*

*Reeve Hobday, R.M. of Corman Park, outlined the R.M.'s past concerns with respect to the proposed annexation.*

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,*

*THAT the submitted correspondence be received.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,*

*THAT the hearing be closed.*

*CARRIED.*



*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Roe,*

*THAT the City Clerk be instructed to make application to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board for the alteration of the City's boundaries, concerning the lands identified in Attachment No. 1 of the report of the City Manager dated September 5, 2002 in accordance with Section 13 of The Urban Municipality Act, 1984.*

*CARRIED.*

### **COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL**

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

**A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL**

**1) Shannon Grunerud and Michelle Geenen, Co-Directors  
2002 Shinerama Campaign, dated August 30**

*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 9.*

**2) Ramish Mahabir and Deb Claude  
Saskatoon Farmers' Market, dated August 16**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the implementation of a Food Charter for Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-1)

**3) Karen Archibald and Don Kossick  
Saskatoon Food Coalition, dated September 4**

Requesting permission for representatives to address Council to present the proposed Saskatoon Food Charter. (File No. CK. 205-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Karen Archibald, Ramish Mahabir and Michelle Beveridge be heard.

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*Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Penner,*

*THAT Karen Archibald, Ramish Mahabir and Michelle Beveridge be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*Ms. Karen Archibald, Child Hunger and Education Program, explained the Food Charter and asked that Council take a leadership role in investing in the Charter.*

*Mr. Ramesh Mahabir, Saskatoon Farmers' Market, outlined the Charter and asked for Council's support.*

*Ms. Michelle Beveridge, Prairie Region Program Coordinator, Oxfam, outlined the suggested points in the Food Charter.*

*Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,*

*THAT the Food Charter be approved in principle and that the matter be referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

**4) Alice Farness  
118 Avenue R North, undated**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to home inspections. (File No. CK. 150-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Alice Farness be heard.

*Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,*

*THAT Alice Farness be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

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*Ms. Alice Farness, 118 Avenue R North, expressed safety concerns with respect to home inspections.*

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**AA. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL**

**1) Bill Thibodeau, Executive Director  
Saskatoon Downtown Youth Centre Inc. (EGADZ), dated August 8**

Submitting a copy of the 2001-2002 Annual Report of the Saskatoon Downtown Youth Centre Inc. (EGADZ). (File No. CK. 430-65) (Note: A copy of the report is available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office.)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Penner,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**2) Brian Fitzpatrick, MP  
Prince Albert Constituency, dated August 13**

Requesting Council's support for Bacillus Thuringiensis Kurstaki (BTK) spraying at Prince Albert National Park. (File No. CK. 4200-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the direction of Council issue.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**3) Sue Laflamme, Administrative Assistant for**

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**Chriss Gates, Region Director, Canadian Red Cross, dated August 9**

Expressing appreciation for the grant received under the Social Services component of the 2002 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program. (File No. CK. 1871-2)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**4) Judy Prociuk  
134 Silverwood Road, dated August 14**

Submitting a copy of a letter sent to the Infrastructure Services Department with respect to the audible pedestrian signal – push button timing system. (File No. CK. 6150-3-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**5) Linda Tweddell  
454 Birch Crescent, dated August 26**

Submitting comments with respect to safety concerns at the intersection of 115<sup>th</sup> Street and Spruce Drive. (File No. CK. 5200-1)

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received and referred to the Administration for a report to the Planning and Operations Committee.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,*

*THAT the information be received and referred to the Administration for a report to the Planning and Operations Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

**6) Albert J. Delaire, Minister Responsible for Urban Governance  
Metis Urban Governance of Saskatchewan Inc., dated August 16**

Requesting that the City recognize and work in conjunction with the Metis Urban Governance structure. (File No. CK. 277-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received and that the letter be referred to the Administration to advise staff accordingly.

*Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,*

*THAT the information be received and that the letter be referred to the Administration to advise staff accordingly.*

*CARRIED.*

**7) Frances Farness-Petit, Corresponding-Secretary  
Saskatoon Seniors Action Now Association Inc., dated August 26**

Expressing appreciation for the grant which they have received, and expressing disappointment that the Association does not receive an exemption from property taxes. (File No. CK. 1965-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**8) Lynne Yelich, MP**

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**Blackstrap, dated July 30**

Requesting feedback regarding proposed changes to the Saskatchewan federal electoral boundaries tabled by the Saskatchewan Electoral Boundaries Commission. (File No. CK. 277-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,*

*THAT the information be received and referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

**9) Priscilla Sader  
237 Anderson Crescent, dated August 30**

Expressing support for the concept of a red-light district in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 280-5-2)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,*

*THAT the information be received and joined to the file.*

*CARRIED.*

**10) William F.J. Hood  
Priel, Stevenson, Hood & Thornton, dated August 28**

Requesting the City's consent to the assignment of the Downtown Rental Housing Tax Abatement Agreement from P.R. Developments Ltd. to 2012098 Ontario Inc.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that the request to assign the Downtown Rental Housing Tax Abatement Agreement from P.R. Developments Ltd. to 2012098 Ontario Inc. be approved.

*Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,*

*THAT the request to assign the Downtown Rental Housing Tax Abatement Agreement from P.R. Developments Ltd. to 2012098 Ontario Inc. be approved.*

*CARRIED.*

**11) Days Paints Ltd. and Others, undated**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Roe,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**12) Lesley Courtney, Social Director  
River Heights Community Association, dated September 1**

Requesting permission for temporary closure of Ravine Drive between Assiniboine Drive and Churchill Drive between 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Friday, September 20, 2002 in connection with the River Heights Community Association Family Fun Day. (File No. CK. 205-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the request be approved, subject to administrative conditions.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,*

*THAT the request be approved, subject to administrative conditions.*

*CARRIED.*

**13) Peggy Sargeant**

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**674 University Drive, dated September 3**

Expressing appreciation to Council for submitting William Sargeant's name as a suggested recipient for the Queen's Jubilee Medal. (File No. CK. 205-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Roe,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**14) The Very Reverend Susan Charbonneau, Rector and Dean  
St John's Cathedral, undated**

Submitting a petition with approximately 35 signatures expressing opposition to any expansion of casino gambling within the City of Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 4110-23)

**15) Reverend Daryl Woods, Minister  
Grace-Westminster United Church, dated June 27**

Submitting a petition with approximately 52 signatures expressing opposition to any expansion of casino gambling within the City of Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 4110-23)

**16) Marie Fast, Church Secretary  
Hope Fellowship Church, dated August 29**

Submitting a petition with approximately 31 signatures expressing opposition to any expansion of casino gambling within the City of Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 4110-23)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received and joined to the file.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,*

*THAT the information be received and joined to the file.*

*CARRIED.*

**17) Joanne Sproule, Secretary  
Saskatoon Development Appeals Board, dated August 8**



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Submitting notice of Development Appeal Board Hearing for property located at 1238 Avenue I North. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

**18) Joanne Sproule, Secretary  
Saskatoon Development Appeals Board, dated August 14**

Submitting notice of Development Appeal Board Hearing for property located at 130 Avenue B North. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

**19) Joanne Sproule, Secretary  
Saskatoon Development Appeals Board, dated August 19**

Submitting notice of Development Appeal Board Hearing for property located at 127 Avenue Q South. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

**20) Joanne Sproule, Secretary  
Saskatoon Development Appeals Board, dated August 20**

Submitting notice of Development Appeal Board Hearing for property located at 735 Lenore Drive. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

**21) Joanne Sproule, Secretary  
Saskatoon Development Appeals Board, dated August 26**

Submitting notice of Development Appeal Board Hearing for property located at 213 Hedley Street. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**B. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION**

**1) Patrick Little, Branch Manager**

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**Creative Door Services Ltd., dated August 26**

Submitting a second request with respect to the condition of 41<sup>st</sup> Street East. (Note: The first letter was referred to the Planning and Operations Committee by City Council at its meeting held on August 12, 2002.) (File No. CK. 6315-1) **(Referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.)**

- 2) **Paul G. Olsen**  
**8 – 605 Duke Street, dated August 21**

Submitting comments with respect to the condition of the riverbank and sidewalk on College Drive. (File No. CK. 4139-1) **(Referred to the Administration for a report.)**

- 3) **Neal Mihalicz, Board Chair**  
**Saskatoon Food Bank, Grassroots Resource and Learning Centre, dated August 22**

Requesting assistance with renovations to building. (File No. CK. 2000-1) **(Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee for a report.)**

- 4) **Irene Davidson-Fisher, Chief Executive Officer**  
**Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association, dated August 15**

Requesting that the City take the necessary steps to ensure sufficient advance warning for major intersections, consistent identification of the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway 16 throughout Saskatoon's main transportation corridor, and provide appropriate signage indicating highway access points. (File No. CK. 6280-1) **(Referred to the Administration for a report.)**

- 5) **Doug and Angelika Walker**  
**Box 125, Rosetown, SK, dated August 22**

Requesting that a ticket received while visiting the City be forgiven. (File No. CK. 6120-1) **(Referred to the Administration.)**

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**6) Joel Young  
Unit 157, 515 Kenderdine Road, dated August 28**

Requesting a four-way stop at the corner of Kerr and Kenderdine Roads. (File No. CK. 6285-1)  
**(Referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.)**

**7) Geoff Ewart  
922 Avenue J South, dated September 3**

Submitting concerns with respect to garbage in the back alley. (File No. CK. 150-1) **(Referred to the Administration.)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**C. PROCLAMATIONS**

**1) Carla Roppel, Communications Coordinator  
Saskatchewan Association for Community Living, dated August 26**

Requesting that Council proclaim October 1, 2002 as Community Living Day in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**2) Sharon L. Murray, Program Coordinator  
Saskatchewan Division, The Arthritis Society, dated August 26**

Requesting that Council proclaim the month of September, 2002 as Arthritis Month in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

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**3) Gloria Mitchell, Waste Reduction Week Coordinator  
Sask. Waste Reduction Council, dated August 29**

Requesting that Council proclaim the week of October 21 to 27, 2002 as Waste Reduction Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**4) The Honourable Denis Coderre  
Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, dated August 5**

Requesting that Council proclaim October 14 to 20, 2002 as Canada's Citizenship 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 Penner, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,*

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

*CARRIED.*

**REPORTS**

Ms. Colleen Yates, Chair, submitted Report No. 6-2002 of the Municipal Planning Commission;

General Manager, Community Services Gauthier presented Section A, Administrative Report No. 15-2002;

General Manager, Corporate Services Veltkamp presented Section B, Administrative Report No. 15-2002;

General Manager, Fire and Protective Services Hewitt presented Section C, Administrative Report No. 15-2002;

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General Manager, Infrastructure Services Uzelman presented Section D, Administrative Report No. 15-2002;

General Manager, Utility Services Munch presented Section E, Administrative Report No. 15-2002;

City Clerk Mann presented Section A, Legislative Report No. 14-2002;

Councillor Heidt, Member, presented Report No. 9-2002 of the Planning and Operations Committee;

Councillor Roe, Member, presented Report No. 10-2002 the Administration and Finance Committee; and

Councillor Roe, Member, presented Report No. 11-2002 of the Administration and Finance Committee.

*Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,*

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

- a) Report No. 6-2002 of the Municipal Planning Commission;*
- b) Administrative Report No. 15-2002;*
- c) Legislative Report No. 14-2002;*
- d) Report No. 9-2002 of the Planning and Operations Committee;*
- e) Report No. 10-2002 of the Administration and Finance Committee; and*
- f) Report No. 11-2002 of the Administration and Finance Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

*His Worship Mayor Maddin appointed Councillor Steernberg as Chair of the Committee of the Whole.*

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

*Committee arose.*

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*Councillor Steernberg, 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. 6-2002 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION”**

Composition of Commission

Ms. Colleen Yates, Chair  
Mr. John Waddington, Vice-Chair  
Councillor L. Swystun  
Mr. Dieter André  
Mr. Jack Billinton  
Mr. Michael Chyzowski  
Mr. Lloyd Hedemann  
Mr. Randy Warick  
Ms. Jo-Anne Richter  
Mr. Terry Smith  
Mr. Nelson Wagner  
Mr. Vern Waldherr  
Mr. Jim Zimmer

**1. Development Plan Amendment  
Nutana Land Use Policy Districts and Nutana Land Use Policy Map  
Applicant: City of Saskatoon  
(File No. CK. 4110-1)**

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- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve the required advertising respecting the proposal to amend the City of Saskatoon Development Plan Bylaw No. 7799 to adopt:
    - a) Nutana Land Use Policy Districts to reflect New Land Use Policy Districts outlined in the Nutana Local Area Plan (pg 19-21); and
    - b) to amend Nutana Land Use Policy Map;
  - 2) that the General Manager, Community Services Department be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising

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the proposed amendments;

- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaws; and,
- 4) that at the time of the Public Hearing, City Council approve the proposed amendments to the Development Plan.

*ADOPTED.*

Your Commission has reviewed the attached report of the Community Services Department dated July 11, 2002, respecting the above proposed amendments. Your Commission supports the recommendations of the Administration, as outlined above.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 15-2002**

**Section A – COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**A1) Municipal Enterprise Zone  
Proposed Changes to Administrative Policy A09-031  
(File No. CK. 4000-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve the proposed amendments to the Enterprise Zone Administrative Policy as outlined in this report; and,
  - 2) that the changes take effect as of May 23, 2002.

*ADOPTED.*

**BACKGROUND**

On June 24, 2002, City Council received a draft of the Municipal Enterprise Zone Administrative Policy. The policy states in clause 4.5 that City Council must approve any changes to the policy.

On July 25, 2002, The Municipal Enterprise Zone Policy Review Committee was asked to consider some amendments to the Enterprise Zone Administrative Policy. Please refer to Attachment 1 which highlights the proposed changes.

**REPORT**

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The Municipal Enterprise Zone Policy Review Committee is recommending the following amendments to the Administrative Policy:

1. **Adding Demolition Permit Rebates to the List of Incentives.** Reason: Demolition Permits are not explicitly identified for a rebate, however, the Committee felt that demolitions are normally undertaken as a precedent to some improvement to property, and therefore, supports the proposal to rebate demolition permit fees at 100%. The only exception to this amendment would be where demolition is required by an ‘Order to Remedy’, in which case no rebate would be issued.
2. **Allowing Site Remediation Costs to be Negotiated.** Reason: Currently, site remediation costs are excluded from the list of incentives offered in the Enterprise Zone. However, this is unusual given the many other types of incentives that may be offered on a case by case basis. The Committee supports the proposed amendment to allow the negotiation of site remediation costs on a case by case basis.
3. **Adding Offices as an Eligible Use.** Reason: Offices are currently not listed as an eligible use within the Enterprise Zone. However, this is deemed to be an oversight as it was not intended that Offices be excluded from the Policy. The Committee supports the inclusion of Offices as an eligible use.
4. **Amending the Boundaries of the Enterprise Zone** (please refer to Attachment 2). Reason: There are many old, under-utilized industrial sites along the north and south sides of 11<sup>th</sup> Street West which currently fall outside the Enterprise Zone boundary, but which could greatly benefit from incentives offered by the Enterprise Zone. The additional area is small and amounts to 65 sites, which are mainly zoned as industrial property. The Committee agrees with the proposal to expand the boundaries to add these industrial sites as improvement of these properties will have benefit to the entire area.

The proposed amendments will accomplish two objectives:

1. provide more clarity with regards to the types of uses and the types of incentives which may be considered; and,
2. provide for a reasonable expansion of the Enterprise Zone to include old industrial properties which are in need of development and will provide benefit to the Enterprise Zone as a whole.



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**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Municipal Enterprise Zone Administrative Policy (A09-031) with amendments highlighted.
- 2 Map showing Proposed Additional Lands to be Included in Enterprise Zone.

**A2) Municipal Enterprise Zone  
Gemini Freight Systems Inc. – 2420 11<sup>th</sup> Street West  
(Lots 2 & 3, Block 116, Plan 89S20258)  
(File No. CK. 1965-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve a one-year tax abatement of 100% of the incremental taxes to Gemini Freight Systems Inc. for a trucking terminal consisting of office space, truck storage and wash bays at 2420 11<sup>th</sup> Street West (Lots 2 & 3, Block 116, Plan 89S20258);
  - 2) that the one-year tax abatement be effective upon completion of the project as outlined in Attachment No. 1 of this report; and,
  - 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary bylaw and agreement.

*ADOPTED.*

**BACKGROUND**

On July 25, 2002, the Municipal Enterprise Zone Adjudication Committee considered an application from Gemini Freight Systems Inc. Gemini Freight Systems Inc. has proposed to construct an 11,500 square foot building at 2420 11<sup>th</sup> Street West, which will include three separate functions:

- Office space;
- Truck Storage;
- Wash Bays.

Please refer to Attachments 1 and 2.

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**REPORT**

Gemini's application for incentives under the Municipal Enterprise Zone was made through the SREDA office. SREDA conducted a thorough review of the application by Gemini Freight Systems Inc. and has determined that the project warrants consideration for incentives under the Enterprise Zone. Gemini Freight Systems has applied for property tax abatement equal to 100% in the first year, decreasing to 50% in the fifth year and zero in year six. However, SREDA has recommended that Gemini Freight Systems Inc. be granted a one-year 100% tax abatement on the incremental taxes subject to completion of the project as outlined in Attachment 1.

The City of Saskatoon and SREDA have reviewed the financial information and are satisfied that the proposal is financially sound.

The Adjudication Committee agrees with SREDA's recommendation and has noted that it is consistent with other applications approved under Council's Business Incentives Policy (C09-014). The Committee is of the opinion that the proposed development is desirable and will benefit the Enterprise Zone by providing much needed development in this area.

The estimated value of the one-year tax abatement (increment only) is \$9,956.00 (new site) and \$21,820.00 (new building). Furthermore, the estimated value of the building and plumbing permits is \$6,600.00, for a total incentive package estimated to be \$38,376.00.

The Committee is recommending that the one-year tax abatement become effective upon completion of the project. SREDA will conduct a follow-up inspection to ensure that the project is completed according to the proposal described in Attachment 1.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Business Proposal from Gemini Freight Systems Inc.
2. Photograph of Existing Site at 2420 11<sup>th</sup> Street West.

**A3) Municipal Enterprise Zone  
Benesh Bitz and Company – 1630 Quebec Avenue  
(Parcel AA, Plan 79S28939)  
File No. CK. 1965-1**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) that City Council approve a one-year tax abatement of 100% of the incremental taxes to Benesh Bitz and Company for the conversion of an existing warehouse to professional offices at 1630 Quebec Avenue (Parcel AA, Plan 79S28939);
- 2) that the one-year tax abatement be effective upon completion

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of the project as outlined in Attachment 1 of this report; and

- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary bylaw and agreement.

*ADOPTED.*

**BACKGROUND**

On August 15, 2002, the Municipal Enterprise Zone Adjudication Committee considered an application from Benesh Bitz and Company for a Property Tax Abatement equal to 100% of the incremental taxes for one year. Benesh Bitz and Company has proposed to renovate an existing warehouse at 1630 Quebec Avenue to convert the space to professional offices to house the Benesh Bitz and Company law firm and to lease surplus space to other professional services.

Please refer to Attachments No. 1, 2 and 3.

**REPORT**

Benesh Bitz and Company's application for incentives under the Municipal Enterprise Zone was made through the SREDA office. SREDA conducted a thorough review of the application by Benesh Bitz and Company and has determined that the project is viable, the company has the financial means to carry out the proposed development, and warrants consideration for incentives under the Enterprise Zone. SREDA has recommended that Benesh Bitz and Company be granted a one-year 100% tax abatement on the incremental taxes subject to completion of the project as outlined in Attachment 1.

The City of Saskatoon and SREDA have reviewed the financial particulars concerning this application and are of the opinion that the proposal is financially sound.

The Adjudication Committee agrees with SREDA's recommendation and is of the opinion that the proposed development is desirable, as it will convert an older warehouse into professional office space that will generally benefit the Kelsey/Woodlawn industrial area.

The estimated value of the one-year tax abatement (increment only) is \$11,303.00. Furthermore, the estimated value of the building, plumbing and development permits is \$520.00, for a total incentive package estimated to be \$11,823.00.

The Committee is recommending that the one-year tax abatement become effective upon completion of the project. SREDA will conduct a follow-up inspection to ensure that the project is completed according to the proposal described in Attachment 1.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Project Proposal from Benesh Bitz and Company.
2. Location Map of Proposed Development.
3. Photograph of Existing Property at 1630 Quebec Avenue.

**A4) Enquiry – Councillor G. Penner  
Implications of Changing Name of Circle Drive to John Lake Trail  
(File No. CK. 6310-1)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*ADOPTED.*

**BACKGROUND**

On August 12, 2002, Councillor Penner made the following enquiry:

“Could I have a report regarding the implications of changing the name of Circle Drive to John Lake Trail?”

**REPORT**

Any proposal to change the name of such a prominent thoroughfare such as Circle Drive would have very significant cost implications. Following are some of the major impacts:

1. Approximately thirty (30) commercial sites that have frontage along Circle Drive East and West would be impacted by the name change. Most of these businesses are located between Warman Road and Avenue C. Following City Council’s new naming policy, each of these businesses would need to be consulted.
2. Approximately sixty-four (64) overhead or side-mounted guide signs would need to be replaced at an estimated cost of \$120,000.
3. Many maps and databases within City Hall would also need to be altered to reflect the name change.
4. The total estimated cost for making the change from Circle Drive to John Lake Trail is \$150,000.

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Although the John Lake name is certainly significant for Saskatoon, there may be other future opportunities to honour Mr. John Lake (e.g. new civic facility or new Suburban Development Area such as the West or North-East Sector). Incidentally, the name John Lake is currently used to name a park and elementary school in the Avalon neighbourhood, as well as a street in the Grosvenor Park neighbourhood (Lake Crescent).

Should City Council decide to pursue this name change, the new Naming Advisory Committee would review such a request, and a recommendation would be forwarded to City Council in due course.

**A5) Enquiry – Councillor O. Fortosky  
Special Rates for Seniors at Leisure Facilities  
(File No. CK. 1720-3-4)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*ADOPTED.*

**BACKGROUND**

During City Council's May 21, 2002 meeting, Councillor Fortosky made the following enquiry:

“Would the Administration please report on the possibility of implementing special rates for seniors at our leisure facilities”.

**REPORT**

The Community Services Department, Leisure Services Branch conducts a leisure needs assessment survey every five years. The city-wide survey provides information on the resident's current participation in leisure activities, activity areas of demand, and barriers that prevent their participation. The last leisure needs assessment was completed in 1999 and involved approximately 1,400 Saskatoon residents.

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In 1999, in response to a request by the Leisure Services Advisory Board, the Planning and Operations Committee directed the Leisure Services Branch to over sample adults age 55 plus in order to gather more statistically reliable information on the leisure needs of this target group. The sample size for adults age 55 plus was increased and a total of 293 people were surveyed. Reporting is based on sub-groupings of 50 – 60 years, 60 – 69, and 70 plus. The information is statistically reliable for each age sub-group of older adult except for the 70 plus group. The interviewers were able to gain limited access to apartments, condominiums, and housing units where the 70 plus age group resides. Therefore, when reporting the responses of the 70 plus group by subgroups (e.g. by need category and activities), the data is not statistically reliable and will only offer indicators for program design. Attachment 1 provides a summary of the 1999 leisure needs assessment survey for older adults.

**Summary of the Older Adult Report**

Older adults in Saskatoon (50+) are very active in their leisure time. Ninety-nine percent of all older adult respondents to the survey reported being presently active in one or more leisure activities. On average, they reported participation in 5.5 different leisure activities over the past year (see page 5 of the Older Adult Summary Report attached). The majority of older adults are presently participating as often as they would like in their choice of activities. All older adults are paying to participate in at least one of their activities and there is a very high satisfaction rating for the value they are receiving. Examples of the types of activities they are participating in for the category of physical fitness are walking, fitness club, swimming, and home fitness. For current participation in the leisure needs category of sport, the most frequently listed are golf, curling, hockey, bowling and baseball. The vast majority of older adults plan to continue their participation in their present activities.

Out of the 293 older adults surveyed, 66 respondents indicated an interest in participating in a leisure activity that they are not presently participating in. This represents 22 percent of all older adult respondents. (Note: This is not statistically reliable due to the small subgroup sample size. This information can only be used as an indicator). The four categories with the most interest are sports, performing arts, visual arts, and physical fitness. The only category where cost was identified as a barrier to participation is related to the cost of equipment to participate in sports and the cost to attend performing arts activities. Health problems is the other barrier of significance for older adults.

In summary, the information indicated that the majority of older adults are participating in a variety of leisure activities. They are paying for at least one of these activities and feel they are getting value for what they are paying. Cost was not identified as a barrier to participation by the majority of those currently active. There are some individuals who identified they would like to participate but the cost to purchase equipment prevented them from being active in the sport of their choice. The department recognizes there are some individuals within this age group whose barrier to participation is cost. Programs and services have been developed to specifically

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target all age groups whose barrier to participation is cost. The programs and services are identified in this report.

**Special Rate for Seniors**

City Council has wrestled with the question of what share of the cost should be paid by the taxpayer (subsidy) versus the actual user of the services at the leisure facilities. To assist the Community Services Department's Leisure Services Branch in the development of long-term financial objectives, City Council has adopted key principles to guide the decision-making process in setting rates and fees. The principles are as follows:

1. **Participation.** That participation in leisure activities is essential to the well-being of individuals and the community as a whole and, therefore, our role is to get as many of the city's population as possible to participate in the activity of their choice.
2. **Choice.** To provide the broadest range of customer choice and availability, the Leisure Services Branch designs and delivers programs and services that the market wants and is prepared to pay for through user fees.
3. **'Level playing field'.** That rates and fees will be set so as not to discourage other providers (private and public) from participating in the delivery of leisure services and thus, rates will be set to reflect fair market value.
4. **Affordability.** To ensure that the programs and services provided by the Leisure Services Branch are affordable to the broadest spectrum of our residents, the City of Saskatoon subsidizes programs and activities according to the following priorities:
  - Programs or services which reduce/address barriers to participation
  - General admission programming
  - Programs which serve a large segment of the population, but for which the costs exceed the fair market value
  - Education and awareness of programs
  - Programs that are aimed at restoring wellness
  - Introductory programs in new or emerging culture, recreation, and sport activities
  - Special promotion events and initiatives
5. **Subsidizing children, youth, and families.** There are benefits that accrue to the community as a whole when incentives are provided to encourage children, youth, and families to participate in leisure activities and, therefore, this group will be subsidized through our rate and fee structures.

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- 6. Subsidies to special interest groups.** That subsidies to special interest groups or organizations will be funded from budgetary allocations approved by City Council and not from rates and fees structures (except for children, youth, and families). This includes youth sports groups, special events, accessibility for the economically disadvantaged, persons with disabilities, and certain segments of the population.

These principles speak to the importance of participation, broad activity choice, availability, and affordability of leisure activities for all city residents. Furthermore, the principles speak to the importance of the City operating on a level playing field with other service providers such as the private industry. They also identify that incentives will be provided to encourage children, youth, and families to participate in leisure activities and, therefore, this group is the only group that will be subsidized through the City's rates and fees structure.

The final guiding principle in setting rates and fees is the belief that, except for children, youth, and families, any and all subsidies for special interest groups or organizations should be funded from other sources and not from rates and fee structures. Recognizing that there are residents of all ages in this city whose barrier to participation in leisure activities is the cost of admission and/or transportation to programs and services, City Council has approved funding for an Accessibility Subsidy Program. Individuals or agencies can apply to the Department for access to this program.

Unfortunately, as with all general admission programming, the Leisure Services Branch does not have reliable information on the participation of seniors because our current revenue reporting system does not track their use specifically. Using 2001 point of sale data, there were 11,561 adult LeisureCard holders. Seventy-nine percent (9,160 individuals) identified their age at the time of application and twenty-one percent (2,401 individuals) provided no information on their age. Of those individuals that reported their age, approximately 3.2 percent of LeisureCard holders (291 individuals) are 65 plus. On average, they purchased, a five-month card duration. Applying 3.2 percent to our current pricing structure, seniors age 65 plus account for roughly \$44,874 (without G.S.T.) in revenue for LeisureCards, \$8,274 for general admission, and \$6,800 for bulk tickets. If these estimates are reasonably accurate, and if, for example, we were to subsidize this group the same as the youth rate, our revenues would be reduced by \$17,950 for LeisureCard use, \$3,324 for general admission, and \$2,717 for bulk tickets based on 2002 rates.

As stated previously in this report, one of our guiding principles in setting rates and fees is the belief that, except for children, youth, and families, any and all subsidies for special interest groups or organizations should be funded from budgetary allocations approved by City Council and not from our rates and fees structures. In our opinion, this principle also applies to seniors.



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Should City Council direct us to implement a reduced rate for general admission programming for seniors, we also require direction on the source of funding. The approved cost recovery rate for general admission programming is 65 percent; in 2002, a 62.9 percent cost recovery rate was achieved. From our perspective, the options will be to add to the mill rate or adjust the rates for either or both adults and youth to make up the shortfall.

**Program and Services that Address Cost as a Barrier**

In recognition that there are people of all ages whose barrier to participation is cost, the City of Saskatoon offers the following programs and services.

**Accessibility Subsidy Program:** In 1989, the Leisure Services Department (now the Community Services Department) received funding approval from City Council to implement the Accessibility Subsidy Program for economically-disadvantaged people.

The purpose of the Accessibility Subsidy Program is to provide assistance to that portion of Saskatoon's residents whose barrier to participation in leisure activities is the cost of admission or transportation to programs and services provided by the Community Services Department. The Accessibility Subsidy Program facilitates accessibility for economically-disadvantaged residents of Saskatoon, without distorting the general revenue and pricing strategies of the Department.

There are four components under the Accessibility Program:

- a) General Admissions and Registered Programs - budgeted cost for this program component is \$53,600 in 2002
- b) Transportation - budgeted cost for this program component is \$9,100
- c) Facility Rentals - budgeted cost for this program component is \$16,300; and
- d) Target Programs - budgeted cost for this program component is \$17,000

Each component is designed to meet a particular need and to accommodate the greatest number of people. The Department has built flexibility into the specific components of the program to allow participants the ability to choose an activity at a location and time of their choice.

In the opinion of the Administration, should City Council wish to subsidize seniors, it should be funded from budgetary allocations within the Accessibility Program. The options within this program are to add to the mill rate to increase the amount of funds specifically targeted to seniors or to redirect a portion of the current allocation to seniors.

**Community Grant Program:** Through the Community Services Department, the City administers various grant programs for non-profit organizations in the areas of sport, culture, and recreation. These grants can be used to address cost as a barrier for various target groups. In 2002, \$30,000 was approved for ten non-profit groups who applied to target cost as a barrier for seniors.

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**LeisureCard Multiple Month and Purchase Plan:** In January 2001, the Department implemented the multiple month LeisureCard purchase. Customers had the flexibility to purchase multiple months from one to twelve months. Adults indicated they wanted the option to purchase the LeisureCard in the duration that suited their lifestyles as opposed to a pre-defined one, three, six, or twelve-month rate package. This was particularly attractive to the older adult who often is away in the winter months. Your administration also implemented the purchase plan which allowed the customer to purchase over time rather than pay for the entire pass at once. This option allowed the customer to maximize their savings by buying the longer duration card and paying over a designed time period. Twenty-eight seniors took advantage of the plan in 2001.

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Older Adults Summary Report

**A6) Land-Use Applications Received by the Community Services Department  
For the Period Between July 31, 2002 to August 30, 2002  
(For Information Only)  
(File No. CK. 4000-5)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that the following report be received as information.

*ADOPTED.*

The following applications have been received and are being processed:

Discretionary Use

- Application No. D7/02: 2955 37<sup>th</sup> Street W  
Applicant: Ms. Hazel Stansfield  
Legal Description: Lot 54, Block 453, Plan 87S10852  
Current Zoning: R1A  
Proposed Use: Personal Care Home (10 Residents)  
Neighbourhood: Westview  
Date Received: August 23, 2002

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Subdivision

- Application No. 44/02: Brookshire Crescent  
Applicant: Webster Surveys for Boychuk Investments Ltd.  
Legal Description: Part of Parcel L & Q, and all of Parcel P, Registered Plan No. 96S13323; and all of Parcels B and C, Registered Plan No. 99SA04450  
Current Zoning: R1A  
Neighbourhood: Briarwood  
Date Received: August 16, 2002

Subdivision

- Application No. 45/02: 402 Ludlow Street  
Applicant: T. Webb Surveys for Federated Cooperatives  
Legal Description: Parcel X, Registered Plan No. 00SA23484  
Current Zoning: B4  
Neighbourhood: University Heights Suburban Centre  
Date Received: August 22, 2002

Subdivision

- Application No. 46/02: 782/784 Lenore Drive  
Applicant: Peters Surveys for Rhonda and Gilbert Fafard  
Legal Description: Lot 11, Block 927, Registered Plan No. 78S15186  
Current Zoning: R2  
Neighbourhood: Silverwood Heights  
Date Received: August 26, 2002

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Plan of Proposed Discretionary Use No. D7/02
2. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 44/02.
3. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 45/02.
4. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 46/02.

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**A7) Purchase of 138 Avenue G South  
(File No. CK. 4205-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the City exercise its option to purchase 138 Avenue G South under the following terms and conditions:
    - a) Purchase price: \$35,000.
    - b) \$1,000 option fee to be applied to the purchase price.
    - c) Vacant possession of the property.
    - d) Closing and possession date: Upon payment of balance of purchase price and transfer of land.
    - e) Property taxes to be adjusted on or before closing date.
    - f) Condition of land: As is.
  - 2) that the City Solicitor prepare the necessary documentation for execution by His Worship the Mayor and City Clerk; and
  - 3) that this purchase be funded from Capital Project 2056 through the Dedicated Lands Reserve.

*ADOPTED.*

During its July 15, 2002 meeting, City Council approved the following recommendation:

- “1) that the Community Services Department proceed with the remediation plan and park development on the former Inland Steel property at 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and Avenue F; and
- 2) that the matter of safety concerns with respect to the proposed park be referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.”

As part of the implementation process to remediate and develop the property located along 22<sup>nd</sup> Street between Avenue F and G, the City Administration is recommending to purchase the property at 138 Avenue G South, which is located in the southwest corner of the proposed park development. In September 2000, the Land Branch was informed that the property at 138 Avenue G South was available for purchase at the price of \$40,000. An option to purchase the property for \$35,000 has been secured. The property is 25 feet x 127.5 feet and has a 564 square foot house and a single car detached garage. The property has been in probate up until this point; however it is now available. The administration is recommending we exercise our option to purchase this

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property for the sum of \$35,000. \$35,000 has been identified within Capital Project #2056, through the Dedicated Lands Account, for the purchase of this property.

The issue of safety concerns was discussed at the Planning and Operations Committee meeting on August 13, 2002. The Administration will be addressing these safety concerns during the park design process and will be reporting back to the Planning and Operations Committee, at a later date, on the conceptual design of the park.

**Section B – CORPORATE SERVICES**

**B1) Corporate Micro Computer Blanket Order  
(File No. CK. 1100-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the proposal submitted by Horizon Computer Solutions for the supply of micro computer hardware, at a total estimated cost of \$300,000 (or an expiry date of February 15, 2003) be accepted; and,
  - 2) that the Corporate Services Department, Purchasing Services, issue the appropriate purchase order.

*ADOPTED.*

In the interest of ensuring quality as well as promoting corporate standardization and onsite warranty, the City of Saskatoon issues, on a semi-annual basis, a Request for Proposal for its micro computer needs. The successful bidder is issued a Blanket Order that Departments use to purchase computer equipment based on their specific requirements. The existing blanket order expired August 15, so there is a need to issue a new order for the next six-month period, or to a maximum of \$300,000, whichever occurs first.

Four firms responded to the Request for Proposal. A summary of the proposals is attached. Each bidder is evaluated based on two computer configurations. However, the Blanket Order is also used to purchase individual components, printers, etc. All companies qualified from a specifications perspective with the successful bidder, Horizon Computer Solutions, being selected because it provided the lowest cost.

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Summary of Proposal

**Section C – FIRE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

**C1) River Safety Project  
(File No. CK. 365-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

**BACKGROUND**

City Council approved the River Safety Project on December 17, 2001. This Program evolved in response to the number of fatalities that have occurred along the banks of the South Saskatchewan River and the desire to reduce the number of water rescue calls received by Saskatoon Fire and Protection Services (SFPS) each year.

Since the inception of the River Safety Project, the Coordinator responsible for this new initiative has created a Program to meet the following objectives:

- Increase community awareness of the dangers associated with swimming in the South Saskatchewan River and to promote “river safe” alternatives to young children engaged in unsafe play along its banks.
- Promote the River Safety Patrol and Education Program to elementary school children, at community events, and with members of the media.
- Enhance the employability skills of out-of-work, out-of-school, ‘at risk youth’ residing in Saskatoon.
- Provide said youth with the opportunity to become active community members and responsible citizens.
- Expose the participants to a career in the Fire Service.

**REPORT**

On March 4, 2002, the participants selected for this project began an intense career development program focusing on such skills as career investigation, informational interviewing, resume and cover letter writing, and job interviewing. Numerous post- secondary schools within Saskatoon were invited to enlighten the participants on the variety of career choices available to them. The participants also participated in the following training courses: First Aid, CPR, bicycle, two-way radio, computer, verbal judo, life skills, and lesson planning. The group attended two Meewasin Valley Authority presentations educating the participants on the flora and fauna of the South Saskatchewan River as well as the dangers associated with the river.

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On April 22, 2002, the participants of the Program began patrolling the riverbank in sets of two, either on bicycle or on foot. The Patrollers covered both the east and west side of the riverbank. The five shifts created for this Program ranged between six and eight hours long, beginning at 9:00 in the morning and continuing throughout the day until sunset.

During the spring and summer months of 2002, the River Safety Patrollers have been actively monitoring the banks of Saskatoon's beautiful river valley. In the year 2001, Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services received 17 calls for river rescue between the months of April and August. To date in 2002, that number has been reduced by over 40%, indicating that the River Safety Patrollers have had a tremendous impact on promoting safety in Saskatoon.

Since the Program's commencement, the Patrollers have informed the public of the dangers associated with the South Saskatchewan River, encouraged numerous young children to discontinue the dangerous activities they were engaged in along the riverbanks, reported individuals playing on the ice, requested youth to climb off the arches of the Broadway Bridge, reminded fishermen to avoid standing on the weir apron, and assisted young children with minor injuries. During the summer, two Patrollers were first on the scene of a motor vehicle accident involving a young cyclist. The two Patrollers were responsible for reporting the incident to Central Dispatch and cared for the child until further assistance arrived.

The Coordinator of the Program, along with the River Safety Patrollers, attended over thirty presentations throughout the Public and Catholic schools systems. During the presentations, the Patrollers performed role-plays demonstrating unsafe river play. Following the role-plays, the coordinator delivered a formal presentation highlighting all the dangers associated with the South Saskatchewan River. The presentation concluded with a discussion on 'river safe' alternatives.

Further promotion of the River Safety Patrol and Education Program occurred throughout the summer. The Patrollers participated in numerous community events including: St. Paul's Hospital Community Fun Day, Children's Festival, Cameco Victoria Park Festival, SaskTel Jazz Festival, Dragon Boat Races, Municipal Workers' Day, National Aboriginal Day, Canada Day Celebrations in Diefenbaker Park and the Peace Keepers King of the Court Basketball Tournament at White Buffalo Youth Lodge, River Roar and Taste of Saskatchewan, Fringe Festival, and the Exhibition. At these events, the Patrollers promoted river safety and distributed informational brochures.

During the summer months, an activity tent was set up twice a week in Victoria Park. Children and their parents were encouraged to join the Patrollers at this location to play games and participate in craft activities. The objective of this activity has been to encourage children to play in the city parks rather than along the riverbank. As a result of the continuous presence of Patrollers in this area, fewer children were reported playing along the river's edge.

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The River Safety Patrol and Education Program was initiated and funded by Human Resources Development Canada. Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services became the sponsoring organization and was thereby responsible for the Program's implementation and facilitation. Numerous organizations in the community further contributed to the success of the Program. These organizations include: Can-Sask Career and Employment Centre, Meewasin Valley Authority, Saskatoon Catholic School Board, Saskatoon Public School Board, and the Saskatoon Police Service.

**CONCLUSION**

The River Safety Patrol and Education Program was completed on August 30, 2002. An evaluation of the Program will be conducted to measure the success of the Program and to determine if all the Program objectives have been met.

*IT WAS RESOLVED: that consideration of the matter be deferred to the September 23, 2002 meeting of City Council.*

**Section D – INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

**D1) Pedestrian Overpass License Agreement  
(File No. CK. 6150-4)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of Saskatoon under the Corporate Seal, the license agreement with the Canadian Pacific Railway for the pedestrian overpass on Circle Drive at Attridge Drive.

*ADOPTED.*

As part of the interchange construction at Circle Drive and Attridge Drive, the City of Saskatoon has constructed a pedestrian crossing using the existing Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) rail overpass to allow for the safe and efficient movement of pedestrians across Circle Drive.

A requirement of CPR to allow the pedestrian overpass to be constructed was for the City to enter into a licensing agreement. A licensing agreement (Attachment 1) has now been agreed to between the Administration and the CPR. The agreement contains a requirement on the part of the City to pay a one-time \$1,500 fee to the CPR for use of the existing rail overpass.

**ATTACHMENT**

1. License Agreement – Canadian Pacific Railway Company and City of Saskatoon
- D2) Proposed One-Way Lane Designation**



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**2000 to 2200 Block 17<sup>th</sup> Street West  
(File No. CK. 6300-1)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare a bylaw for designation of the lane adjacent to the 2000 to 2200 blocks of 17<sup>th</sup> Street West as a westbound one-way lane.

*ADOPTED.*

At its meeting held on July 15, 2002, City Council received as information a report from Utility Services in response to Councillor Fortosky's enquiry of February 25, 2002, respecting the lane bordering Fred Mendel Park and 17<sup>th</sup> Street West. Within their report, Utility Services advised that the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) analysis undertaken by the Saskatoon Police Service had been forwarded to Infrastructure Services for their review and appropriate action. In this regard, a recommendation has been received from the Saskatoon Police Service to implement a one-way restriction on the lane adjacent to the 2000 to 2200 blocks of 17<sup>th</sup> Street West.

It is proposed that the lane be designated as one-way traffic only with traffic entering from 17<sup>th</sup> Street and exiting at Avenue W as shown on attached Plan No. 210-0041-007r001 (Attachment 1). A letter and plan outlining the proposed closure was hand-delivered to all residential properties immediately adjacent to this lane on July 10, 2002. This letter explained the proposal and requested that residents forward all comments and concerns to Infrastructure Services by July 30, 2002. There was no opposition to the proposal from the residents.

The Saskatoon Police Service had previously discussed the proposal with Utility Services regarding requirements for garbage collection and has selected a one-way designation that is compatible with their needs.

Considering that the proposal has the support of the residents, the Saskatoon Police Service and Utility Services, Infrastructure Services is recommending that the City Solicitor prepare a bylaw for designation of the lane adjacent to the 2000 to 2200 blocks of 17<sup>th</sup> Street West as a westbound one-way lane.

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Plan No. 210-0041-007r001

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**D3) Enquiry – Councillor T. Paulsen (March 11, 2002)  
Sound Attenuation – Circle Drive and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Interchange  
(File No. CK. 375-2-1)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Paulsen at the meeting of City Council held on March 11, 2002:

“Would the Administration please clarify what sound attenuation measures are planned for the Circle Drive and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street overpass (the research/engineering reports that support that decision).

I would like a further report on the extra sound attenuation measures that could be constructed along with this overpass and the research/engineering reports that may support that decision. This further report would include exactly what the measures are, where they would be placed, the cost and the source of the funding.”

As the Administration has reported in the past, the matter of traffic noise attenuation for the Circle Drive/22<sup>nd</sup> Street interchange project was considered during the functional planning and design component of the project. The consultant who undertook this portion of the work was required to assess the impact of traffic noise upon the surrounding land uses upon the interchange project opening and at a future point when the south river crossing and connecting roadways were constructed and the City’s population had reached approximately 250,000 (the consultant projected this to be the year 2020).

The result of this analysis indicated that upon the interchange opening, projected traffic noise levels in the rear yards of the residences that backed onto the east side of Circle Drive, both north of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street to 29<sup>th</sup> Street and south of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street to 18<sup>th</sup> Street, would not exceed the City’s policy level of 65 dBA L<sub>dn</sub> (the levels were projected to vary between approximately 60 and 62). Slightly elevated but similar projected levels were indicated when the modeling was done on the roadway system with a City population of 250,000.

Since the modeling work was based upon a number of assumptions that may or may not come to pass, the consultant recommended that additional traffic noise monitoring be done before and after the interchange opened, and that prioritization of noise barrier construction or noise mitigation at these sites be considered relative to other warranted sites within the City of Saskatoon. The Administration concurred with these recommendations and findings and made a decision at that time not to include noise wall construction as part of the interchange project. This position was further confirmed with another independent consultant and the Administration during the value-engineering workshop for this project that was carried out over three days from May 1 to May 3, 2000.

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This position was reported to City Council at its meeting of October 2, 2000 at which time the final design for the Circle Drive/22<sup>nd</sup> Street interchange was approved. While noise wall construction was not contemplated for the interchange project, that is not to say that noise attenuation opportunities were ignored during the planning and design stage. As stated in the October 2, 2000 report:

“Before leaving the Circle Drive/22<sup>nd</sup> Street interchange design discussion, there are several other issues that have been raised concerning the design that should be addressed. The issue of traffic noise generated by the interchange has been raised. During the functional planning process, traffic noise projections were undertaken. As City Council is aware, the City’s current noise abatement policy is that if noise levels were projected to exceed 65 dBA  $L_{dn}$ , attenuation devices would be incorporated into the design. Our work to date indicates that the maximum noise levels generated by interchange traffic would be approximately 60 to 62 dBA, a level below the policy threshold. As such, no explicit attenuation devices have been incorporated into the design. Regardless of this, a number of design features have been incorporated that will aid in the abatement of traffic noise. The grade of the eastbound to northbound loop has been reduced such that truck traffic noise will be reduced. The Circle Drive overpass at 22<sup>nd</sup> Street has been moved further west to increase the distance of the roadway from neighbouring residential properties to the east. The southbound off ramp from Circle Drive to 22<sup>nd</sup> Street has been removed, thus eliminating a potential traffic noise generator. The northbound on ramp from 22<sup>nd</sup> Street to Circle Drive has been moved west to again increase separation distance to residential properties. The grade of this ramp has also been decreased to ease the noise generated by vehicle acceleration. The number of stop and go traffic movements has been greatly reduced as it is this type of traffic movement that causes the greatest noise impact on surrounding properties. Overall, the Administration is confident that traffic noise generated by the proposed interchange will be no greater than what residents currently experience.”

As the above excerpt indicates, a number of features were designed into the interchange that had inherent noise attenuation properties. It should be further noted, and in keeping with the mandate of providing noise attenuation on capital projects as opportunities present themselves, the Administration is constructing earth berms at locations along Circle Drive in the vicinity of the interchange. In 2001, a full-height earth berm was constructed along the east side of Circle Drive from 22<sup>nd</sup> Street north to approximately the new pedestrian underpass located near Laurier Drive. This berm was constructed with rubble that required disposal; therefore, it was more economical to utilize the rubble on site for berm construction than to haul it away. Preliminary assessment of the impact of this berm has shown decreases in noise levels of between 5 and 7 dBA. Decreases of this nature are considered significant. During the 2002 construction period, the Administration has extended the berm constructed in 2001 to the north as surplus material has become available. To date, the residents have received this work very positively and with much appreciation.

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Unfortunately, due to the lack of adequate right-of-way, mature trees and utility poles, the opportunity for earth berm construction along the east side of Circle Drive south of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street cannot be as easily addressed. The Administration is currently investigating more closely the possibility of constructing some modest earth berming along Circle Drive, south of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.

If earth berm construction is not feasible, the only other available option would be the construction of noise walls along the right-of-way. Analysis of the projected noise levels with a 3.0 metre noise wall in place shows an approximate reduction of 5 to 7 dBA. To be effective, the noise wall would have to be a continuous construction from 22<sup>nd</sup> Street south to 18<sup>th</sup> Street at the full 3-metre height. It is estimated that approximately 900 lineal metres of wall would have to be constructed. The estimated cost of this noise wall is \$700,000, which includes design and construction. The Administration remains of the belief that the construction of such a noise wall does not meet current policy levels and, as such, should not be constructed as part of the Circle Drive/22<sup>nd</sup> Street interchange project. As mentioned previously, no funding of this nature has been included in the project budget. The other potential sources of funding for this construction would be the Reserve for Capital Expenditures or the Noise Attenuation Reserve.

As reported recently to City Council, the Administration will be completing its noise data acquisition this summer/fall with the intent of bringing forward a report indicating areas where attenuation is required and the prioritization of all areas where noise attenuation has been requested. The functional planning consultant's recommendation that this site be considered in relation to all other sites and be prioritized on a city-wide basis remains valid and is endorsed by the Administration.

*IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the information be received; and  
2) that a copy of the report be sent to the Circle Drive Issues Group.*

**D4) Enquiry – Councillor T. Paulsen (August 12, 2002)  
Family Washrooms in Civic Facilities for Parents to  
Accompany Children and Those with Special Needs  
(File No. CK. 610-1)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

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The following enquiry was made by Councillor Paulsen at the meeting of City Council held on August 12, 2002:

“ I have received a few calls from parents of older children with special needs and parents with children of an opposite gender, who are attending civic facilities, asking about family washrooms. Could the Administration please report on whether we have a policy of incorporating family washrooms into civic facilities or facilities built on civic lands such as Kinsmen Park.”

The City of Saskatoon has no policy of incorporating family washrooms into civic facilities or facilities built on civic land. Civic facilities are designed based on the specific program requirements of the client or user department. In general, the program identifies those items, which are essential in order for the facility to be functional for current and future needs. In cases such as Kinsmen Park, family washrooms were not identified as an essential component of the building function and therefore not incorporated into the design. When considering the design of these smaller facilities, the addition of amenities such as a family washroom, will add substantially to the size and cost of the facility. In larger facilities such as a civic centre, where space would be more abundant, where the cost impact would be less severe, and where customer visitation would be high, a family change room or washroom, would likely be identified as a programming requirement.

*IT WAS RESOLVED: that the information be received and referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.*

**D5) South River Crossing – Property Acquisition  
3102 Caen Street  
(File No. CK. 4020-12)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the Land Manager be authorized to purchase 3102 Caen Street at a total price of \$207,000 under the terms and conditions stipulated in the Offer of Purchase letter dated July 15, 2002;
  - 2) that the City Solicitor be authorized to prepare the necessary agreement to purchase documents; and
  - 3) that funding for the purchase be allocated from the Property

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Realized Reserve, with the funds being paid back to the Property Realized Reserve by the Circle Drive South project, once project funding becomes available.

*ADOPTED.*

The Executive Committee, at its meeting held on May 3, 2000, resolved in part,

“that the Administration be authorized to enter into negotiations with the owners of 3105 Dieppe Street, 3104 Dieppe Street, 3102 Caen Street, 3103 Caen Street, 3107 Caen Street, 1217 Dundonald Avenue and 1221 Dundonald Avenue for the purpose of purchasing these properties to accommodate the completion of Circle Drive;”

As City Council is aware, the Administration has been negotiating with a number of property owners adjacent to Dundonald Avenue in the Montgomery neighbourhood in order to obtain the required right-of-way for the extension of Circle Drive to a future south river crossing. This process began by retaining two private appraisal firms to conduct independent appraisals for each of the properties affected by the proposed right-of-way widening.

Following the appraisals, the Administration extended offers to purchase the affected properties. These offers included a purchase price based on the highest appraised value plus \$20,000 to cover all upset and costs expected to be incurred by the vendor. In addition, the vendor was provided the right to lease back the property for a period of up to three years for \$200 per month plus GST. The property cannot be sub-let. The vendor would be responsible for property taxes and all normal upkeep of the property with the City responsible for major repairs. If major repairs exceed \$7,500, the City would reserve the right to cancel the lease. If the property were to be leased longer than three years, the vendor would be provided the first right to lease the property at market rent. The terms and conditions are further detailed in the attached Offer of Purchase letter dated July 15, 2002 (Attachment 1).

To date, six properties have been purchased: 1215 and 1217 Dundonald Avenue; 3103, 3107 and 3108 Caen Street; and 3105 Dieppe Street as shown on Attachment 2. The Administration has now received a Letter of Acceptance from Walker, Plaxton & Co. (Attachment 3), the law firm representing the owners of 3102 Caen Street. The Administration would like to proceed with the purchase of the property under the terms and conditions stipulated in the Offer to Purchase letter (Attachment 1) and Letter of Acceptance (Attachment 3).

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The purchase price of the property is \$207,000. As there is no dedicated project funding in place at this time, the only source of funding for the acquisition of the properties in question is from the Property Realized Reserve. As dedicated project funding becomes available, the Reserve will be repaid any funds withdrawn for this purchase.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Offer to Purchase letter dated July 15, 2002
2. South River Crossing Study Property Requirements
3. Letter of Acceptance dated August 7, 2002

**D6) Capital Project 2007 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Street Widening  
(File No. CK. 6000-4)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council approve changing the scope of Capital Project 2007 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Street Widening, from constructing a third westbound lane on 33<sup>rd</sup> Street between Circle Drive and Avenue W, to widening a portion of the off-ramp to two lanes between Circle Drive and 33<sup>rd</sup> Street.

*ADOPTED.*

Capital Project 2007 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Street Widening was created to address the problem of traffic backing up on the through lanes of Circle Drive westbound prior to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Street off-ramp. The project description as approved by City Council states that a third westbound lane on 33<sup>rd</sup> Street between Circle Drive and Avenue W will be constructed to alleviate this problem.

As part of the design process for this project the Administration modelled the effects of adding this additional lane on 33<sup>rd</sup> Street between Circle Drive and Avenue W, versus widening the off-ramp to two lanes between Circle Drive and 33<sup>rd</sup> Street. The modelling showed that the addition of a third westbound lane on 33<sup>rd</sup> Street between Circle Drive and Avenue W did not alleviate the problem of traffic backing up on Circle Drive. The problem was with vehicles wanting to turn left onto 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, blocking the vehicles wanting to turn right onto 33<sup>rd</sup> Street on the off-ramp. Therefore, the widening of the off-ramp to two lanes to the required length to accommodate vehicles wanting to turn both right and left onto 33<sup>rd</sup> Street is the recommended solution.

The existing funding for Capital Project 1505 is sufficient to cover the change of scope of this project. Therefore, there are no budget implications.

**D7) Request for Installation of a Mid-Block Pedestrian Crosswalk  
Sumner Crescent at St. Peter School  
(File No. CK. 6150-1)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that a mid-block pedestrian crosswalk be installed on Sumner Crescent at St. Peter School as shown on Plan No.s 250-0009-002r001, 205-0305-004r001 and 250-0009-002r001B.

*ADOPTED.*

Infrastructure Services has received a request from the principal and parents of St. Peter School for the installation of a mid-block pedestrian crosswalk located near the school's main entrance on Sumner Crescent. Sumner Crescent is a local street in the Dundonald neighbourhood flanked by single unit residential dwellings. St. Peter School is an elementary institution with approximately 100 metres of its property abutting Sumner Crescent half way between the two intersections of Sumner Lane and Sumner Crescent to the west and north of the school, as shown on Attachment 1: Plan No. 250-0009-002r001B, Area Plan, Sumner Crescent @ St. Peter School.

Vehicular activity on this street near St. Peter School is normally highly congested during the school's normal access times with motoring parents using both sides of the street as loading zones to drop-off and pick-up their children. Under these circumstances, and given the mid-block location of this school, it is a natural location for pedestrian activity. Consequently, J-walking is common practice. Although it is not illegal to undertake a mid-block crossing of this street, it can be particularly unsafe in an environment of such concentrated and dynamic vehicular activity. To help pedestrians in their efforts to cross this street, the installation of a mid-block pedestrian crosswalk had been considered in previous traffic safety reviews but was considered inadvisable until the development of the residential properties across the street from the school was more clearly defined.

With the nearby housing development largely complete and with the continuing interest from the school's staff and parents in this matter, Municipal Engineering has undertaken a series of consultations with the school's principal to determine a suitable location and design for a crossing at that school. Subsequently, a letter from this department dated June 26, 2002 along with copies of the crosswalk plans were sent to the Dundonald Community Association, the Saskatoon Catholic School Board and the two home-owners that would be most effected by such an installation asking for their comments regarding a mid-block crosswalk at St. Peter School. To date, no objections to this proposal have been received.



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Therefore, Infrastructure Services is proposing that a mid-block pedestrian crosswalk be installed on Sumner Crescent between the residential properties of 127 and 131 Sumner Crescent along the west side of the street, and the southern entrance of St. Peter School. The proposed installation includes “zebra” style pedestrian crosswalk road markings and a curb extension at each end of the crosswalk. The curb extensions would be temporary structures constructed with pre-manufactured curb sections and would contain Pedestrian Crosswalk signs (RA-4) and hazard boards (RB-25T1L). This installation would result in a highly visible means of identifying this location as a crosswalk and eliminate parking within the crosswalk. The curb extensions would also provide both pedestrians and motorists with improved lines-of-site of each other in this congested environment. These design features are illustrated on the attached Plan No.s 250-0009-002r001 and 205-0305-004r001. Installation is proposed for late September of 2002. The cost of this temporary installation is estimated to be approximately \$500.00 to be funded by Capitol Project #1512 Neighbourhood Traffic Management. No changes to the nearby school-related traffic control signing would be required at this time.

If approved, the effectiveness of the temporary installation would then be monitored over the next several months to determine if the construction of a permanent facility should proceed and, if so, any design changes that may be required. One additional feature that would be incorporated in a permanent installation would be pedestrian access ramps. Construction costs of a permanent facility are estimated to range from \$5,000 to \$12,000 depending on the complexity of the surface drainage requirements. Funding for the construction costs of a permanent facility would also be provided by Capitol Project #1512, Neighbourhood Traffic Management.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Plan No. 250-0009-002r001B Area Plan, Sumner Crescent @ St. Peter School
2. Plan No. 250-0009-002r001 Temporary Curb Extension Installation, Sumner Crescent @ St. Peter School
3. Plan No. 205-0305-004r001 Crosswalk, Sumner Crescent @ St. Peter School

**D8) Advanced Traffic Management System – Vendor Selection  
(File No. CK. 6250-1)**

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- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the Administration be authorized to enter into negotiations with Fortran Traffic Systems Ltd. for the acquisition of the Advanced Traffic Management System to a total project upset limit of \$1,539,000, as provided for in Capital Project 1505 – Traffic Signal Upgrade – Infrastructure; and,
  - 2) that upon completion of the negotiations set out in 1), the

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City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary supply and installation contract with Fortran Traffic Systems Ltd. for execution by the City Manager and City Clerk.

*ADOPTED.*

City Council at it's meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2002 adopted the following recommendations:

- 1) that City Council approve the selection of Fortran Traffic Systems Ltd. as the Advanced Traffic Management System provider for the City of Saskatoon;
- 2) that the Administration be authorized to enter into negotiations with Fortran Traffic Systems Ltd. for the acquisition of the Advanced Traffic Management System to an upset limit of approved 2002 funding for Capital Project 1505 – Traffic Signal Upgrade – Infrastructure; and,
- 3) that upon completion of the negotiations set out in 1), the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary supply and installation contract with Fortran Traffic Systems Ltd. for execution by the City Manager and City Clerk.

The Administration is nearing completion of the negotiations as approved above by City Council, however, as indicated in the previous report, the acquisition of the system with Fortran Traffic Systems Ltd. will be staged over several years. The Administration requires approval to enter into a contract beyond 2002. The failure to include the ability to negotiate with Fortran Traffic Systems Ltd. for a contract beyond 2002 was an oversight by the Administration and the purpose of this report is to rectify this error. The City Solicitor requires this approval from City Council in order to prepare the contract documents.

As this has always been planned as a staged project, and in order to secure pricing and delivery commitments for 2003, the Administration must proceed in this manner. If the Administration does not have the ability to negotiate a contract beyond 2002 the Advanced Traffic Management System project will be in jeopardy and the funding from Transport Canada will be lost. The City Solicitor and Comptroller's Office have reviewed this matter and concur with the recommendations.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Advanced Traffic Management System – Vendor Selection Report

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**D9) Installation of Traffic Signals on Primrose Drive,  
between Coppermine Lane and Pinehouse Drive  
(File No. CK. 6250-1)**

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- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that approval be granted for the construction of new traffic signals on Primrose Drive, between Coppermine Lane and Pinehouse Drive; and,
  - 2) that Morguard Investments fund two thirds of the costs of the traffic signal installation, and all the costs associated with curb and gutter construction, sidewalk construction, and boulevard reconstruction at an estimated cost of \$50,000.

*ADOPTED.*

**REPORT**

The Administration has received a proposal from Morguard Investments, for the addition of a London Drugs store to the Mall at Lawson Heights. Since receiving the proposal, a foundation and building permit have been issued to begin construction on the new London Drug store on the Mall site. As part of this development the Administration requested that a new signalized intersection be created to control access/egress to the Mall.

**JUSTIFICATION**

The Mall at Lawson Heights is a large suburban mall located in the north end of the City. The Mall is currently accessible from 5 curb crossings all unsignalized; two on Warman Road and three on Primrose Drive. The location of the new London Drugs store is at the northeast portion of the mall across the street from the Lawson Civic Centre. The addition of this size (35,000 square feet) and type of retail development generates a significant amount of traffic. This coupled with the already high demand to access the mall and the location of the Lawson Civic Centre across the street, now warrants the creation of a signalized intersection.

The proposed signalized intersection will better facilitate the movement of traffic in and out of both the Mall, and the Civic and Soccer Centres, particularly aiding left turn vehicular movements. In addition, pedestrians will now have a traffic signal to assist them crossing Primrose Drive between the Civic Centre and the mall.

Another benefit associated with this development is the relocation and reconfiguration of the transit loop, as shown in the attached Letter of Agreement dated August 29, 2002 (Attachment 2). The new transit loop will allow transit patrons to be picked up and dropped off directly in front of the main entrance to the Mall.

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The City and the Developer have agreed to split the construction costs 1/3 and 2/3, respectively, as agreed in the Letter of Agreement dated April 30, 2002 (Attachment 1). The City has agreed to pay 1/3 of the costs or approximately \$25,000, as the installation of the traffic signals at this location provides operational benefits to the traffic on Primrose Drive and will improve the ingress/egress at the Lawson Civic Centre and the Soccer Centre, as well as improving pedestrian crossing issues. As part of the installation of the signals the curb crossing to the Lawson Civic Centre directly north of the new signalized intersection will be closed. Funding for the City's portion of this project will be provided for from Capital Project 631 – Traffic Safety.

There are no policy implications from these recommendations.

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Letter of Agreement dated April 30, 2002, from Morguard Investments Ltd.
2. Letter of Agreement dated August 29, 2002, from Morguard Investments Ltd.

**Section E – UTILITY SERVICES**

**E1) Enquiry – Councillor M. Heidt (August 12, 2002)  
Transit Service on Holidays  
(File No. CK. 7300-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*ADOPTED.*

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Heidt at the meeting of City Council held on August 12, 2002:

“A few years back during budget deliberations, Council cut service on holidays. I would ask the Administration to report back what the costs would be to implement the following on holidays and what impact on the Capital and Operating budgets:

- a) one hour
- b) two hour
- c) three hour”

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Currently the Transit Branch does not operate on the following eight statutory holidays; Christmas, Good Friday, Canada Day, Victoria Day, Saskatchewan Day, Labour Day, Thanksgiving and New Years Day. In 1998 transit service was cut back and in some instances eliminated all together in attempt to create cost savings in the budget. As a result of those changes coupled with no new or expanded services, the city has experienced a downward trend in public transportation ridership.

Transit Service on Remembrance Day, Boxing Day and Easter Monday operates as regular Sunday service with one-hour frequency on main routes and thirty-minute frequency on the west side Routes 2 and 7. The cost of operating each day utilizing the Sunday schedule is \$8,500 gross and does not include revenue, as this would be marginal. To offer a three-hour service over all the routes or attempt to achieve an average two-hour service would require a major undertaking of scheduling, planning and marketing. Passengers who depend on the service are familiar with and know the schedules of their bus. As well, printed and automated telephone information is in place for all transit routes.

Transit Services believes that any additional days of service on statutory holidays being considered should be provided using the existing Sunday schedule. This would require an increase of \$68,000 to the operational budget with total projected revenue of \$8,800. There would be little or no impact on the capital bus replacement program.

During the 2003 budget deliberations Transit staff will be proposing several initiatives in regards to expanding the service and the frequency during regular service operations. Council may wish to consider the statutory holiday operations as part of that whole package.

It should be noted that currently Special Needs Transportation is provided 365 days of the year.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 14-2002**

**Section A – OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

**A1) Establishment of Municipal Wards Commission  
(File No. CK. 265-2)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** 1) that City Council appoint a Municipal Wards Commission comprised of the following individuals:

- a Judge designated by the Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench, who shall be the Chair of the Commission;
- a Professor/Instructor of Political Studies at the

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University of Saskatchewan designated by the Department Head; and

- the City Clerk; and

- 2) that members of the Municipal Wards Commission be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in carrying out their duties.

*ADOPTED.*

The existing boundaries of the ten wards in the City were established in 1994. The provisions of the existing *Urban Municipality Act* as well as the new *Cities Act* require that the boundaries be reviewed at least once every nine years.

In 1994, under previous legislation, the Minister appointed the Municipal Wards Commission, and the Commission was comprised of a Judge designated by the Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench, who was the chairperson of the Commission; the City Clerk; and a person designated by the directors of the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA). In the past, the person designated by SUMA was a professor of political studies at the University of Saskatchewan.

*The Urban Municipality Act* was amended in 2001, and in both this Act and the new *Cities Act*, City Council appoints the Municipal Wards Commission, and the only stipulation regarding its membership is that no person who is a member of Council or any employee of the City, other than the City Clerk, is eligible to be a member.

The past practice of having the Municipal Wards Commission comprised of a Judge, a Political Studies professor and the City Clerk has worked well, and it is suggested that this continue.

It is anticipated that the work of the Municipal Wards Commission will take place in January, 2003, with the final report being submitted to City Council by the end of February. The Commission is required to hold public meetings and consultations, so there will be several opportunities for interested people in the community to give their input.

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**A2) Council Meeting Schedule - 2003  
(File No. CK. 255-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council meet on the following dates in 2003:

Monday, January 6  
Monday, January 20  
Monday, February 10  
Monday, February 24  
Monday, March 10  
Monday, March 24  
Monday, April 7  
Tuesday, April 22  
Monday, May 5  
Tuesday, May 20  
Monday, June 9  
Monday, June 23  
Monday, July 14  
Monday, August 11  
Monday, September 8  
Monday, September 22  
Monday, October 6  
Monday, October 20  
Monday, November 3  
Monday, November 17  
Monday, December 1  
Monday, December 15

*ADOPTED.*

Attached is a schedule of recommended Council meeting dates for 2003.

The proposed schedule has City Council meeting every second week, with the exception of a three-week break due to the 2003 SUMA Convention and a three-week break due to the 2003 FCM Conference. Also, as in the past, there is only one meeting scheduled for the months of July and August.

**ATTACHMENT**

1. City Council Meeting Schedule - 2003

**REPORT NO. 9-2002 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Composition of Committee

Councillor R. Steernberg, Chair  
Councillor P. McCann  
Councillor M. Heidt  
Councillor L. Swystun  
Councillor K. Waygood

**1. Enquiry – Councillor O. Fortosky (July 16, 2002)  
Operating Procedures for Temporary and Portable Ice Cream Stands  
(File No. CK. 316-1)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*ADOPTED.*

City Council, at its meeting held on July 15, 2002, referred the attached copy of Clause A7, Administrative Report No. 13-2002 to the Planning and Operations Committee for further consideration.

Your Committee has received clarification from the Administration respecting the requirements relating to permanent versus seasonal facilities. The above-noted report outlines the City's administrative process for permanent and seasonal structures. The City's requirements for licensing and zoning are by and large the same for both types of structures. Your Committee has been advised that Saskatoon District Health also has public health requirements respecting ice cream stands and that is where there is a difference. For permanent ice cream stands, there is a requirement for access to washroom facilities on the property. Following review of this matter with the Administration, your Committee is forwarding this report to City Council as information.

**2. Capital Project No. 1508 – City Entrance Signs  
(File No. CK. 6280-1)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** 1) that the Administration be requested to report on the possibility of phased-in funding for a highway entrance features project; and

2) that the appropriate groups be consulted with respect to



appropriate designs for the above project.

*ADOPTED.*

Your Committee has considered the attached report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated August 1, 2002, with respect to the above matter, along with the Highway Entrance Features Concept Plan Final Report dated June 2002 prepared by Crosby Hanna & Associates.

Your Committee has been advised by the Administration that the above document does identify appropriate locations where some sort of identification should be provided but that the design provided is only in concept form.

Following review of this matter with the Administration, specifically relating to funding issues, your Committee believes it is time to move forward with a highway entrance features project, on a phased-in basis. Your Committee is therefore recommending that the Administration be requested to report on the possibility of phased-in funding. Further to this, should funding be approved on this basis, your Committee is recommending that the appropriate groups be consulted with respect to appropriate designs.

Copies of the above document have already been provided to City Council members. A copy is available for review in the City Clerk's Office.

**3. Request for Installation of Two Mid-Block  
Pedestrian Crosswalks on Meilicke Road  
(File No. CK. 6150-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that raised crosswalks be installed at the following mid-block locations on Meilicke Road:

- 1) between David Knight Crescent East and Stechishin Crescent; and
- 2) between Stechishin Crescent and J.J. Thiessen Crescent.

*ADOPTED.*

Your Committee has reviewed and supports the recommendations outlined in the attached report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated July 26, 2002, regarding the installation of raised crosswalks at the above mid-block locations on Meilicke Road.

**4. 2001 Traffic Characteristics Report  
(File No. CK. 430-14)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

Your Committee has considered the attached report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated July 31, 2002, submitting the 2001 Traffic Characteristics Report, as well as the attached additional information relating to annual travel in Saskatoon and peak hour river crossing trips. The reports are being forwarded to City Council for information.

Copies of the 2001 Traffic Characteristics Report have already been provided to City Council members. A copy is available for review in the City Clerk's Office.

This report will also be forwarded to the Traffic Safety Committee for its information.

*IT WAS RESOLVED: that consideration of the matter be deferred to the September 23, 2002 meeting of City Council.*

**5. Housing Indicators Study (1857)  
(File No. CK. 750-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council approve in principle the development of a Housing Indicators System.

*ADOPTED.*

Your Committee has reviewed the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated July 22, 2002, and supports the recommendation for approval in principle of the development of a Housing Indicators System.

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**REPORT NO. 10-2002 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Composition of Committee

Councillor O. Fortosky, Chair  
Councillor D. Atchison  
Councillor T. Paulsen  
Councillor G. Penner  
Councillor P. Roe

**1. Communications to Council**

**From: Doreen Uhl, Secretary/Treasurer  
Fairfield Senior Citizens Corporation**  
**Date: April 29, 2002**  
**Subject: Tax Exemption on Lots 8 and 9, Plan 79S38425  
325 Fairmont Drive and 316 Camponi Crescent  
(File No. CK. 1920-1)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that the Fairfield Senior Citizens Corporation, which currently receives a tax exemption for its property at 103 Camponi Crescent, be allowed to maintain a tax exemption for its proposed new site on Lots 8 and 9, Plan 79S38425 (325 Fairmont Drive and 316 Camponi Crescent), recognizing that this is an exception to the current Policy regarding tax exemptions, and has been made on the basis that matters beyond its control, involving the City's changes in this area with respect to rezoning the property and location of the off-ramp for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street overpass adjacent to the front yard, have had a significant impact on its current location.

*ADOPTED.*

Your Committee has met with Ms. Doreen Uhl, Secretary/Treasurer, Fairfield Senior Citizens Corporation and has determined that their present site at 103 Camponi Crescent has been rezoned by the City and following this, they received an offer to purchase the property. Their site has also been impacted by the City's design of the off-ramp for the new 22<sup>nd</sup> Street overpass, which makes a more difficult situation for their residents who still drive. They have therefore decided to purchase two lots from the City, as referenced in the caption above, however, if Fairfield Senior Citizens Corporation does not qualify for a tax exemption at the proposed new location, they will not move. Ms. Uhl has indicated they would not be able to pay taxes of \$27,000 annually, and the proposed move was for convenience rather than necessity.

Your Committee subsequently heard from the Administration that City Council has asked the Administration to explore a change whereby tax exemptions would be combined with cash grant

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assistance. The Committee asked the Administration to prepare a report for the Committee to include in its report to Council on this matter. Attached in this regard is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated August 20, 2002 (Attachment A), as well as a copy of the above-noted communication from Ms. Doreen Uhl (Attachment B).

The Committee has indicated to Ms. Uhl that the Fairfield Senior Citizens Corporation needs to understand that if the tax exemption program is moved into the Cash Grant Program, the amount of the tax exemption on either location, may be reduced. Ms. Uhl acknowledged this possibility, and indicated that they just cannot absorb the \$27,000 tax bill, as a non-profit corporation, in that their fundraising efforts would not nearly cover this.

**REPORT NO. 11-2002 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Composition of Committee

Councillor O. Fortosky, Chair  
Councillor D. Atchison  
Councillor T. Paulsen  
Councillor G. Penner  
Councillor P. Roe

**1. Transit Ventilation Improvement – Shop “B”  
(File No. CK. 665-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that a Green Loan for an energy efficiency project at Transit Shop “B” Building be approved, under the following terms and conditions:

- 1) the project will consist of installation of an air-to-air heat exchanger in the heating and ventilation system;
- 2) the total Green Loan amount will be \$38,300 to be paid back over a ten-year period; and
- 3) the loan repayment will be funded through natural gas utility savings.

*ADOPTED.*

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated July 16, 2002 with respect to the above matter. Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration, and supports this Green Loan proposal.

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**2. Lease Agreement – Madeline Dumont Child (1997) Centre Ltd.  
Cosmo Civic Centre  
(File No. CK. 610-2)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) that the License Agreement between the City of Saskatoon and the Madeline Dumont Child (1997) Centre Ltd. be renewed in accordance with the terms of the previous Agreement for a term from September 1, 2002 to March 31, 2005;
- 2) that the lease fee for the term of the agreement be as follows:
  - i) Year One \$26,119.63 plus GST
  - ii) Year Two \$26,642.02 plus GST
  - iii) Year Three \$27,174.86 plus GST;
- 3) that future rental rate increases be renewed on an annual basis upon completion of the current term through a letter signed by both parties and in consultation with the City Solicitor's Office; and
- 4) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate contract agreement and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the appropriate contract agreement under the Corporate seal.

*ADOPTED.*

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated July 18, 2002 with respect to the above-noted Lease Agreement. Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration and supports the renewal of this lease with the revised lease fees.

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*Moved by Councillor Swystun, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,*

*THAT the Committee of the Whole be adopted.*

*CARRIED.*

**ENQUIRIES**

**Councillor T. Paulsen**  
**Early Morning Aqua Fit Classes**  
**(File No. CK. 5500-1)**

Could the Administration please report on programming early morning aqua fit classes (6:00 or 6:30 a.m.) at our Civic Centres. I have received specific requests for users of the Lakewood Civic Centre for water programming prior to the beginning of the typical work day.

**Councillor G. Penner**  
**Overpass Connecting West College Park and Sutherland at Acadia and College**  
**(File No. CK. 6050-1)**

Attached is a letter regarding the overpass connecting West College Park and Sutherland at Acadia and College Drives. The letter indicates concerns regarding difficulties students have in using this overpass.

Could I please have a report indicating what steps can be taken to alleviate these concerns in order to make the crossing of College Drive safer for pedestrians.

**INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS**

**Bylaw No. 8142**

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8142, being “The Zoning Amendment Bylaw, 2002 (No. 12)” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

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Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Bylaw No. 8142 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8142.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8142 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8142 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

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THAT Bylaw No. 8142 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. 8143**

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8143, being “The Development Plan Amendment Bylaw, 2002 (No. 5)” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Bylaw No. 8143 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8143.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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



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That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8143 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8143 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Bylaw No. 8143 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. 8145**

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8145, being “The Development Plan Amendment Bylaw, 2002 (No. 6)” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

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THAT Bylaw No. 8145 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8145.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8145 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8145 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Bylaw No. 8145 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.

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CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

**Bylaw No. 8146**

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8146, being “The Zoning Amendment Bylaw, 2002 (No. 14)” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Bylaw No. 8146 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8146.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8146 was considered clause by clause and approved.

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Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8146 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Bylaw No. 8146 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. 8148**

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8148, being “A bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to close a portion of the walkway between 850 and 854 Confederation Drive, in the City of Saskatoon.” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Bylaw No. 8148 be now read a second time.

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CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8148.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8148 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

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

CARRIED.

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Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8148 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Bylaw No. 8148 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 Paulsen,*

*THAT the meeting stand adjourned.*

*CARRIED.*

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk