

Council Chambers  
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.  
Friday, July 2, 2010  
at 8:30 a.m.

## **MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor, in the Chair;  
Councillors Clark, Dubois, Heidt, Lorje, Neault,  
Penner, and Pringle;  
City Manager Totland;  
City Solicitor Dust;  
A/General Manager, Community Services Grauer;  
General Manager, Corporate Services Bilanski;  
A/General Manager, Fire and Protective Services Paulsen;  
General Manager, Infrastructure Services Gutek;  
General Manager, Utility Services Jorgenson; and  
A/City Clerk Kanak

*Councillor Lorje entered the meeting at 8:37 a.m. during presentation of Clause B1, Legislative Report No. 9-2010.*

*Council went into Committee of the Whole with His Worship the Mayor in the Chair.*

*Committee arose.*

*His Worship the Mayor, Chair of the Committee of the Whole, made the following report:*

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

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**“LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 9-2010**

**B1) Provincial Disaster Assistance Program  
(File No. CK. 7820-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that The City of Saskatoon apply to Saskatchewan Corrections, Public Safety and Policing to be designated an Eligible Assistance Area under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP) which provides financial assistance for restoring essential services and property, both public and private, as a result of substantial damages caused by a severe rainstorm and resultant flooding throughout the City of Saskatoon during the night of June 29/30, 2010.

*ADOPTED.*

As City Council is aware, Saskatoon experienced a very heavy rainfall during the night of June 29/30, 2010. The storm caused flooding in basements throughout the City. Many homes were damaged because of surfacing flooding or seepage of rain water into their basement. Some flooding was also caused by sewage backup. At this time, we do not have an accurate estimate of the number of claims, but it will be significant.

The Province of Saskatchewan has a Provincial Disaster Assistance Program which covers uninsurable damage to individual properties caused by a natural disaster. Assistance is not provided where private insurance could have been purchased to cover the claim. This Program also covers damage to municipal property where it exceeds a value of one million dollars. This limit does not apply to individual claims. At this point it appears we have not reached that limit.

In order for individual citizens to receive assistance under the Program, City Council must request by resolution that the City be designated an Eligible Assistance Area. The Province will then decide whether the heavy rainfall event qualifies the City’s residents for disaster relief. If the City is designated an Eligible Assistance Area, we will talk to the Province about how to most efficiently get individual claims registered with the Province. Once the Province has the claims, they will adjust the claims and make payments where appropriate.”

*The Deputy City Clerk also circulated copies of the June 29, 2010 Rain Event Information Sheet, which was prepared by the Infrastructure Services Department.*

*Moved by Councillor Clark, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,*

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

*CARRIED.*

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*Moved by Councillor Penner,*

*THAT the meeting stand adjourned.*

*CARRIED.*

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

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Mayor

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A/City Clerk