

Council Chamber
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Monday, March 9, 1998
at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

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

PRESENTATION

His Worship the Mayor presented the Canadian Award for Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada, to the Comptroller's Branch, Finance Department, for its 1996 Financial Report. In City Comptroller Veltkamp's absence, City Commissioner Irwin accepted the Award.

Councillor Steernberg rose on a point of privilege and introduced the 69th Parkridge Scout Troop. His Worship the Mayor welcomed the group to the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor welcomed the students of Mount Royal Collegiate to the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on February 23, 1998 and the Special Meeting of City Council held on February 25, 1998 be approved.

CARRIED.

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COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

**1) Rev. Dr. Ivan Wilson, Chair
Race Relations Committee, dated February 25**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the Equity and Anti-Racism Policy. (File No. CK. 225-40)

RECOMMENDATION: that Rev. Dr. Ivan Wilson be heard.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Rev. Dr. Ivan Wilson be heard

CARRIED.

Rev. Dr. Ivan Wilson, Chair, Race Relations Committee, introduced the Equity and Anti-Racism Policy. He presented a framed copy of the policy to His Worship the Mayor.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT that the information be received.

CARRIED.

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2) Anna White, dated February 28

Requesting permission to address Council regarding a recent incident involving the Saskatoon Transit System. (File No. CK. 7300-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Ms. White be heard.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Ms. White be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Anna White, spoke on the death of her son while on the job at the Transit Branch.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

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

CARRIED.

AA. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

**1) Judy M. Koutecky, Administrative Assistant
Mendel Art Gallery, dated February 19**

Submitting Notice of the Annual General Meeting of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation to be held on Tuesday, March 24, 1998. (File No. CK. 175-27)

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RECOMMENDATION: that The City of Saskatoon, being a member of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, appoint Henry Dayday, or in his absence, Peter McCann or Patricia Roe of The City of Saskatoon in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the members of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, to be held on the 24th day of March, 1998, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof .

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT The City of Saskatoon, being a member of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, appoint Henry Dayday, or in his absence, Peter McCann or Patricia Roe of The City of Saskatoon in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the members of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, to be held on the 24th day of March, 1998, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

CARRIED.

**2) Joan Steckhan, Director of Finance and Administration
Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority, dated February 17**

Submitting Notice of Election of SREDA Inc. Directors Appointed by City at the Annual General Meeting. (File No. CK. 175-37)

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RECOMMENDATION: that The City of Saskatoon, being a member of The Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority Inc., appoint Henry Dayday, or in his absence, Marty Irwin, Peter McCann and Patricia Roe of The City of Saskatoon in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the members of The Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority Inc., to be held on the 25th day of March, 1998, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT The City of Saskatoon, being a member of The Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority Inc., appoint Henry Dayday, or in his absence, Marty Irwin, Peter McCann or Patricia Roe of The City of Saskatoon in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the members of The Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority Inc., to be held on the 25th day of March, 1998, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

CARRIED.

3) Crystal Esser, Executive Assistant
Children's Health Foundation of Saskatchewan, dated February 25

Requesting permission for temporary closure of 21st Street East between 1st Avenue and 2nd Avenue on Friday, May 29, 1998 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the 3rd Annual Wear Your Bear Cookout. (File No. CK. 205-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

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**4) Peggy Miller, Executive Director
North Saskatchewan Independent Living Centre, dated February 26**

Submitting a copy of a letter thanking City Council for a grant awarded to the North Saskatchewan Independent Living Centre. (File No. CK. 1870-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**5) Peter Coad, Chairman
Riversdale Business Improvement District, dated February 18**

Submitting a notice regarding changes to the Riversdale Business Improvement District's Board of Management. (File No. CK. 1680-4)

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed to the Riversdale Business Improvement District Board of Management for the year 1998:

Councillor A. Langford
Mr. Peter Coad
Mr. Karl Baumgardner
Mr. Darryl Brown
Mr. Art Mark
Mr. Tim Wake
Mr. Harold Bethel
Ms. Laurie Appelt
Ms. Jan Beavis

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the following be appointed to the Riversdale Business Improvement District Board of Management for the year 1998:

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*Councillor A. Langford
Mr. Peter Coad
Mr. Karl Baumgardner
Mr. Darryl Brown
Mr. Art Mark
Mr. Tim Wake
Mr. Harold Bethel
Ms. Laurie Appelt
Ms. Jan Beavis.*

CARRIED.

**6) Deneen Gudjonson, Executive Director
Riversdale Business Improvement District, dated February 23**

Submitting the 1998 budget for the Riversdale Business Improvement District. (File No. CK. 1680-4)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and incorporated into the 1998 Operating Budget.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received and incorporated into the 1998 Operating Budget.

CARRIED.

**7) Jae Eadie, President
Federation of Canadian Municipalities, February 16**

Submitting a copy of the Affordability and Choice Today (A-C-T) case study entitled Construction Standards for Accessory Apartments. (File No. CK. 155-2)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**8) The Honourable Carol Teichrob
Minister of Municipal Government, dated February 19**

Submitting a response to a question regarding SaskPower which was submitted during the Dialogue with Cabinet at the recent SUMA convention. (File No. CK. 1905-6)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**9) Mark Thompson, Chairman of the Board
Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency, dated February 27**

Submitting a copy of the resolutions for the SAMA Annual Meeting to be held on April 2, 1998. (File No. CK. 180-11)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

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**10) Glenn Gustafson, Public Programs Coordinator
Meewasin Valley Authority, dated February 27**

Requesting approval of the appointment of Mr. Jason Wall to the Marr Residence Management Board as the representative of the Meewasin Valley Authority to replace Mr. Glenn Gustafson. (File No. CK 225-52)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Jason Wall be appointed to the Marr Residence Management Board as the representative of the Meewasin Valley Authority to replace Mr. Glenn Gustafson.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

THAT Mr. Jason Wall be appointed to the Marr Residence Management Board as the representative of the Meewasin Valley Authority to replace Mr. Glenn Gustafson.

CARRIED.

**11) Roxanne Kaminski, Chairperson
St. Goretti Family Fun Day Committee, undated**

Requesting permission for the temporary closure of Avenue Q between Bedford Road and Rusholme Road from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 15, 1998 in connection with a "Family Fun Day". (File No. CK. 205-1)

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

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

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**12) Robert Donahue, Chair
Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee, dated February 27**

Submitting information on the Green Communities Program and requesting Council to give consideration to becoming a partner and participating on the Steering Committee. (File No. CK. 375-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Harding,

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

CARRIED.

**13) Elena Schacherl, Program Administrator
Dutch Elm Disease Program, dated March 6**

Submitting comments the funding for the urban Tree Maintenance Program. (File No. CK. 4201-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause 1, Report No. 4-1998 of the Administration and Finance Committee.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Clause 1, Report No. 4-1998 of the Administration and Finance Committee be brought forward for consideration.

CARRIED.

“REPORT NO. 4-1998 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

**1. Urban Tree Maintenance Program
(File No. CK. 4201-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that funding for the Urban Tree Maintenance Program be increased by a total of \$90,000 in the 1998 Operating Budget year; and

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- 2) that the Parks Branch report to the Administration and Finance Committee annually to provide an update on the status of Dutch Elm Disease in the Province and in the City of Saskatoon, and to forecast the amount of funding required to complete the four-year funding plan which would achieve a pruning cycle of once every seven years by the year 2001.

City Council and the Administration and Finance Committee has heard presentations from representatives of the provincial Dutch Elm Disease Program regarding the importance of establishing a 5-year pruning cycle to protect our Elm trees from the spread of the Dutch Elm Disease. Your Committee asked the Administration to report back, prior to Budget discussions, on the tree pruning program, including the impact on the cost of reducing the pruning cycle by yearly intervals, (1:12, 1:11, 1:10, 1:9, 1:8, 1:7, 1:6, 1:5), and including various options that might be used with respect to tree pruning activities, (such as time spent pruning vs. answering calls).

The following report of the General Manager, Public Works Department, dated February 10, 1998 was received in response to the Committee's questions, and the Committee supports an additional budgetary provision to reduce the tree pruning cycle to 1:7:

“At its meeting held on October 29, 1997, the Administration and Finance Committee considered the status of the City's Urban Tree Maintenance Program as it presently addresses the threat of Dutch Elm Disease and resolved:

‘that the Administration report back to the Committee prior to Budget discussions, on the tree pruning program, including the impact on the cost of reducing the pruning cycle by yearly intervals, (1:12, 1:11, 1:10, 1:9, 1:8, 1:7, 1:6, 1:5), and including various options that might be used with respect to tree pruning activities, (such as time spent pruning vs. answering calls).’

BACKGROUND

The City of Saskatoon owns and maintains a total of 90,532 inventoried trees on boulevards and in parks (56,500 boulevard trees, 34,400 park trees). This urban forest provides economic, aesthetic, and functional benefits to the entire community. Trees provide a pleasurable environment in an otherwise characteristically stressful urban atmosphere. Benefits from these trees include enhanced real estate values, wind amelioration, noise abatement, pollutant interception, and summer shade. City of Saskatoon residents appear to be greatly concerned about the urban forest, and place a high value on trees in their

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neighbourhood. The Plan Saskatoon Policy Directions Report indicates: 'As noted in the Plan Saskatoon public participation program, the City's riverbank, other natural areas, and the urban forest are some of the most valued monetary and non-monetary assets in Saskatoon. The enhancement of these assets through appropriate land use policies and management practices is extremely important to the sustainability of our community over the long term.'

The Plan Saskatoon Policy Directions Report recommends: 'That the new Development Plan and Zoning Bylaw incorporate policies for the perpetuation of the urban forest, including new planting and the protection and maintenance of the urban forest throughout the City.'

The Urban Forestry Program within the Parks Branch established an Urban Forest Management Plan in 1990. This Plan has provided direction for the Program in prioritizing resources, focusing effort, and forecasting direction for the Program. Although the Plan was written to affect all publicly-owned trees, the Urban Forestry Program was responsible only for the boulevard trees. At that time, park trees and shelterbelts were maintained through the Grounds Maintenance Program. In 1996 the Urban Forestry Program was given the additional responsibility for all park trees as well. Trees in Woodlawn Cemetery are cared for by Cemetery staff, and in view of Woodlawn's mandate to achieve self sufficiency, that responsibility will remain within that Program. The Leisure Services Department is still responsible for trees on golf courses and at the Gordie Howe Campsite, however, Urban Forestry staff have become involved in tree assessment and maintenance at the Campsite. There is no definable pruning cycle at either Woodlawn Cemetery or any of the Leisure Services sites because of the absence of a pruning program at these locations. The intention of the Urban Forestry Program is to continue to expand its influence on all City-owned trees even though direct responsibility of those trees remains outside our administrative control. To date this expanded role has been accomplished without additional funding being made available for this purpose; however, further funding will be required to establish pruning programs in these areas.

A report to the Planning and Development Committee dated December 6, 1991, indicated that Dutch Elm Disease (DED) had been identified in a number of areas in Saskatchewan; including Carrot River, Cumberland House, Estevan, Shaunavon, Grand Coulee, and at Wascana Centre within the City of Regina. This widespread distribution of the disease throughout the province, prompted a greater urgency to implement the Urban Forestry Management Plan and in particular, components such as tree sanitation or pruning. Subsequently, in the 1992 Operating Budget, City Council approved funding of \$100,000 which increased the contract pruning program to \$130,000 annually. By 1997 the total City Council approved funding for the contractual pruning program was increased to \$214,700.

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This allowed the City to reduce its 1991 pruning cycle of once every 53 years to once every 23 years in 1996.

The City of Saskatoon has made great strides since 1991 to protect its urban forest. Based on the International Society of Arboriculture standards, the average appraised value of trees in Saskatoon is set at \$3,600 per tree. Therefore, the total value of the City's urban forest of 90,532 trees is well over \$300,000,000. To preserve this asset, the City needs to continue its efforts to institute a comprehensive Tree Maintenance Plan which will be maintained for future generations.

DISCUSSION

Sanitation pruning is the most effective method of combating DED. Pruning removes the breeding sites for the Elm Bark Beetle and increases tree vigour. Healthy trees are less likely to become infected with Dutch Elm Disease. However, a comprehensive Urban Forestry Plan includes other components that are equally effective in preserving the City's wealth of trees. The key components of the Plan are:

Disease Monitoring

A structured monitoring program will detect infected elms earlier allowing a quick response and removal, thereby reducing the chance for infection of other trees. The program would require technically trained staff to inspect privately- and publicly-owned trees throughout the City to give a systematic coverage of elms and provide a more comprehensive review of the urban forest for Dutch Elm Disease. This program should also track the population of the two species of elm bark beetles which are the vectors that transmit the disease from one tree to another. Knowledge of size and location of beetle populations provides direction for pruning operations and gives an indication of the need for a basal spray program. An effective monitoring program would provide a coverage of 3 to 4 circuits of tree inspections in the season from June to August inclusive.

The Parks Branch is not funded to carry out a concerted inspection of our Elm population; therefore, we rely on random visual inspections that staff can accomplish when they are not dedicated to other pest problems such as mosquito control, inspection of elm firewood, cankerworm monitoring or other tree pest monitoring. The staff of the Pest Management Program have been able to dedicate enough resources to accomplish an average of 1.7 circuits in the period of June to August. The Pest Management Program also carries out monitoring of the elm bark beetle population on a limited scale to gain some idea of numbers of beetles, species most commonly found and their approximate location. Because this work has not received any funding it is limited in scope and cannot

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be used to predict with accuracy whether elm bark beetle populations are increasing, or how many trees might be infested with the beetle. At present, there is no great certainty that DED is not already present in the Saskatoon urban forest.

The Pest Management program requires one additional technically trained permanent staff member and seasonal support staff to inspect privately- and publicly-owned trees throughout the City to give three to four circuits of systematic coverage of elms and provide a more comprehensive look at the urban forest. The permanent staff position would also provide a year-round inspection of firewood, an extensive elm bark beetle monitoring program, and become a source of information and an individual to carry out training for City staff and the public. The total annual cost would be \$45,400.

Sanitation

Tree pruning is a major component of any tree management plan. According to recommendations from professional institutions such as the International Society of Arboriculture, an ideal pruning cycle for trees growing on city boulevards and parks is once in every five to seven years. The Cities of Edmonton and Regina currently have a five-year pruning cycle, while Winnipeg has an averaged seven year pruning cycle. Research carried out by and for the International Society of Arboriculture demonstrates that this frequency will maintain tree health and increase the trees' lifespan. The result will be reduced liability from falling trees or tree branches, increased property value to adjacent home owners, and a greater capability to prevent or control disease infestation such as Dutch Elm Disease.

A good tree pruning cycle encompasses the entire population of trees in an urban forest rather than focusing on only one species. Dutch Elm Disease has become the immediate threat and this has prompted a focus on American elms in the City. A combined total of American elm and Siberian elm make up an average of 28% of all City-owned trees. The Boulevard Tree Inventory taken in 1992 also provided ample evidence of problems with other tree species in our urban forest. Green Ash makes up 22% of the total population of boulevard trees. This tree grows to considerable height and has relatively few disease or insect pest problems. However, older branches on these trees are susceptible to dieback due to pests like the ash borer and ash bark beetle. Weakened branches of this tree species need to be removed on a regular and frequent timetable to prevent injury or damage. The Manitoba maple, Poplar and Willow species make up a combined total of 14% of the total population of City-owned trees. As they become older all tree species become naturally more susceptible to branch dieback, interior trunk rot and subsequent breakage with potential for serious injury to the public or damage to private and public property. A regular tree pruning program on a short cycle would remove these hazardous

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tree branches before extensive damage could occur. Cherry species make up 6% of the urban forest and are susceptible to Black Knot, a fungal disease that can damage and kill these trees. Regular tree pruning to remove and destroy infected plant parts is the only practical control method. An additional 5% of the tree population is made up of Birch which are susceptible to the Bronze Birch Borer. Damage from this insect results in dieback or complete loss of trees. Again regular pruning will remove dead or dying wood, and encourage vigorous growth. Combined these tree species make up 75% of the total urban forest. Clearly it would be more effective and more efficient to prune the entire tree population rather than trying to focus on different species as various problems become abruptly apparent.

The Block Pruning program includes all the contractual pruning carried out by the City. This program is designed to have the contractor systematically prune all trees along all streets in an area or neighbourhood as designated by the contract instead of just focusing on American elms. The perception of a contractor apparently picking trees along a street and leaving some for later work will only aggravate the public. The increased number of moves needed to set equipment up for only elm trees will reduce the contractors efficiency and will result in higher pruning costs for the City. Finally, a thorough pruning of all boulevard trees will reduce the tremendous burden on the Tree Inquiry Program which City staff are now attempting to catch up on. The Tree Inquiry Program receives calls from homeowners who request pruning to be carried out on the boulevard tree adjacent to their property. Presently, the Program is approximately 18 months behind in attending to these calls. A more frequent pruning cycle would address many of these requests. Fewer requests would allow City staff to be reassigned to the more efficient Block Pruning method of tree care and further reduce the pruning cycle.

Prior to 1991, the tree pruning cycle for only boulevard trees in the City of Saskatoon was once in approximately 53 years. This meant that each tree might be pruned only once in its entire lifetime. Increased funding for tree pruning since 1991 has reduced the pruning cycle for boulevard trees. In 1996 the pruning cycle for boulevard trees greater than 100mm dbh (diameter at breast height) was reduced to once every 15 years. In 1997, the pruning cycle for the combined population of boulevard trees and park trees of all sizes was once every twenty-three years. This reduction in the pruning cycle is very encouraging. The funding has been directed to the oldest trees on boulevards, which are in the greatest need of pruning and provide the City and its residents with the greatest asset value. The neighbourhoods which contain the oldest trees also contain the largest percentage of American Elm.

Unfortunately boulevard trees which are less than 10 cm (4 inches) in trunk diameter have not received any pruning care. The boulevard and park tree inventories indicate there are

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19,428 boulevard trees and 15,046 park trees in the 1 to 10 cm dbh size range. To address the need for pruning of these medium and smaller trees, the Urban Forestry Program would have to include a ground pruning program in addition to the present block pruning program. One advantage of pruning these trees at this early stage of their lifespan is that they will be less expensive to prune now than in the future when they have grown much larger. Pruning trees of this size would result in a greater number of trees pruned annually for the same amount of funding which would ultimately reduce the pruning cycle. Pruning young trees to develop structural strength and good form will also result in fewer storm damaged trees and lower pruning costs in subsequent years.

Boulevard and Park Tree Replacement

The boulevard tree replacement program was initiated in 1993 through reassignment of internal funding within the former Civic Buildings and Grounds Department. The program was designed to follow block pruning and replace trees removed through that program. Unfortunately, the number of removals and planting sites which had not previously been replanted have exceeded funds available for replacement. At this time the replacement program is approximately three years behind in planting.

The park tree replacement program was initiated in 1996 when City Council approved an increase in operating funds of \$30,000 which has been dedicated to tree replacement in parks on a park per year basis. In 1997 the Parks Branch completed a Park Tree Inventory which will allow our staff to assess the extent of tree losses in parks and provide the information to plan future park tree replacement.

Public Education

The Parks Branch has partnered with various groups to achieve a heightened public awareness about Dutch Elm Disease and, more importantly, the urban forest. The S.O.S. Elms Coalition has been our most energetic and enthusiastic partner in providing public education and initiating a private tree inventory in Saskatoon. The local media have been very supportive in their excellent coverage of DED issues. The Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management Department has also provided assistance by publishing information brochures and generating timely advertising about issues such as the concern about transporting Elm firewood.

The Urban Forestry Program has designed and printed several information brochures which have been made available to the public. The brochures have addressed topics such as Cankerworms, boulevard tree care, and danger of storing or transporting elm firewood. To

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date these initiatives have served the City of Saskatoon well raising public awareness of the value of publicly and privately-owned trees.

JUSTIFICATION

In reviewing the Tree Management Plan, it is clear that the Urban Forestry Program has at least initiated all the components through additional funding, reassignment of existing resources, or efficiencies gained within the operation and through forming partnerships within the Community. Although all components are not adequately funded at this time, it appears from our own assessment and from recent comments received from representatives of the Saskatchewan Dutch Elm Disease Management Advisory Committee, that our program of tree sanitation is most important. We are also being told that it falls short of recommended standards and that it tends to fall behind the level of service achieved in other major urban centres of comparable size. The following proposal indicates how the Urban Forestry Program could accomplish the recommended pruning cycle over a four-year period.

Presently the pruning cycle for the City of Saskatoon is once in 23 years (1:23). This is based on the total number of inventoried trees (90,532) owned by the City and the present pruning rate of approximately 4,000 trees annually. The first phase of adjustment would be to increase the number of large trees pruned annually by increasing the size and number of contracts awarded for Block Pruning. This would require an additional \$90,000 in funding in the 1998 Operating Budget for the Urban Forestry Program. In 1998, the result would be an additional 1059 trees pruned annually. The total number of trees pruned annually would increase to 5,059 to accomplish a pruning cycle of once every eighteen years (1:18).

The next phase of the program would take place in 1999 and would address the need to prune small trees on boulevards. This work would require an additional \$90,000 of funding in the 1999 Operating Budget. This phase would initiate ground pruning of park and boulevard trees and would require an increase in staffing to accomplish a total of 5806 trees annually.

The combined large and small tree pruning programs in this year would result in a total of 10,865 trees being pruned and would bring the pruning cycle to once every eight years (1:8).

Phase three of the program is proposed to be initiated in the year 2000 with the addition of another \$90,000. This funding would be directed toward the block pruning of large trees using pruning contractors. The estimated number of trees that could be pruned by this extension of funding would be another 1,059 trees. In this year the combined pruning

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program would result in a total of 11,924 trees pruned which would reduce the pruning cycle to once every seven and one-half years (1:7.5).

The final phase of this program would occur in 2001. An additional \$90,000 would provide for an increase of another 1,059 in large tree pruning using contractual services. The total trees pruned in this year would increase to 12,983 which would result in a pruning cycle of once every seven years (1:7).

PHASE	FUNDING	TREES PRUNED	TOTAL PRUNED ANNUALLY	TREE PRUNING CYCLE
Currently	\$439,000	4,000	4,000	1:23
1	\$90,000	1,059	5,059	1:18
2	\$90,000	5,806	10,865	1:8
3	\$90,000	1,059	11,924	1:7.5
4	\$90,000	1,059	12,983	1:7

CONCLUSION

Since 1991, there has been a significant improvement in the care and maintenance of boulevard and park trees in the City of Saskatoon. The result of these improvements is a healthier urban forest which will provide benefits to present and future generations. Specifically, the American Elm trees will be better protected when Dutch Elm Disease comes to our City. Adoption of this four-year plan will continue the City's steady progress towards complete implementation of the Urban Tree Management Program and will secure the future of one of the City's 'most valued monetary and non-monetary assets' as described in the Plan Saskatoon Policy Directions Report."

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

THAT the information be received and referred to the Budget Committee.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS - CONTINUED

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B. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

**1) Steven Thair
Thair Armitage & Co., dated February 16**

Submitting concerns regarding the Advertising Fees - 29th Street - Application for Change of Development Plan and Zoning. **Referred to the Administration for a report.** (File No. CK. 350-1)

**2) Janice Gallays
312 - 9th Street East, dated February 19**

Submitting a letter requesting the City of Saskatoon to sponsor a Book Award. **Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.** (File No. CK. 150-5)

**3) Manolis Barlas
Mano's Restaurant, dated February 24**

Submitting a letter requesting a median opening at Morgan or Sommerfeld Avenue and Eighth Street East. **Referred to the Administration.** (File No. CK. 6320-5-2)

**4) Robert Donahue, Chair
Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee, dated February 27**

Submitting a letter requesting an ad be placed in the StarPhoenix regarding private use of pesticides in the City of Saskatoon. **Referred to the Administration.** (File No. CK. 366-1)

**5) Bruce and Jeannette Brandell
457 Birch Crescent, dated February 27**

Submitting comments regarding the Plan Saskatoon proposal of secondary suite in single-unit dwellings. **Referred to the Administration.** (File No. CK. 4110-10)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the report referred to in Item B.1) of "Communications" be submitted to the Administration and Finance Committee.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

C. PROCLAMATIONS

**1) Jae Eadie, President
Federation of Canadian Municipalities, dated February 13**

Requesting Council to proclaim the month of March as Harmony Month and Saturday, March 21, 1998 as International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**2) Dorian Patrick, Co-chair,
Canadian Theatre Conference, dated February 24**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of May 17 to 23, 1998 as Canadian Theatre Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**3) Henry Woolf, Artistic Director
Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan Festival, dated February 25**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of June 28 to July 4, 1998 as Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan Festival Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

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**4) Eric Greenspoon, President
NoiseWatch, dated March 2**

Requesting Council to proclaim Wednesday, April 29, 1998 as International Noise Awareness Day in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

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

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

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

CARRIED.

REPORTS

Mr. D. Kerr, Chair, submitted Report No. 3-1998 of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee;

City Commissioner Irwin presented Report No. 5-1998 of the City Commissioner;

City Commissioner Irwin presented Addendum to Report 5-1998 of the City Commissioner; and

Councillor D. L. Birkmaier, Chair, presented Report No. 4-1998 the Administration and Finance Committee.

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Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Maddin,

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

- a) Report No. 3-1998 of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee;*
- b) Report No. 5-1998 of the City Commissioner;*
- c) Addendum to Report 5-1998 of the City Commissioner; and*
- d) Report No. 4-1998 of the Administration and Finance Committee.*

CARRIED.

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

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

Committee arose.

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

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

“REPORT NO. 3-1998 OF THE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE”

Composition of Committee

Mr. D. Kerr, Chair
Ms. M. Boechler, Vice-Chair
Councillor K. Waygood
Ms. P. Melis
Ms. M. Schappert
Mr. R. Jaremko
Mr. S. Hanson
Mr. W.J. Campbell
Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce
Ms. B. Anderson
Mr. B. Schaffel
Ms. C. Yates
Ms. G. Vanderlinde
Mr. J. McLeod
Mr. B. Kowaluk

- 1. Albert Community Centre
610 Clarence Avenue South
Lots 1-40, Block 15, Plan G18
Application for an Alteration to a
Designated Heritage Site (Bylaw No. 6408)
(File No. CK. 710-14)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the application submitted by the Albert Community Centre Management Committee respecting certain alterations to Albert Community Centre be approved as outlined in this report.

ADOPTED.

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee has reviewed the application for alterations to the Albert Community Centre, which is a designated heritage property, and is recommending approval of the alterations to Albert Community Centre as outlined in the following report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department dated March 3, 1998:

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“BACKGROUND

Albert Community Centre was designated as municipal heritage property in October 1983. The reasons given for designation in Bylaw No. 6408 are:

- ‘1. It is an important historical and architectural landmark;
2. It is a symbol of the City’s important period of growth;
3. It is an expression of the importance of education and of the British tradition in the city;
4. It is an example of the work of David Webster, an architect whose work figured prominently in the growth of the city.’ A copy of the bylaw is attached (Appendix 1).

REPORT

The alterations proposed by the Albert Community Centre Management Committee are in the north east corner of the basement in the area leased by the Saskatoon Potters’ Guild. In the Storage Room/Glaze Room, the partition and blower unit in the stairwell will be removed and a new partition constructed. Drywall, cupboards and shelving will be installed. In the Kiln Room, a portion of concrete block wall will be demolished (the wall was constructed in the 1960’s) and a new wall with a door will be constructed. With the exception of one interior transom window (which will be salvaged and stored), no original building fabric will be altered or removed.

The reasons for designation, cited above, refer to the landmark and symbolic nature of the property, that is, the heritage value of the property in its public context. In view of the fact that the proposed alterations will not be in the view of the community and that, with one minor exception, they do not affect any part of the original structure, we recommend that the proposed alterations be approved.

We wish to advise the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee that the Planning and Building Department will be reviewing the wording of the earlier bylaws designating heritage property. As the Committee is aware, we now make use of wording in designation bylaws which exempts certain portions of the property from the need to obtain approval for alterations. As an example, the bylaw designating the F.P. Martin House (Bylaw No. 7615) exempts the interior of the garages, kitchens, basements and bathrooms in this way. Such exemptions reflect the need to accommodate the activities of the owners while still

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protecting the heritage features of the property. In our view, given the reasons for designating the Albert Community Centre, it would be appropriate to consider exempting the basement and possibly other elements of the interior from the need to obtain approval for alterations. We will be consulting with the property owners in our review of the bylaws and any subsequent recommendations for amendment will be brought to the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee for review and recommendation to City Council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The recommendation is in accordance with the *Civic Heritage Policy* (December 16, 1996).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Bylaw No. 6408, 'A bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to designate Lots 1 to 40, inclusive, in Block 15, Plan No. G 18 as municipal heritage property.'

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REPORT NO. 5-1998 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER

Section A - Administration and Finance

A1) Routine Reports Submitted to City Council

RECOMMENDATION: that the following information be received.

ADOPTED.

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$16,673,499.39	February 9, 1998	February 12, 1998
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$611,077.15	February 16, 1998	February 19, 1998
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$551,069.04	February 19, 1998	February 23, 1998
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$337,693.50	February 20, 1998	February 25, 1998
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$1,133,370.03 (File No. 1530-2)	February 25, 1998	March 2, 1998

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

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

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Finance Department, February 24, 1998:

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

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ATTACHMENT

1. Schedule of Securities Transactions (February 1 - 14, 1998)
2. Schedule of Securities Transactions (February 15 - 28, 1998)

**A3) Property Tax Liens - 1995 and 1996
(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 1995 and 1996 tax liens.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Finance Department, March 2, 1998:

“The Tax Enforcement Act

The basic philosophy 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 this Provincial statute are scheduled as follows:

1. *The Tax Enforcement Act* provides for the registration of a tax lien against a property where taxes have been due and unpaid after the 31st day of December of the year in which the taxes were originally levied.
2. Where the taxes remain unpaid and the lien has not been withdrawn, first application for the transfer of title to the City may begin at any time after the expiration of six months following the registration of the tax lien in the Land Titles Office.
3. 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, contact the Provincial Mediation Board and file an application for consent to obtain the title. The Mediation

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Board may, subject to certain conditions being met by the taxpayer, stay the proceedings by the City.

Within this schedule, the Administration now requests authorization to proceed, to secure further, the City's position with respect to those properties which became subject to tax lien action in 1995 and 1996.

1996 Tax Liens (see Attachment 'A')

With respect to the properties listed in Attachment 'A', proceedings under *The Tax Enforcement Act* commenced on September 28, 1996. At that time, the City of Saskatoon, in accordance with the statute, published in The StarPhoenix, the legal descriptions of all properties in arrears of property taxes which were 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 the Land Titles Office.

Considerable effort has been made in contacting the assessed owners of the various properties identified in Attachment 'A'. Attempts have been made to obtain payment or to negotiate reasonable payment schedules. However, as of the date of this report, payment has not been received from the respective owners and the property tax arrears are still outstanding.

The City has 1996 tax liens registered on 104 properties with tax arrears. These properties have been summarized by classification in Attachment 'A'.

These properties are now subject to first application for title under *The Tax Enforcement Act*. This action involves notification, to each registered owner and each assessed owner by registered mail, that the City has followed the procedures under the *Act* to protect itself against outstanding arrears.

1995 Tax Liens (see Attachment 'B')

On March 3, 1997, City Council approved proceedings with first application for title on 129 properties with 1995 tax liens. To date, 96 property owners have resolved their tax arrears. The remaining 33 properties, as listed in Attachment 'B' continue to have outstanding tax arrears and, therefore, the City is in a position to proceed to the third step of the tax enforcement process.

In proceeding to final application for title of these properties, the City must contact the Provincial Mediation Board and file an application for consent to obtain title. The Board will then contact each property owner and attempt to establish a payment schedule. If such a schedule is established, all resulting tax payments will be forwarded by the property owner to the Mediation Board which,

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in turn, will forward the funds to the City. Only in limited circumstances will the City obtain title to property under *The Tax Enforcement Act*. Generally, the *Act* has been effective in securing tax arrear payments for the City.

Comparative Summary

Attachment 'C' provides a five-year summary of tax liens, comparing final application for 1995 liens against application requested for the previous four years."

ATTACHMENTS

1. 1996 Property Tax Liens - 'A'
2. 1995 Property Tax Liens - 'B'
3. Five Year Comparative Summary - 'C'

Section B - Planning and Operations

**B1) Westmount Recreation Unit Building Redevelopment
(File No. WE-4206)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve an additional \$39,700 in capital expenditures for Capital Project #1046 to allow for an additional 200 square feet to be added to the redevelopment of the Westmount recreation unit building, and that the source of funding be the Reserve Capital Expenditure.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department, February 17, 1998:

"In 1991, City Council recognized the need for upgrading a number of recreation unit buildings and outdoor water features to bring them up to acceptable health and safety standards. A capital project for this upgrading was approved in the Capital Budget in 1996 (for Thornton) and in 1997 (for North Park). City Council has approved Capital Project #1046 in the 1998 Capital Budget for the re-design and reconstruction of the Westmount recreation unit building and existing paddling pool. The Capital Budget estimates for this project include replacement of the existing recreation unit building and full replacement of the paddling pool, including an automated filtration system. The preliminary budget estimates for the Westmount recreation building and paddling pool replacement are \$360,000.

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The Leisure Services Department determines the program requirements and activities of the recreation unit building and the outdoor water feature in conjunction with the neighborhood residents and community association. The Westmount residents indicated a preference to replace their existing paddling pool, based upon their program preferences: water play for 0-9 year olds, including beginning at zero depth for physical accessibility; submersion, wading, splashing, running, jumping, sitting and playing games in the water; and respite from heat. The community residents also requested ground spray features and a shaded seating area around the pool.

The recreation unit building program requirements are established by the Leisure Services Department primarily to meet the needs of the eight-week summer playground program. These include such things as open space in the building for passive activities like cards, crafts, and board games; room for activity corners; transition space between indoor and outdoor activities; non-slip flooring; equipment storage; phone access; and physically accessible washrooms and water fountains.

Westmount Program Plan Addition

In the case of the Westmount recreation unit building, the Leisure Services Department decided to explore, in conjunction with the Westmount Community Association, the use of this recreation unit building on a year-round basis for the purpose of providing recreation programs for children and youth outside of the summer season. The discussion included an evaluation of available facility space in the neighborhood and of the current level of recreation programs being provided. Both Department staff and community volunteers have indicated that there is a lack of space for recreation programs in this neighborhood. Youth programs in the Westmount community-school four out of five days a week limits the community from providing programs for other residents. Enlarging the recreation unit building as proposed offers the ability to utilize this building on a year-round basis as another recreation venue so that more program opportunities could be provided to this neighborhood.

Regrettably, Department staff did not have enough information to confirm this requirement prior to approval of the 1998 Capital Budget. As a result, staff now require approval from City Council to fund the required enhancements to the recreation unit building.

The use of this building beyond the summer season would require the inclusion of: building insulation; upgraded sewer and water for winter use; the provision of domestic hot water; natural gas service; space heating; and the inclusion of a building vapour barrier. The Leisure Services Department also asked the Asset Management Department to include the costs associated with constructing the recreation unit building 200 square feet larger than originally proposed to better

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accommodate a variety of activities delivered through community-based youth programs during the fall, winter, and spring.

It is the intention of the Leisure Services Department to move the existing youth program from Westmount School to the recreation unit building for at least two days a week during the fall, winter, and spring. In addition, the community association has expressed a desire to provide some recreation programs in the recreation unit building. All programs would be provided in partnership with the community. It is the opinion of staff that the additional capital expenditure will enhance the ability of the neighborhood to provide recreation programs to youth and children.

The only option at this time is to replace the recreation unit building and paddling pool with the same structure as currently exists but including an automated filtration system at a cost of \$360,000 as the preliminary budget estimates show. Doing a retro-fit at some point in the future is possible but would be more costly.

A breakdown of the additional costs associated with designing, constructing, and operating a larger (than usual) recreation unit building that would allow for winter usage is as follows:

- \$8,100 in capital costs of winterizing the building
- \$28,000 in capital costs for the addition of 200 square feet
- \$3,600 in capital costs for additional design fees

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The additional operating costs will be \$3,200 and, if approved, will be included in future program operating budgets.”

**B2) Acquisition - Property Owned by Honey Bunch Bakeries (Saskatoon 1975) Ltd.
Capital Budget Project 0721
Electric Feeder - 138 Kv City Centre
(File No. 4020-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council adopt Bylaw No. 7732; and,
 - 2) that City Council pass a resolution pursuant to *The Municipal Expropriation Act* in the form submitted with this report effecting the formal deposit of the following documents with the City Clerk:
 - (a) a plan of the land to be acquired pursuant to Bylaw No. 7732;
 - (b) specifications of the work to be done on the land to be acquired pursuant to Bylaw No. 7732; and,
 - (c) a list of the names of the owners according to the last revised assessment roll and the records of the Land Titles Office.

ADOPTED.

Report of the City Solicitor, February 27, 1998:

“In the 1997 Capital Budget, City Council approved the construction of a 138,000 volt overhead electrical transmission line as an alternate supply line for downtown Saskatoon.

The transmission line is to enter the downtown area via a route along Warman Road adjacent to the Woodlawn Cemetery. The plans call for the line to cross the property located at 1202 - 3rd Avenue North, commonly known as the Express Bakery site. The transmission line is to cross the property immediately overhead of the existing building. Accordingly, the existing building will have to be demolished. The Electric System Branch of the Public Works Department has determined that there is no practical alternative routing for the transmission line. All other land required for the transmission line has been acquired. The portion of the land not required for the transmission line

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right-of-way would be used for municipal cemetery purposes as the land is adjacent to the Woodlawn Cemetery.

The land and building is currently owned by a company called Honey Bunch Bakeries (Saskatoon 1975) Ltd. The building houses a bakery and two residential suites. The building and yard are also used for storage for other business enterprises carried on by the principals of the company which owns the site.

The Land Manager has attempted to purchase the land both through a realtor and through direct negotiations. However, the City has been unable to acquire the land by agreement with the owner.

The Municipal Expropriation Act provides that where land is required for municipal purposes and the municipality is unable to acquire it by agreement with the owner, the municipal council may pass a bylaw to expropriate the property. Should proposed Bylaw No. 7732 be given three readings and passed, the *Act* requires certain material and specifications to be deposited with the City Clerk. Accordingly, we have prepared for Council's consideration a form of resolution effecting the formal deposit with the City Clerk of the following:

- (a) a plan of the lands to be acquired pursuant to Bylaw No. 7732;
- (b) specifications of the work to be done on the land; and
- (c) a list of names of the owners according to the last revised assessment roll and the records of the Land Titles Office.”

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 7732.
2. Resolution of Council.
3. Plan of lands to be acquired.
4. Specifications of work to be done.
5. List of the names of the owners.

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**B3) 1998 Capital Budget
Project No. 1392-1
Land Development
Westview Subdivision
(File No. 4111-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council advance funding for construction of the surface improvements and utilities in the City developed subdivision - Westview (Peterson Crescent Area), for 38 residential serviced lots for a total cost of \$292,000.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Public Works Department, February 27, 1998:

“The City of Saskatoon serviced 34 Westview lots on Lewis Crescent in 1996. An inventory of approximately 13 lots remain. The Land Manager, Planning and Building Department, has requested that additional lot construction occur during the 1998 construction season within Westview, to meet the current demand for new serviced lots.

Partial servicing of water and sewer was completed on Peterson Crescent in 1986 before servicing within the area was halted. Additional funding for the surface improvements and utilities will be needed to complete the servicing for 38 lots. It is, therefore, recommended that the 1999 Westview Program (Peterson Crescent South leg, Terrace, and Court), as noted in the 1998 Capital Budget, be advanced to 1998. The project involved and funding sources required to complete the work, are as follows:

Description

Gross Cost Details:

Project No. 1392-1: Land Development Westview \$292,000

Financing Details:

General Prepaid Services - Engineering \$276,000
General Prepaid Services - Electrical - SPC 16,000
\$292,000’

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**B4) Amending Agreement - The City of Saskatoon
and the Meewasin Valley Authority
Rotary Park East
(File No. RT-4206)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the proposed Amending Agreement for Rotary Park East between the City of Saskatoon and the Meewasin Valley Authority for the development, maintenance, and operation of the Rotary Park Peace Plaza be approved; and,
 - 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be requested to execute the Amending Agreement, on behalf of the City of Saskatoon.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department, March 2, 1998:

“The Rotary Park East Agreement was approved by City Council at its meeting on August 12, 1996. This agreement was prepared by City Administration and the Meewasin Valley Authority in July, 1995. At that time, the City of Saskatoon specified that the proposed Peace Plaza would not be covered by the general agreement, but would be considered separately when more detailed plans were available.

During its September 8, 1997, meeting, City Council received a communication from Gwen Charman, Acting Executive Director, Meewasin Valley Authority, requesting approval of an amendment to the Agreement between the City of Saskatoon and Meewasin Valley Authority regarding the development, maintenance, and operation of Rotary Park East and the Peace Plaza. City Council approved the request subject to Administrative conditions.

The proposed amendment to the Agreement provides the detailed design of the Rotary Park Peace Plaza. The amendment to the Agreement including design plans for the Peace Plaza was reviewed by the Leisure Services Department, Fire and Protective Services, Asset Management Department, and the Public Works Department in September, 1997 with regards to Administrative conditions. The only conditions were identified by the Asset Management Department regarding the operation of the eternal flame and potential for vandalism to the Peace Plaza. In addition, the operating costs of the flame, which the City of Saskatoon would assume under this agreement, were unknown.

The Meewasin Valley Authority has now revised the design of the flame. Cost estimates for the operation of the flame are minimal at an estimated \$150 per year. The Asset Management

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Department is now satisfied that the revised design minimizes vandalism. The Asset Management Department has removed all conditions and your Administration is now recommending that the Amending Agreement be signed”.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter of Request
2. Amending Agreement and Design Plans

**B5) Land-Use Applications Received by the Planning and Building Department
For the Period Between February 13 to February 26, 1998
(For Information Only)
(File Nos. PL 4115, 4355, 4300)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, March 5, 1998:

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

Development Plan

- Amendment 8/98:
Applicant: City of Saskatoon
Legal Description: Plan 86-S-44155
Current Land Use Designation: Residential
Proposed Land Use Designation: Arterial Commercial
Date Received: February 13, 1998

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Discretionary Use

- Application D1/98: 205 Copland Crescent
Applicant: Dale Schultz
Legal Description: Lot W ½ of 9, 10, Block 201, Plan G779
Current Zoning: R.1
Proposed Use: Retirement Home for 8 residents
Neighbourhood: Grosvenor Park
Date Received: February 11, 1998

Subdivision

- Application #4/98: 51st Street and Faithfull Avenue (No Civic Address)
Applicant: Don V. Franko for City of Saskatoon
Legal Description: Lot 4, Block 638, Plan 79-S-22381
Current Zoning: I.D.1
Neighbourhood: North Industrial
Date Received: February 13, 1998
- Application #5/98: 310 Lenore Drive
Applicant: Arnold Thiessen for Resurrection Lutheran Church
Legal Description: Parcel K, Block 938, Plan 78-S-11222
Current Zoning: R.4
Neighbourhood: Silverwood Heights
Date Received: February 18, 1998
- Application #6/98: Carter Way (No Civic Address)
Applicant: Webster Surveys for Confederation Developments
Legal Description: Parcel Z, Plan 74-S-10164
Current Zoning: R.2
Neighbourhood: Confederation Park
Date Received: February 26, 1998
- Application #7/98: Carter Way (No Civic Address)
Applicant: Webster Surveys for Confederation Developments
Legal Description: Parcel Z, Plan 74-S-10164
Current Zoning: R.2
Neighbourhood: Confederation Park
Date Received: February 26, 1998

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- Application #8/98
Applicant: Guenter Crescent (No Civic Address)
Legal Description: Webster Surveys Ltd. for Preston Developments
Current Zoning: Parcel C, Plan 96-S-28730
Neighbourhood: RM(Tn)
Date Received: Arbor Creek
February 26, 1998

- Application #9/98
Applicant: Guenter Cresc./Terrace/Bay (No Civic Address)
Legal Description: Webster Surveys Ltd. for Preston Developments
Current Zoning: Parcel C, Plan 96-S-18730
Neighbourhood: RM(Tn)
Date Received: Arbor Creek
February 26, 1998

- Application #10/98
Applicant: Fairbrother Place (No Civic Address)
Legal Description: Webb Surveys for City of Saskatoon
Current Zoning: Parcels CF, CK, CL, CH, Plan 96-S-22415
Neighbourhood: R.1A
Date Received: Silverspring
February 26, 1998.”

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 4/98
2. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 5/98
3. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 6/98
4. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 7/98
5. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 8/98
6. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 9/98
7. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No.10/98.

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**B6) Capital Project 1527
University Bridge Rehabilitation
(File No. 6001-15)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the offered price of \$5,673,450.00 by Kiewit Management Ltd. for Rehabilitation of the University Bridge including architectural lighting be accepted;
- 2) that the funding shortfall of \$881,378.00 identified for the rehabilitation component of the project be funded from Reserve for Capital Expenditure;
- 3) that the funding shortfall of \$97,850.00 identified for the architectural lighting component of the project be funded from the Streetscaping Reserve; and,
- 4) that the City Commissioner and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract documents as prepared by the City Solicitor under the Corporate Seal.

Councillor Langford excused herself from discussion and voting on the matter and left the Council Chamber.

Report of the General Manager, Public Works Department, March 2, 1998:

“At its regular meeting on March 17, 1997, Council approved Capital Project 1527, the Rehabilitation of the University Bridge, at an estimated cost of \$4,784,000.00. The project involved removal and reconstruction of the barrier curbs, sidewalks, handrails, haunch beams, and spandrel walls, along with minor surface repairs to the piers and arches. The work was planned over two years with the upstream side completed in 1997 and the downstream side completed in 1998.

Tenders were received and publicly opened on June 19, 1997, for Contract 7-0037, the Rehabilitation of the University Bridge. All bids received were substantially over budget, with the low bid being \$6,512,000.00. Council approved the Administration’s recommendation to reject all tenders and to re-tender the project using a modified design/build tendering process. This involves defining the scope of the work with minimal attention to detail and soliciting proposal methodologies from various qualified contractors to complete the work as described.

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The process began October 15, 1997, and went through the following stages:

- A pre-proposal briefing meeting was held on October 28, 1997. All interested contractors were required to attend this meeting. Seven different contractors attended.
- The closing date for submittal of proposal was December 18, 1997. Each proposal consisted of Envelope A, which contained the methodology, and Envelope B, which contained the price. Envelope A was opened immediately but Envelope B remained sealed. Five proposal offers were received.
- A methodology review process ensued in which the City met individually with each of the proposal offerers. During this review, if any changes were made to the methodology which impacted the price, the offerer was allowed to submit a price revision, increase or reduction, to the original price submitted in Envelope B. This review process lasted until January 21, 1998, at which time the City was satisfied that all methodologies met requirements.
- On January 21, 1998, Envelope B and any price revision for each proposal was opened. Each proposal price and methodology was evaluated on a predetermined matrix and a proposal selected. The proposal submitted by Kiewit Management Ltd. was selected. Table 2 attached summarizes offered prices received.
- Unsuccessful offerers were allowed to apply for a contribution from the City of Saskatoon toward the cost of preparing their proposal for the project. The maximum contribution available per offerer was \$10,000.00. Payment of this contribution entitled the City to utilize any idea submitted to optimize the selected proposal. This stage of the process is referred to as Value Engineering.
- Table 1 attached summarizes the offered price by Kiewit Management Ltd.

The net contract cost including GST and GST rebate is \$5,365,377.57. Including architectural lighting the net contract cost including GST and GST rebate is \$5,463,227.57.

Architectural lighting is a feature requested by the Urban Design Committee. The cost to supply and install the lighting fixtures as part of the rehabilitation project is approximately \$98,000.00. If this particular feature is deferred, it is expected that costs would increase substantially; therefore it is recommended that if architectural lighting is to be completed, it be done as part of this project and funded in the Urban Design Budget for Capital Expenditures in 1999.

Kiewit Management Ltd. is a national construction company with extensive experience in bridge construction and rehabilitation. They are based in Edmonton, however, for this project more than 90% of their workforce consisting of labourers, sub-contractors, and suppliers will be local.

The Contractor, Kiewit Management Ltd., as part of their initial offer included a schedule to complete the work in one year. The proposed start date for demolition was March 1st 1998, with a planned completion date of October 31st 1998. Upon reviewing the schedule, the Public Works

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Department felt that a significant component of the work would be placed at risk given the uncertainty of the weather in October and November. The Contractor was requested to revise his schedule as originally planned with the upstream side completed in 1998 and the downstream side completed in 1999.

Approved 1998 funding for Capital Project 1527 is \$4,784,000.00. It is estimated that approximately \$300,000.00 of this will be required for construction engineering, material testing, traffic control, and general project administration. This identifies a funding shortfall of \$979,228.00 as follows:

Estimated Project Cost	\$5,365,378.00	
Administration Cost	300,000.00	
Architectural Lighting	<u>97,850.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$5,763,228.00
Approved funding		<u>4,784,000.00</u>
Estimated shortfall		\$ 979,228.00”

ATTACHMENTS

1. Table 1 - Summary of Contractor’s proposal.
2. Table 2 - Summary of all proposals received.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

- 1) *that the offered price of \$5,673,450.00 by Kiewit Management Ltd. for Rehabilitation of the University Bridge including architectural lighting be accepted;*
- 2) *that the funding shortfall of \$881,378.00 identified for the rehabilitation component of the project be funded from Reserve for Capital Expenditure;*
- 3) *that the funding shortfall of \$97,850.00 identified for the architectural lighting component of the project be funded from the Streetscaping Reserve; and,*
- 4) *that the City Commissioner and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract documents as prepared by the City Solicitor under the Corporate Seal.*

Councillor Langford re-entered the Council Chamber.

B7) Proposed Amendment to Subdivision Regulations Bylaw No. 6537

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**Requirements for Application - Digital Files
(File No. PL 185 - 19)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that City Council endorse the proposal to amend Section 4 of the Subdivision Bylaw No. 6537 to require all applications for approval of proposed subdivisions by Plan of Proposed Subdivision of land to include a digital, AutoCad compatible copy of the proposal with the application for processing by the Administration; and,
- 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary bylaw to amend the Subdivision Regulations Bylaw No. 6537.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, March 5, 1998:

“The City of Saskatoon Planning and Building Department is recommending that Section 4 of Subdivision Bylaw No. 6537 be amended to require that all future plans showing proposed subdivisions be provided in digital, AutoCad format for processing. The digital format will be required to accompany the standard hard copy drawing which is currently required under Bylaw No. 6537. This proposal will not affect severances by metes and bounds description.”

ATTACHMENT

1. February 9, 1998, Subdivision Regulations Report.

ADDENDUM TO REPORT NO. 5-1998 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER

**B8) Safer City Concept
(File No. 215-14)**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) that Council approve the formation of an Administrative Task Force (ATF) made up of the General Managers of Fire and Protective Services, Planning and Building, and Leisure Services Departments and the Chief of Police. The intended mandate of the ATF is to:

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- a) annually advise the Planning and Operations Committee and the Board of Police Commissioners on issues affecting the safety of citizens;
 - b) seek advice from the community concerning urban safety and make recommendations to Council and the Board of Police Commissioners, who will prioritize issues; and,
 - c) facilitate coordination of activities, initiatives and programs in Saskatoon by various agencies and organizations interested in urban safety;
- 2) that the ATF be responsible for coordinating community-based, customer-driven urban safety strategies through the three P's: partnerships, problem-solving, and prevention; and,
 - 3) that any group receiving civic funds for a Safer City program be accountable to the ATF for approval of their plan, expected outcome, and reporting of results.

Report of the Administrative Task Force, March 4, 1998:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At Council's direction, the General Managers of the Leisure Services Department and the Planning and Building Department, along with the Fire and Police Chiefs have studied the Safer City concept. The four department heads are enthusiastic about the concept. A united approach to urban safety will be beneficial to Saskatonians.

The City of Saskatoon is already very active in program delivery which is compatible with the Safer City concept. An extensive list is provided in Attachment A. The synergy developed between department managers has caused them to make plans to work together on several new initiatives. This is a unique opportunity to take advantage of community partnerships, to improve neighborhood service, and to avoid duplication and gaps in program delivery.

There needs to be a shift toward giving communities more responsibility for prevention activities. Involvement must be *grass roots, representative, issue driven* and *tie into the existing network*. We recommend that urban safety priorities be identified at the neighborhood level (bottom-up) and not by an advisory committee (top-down.)

Some proponents of the Safer City concept want the City to become involved in areas where senior governments have prime responsibility. This report identifies those areas where we can establish appropriate partnerships without assuming senior governments' responsibility.

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Municipal employees must be trained in community problem-solving, since it is fundamental to the Safer City concept. Policy implications exist when departments form neighborhood problem-solving teams because traditional areas of responsibility become blurred. We can deal with these issues through training and effective communication at the neighborhood team level.

BACKGROUND

The Safer City approach takes the view that an emphasis on traditional crime prevention is too narrow, usually being concerned with "locks and lighting." An urban safety philosophy would be more productive in changing the social and environmental conditions at the root of crime and disorder. For example, prevention can be seen to begin when we provide children and their families with the supports and resources they need to meet the challenges they face. However, the City of Saskatoon cannot deliver effective programming without support from other community partners. We need a multi-sectoral approach which puts emphasis on crime prevention through social development.

City Council, at its meeting on April 14, 1997, directed the Administration and Board of Police Commissioners to work toward a joint report on the Safer City concept and suggest ways the City might participate.

Council's directive was referred to the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, and the General Managers of the Leisure Services, and Planning and Building Departments who formed a temporary Administrative Task Force (ATF). The ATF members have researched City programs which presently deal with safer city issues. They are listed and described in Attachment A. The three civic departments and the Saskatoon Police Service will continue working together on urban safety initiatives and propose to expand public participation through stakeholder groups known as Community Alert teams. Community Alert teams are neighborhood-based partnerships between civic departments and representatives of community associations, schools, Metis Nation of Saskatchewan, the Saskatoon Tribal Council and others. Community Alert teams will help civic departments set strategies.

An ad hoc focus group (Attachment B) met on March 6, 1997, to discuss the Safer City concept. The group came to certain conclusions (Attachment B) which affect the City Administration and are paraphrased here:

There is a need for collaboration among various civic departments and other agencies concerned with urban safety.

Neighborhood residents need to be involved and have easy access to services.

People need to be educated that urban safety is everyone's business.

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There should be a coordinating committee of City Council to deal with crime prevention issues.

JUSTIFICATION

The focus group on Safer City has provided valuable insight into urban safety issues. We, as heads of four civic departments, embrace the concept and are enthusiastic about enacting it. The personnel of our civic departments have prime responsibility to provide the citizens of Saskatoon with a safe and secure environment. We are responsible to Council for planning, delivery and evaluation of service. At issue is whether Council prefers a "bottom up" or "top down" approach to the Safer City concept. We propose a "bottom up" approach in which Community Alert teams comprised of representatives of community associations, schools, Metis Nation of Saskatchewan, and the Saskatoon Tribal Council would advise us of their priorities for community-based, customer-driven service. Team membership will be open to other interested participants. It will be our goal to include community partners whenever possible.

In keeping with the "bottom-up" philosophy, members of the Community Alert teams will meet with municipal employees who are responsible for community service delivery. These employees will include area recreation consultants, community planners, police division superintendents and fire district chiefs. We propose to provide joint training for team members and municipal employees. They will learn the techniques of SARA problem solving, partnership and prevention. SARA is a problem solving method taught in the Community Problem Solving Course at Police Headquarters. It is used to identify and resolve problems of crime and disorder. SARA is an acronym for Scan, Analysis, Response, and Assessment. Some members of Police, Fire, Planning and University Security have already attended joint sessions. Fire officials will acquaint members of Community Alert teams with the *Occupancy and Property Maintenance Bylaw*.

At least four Community Alert teams will be created, conforming to the Fire/Police division boundaries. More teams may be formed if necessary. We propose to meet at the suburban civic centres (Lakeview, Lawson, and Cosmo) and would ultimately use the joint Fire/Police central substation to serve the city core. Until Council approves the central substation, Police or Fire meeting rooms will be used. A prototype Community Alert team has already been inaugurated west of Circle Drive and north of 22nd Street.

As can be seen in Attachment A, the City of Saskatoon is heavily involved in program delivery which follows the Safer City concept. Since receiving Council's directive, the department heads who comprise the ATF have found new ways we can work together to amplify the effectiveness of

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service delivery. We have identified the following four new spheres of action:

1. Accessibility to housing, transportation and service
2. Culture, recreation and wellness
3. Safety and security
4. Youth and family

1. Accessibility to Housing, Transportation, and Service

The Planning and Building Department permit process is a proactive way to address urban safety issues. During the plan review and inspection process, planners can watch for design features which promote loitering and disorder.

The Planning and Building Department is investigating the implementation of a process to issue occupancy permits to ensure compliance with zoning, building and plumbing requirements prior to occupancy. The intent is to ensure that families have access to high quality housing. The process will be particularly important should the proposed accessory suite legislation be passed.

A voluntary accreditation program is under review based on a successful one in Edmonton. It would enhance the *Property Maintenance and Occupancy Bylaw* because landlords would be inspected by Fire and/or Health Departments. Those properties meeting standards would be included in a list which could be used by prospective tenants to choose appropriate, safe places for their families to thrive. Concurrent development of a Housing Registry is under review. The City will manage it with provincial support. It will track and monitor low-income housing.

Over the longer term, and as Safer City programs become more established, we may want to explore a partnership with Saskatoon Transit. Different transit options for elderly and disabled riders may improve accessibility to housing and services for them. This will be especially true if infill housing and accessory suites become the norm in all neighborhoods.

2. Culture, Recreation, and Wellness

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design or CPTED (pronounced sep-ted), is a technique being used in the Police Service and the Planning and Building Department to reduce crime and disorder through effective planning and designing of buildings, subdivisions, and open spaces. When the issues of safety and feelings of security are addressed at the design stage the likelihood of long-term, expensive problems is reduced. Land use, walkways, park space and more can be included in this review. This is also an education process for developers, residents, and the general public. For example, people need to understand that some design trends like walled communities

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may actually be creating a safety problem. Police and Planning hope to train more personnel in CPTED and SARA jointly.

Leisure Services plans to increase the number of neighbourhood and suburban based leisure programs for youth, families and aboriginals. The department is also working toward a more effective communications strategy to draw Aboriginal people into recreation programs. Recreation and wellness information could be published in immigrant languages by partnering with the Open Door Society. Continued efforts will be made in wellness under the auspices of the strategic alliance with the Saskatoon and District Health Board.

The Police Service will assign officers to teach or facilitate programs of *community values* and *drug-free lifestyles* in 1999, provided the plan to add more officers is approved. Regardless of whether the Police Service grows, it will be training parent-facilitators in partnership with PRIDE Canada. The parent-facilitators will learn drug recognition and intervention strategies.

The detoxification of persons brought into protective custody for drunkenness should be accomplished by trained caring staff who can act as intake workers for preventative programs. A partnership will be sought with the Saskatoon Health Board, or with the Saskatchewan Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission.

A need also exists to resolve the conflict between STD/HIV outreach programs and a zero-tolerance policy favored by residents of Pleasant Hill and Riversdale. Many residents view the STD/HIV prevention programs as "enabling behavior." This is further aggravated by the fact that persons on the "hooker stroll" are given needles and condoms by outreach workers. Used devices find their way into children's play areas. These devices threaten the cleanliness and safety of parks, residences, and boulevards. Both Fire and Police respond to many complaints from residents and are required to pick up used needles for disposal.

Fire and Protective Services, through its Community Relations Division, will undertake the implementation of a new safety program which has wellness and recreation aspects. It targets children in the Kindergarten to 8th grade levels, but will benefit the whole community. Called the NFPA Risk Watch, it will debut in 1998. It includes age-appropriate materials in the following eight areas:

1. motor vehicle safety
2. fire and burn prevention
3. choking, suffocation and strangulation prevention
4. poisoning prevention
5. fall prevention
6. firearm injury prevention

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7. bike and pedestrian safety
8. water safety.

The City could use its visual arts policy to celebrate contributions of those immigrant groups who have made Saskatoon the diverse and vibrant city it is today. Much of the street sculpture being placed at intersections does not celebrate our heritage or have a unique Saskatoon flavor as understood by average citizens.

Architectural controls can be used to create a unique design for new structures in certain areas. Many cities have a characteristic style which makes them recognizable and draws tourists. For example, city planners, in consultation with Aboriginal groups, could encourage the use of Aboriginal geometric patterns in the facades of new buildings. This would celebrate the culture of the fastest growing segment of our population mosaic. The theme of aboriginal culture complements the "boom town" architectural facade plan used in existing structures. The Police Service and civic staff have good relations with Aboriginal cultural networks and can assist planners in consultation with these networks.

3. Safety and Security

A number of examples already exist which demonstrate how partnerships are being developed or contemplated which will meet Safer City objectives:

Planning, Fire, Leisure Services and Police have conducted a safety audit in the Broadway area. The project is a first step in a risk assessment of that area. Our goal is to make the area safer, more convenient and more pleasant for a variety of business, recreational, and residential users. We must enter into partnerships with area stakeholders, other departments, and outside agencies. We will seek viable solutions through the SARA process.

The ATF is exploring the possibility of expanding our membership to include a Health District official. Many of the issues in the Safer City concept are related to wellness and prevention. As an example, we would like to discuss teaching CPR to every 9th grade student. Seattle has cut its cardio-pulmonary death rate through this approach. The Fire and Protective Services Department would also use its resources to teach First Aid to members of all Community Alert teams.

Members of the original Safer City focus group pointed out a need for more information on crime. Police will be opening an internet site for crime statistics in 1998. Planning is working on an initiative to correlate crime information with the City of Saskatoon geographic data base. The Police Service will also institute a volunteer screening service for Community Associations.

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Crime rates are influenced by immediate causes (opportunity, vulnerability) and root causes. The Police Service is actively promoting Community Problem Solving (SARA) as a means of getting to root causes of crime and disorder. Planning and Fire personnel have attended some of the courses, and the Police have the capacity to train other civic personnel and community partners. Members of Council are encouraged to observe. A one-day commitment would be adequate. Calgary's City Councillors attended their version of the course so that they would understand the concept.

Fire and Protective Services will be pursuing International Fire Service Accreditation Standards. The Police Service is studying the financial and operational impact of becoming accredited by CALEA, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. A recommendation will be presented to the Board of Police Commissioners in November.

Prostitution and child sexual victimization will be addressed on a number of levels. Both prostitutes and customers will be prosecuted. Any contact with underage prostitutes will be treated as child sexual abuse. The Police Service will institute a "john school" as means of preventing customers from re-offending adult victims. Letters will be mailed to the registered owners of vehicles which "cruise the stroll." We will watch the Manitoba experiment with seizure and sale of offenders' vehicles, and may use the *Community Alert* magazine to publish convicted offenders' names.

4. Youth and Family

The Safer City focus group (Attachment B) stressed that a lack of meaningful information was a major concern. The necessary data exists, located in different agencies. SHAC has begun a study on indicators of housing availability and stability, with an attempt to determine the impact of poor-quality housing on quality of life. The Community Planning Branch intends to incorporate this type of information in its Neighborhood Profiles. Data from a variety of sources including Police, Fire, Planning and Building, Assessors, Statistics Canada, and CHMC would offer a snapshot of the quality of life in Saskatoon's neighborhoods. The GIS crime mapping statistics developed by Planning and Building Department could be correlated with housing statistics such as property maintenance orders or duration of residency (transiency) to analyze the impact of substandard housing on social problems.

The Police Service and Community Alert teams intend to enter into partnership with the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan and the Saskatoon Tribal Council. The aim is to use family conferencing and counselling as an alternative to courts for troubled youth. Family conferencing will be a preventative measure in dealing with inappropriate or criminal behavior before it becomes necessary to exact punitive measures in the justice process.

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Police officers will facilitate violence prevention education in the schools and encourage community partnerships for intervention in dysfunctional families. Other officers will be assigned to facilitate the re-establishment of elementary school safety patrols.

The Leisure Services Department has launched a new youth plan which identifies four issues that face this target group:

1. Youth say that cost is a barrier for them to participate in the recreation opportunities of their choice.
2. Youth hanging out in certain locations creates a perception of a threat to the public and of youth engaged in vandalism.
3. Gaps exist in programming for girls and older youth.
4. There is a decline in the participation of youth in Active Living activities.

The youth plan indicates the Department's direct involvement in the delivery of youth programs, either directly or through a partnership with a community association, a city-wide organization, or a government or non-government agency. All of these youth programs will be delivered in a variety of formats and provide different combinations of activities depending on the preferences of the youth, availability of facilities, and resources allocated.

In addition to the programs that the Department provides directly, we will be involved in the provision of youth programs delivered by community associations and city-wide organizations throughout the City by assisting with program development and delivery and providing financial assistance through grants. Many community associations and city-wide groups also access the Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Program as a source of funds for youth initiatives, and the department will continue to encourage and assist them in the application, development, and delivery of these programs.

The Leisure Services Department has provided for the hiring of a youth co-ordinator to co-ordinate youth services and programs at the neighbourhood level in the 1998 Operating Budget. Community association volunteers do not always have the expertise needed to develop these programs and to deal with the problems that seem to arise in working with youth, like keeping their attention, behavior problems, threat of youth violence, vandalism during the programs, etc. The additional workload demands that these programs place upon the volunteer and the instructors are often unrealistic and can lead to abandonment of the program.

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In addition, the community association will expect the instructor to run the program and to deal directly with the problems in offering a program to this target group. The instructors require assistance and support in order to do this, while at the same time providing a balanced, quality program for this age group.

Leader training, advice, and expertise on how to deal with the day-to-day operation of youth programs, coping with behaviour issues, working with youth on their preferences for a quality program, and attracting youth as role models are services the Leisure Services Department will be able to provide if Council approves the youth co-ordinator position.

OPTIONS

No options.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Endorsement of the Safer City concept may lead the City into areas where it has traditionally not been involved. The *Urban Municipalities Act* gives the City prime responsibility in certain areas such as business licensing, recreation, policing, fire regulation, etc. Some proponents of the Safer City concept would like to see municipal government involved in issues for which senior governments have chief responsibility, such as family violence, hunger, teen pregnancy, child care, employment, and education. This report recommends that the City retain its traditional focus but that the ATF form partnerships to deal with the broader range of the Safer City concept.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

As Safer City unfolds there may be budget implications, depending on which issues are identified by the community. The Administration may request additional funding through the normal budget process.

COMMUNICATION PLAN

The ATF will be hosting an inaugural symposium to introduce the Safer City concept on June 8th, 1998. Mr. Irvin Waller, a guest speaker from the International Crime Prevention Council, will make a presentation, followed by discussion. We will invite representatives from the Boards of Education, community associations, Aboriginal groups, home and school associations, North Saskatoon Business Association, Chamber of Commerce, Business Improvement Districts, and interested stakeholders from the original focus group.

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The Solicitor General of Canada has supplied publications on "Mobilizing for Action" crime prevention initiatives. We will make them available to Community Alert teams as a guide for solving problems which they identify. The publications provide advice on the design, delivery, and evaluation of comprehensive prevention strategies.

We will use the *Community Alert* magazine to publicize information on Safer City success stories. The quarterly publication is funded by corporate sponsorship and is Saskatchewan's most widely distributed periodical.

ATTACHMENTS

1. "A" - Safer City programs currently being delivered by Civic Departments
2. "B" - Original Safer City focus group and their recommendations

Moved by His Worship the Mayor,

THAT consideration of the matter be deferred to the March 23, 1998 meeting of City Council.

CARRIED.

REPORT NO. 4-1998 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

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

1. **Urban Tree Maintenance Program**
(File No. CK. 4201-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 10."

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Moved by Councillor Maddin, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

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

CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES

**Councillor Waygood
Location of Communication Towers
(File No. CK. 4000-1)**

In response to the situation that developed over the monopole/tower that was erected by SaskTel in a residential neighbourhood, and the subsequent decision by SaskTel to agree to the removal of the monopole/tower, would Administration

1. Ascertain from SaskTel any plans that they may have for any similar communications towers in the City of Saskatoon.
2. Report to Council as soon as possible about the issues concerning the control of the location of any and all communication towers and similar structures.
3. Advise Council about the feasibility of regulating such activities.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 7732

Moved by Councillor Maddin, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7732, being "*The Honey Bunch Bakeries (Saskatoon, 1997) Ltd., Expropriation Bylaw, 1998*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

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The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Maddin, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Bylaw No. 7732 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Maddin, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7732.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7732 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Maddin, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

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

CARRIED.

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Moved by Councillor Maddin, Seconded by Councillor Harding,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7732 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Maddin, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Bylaw No. 7732 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

**Acquisition - Property Owned by Honey Bunch Bakeries (Saskatoon 1975) Ltd.
Capital Budget Project 0721
Electric Feeder - 138 Kv City Centre
(File No. 4020-1)**

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Harding,

THAT the plan and specifications showing the land to be taken, and specifications of work to be done, and the list of names of the owners thereof according to the last revised assessment roll and the records of the Land Titles Office for the Saskatoon Land Registration District, shall be and the same are hereby deposited with the City Clerk.

CARRIED.

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Moved by Councillor Maddin,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk