

Council Chambers  
City Hall, Saskatoon, SK  
Monday, February 12, 2007  
at 6:00 p.m.

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

**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor, in the Chair;  
Councillors Clark, Dubois, Heidt, Hill, Lorje, Paulsen,  
Penner, Pringle, and Wyant;  
City Manager Richards;  
City Solicitor Dust;  
General Manager, Corporate Services Bilanski;  
General Manager, Community Services Gauthier;  
A/General Manager, Fire and Protective Services Kobussen;  
A/General Manager, Infrastructure Services Sexsmith;  
A/General Manager, Utility Services Praski;  
City Clerk Mann; and  
Council Assistant Mitchener

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,*

*THAT the minutes of meetings of City Council held on January 22 and 29, 2007, be approved.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,*

*THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider the reports of the Administration and Committees.*

*CARRIED.*

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

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

*Committee arose.*

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

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

**“REPORT NO. 2-2007 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION”**

Composition of Commission

Mr. Brad Sylvester, Chair  
Mr. Gord Androsoff, Vice Chair  
Councillor Bev Dubois  
Ms. Carole Beitel  
Mr. Bruce Waldron  
Mr. Roy Ball  
Mr. Michael Chyzowski  
Ms. Debbie Marcoux  
Mr. John McAuliffe  
Mr. Kurt Soucy  
Mr. Vern Waldherr  
Mr. Randy Warick  
Mr. Fred Sutter

- 1. Stonebridge Business Park Concept Plan  
Stonebridge Neighbourhood  
Applicant: Dundee Development Corporation  
(File No. CK. 4125-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received and considered with Clause 5, Report No. 2-2007 of the Planning and Operations Committee.

*IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be considered with Item A8 of Communications to Council.*

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- 2. Proposed Rezoning from R1A to RMTN, Trimble Crescent and Paton Crescent  
Proposed Parcel A, Block 532, Proposed Parcels A & C, Block 542 and  
Proposed Parcel D, Block 537 in the N½ -6-37-4-W3  
Willowgrove Neighbourhood – R1A Zoning District  
Applicant: City of Saskatoon Land Branch  
(File No. CK. 4351-1)**
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to rezone the sites on Paton Crescent and Trimble Crescent (Proposed Parcel A, Block 532, Proposed Parcels A & C, Block 542, and Proposed Parcel D, Block 537, in the N½ - 6-37-4-W3), as indicated on Attachment 2 to the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 9, 2007, from R1A District to RMTN District;
- 2) that the General Manager, Community Services Department, be requested to prepare the required notices for advertising 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 consider the Municipal Planning Commission's recommendation that the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendments be approved.

*ADOPTED.*

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 9, 2007, with respect to an application submitted by the City of Saskatoon, Land Branch, requesting that four sites in the Willowgrove Neighbourhood, as indicated on the plan attached to the report, be rezoned from R1A District to RMTN District. As noted in the report, this rezoning application is intended to rezone specific sites within the neighbourhood to facilitate townhouse style development.

Your Commission has reviewed the proposed rezoning with the Administration with respect to the availability of serviced single unit lots, what was included in the original concept plan, concerns about similar developments in Briarwood and the current architectural standards in place to address these types of concerns, the location of this development in relation to the village centre, and the importance of providing transit service closer to this area. There was also discussion of how the linear park system helps to connect the neighbourhood and provide better opportunities for walking and cycling.

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Following review of this matter, your Commission is supporting the recommendations of the Administration, as outlined above.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 4-2007**

**Section A – COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**A1) Land-Use Applications Received by the Community Services Department  
For the Period Between January 11, 2007 and January 31, 2007  
(For Information Only)  
(File Nos. PL. 4132, 4355-D and 4300; CK. 4000-5)**

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

*ADOPTED.*

The following applications have been received and are being processed:

Condominium

- Application No. 1/07: 622 Duchess Street  
Applicant: Peters Surveys for 610334 Saskatchewan Ltd.  
Legal Description: Lots 52 and 65, Block C, Plan H1323  
Current Zoning: RM1  
Neighbourhood: City Park  
Date Received: January 10, 2007
  
- Application No. 3/07: 401 Cartwright Street  
Applicant: Webster Surveys for View Point Development Corp.  
Legal Description: Parcel 104A, Plan 101904757  
Current Zoning: DCD4  
Neighbourhood: The Willows  
Date Received: January 25, 2007

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Discretionary Use

- Application No. D2/07: 224 and 225 Pacific Avenue  
Applicant: Paradigm Holdings  
Legal Description: Lots 1-5, Block 14 and Lots 21-23, Block 15,  
PlanG3045  
Current Zoning: RA1  
Proposed Use: MUD  
Neighbourhood: Central Business District  
Date Received: January 15, 2007

Subdivision

- Application No. 2/07: 407 – 110<sup>th</sup> Street West  
Applicant: Nu-Urban Developments Ltd.  
Legal Description: Lot 17, Block 10, Plan G104  
Current Zoning: R2  
Neighbourhood: Sutherland  
Date Received: January 9, 2007

Subdivision

- Application No. 3/07: 1527 Avenue E North  
Applicant: Webb Surveys for Ryan and Edward Hunchak  
Legal Description: Lots 14 and 15, Block 24, Plan F5509 and Lot 42 and  
½ Lot 13, Block 24, Plan 101421436  
Current Zoning: R2  
Neighbourhood: Mayfair  
Date Received: January 9, 2007
- Application No. 4/07: 1740 Ontario Avenue and 1705 Quebec Avenue  
Applicant: Webb Surveys for City of Saskatoon, Midwest  
Dispersal Sales and ELBC Investments  
Legal Description: Parcels A, C, D and E, Block 214, Plan G826  
Current Zoning: IH  
Neighbourhood: Kelsey Woodlawn  
Date Received: January 19, 2007
- Application No. 5/07: 1418 – 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Applicant: Webster Surveys for Tim Ryan  
Legal Description: Lot 41, Block 3, Plan G76 and  
Lots 48 and 49, Block 3, Plan 101421436  
Current Zoning: R2  
Neighbourhood: North Park  
Date Received: January 19, 2007
- Application No. 6/07: 135 Keedwell Street

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| Applicant:         | Webb Surveys for Hunter Crossing Ltd. |
| Legal Description: | Parcel E, Plan 101876519              |
| Current Zoning:    | RMTN                                  |
| Neighbourhood:     | Willowgrove                           |
| Date Received:     | January 19, 2007                      |
- Application No. 7/07: 401 Cartwright Street  
Applicant: Webster Surveys for View Point Development Corp.  
Legal Description: Parcel 104A, Plan 101904757  
Current Zoning: DCD4  
Neighbourhood: The Willows  
Date Received: January 25, 2007

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021 (Public Notice Policy) is not required.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Plan of Proposed Condominium No. 1/07
2. Plan of Proposed Condominium No. 3/07
3. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 1/07
4. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 2/07
5. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 3/07
6. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 4/07
7. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 5/07
8. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 6/07
9. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 7/07

**A2) Municipal Enterprise Zone  
List of Approved Applications – January 2007  
File No.: PL. 4110 – 34**

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

*ADOPTED.*

**BACKGROUND**

The Municipal Enterprise Zone was established by City Council in 2002 to provide financial incentives to encourage more economic development in seven core neighbourhoods and two core industrial areas of Saskatoon. Among many incentives, the Municipal Enterprise Zone will provide automatic rebates for building, plumbing, sign permit fees, land use fees such as rezoning and

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discretionary uses, tax abatements for up to five years, and one-year grants in lieu of tax abatement. The program is temporary until the funds are spent. City Council provided \$500,000 of initial funding for the program in the spring of 2002, and renewed the program funding with another \$500,000 in March 2006.

### REPORT

The following applications were approved by the Adjudication Committee on January 11, 2007:

1. **Mid-Canada Modular Structures Inc.**, 1502 and 1935B Quebec Avenue – This is an Application for Grant in Lieu of Tax Abatement of no more than \$30,976 for two locations. This is a new company which has been contracted to manufacture skid shacks (Atco Trailers) and expects to hire a minimum of 30 to 50 people within 2007. The value of the contract is \$30 Million dollars over three years which will have significant spin-off benefits for Saskatoon and fills vacant space within the Kelsey Industrial Area. The cost of improvements will not affect the assessed value; therefore, the Enterprise Zone Committee has approved a grant equal to one year's worth of existing property taxes.
2. **Michelangelo Marble & Granite Co.**, 1302 – 17<sup>th</sup> Street West – Michelangelo is currently located at 340 Avenue A South. They wish to expand by moving their storage and manufacturing component to the West Industrial Area. This company plans to landscape their existing site to fit in with the plans for streetscape enhancements for River Landing. The project is not expected to affect the existing taxes on the property; therefore tax abatement is of no value. The Enterprise Zone Committee has approved a grant in lieu of tax abatement equal to one year's worth of property taxes of no more than \$4,600, and a rebate of Environmental Screening Charges equal to \$4,790.14.
3. **Amazing Grace Restaurant.**, 422 20<sup>th</sup> Street West – The new owner plans to convert the currently vacant property into a restaurant. The new restaurant will seat 40 – 50 people and serve a variety of traditional and ethnic cuisine. The total investment of \$75,000 on the property will not lead to a significant increase in the assessed value. Therefore, the Enterprise Zone Committee has approved a grant equal to one years' worth of existing property taxes, of no more than \$1,300.
4. **Century Roofing and Sheet Metal Ltd.**, 518 and 518B Avenue K South – Century Roofing plans to completely renovate two buildings located on two sites. The total investment is expected to be over \$13,000. Century has applied for the façade appearance grant for each building. The Enterprise Zone Committee has approved a façade appearance grant equal to \$2,500 for each building.
5. **Pelican Media**, 419 20<sup>th</sup> Street West – Application for façade improvement grant totalling \$2,500.

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During consideration of these applications, the Adjudication Committee noted that cash grants in lieu of tax abatements equal to one year's worth of property taxes and façade appearance grants up to \$2,500 are listed as Enterprise Zone incentives. City Council approval is not required for these incentives.

Follow-up inspections will be undertaken at all of the above locations. Only when it is clearly demonstrated that the projects are completed, will the committed funds be provided to the owner/applicant.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There was an estimated \$181,928 remaining in the Municipal Enterprise Zone Account as of December 31, 2006, which includes all money spent and committed to be spent. The above applications total \$49,166 and are within the means of the Municipal Enterprise Zone Program.

However, the Committee has noted that the funds in the Enterprise Zone account are quickly being depleted. It is estimated that approximately four months of funding remains left in the account. The Administration will provide City Council with a complete report in February 2007.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of the City of Saskatoon Policy C01-021 (Public Notice Policy) is not required.

**A3) Municipal Enterprise Zone  
Juniper Housing Corporation  
(File No.: PL. 4110 – 34 – 72; CK. 3500-15)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) that City Council approve a five-year tax abatement of the incremental taxes for the construction of a 43 multiple unit dwelling at 402 – 410 Avenue F South in the Riversdale neighbourhood;
- 2) that the five-year tax abatement be effective in the next taxation year following completion 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.*



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**BACKGROUND**

On September 7, 2006, the Municipal Enterprise Zone Adjudication Committee considered an application from the Juniper Housing Corporation for assistance to construct a 43 multiple unit dwelling at 402 – 410 Avenue F South. This property is located in the Riversdale Neighbourhood. The site is currently vacant, except for a one-unit dwelling at 410 Avenue F South. (See Attachments 1 and 2.)

**REPORT**

Juniper Housing’s application for incentives under the Municipal Enterprise Zone was made through the City Planning Branch. A thorough review of the application was conducted, and it has been determined that the project warrants consideration for incentives under the Municipal Enterprise Zone. Juniper Housing has applied for:

Development Plan and Zoning Amendment Fees .....	\$ 5,900.00 (includes Advertising)
Off-Site Development Charges.....	46,901.86
<b>Total .....</b>	<b><u>\$52,801.86</u></b>

All required building and plumbing permit fees will also be automatically rebated to the owner of the property upon completion of the project (estimated at \$16,000). A five-year property tax abatement is also being requested. The total value of the tax abatement (increment only) is estimated to be \$193,424.10 over five years.

The Adjudication Committee deliberated about the merits and the proposed value of the development to the Municipal Enterprise Zone. The Adjudication Committee agrees with the City Planning Branch report and recommendation that the development will add valuable new housing stock to the Riversdale Neighbourhood, and this is consistent with the purpose of the City of Saskatoon Policy A09-031 (Municipal Enterprise Zone). However, the Adjudication Committee approved 75% of the off-site development charges because it has not been the precedent of the Adjudication Committee to grant a full rebate of the off-site levies due to the large dollar amount of these levies.

The Adjudication Committee resolved to approve the following incentives:

Development Plan and Zoning Amendment Fees .....	\$ 5,900.00
75% of Off-Site Development Charges .....	\$35,176.40

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The total value of the incentives approved, plus the automatic building and plumbing permit fees, is \$68,801.86. City Council approval is not required for these incentives.

The City Planning Branch will conduct a follow-up inspection to ensure that the project is completed according to the proposal described in Attachment 1 prior to disbursement of any rebates.

The Adjudication Committee is recommending that City Council grant the five-year property tax abatement commencing in the next taxation year after completion of the project.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The above application was first considered by the Municipal Enterprise Zone Committee on September 7, 2006. As of October 31, 2006, there was \$298,526 remaining in the Municipal Enterprise Zone Account. The above application totals \$68,801.86 and is within the means of the Municipal Enterprise Zone Program.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of the City of Saskatoon Policy No. C01-021 (Public Notice Policy) is not required.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Project Proposal from Juniper Housing
2. Location Map

**A4) Innovative Housing Incentive Policy**  
**Application for Assistance**  
**SaskNative Rentals Inc. – 1802-22<sup>nd</sup> Street West and 5 Borden Place**  
**(File No.: 951-43; CK. 750-4)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council approve the funding of ten percent of the total contribution of the Municipal, Provincial, and Federal Government towards the purchase and renovation of the existing apartment buildings at 1802-22<sup>nd</sup> Street West and 5 Borden Place totalling no more than \$357,196 from the Affordable Housing Reserve.

*ADOPTED.*

**BACKGROUND**

SaskNative Rentals Inc. is an organization designed to help meet the housing needs of aboriginal people in Saskatoon through the provision of affordable, comprehensive, culturally appropriate, safe, well-serviced, multiple use, sustainable rental and home ownership accommodation options.

**Project Description**

On January 19, 2007, SaskNative Rentals Inc. applied for assistance under the City of Saskatoon's Innovative Housing Incentives Program for two housing projects. The application calls for the acquisition and renovation of the existing apartment buildings at 1802-22<sup>nd</sup> Street West in the Westmount Neighbourhood (see Attachment 1), and 5 Borden Place in the Confederation Neighbourhood (see Attachment 2).

SaskNative Rentals Inc. intends to offer 70 dwelling units as affordable rental housing units for aboriginal families in Saskatoon.

The total capital cost of the project (both apartments) is estimated to be \$3,644,851. This amount includes purchase and renovation costs for both apartments. The maximum Centenary Affordable Housing Program (CAHP) loan is \$3,571,956. A complete description of the CAHP approval is included. (See Attachment 3.)

The renovations to the apartment buildings are mainly interior and equipment replacement such as: window replacements, adding security screens, upgrading smoke detectors and security system, additional laundry machines, appliance replacements, boiler replacement, and roof repairs.

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**REPORT**

The Administration has reviewed the request by SaskNative Rentals Inc. The Administration has determined that the project meets the criteria set out in the City of Saskatoon Policy C09-002 (Innovative Housing Incentives) for the acquisition and renovation of 1802 22<sup>nd</sup> Street West and 5 Borden Place.

This project will address one of the pressing housing needs identified in the Saskatoon State of Housing Update Report. This report indicated that there is a demand for an additional 1,701 affordable rental dwelling units for aboriginal families in Saskatoon.

**Capital Funding**

The level of assistance, as defined by Section 3.2-a-ii, of City of Saskatoon Policy C09-002 (Innovative Housing Incentives) is:

“ii) up to ten percent of the total funding contribution made by Municipal, Provincial and/or Federal Government.”

Under City of Saskatoon Policy C09-002 (Innovative Housing Incentives), the City of Saskatoon may contribute up to ten percent of the total funding contributions from the Provincial and Federal Government. SaskNative Rentals Inc. has applied to the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation for assistance under the Centenary Affordable Housing Program (CAHP). SaskNative Rentals Inc. has been approved for a total CAHP loan of \$3,571,956. Therefore, the Municipal contribution of this application is \$357,196.

The funding source for the Innovative Housing Incentive Program is the Affordable Housing Reserve. As of January 1, 2007, the City of Saskatoon has estimated that there is a balance of \$1.791 million in the Affordable Housing Reserve. This takes into account previously approved, but unspent funds from the reserve. The reserve is funded through an annual fixed contribution of \$500,000 from the Property Realized Reserve.

The proposal fits within the goals of the City of Saskatoon Housing Business Plan, which states that the City of Saskatoon will support the provision of adequate, safe, and suitable housing conditions for various target groups.

**Timing of Approval**

On a final note, normally, applications for funding assistance are taken through the Planning and Operations Committee before going to City Council. In this instance, SaskNative Rentals Inc. has indicated that their closing date is February 28, 2007. It was decided to take this application directly to City Council to facilitate this property transaction, and the application appears to meet City policy in all respects.

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**OPTIONS**

1. Provide funding of ten percent of the total contribution of the Municipal, Provincial, and Federal Governments, totalling \$357,196 towards the acquisition and renovation of the existing apartment buildings at 1802-22<sup>nd</sup> Street West, as well as 5 Borden Place.
2. Decline to fund this project. In this instance, SaskNative Rentals Inc. would need to re-apply with the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation and re-structure their CAHP approval.

Your Administration is recommending Option 1.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021 (Public Notice Policy), is not required.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Map showing location of 1802-22<sup>nd</sup> Street West.
2. Map showing location of 5 Borden Place.
3. Conditional Letter of Approval from Saskatchewan Housing Corporation.

**A5) Enquiry – Councillor T. Paulsen (December 4, 2006)  
Public Consultation Procedures  
(File No. CK. 4000-1 & CK. 255-2-1 LS 5000-3)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the following information be received.

**BACKGROUND**

During its December 4, 2006, meeting, of City Council, Councillor Paulsen made the following enquiry:

“Could the Administration please report on the possibility of including in their public consultation procedure, a policy of a minimum two-week notice period for public meetings to affected citizens and doubling the geographical radius for those consultations/notices that only go to ‘affected residents’.”

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### **REPORT**

The Administration has a long standing practice of providing 14 days notice for any written notification of community engagement activities. This practice was captured and formalized by City Council on July 19, 2004, through the adoption of Community Engagement Process that ensures a consistent approach to engagement of the public in civic matters. Further to this, when the Community Engagement resource material was developed and distributed in fall 2006, reference to providing advanced notice, ideally 14 days prior to the event, was included within the various related booklets, as well as in the Community Engagement manual for civic employees.

To ensure consistent application of the principles of Community Engagement, Community Development, and City Planning Branch staffs are responsible for training and educating civic employees on the Community Engagement Process. During the course of training and educating civic employees on the Community Engagement Process, staff is informed of the requirement for advanced notice on all public engagement activities. It is also highlighted within the resource material that wherever possible the advanced notice given should be 14 days.

Also relevant to the matter of giving notice to the public there are policies, bylaws and Acts, which provide detailed requirements. Specifically, City Council Policy, C01-021 Public Notice Policy sets out the minimum notice requirements, the methods of notice to be followed and the minimum time for giving notice with respect to any matters for which public notice is required to be given. The policy further outlines the notice of the matter shall be posted at least ten days prior to the meeting at which City Council will initially consider the matter.

In matters related to Development Appeals, Discretionary Use applications and Rezoning applications, the Zoning Bylaw 7800, the Development Plan 7799 and the Planning and Development Act set out the minimum notice requirements. In all cases, the Community Services Department gives notice to the property owner and the assessed owners of neighbouring properties within a radius of 75 metres. For Discretionary Use and Rezoning applications in addition to the notice distributed within the 75 metre radius, on-site notification posters are placed on the site by the applicant and must remain there until the application is considered by City Council. Specific to Rezoning applications only, notice is also given to the local Community Association where the subject site is located and a notice is placed in the newspaper.

In reference to the request to double the geographical radius for notices that only go to affected residents, it is important to note that when developing a Community Engagement Strategy for each specific project, the Administration will clearly define who are the "affected residents". In general, affected residents are considered members of the public who, in the opinion of the Administration, are directly and uniquely affected by the matter under consideration. Depending on the scope and complexity of the matter under consideration in some cases the target audience will be pre-defined and in others it will need to be defined to suit the nature and extent of the project. Specific to rezoning, discretionary use or development plan amendments the current geographic area is defined as 75 metres.

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In an effort to ensure the consultation process is both thorough and inclusive, the Administration will use a variety of methods to notify the public and will schedule the timing of various media coverage over a number of days prior to the event. This enables the public to be informed through a variety of methods and over a defined period of time prior to the event. This also ensures that all residents most directly affected have an opportunity to be aware of the event.

For the information of City Council, the Community Engagement notification processes will include some or all of the following, depending on the scope and complexity of the project:

- Mail out through Canada Post. This can be through addressed mail, which is typically used when the target group is small and easily identified. It can also be through unaddressed mail, which is considerably cheaper than addressed mail but is dependent upon the Canada Post defined postal walks.
- Notification by hand delivery often accomplished by the hiring of various non-profit groups in the city who do it as a fund raiser. This often requires more advance notice as these groups require time to organize. The use of these groups is also limited by their lack of access to apartment building mailboxes.
- Public Service Announcements and newspaper ads in Saskatoon the StarPhoenix and the Sunday Sun, which is coordinated through the Communications Branch.
- Radio and television advertising, which is done through Communications Branch.
- Inserts into neighbourhood newsletters, such as school newsletters and community association newsletters if the timing of these publications is compatible.
- City of Saskatoon webpage.
- Recorded on Civic Monthly meeting calendar maintained by Community Development.

As demonstrated above, the Administration utilizes various methods of communication to inform the public of upcoming Community Engagement activities. It is also important to consider, the Community Engagement Process encourages the public to take a proactive role in their community by seeking out information and becoming informed. In the brochure “Community Engagement Get Involved” the following examples of how the public can become involved are outlined.

- Read the City Page every Saturday in the StarPhoenix;
- Visit the City’s web site at [www.saskatoon.ca](http://www.saskatoon.ca) for information on civic programs/services. Sign-up for electronic civic news releases and public service announcements. Read the “Guide to City Planning and Development in Saskatoon”;
- Keep abreast of civic issues in the news media;
- Read your Community Association newsletter;
- Participate in civic training workshops when they are offered; and
- Consider the needs within your community both today and in the future.

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In summary, the Community Engagement Process, the Public Notice Policy, the Zoning Bylaw and the Planning and Development Act all require providing advanced notice of public engagement activities and ideally around 14 days prior to the activity. *The Community Engagement Process for Civic Employees* manual, which was just released in the fall of 2006, also requires notification in a variety of different formats and to be inclusive of members of the public who, in the opinion of the Administration, are directly and uniquely affected by the matter under consideration. The Administration is committed to ensuring civic employees are familiar with the content of the manual and are consistently applying the strategies for consulting and informing the public.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact.

**COMMUNICATIONS PLAN**

The printed material regarding City of Saskatoon Community Engagement Process speaks to timely notice and variety of notification methods. The Civic Employees manual is maintained on the intranet and general information on the Community Engagement process is available on the City of Saskatoon website.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

*IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter of possibly increasing the notification area of 75 metres to 150 metres be referred to the Administration to report to the Planning and Operations Committee.*

**A6) Blairmore Multi-District Park/School Site – Phase II Stainless Steel Basin Competitive Pool  
(File No. LS 613-2 and LS 4110-9; CK. 4110-32)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** 1) that the Administration be authorized to change the program scope for Phase II Competitive Pool from a concrete and tile basin to a stainless steel basin at a cost of \$400,000;



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- 2) that the proposal submitted by Master Pools Alta. Ltd., for the 50 metre, 3.0 metre depth (shallow end) competition pool shop drawings, for the Blairmore Multi-District Park/School Site – Phase II design project, at a cost of \$68,727.75, including G.S.T. be accepted;
- 3) that Purchasing Services be authorized to prepare a purchase order, for the amount of \$68,727.75, including P.S.T. and G.S.T. for the competition pool shop drawings identified as SD2;
- 4) that the Administration and the Blairmore Phase II Design Consultant Team be authorized to continue preparing the formal contract document package using the competition pool basin detailing associated with these shop drawings and tender price C2. This only obligates the City of Saskatoon for the shop drawing cost of \$68,727.75; and
- 5) that the Administration report back to City Council for their approval at the completion of Phase II design, all development costs that will include the stainless steel basin cost, C2, for City Council approval, prior to the release of the construction bid tender in April.

*ADOPTED.*

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Based on recommendations from the specialty pool consultant Water Technologies Inc., a tour of stainless steel basin facilities in the Toronto area and Montreal, and the input from the national and local aquatic groups, the Civic Administration issued a Request for Proposal, 7-0027, in January 2007 for a pre-engineered wall system, gutter system and PVC liner membrane for the 50 metre high performance pool. This proposal would allow the City of Saskatoon the information to compare the cost of a stainless steel basin design with a conventional concrete and ceramic tile basin.

One valid bid was received on Wednesday, January 24, 2007 from Master Pools Alta Ltd. The bid proposal was reviewed by the project Consultant firm of Friggstad Downing Henry Architects, the cost analyst KDL Consulting Ltd., the specialty pool consultant Water Technologies Inc., and the Facilities Branch, Infrastructure Services Department, City of Saskatoon and is being recommended for approval.

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The cost for the shop drawing is a fee of \$68,727.25 (including PST and GST) and will be delivered within 15 days of approval at a firm price for the stainless steel basin supply and installation cost of \$1,473,278.10 at a 180-day acceptance period. Approval of the shop drawing at \$68,727.75 is funded within the Blairmore Phase II project budget. In proceeding this obligates the City of Saskatoon to assume the cost of the shop drawing only.

The stainless steel pool basin will exceed the projected budget allowance of a conventional concrete and ceramic tile basin by \$400,000. This will require City Council's approval to change the program scope of the project to proceed with the stainless steel pool basin.

Multiple benefits are achieved during the design, construction, and operating phases of this development through the selection of this type of stainless steel basin technology versus conventional concrete. These benefits include: shortened design time, known and bonded basin supply and installation price for 180 days, shorter construction time period that is less weather and schedule dependent, ability to meet exact tolerances for FINA governing national and international aquatic competitions, great reputation and marketability with local and national aquatic sports organizations, and reduced operating costs on an annual basis.

An alternate source that would substantially fund the \$400,000 shortfall is the Saskatchewan Building Communities Program as the Blairmore Phase II is eligible for \$7,181,667 (25 percent of Phase II eligible costs). Two other potential sources of funding for the Myrtha pool basin are the design contingency fund of \$1,767,775 further reducing the contingency to \$1,376,775 or to increase the sponsorship budget goal from \$1,000,000 to \$1,400,000

### **BACKGROUND**

Included in Phase II of the Civic Recreation Centre, to be constructed starting in May 2007, is a ten-lane 50 metre high performance pool with springboards, platform tower, spectator seating, a six-lane warm-up pool, zero depth leisure pool, water slide and water toys, support amenities, walk/jog track, meeting room, connecting corridor and deferred program areas funded from Phase I cafeteria/servery, multi-purpose room, and expanded fitness room. The connecting corridor on the main floor will serve as a street providing access to program spaces in the two schools and the Civic Recreation Centre. The walk/jog track on the second floor will further enhance the physical connection between the partner facilities. The high performance pool will allow the aquatic competitive groups a facility to host national and international competitions as well as national swimming camps.

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There has been extensive community engagement, through the competitive users, the general public, and the service providers during the design facilitation process. One significant area impacting the design and construction phases for the competitive pool flowed through discussions with the competitive users, their associated provincial and national organizations, and coaches. The “Myrtha” pool system uses stainless steel technology that has proven successful regarding “fast” swimming times. Many current competitive aquatic facility developments (Montreal and Melbourne, Australia) are utilizing this technology because “fast” water will attract provincial, national, and international swim meets and swim camps.

Based on a recommendation from the specialty pool consultant Water Technologies Inc., a tour of stainless steel basin facilities in the Toronto area and Montreal, and the input from the national and local aquatic groups, the Civic Administration issued a proposal that would allow the City of Saskatoon the information to compare the cost of a stainless steel basin design with a conventional concrete and tile basin.

**REPORT**

Your administration issued a Request for Proposal, 7-0027, in January 2007 for a pre-engineered wall system, gutter system and PVC liner membrane for the 50 metre competition pool. This proposal allows the City of Saskatoon the ability to cost compare a stainless steel basin and PVC liner pool basin with a conventional concrete and tile basin.

One valid bid was received on Wednesday, January 24, 2007. Including 5 percent P.S.T and 6 percent G.S.T., the proposal information is submitted as follows:

<b><u>Name of Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>Shop Drawings (SD2)</u></b>	<b><u>Stainless Basin (C2)</u></b>
Master Pools Alta Ltd.	\$68,727.75	\$1,473,278.10

The net cost to the City of Saskatoon is:

Shop Drawing Fee	\$61,750.00
5% P.S.T.	\$3,087.50
6% G.S.T	\$3,890.25
<b>RFP 7-0027 Value</b>	<b>\$68,727.75</b>
Rebated G.S.T. @ 100%	(\$3,890.25)
Net cost to the City of Saskatoon	\$64,837.50

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The bid proposal was reviewed and recommended for approval by the project Consultant firm of Friggstad Downing Henry Architects, the cost analyst KDL Consulting Ltd., the specialty pool consultant Water Technologies Inc., and the Facilities Branch, Infrastructure Services Department, City of Saskatoon. If approved by City Council the shop drawing will be delivered within 15 days at a fee of \$68,727.75 and a firm price for the stainless steel basin supply and installation cost of \$1,473,278.10 for a 180-day acceptance period. Approval of the shop drawing at \$68,727.75 is funded within the Blairmore Phase II project budget. In proceeding this obligates the City of Saskatoon to assume the cost of the shop drawing only.

Your administration is recommending that the stainless steel pool basin technology, be specified within the Phase II construction drawings and documents, for the 50 metre competitive pool basin rather than a concrete and ceramic tile basin. The stainless steel pool basin will exceed the projected budget allowance of a conventional concrete and tile basin by \$400,000. This will require City Council's approval to change the program scope of the project to proceed with the stainless steel pool basin.

There are multiple benefits achieved during the design, construction, and operating phases of this development through the selection of this type of stainless steel basin technology versus conventional concrete:

- **Design Time** – Shop drawings will be submitted within 15 days of approval, with the detailing available and included within the tender document. Concrete design drawings will require one month delivery time following approval.
- **Known Price** – The basin supply and installation price is now known and bonded through to the time of tender of the Phase II development for 180 days. The concrete and ceramic tile basin is yet to be tendered so the cost comparison is based on an “estimate”. In a busy construction market place there could be a margin of error of up to 10 percent.
- **Construction** – Timely, flexible modular component assembly at the job site. This is less weather dependant and requires less schedule modifications regardless of the job site conditions. The Phase II development identifies an aggressive construction schedule understanding the building area requires close-in prior to winter. Concrete and ceramic tile basin construction requires 2 months longer to complete.

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- **Commissioning/Quality** – Factory pre-engineered components will arrive on site, secured, protected, and when required, based on the construction and site schedule. Risk reduction of corrective measures to meet the exact tolerances of the governing national and international aquatic competition, Federation Internationale de Natation (FINA) regulations. The stainless steel basin technology (Myrtha) is a certified, repeatable manufactured product that has been extensively tested and corrected in a factory setting to ensure compliance with FINA regulations. The precision of construction allows for fast water. Myrtha pools have the ability to allow millimetre adjustments to ensure vertical and horizontal tolerances are within FINA regulations. In order to meet exact FINA tolerances conventional concrete requires additional review and inspection by the consultants and contractor which results in additional costs and more exacting skills by the contractor and trades.
- **Performance** – Great reputation with local and national aquatic sports groups, boasting numerous pool applications and demonstrating 30 years of proven operation durability.
- **Marketability** – The national aquatic sport organizations (swimming, diving, water polo) have provided comments that Myrtha is recognized world wide as a provider of high quality international caliber competitive pools. Representatives from the national sports have identified that Saskatoon has the potential to attract national and regional team camps and staging activities, national and potentially international events, Canada Games and Western Canada games.
- **Operation** - Estimated yearly operating saving is \$6,000 as a result of PVC liner and pool gutter as opposed to ceramic tile basin and concrete gutter. These savings are achieved by not having to do extensive tile and grouting repairs around the edge and upper wall sections of the pool tank. There is potential for additional operating savings for reducing cleaning and chemical costs; however, there is little documentation related to operation of the Myrtha by other operators.

### Timeline for Blairmore Phase II

An aggressive and optimistic timeline was established for Blairmore Phase II project at a time when the market place was extremely busy. This was evident with the specialty aquatic consultant who has been stretched to provide the direction and construction documents required for the local sub-consultants to complete their work. The timeline provided identifies the status of the project as of January 29, 2007. The construction document phase is one month behind proposed schedule.

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<b>Construction Document Phase</b>	<b>Original timeline</b>	<b>Revised timeline Status Report</b>	<b>Worse case scenario *</b>
33% drawings	December 21/06	20 -25 % complete	
66% drawings	January 22/07	45 % complete	
Report to City Council on revised construction estimates	February 12/07	Design is not far enough along to report construction estimates	
99% drawings	February 19/07	66%	
100% drawings	March 1/07	99%	
Class B Estimate	March 05/07	March 19 for report to City Council on construction costs	
Call to tender	March 19/07	April 19/07	July/07
Tender Close	April 19/07	May 14/07	August/07
Award tender	May 14/07	June 14/07	September/07
Construction phase	May 15/07 – September 30/08	July 15/07	October/07 – February/09

**\* Driven by weather, construction climate, obligations to on site contracts, on-site conditions**

Status Report on Phase II Design and Construction Budget

In December 2006, The Administration, during the 2007 budget review, reported to City Council that the cost estimate of Phase II design was estimated at \$2,220,000 and construction of Phase II was estimated at \$27,180,000. City Council approved borrowing \$18,000,000, a one-time Provincial grant of \$6,737,000, sponsorship of \$1,000,000, School Board contribution of \$700,000 for shared space, reserve for capital expenditure \$1,713,000, and the Municipal Urban Infrastructure Funding of \$1,250,000 to fund Phase II.

A cost analysis of construction documents at 45 percent completion has been prepared utilizing the services of a cost consultant. This review includes not only an analysis of the construction documents, but also discussion with contractors and sub-contractors to identify market conditions and other cost factors that will affect the project cost. At 45 percent drawing, the following three significant areas have been identified that impact construction and ultimately the cost of the project.

- 1) The silt soil conditions have increased foundation costs. The site consists primarily of organic topsoil and clay fill followed by variable deposits of silt, sand, and clay overlying glacial till. Groundwater seepage and the concern that higher water levels will be encountered that will require deep foundation systems and an increased number of piles as the 50-metre pool/dive tower will have a significant below grade portion for the pool basin below ground water. The estimated cost for the foundation system due to the sub-soil condition is an increase of \$400,000.

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- 2) High performance structural glass and curtain wall construction is recommended on the south face of the building. These windows are required to mitigate cooling requirements in summer (connecting corridor and walking track are south facing), as patron temperature comfort will be a requirement for the walking track. The increased cost for energy efficient high performance windows is estimated at a premium cost of \$200,000.
- 3) A catwalk system to access the lighting and mechanical systems for the 50 metre pool estimated at \$250,000.

In preparing the construction budget, a design contingency of 10 percent (\$2,189,519) has been included in the estimates. The three areas identified above have been either absorbed within the overall budget or funded from the design contingency. The design contingency carried within the project is now at 7.5 percent or \$1,767,605.

**Blairmore Phase II Project Cost Revised Estimates and Funding  
Phase II Capital Plan**

<b>Costs</b>	<b>2007 Capital Budget Estimate Approved December 2006</b>	<b>Current Estimate February 2007</b>
Design	\$2,220,000	\$2,220,000
Construction	\$27,180,000	\$27,180,000
Program space funded under Phase I	\$1,071,686	\$1,071,686
Myrtha pool basin premium		\$400,000
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$30,471,686</b>	<b>\$30,871,686</b>
<b>Financing</b>		
Borrowing	\$18,000,000	\$18,000,000
One Time Unconditional Funding	\$6,737,000	\$6,737,000
Sponsorships	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
School Board Contribution	\$700,000	\$700,000
MRIF Grant	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000
2007 RCE	\$1,713,000	\$1,713,000
Total Financing	\$29,400,000	\$29,400,000
<b>Funding Shortfall</b>		<b>\$400,000</b>

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Source of funding for the project shortfall

The Saskatchewan Building Communities Program is a new program that has recently been announced by the Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation. This program supports new construction of cultural and recreational facilities. The City of Saskatoon is eligible for funding from this program, but at the time of this report the amount of funds available to the City of Saskatoon is unknown. An application has been prepared for the Blairmore Civic Recreation Center Phase II as this project is eligible for \$7,181,667 (25% of Phase II eligible costs). At the discretion of City Council this may be a project submitted for funding for the program and would substantially fund the shortfall identified.

Two other potential sources of funding for the Myrtha pool basin are to use the design contingency fund of \$1,767,775 further reducing the contingency to \$1,376,775 or to increase the sponsorship budget goal from \$1,000,000 to \$1,400,000. If City Council approves the recommendation to proceed with the stainless steel basin and the proposed funding for the shop drawings, The Administration will report back at the completion of 66 percent construction drawings, the revised construction estimates, related financing, and design and construction schedule for final approval prior to the release of the construction tender.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

- A7) Pleasant Hill Revitalization  
Visioning and Design Workshop  
(File No. : PL 951-22; CK. 4131-1)**

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

*ADOPTED.*

**REPORT**

On December 2, 2006, the City of Saskatoon and the Board of Education for Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools hosted a Visioning and Design Workshop at St. Mary's School Gym in Pleasant Hill. The workshop was organized to provide information about the Pleasant Hill Revitalization Project, and to obtain design ideas from stakeholders, community representatives, residents and key professionals.



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There were 42 workshop participants who attended and provided their input into the kinds of elements they would like to see as part of the overall Pleasant Hill Revitalization Project. The participants were divided into design teams, and spent several hours constructing development concepts and detailing their design principles behind each concept.

The summary document will be used as a tool to convey the community's desires and hopes for the land uses which may or may not be developed in Pleasant Hill. The City of Saskatoon will provide the summary document to each development partner who wishes to participate in the revitalization project. It is the hope that many of the design features shown and expressed in the summary document can be incorporated within their development proposals.

Although the community has expressed desires for such things as using the existing St. Mary's School as a community centre, the methods of realizing such desires and hopes may not be possible. The City will do what it can to support those desires expressed by the community.

There will be further consultation with the Pleasant Hill Community as the project moves forward. This is detailed on page six of the summary document.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Pleasant Hill Revitalization Visioning and Design Workshop Summary Report.

**Section B – CORPORATE SERVICES**

**B1) Enquiry – Councillor B. Dubois (December 18, 2006)  
Bulk Meter Charges – Sierras of Erindale  
(File No. 1905-3)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that information be received.

*IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be considered with Item A9 of Communications to Council.*

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**B2) Enquiry – Former Councillor Owen Fortosky (October 18, 2004)  
Possible Ban on Pit Bulls  
(File No. 151-6; CK. 152-4)**

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

*ADOPTED.*

Former Councillor Fortosky made the following enquiry at the meeting of City Council on October 18, 2004:

“Would the Administration please report on what is being done in other jurisdictions regarding Pit Bull bans and what alternative we may have at doing something similar in Saskatoon.”

When this issue was raised by former Councillor Fortosky, a number of submissions were received from Sarah Chamney and others opposing any breed-specific ban. On November 1, 2004, City Council considered the above noted submissions and presentations made with respect to a proposed ban on Pit Bulls. Council passed a motion that the matter be referred to the Advisory Committee on Animal Control (ACAC) and the Administration.

During its November 17, 2004 meeting, the ACAC considered the matter. The Committee indicated that it does not support breed-specific bans. It considered the existing Dangerous Animals Bylaw 8176 to be highly effective. The Committee requested that Animal Services investigate other alternatives to breed-specific bans.

**REPORT**

Your Administration stands by the recommendation of the ACAC and does not support breed-specific bans. Such bans are extremely difficult to enforce and do not address the fact that dangerous dogs are not limited to one or two breeds.

Your Administration has undertaken preliminary investigation into a number of alternatives that have been used elsewhere including:

- a three-strike rule for pet ownership whereby after three bylaw infractions, an owner is prohibited from owning a pet in the City;
- implementing a ban on chaining a dog for extended periods of time (chained dogs are more dangerous because they are automatically forced into a defensive posture in protecting themselves and their turf);
- mandatory spaying or neutering to reduce aggressiveness due to unaltered state of animals;
- chipping all animals to make tracking significantly more effective;
- limiting animal breeding to permit holders only (to help reduce the number of backyard breeders); and,

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- limiting the sale of dogs and cats to those from approved breeders or animal welfare agencies.

Although there is merit to each of these options, given the current focus and objectives of the Animal Services Program and the fact that these options may be considered somewhat controversial, a better window would be to consider these options in three to six years and then implement over a period of years. This will allow the City and its Animal Services Program to solidify its base and advance towards its current objectives before tackling new and possibly contentious agendas.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

**B3) Federal Transfer of Funds for Public Transit 2005-2010  
(File No. 1860-1)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council authorize His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk to sign the attached funding agreement.

*ADOPTED.*

**REPORT**

In June of 2005, the Federal Government announced the investment of up to \$800 million, over two years, in public transit across Canada to be distributed to provinces on a per capita basis. Saskatchewan's share was anticipated to be a total of \$25 million, with \$12.5 million distributed through two separate funding agreements. The 2006 federal budget increased the second funding agreement by an additional \$500 million to be distributed to provinces over three years. This increased Saskatchewan's second allocation from \$12.5 million to \$27.2 million.

Both Saskatoon and Regina have been involved in discussions with the province to allocate Saskatchewan funds to municipalities based primarily on ridership. Attached is the Funding Agreement between the Province of Saskatchewan and the City of Saskatoon relating to the first \$12.5 million. The agreement reflects Saskatoon's allocation of \$6,794,125 and identifies use of funds and reporting requirements. The allocation covers the majority of Transit projects which identified the use of this funding in the City's approved 2006 capital budget. Any shortfalls will be funded through the second allocation, which is expected this spring.

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Your Administration is recommending that City Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute this agreement on behalf of the City.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice, Pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Funding Agreement – Under the Canada Saskatchewan Agreement on the Transfer of Funds for Public Transit 2005-2010.

**B4) Tax Arrears Agreement – Hans Noesgaard  
(File No. 1920-4)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council authorize His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk to sign an agreement between Hans Noesgaard and the City of Saskatoon regarding payment of the tax roll for his property at 918 - 22<sup>nd</sup> Street West.

*ADOPTED.*

**BACKGROUND**

Mr. Noesgaard's property at 918-22<sup>nd</sup> Street West, has been in tax arrears for approximately seven years. Despite ongoing communication and efforts between Mr. Noesgaard and Administration, full payment of these arrears has not been secured. The Administration has continued through all required steps of *The Tax Enforcement Act* in order to seek approval to take title for taxes, as may be required as a last resort. The Administration has concluded a tentative tax agreement with Mr. Noesgaard, which is now being presented to City Council for consideration.

**REPORT**

As a result of ongoing discussions between the Administration and Mr. Noesgaard, both parties recommend approval of the enclosed agreement (Attachment 1). In summary, the agreement calls for full payment, over time, of the tax roll for 918 - 22<sup>nd</sup> Street West as at December 31, 2006. In addition, the agreement includes provision for interest to be added to the unpaid portion of the tax account until all taxes have been paid.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Proposed Tax Arrears Agreement between Hans Noesgaard and the City of Saskatoon.

**B5) Property Tax Liens – 2006  
(File No. 1920-3)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council instruct the City Solicitor to take the necessary action under the provisions of *The Tax Enforcement Act* with respect to properties with 2006 tax liens.

*ADOPTED.*

*The Tax Enforcement Act*

The purpose of *The Tax Enforcement Act* is to secure payment of tax arrears under the threat of the loss of title to the property. The statute is not intended to provide a vehicle for the acquisition of property by the City. Each property owner (taxpayer) has certain fundamental rights concerning his/her land. The taxpayer must be kept fully aware of the proceedings being taken, and be given a reasonable time frame during which arrangements can be made for payment of the outstanding amount.

The proceedings under *The Tax Enforcement Act* are scheduled as follows:

1. **Section 10:** Allows the City to register a tax lien against a property where taxes have been due and unpaid after the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December of the year in which the taxes were originally levied.
2. **Section 22 (1):** Where the taxes remain unpaid and the lien has not been withdrawn, the City may apply to Council to commence proceedings to take title after the expiration of six months following the registration of the tax lien at Information Services Corporation of Saskatchewan (ISC) – Land Registry.

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3. **Section 24:** Final application for transfer of title to the City may commence six months after the first application. The City must, at this point in the proceedings, obtain consent of the Provincial Mediation Board to obtain the title. The Board may, subject to certain conditions being met by the taxpayer, put the proceedings on hold, even after this consent is granted.

Your Administration now requests authorization to proceed regarding those properties which became subject to tax liens in 2006.

### **2006 Tax Liens**

With respect to the properties listed in Attachment 1, proceedings under *The Act* commenced on February 25, 2006. At that time, the City of Saskatoon, in accordance with *The Act*, published in The StarPhoenix, the legal descriptions of all properties in arrears of property taxes subject to tax liens. The assessed owners were notified of the action being taken and were advised that if the taxes remained unpaid after 60 days following the date of the advertisement, a tax lien would be registered against the property on the official title held in ISC – Land Registry.

The City has made considerable effort to contact the assessed owners of the various properties identified in Attachment 1 to obtain payment or to negotiate reasonable payment schedules. However, as of the date of this report, the City has not received payment from the respective owners and the property tax arrears are still outstanding.

These properties are now subject to first proceedings pursuant to Section 22(1) of *The Act*. This action involves notification by registered mail to: each registered owner; each assessed owner; and all others with an interest set out on the title to the property, that they have 60 days to contest the City's claim.

Pursuant to Section 24, the next stage of *The Act*, six months following service of notices, the City will be in a position to make final application for title for any properties for which the arrears have not been cleared.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

### **ATTACHMENT**

1. 2006 Property Tax Liens.

**B6) Incentive Applications – Doepker Industries Ltd  
and Vecima Network Inc.  
(File No. 3500-13)**

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- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the application from Doepker Industries Ltd. for a five-year, 100% tax abatement on the incremental portion of taxes at 240 – 103<sup>rd</sup> Street East , be approved;
  - 2) that the application from Vecima Network Inc. for a five-year tax abatement commencing in 2008, on their new facility at 202 – 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, be approved as follows:  
  
100% in Year 1  
80% in Year 2  
70% in Year 3  
60% in Year 4  
50% in Year 5; and,
  - 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the appropriate agreement.

*ADOPTED.*

**REPORT**

Attached is a report from Joe Vidal, Chair, Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority Inc. (SREDA) Board of Directors. The report is self-explanatory and provides the required information for City Council to consider the requests by Doepker Industries Ltd. and Vecima Networks Inc. for five-year tax abatements.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Report – Chair, SREDA Board of Directors.

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**B7) Contract Awards  
September 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006  
(File No. 1000-1)**

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

*ADOPTED.*

In accordance with Policy C02-003, Purchase of Goods, Services and Work, your Administration is required to report three times a year on the award of contracts and requests for proposals between \$50,000 and \$100,000. The attached report has been prepared detailing the contract awards for the period September 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Contract Award Report September 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

**Section D – INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

**D1) Enquiry – Councillor G. Wyant (November 6, 2006)  
Repair of Sidewalks – La Ronge Road and Pinehouse Drive  
(File No. CK. 6220-1)**

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

*ADOPTED.*

**BACKGROUND**

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Wyant at the meeting of City Council on November 6, 2006:

“Would the Administration please report on the timing to repair and/or replace the sidewalks on La Ronge Road and on Pinehouse Drive east of La Ronge. These sidewalks are in need of repair due to excessive cracking and adverse sloping. The sidewalks are impassable in places by many seniors living in the area, especially those who use walkers or canes.”



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**REPORT**

Maintenance and preservation of city's sidewalks and curbs are funded through both its operating and capital budgets. All costs incurred in the maintenance and preservation of the sidewalks are covered through these budgets. In all, about \$600,000 is funded annually out of the operating budget for maintenance and replacement, and \$400,000 is funded out of the capital budget for replacement. These programs have been created due to the importance of safe and accessible sidewalks to the citizens of Saskatoon. Sidewalks need to be accessible for a wide range of users including the visually and mobility impaired. Safe sidewalks will reduce the risk to users and owners, and increase user satisfaction.

As background, this report presents an outline of the present method the City of Saskatoon uses for assessment of sidewalks and how remedial measures are implemented.

Assessment

The City of Saskatoon has approximately 1300 kilometres of sidewalk within city limits which are divided into 97 areas. Each year, the sidewalk maintenance crew attempts to do a condition assessment on 10 areas throughout the city, and notes panels or sections of panels that need treatment. The downtown core and main business districts get a condition assessment every year as they are the areas with the most pedestrian traffic. These assessments are done in the late fall and early spring by Public Works staff. The information provided in this condition assessment is entered into a sidewalk maintenance database to be used by the maintenance crews throughout the year. Although there is no formal written policy in place, the priority of the repairs and preservation treatments is as follows.

Priority 1 - Downtown Core

Priority 2 - Business Districts (8<sup>th</sup> Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Central Avenue)

Priority 3 - Schools, Churches, Seniors Residences

Priority 4 - Other areas as time and budget allow

Maintenance Treatments

The sidewalks in Saskatoon show a variety of distress types. The most common distress is differential settlement that causes the sidewalk to crack longitudinally and create a vertical displacement. Other problems that require maintenance are utility settlements, tree root upheavals, and concrete spalling. The following is a list of treatments that are done to maintain the sidewalks within Saskatoon and the criteria required for each treatment type. Only concrete replacement is covered by the capital budget. All other work is funded through the operating budget.

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1. Concrete Replacement: Typical distresses are severe spalling and/or cracking. Used only when all other treatments can't be used sufficiently to restore a safe walking surface. For sections of fewer than 15 panels that require replacement, the work is completed by city crews. Replacement work of greater than 15 panels is contracted out to local contractors.
2. MagCrete Filet: To be used where a differential settlement is required to be repaired which cannot be reasonably treated by grinding (between 1" and 3")
3. MagCrete Patching: To be used to repair localized holes or defects as required.
4. Mud Jacking: To be used where 4 or more panels in good overall condition are off grade significantly.
5. Lip Grinding: To be used for all differentials less than 1 inch.
6. Small Concrete Repair: A small concrete repair usually involves minor removal and replacement. Examples include patching concrete around catch-basins, or removing small sections of broken concrete and replacing them with concrete (partial panels).
7. Small Asphalt Repair: A small asphalt repair usually involves minor removal and replacement. Examples include patching concrete around catch-basins, or removing small sections of broken concrete and replacing them with asphalt (partial panels). In areas of tree root damage, may involve the removal of panels and replacement with asphalt.

Considering the procedures involved in the assessment and maintenance of the sidewalks within Saskatoon, the sidewalks in question are in Area 7 and were last assessed in 2004/2005. At the time, there were sections that were identified for Magcrete patches, grinding, and concrete replacement. The patches, grinding, and some small scale replacement have been completed. The area has been identified as a candidate for replacement and is on the list to be completed. As it is a Priority 3 area, once priority 1 and 2 replacements are completed in 2007, this location will be assessed to evaluate if replacement can be completed under the funding available in the 2007 Capital Budget.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

**D2) Enquiry – Councillor M. Neault (March 27, 2006)**  
**Clancy Drive Entrance to Circle Drive North**  
**(File No. CK. 6320-1)**

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

**BACKGROUND**

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Neault at the meeting of City Council held on March 27, 2006:

“Would the Administration look at the Clancy Drive Entrance to Circle Drive going north? There is very little time to merge into the lane leading to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Exit.

Northbound traffic is moving at 80km/hr on the west side lane as you turn north on Circle Drive, then you have to merge into the west lane of moving traffic if you want to get to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Exit.”

The intersection of Clancy Drive and Circle Drive is a channelized ‘t-intersection’, with traffic signals controlling Circle Drive southbound, Clancy Drive eastbound, and the Circle Drive northbound left turn movement onto Clancy Drive. Circle Drive northbound through traffic is a free flow movement. All current access to Circle Drive from Clancy Drive was established through a series of public consultations and design iterations as part of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street/Circle Drive Project.

The Clancy Drive eastbound left turn movement is accommodated on Circle Drive northbound with an ‘added lane’, which provides approximately 220 metres of acceleration length in accordance with the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) Geometric Design Guide. This ‘added lane’ allows traffic to accelerate to the posted speed limit of 80km/hr before merging into the through lanes.

The exit for Confederation Drive begins immediately prior to the end of the added lane that accommodates the Clancy Drive eastbound left turn traffic, on the right hand side of Circle Drive northbound. When there is Circle Drive northbound through traffic, motorists must accelerate to the posted speed limit and merge across two lanes to utilize the right hand Confederation Drive exit. The movement is easier if the through traffic movement on Circle Drive is light with sufficient gaps for vehicle weaving to occur. As is the case at this location, weaving areas are typically formed when an on-ramp is closely followed by an off-ramp.

**REPORT**

The ability to make the movement from Clancy Drive eastbound to the Confederation Drive exit has been provided by the current geometry of the intersection and the exit, but the ability of a motorist to make this movement may be limited by the volume of Circle Drive northbound through traffic. As part of the design of the Circle Drive and 22<sup>nd</sup> interchange, the intent was that this movement would be permissive – that is, available when northbound Circle Drive traffic flows allowed. The Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) Geometric Design Guide refers users to the Highway Capacity Manual (a manual published by the Transportation Research Board in the U.S.A.) for use of a method of analysing the level of service or adequacy of weaving sections. The as-built design was checked by Infrastructure Services using this method, and the results confirm that for the traffic volumes at peak hours for this intersection, the weave movement is reasonably provided for with a level of service ‘D’. Additionally this section’s configuration is ‘unconstrained’, which by definition “does not restrain weaving vehicles from occupying a balanced proportion of available lanes’. Further, average running speeds of weaving and nonweaving vehicles generally differ by less than 8 km/hr.

In practical terms, the exit is not critical, as there are alternate routes to accomplish the same destination goal in approximately the same distance travelled. If the destination of a motorist is Confederation Drive, a reasonable alternate route is to utilize Circle Drive northbound and turn left at Laurier Drive. If the destination of a motorist is 22<sup>nd</sup> Street eastbound, a reasonable alternate route is to utilize Fairmont Drive and access 22<sup>nd</sup> Street directly at the entrance ramp. If the destination of a motorist is 22<sup>nd</sup> Street westbound, a reasonable alternate route is to utilize Fairmont Drive, Fairlight Drive and access 22<sup>nd</sup> Street from Diefenbaker Drive, or for residents that live in the more westerly areas of the neighbourhood, Fairlight Drive and 11<sup>th</sup> Street to access Circle Drive northbound, and safely utilize the Confederation Drive exit.

In light of the alternative route selections available to motorists and the public’s desire to maintain access at Clancy Drive, no changes are being proposed at this time. It is, however, the Administration’s intent to review this intersection’s configuration and operation as part of the scope of the detailed design of the Circle Drive South Project.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Letter from Marlene Cyr dated March 10, 2006

*IT WAS RESOLVED: that consideration of the matter be deferred to the next meeting.*

**D3) Fairmont Drive (Fairmont Court to Fairlight Drive)**

**Addition of Curb Lane Parking Restrictions**  
**(File No. 6120-03; CK. 6280-1)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that “No Parking” signs be installed to restrict parking along the northbound curb lane on Fairmont Drive, from Fairmont Court to Fairlight Drive, as shown on Plan No. 210-0014-002-007 (Attachment 1).

*ADOPTED.*

**REPORT**

Fairmont Drive has two northbound lanes prior to its intersection with Fairlight Drive: a median lane (or inside lane) that is dedicated to left-turn movements, and a curb lane (or outside lane) that is dedicated to through and right-turning traffic.

As per 2005 traffic data, the average daily northbound traffic demand at this location of Fairmont Drive is 1,960 vehicles per day (vpd) in the left-turn lane and 2,600 vpd in the through/right-turn lane. The northbound cross-section of Fairmont Drive between the Circle Drive ramp and Fairlight Drive is not wide enough to accommodate both lanes combined with on-street parking. Consequently, the presence of parked vehicles in the curb lane impedes the safe and efficient flow of northbound vehicles.

To alleviate the problem, Infrastructure Services recommends that “No Parking” signs be installed along the northbound curb lane of Fairmont Drive between Fairmont Court and Fairlight Drive for a total distance of 60 metres, as shown on Plan No. 210-0014-002-007, in order to ensure adequate accommodation of the traffic demand in the through/right-turn lane.

There is sufficient off-street parking space for patrons of the businesses located on the corner of Fairmont Court and Fairmont Drive.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Plan No. 210-0014-002-007

**D4) Free Metered Parking on Family Day and Saskatchewan Day  
File No. 6120-3**

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- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that Family Day and Saskatchewan Day be formally recognized in Bylaw 7200, The Traffic Bylaw, as dates that permit vehicles to park at “expired” parking meters; and
  - 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to amend Bylaw 7200, The Traffic Bylaw, to reflect the changes as outlined in this report.

**BACKGROUND**

The Traffic Bylaw (7200) specifically designates that metered parking is not in effect on New Years Day, Good Friday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day, Remembrance Day, Christmas Day, or any civic holiday. There is no specific mention of Saskatchewan Day (first Monday in August), or the newly created Family Day (third Monday in February).

**REPORT**

In consultation with the City Solicitor’s Office, it is recommended that if City Council desires to permit free metered parking on Family Day and Saskatchewan Day, the bylaw should be amended to specifically state these days. Traditionally, the City has not required payment of parking meters on Saskatchewan Day and this provision was previously addressed under the “any civic holiday” wording of the existing bylaw. However, with the implementation of The Cities Act, the City Solicitors Office has interpreted that this legislation no longer provides City Council with authority to declare civic holidays. As a result, amending the bylaw is required to incorporate Saskatchewan Day and Family Day as dates that permit vehicles to park at “expired” parking meters.

Infrastructure Services has informally consulted with Business Improvement Districts that have parking meters within their boundaries. These organizations have expressed no opposition to offering free parking on Family Day and Saskatchewan Day.

Implementing a free metered parking day reduces parking revenues by approximately \$12,000 per day.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

*The City Solicitor distributed copies of Bylaw No. 8584, amending The Traffic Bylaw as outlined in the report.*

*IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that Family Day and Saskatchewan Day be formally recognized in Bylaw 7200, The Traffic Bylaw, as dates that permit vehicles to park at “expired” parking meters; and*

*2) that Council consider Bylaw No. 8584.*

**D5) Amendments to Bylaw 7200 – The Traffic Bylaw  
Roadway Classification and Speed Limit Changes  
(File No. 6000-11; CK. 6320-1)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1) that the City Solicitor be instructed to amend Bylaw 7200 – The Traffic Bylaw to change the classification of Circle Drive from the west abutment of the Circle Drive Bridge to the interchange of Highway No. 11 and Highway No. 16 from an expressway to a freeway, and

2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to amend Bylaw 7200 – The Traffic Bylaw to reflect the following changes to Schedule No. 4 – Maximum Speeds:

- a) Remove subsection 6(e): 80 km/hr - Circle Drive from a point 300 metres north of College Drive to a point 300 metres south of College Drive;
- b) Amend subsection 7(h): 90km/h - to include all of Circle Drive from the west abutment of Circle Drive Bridge to the south intersection of Highways No. 11 and 16;
- c) Amend subsection 4(f): 60 km/hr - to include 22<sup>nd</sup> Street West from Diefenbaker Drive to Grid No. 684 (the Dalmeny Grid) with the segment of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street West from Witney Avenue to Diefenbaker Drive;
- d) Create subsection 6(k): 80 km/hr – for 22<sup>nd</sup> Street West from Grid No. 684 (the Dalmeny Grid) to a point 800 metres west of Grid No. 684 (the Dalmeny Grid);
- e) Create subsection 9(a): 100 km/hr – for 22<sup>nd</sup> Street West (Highway No. 4) from a point 800 metres west of Grid No. 684 (the Dalmeny Grid) to West City Limits;
- f) Create subsection 4(v): 60km/hr – for Betts Avenue from 22<sup>nd</sup> Street West to Hart Road;
- g) Create subsection 6(l): 80km/hr – for Betts Avenue (Highway No. 7) from Hart Road to 11<sup>th</sup> Street West;
- h) Create subsection 9(b): 100 km/hr – for Betts Avenue (Highway No. 7) from 11<sup>th</sup> Street West to West City Limits.

*ADOPTED.*

**REPORT**

The intersection of Circle Drive and College Drive, prior to the completion of the overpass, was the only at-grade intersection on Circle Drive between the west abutment of the Circle Drive Bridge and the interchange of Highway 11 South and Highway 16 East. Due to the College Drive at-grade intersection, Circle Drive was classified as an expressway from the west bridge abutment of the Circle Drive Bridge to the highway interchange and the posted speed limit was lowered from 90 km/h to 80 km/h for 300 metres on either side of the intersection.

With the completion of the Circle Drive/College Drive overpass, there are no remaining at-grade intersections on Circle Drive between the Circle Drive Bridge and the South Highway 11/16 interchange. Consequently, Infrastructure Services recommends that Circle Drive, from the west abutment of Circle Drive Bridge to the interchange of Highway 11 South and Highway 16 East is reclassified from an expressway to a freeway, as shown in Attachment 1.

Due to the removal of the at-grade intersection, Infrastructure Services also recommends that Schedule 4 of Bylaw 7200 – The Traffic Bylaw be modified to increase the posted speed limit on Circle Drive, from a point 300 metres north of College Drive to a point 300 metres south of College Drive, from 80 km/h to 90 km/h, as shown in Attachment 1.

Due to the development of the Blairmore Suburban Centre, traffic signals have been installed at the intersection of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and Betts Avenue (Highway Nos. 7 and 14), as well as at the intersection of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and Hart Road. To ensure continuity with 22<sup>nd</sup> Street between Witney Avenue and Diefenbaker Drive, the speed limit on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street from Diefenbaker Drive to Grid 684 (otherwise known as the Dalmeny Grid), as well as on Betts Avenue from 22<sup>nd</sup> Street to Hart Road, should be lowered to 60 km/h. Consequently, Infrastructure Services recommends that City Solicitors update the Traffic Bylaw by incorporating the following changes to Schedule No. 4 of Bylaw No. 7200:

- Amend subsection 4(f): 60 km/hr - to include 22<sup>nd</sup> Street West between Witney Avenue and Grid No. 684 (the Dalmeny Grid);
- Create subsection 6(k): 80 km/hr – 22<sup>nd</sup> Street West from Grid No. 684 (the Dalmeny Grid) to a point 800 metres west of Grid No. 684 (the Dalmeny Grid);
- Create subsection 9(a): 100 km/hr – 22<sup>nd</sup> Street West (Highway No. 4) from a point 800 metres west of Grid No. 684 (the Dalmeny Grid) to West City Limits, and;
- Create subsection 4(v):60 km/hr – Betts Avenue between 22<sup>nd</sup> Street West and Hart Road;
- Create subsection 6(l):80 km/hr –Betts Avenue (Highway No. 7) between Hart Road and 11<sup>th</sup> Street West;
- Create subsection 9(b):100 km/hr – Betts Avenue (Highway No. 7) from 11<sup>th</sup> Street West to West City Limits.



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Speed Limit Amendment – Traffic Bylaw 7200

**D6) Proposed Church Loading Zone  
(File No. 6120-04; CK. 6145-1)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that a Church Loading Zone be installed in front of Grosvenor Park United Church.

*ADOPTED.*

Infrastructure Services has received a request from Grosvenor Park United Church at 407 Cumberland Avenue South for the installation of a Church Loading Zone in front of the church, as shown on Plan No. 210-0049-002r002 (Attachment 1). There are congregation members who have a physical impairment such that direct access to the front of the church is required.

The loading zone conforms to City guidelines with respect to Church Loading Zones, and no fee is assessed for its installation.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Plan No. 210-0049-002r002

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**D7) Renewal Taxicab Loading Zone Stands  
File No. 6145-1**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council approve the renewal of Taxicab Loading Zone Stands by Saskatoon Radio Cab and United Cabs Limited, for the period January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.

*ADOPTED.*

City of Saskatoon Traffic Bylaw No. 7200 provides for Taxicab Loading Zone Stands by recommendation from Infrastructure Services to City Council.

The following taxicab firms require renewal of the Taxicab Loading Zone Stands noted below for the period of January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.

<b><u>Saskatoon Radio Cab</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>
The Bus Depot (23 <sup>rd</sup> Street) – 2	<u>\$ 3,500.00</u> \$ 3,500.00 (plus GST)
<b><u>United Cabs Limited</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>
Sheraton Hotel (Spadina Cres.)	\$ 1,750.00
Bessborough Hotel (Spadina Cres.)	\$ 1,750.00
Midtown Plaza (1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue) – 2	\$ 3,500.00
Radisson Hotel (20 <sup>th</sup> Street)	\$ 1,750.00
Patricia Hotel (2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue)	<u>\$ 1,750.00</u>
	\$10,500.00 (plus GST)

Rates for taxicab stands are set out in Traffic Bylaw #7200 and are consistent with current parking meter rates. The renewal requests have been reviewed with Infrastructure Services, who advise that no problems have been experienced with these Taxicab Loading Zone Stands in the past year; therefore, renewal is recommended.

Though the rate per stand has not changed, it should be noted that there has been a reduction in Taxicab Loading Zones from the previous year. Saskatoon Radio Cab has decided to relinquish the Taxicab Loading Zone in front of the Senator Hotel (21<sup>st</sup> Street). United Cabs Limited have been offered this location and have decline, therefore, Infrastructure Services will install a parking meter.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

**D8) Proposed Disabled Person's Loading Zone**  
**(File No. 6120-04; CK. 6145-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that a Disabled Person's Loading Zone be installed in front of 1235 20<sup>th</sup> Street West.

*ADOPTED.*

Infrastructure Services has received a request from the manager at 1235 20<sup>th</sup> Street West for the installation of a Disabled Person's Loading Zone in front of the St. George's Senior Citizen's Centre residence, as shown on Plan No. 210-0042-021r001 (Attachment 1). There are members of the centre who have physical impairments such that direct access to the front of the centre is required.

The loading zone conforms to City guidelines with respect to Disabled Person's Loading Zones, and no fee is assessed for its installation.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Plan No. 210-0042-021r001

**Section E – UTILITY SERVICES**

**E1) 2006 Transit Ridership**  
**(File No. 425-1; CK. 7300-1)**

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

*ADOPTED.*

**REPORT**

One of the key metrics to determine the success of a transit system is ridership, therefore, Saskatoon Transit tracks trips in order to do comparisons from year to year.

In 2006, Saskatoon Transit provided 9,060,824 rides, compared to 8,989,505 in 2005. This represents an increase of 71,319 rides, or 0.79%. This is the second straight year that ridership increased. Prior to this there had been an annual decline for seventeen years.

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When ridership numbers from 2006 were broken down on a monthly basis, and compared to 2005 numbers, Transit saw a decrease in ridership from January through April of 81,580 rides. However, this trend turned around, and ridership increased by 152,899 rides from May through December. Most encouraging is the increase in ridership from the inception of the new transit service, from July through December, which saw an increase of 104,492 rides, compared to the same period in 2005.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

**Section F – CITY MANAGER**

**F1) Enquiry - Former Councillor E. Hnatyshyn (October 2, 2006)  
Use of Underpass – North Side of Senator Sid Buckwold Bridge  
(File No. CC. 4130-2 & SPR 4129-2)**

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

*ADOPTED.*

**BACKGROUND**

Former Councillor Elaine Hnatyshyn tabled an enquiry at the meeting of City Council held on October 2, 2006, stating:

"Would Administration advise on what measures could be implemented to prevent the use of the area beneath the north side of the underpass of the Senator Sid Buckwold Bridge by skateboarders."

**REPORT**

The South Downtown Concept Plan noted that the area underneath the north side of the Senator Sid Buckwold Bridge is a "pinch point with poor sight lines". This creates a barrier to east-west traffic flow for pedestrians and cyclists travelling on the riverfront. It is also a safety and security issue.

As such, the area is being designed and reconstructed as part of the riverfront phase II redevelopment project. Echoing the Planning Principles first outlined in the South Downtown Concept Plan, one of the redevelopment objectives for the riverfront is to provide "an open space linkage along the riverbank".

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As such, the plan encourages movement through the space below the Buckwold Bridge, not to discourage it. Measures to preclude the use of the pathway by skateboarders would likely also preclude other users such as in-line skaters, cyclists, and possibly other wheeled transportation including wheelchairs and scooters.

Regardless, the planned use of paving stones as the main pathway texture does limit the skateboarding experience. The other measure Administration is considering to limit any excessive, dangerous, or damaging behaviour is the employment of River Landing information staff who could also serve as monitors.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

**F2) “Rivercraft” Landmark  
(File No. CC. 4130-2 & SPR 4129-23)**

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

*ADOPTED.*

**BACKGROUND**

Former Councillor Owen Fortosky put forward the following motion to City Council at its meeting held on February 27, 2006:

“That the City of Saskatoon enter into negotiations to place the runner-up of the destination landmark “Rivercraft” by Jill Anholt and Doug Shearer for placement on phase two of River Landing to be paid for by the contribution agreement between the City, Province and Federal Governments.”

Council resolved that the matter be referred to the Administration for a report.

**REPORT**

As outlined in the motion, “Rivercraft” was one of two finalists submitted to City Council on December 12, 2005 for installation as the “Century Plaza Landmark” on River Landing Phase I.

The successful submission, “Prairie Wind” was installed and unveiled in December, 2006 and initial public reaction to the piece has been very positive.

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In its review of Rivercraft, the jury felt that it could function as both a gathering place for the River Landing neighborhood as well as a landmark for the city and the riverfront. They were drawn to the organic quality of the work, by the integration of the wooden ribs, the skin, and the native landscape that wraps the piece.

There are two potential locations for a large, site-specific landmark such as Rivercraft at River Landing Phase II. The first is within the roundabout to be built as the transition between the extension of Spadina Crescent and Avenue A. The second is within the design of the river pedestrian pathway on the riverfront. There was a consensus among administration that, because the piece was so representative of river travel and included opportunity to interact, the best location would be on the riverfront. To this end, Crosby Hannah and Associates have included a space for a future landmark of this size, without compromising space or design should the installation not proceed.

Unfortunately, the capital budget for Phase II did not include the provision of a site specific landmark of this magnitude (\$350,000+). As Council is aware, the heated construction market has required adjustments to designs and additional capital requirements. In the unlikely event that one of the projects on River Landing Phase II comes in under budget, the installation of the landmark could be considered along with other capital requests that have no current funding source.

In discussing this matter with the artists, the City was informed that they are currently “shopping” the piece to other jurisdictions. Should they be successful, Administration and Council would need to consider the fact that the landmark would no longer be unique.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

**F3) Appointment of General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department  
(File No. CC. 4560-1)**

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

*ADOPTED.*

Murray Totland has been appointed the General Manager of the Infrastructure Services Department. Mr. Totland was previously the General Manager for the Utility Services Department.

Mr. Totland has been with the City of Saskatoon for over 24 years in numerous roles. He holds a Civil Engineering degree and a MBA from the University of Saskatchewan. He takes over the position from Stew Uzelman, who passed away in December 2006.

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Recruitment will be undertaken to fill the role of General Manager of Utility Services. In the interim, Mr. Totland will also oversee Utility Services.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 1-2007**

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

- A1) 2005 – 2006 Annual Report  
Access to Information and Protection of Privacy  
(File No. CK. 415-1)**

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

*ADOPTED.*

In 1993 *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* was proclaimed. The *Act* was based on two principles—information must be accessible to the public, and personal information must be protected by public bodies. The City Clerk was delegated responsibility of administering the legislation for the City of Saskatoon, and in that capacity is known as the “FOIP Coordinator”.

In the first decade of operating under the legislation there was very little impact on the City. Since municipal government is the most open and accessible level of government, there was already a high level of transparency – e.g. all decisions of City Council are made in public, agendas and minutes are made public, meetings are held in public, etc. There were no issues raised regarding personal information in the possession of the City, and access to information requests were fairly routine.

However in the past several years there has been a marked increase in people’s awareness of access and privacy legislation (FOIP), and in their expectations of the City. The purpose of this report is to provide City Council with information regarding FOIP activities over the past two years, and to outline areas of concern and how they are being addressed. Further reports will then be submitted annually.

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Access to Information

The gist of the FOIP legislation is that that all records in the possession, or under the control of, the municipality are accessible to the public unless the record falls within one of the exemptions. The exemptions relate to areas such as records from other governments, law enforcement and investigation, advice from officials, Solicitor/Client Privilege, and third party information.

All access to information requests must be responded to within 30 days. There is provision for an extension of up to 60 days if there are extenuating circumstances. If access to a record is refused, the FOIP Coordinator must advise the applicant the reason for the refusal. All refusals of the FOIP Coordinator can be appealed to the Provincial Information and Privacy Commissioner, who then investigates the matter and reports back to the City. Recommendations of the Information and Privacy Commissioner are not binding upon the City. If the City still refuses to release the information, the applicant can appeal the decision to the court, who can then order the City to release the record.

The legislation sets out an application request fee of \$20.00 plus GST. In addition the City is allowed to charge for actual costs such as photocopying, as well as any time in excess of one hour spent on searching for the record or preparing it for disclosure, at the rate of \$15 per half hour. An estimate must be given to the applicant, who then has the choice of whether to proceed or not.

The *Act* is clear that it relates only to existing records of the City. There is no requirement for the City to create records. However some of the requests that the City receives are for information rather than for an existing record. In those cases the City has created records in order to provide the information requested. The City has never refused to deal with a request because it is for information rather than for a specific record.

When people attempt to use the FOIP process to obtain records that are already public documents, arrangements are made to provide them with the documents outside of the FOIP process, thereby eliminating the application fee.

The option to charge for time spent in excess of one hour is seldom exercised. We are mindful of the danger of being perceived of estimating high in order to deter applicants, and for this reason have only implemented fees in a very few instances. However the time spent on each application is usually well over one hour.



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Chart 1  
Freedom of Information Statistical Summary Report  
2005 and 2006

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Applications Received	26	16
Access Granted	15	7
Access Denied	3	2
Access Partially Granted	2	5
No FOI Application Required – Fee Returned and Info Provided	4	0
Records Do Not Exist	1	0
Denied – Records Not in City’s Possession or Control	1	2
Decision Appealed to Access and Privacy Commissioner	3	5
Processed Within 10 Days	10	4
Processed Within 30 Days (as legislated)	20	16
Processed in More Than 60 Days	4	0
Total Fees Estimated	\$899	\$195
Total Fees Collected	\$330	\$195

Protection of Privacy

There are two components to this part of the *Act* – how the City collects and handles the personal information of individuals with which it does business, and how the City collects and handles the personal information of its employees.

The City is in the process of reviewing its practices and preparing corporate policies relating to the following:

- the release of personal financial information to customers;
- a response plan for use in the event of breach or unauthorized release of personal financial information; and
- the collection, storage and use of personal employment-related information of employees.

In addition, informational material is being developed regarding the steps the City has taken to protect customer personal financial information, which will be made available to the public.

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Appeals to Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner

The Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner deals with appeals from people who have been refused access to information, as well as complaints from people who feel that the City has disclosed their personal information inappropriately. There have been 12 reviews undertaken by the Commissioner relating to the City of Saskatoon, 11 of which are outstanding.

The file that has been concluded dealt with a complaint regarding the City's practice of selling information relating to building permit applications to contractors and suppliers. The Commissioner determined that the City acted appropriately, and commended the City for ensuring that the names of individuals were deleted from the report. A copy of the Commissioner's report may be viewed at the website of the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner, at [www.oipc.sk.ca/reviews.htm](http://www.oipc.sk.ca/reviews.htm).

Chart 2  
Status of Appeals  
Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Number of Appeals	2	5 *	3 *	2
Protection of Personal Information Issue	1	1	0	1
Access to Information Issue	1	4	3	1
Decision of City Upheld	1	Pending	Pending	Pending
Recommendation to Release (for Access Issue)	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending
Recommendation to Change Process (for Protection of Personal Information Issue)	0	Pending	Pending	Pending

\* Note – The variance between these figures and those provided in Chart 2 is due to the filing of appeals in the year following the date of the matter originally being dealt with by the City.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

**REPORT NO. 2-2007 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Composition of Committee

Councillor G. Wyant, Chair  
Councillor C. Clark  
Councillor B. Dubois  
Councillor P. Lorje  
Councillor B. Pringle

**1. Communications to Council**

**From: Evan Drisner**  
**Date: October 16, 2006**  
**Subject: Legalizing Existing Basement Suite**  
**(File No. CK. 4350-1)**

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

*ADOPTED.*

City Council, at its meeting held on November 6, 2006, referred the above communication to the Planning and Operations Committee for a report back to Council.

Your Committee reviewed this matter with the Administration and was advised that Mr. Drisner's concern related to the work that would need to be done to expose the affected areas for the necessary plumbing inspections. At that time, the Administration had indicated that they were going to try to do the necessary inspection with the use of a camera and if this type of inspection worked, they would look at the possibility of bringing this type of inspection into policy. The matter was referred to the Administration for a report.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 9, 2007, which addressed the specific case brought forward by Mr. Drisner, as well as the wider application of the use of the sewer video camera as one option for inspection of the plumbing system. Also attached is a copy of Mr. Drisner's communication dated October 16, 2006.

Your Committee has been advised that the Community Services Department would still want the affected areas exposed as the first choice for the plumbing inspection but based on the testing on this property, they would be willing to offer this type of inspection as an option. The owner would be responsible for the cost for the sewer video camera viewing, which is approximately \$220, and would be made aware that this type of testing may not be conclusive in that the inspectors may not be able to see what they need to see and the areas may still need to be exposed. It would be the owner's responsibility to discuss this option with their plumber, decide whether to proceed with this

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test, and to arrange with their plumber to have the viewing done. The City's inspector would still be there to observe in all cases.

Following review of the matter, your Committee is forwarding this report to City Council for information.

**2. Lease of City Property by the Saskatoon Golf and Country Club  
Future Circle Drive/South Bridge Right-of-Way  
(Files CK. 4225-1 and 6050-8)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council authorize the extension of the lease between the City of Saskatoon and the Saskatoon Golf and Country Club to June 30, 2009.

*ADOPTED.*

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated January 10, 2006, with respect to the proposed extension of the above-noted lease to June 30, 2009.

Your Committee has reviewed this matter with the Administration and Mr. Ken Howland, representative of the Saskatoon Golf and Country Club. The report from the Administration discussed the extension in relation to the Circle Drive South River Crossing project. The Administration has also advised your Committee that access to this parcel would be needed to do work on the storm sewer system for the Stonebridge, Stonegate, CN Industrial, and portions of the Avalon neighbourhoods in 2009 and that construction within the leased area would not begin before July, 2009.

Further to this, Mr. Howland advised your Committee that the Saskatoon Golf and Country Club would like an extension to September 30, 2009, which would provide for three golf seasons from the time the City finalized the design plans for the roadways that will pass by the golf course. This would allow time to engage an architect, plan the required changes to the golf course, arrange for financing, take this to the membership, finalize the development plan and carry out the construction of the new holes that would be required. A copy of his presentation is attached.

Your Committee has discussed this further with the Administration. It was confirmed that work for the storm sewer system would begin at the river and take to the end of June 2009 before entering the leased property. This is a significant system to build and if delayed further may lead into winter work conditions or not being completed until the spring of 2010, which could then impact plans for the south bridge. Your Committee has been advised further that if the opportunity presented itself, the Administration would try to do what they could to work their schedule to accommodate the Saskatoon Golf and Country Club's needs but that they could not commit to a formal lease extension beyond June 30, 2009.

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Following review of this matter, your Committee supports the recommendation from the Administration authorizing the extension of the lease to June 30, 2009.

- 3. Enquiry – Councillor G. Penner (May 6, 2002)  
Visual Effects of Overpasses  
AND  
City Entrances Shelterbelt Landscaping  
(File No. 4205-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the City Entrances Landscape Development Master Plan be approved.

*ADOPTED.*

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated January 2, 2007, with respect to the above matter.

Your Committee has reviewed the report with the Administration and is supporting the recommendation for approval of the master plan.

- 4. Audit Report – Parks Maintenance  
Parks Maintenance Standards  
(File No. CK. 1600-23)**

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

*ADOPTED.*

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated January 12, 2007, with respect to the above matter. The complete 2007 Parks Branch Technical Standards Manual is available for review in the City Clerk's Office and on the City Clerk's website as part of the City Council agenda.

Your Committee has discussed the matter of parks maintenance standards with the Administration and is forwarding the report to City Council as information.

- 5. Stonebridge Business Park Concept Plan**

**(File No. CK. 4125-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the Stonebridge Business Park Concept Plan dated September 8, 2006 be approved in principle.

*IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be considered with Item A8 of Communications to Council.*

**6. Chief Whitecap Park  
(Files CK. 4205-1 and 152-2)**

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

*ADOPTED.*

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 18, 2007, with respect to Chief Whitecap Park and the process to be used for the development of a master plan for the park. City Council members have already received copies of the aerial photograph of the park and a copy is available for review in the City Clerk's Office.

Your Committee has reviewed the matter with the Administration and is submitting the report to City Council for information.

**REPORT NO. 2-2007 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Composition of Committee

Councillor G. Penner, Chair  
Councillor C. Neault  
Councillor D. Hill  
Councillor M. Heidt  
Councillor T. Paulsen

**1. Resolution – Business Friendliest City  
The Saskatoon Combined Business Group  
(File No. CK. 225-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) that City Council declare that the City of Saskatoon will enhance its position as the Business Friendliest City in Canada through excellence, innovation and creativity; and
- 2) that a progress report be provided in 2009.

*IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be considered with Item A7 of Communications to Council.*

**2. Application for Funding**  
**City of Saskatoon Policy C03-007 (Special Events)**  
**(File No. CK. 1870-15)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that eligible Youth Sport Subsidy Program sport organizations receive a Special Event grant, outlined as follows:

- 1) that Saskatoon Aqualenes Synchro Club receive a grant of up to \$7,062 to host the Western Canadian Regional Synchronized Swimming Championships March 22 – 25, 2007;
- 2) that Saskatoon Diving Club receive a grant of up to \$3,559 to host the Toon Town Western Classic Diving Championships March 29 – April 1, 2007;
- 3) that Saskatoon Fencing Club receive a grant of up to \$6,438 to host the National Fencing Championships May 16 – 20, 2007;
- 4) that Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. receive a grant of up to \$7,800 to host the Under 12 Challenge Cup August 3 – 6, 2007; and
- 5) that Saskatoon Minor Softball receive a grant of up to \$4,620 to host the Western Bantam Canadian Championships August 4 – 7, 2007.

*ADOPTED.*

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 12, 2007 outlining applications received for Special Event funding under City of Saskatoon Policy C03-007, and their recommendations regarding these applications.

Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration, and supports the Special Event funding proposals as outlined therein.

**3. Youth Sport Subsidy Program 2006 – 2007 – Budget Report**  
**(File No. CK. 1720-3-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the report on the program variables for the 2006-2007 Youth Sport Subsidy program year be received as information; and
  - 2) that the resulting operating impact of \$58,400 be referred to the Budget Committee for consideration as part of the 2007 Operating Budget.

*ADOPTED.*

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 15, 2007 regarding the budget for the 2006-2007 Youth Sport Subsidy Program.

Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration and supports the referral to the Budget Committee for consideration as part of the 2007 Operating Budget.

**4. Youth Sport Subsidy Program 2005-2006 – Year-End Report  
(File No. CK. 1720-3-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the information be received; and
  - 2) that \$13,981 be transferred to the Special Events Reserve established under City of Saskatoon Policy C03-003 (Reserves for Future Expenditures).

*ADOPTED.*

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 11, 2007 forwarding the Year-End Report for the 2005-2006 Youth Sport Subsidy Program.

Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration and supports the transfer of the remaining 2005-2006 funds to the Special Events Reserve.

**5. Transfer of Replacement Reserve Funds to Productivity Improvement Loan  
(File No. CK. 1815-1)**



**RECOMMENDATION:** that \$15,725 in the Leisure Services Equipment Replacement Reserve, accumulated from contributions for the replacement of the mobile skateboard trailer, be applied to the Productivity Improvement Loan for the satellite skateboard sites.

*ADOPTED.*

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 12, 2007 forwarding information in follow-up to the discontinuation of the Lions Travelling Skateboard Trailer Program, and construction of additional satellite skate sites.

Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration, and supports the transfer of funds as proposed in the report.

**6. Kinsmen Park Rides – 2007 Fees and Charges**  
**(File No. CK. 4205-9)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) that effective April 28, 2007, the general admission rate for the Kinsmen Park Rides be increased by \$.30 per ride from \$.70 per ride to \$1.00 per ride;
- 2) that effective April 28, 2007, the group rental rate for the Kinsmen Park Rides be increased from \$50 per ride per hour to \$60 per ride per hour (plus G.S.T.); and
- 3) that effective April 28, 2007, one adult (19 years and older) receive free admission per ride when accompanied by one child with a paid admission as outlined in the attached report.

*ADOPTED.*

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 16, 2007 forwarding recommendations for increase to the general admission rate for rides and the group rental rate.

Your Committee has reviewed this report, and notes that the increases will cover the 2007, 2008 and 2009 seasons, that is, there will be no further rate increase for 2008 and 2009. Your Committee supports this rate increase proposal.

**7. Indoor Aquatic Leisure Facilities – Program Rates and Fees**  
**(File No. CK. 1720-3)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that the following financial objectives be approved for the Community Services Department Leisure Services Branch, Children's Registered Aquatics Programs at the three indoor aquatic leisure centres (Lakewood Civic Centre, Lawson Civic Centre and Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre):

Children's Registered Aquatic Programs

- (a) that the cost recovery objective for children's registered aquatics (swimming lessons) remain at 85 percent of the total
- (b) that this objective be achieved by increasing children's swimming lesson fees on April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year in accordance with the schedule on Attachment A.

*ADOPTED.*

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 11, 2007 regarding financial objectives and rates for the three indoor aquatic leisure centres (Lakewood Civic Centre, Lawson Civic Centre and Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre).

Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration, and supports the financial objectives and rate increases, as outlined in the report.

**8. Zoo Program/Paws Inn Concession Agreements**  
**(File No. CK. 4205-8)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** 1) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate agreements between the City of Saskatoon and the Saskatoon Zoo Society; and

2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreements under the Corporate Seal.

*ADOPTED.*

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 12, 2007 recommending approval of two Agreements between the City of Saskatoon and the Saskatoon Zoo Society – (1) Program Agreement approved by City Council in 2001; and (2) Paws Inn Concession Agreement.

Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration and supports the approval of the revised Agreements.”

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

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

*CARRIED.*

*His Worship the Mayor assumed the Chair.*

### **HEARINGS**

- 4a) Discretionary Use Application  
Bed & Breakfast Home (max 3 guest bedrooms)  
111 Ash Street – Exhibition Neighbourhood  
Applicant: Garry Drabble  
(File No. CK. 4355-1)**

#### **REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:**

“The purpose of this hearing is to consider the above-noted discretionary use application.

The City Planner has advised that the required notification posters have been placed on site and letters have been sent to all adjacent landowners within 75 metres of the site.

Attached is a report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated December 27, 2006 recommending that the application submitted by Mr. Garry Drabble requesting permission to use Lot 18, Block 10, Plan G532 (111 Ash Street) for the purpose of a Bed and Breakfast Home with three guest rooms be approved subject to the following:

- a) the applicant obtaining a Development Permit and all other relevant permits (such as Building and Plumbing Permits) and licenses prior to the use of this site for the purpose of a Bed and Breakfast Home with three guest bedrooms; and
- b) the three guest bedrooms not being used as part of the bed and breakfast operation until all conditions of the required permits noted above are met.

Attached is a report of the Municipal Planning Commission dated January 15, 2007 advising the Commission supports the above-noted recommendations.”

*His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.*

*Mr. Tim Steuart, Community Services Department, expressed the Department’s support of the*

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*discretionary use application.*

*Mr. Brad Sylvester, Chair, Municipal Planning Commission, expressed the Commission's support of the discretionary use application.*

*His Worship the Mayor ascertained that there was no one present in the gallery who wished to address Council on this matter.*

*Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,*

*THAT the hearing be closed.*

**CARRIED.**

*Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Hill,*

*THAT the application submitted by Mr. Garry Drabble requesting permission to use Lot 18, Block 10, Plan G532 (111 Ash Street) for the purpose of a Bed and Breakfast Home with three guest rooms be approved subject to the following:*

- a) the applicant obtaining a Development Permit and all other relevant permits (such as Building and Plumbing Permits) and licenses prior to the use of this site for the purpose of a Bed and Breakfast Home with three guest bedrooms; and*
- b) the three guest bedrooms not being used as part of the bed and breakfast operation until all conditions of the required permits noted above are met.*

**CARRIED.**

**4b) Discretionary Use Application  
Legalizing an Existing Secondary Suite – Type II  
1523 Central Avenue – Sutherland Neighbourhood  
Applicant: Yvonne Sayazie  
(File No. CK. 4355-1)**

**REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:**

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the above-noted discretionary use application.

The City Planner has advised that the required notification posters have been placed on site and letters have been sent to all adjacent landowners within 75 metres of the site.

Attached is a report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 9, 2007, recommending that the application submitted by Yvonne Sayazie to use Lot 7, Block 1, Plan G255 (1523 Central Avenue) for the purpose of a One-Unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite - Type II be approved subject to the following:

- 1) the final plans submitted for the proposed One-Unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite - Type II being substantially in accordance with those plans submitted in support of this Discretionary Use Application; and
- 2) the applicant obtaining a Development Permit and all other relevant permits (such as Building and Plumbing Permits) prior to the use of this site for the purpose of a One-Unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite - Type II.

Attached is a report of the Municipal Planning Commission dated January 30, 2007 advising the Commission supports the above-noted recommendations.”

*His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.*

*Mr. Tim Steuart, Community Services Department, expressed the Department’s support of the discretionary use application.*

*Mr. Brad Sylvester, Chair, Municipal Planning Commission, expressed the Commission’s support of the discretionary use application.*

*His Worship the Mayor ascertained that there was no one present in the gallery who wished to address Council on this matter.*

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,*

*THAT the hearing be closed.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,*

*THAT the application submitted by Yvonne Sayazie to use Lot 7, Block 1, Plan G255 (1523 Central Avenue) for the purpose of a One-Unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite - Type II be approved subject to the following:*

- 1) the final plans submitted for the proposed One-Unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite - Type II being substantially in accordance with those plans submitted in support of this Discretionary Use Application; and*
- 2) the applicant obtaining a Development Permit and all other relevant permits (such as Building and Plumbing Permits) prior to the use of this site for the purpose of a One-Unit Dwelling with a Secondary Suite - Type II.*

*CARRIED.*

**MATTERS REQUIRING PUBLIC NOTICE**

- 5a) Proposed Closure of Right-of-Way  
Portion of Public Right-of-Way  
Adjacent to 514 - 518 Smallwood Crescent  
(File No. 6295-1)**

**REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:**

“The following is a report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated February 1, 2007:

- ‘RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8573;
  - 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to take all necessary steps to bring the intended closing forward and to complete the closing; and
  - 3) that upon closing the portion of right-of-way as described in Plan of Proposed Closure prepared by Webb Surveys, it be sold to Sandra Thiessen and

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Douglas Thiessen of 514 Smallwood Crescent and Florence I. Fauchoux of 518 Smallwood Crescent for \$1,000.00 each.

**REPORT**

An application has been received from Sandra Thiessen and Douglas Thiessen of 514 Smallwood Crescent and Florence I. Fauchoux of 518 Smallwood Crescent to close and purchase a portion of the public right-of-way, as shown on Plan of Proposed Closure (Attachment1).

In accordance with City Council Policy Number C07-017 – Walkway Closure Fee Assistance, the portion of public right-of-way in “Walkway A” will be sold to Sandra and Douglas Thiessen of 514 Smallwood Crescent for \$1,000.00, and the portion of public right-of-way “Walkway B” will be sold to Florence I. Fauchoux of 518 Smallwood Crescent for \$1,000.00, as outlined in Plan No. 242-0011-002r001 (Attachment 2). The portion of right-of-way adjacent to 514 and 518 Smallwood Crescent has been utilized as a walkway joining Smallwood Crescent to a back lane.

Approval for the closing of the portion of right-of-way has been received from the Minister of Highways (Attachment 3).

SaskEnergy has facilities within the proposed closure and has granted permission for closure, subject to easements being granted.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice is required for consideration of this matter, pursuant to Section 3b) of Policy No. C01-021, The Public Notice Policy. The following notice was given:

- Advertised in *The StarPhoenix* and *Sun* on the weekends of February 3 and 4 and February 10 and 11, 2007 (Attachment 5)
- Posted on City Hall Notice Board on Friday, February 2, 2007
- Posted on City Website on Friday, February 2, 2007
- Flyers distributed to affected parties on Thursday February1, 2007

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Plan of Proposed Closure dated September 19, 2006;
2. Plan No. 242-0011-002r001;
3. Letter from Department of Highways, dated October 16, 2006;
4. Proposed Bylaw No.8573; and
5. Copy of Public Notice.”

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*His Worship the Mayor ascertained that there was no one present in the gallery who wished to address Council on this matter.*

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

- 1) that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8573;*
- 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to take all necessary steps to bring the intended closing forward and to complete the closing; and*
- 3) that upon closing the portion of right-of-way as described in Plan of Proposed Closure prepared by Webb Surveys, it be sold to Sandra Thiessen and Douglas Thiessen of 514 Smallwood Crescent and Florence I. Fauchoux of 518 Smallwood Crescent for \$1,000.00 each.*

*CARRIED.*

**5b) Proposed Portion of Right-of-way  
Proposed Closure of Portion of Right-of-Way Along 71<sup>st</sup> Street Between  
C.N.R. Railway and Wanuskewin Road and West of Millar Avenue  
(File No. 6295-1)**

**REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:**

“The following is a report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated February 1, 2007:

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council consider Bylaw No 8579;
  - 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to take all necessary steps to bring the intended closing forward and to complete the closing;
  - 3) that upon closing the portion of right-of-way along 71<sup>st</sup> Street as shown on Plan Numbers 242-0032-006r001 and 242-0032-007r001 (Attachment 1 and Attachment 2) and Descriptive Plan (Attachment 3) prepared by George, Nicholson Franko, & Associated Ltd. dated October, 2006, it be retained by the City of Saskatoon for re-subdivision; and
  - 4) that all costs associated with this closing be paid by the applicant.



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A request has been received from the Community Services Department, Land Branch to close a portion of right-of-way along 71<sup>st</sup> Street between Wanuskewin Road and the Canadian National Railway, as shown on Plan Number 242-0032-006r001; and to close a portion of right-of-way along 71<sup>st</sup> Street, west of Millar Avenue, as shown on Plan Number 242-0032-007r001. The reason for the closure is to facilitate the implementation of the Marquis Industrial Concept Plan in which 71<sup>st</sup> Street is to function as a local industrial roadway. A 34 metre right-of-way is not required for a local industrial roadway. The excess right-of-way will be consolidated into the existing and newly proposed parcels. SaskTel, SaskEnergy, SaskPower, SaskWater and the City of Saskatoon have facilities within the proposed closure and have granted permission for closure, subject to easements being granted.

Approval has been received from the Minister of Highways (Attachment 4).

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice is required for consideration of this matter, pursuant to Section 3b) of Policy No. C01-021, The Public Notice Policy. The following notice was given:

- Advertised in the *Star Phoenix* and *Sun* on the weekends of February 3/4 and 10/11, 2007.
- Posted on City Hall Notice Board on Friday February 3, 2007.
- Posted on City website on Friday, February 3, 2007.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Plan Number 242-0032-006r001, Road Closure - 71<sup>st</sup> Street, CPR Rail to Wanuskewin Road;
2. Plan Number 242-0032-007r001, Road Closure -71<sup>st</sup> Street, Idylwyld Drive to Millar Ave;
3. Descriptive Plan prepared by George Nicholson Franko and Associates;
4. Copy of letter from Department of Highways dated October 31, 2006;
5. Proposed Bylaw No. 8579; and
6. Copy of Public Notice –Permanent Closure Portion of Right-of-way along 71<sup>st</sup> Street between C.N.R. Railway and Wanuskewin Road.’’

*His Worship the Mayor ascertained that there was no one present in the gallery who wished to address Council on this matter.*

*Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,*

- 1) *that City Council consider Bylaw No 8579;*

- 2) *that the City Solicitor be instructed to take all necessary steps to bring the intended closing forward and to complete the closing;*
- 3) *that upon closing the portion of right-of-way along 71<sup>st</sup> Street as shown on Plan Numbers 242-0032-006r001 and 242-0032-007r001 (Attachment 1 and Attachment 2) and Descriptive Plan (Attachment 3) prepared by George, Nicholson Franko, & Associated Ltd. dated October, 2006, it be retained by the City of Saskatoon for re-subdivision; and*
- 4) *that all costs associated with this closing be paid by the applicant.*

*CARRIED.*

### **COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL**

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

#### **A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL**

##### **1) Rusty Chartier, dated January 22**

Requesting permission to address City Council with respect to the police budget. (File No. CK. 5000-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Rusty Chartier be heard.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Hill,*

*THAT Rusty Chartier be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*Mr. Rusty Chartier spoke about policing and the police budget. He provided Council with information.*

*Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

##### **2) Kelly Patrick, dated January 25**

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Requesting permission to address City Council with respect to accessibility for citizens with disabilities. (File No. CK. 100-19)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Kelly Patrick be heard.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Hill,*

*THAT Kelly Patrick be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*Ms. Kelly Patrick expressed concern with respect to accessibility in the city.*

*Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**3) Cindy Baker, Programme Coordinator, AKA Gallery, dated January 27**

Requesting permission to address City Council with respect to their application to the Building Communities Program for funding. (File No. CK. 1870-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Cindy Baker be heard.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Hill,*

*THAT Cindy Baker be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*It was noted that Ms. Baker was not present in the gallery.*

*Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Hill,*

*THAT the letter be referred to the Administration.*

*CARRIED.*

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**4) Vice Chief Lyle Whitefish, FSIN, dated January 16**

Requesting permission to address City Council with respect to bidding for the North American Indigenous Games, to be held in Saskatchewan in 2011. (File No. CK. 1870-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Vice Chief Whitefish and Lyle Daniels be heard.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Hill,*

*THAT Vice Chief Whitefish and Lyle Daniels be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*Second Vice Chief Guy Lonechild and Lyle Daniels, Executive Director, Sports and Recreation Programs, both from the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, provided a PowerPoint presentation to Council regarding The North American Indigenous Games bid process.*

*Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,*

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

*CARRIED.*

**5) Alan Thomarat, Saskatoon Homebuilders, dated February 5**

Requesting permission to address City Council with respect to land servicing and land sales policy.

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Clause 3 of Report No. 3-2007 of the Executive Committee be brought forward and considered at this time, and that Mr. Thomarat be heard.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Hill,*

*THAT Clause 3, Report No. 3-2007 of the Executive Committee be brought forward and that Alan Thomarat be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

**“REPORT NO. 3-2007 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**3. Lot Allocation Policy  
(File No. CK. 4110-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the revised Lot Allocation Policy and terms of the Sales Agreement for residential lots be adopted, as outlined in Attachment No. 1 of the report of the Land Bank Committee dated January 23, 2007; and
  - 2) that the matter be reviewed by the Land Bank Committee in June of 2007 in terms of monitoring the results of the new policy initiatives.

Your Committee has considered and supports the attached report of the Land Bank Committee dated January 23, 2007.”

*Mr. Alan Thomarar, Executive Director, Saskatoon & Region Home Builders’ Association, spoke with respect to land servicing and the land sales policy. He provided Council with a copy of his presentation.*

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

- 1) that the revised Lot Allocation Policy and terms of the Sales Agreement for residential lots be adopted, as outlined in Attachment No. 1 of the report of the Land Bank Committee dated January 23, 2007; and*
- 2) that the matter be reviewed by the Land Bank Committee in June of 2007 in terms of monitoring the results of the new policy initiatives.*

*CARRIED.*

**REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL – CONTINUED**

**6) Pat Switucka, dated February 6**

Requesting to address City Council with respect to building codes. (File No. CK. 4000-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Pat Switucka be heard.

*It was noted that the request from Pat Switucka was withdrawn.*

**7) Alan Thomarar, Executive Director**

**Saskatoon & Region Home Builders' Association, February 8**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the resolution to make Saskatoon the Business Friendliest City in Canada. (File No. CK. 225-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Clause 1, Report No. 2-2007 of the Administration and Finance Committee be brought forward and that Alan Thomarat be heard.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Hill,*

*THAT Clause 1, Report No. 2-2007 of the Administration and Finance Committee be brought forward and that Alan Thomarat be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

**“REPORT NO. 2-2007 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**1. Resolution – Business Friendliest City  
The Saskatoon Combined Business Group  
(File No. CK. 225-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) that City Council declare that the City of Saskatoon will enhance its position as the Business Friendliest City in Canada through excellence, innovation and creativity; and
- 2) that a progress report be provided in 2009.

The Saskatoon Combined Business Group approached City Council to amend the 2002 resolution regarding Saskatoon being the Business Friendliest City, at its meeting held on December 4, 2006 at which time Ms. Shirley Ryan made a presentation to City Council with respect to Saskatoon being the Business Friendliest City in Canada, and asked Council to renew its commitment to this objective, by updating the original resolution to read “The City will continue to work to improve its position as the Business Friendliest City in Canada.”

The 2002 Resolution was as follows:

December 16, 2002 City Council resolution:

that City Council declare that, by 2006, Saskatoon and region will be the Business Friendliest City in Canada, which nurtures excellence, innovation and creativity.”

The matter was subsequently referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.

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Your Committee has met with Mr. Kent Smith-Windsor, a representative of The Saskatoon Combined Business Group and asked for input from Committee members. The Committee wanted to retain the words “excellence, innovation and creativity”, and also wanted a review date of 2009. The result of polling members is the two-part recommendation outlined above.”

*Mr. Alan Thomarat spoke on behalf of The Saskatoon Combined Business Group. He asked Council to amend the current recommendation to making Saskatoon the Business Friendliest City in Canada and provided a copy of the amendment to Council.*

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,*

- 1) that City Council declare that the City of Saskatoon will enhance its position as the Business Friendliest City in Canada through excellence, innovation and creativity;  
and*
- 2) that a progress report be provided in 2009.*

*CARRIED.*

**REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL – CONTINUED**

**8) D.W. Armstrong, Vice President, Land Development  
Dundee Realty Corporation, dated February 9**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the Stonebridge Business Park Concept Plan. (File No. CK. 4125-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Clause 1, Report No. 2-2007 of the Municipal Planning Commission and Clause 5, Report No. 2-2007 of the Planning and Operations Committee be brought forward and that D.W. Armstrong be heard.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Hill,*

*THAT Clause 5, Report No. 2-2007 of the Planning and Operations Committee and Clause 1, Report No. 2-2007 of the Municipal Planning Commission be brought forward and that D.W. Armstrong be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

**“REPORT NO. 2-2007 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**5. Stonebridge Business Park Concept Plan  
(File No. CK. 4125-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the Stonebridge Business Park Concept Plan dated September 8, 2006 be approved in principle.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 17, 2007, submitting the proposed Stonebridge Business Park Concept dated September 8, 2006.

Your Committee has reviewed the plan with the Administration and Mr. Armstrong, Dundee Developments, including the uses that would be permitted in each component of the business park, including the Industrial Business District (IB), the institutional component (M3) and the commercial component (B2). Your Committee has been advised of concerns expressed about the B2 portion during the Municipal Planning Commission’s review of the concept plan, although the plan was supported by a majority of the Commission. The Administration confirmed that there are four sites of the B2 zoning and as noted in the submitted report, the Community Services Department does not see this as having a city-wide impact given the size of this component, the phasing over two years, and the primary intent to provide services as a convenience for those using the business park and for residents of the nearby Stonebridge and Willows neighbourhoods. The permitted uses for each component are identified in the report from the Community Services Department.

Following review of this matter, your Committee supports the recommendation from the Administration that the Stonebridge Business Park Concept Plan dated September 8, 2006, be approved in principle.

This matter is also being reported on under Clause 1, Report No. 2-2007 of the Municipal Planning Commission.

**REPORT NO. 2-2007 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**1. Stonebridge Business Park Concept Plan  
Stonebridge Neighbourhood  
Applicant: Dundee Development Corporation  
(File No. CK. 4125-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received and considered with Clause 5, Report No. 2-2007 of the Planning and Operations Committee.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 8, 2007, with respect to a concept plan for the proposed Stonebridge Business Park, which



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has been submitted by Dundee Development Corporation requesting City Council's approval, in principle.

Your Commission has reviewed the proposal with the Administration and Mr. David Luczka, representative of Dundee Developments, including the timing of the development, servicing issues, roadway access and the completion of the Clarence Avenue/Circle Drive overpass in relation to this development, and the types of uses that would be allowed in the business park.

During review of this proposal, there was discussion about the general matter of commercial development and the amount of retail space currently available. This related to the B2 commercial component of the business park which was reviewed in context of the retail space available on 8<sup>th</sup> Street and the current services available at Market Mall that could potentially serve this neighbourhood, including the proposed business park. There were also comments about the impact the retail development in Stonegate and Preston Crossing may have on the downtown in relation to drawing traffic from the adjacent highways. The Administration discussed with the Commission, the size of the proposed commercial component of the Stonebridge Business Park, which would include four sites for a total of 1.78 hectares. Your Committee was advised that this is intended primarily to serve the business park and the residents of the Stonebridge and Willows neighbourhoods and is not intended to be viewed as a broader commercial type development.

Your Commission, in further review of this matter, discussed the proposed Stonebridge Business Park Concept Plan with respect to opportunities this would provide for working closer to home, the possibility of live/work situations within the Stonebridge neighbourhood, and the availability of services within a reasonable distance for those that work and live in the neighbourhood to reduce the need for driving and to reduce traffic in the area.

Following review of this proposal, your Commission is supporting the recommendation from the Administration that the Stonebridge Business Park Concept Plan dated September 8, 2006, be approved, in principle.

This matter is also being reported on under Clause 5, Report No. 2-2007 of the Planning and Operations Committee."

*Mr. Don Armstrong, Vice President, Land Development, Dundee Realty Corporation, spoke regarding the proposed Stonebridge Business Park development and asked Council to approve the plan in principle.*

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

*THAT Clause 1, Report No. 2-2007 of the Municipal Planning Commission be received as information.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,*

*THAT the Stonebridge Business Park Concept Plan dated September 8, 2006 be approved in principle.*

*CARRIED.*

**REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL – CONTINUED**

**9) Annie-Lou Lagimodiere, dated February 1**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the bulk metering charges at the Sierras of Erindale. (File No. CK. 1905-3)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Clause B1, Administrative Report No. 4-2007 be brought forward and that Annie-Lou Lagimodiere be heard.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Hill,*

*THAT Clause B1, Administrative Report No. 4-2007 be brought forward and that Annie-Lou Lagimodiere be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

**“ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 4-2007**

**B1) Enquiry – Councillor B. Dubois (December 18, 2006)  
Bulk Meter Charges – Sierras of Erindale  
(File No. 1905-3)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that information be received.

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Dubois at the meeting of City Council held on December 18, 2006:

“Sierras of Erindale, a condominium complex, has raised concerns regarding the fairness of the application of electric bulk metering charges on their residential meters. They have two electric meters servicing the 166 residential units in the complex but are charged service charges as if there were 166 individual electric meters. They believe this to be an unfair manner of assessing our service charge for electricity billings.

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While I understand that this is the manner of assessing service charges stipulated in Bylaw No. 2685, would the Administration please report on the implications of changing the manner in which service charges are calculated on residential bulk metered developments?"

**REPORT**

Bylaw No. 2685 by which sale of electric light and power is regulated in the City of Saskatoon states:

*Where one meter supplies more than one family dwelling unit, all rate blocks, the service charge and the minimum charge shall be multiplied by 100% of the total number of dwelling units in the premises.*

The buildings to which the bulk metering rates apply are comprised of individual units inhabited by individual customers, and belong to one of two groups:

1. Historical pre-1980s construction
2. Post-1980s senior citizen's complexes

While only one meter is read monthly, and residents do not receive individual monthly statements, all are receiving electrical service in an identical manner to other apartment dwellers within the City of Saskatoon.

SaskPower now requires individual metering for all new apartment buildings except for seniors' complexes. The individual metering and billing allows customers to be more aware of their usage levels which may promote energy conservation.

Historically, the City has set its rates for electricity sold within its franchise area so that customer bills would be the same as those paid by SaskPower customers. Failure to do this would result in inequities between similar customers served by the two utilities in Saskatoon. This includes those accounts where the "bulk metering" provision applies.

Administration is in agreement with the statements made by SaskPower in their submission to the Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel: that the "basic monthly charge" includes such costs as meter reading, billing, marketing, customer service, and a component of low voltage lines and associated transformers. This charge is the minimum charge for a customer to be connected to the electrical supply even if they use no electricity at all.

Within the City of Saskatoon franchise, there are 14 buildings with a total of 1,760 individual units to which the bulk metering applies. The annual revenue for provision of this service, based on February, 2007 rates will be approximately \$352,620.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.”

*Ms. Annie-Lou Lagimodiere, Sierras of Erindale, commented on the charges for bulk metering at the Sierras of Erindale condominium complex and requested a more fair solution.*

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**REPORT NO. 1-2007 OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Composition of Committee

Councillor B. Dubois, Chair  
Councillor B. Pringle  
Councillor D. Hill  
Councillor G. Wyant  
Councillor C. Clark

**1. Audit Report - Public Notice Policy Bylaw Compliance**  
**(File No. CK. 1600-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the information be received; and
  - 2) that the Public Notice Policy Bylaw be amended to explicitly include “internal borrowing” within the Public Notice process.

Attached is a copy of the Implementation Plan for the Audit Report – Public Notice Policy Bylaw Compliance, as well as Appendix A – Public Notice Policy Bylaw, 2003 (Bylaw No. 8171). A copy of the complete Audit Report was provided previously to all members of City Council, and a copy of the Audit Report has been posted on the City’s web site @ [www.saskatoon.ca](http://www.saskatoon.ca) under “ a” for audit reports in the alphabetical directory.

As will be noted, Recommendation No. 1) on the Implementation Plan contains options for dealing with public notice for internal borrowing, and the Committee supports that this be included in the public record, and therefore recommends Option b).

*Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Hill,*

*THAT the recommendation be adopted.*

*CARRIED.*

**REPORT NO. 3-2007 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Composition of Committee

His Worship Mayor D. Atchison, Chair  
Councillor C. Clark  
Councillor B. Dubois  
Councillor M. Heidt  
Councillor D. Hill  
Councillor P. Lorje  
Councillor M. Neault  
Councillor T. Paulsen  
Councillor G. Penner  
Councillor B. Pringle  
Councillor G. Wyant

**1. Proposed Purchase of Land and Buildings  
Pleasant Hill Revitalization Project  
(File No. CK. 4131-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) that the City Solicitor draft an Agreement For Sale with Patrick Wolfe to purchase the 29 parcels of property in the Pleasant Hill neighbourhood, as identified in Attachment 1;
- 2) that the value of these properties be established at \$1,826,875, being the sum total of the appraised value of the individual properties (\$1,461,500), plus a premium of \$365,375 to recognize the revitalizing benefits made possible in this neighbourhood due to these properties being assembled within a single city block;
- 3) that the property value established in 2) above be rendered in the form of \$1,461,500 in cash and \$365,375 as a donation receipt;
- 4) that the General Manager, Community Services Department, be authorized to undertake a Phase I Environmental Screening of the Wolfe Properties and secure options to purchase the property subject to satisfactory results from the Phase I screening; and
- 5) 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 two Canada-Saskatchewan-Saskatoon Urban Development Agreements for financial assistance with the Government of Canada and the Province of Saskatchewan subject to satisfactory review by the City Solicitor.

Your Committee has considered the following report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 27, 2006 and is pleased to put forward the above recommendation.

#### **“EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The City of Saskatoon has been offered 29 individual properties in the Pleasant Hill neighbourhood. These properties are concentrated together between Avenues O and N under the ownership of Mr. Patrick Wolfe.

This offer represents a rare opportunity to undertake a redevelopment of these properties, which could have a significant positive impact on Pleasant Hill.

The offer from Mr. Wolfe includes the appraised value of the properties, plus a ‘premium’, which has been identified as a ‘land assembly premium’. Mr. Wolfe indicated that the ‘premium’ is preferred as a donation receipt.

The City of Saskatoon hired a consultant to undertake a redevelopment concept of these properties. The consultant has recommended the redevelopment of the properties in phases. The total estimated amount of money required to redevelop the sites, including building, infrastructure, and land acquisition costs is estimated at \$23.2 million dollars (2005).

The Administration has now received formal offers of funding assistance from the Government of Canada and Province of Saskatchewan. Both levels of government will provide financial assistance towards the Pleasant Hill Revitalization Project.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In 2004, Patrick Wolfe approached the City of Saskatoon with an offer to purchase 29 individual properties he had accumulated over the course of 16 years. These properties are concentrated together between Avenues O and N. (See Attachment 1.)

It is rare to receive an offer of this many units concentrated together within a single neighbourhood. The advantage of this concentration is that it lends itself to a comprehensive redevelopment of the area. According to the 2002 Pleasant Hill Local Area Plan, the Pleasant Hill neighbourhood requires revitalization to stop the continued decline of the neighbourhood’s social and economic fabric. There is little doubt that a

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redevelopment of an entire block will have significant impact and benefit to the Pleasant Hill neighbourhood.

Mr. Wolfe's offer to purchase is based on an appraised value of the properties, estimated to be worth a total of \$1,461,500, plus 25% (\$365,375) for a land assembly premium. Mr. Wolfe is prepared to accept a charitable income tax receipt in lieu of cash payment for the land assembly premium. The total purchase price is therefore \$1,826,875.

**REPORT**

This proposal will produce over one block of clean, vacant, and fully serviced land that is ready for development in the Pleasant Hill area. The location of the activity is 20<sup>th</sup> Street West between Avenue O South and Avenue N South.

The City of Saskatoon proposes to purchase the properties on Avenue O South, Avenue N South, and 20<sup>th</sup> Street West, and to undertake the demolition of all existing buildings. The site will be prepared for a mixed-housing development, new elementary school, green space, and possibly some community space. The proposal includes land acquisition, site preparation, clean up, demolition, and infrastructure upgrades.

It is envisioned that the City of Saskatoon will retain ownership of the land in the short term and release it as the development partners are ready for construction. This proposal allows the City of Saskatoon to share some of the risk of investing in this neighbourhood and attract a diverse group of partners that includes other levels of government, non-profit groups, and the private sector. If this project proceeds, and in order to comply with Federal Treasury Board Guidelines, any earnings from the sale of land would be considered repayable.

The redevelopment of 29 properties in the Pleasant Hill neighbourhood is a large undertaking and cannot be justified on economic grounds. According to Community Services Department estimates, any housing development would have a market value of at least 30% lower than the actual development. The value in such a redevelopment project rests entirely on the benefits of revitalizing a distressed neighbourhood. This would include:

- an upgraded housing stock;
  - the construction of targeted housing, such as seniors' units;
  - the construction of additional units to increase population in the area;
  - the benefit of providing safety features as part of the new development;
- 
- the possibility of positive spin-off developments in proximity to the redevelopment; and



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- an increase in resident morale and investor confidence in the future of the neighbourhood.

### Funding Arrangement

The Pleasant Hill Revitalization Project has been contingent upon a successful application for funding assistance from the Federal and Provincial Governments under the Urban Development Agreement Program.

The Federal Government will contribute 24% or up to \$789,471, the Provincial Government will provide 24% or up to \$789,471, and the City of Saskatoon will contribute the remaining 52% or \$1,715,012, for a total of \$3,293,954. This amount will be used to pay for property acquisition, building demolition, subdivision, and infrastructure improvement costs.

The Administration is recommending that City Council authorize the execution of the Urban Development Agreements (UDA) to permit the acquisition of Mr. Wolfe's properties and demolition of the units. Mr. Wolfe is prepared to relocate existing residents to other suitable locations. Acquisition of the vacant houses and demolition is expected to take several months. In the meantime, there are three properties along 20<sup>th</sup> Street West which Mr. Wolfe does not own (1415, 1407 and 1405 20<sup>th</sup> Street West). The City of Saskatoon will endeavour to obtain these properties and incorporate these into the project.

### Development Partners

To date, the City of Saskatoon has received commitments, in principle, from two agencies who are interested in acquiring land for development in Pleasant Hill. The Board of Education for Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools is interested in acquiring land at this location for the construction of a new elementary school to replace St. Mary's School. The Saskatchewan Housing Corporation has expressed an interest in acquiring property to undertake a housing development. The nature of the housing development has not been determined at this time.

### Community & Stakeholder Consultation

Given the size and scope of this project, the City of Saskatoon and The Board of Education for Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools have arranged to host a Visioning and Design Workshop on Saturday, December 2, 2006, at St. Mary's School gymnasium. This will be a facilitated workshop involving a large community component designed to obtain early input into the proposed redevelopment.

## OPTIONS

1. Proceed with the proposal as outlined in this report, enter into an agreement under the Urban Development Agreement, and commence with the acquisition of the 29 Wolfe properties (recommended).
2. Do not proceed with the acquisition at this time. Should the City of Saskatoon decide not to purchase the property, the owner will proceed to place all 29 properties on the market over time. The advantages and opportunities available through accumulation of properties in Pleasant Hill would be lost.

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The City of Saskatoon has received approval for funding assistance through the Urban Development Agreement.

The City of Saskatoon anticipates having all of the costs outlined in the agreement funded through the Urban Development Agreement funding pool over a period of two years. The City of Saskatoon's \$1.7 million dollars share would be obtained through two sources - a contribution from the Affordable Housing Reserve and/or a dividend from the return on investment from the City of Saskatoon's Land Development Program. The Affordable Housing Reserve is projected to have a balance of \$2.6 million dollars at the end of 2006 after funding commitments.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Location Map
2. Funding Proposal – Urban Development Agreement”

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

*THAT the recommendation be adopted.*

*CARRIED.*

2. **Snow and Ice Program  
(File No. CK. 6290-1)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) that this report be forwarded to the Budget committee for consideration during deliberation of the 2007 Operating Budget;
- 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to make the necessary amendments to *Bylaw No. 7200 – The Traffic Bylaw*, to change the notice requirement from 36 hours to 18 hours for no parking restrictions required for street maintenance;
- 3) that the Administration report on a strategy for the impounding of vehicles that are towed as a result of the proposed 18 hour no parking notices;
- 4) that snow routes be implemented on all streets designated Priority 1 and Priority 2 under the City’s snow clearing program;
- 5) that the Administration report further with respect to the implementation of a residential sidewalk snow clearing bylaw similar to that of the City of Edmonton, with timeframes consistent with the provisions in effect for the business districts; and
- 6) that the snow and ice program be further reviewed in one year’s time.

Your Committee has considered the attached report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated January 24, 2007 and submits the above recommendation.

*Items B1, B14, and B17 of Communications to Council were brought forward.*

**“B1) Pat Ryan, dated January 18**

Commenting on snow removal. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

**B14) Candace Bakalech, dated February 3**

Commenting on the need for a bylaw on snow removal with respect to mobility for the handicapped and the elderly. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

**B17) Olanna White, dated February 9**

Submitting comments with respect to snow removal in the City. (File No. CK. 6290-1)”

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

*THAT the recommendation be adopted.*

*CARRIED.*

**3. Lot Allocation Policy  
(File No. CK. 4110-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the revised Lot Allocation Policy and terms of the Sales Agreement for residential lots be adopted, as outlined in Attachment No. 1 of the report of the Land Bank Committee dated January 23, 2007; and
  - 2) that the matter be reviewed by the Land Bank Committee in June of 2007 in terms of monitoring the results of the new policy initiatives.

*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 68.*

**COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL – CONTINUED**

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

**1) Pat Ryan, dated January 18**

Commenting on snow removal. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 83.*

**2) Kent Pollard, dated January 19**

Commenting on problems relating to an abandoned vehicle impeding his driveway. (File No. CK. 4400-1)

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

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

*THAT the matter of enforcement be referred to the Administration and Chief of Police.*

*CARRIED.*

3) **Darryl Gerwing, dated January 22**

Commenting on the need for CPR whistle cessation in the Briarwood area. (File No. CK. 375-2)

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

*Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,*

*THAT the Administration be instructed to work with CPR on having a signalized intersection at this location.*

*CARRIED.*

4) **Nancy Hyland-Pelletier, dated January 23**

Commenting on odours coming from the Saskatoon Processing Company on Miners Avenue. (File No. CK. 375-1)

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

*Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,*

*THAT the matter be referred to the Administration for a report.*

*CARRIED.*

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**5) Yolanda van Petten, dated January 25**

Commenting on the EAGLE police plane. (File No. CK. 5000-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received and forwarded to the Chief of Police.

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

*THAT the information be received and forwarded the Chief of Police.*

*CARRIED.*

**6) Fiji Robinson, dated January 25**

Indicating support of the application by 20 Above Inc. for funding under the Building Communities Program. (File No. CK. 1860-1)

**7) Maureen Latta, dated January 26**

Indicating support of the application by 20 Above Inc. for funding under the Building Communities Program. (File No. CK. 1860-1)

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

*Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Penner,*

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

*CARRIED.*

**8) Frances Clark, Secretary and Resource Centre Committee Chair,  
Richmond Committee on Disability, dated January 26**

Commenting on accessibility in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 225-1)

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

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

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

*CARRIED.*

**9) Julie Erbland, dated January 21**

Commenting on proposed development to Chief Whitecap Park with respect to the off-leash dog area. (File No. CK. 152-2)

**10) Scott Ziegler, dated January 27**

Commenting on proposed development to Chief Whitecap Park with respect to the off-leash dog area. (File No. CK. 152-2)

**11) Nancy and James McCrea, dated February 5**

Commenting on proposed development to Chief Whitecap Park with respect to the off-leash dog area. (File No. CK. 152-2)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received and joined to the file and the writers advised of the next steps in the process.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,*

*THAT the information be received and joined to the file and the writers be advised of the next steps in the process.*

*CARRIED.*

**12) Brent Burbridge, dated January 30**

Submitting a petition with approximately 61 names with respect to keeping Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre open. (File No. CK. 613-2)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the matter be referred to the Administration for consideration.

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

*THAT the matter be referred to the Administration for consideration.*

*CARRIED.*

**13) Lina Hack, dated February 2**

Expressing concern about the safety of the drinking water in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 4205-38)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the matter be referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.

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

*THAT the matter be referred to the Administration to respond to the writer with a copy provided to City Council, and that the letter be joined to Chief Whitecap Park file.*

*CARRIED.*

**14) Candace Bakalech, dated February 3**

Commenting on the need for a bylaw on snow removal with respect to mobility for the handicapped and the elderly. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 83.*

**15) Laura Wisminity, dated February 4**

Suggesting that Saskatoon adopt a “Baby Safe Haven” program, similar to one used in many U.S. States, where a newborn baby can be left in a safe place with no questions asked. (File No. CK. 225-69)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received and forwarded to the Saskatoon District Health Board for consideration.

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



*THAT the information be received and forwarded to the Minister of Health, the Minister of Community Resources, and the Saskatoon District Health Board for consideration.*

*CARRIED.*

**16) Larry Smith and Sue Hyland, Canada Games Council, dated January 23**

Requesting that the Canada Games flag be flown at City Hall February 23 to March 10, 2007, in honour of the 2007 Canada Winter Games in Whitehorse, Yukon. (File No. CK. 205-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the request for the Canada Games flag to be flown at City Hall February 23 to March 10, 2007, be approved subject to administrative conditions.

*Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,*

*THAT the request for the Canada Games flag to be flown at City Hall February 23 to March 10, 2007, be approved subject to administrative conditions.*

*CARRIED.*

**17) Olanna White, dated February 9**

Submitting comments with respect to snow removal in the City. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 83.*

**C. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**1) The Hon. Eldon Lautermilch, Minister, Highways and Transportation, dated January 15**

Responding to a letter from Mayor Atchison with respect to the "Move on Saskatchewan" discussion paper. (File No. CK. 6000-1)

**2) Doris MacLachlan, dated January 17**

Giving support to proposed anti-idling bylaw. (File No. CK. 7300-1)

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**3) Irene Loiselle, and others, dated January 17**

Commenting on the discounted bus pass and leisure card program. (File No. CK. 1905-4)

**4) Gwen Klotz, dated January 23**

Commenting on proposed police budget. (File No. CK. 5000-1)

**5) Yacob Ghebrai, dated January 23**

Suggesting the newly named Traffic Bridge be called the Connection Bridge.  
(File No. CK. 6050-8)

**6) Lucille Richardson, dated January 23**

Commenting on the proposal of having a mounted patrol in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 5000-1)

**7) Duncan L. Campbell, undated**

Commenting on property taxes. (File No. CK. 1920-1)

**8) Bob Kahovec, dated January 29**

Commenting on fires and shelters being built and used by strikers. (File No. CK. 150-1)

**9) Bryn Engel, dated February 2**

Commenting on poor medical services received in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 3000-1)

**10) Ken Giesbrecht, dated February 4**

Suggesting the City utilize private services for services such as snow removal. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

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**11) Arlene Stevens, dated February 7**

Expressing concerns about a ticket received with respect to snow on a vehicle. (File No. CK. 6120-1)

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

*Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,*

*THAT, with respect to Item C6, the letter be forwarded to the Chief of Police.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

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

**1) Nancy Carmichael, CHSA Board of Directors, dated February 1**

Requesting to make a presentation on pedestrian safety before the Traffic Safety Committee at an April meeting of the Committee. (File No. CK. 5200-1) **(Referred to the Traffic Safety Committee.)**

**2) Jason Basset, dated January 17**

Advising of damage done to his property by City crews after the blizzard of January 10. (File No. CK. 6290-1) **(Referred to the City Solicitor for appropriate action.)**

**3) David Peet, dated January 18**

Commenting on parking issues on Avenue B North. (File No. CK. 6120-1) **(Referred to Administration for appropriate action.)**

**4) Wilfred and Alexandra Popoff, dated January 24**

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Commenting on meter reading issues. (File No. CK. 4500-1) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writers.)**

**5) Darren Pepler, dated January 18**

Submitting a petition of approximately 17 names opposed to the proposed closure of a walkway between Peberdy and Wakabayashi Crescents. (File No. CK. 6295-1) **(Referred to Administration for consideration with the outstanding file.)**

**6) Terry Neefs, dated January 26**

Commenting on problems resulting from walkway between Peberdy and Wakabayashi Crescents and supporting its proposed closure. (File No. CK. 6295-1) **(Referred to Administration for consideration with the outstanding file.)**

**7) Daryl Torwalt, dated January 30**

Commenting on problems resulting from walkway between Peberdy and Wakabayashi Crescents and supporting its proposed closure. (File No. CK. 6295-1) **(Referred to Administration for consideration with the outstanding file.)**

**8) Brad Rink, dated January 22**

Commenting on noise, privacy and safety issues with respect to construction at the Water Treatment Plant. (File No. CK. 7920-1) **(Referred to the Administration for appropriate action.)**

**9) Arthur Baalim, Saskatoon Crisis Intervention Service Inc., dated January 23**

Requesting continued funding for the Saskatoon Crisis Intervention Service Inc. (File No. CK. 1870-1) **(Referred to Budget Committee for further handling.)**

**10) Laura Margita and Cindy Baker, 20 Above Inc., dated January 23**

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Requesting funding under the Building Communities Grant for 20 Above Inc. (File No. CK. 4500-1) **(Referred to Administration for report.)**

**11) Beryl Williams, Saskatoon Chapter for Alliance and Equality  
Of Blind Canadians, dated January 24**

Commenting on the on-going need for audible/accessible pedestrian signals. (File No. CK. 6250-1) **(Referred to Administration for further handling.)**

**12) Jeff Clarke, dated January 28**

Commenting on policing priorities in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 5000-1) **(Referred to the Board of Police Commissioners for further handling.)**

**13) Dave Jones, dated January 28**

Commenting on lack of bus service to Credit Union Centre during a recent concert event. (File No. CK. 7300-1) **(Referred to Credit Union Centre Board of Directors for further handling.)**

**14) Zaine Steinhauer, dated January 31**

Commenting on safety issues at Avenue C and Circle Drive intersection. (File No. CK. 6250-1) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

**15) John Nyffenegger, dated February 7**

Commenting on safety issues at Avenue C and Circle Drive intersection. (File No. CK. 6250-1) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

**16) Dean Cook, dated February 1**

Commenting on transit issues. (File No. CK. 7310-1) **(Referred to Administration for consideration.)**

**17) Mark Bergen, dated February 6**

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Commenting on lane closures on Circle Drive before construction is started. (File No. CK. 6001-1)  
**(Referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.)**

**18) Pat Hackett, dated February 6**

Commenting on safety issues due to sidewalks not being cleared properly and drain spouts causing dangers. (File No. CK. 6290-1) **(Referred to Administration for appropriate action.)**

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

*Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**E. PROCLAMATIONS**

**1) Gloria Kovach, President, FCM, dated January 22**

Requesting that City Council proclaim the week of February 4 to 10, 2007, as International Development Week. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**2) Naomi Kreutzwieser, Kidney Foundation of Canada,  
Chair, Leave a Legacy<sup>TM</sup> Saskatoon 2007, dated January 26**

Requesting that City Council proclaim the week of May 28 to June 3, 2007, as Leave a Legacy<sup>TM</sup> Week. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**3) Bonnie Wilken, Canadian Red Cross, dated January 29**

Requesting that City Council proclaim the month of March as Red Cross Month and requesting that the City raise a flag in recognition. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**4) Major D.C. LaClare, dated January 22**

Requesting that City Council proclaim May 20, 2007 as Cadet Day. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**5) Linda Martin, Director, in motion, dated February 5**

Requesting that City Council proclaim February 19, 2007 as Family *in motion* Day.  
(File No. CK. 205-5)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve all proclamations as set out in Section E;
  - 2) that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamations on behalf of City Council; and
  - 3) that City Council approve the request to raise a flag during the month of March 2007 in recognition of the Canadian Red Cross, subject to administrative conditions.

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

- 1) that City Council approve all proclamations as set out in Section E;*
- 2) that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamations on behalf of City Council; and*
- 3) that City Council approve the request to raise a flag during the month of March 2007 in recognition of the Canadian Red Cross, subject to administrative conditions.*

***CARRIED.***

**ENQUIRIES**

**Councillor G. Penner**  
**Ward Boundaries**  
**(File No. CK. 265-2)**

Would the City Clerk please report to Council, in her capacity as Returning Officer, on any change she might recommend to Ward boundaries for the next civic election due to city growth.

**Councillor B. Dubois  
Possibility of Installing Traffic Light – Rever Road and Attridge Drive  
(File No. CK. 6250-1)**

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Would the Administration please investigate the feasibility of installing a timed traffic light at the corner of Rever Road and Attridge Drive. For example, amber light most of the day, then normal operation during peak hours where it is next to impossible to turn onto Attridge Drive from Rever Road. It's very dangerous.

**Councillor B. Dubois  
Safety Improvement – Intersection of McOrmond Road, Kerr Road and Stensrud Road  
(File No. CK. 6250-1)**

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Would the Administration please report on what can be done at the intersection of McOrmond Road, Kerr Road and Stensrud Road to make it safer; perhaps a four-way stop or lights.

**Councillor B. Pringle  
Disability Parking Spaces  
(File No. CK. 6120-5)**

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With the awareness that we have two disability parking spaces at the back of this building, would the Administration please look at allocating additional disability parking spaces in front of City Hall, for example, adjacent to the front doors.

**Councillor P. Lorje  
Use of Plastic Bags  
(File No. CK. 7830-5)**

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Estimates are that Canadians use approximately 55 million plastic bags each week. These bags are generally non-compostable, and will take over 400 years to break down. Increasingly, jurisdictions around the world are taking action against this “white pollution”, and are either banning plastic bags outright, or charging a fee to use them. Will the Administration please report on measures that could be taken to reduce the number and nature of the plastic bags being handed out to retail customers that end up in the landfill. It would be appreciated if the report could address the logistics of mandating biodegradable compostable bags; the possibility of recycling used bags; and



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the option of charging a fee for plastic bags in order to reduce the number of bags being distributed at the retail level.

**Councillor P. Lorje  
Recycling in Saskatoon  
(File No. CK. 7830-5)**

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Will the Administration please report on mechanisms that could be implemented to improve the rate of recycling in Saskatoon. It appears there is general public acceptance of recycling as one practical measure for people to take action for more sustainable practices with respect to waste management. It therefore appears that recycling options could be considered to be a basic municipal service, just like park land set aside, and roadways are. Therefore, could the Administration report both on progress towards curb-side recycling in Saskatoon and on implementation of recycling depots in each neighbourhood in the city.

**Councillor M.Heidt  
Proposed Closure of Walkway between Hunt Road and Nesbitt Way  
(File No. CK. 6295-1)**

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Would the Administration please report back on closing this walkway. It is in between intersections of Hunt and Wedge and Hunt and Sumner.

People presented me with a petition of 86% of the people voting for closure in the catchment area.

Please report back as it leads into a park. However with Hampton Village increasing traffic flow it is becoming too dangerous and should be moved to the intersection at Hunt and Sumner.

**Councillor G. Wyant  
Possibility of Overhead Light – Adilman Drive and Wanuskewin Road  
(File No. CK. 6300-1)**

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Would the Administration please report on the possibility of placing an overhead light at the intersection of Adilman Drive and Wanuskewin Road. There was some work done at this intersection to improve safety; however, the temporary restrictions are not well seen at night especially for southbound traffic on Wanuskewin Road.

**GIVING NOTICE**

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Councillor Lorje gave the following Notice of Motion:

“TAKE NOTICE that at the next regular meeting of City Council, I will move the following motion:

‘THAT the Administration and Finance Committee consider the possibility of establishing a taxi commission in the City of Saskatoon.’”

**INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS**

**Bylaw 8573**

Moved by Councillor Heidt, seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8573, being “The Street Closing Bylaw, 2007 (No. 2)”, and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT Bylaw No. 8573 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8573.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8573 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8573 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Bylaw No. 8573 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.

**Bylaw 8579**

Moved by Councillor Heidt, seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8579, being “The Street Closing Bylaw, 2007 (No. 3)”, and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, seconded by Councillor Wyant,

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THAT Bylaw No. 8579 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8579.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8579 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8579 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Bylaw No. 8579 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.

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**Bylaw 8584**

Moved by Councillor Heidt, seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8584, being “The Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 2007”, and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT Bylaw No. 8584 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8584.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8584 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

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

CARRIED.

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Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8584 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT Bylaw No. 8584 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.

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*Moved by Councillor Heidt,*

*THAT the meeting stand adjourned.*

*CARRIED.*

*The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.*

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Mayor

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City Clerk