

Council Chambers
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Monday, December 17, 2001
at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

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

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on December 3, 2001 be approved.

CARRIED.

HEARINGS

- 2a) Discretionary Use Application - Bed and Breakfast Home
Lot 43, Block 52, Plan 96S22415
514 Haslam Crescent
Applicant: Marcy Sander
(File No. CK. 4355-1)**

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

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

The City Planner has advised that the necessary notification poster has been placed on the site and letters have been sent to adjacent land owners within 60 metres of the site.

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Attached is a report of the Community Services Department dated November 13, 2001, recommending that the application submitted by Ms. Marcy Sander requesting permission to use Lot 43, Block 352, Plan 96S22415 (514 Haslam Crescent) for the purpose of a Bed and Breakfast Home be approved, subject to:

- a) the applicant obtaining all relevant permits (such as building and plumbing permits) and licenses prior to the use of this site for the purpose of a Bed and Breakfast Home;
- b) the owner/applicant being solely responsible for any work and expense associated with upgrades to water and sewer connections;
- c) the Bed and Breakfast Home having a maximum of two guest bedrooms; and
- d) the proposal being commenced within 24 months of the date of City Council's approval."

Attached is a report of the Municipal Planning Commission dated December 10, 2001 advising that the Commission supports the above-noted recommendations.

Also attached is a copy of a petition with approximately 14 signatures, submitted by Geoffrey Arnold, 507 Haslam Crescent, dated December 4, 2001 with respect to the matter."

His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.

Mr. Randy Grauer, Community Services Department, indicated the Department's support of the application.

Ms. Marcy Sander, applicant, addressed the concerns raised in the petition that was submitted to Council and asked Council to support the application.

Ms. Lynn Short, Realtor, 326 Laval Crescent, spoke in favour of the application.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the submitted correspondence be received.

CARRIED.

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Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the application submitted by Ms. Marcy Sander requesting permission to use Lot 43, Block 352, Plan 96S22415 (514 Haslam Crescent) for the purpose of a Bed and Breakfast Home be approved, subject to:

- 1) the applicant obtaining all relevant permits (such as building and plumbing permits) and licenses prior to the use of this site for the purpose of a Bed and Breakfast Home;*
- 2) the owner/applicant being solely responsible for any work and expense associated with upgrades to water and sewer connections;*
- 3) the Bed and Breakfast Home having a maximum of two guest bedrooms; and*
- 4) the proposal being commenced within 24 months of the date of City Council's approval.*

CARRIED.

- 2b) Hearings**
Discretionary Use Application - Residential Care Home - Type II
Lots 1 & 2, Block 18, Plan G234
2540 Melrose Avenue
Applicant: Garry McCoshen
(File No. CK. 4355-1)
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REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

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

The City Planner has advised that the necessary notification poster has been placed on the site and letters have been sent to adjacent land owners within 60 metres of the site.

Attached is a report of the Community Services Department dated November 13, 2001, recommending that the application submitted by Garry McCoshen requesting permission to

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use Lots 1 and 2, Block 18, Plan G234 (2540 Melrose Avenue) for the purpose of a Residential Care Home - Type II with a maximum of ten residents under care be approved, subject to:

- a) the final plans submitted for the proposed Residential Care Home - Type II being substantially in accordance with those plans submitted in support of this discretionary use application;
- b) the owner/applicant being solely responsible for any work and expense associated with upgrades to water and sewer connections;
- c) the applicant obtaining a development permit and all other relevant permits (such as building and plumbing permits) prior to the use of this site for the purpose of a Residential Care Home - Type II; and
- d) the proposal being commenced within 24 months of the date of City Council's approval."

Attached is a report of the Municipal Planning Commission dated December 10, 2001 advising that the Commission supports the above-noted recommendation."

His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.

Mr. Randy Grauer, Community Services Department, indicated the Department's support of the application.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the application submitted by Garry McCoshen requesting permission to use Lots 1 and 2, Block 18, Plan G234 (2540 Melrose Avenue) for the purpose of a Residential Care Home - Type II with a maximum of ten residents under care be approved, subject to:

- 1) *the final plans submitted for the proposed Residential Care Home - Type II being substantially in accordance with those plans submitted in support of this discretionary use application;*

- 2) *the owner/applicant being solely responsible for any work and expense associated with upgrades to water and sewer connections;*
- 3) *the applicant obtaining a development permit and all other relevant permits (such as building and plumbing permits) prior to the use of this site for the purpose of a Residential Care Home - Type II; and*
- 4) *the proposal being commenced within 24 months of the date of City Council's approval.*

CARRIED.

**2c) Hearings
Proposed Street Closure
Portion of Camponi Crescent
Bylaw No. 8082
(File No. CK. 6295-1)**

Attached is a copy of Clause D3, Administrative Report No. 15-2001 which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on September 10, 2001.

The following is a report of the City Solicitor dated December 5, 2001:

“City Council at its meeting held on September 10, 2001, instructed this Office to proceed with the above closing.

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

We are attaching at this time the following:

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 8082 to close a portion of Camponi Crescent;
2. Photocopy of letter dated October 30, 2001, from the Deputy Minister of Highways and Transportation advising that the Minister grants consent to the Council of The City of Saskatoon to pass the necessary bylaw for said closing;

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3. Copy of Notice of Closing with attached drawing which will be advertised in accordance with *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984* on Saturday, December 8, 2001 and Saturday, December 15, 2001. (The City Clerk will report with respect to any petitions to be heard.)

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

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

Moved by Councillor Swystun, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 8082.

CARRIED.

**2d) Hearings
Proposed Redesignation of Part of Municipal Buffer Strip
Banyan Crescent - Briarwood Neighbourhood
Municipal Buffer Strip MB14, Registered Plan No. 96S13326
Proposed Bylaw No. 8072
(File No. CK. 4000-1)**

Attached is a copy of Clause A4, Administrative Report No. 17-2001 which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on October 9, 2001.

The following is a report of the City Solicitor dated December 7, 2001:

“City Council, at its meeting on October 9, 2001, instructed the City Solicitor to prepare a bylaw to authorize the redesignation of the portion of Municipal Buffer Strip MB14, Plan 96S13326 as public right-of-way. I have enclosed Bylaw No. 8072 for Council's consideration.

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City Council also instructed the Administration to advertise Council's intention to consider this Bylaw in accordance with the requirements of Sections 201 and 207 of *The Planning and Development Act, 1983*. The *Act* requires that Council give notice of its intention to pass this kind of bylaw by advertisement inserted at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper published or circulated in the area affected by the bylaw. The first of the notices must be published at least three weeks before the date for the public hearing to consider any representations about the bylaw. The required notice was advertised in the *Saskatoon Star Phoenix* on Saturday, November 17, 2001 and Saturday, November 24, 2001. The notice requirements set out in the *Act* have been met.

The utility companies have been consulted and they have no objection to this redesignation.

We are also enclosing a copy of the Title to the property for Council's information.”

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

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Swystun, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 8072.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

- 1) John Maxin
326 Avenue D South, dated December 10**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to using contaminated land for a park in the Riversdale area. (File No. CK. 4205-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Maxin be heard.

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Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT John Maxin be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. John Maxin, 326 Avenue D South, spoke in opposition to using contaminated land for a park in Riversdale area. He provided Council with a copy of his presentation.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**2) Scott Laird, Vice-President
Saskatoon Skatepark Corporation, dated December 11**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the Skatepark report being submitted by the Planning and Operations Committee. (File No. CK. 610-8)

RECOMMENDATION: that Clause 2, Report No. 17-2001 of the Planning and Operations Committee and Item A3 of Communications be brought forward and considered and that Scott Laird and Kelly Patrick be heard.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT Clause 2, Report No. 17-2001 of the Planning and Operations Committee and Item A3 of Communications be brought forward and considered and that Scott Laird and Kelly Patrick be heard.

CARRIED.

“REPORT NO. 17-2001 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

2. Communications to Council

**From: Scott Laird
1149 Oxford Street
Date: September 18, 2001
Subject: Request for Outdoor Skateboarding Facility
AND**

**Communications to Council
From: Colin Wallace
632 7th Avenue North
Date: Undated
Subject: Permanent Skateboard/Bike Facility
(File No. CK. 610-8 and 5500-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that there be approval to proceed with Capital Project Number 2055 for the construction of an outdoor skate park facility;
 - 2) that the maximum contribution from the City of Saskatoon be \$325,000;
 - 3) that the City’s contribution be financed as follows:
 - a) \$70,000 to be allocated from the Sports Participation Grant reserve; and
 - b) \$255,000 from a Productivity Improvement Loan to be paid back over a period of five years starting one year after construction of the outdoor skate park facility is complete;
 - 4) that a steering committee be formed to coordinate the project with representation from the community, user groups, and City Administration; and
 - 5) that City Council endorse, in principle, the general site selection criteria contained in this report.

At its meeting held on July 16, 2001, City Council referred undated correspondence from Colin Wallace to the Administration for a report. At its meeting held on October 9, 2001, City Council referred correspondence from Mr. Scott Laird dated September 18, 2001, to the Planning and Operations Committee for a report to the Budget Committee.

Attached are copies of the following:

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- Report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated December 4, 2001
- Undated letter from Colin Wallace
- Letter dated September 18, 2001, from Scott Laird
- Letters dated October 20 and December 5, 2001, from Bill Dale
- Letter dated November 3, 2001, from A. R. Murray
- Letter dated November 3, 2001, from Nicole and Walter Gantner
- Letter dated November 20, 2001, from Kelly Patrick and Scott Laird, Saskatoon Skatepark Corporation
- Undated letter from Wayne Wohlberg, President, Discovery Park Corporation
- Letter dated November 20, 2001, from Teresa L. Reynolds

Your Committee has reviewed this matter with members of your Administration, Mr. Scott Laird, Vice Chair, Saskatoon Skatepark Corporation, and Ms. Nicole Gantner, representing the Discovery Park Condominium owners. During consideration of this matter, concerns were put forward respecting a loss of greenspace and increased noise levels should the facility be constructed at the Kinsmen Park location as initially proposed by Mr. Laird.

During its review your Administration advised that, through the formation of a steering committee, specific issues would be looked at further including those issues respecting an appropriate site. Your Administration also confirmed the need for further public consultation in this regard. For Council's information, the satellite skateboarding sites and the skateboard trailer program are not expected to be discontinued following construction of a skateboard/bike facility.

Following its review, your Committee supports the recommendation outlined above and recognizes that specific details, including those related to a site, have yet to be determined.

**A3) Kelly Patrick, Chair
Saskatoon Skatepark Corporation, dated December 17**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the proposed outdoor skatepark. (File No. CK. 610-8)

RECOMMENDATION: that the matter be considered with Item A2) of Communications.”

Mr. Scott Laird, Saskatoon Skatepark Corporation, asked Council to support the recommendations of the Planning and Operations Committee.

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Ms. Kelly Patrick, Saskatoon Skatepark Corporation, spoke in favour of the recommendations.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

- 1) that there be approval to proceed with Capital Project Number 2055 for the construction of an outdoor skate park facility;*
- 2) that the maximum contribution from the City of Saskatoon be \$325,000;*
- 3) that the City's contribution be financed as follows:*
 - a) \$70,000 to be allocated from the Sports Participation Grant reserve; and*
 - b) \$255,000 from a Productivity Improvement Loan to be paid back over a period of five years starting one year after construction of the outdoor skate park facility is complete;*
- 4) that a steering committee be formed to coordinate the project with representation from the community, user groups, and City Administration; and*
- 5) that City Council endorse, in principle, the general site selection criteria contained in this report.*

IN AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

- 6) that the public contribution of \$25,000 from the community be in place before the project proceeds.*

IN AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

that the amendment be amended by removing the words "before the project proceeds" and replacing them with "prior to construction commencing".

***THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED.
THE AMENDMENT AS AMENDED WAS PUT AND CARRIED.
THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS PUT AND CARRIED.***

REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL - CONTINUED

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- 3) **Kelly Patrick, Chair**
Saskatoon Skatepark Corporation, dated December 17

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 8.

- 4) **Dale Botting, CEO**
Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority Inc., dated December 12

Requesting permission to address Council to present a report on options to stimulate economic growth. (File No. CK. 3500-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Dale Botting be heard.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT Dale Botting be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Dale Botting, Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority Inc., addressed Council with respect to the report of the Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority on options to stimulate economic growth.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the information be received and the report be forwarded to the Committee on Economic Growth and to the Social Policy Development Round Table.

CARRIED.

- 5) **Ramesh D. Mahabir, President**
Saskatoon Farmers' Market, dated December 11

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the role the Saskatoon Farmers' Market can play in future development plans of the city, and some of the challenges faced by the market. (File No. CK. 205-7)

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RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Mahabir be heard.

**6) Michael Gertler, Ph.d, Assistant Professor, Sociology
Research Fellow, Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, dated December 12**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to possible future sites for the Saskatoon Farmers' Market. (File No. CK. 205-7)

RECOMMENDATION: that Dr. Gertler be heard.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Ramesh Mahabir and Dr. Gertler be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Ramesh Mahabir, Saskatoon Farmers' Market, addressed Council with respect to the role of the Saskatoon Farmers' Market in future development plans of the city and possible future winter sites for the Saskatoon Farmers' Market.

Dr. Michael Gertler, Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, addressed Council with respect to possible future sites for the Saskatoon Farmers' Market.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received and referred to the City Manager.

CARRIED.

**7) John E. Chyzowski
506 Blackshire Court, dated December 13**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the taxation of the St. Volodymyr Villa Corporation Life Lease units. (File No. CK. 1965-5)

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RECOMMENDATION: that Clause 5, Report No. 17-2001 of the Administration and Finance Committee be brought forward and considered and that John Chyzowski be heard.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT Clause 5, Report No. 17-2001 of the Administration and Finance Committee be brought forward and considered and that John Chyzowski be heard.

CARRIED.

“REPORT NO. 17-2001 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

5. Communications to Council

From: John E. Chyzowski, Chair, Board of Directors
St. Volodymyr Villa Corporation

Date: November 14, 2001

Subject: Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the tax designation of Life Lease units, and to present a petition with approximately 190 signatures requesting that City Council restructure property taxes to be the same as condominium property taxes.

(File No. CK. 1920-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council continue with its existing tax policy that will result in the equalization of effective tax rates for single family, condominium and multi-family property classes by 2010.

City Council considered the above-noted communication from John E. Chyzowski, Chair, Board of Directors, St. Volodymyr Villa Corporation at its meeting held on December 3, 2001 and adopted the following motion:

“Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Sternberg,

THAT the information be received and referred to the Administration and Finance Committee for a report.”

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Corporate Services Department dated December 4, 2001 on this matter, which your Committee has reviewed with the Administration and Mr. Chyzowski. Your Committee has determined that once the phase-in for residential property taxes has concluded in 2010, the differences between effective tax rates for single family/condominium and multi-family property classes will be eliminated. The option of classifying a life lease the same as a condominium is not feasible in that it could open opportunities for many other similar properties to become life-lease properties, which would impact the other

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property tax classifications. The option of creating a separate classification for life-lease properties would have the same impact. Therefore, your Committee supports the status quo with the understanding that equalization of effective tax rates will be achieved by 2010.”

Mr. John E. Chyzowski, 506 Blackshire Court, requested that life lease properties be taxed at the same rate as condominiums.

Moved by Councillor Swystun, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT City Council continue with its existing tax policy that will result in the equalization of effective tax rates for single family, condominium and multi-family property classes by 2010.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND LOST ON A TIE VOTE.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the issue of the life lease category be referred to the Executive Committee.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL - CONTINUED

**8) Terry Scaddan, Executive Director
The Partnership, dated December 17**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to Project 1856 - Co-ordination of Downtown Housing Initiatives. (File No. CK. 750-4)

RECOMMENDATION: that Clause 6, Report No. 17-2001 of the Administration and Finance Committee be brought forward and considered and that Terry Scaddan be heard.

Moved by Councillor Swystun, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Clause 6, Report No. 17-2001 of the Administration and Finance Committee be brought forward and considered and that Terry Scaddan be heard.

CARRIED.

“REPORT NO. 17-2001 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

**6. Project 1856 - Co-ordination of Downtown Housing Initiatives
(File No. CK. 750-4)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the report from The Partnership on the Implementation of the Downtown Housing Study be received;
- 2) that the Administration be directed to report on the feasibility of revising the Downtown Housing Incentives Program to address the following issues:
 - a) expansion of the Tax Abatement Program to include all forms and tenures of residential development rather than only rental housing;
 - b) targeted expansion of the Tax Abatement Program and Building Permit Rebate Program to allow full abatement of property taxes for the first five years for innovative housing development projects in the downtown area that address the housing needs of non-senior households;
 - c) targeted expansion of the Tax Abatement Program and Building Permit Rebate Program to assist the improvement and upgrading of marginal or substandard housing;
- 3) that the City Solicitor be directed to report on the feasibility and advisability of targeting City-owned lands, including tax titles properties, to achieve the “civic purpose” of increased residential development in the downtown; and
- 4) that consultation with the community continue on ways to improve both the viability and marketability of the downtown area.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 19, 2001 forwarding the report from The Partnership on the Implementation of the Downtown Housing Study. Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration and Mr. Terry Scaddan, Executive Director, The Partnership, and supports the recommendations provided by the Administration.”

Mr. Terry Scaddan, The Partnership, spoke with respect to The Partnership’s report on the Implementation of the Downtown Housing Study.

Moved by Councillor Swystun, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

- 1) *that the report from The Partnership on the Implementation of the Downtown Housing Study be received;*
- 2) *that the Administration be directed to report on the feasibility of revising the Downtown Housing Incentives Program to address the following issues:*
 - a) *expansion of the Tax Abatement Program to include all forms and tenures of residential development rather than only rental housing;*
 - b) *targeted expansion of the Tax Abatement Program and Building Permit Rebate Program to allow full abatement of property taxes for the first five years for innovative housing development projects in the downtown area that address the housing needs of non-senior households;*
 - c) *targeted expansion of the Tax Abatement Program and Building Permit Rebate Program to assist the improvement and upgrading of marginal or substandard housing;*
- 3) *that the City Solicitor be directed to report on the feasibility and advisability of targeting City-owned lands, including tax titles properties, to achieve the “civic purpose” of increased residential development in the downtown; and*
- 4) *that consultation with the community continue on ways to improve both the viability and marketability of the downtown area.*

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL - CONTINUED

AA. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

- 1) **Glen Sorestad, Poet Laureate of Saskatchewan
108 - 835 Heritage Green, dated December 3**

Extending pleasure in receiving the Saskatoon Book Award and his belief in the importance of the Award and the City of Saskatoon's sponsorship. (File No. CK.150-1)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**2) Knox United Church
838 Spadina Crescent East, undated**

Submitting a petition with approximately 117 signatures requesting a plebiscite on the expansion of gambling through the establishment of an additional casino in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 4110-23)

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

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received and joined to the file.

CARRIED.

**3) Sarah Sun, President, Citizens' Advisory Council
Saskatoon Board of Education, dated December 4**

Requesting that Audrey Hopkins be appointed to the Traffic Safety Committee as the representative of the Citizens' Advisory Council.

RECOMMENDATION: that Ms. Audrey Hopkins be appointed to the Traffic Safety Committee as the representative of the Citizen's Advisory Council., to the end of 2003.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Ms. Audrey Hopkins be appointed to the Traffic Safety Committee as the representative of the Citizen's Advisory Council, to the end of 2003.

CARRIED.

4) Ray G. Sorsdahl, C.D.

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1805 - 315 - 5th Avenue North, dated December 4

Submitting newspaper clippings and expressing concerns with respect to closed door meetings. (File No. CK.150-1) (Copies of the newspaper clippings may be viewed in the City Clerk's Office.)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**5) Elden Haug, Treasurer
Broadway Business Improvement District, dated December 10**

Submitting the 2002 budget for the Broadway Business Improvement District. (Files CK. 1711-1 and 175-47)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and forwarded to the Budget Committee.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

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

CARRIED.

**6) Georgia Bell-Woodard
1020 10th Street East, dated December 10**

Thanking Council for the opportunity to serve on the Municipal Planning Commission and asking that thanks be extended to the staff. (File No. CK. 175-16)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**7) Debby Claude, Market Coordinator
Saskatoon Farmers' Market, dated December 6**

Requesting permission for the temporary closure and use of the 300 block of 23rd Street East on Saturdays, starting in May, 2002, and for the use of the City Hall Square in connection with the Saskatoon Farmers Market. (File No. 205-7)

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

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the request be approved subject to administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

B. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

**1) Ken Achs, President
Mid-West Development (2000) Corp., dated November 23**

Requesting a u-turn bay at 8th Street and Summerfeld Avenue and submitting background information. (File No. CK. 6000-1) **(Referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.)** (Background information is available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office.)

**2) Terry Scaddan, Executive Director
The Partnership, dated December 6**

Requesting that the City of Saskatoon waive parking meter enforcement on Boxing Day, Wednesday, December 26, 2001. (File No. CK. 6120-3) **(Referred to the Administration.)**

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**3) Wayne Wohlberg, President
Discovery Park Corporation, undated**

Expressing concerns with respect to a proposed skateboard facility in Kinsmen Park. (File No. CK. 610-8) **(Referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.)**

**4) Rod Sinclair
1 103 Powe Street, dated December 5**

Expressing concerns with respect to problems with an electrical meter and billing. (File No. CK. 150-1) **(Referred to the Administration.)**

**5) Jim Wasilenko, President
Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership, dated December 5**

Submitting background information and clarification with respect to the Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership. (File No. CK. 750-1) **(Referred to the Executive Committee.)**

**6) Rodolfo Pino-Robles, President
Saskatchewan Intercultural Association, dated December 5**

Requesting Race Relations Committee co-sponsorship for the “Community Building From Words to Action” event to be held on March 21, 2002. (File No. CK. 1870-1) **(Referred to the Race Relations Committee.)** (Council should note that although this request refers to the Race Relations Committee providing funding in the past, that is not the case. Committees are not able to grant funds. What the Race Relations Committee did was to co-sponsor last year’s events.)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

C. **PROCLAMATIONS**

1) **Tracy Muggli, Saskatoon Branch Chair**
Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers, dated December 11

Requesting that Council proclaim the week of March 4 to 8, 2002 as Social Work Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

2) **Donna C. Scott, Chief Commissioner**
Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission, dated November 30

Requesting that Council proclaim December 10, 2001 as Human Rights 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 Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

- 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

A/General Manager, Community Services Howse presented Section A, Administrative Report No. 22-2001;

General Manager, Corporate Services Veltkamp presented Section B, Administrative Report No. 22-2001;

General Manager, Infrastructure Services Uzelman presented Section D, Administrative Report No. 22-2001;

General Manager, Utility Services, Munch presented Section E, Administrative Report No. 22-2001;

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City Manager Richards presented Section F, Administrative Report No. 22-2001;

A/City Solicitor Davern presented Section B, Legislative Report No. 18-2001;

Councillor Fortosky, Chair, presented Report No. 17-2001 of the Planning and Operations Committee;

Councillor Swystun, Chair, presented Report No. 17-2001 of the Administration and Finance Committee;

Councillor Heidt, member, presented Report No. 2-2001 of the Budget Committee;

Councillor McCann, member, presented Report No. 1-2001 of the Board of Trustees, General Superannuation Plan;

Councillor McCann, member, presented Report No. 1-2001 of the Pension Benefits Committee;

His Worship the Mayor, Chair, presented Report No. 3-2001 of the Safer City Committee; and

His Worship the Mayor, Chair, presented Report No. 17-2001 of the Executive Committee.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

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

- a) Administrative Report No. 22-2001;*
- b) Legislative Report No. 18-2001;*
- c) Report No. 17-2001 of the Planning and Operations Committee;*
- d) Report No. 17-2001 of the Administration and Finance Committee;*
- e) Report No. 2-2001 of the Budget Committee;*
- f) Report No. 1-2001 of the Board of Trustees, General Superannuation Plan;*
- g) Report No. 1-2001 of the Pension Benefits Committee;*
- h) Report No. 3-2001 of the Safer City Committee; and*

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i) *Report No. 17-2001 of the Executive Committee.*

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

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

Committee arose.

Councillor Roe 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:

“ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 21-2001

Section A - COMMUNITY SERVICES

**A1) Request For Encroachment Agreement
2601 Albert Avenue
Lot 24, Block 257, Plan G 867
(File No. CK 4090-2)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that City Council recognize the encroachment at 2601 Albert Avenue (Lot 24, Block 257, Plan G 867);
- 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the appropriate encroachment agreement making provision to collect the applicable fees; and
- 3) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of Saskatoon under the Corporate Seal and in a form that is satisfactory to the City Solicitor, the agreement with respect to this encroachment.

ADOPTED.

Mathiason & Valkenburg, Barristers & Solicitors, on behalf of Gregg Michael Parchomchuk, the new registered owner of the property located at 2601 Albert Avenue, have requested to enter into an Encroachment Agreement with the City of Saskatoon. As shown on the attached Real Property Report, a portion of the garage encroaches onto the rear lane. The total area of encroachment is

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approximately 0.674 m², and will, therefore, be subject to an annual charge of \$50. This encroachment has probably existed since the garage was built in 1960.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter from Mathiason & Valkenburg, Barristers & Solicitors, dated November 27, 2001
2. Real Property Report dated March 30, 1995

**A2) Easement Requirement - SaskTel
Arbor Creek Neighbourhood
Part of Municipal Reserve MR8, Plan 96S28729
Project: Saskatoon/Wright Crescent 920544.0010/01
(File No. CK. 4090 - 3)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council grant an easement to SaskTel as outlined on the attached plan; and
 - 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of Saskatoon under the Corporate Seal, the appropriate agreement as prepared by the City Solicitor.

ADOPTED.

Heather Duncanson, on behalf of the SaskTel's Land Branch, has requested an easement over part of Municipal Reserve MR8, Plan 96S28729, as shown outlined on the attached plan. The purpose of this easement is to provide service to Wright Crescent.

When the property in the Arbor Creek Replotting Scheme was considered by City Council on May 21, 1996, the approval did not include the granting of easements. The City now has title to the Municipal Reserve over which SaskTel requires an easement.

The Community Services Department and the Infrastructure Services Department, Parks Branch have no objection to the granting the proposed easement to SaskTel.

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ATTACHMENT

1. Part of Municipal Reserve MR8, Plan 96S28729

**A3) Land-Use Applications Received by the Community Services Department
For the Period Between November 22 to December 6, 2001
(For Information Only)
(File No. CK. 4000-5)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

The following applications have been received and are being processed:

Rezoning

- Application No. Z19/01: 2310 Louise Avenue
Applicant: Saskatchewan Abilities Council
Legal Description: Parcel A, Block 358, Plan 60S21735
Current Zoning: M2 Contract
Proposed Zoning: New M2 Contract
Neighbourhood: Nutana Park
Date Received: November 28, 2001

Subdivision

- Application No. 70/01: 2509 Louise Street
Applicant: Murray Marien, Ukrainian Orthodox
Senior Citizens Society
Legal Description: Part of Lots B and C, Block H, Plan 68S13197 and
Part of Parcel C, Plan 64S19148
Current Zoning: M3
Neighbourhood: Nutana Suburban Centre
Date Received: November 26, 2001

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan of Proposed Rezoning No. 19/01.
2. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 70/01.

Section B - CORPORATE SERVICES

**B1) The Assessment Notices Bylaw, 2002
(File No. CK. 1615-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve Bylaw No. 8067.

ADOPTED.

At its December 3, 2001 meeting, City Council requested a report dealing with the issue as placed before it on December 3 in regard to the Assessment Notices Bylaw, 2002. In particular, there was a suggestion that the appeal period be left open until the property tax notices are mailed, effectively allowing the property tax notice to become a vehicle through which property owners could be reminded of their right to appeal.

The Urban Municipality Act (UMA) under s. 250 states that the assessment roll shall be kept open for a prescribed amount of minimum time - the period where an appeal can be made.

Section 251(3) of the UMA limits the time when a person may appeal their assessment to 30 days from the mailing of the notices or, if no notices are mailed, 30 days from when the notice of assessment has been posted and published and the date of such notice is published in the Gazette.

Section 244(1)(d) of the UMA states what must be shown in the roll (including the name of the registered owner). For the privacy and the protection of our citizens, at the end of the 30 days where the roll is required to be open, the Assessment Office removes the name of the registered owner from the public access to the roll, but still allow people to view the other information such as address, assessment, etc. This information remains available to the public year round in Saskatoon. The appeal period, however, remains at the initial 30 days as prescribed by legislation, even though the roll is still available to the public after that time.

The UMA also prescribes the time frame when notices must be mailed as well as the time frame when appeals against the roll must be finalized. Section 244 (1.1) of the UMA states notices must be mailed after December 2 of the year preceding the assessment roll year and before April 2 of the roll year. Section 257 of the UMA states the Board of Revision must finalize appeals by June 15 of the roll year. It has been the practice of the Assessment Office to mail notices early in the year in order that appeals might be completed on time in accordance with provincial legislation.

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The UMA currently allows little discretion as to when notices may be sent, the period when an assessment may be appealed, or when appeals must be finalized by. It is also important to note that appeals may be filed in any year even though the assessed value has not changed from the previous year, whether a notice was mailed or not. The dates for notices and appeal finalization as set out in current legislation, as well as the timing of when the City sets its budget and therefore prepares tax notices (based on when the Provincial budget is set), creates a timing issue that cannot be overcome.

The current practice allows the assessment notices to be mailed and appeals completed, for the most part, prior to Council setting the new mill rate, thereby, giving Council a more solid assessment base on which to levy property taxes.

The current practice seems to have been specifically designed to separate the assessment process from the tax process, as it is only the assessment that can be appealed. While there are practical reasons for keeping these two issues separate, combining the two may also confuse the issue being appealed. For example, persons may end up appealing tax policy, rather than the actual assessment on their property.

It is important to note however, that under the requested Proposed City Act, the City will have the ability to send out assessment notices at the same time as tax notices. Once again it is important to remember the implications of this change (hearing appeals and possibly reducing the property tax roll after the budget has been set and property taxes already collected for the year). In many jurisdictions, it has become common practice to send out assessment notices months in advance of the year to which it relates. This allows those City Councils, during the budget process, to know exactly what they are dealing with in assessment prior to setting the mill rate for the taxation year.

In jurisdictions where reassessments do not take place annually, it is also common practice to only send assessment notices in the interim years to those properties where either the assessed value or classification has changed from the previous year or where the ownership has changed. The cost to mail out notices to all properties every year, as well as other soft costs, does not warrant doing so.

In Saskatoon, additional funds are provided to the Assessment Office in a reassessment year to cover the costs of a reassessment (a large part being the printing and mailing of approximately 65,000 notices). In non-reassessment years, on average, the assessment office mails out 10,000 notices to those properties that changed, for some reason, over the course of the past year.

The additional costs to mail out notices to every property in a non-reassessment year would be substantial. The costs that are easily determinable are the hard costs of printing, additional stationary, mailing costs, and additional telephone costs. This hard cost, by sending out an additional 55,000 notices yearly (in a non-reassessment year), would be approximately \$30,000 to \$35,000 annually added to the operational budget of the Assessment Office.

There would also be additional costs that are not so easily determinable or as evident. These additional costs would include additional staff time due to this mailing. Such things as additional

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telephone calls needing to be answered, a possible increase in appeals (whether successful in the end or not), and additional time to prepare for these appeals (many of which would likely be withdrawn in any event). Almost 40% of the residential appeals filed this past year were withdrawn after talking to an assessor, not without much work being put into the process by City staff. Time still would need to be taken to deal with these that would take away from the normal work in the assessment office. This cost is difficult to determine, but would not be minimal.

Costs may also increase for other City departments other than the Assessors Office as those departments also play a role in the mailing of notices and the appeal process.

The Administration therefore requests that City Council approve Bylaw No. 8067.

Section D - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

- D1) Communications to Council
Enquiry – Councillor P. Roe (November 5, 2001)
Handling of Elm Tree Refuse
File No: CK. 4200-4**
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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Roe at the meeting of City Council held on November 5, 2001:

“In an editorial in the StarPhoenix (November 3, 2001), Bill Kalyn, City Parks Manager, is quoted as saying, in part, ‘it is far from clear that its (landfill staff) handling of elm refuse meets regulations’

“Would the Administration report on how elm wood is handled at the landfill and whether or not provincial regulations are being followed with respect to disposal.”

The City’s Pest Control Officers investigated the procedure for handling elm wood employed by the staff of the City Landfill and found the following:

The City Landfill has been determined to be the designated disposal site for the burial of elm wood in the City of Saskatoon. All residential material dumped at the Landfill by the public is compacted on a daily basis. This includes all woody plant material. After this material is compacted it is buried with soil to a minimum depth of 25 centimeters or greater.

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This meets or exceeds the requirements of the Dutch Elm Disease Control Regulations and has been approved by Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management.

D2) School Signing Revisions
(File No. CK. 6280-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the proposed school signing revisions, as set out in the following report, be approved.

ADOPTED.

Infrastructure Services has received requests to review the signing at the following schools. Consultations with the principal of each school, a representative of the School Boards, and a member of Infrastructure Services have resulted in the preparation of new a school signing plan (using the School Signing Guidelines) to address the particular needs of this facility. The following changes have been reviewed and approved by Infrastructure Services, the School Boards, and the principals:

- Vincent Massey: The recommended signing changes at the intersection of Northumberland Avenue and Morris Drive South are described below, and shown on attached Plan No. 212-0018-002r002 (Attachment 1):
 - Replace approximately 20 metres of the existing 'NO STOPPING' (RB-55) zone along the west side of the intersection with an extension of the adjacent 'PARKING, 5 MINUTES, 08:00-17:00, MONDAY-FRIDAY' zone (RB-53B).
 - Install 'PEDESTRIANS PROHIBITED' signs (RB-66, RB-66A, RB-66TA) at each end of the north crosswalk.
- Henry Kelsey School: The recommended signing changes along the east side of Valens Drive are described below and shown on attached Plan No. 212-0033-001r002 (Attachment 2):
 - Install a 'NO STOPPING' zone (RB-55) across the entrance to the staff parking lot.
 - Extend the existing 'SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE, 08:00-17:00, MONDAY-FRIDAY' (RB-58L) to the south by approximately seven metres.
- Montgomery School: The recommended signing changes along the west side of Currie Avenue are described below and shown on attached Plan No. 212-0015-002r002 (Attachment 3)
 - Install a 10 metre 'DISABLED PERSONS LOADING ZONE, 08:00-17:00, MONDAY-FRIDAY' (RB-58G) at each of the school's two west entrances.
- Saint Gerard School: The recommended signing changes along the west side of Montreal Avenue are described below and shown on attached Plan No. 212-0036-001r003 (Attachment 4):
 - Increase the length of the existing 'SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE, 08:00-17:00,

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MONDAY-FRIDAY' (RB-58L) near the school's main entrance to approximately 40 metres.

- Replace the existing 'NO PARKING' zone (RB-51) west of the northwest corner of the intersection of 23rd Street and Montreal Avenue with a 'NO STOPPING' zone (RB-55).
- Dr. John G. Egnatoff School: The recommended signing changes are described below and shown on attached Plan No. 212-0029-001r002 (Attachment 5):
 - Increase the existing 'SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE, 08:00-17:00, MONDAY-FRIDAY' (RB-58L) along the east side of Kenderdine Road by approximately 12 metres to the north.
 - Install a 10 metre 'NO STOPPING' zone (RB-55) east of the southeast corner of the intersection of Rogers Road and Wickenden Crescent.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan No. 212-0018-002r002
2. Plan No. 212-0033-001r002
3. Plan No. 212-0015-002r002
4. Plan No. 212-0036-001r003
5. Plan No. 212-0029-001r002

**D3) Enquiry – Councillor P. Roe (July 16, 2001)
Improvements for Safety of Children
Preston Avenue from Arlington to Circle Drive
(File No. CK. 6150-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Roe at the meeting of City Council held on July 16, 2001:

“Would the Administration please report on measures that could be taken on Preston Avenue from Arlington to Circle Drive to improve safety for the many children living on this busy residential street. Traffic is heavy and citizens believe that drivers are travelling at excessive speeds. There is no crosswalk in this area except at Arlington, which is a long way for young children to travel when crossing the street. As this is an urgent and important issue for residents, could the Administration report back at the next regular Council meeting.”

Preston Avenue, south of Arlington Avenue, is a two-lane divided roadway classified as a major

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arterial street and a truck route where the primary function is to provide for the movement of large volumes of traffic between major areas of traffic generation. Traffic volumes of 10,000 to 30,000 vehicles per day are expected on this type of street. The speed limit on this street is 50 kph.

Wilson Crescent and the south leg of Dumont Crescent form T-intersections along the west side of Preston Avenue. Access to Preston Avenue from these two streets is controlled by stop signs. The existing pedestrian crosswalks at these intersections are not identified by signs or road markings. Properties fronting either side of Preston Avenue are mostly multiple unit residential homes. Access ramps to and from Circle Drive South meet Preston Avenue approximately 50 metres south of the Dumont Crescent intersection. Two 50 km/h speed limit signs are posted at the Dumont Crescent intersection for north bound traffic entering Preston Avenue from Circle Drive.

Vehicle count and speed studies were conducted from September 4 to 12, 2001 at a location on Preston Avenue between Wilson and Dumont Crescents. This type of study records vehicle data as hourly totals, 24 hours a day for seven days. The average daily traffic (ADT) volume was 8050 vehicles per day which is reasonable considering the street type. The average speed was 50.2 km/h and the 85th percentile speed was 57.9 km/h. (85% of the vehicles are travelling at or less than this speed). It is ideally desirable to have the 85th percentile speed no more than 5% above the speed limit. Therefore, the results of this speed study and a copy of this report will be forwarded to the Saskatoon Police Service to determine appropriate enforcement action.

A review of the five year collision histories of three locations on Preston Avenue are listed in the following Tables 1-3:

Table 1: Collision History at Preston Avenue and Wilson Crescent intersection

Collision Configuration	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Total
Fixed Object						0
Rear End			1		1	2
Right Angle	1	3	2	3	1	10
Head On						0
Left Turn	1	3	3	2	3	12
Parked						0
Backing						0
Parking						0
Side Swipe						0
Other		1	2			3
Total	2	7	8	6	4	27

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Table 2: Collision History on Preston Avenue mid-block Wilson Crescent to Dumont Crescent

Collision Configuration	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Total
Fixed Object	1				1	2
Rear End			1		1	2
Right Angle						0
Head On						0
Left Turn						0
Parked						0
Backing						0
Parking						0
Side Swipe						0
Other		1	1	1	1	4
Total	1	1	2	1	3	8

Table 3: Collision History at Preston Avenue and Dumont Crescent

Collision Configuration	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Total
Fixed Object						0
Rear End						0
Right Angle	1					1
Head On						0
Left Turn			1			1
Parked						0
Backing						0
Parking						0
Side Swipe						0
Other						0
Total	1	0	1	0	0	2

The recent collision involving a pedestrian fatality is not included in the above collision history. In the past five years, one collision in 1996 on Preston Avenue between Wilson Crescent and Dumont Crescent involved a pedestrian.

On September 10 and 11, 2001, vehicular and pedestrian traffic volume counts were recorded during the periods of 08:00 - 09:00, 11:30 - 13:30 and 15:30 - 17:00 at the intersections of Preston Avenue and Wilson Crescent, and Preston Avenue and Dumont Crescent. The results of these 4½ hour counts are summarized below in Tables 4 and 5 respectively:

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Table 4: Vehicle and Pedestrian Counts, Preston Ave. & Wilson Cr., Sept.10/01

Time	Vehicles			Pedestrians	
	North bound	South bound	East bound	North crosswalk	South crosswalk
08:00 - 09:00	416	297	40	3	16
11:30 - 13:30	545	487	46	4	7
15:30 - 17:00	680	450	64	10	10

Table 5: Vehicle and Pedestrian Counts, Preston Ave. & Dumont Cr., Sept.11/01

Time	Vehicles			Pedestrians	
	North bound	South bound	East bound	North crosswalk	South crosswalk
08:00 - 09:00	389	311	11	3	0
11:30 - 13:30	562	452	7	2	9
15:30 - 17:00	682	427	7	6	9

An analysis of this data to determine the need for a pedestrian corridor and a pedestrian-actuated traffic signal at each location indicates that neither of these intersections meet any of the minimum requirements for the installation of either facility. The Wilson Crescent intersection currently ranks 43rd on the Pedestrian Corridor Priority List and 60th on the Pedestrian Actuated Traffic Signal Priority List when compared with other locations under consideration for these types of facilities. The Dumont Crescent intersection currently ranks 65th and 61st respectively on these lists.

While conducting the pedestrian counts at the Wilson Crescent intersection, it was observed that eastbound pedestrians occasionally experienced some delay crossing the south crosswalk when a long queue of vehicles, from either the north or south, were turning west onto Wilson Crescent or continuing through the intersection on Preston Avenue. These pedestrians appeared to recognize that the through motorists in these queues had a reduced opportunity to see the pedestrians waiting at the corner or on the median. These pedestrians rightly waited in a safe location out of the travel lanes until an appropriate break in the flow of traffic presented a safe opportunity for them to continue their crossing. No other occasions of notable delay or difficulty were observed at this or the Dumont Crescent intersection.

Recent site examinations of this portion of Preston Avenue found the lines-of-sight to be adequate for the three crosswalks at each intersection. A row of mature trees and utility poles located along the centre line of the wide, grassed median between the north and south bound lanes of Preston Avenue is set well back from the travel lanes and presents no visibility problems to either the pedestrian or motorist. The median also provides a safe and highly visible place of refuge for pedestrians crossing this street.

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Although the number of pedestrians crossing Preston Avenue at these two intersections is quite low, the presence of marked crosswalks would be beneficial to all users of this roadway. Therefore, standard painted crosswalks with pedestrian crosswalk signs have been installed across the north and south sides each intersection. These changes are described on the attached crosswalk plans for these two intersections (Plan No. 203-0605-002r001, Attachment 1 and Plan No. 203-0605-003r001, Attachment 2).

The volume of nearby mid-block pedestrian crossings is not customarily included in the evaluation of the crosswalk facilities at a given intersection unless there is reasonable justification for doing so. If the frequency and volume of mid-block pedestrian crossings along a given street is the subject of a review, an evaluation will be undertaken at a location where the pedestrian activity is generally concentrated. The mid-block pedestrian crossing on Moss Avenue between 8th Street and Parkdale Road is a recent example of such a review.

While the pedestrian traffic was being recorded on September 10th, 26 pedestrians were observed crossing Preston Avenue at various locations between Wilson Crescent and Dumont Crescent. Four such crossings were observed on September 11th. Even if these crossings were concentrated at one location, the resulting warrant evaluation for a pedestrian corridor or pedestrian actuated signal would produce a ranking less than that at the two nearby intersections. By comparison, 50 pedestrians were recorded crossing at Wilson Crescent and 29 at Dumont Crescent.

Pedestrians making a mid-block crossing in this area are not committing an illegal act. Nor is it an unusual practice or of a frequency that is any greater than that commonly observed in many residential areas regardless of the classification of the street being crossed. However, it can be especially unsafe if conducted without due care and attention given that Preston Avenue is a relatively busier street than nearby local streets. A pedestrian crossing a street at a location other than a legal crosswalk has no legal right-of-way over any vehicle and a motorist has no legal obligation to yield to him/her. More importantly, motorists typically do not have a high degree of expectation of encountering pedestrians crossing a street between intersections and therefore are often not well prepared to stop for them. Therefore, pedestrians should exercise added care and attention when undertaking a mid-block crossing of any street.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan No. 203-0605-002r001
2. Plan No. 203-0605-003r001

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D4) Enquiry – Councillor T. Paulsen (November 19, 2001)

**Metered Parking – Long Weekends
and**

Communications to Council

**From: Terry Scaddan, Executive Director
The Partnership**

Date: December 6, 2001

**Subject: Parking Meter Enforcement on December 26, 2001
(File No. CK. 6120-5)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the information be received; and
2) that the Administration not enforce parking meter violations on Boxing Day, on an annual basis, commencing December 26, 2001.

ADOPTED.

Councillor Paulsen made the following enquiry at the meeting of City Council held on November 19, 2001:

“Could the Administration please report on either:

- The possibility of not requiring the public to pay for metered parking during long weekends where the statutory holiday does not fall on a Monday – Saturday.
- How the Administration is going to improve communications to the public about the requirement of paying for metered parking during long weekends where the statutory holiday does not fall on Monday - Saturday.”

Infrastructure Services does not recommend that the public be exempt from plugging the parking meters on a Monday where a statutory holiday falls on the Sunday, for the following reasons:

- Retail stores and other businesses are open on these occasions, and the turnover created by the parking meters is warranted to avoid employees parking all day at metered stalls. Typically, only the various levels of government are closed, due to agreements in labour contracts.
- Information on the parking meters states that people are only exempt from plugging the parking meters on Sundays and holidays. The last instance when this situation occurred was on Monday, November 12th, 2001. Remembrance Day (the holiday) is on November 11th, the Sunday. November 12th, the Monday is not a holiday. Most retail businesses were open that day.
- Further confusion may result in changes to the current policy, as an explanation on parking

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meters would be difficult and the meters would still be plugged when not required. In addition, an expense of approximately \$5,000 would be incurred to change wording on the parking meters.

- Complaints of people plugging the parking meters when they do not have to would arise, if the bylaw were changed. These same people would be asking for their money back that they plugged into the meters.
- There would be a loss of parking meter revenue of approximately \$9,500 for each occurrence of the above noted situation. Parking meter revenue is assigned to General Revenues (50%), the Streetscape Reserve (43%), the Parking Capital Reserve (4%), and to the three Business Improvement Districts (1% each).
- Other cities surveyed, such as Calgary and Edmonton, follow the same practice currently in place in Saskatoon.

Current practice to inform the public is to issue a public service announcement prior to the long weekend, where the requirement to plug the meters is clearly stated. In addition, the fact that the parking meters do need to be plugged is advertised in large bold font in the City Page advertisements in the Star Phoenix and the Saskatoon Sun. No additional budget exists to enhance communication on this subject. Even if additional funds were allocated to this, there would be no guarantee that every person who uses a parking meter on that day would be properly advised.

In 2002, there will be one occasion when this occurs - Monday April 1st, the day following Easter.

The standard practice concerning Boxing Day (December 26) has been that The Partnership requests that City Council decree Boxing Day exempt from plugging the parking meters. The Partnership has made this request again in 2001 (Attachment 1), and asked that it be a standing request on an annual basis. The Administration supports this request.

At this time, Infrastructure Services is not recommending any change to The Traffic Bylaw, No. 7200, which governs when parking meters need to be plugged.

ATTACHMENT

1. Letter dated December 6, 2001, from Terry Scaddan, The Partnership

**D5) Proposed General Loading Zone
(File No. CK. 6145-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that a five minute General Loading Zone be installed on the north side of the 1000 block of 9th Street East.

ADOPTED.

Infrastructure Services has received a request from the President of the Golden Gate Terrace Condominium at 1005 9th Street East, for the installation of a five minute General Loading Zone, in

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front of their building on the north side of the 1000 block of 9th Street East, as shown on Plan No. 210-0047-006r001 (Attachment 1).

The loading zone conforms to City guidelines with respect to Loading Zones, and the applicant has agreed to pay the one time fee of \$300.00 plus GST for its installation.

ATTACHMENT

1. Plan No. 210-0047-006r001

Section E - UTILITY SERVICES

- E1) Enquiry – Councillor Paulsen (September 10, 2001)
Yard and Garden Waste Drop Off
Hours of Operation
(File No. CK. 600-4)**
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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Councilor Paulsen made the following enquiry at the meeting of Council on Sept. 10, 2001:

“Would the administration please report on the possibility of opening the yard waste drop off on the east side, near 8th Street, at least one evening per week instead of just being open on the weekends.”

The yard waste pilot program was implemented to divert clean yard waste from the landfill to a landfarming site where it is being used to reclaim a borrow pit, and eventually return the land to agricultural use. In 2001, the pilot program was changed to a drop off depot system after the cancellation of the yard waste collection program. This decision was based on the success of a drop off depot at the landfill site and high levels of contamination in residentially collected yard waste.

The drop off depot pilot program put in place in 2001 was an expansion of the successful landfill drop off site. Two residential drop-off sites were added, one at Nicholson Yards on 8th Street, and one at the AL Cole site. Each site was open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturdays and Sundays from mid April to mid October. The sites are both fenced, and were staffed during the open hours to ensure residents complied with the program guidelines and to monitor program participation. Residents were asked to un-bag leaves and grass into 300-gallon bins that were placed at each site. Our automated waste collection trucks then regularly emptied these bins, and the leaves and grass were taken to the landfarming site.

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Residents who were going out of town on the weekends, but still wished to participate in the leaf and grass drop off program, raised concerns about the hours of the drop off site. These residents contacted councilor Paulsen, who in turn put forth a council enquiry.

In response to Councillor Paulsen's enquiry, arrangements were made for both the AL Cole and Nicolson Yards leaf and grass depots to be open on Wednesday evenings. This began on September 26th, and continued until the end of the program three weeks later. Both sites were open Wednesday evenings from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Although the attendance at the sites was low, there was sufficient interest to warrant further investigation of evening service in 2002.

The staff at the sites did raise one major concern with operating in the evenings. By the end of September, the sites were getting dark shortly after opening, and by the end of the evening were completely dark. As the sites are somewhat remote and do not have lighting, safety for the staff and lack of visibility for the patrons became an issue.

The other main concern raised by users of the sites is that they wished for the sites to be open longer in the season. This was of particular concern for those who wished to dispose of leaves used for Halloween decorations, and due to the lack of snow late in the spring and fall.

Usage of all the leaf and grass sites dropped substantially throughout August and September. Hot, dry weather as well as holiday schedule dramatically effected program usages. Volumes of leaves and grass brought in August and September were one tenth of the volume of material brought during peak spring usage. The drop-off sites were not utilized at all on some days.

Usage of the yard waste drop off at the landfill was consistent with previous years. The site is well utilized by both members of the public and yard care contractors. These individuals are allowed free access to the site if they are willing to un-bag their leaves and grass in the appropriate drop off area. Although the site is not staffed all the time, the level of contaminants in the waste is minimal. The site is available during landfill hours throughout the year.

To address all these issues and to maintain the same budget level as in 2001, we are proposing the following modifications to the leaf and grass drop off pilot program:

1. Two residential drop-off areas will be open, as well as the commercial/residential drop off site at the landfill. The east side site will remain the same, Nicholson Yards. The west side site, formerly the A.L. Cole site, was only temporary for one year. A new site is being sought.

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2. The two residential drop-off sites will be open weekends from April 13th to July 27th, and September 28th to November 3rd. By closing over August and September, we will be able to extend our collection season by one week in the spring and two weeks in the fall. This will also afford some flexibility in our budget to add some evenings to the schedule. By keeping the sites open until November 3rd, we also hope to address the issue of Halloween leaves and later than usual snow fall.
3. The two residential drop-off sites will be open Wednesday evenings from May 29th to July 24th. Further evaluation of evening collection is required to evaluate its effectiveness, as we do not feel that the three-week trial this fall was adequate for decision making. The dates chosen were to reflect both the anticipated travel season of weekend travelers and to accommodate staff so that they will be working in daylight.
4. The landfill drop off site for commercial and residential users will be available all year during regular landfill hours. This site will accommodate program participants who are hauling large loads and do not wish to unload into bins, or those who wish to participate in the program in July and August.

Further evaluation of the pilot program will be done at the end of the 2002 season to evaluate the changes to the program before further expansion is considered.

E2) Enquiry – Councillor R. Steernberg (December 4, 2000)
Implications of moving Transit Rate Increases
to mid-year implementation date.
(File No. CK. 7300-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Councillor Steernberg made the following enquiry at the meeting of City Council on December 4, 2000:

“Would the Administration please review and report the implications of moving the transit rate increases to a mid-year date.”

Currently the transit fares are set to increase January 1 in the years 2002 and 2003, as per City Council Bylaw No. 8000 (No.3). The Branch, when preparing the operating budget, takes into account expenditures based on the 12-month fiscal year, as do other City Departments. Similarly when revenues are being estimated, it is done over the same period of time. This is a standard accounting practice. To increase the fares in the middle of the year would result in staff estimating the operations budget at one time and revenue at a later date. At the current time 54%

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of the revenue is generated between January to June and 46% between July and December. There would be minimal effect on fare categories resulting from a change in rates in the middle of the year in that only the senior's six month passes would be effected. During the year the Transit Branch regularly monitors revenues and when the estimated targets are not being met every effort is made to adjust expenditures accordingly.

With respect to the fare changes taking place in January, and that it is generally the busiest month for transit, if a timely awareness campaign on the changes is done, a large number of people are made aware and the transition is done over a relatively short period of time. If the fare changes in the middle of the year, or in September, experiences have shown that a large majority of the ridership is away and advertising is ineffective. Subsequently the transition is prolonged for the front line staff who deal with the original increase and again when passengers return from holidays in September.

It is a common practice in other transit systems to increase the fares in January; however there are exceptions and some have even increased twice in one year when there has been a slump in ridership. There is an impact that lessens revenues during the transition year if a mid year change takes place based on the current practice of a January change (1.5 years between changes), or there could be two changes in one year (six months between changes). The six-month change is not a preferred option from a customer satisfaction perspective.

When preparing future reports requesting a fare increase, staff will include a mid year option.

Section F - CITY MANAGER

**F1) 2002 StarPhoenix Advertising Contract
(File No. CK. 366-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that an Advertising Agreement with the Saskatoon StarPhoenix be approved with a total projected dollar volume of \$300,000 for 2002.

ADOPTED.

The Saskatoon StarPhoenix is the owner of the only daily and full-circulation Sunday paper in Saskatoon. As they are the sole supplier of this type of advertising, this agreement may be considered a single source contract.

The Communications Branch negotiates an annual volume sales agreement with the StarPhoenix for advertising in the Saskatoon StarPhoenix and Sunday Sun. Previously, individual Sections, Branches, and/or Departments would purchase advertising separately, and would be charged a line rate according to their individual volumes. The Communications Branch has centralized the placement of newspaper advertising to take advantage of volume discounts. Recently, the City's

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Boards and Commissions were also brought into the contract umbrella to further reduce the line rate for all civic advertising.

The 2002 agreement projects a \$300,000 volume of sales based on the previous year's volume, and prescribes a line rate based on that projection. (Line rates are the amount charged for each line of advertising placed). It should be noted that the agreement is similar to a blanket purchase order, and does not require the City to spend the full amount in order to receive the line rate. As such, the City can continue to minimize advertising expenditures.

The StarPhoenix increased line rates this fall, however, the City's contract expires December 31st, and these increases will take affect at the beginning of 2002. The 2002 agreement includes a 2.8% increase in line rates for Monday to Thursday papers (from \$1.06 to \$1.09), a 4.2% increase for Friday and Saturday papers (from \$1.18 to \$1.23), and a 5.8% increase in the Saskatoon Sun (from \$0.53 to \$0.55). Due to the volume purchase, the Communications Branch was once again able to negotiate guaranteed placement in the "A" section at no additional charge, and a substantially reduced rate for "filler" material.

It is estimated that the centralized advertising placement system saves approximately \$92,000 annually.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 18-2001

Section B - OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

**B1) Amendments to the Residential Parking Permit Program
City Park
(File No. 6120-4-4)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8078.

ADOPTED.

City Council, at its meeting held on November 19, 2001, resolved, in part, to expand the boundaries of The City Park Residential Parking Zone found in The Residential Parking Program Bylaw, 1999.

Attached please find Bylaw No. 8078 which contains the necessary changes to The Residential Parking Program Bylaw, 1999.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Bylaw No. 8078, The Residential Parking Program Amendment Bylaw, 2001 (No. 3).

B2) Business Development Incentive Application
Hitachi Canadian Industries Ltd.
(File No. CK. 3500-13)

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8085.

ADOPTED.

City Council at its meeting on October 9, 2001 approved the application by Hitachi Canadian Industries Ltd. for a five year abatement of property taxes on a new addition to be built on the property located at 826 - 58th Street, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The abatement applies to the new 8,300 square foot addition being built on the west end of Hitachi's existing building. Work began on the expansion this fall and is expected to be completed in February or March, 2002. The abatement applies to the new addition only. The abatement does not apply to the taxes currently levied on any other land or improvements owned by Hitachi. The abatement will begin in the 2003 taxation year.

Our Office has prepared the appropriate Business Incentive Agreement. The Agreement has been reviewed by Hitachi and is acceptable in its current form. We are pleased to submit Bylaw No. 8085 for City Council's consideration. The proposed Agreement is attached as Schedule "A" to the Bylaw.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 8085.

B3) Water and Sewer Rates
(File No. 1905-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider passage of proposed Bylaw Nos. 8080 and 8081.

ADOPTED.

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City Council at its meeting held on December 3, 2001, during consideration of Clause 2, Report No. 16-2001 of the Executive Committee, resolved that the proposed increase in water and sewer rates described in such Report be approved, and that the City Solicitor be instructed to bring forward the appropriate bylaw amendments to implement such rate increases.

In this regard we have prepared and forward herewith for consideration proposed Bylaw Nos. 8080 and 8081 being "The Sewage Works Amendment Bylaw, 2001" and "The Waterworks Amendment Bylaw, 2001", respectively. Proposed Bylaw Nos. 8080 and 8081 implement the several rate increases, with the proposed amended rates coming into force and effect on each of January 1, 2002 and January 1, 2003.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Bylaw No. 8080, being "The Sewage Works Amendment Bylaw, 2001"; and,
2. Bylaw No. 8081, being "The Waterworks Amendment Bylaw, 2001".

**B4) Landfill Fees
(File No. 1905-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider passage of proposed Bylaw No. 8079.

ADOPTED.

City Council at its meeting held on December 3, 2001, during consideration of Clause 3, Report No. 16-2001 of the Executive Committee, resolved that the proposed increase in landfill tipping fees described in such Report be approved, and that the City Solicitor be instructed to bring forward the appropriate bylaw amendment to implement such fee increase.

In this regard we have prepared and forward herewith for consideration proposed Bylaw No. 8079, being "The Waste Amendment Bylaw, 2001". Proposed Bylaw No. 8079 implements the instructed increase in landfill tipping fees and will come into force and effect on February 1, 2002.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Bylaw No. 8079, being "The Waste Amendment Bylaw, 2001".

**B5) The Capital Reserve Amendment Bylaw, 2001
(File No. CK. 4214-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8087.

ADOPTED.

City Council at its meeting on December 3, 2001 resolved that subsection 34(2) of The Capital Reserve Bylaw be amended to remove any reference to annual land sales as a source of funding for this Reserve. In accordance with Council's resolution, our office has prepared Bylaw No. 8087, The Capital Reserve Amendment Bylaw, 2001, which makes the appropriate amendment to subsection 34(2).

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 8087.

**B6) Business Development Incentive Application
Admar Furniture Manufacturing (1990) Ltd.
(File No. CK. 3500-13)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8086.

ADOPTED.

City Council at its meeting on November 19, 2001 approved the application by Admar Furniture Manufacturing (1990) Ltd. for a five year abatement of property taxes on the property located at 2201 Speers Avenue, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The abatement applies to the land and building on the property. Admar expects to take possession of the property on January 1, 2002.

Our office has prepared the appropriate Business Incentive Agreement. The Agreement has been reviewed by Admar and is acceptable in its current form. We are pleased to submit Bylaw No. 8086 for City Council's consideration. The proposed Agreement is attached as Schedule "A" to the Bylaw.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 8086.

**B7) Membership - Board of Police Commissioners
Proposed Bylaw No. 8084
(File No. CK. 175-23)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Council consider proposed Bylaw No. 8084.

ADOPTED.

The Report of the Executive Committee submitted to this meeting of Council contains a recommendation that the membership of the Board of Police Commissioners be increased by two members at large. The Police Act amendment which would allow such an increase has now been proclaimed in force.

In order to carry out the recommendation of the Executive Committee, it is necessary to amend The Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners Bylaw. Accordingly, we are submitting Proposed Bylaw No. 8084, The Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners Amendment Bylaw, 2001. The proposed Bylaw amends the Board of Police Commissioners Bylaw by providing for a membership of seven members, four of whom are to be “members at large”, i.e. non-City Councillors. The Bylaw also increases the quorum requirement to four from three.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 8084.

REPORT NO. 17-2001 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

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

**1. Approval for Sponsorships - “DriveSafe” Campaign
Traffic Safety Committee
(File No. CK. 225-8)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the Traffic Safety Committee’s initiative to attain funding from sponsors for application towards its “DriveSafe” campaign be approved.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered the attached copy of a report of the Chair, Traffic Safety Committee dated December 3, 2001, regarding that Committee’s proposed initiative to obtain funding, through sponsorships, for application towards its “DriveSafe” campaign.

Following its review of this matter, your Committee supports the recommendation outlined above.

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2. Communications to Council

From: Scott Laird
1149 Oxford Street
Date: September 18, 2001
Subject: Request for Outdoor Skateboarding Facility
AND

Communications to Council

From: Colin Wallace
632 7th Avenue North
Date: Undated
Subject: Permanent Skateboard/Bike Facility
(File No. CK. 610-8 and 5500-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 8.

**3. Travel Assistance Grant For Users of Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre
(File No. CK. 613-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that travel assistance be provided, for a two-year period, to the following groups at the Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre:
 - Goldfins Swim Club
 - Lasers Swim Club
 - Masters Swim Club
 - Aqualenes Synchro Club
 - Orca Synchro Club;
 - 2) that the criteria listed in the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 29, 2001, for adjudicating travel assistance applications, be approved;
 - 3) that the source of funding for the grant of \$15,000 be approved from the unexpended funds within the Sports Participation Grant, to provide travel assistance to those resident aquatic groups at Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre identified in 1) above; and
 - 4) that all applications for travel assistance be presented to City Council for review and approval on a case-by-case basis.

ADOPTED.

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At its meeting held December 18, 2000, City Council considered Clause 3, Report No. 17-2000 of the Planning and Operations Committee and resolved:

- “1) that \$25,000 be included for consideration in the 2002 Capital Budget for a feasibility study to be undertaken to identify upgrades necessary to the Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre in order for it to achieve necessary standards to host provincial and national championships; and
- 2) that consideration of criteria to allow for funding for travel to events where a local facility is not available be forwarded to the Administration for a report.”

Attached is a copy of a report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 29, 2001, in response to Council’s above-noted resolution, along with a copy of Clause 3, Report No. 17-2000 of the Planning and Operations Committee.

During your Committee’s review of this matter, your Administration advised that, because of depth restrictions at the Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre (HBAC), specific aquatic user groups at that facility are required to travel in order that they might compete at certain provincial, national and international meets. Your Administration confirmed that Council’s approval of the recommendation would provide an opportunity for funding assistance to be available to those groups, should they meet the criteria, for a two-year period only during which a feasibility study respecting the long-term plan for the HBAC would be completed. Your Administration further confirmed that any travel assistance associated with this proposal would be available through an existing source and would not require new sources of funding.

Following its review, your Committee supports the recommendation outlined above. Council will note that the recommendation specifically identifies those resident aquatic groups of the HBAC to whom travel assistance would be made available.

**4. Exhibition Week Residential Parking Permit Program
(File No. CK. 205-9-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the Exhibition Week Residential Parking Permit Program be expanded to include those streets bounded by Isabella Street in the north, St. Henry Avenue in the west, Victoria Avenue and Wilson Crescent in the east, and Ruth and Niderost Streets in the south; and
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to amend Bylaw No. 7200, the Traffic Bylaw, to reflect the changes as

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outlined in the report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated November 22, 2001.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of a report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated November 22, 2001, with respect to the proposed expansion of the Residential Parking Permit Program during Exhibition Week.

This matter has been reviewed with your Administration. It was confirmed during the review that the proposed expansion is in response to requests from residents along the periphery of the existing boundaries who wish to be included within the Program's boundaries. Your Committee was advised that expansion of the Program is expected to address the problem on a long-term basis.

Your Committee supports the recommendation put forward, and commends the Administration on the success of this Program.

**5. Decommissioning of Mendel Snow Dumpsite
(File No. CK. 6290-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the Mendel Snow Dumpsite be decommissioned effective January 1, 2002; and
2) that Infrastructure Services undertake a study to review Snow Disposal sites.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered the attached copy of a report of General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated December 3, 2001, with respect to this matter.

Following its review with your Administration, your Committee supports the recommendation as outlined above.

**6. Automated Garbage Collection
Conversion from Lane to Front Street - Confederation Park
(File No. CK. 7830-3)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the Administration pursue a one-year trial for the conversion of automated lane garbage collection to automated front street garbage collection for all 1,550 residences in Confederation Park.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of a report of the General Manager, Utility Services Department dated November 28, 2001, with respect to the above-noted matter.

Your Committee points out that the proposal is consistent with the Solid Waste Management Master Plan. Should Council approve the recommendation, the rear-lane garbage bins would be removed from the lanes during the trial period; however, removal of the bins would not occur until extensive advertising in this regard has taken place.

Following its review of this matter with members of your Administration, your Committee advises of its support of the above recommendation.

REPORT NO. 17-2001 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor Lenore Swystun, Chair
Councillor Myles Heidt
Councillor Peter McCann
Councillor Rik Steernberg
Councillor Kate Waygood

1. Communication to Council

**From: Joanne Veld, Chair and Don Gorsalitz, Vice-Chair
Board of Directors, Friendship Inn**
Date: November 28, 2001
**Subject: Request for Funding - Friendship Inn
(File No. CK. 1871-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that a grant in the amount of \$4,800 be provided to Friendship Inn from the Contingency Fund, 2001 Assistance to Community Groups - Cash Grant Program.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the above-noted communication, without attachments, which was referred to the Administration and Finance Committee for further handling and was on the Council agenda for the December 3, 2001 meeting as information (B Section - Communications). Your Committee met with Ms. Joanne Veld and Mr. Don Gorsalitz, Board of Directors, Friendship Inn, at which time the City Manager identified a balance of \$4,800 remaining in the Contingency Fund, 2001 Assistance to Community Groups - Cash Grant Program. Your Committee recognizes the importance of the programs administered by Friendship Inn and the unfortunate circumstances which resulted in a missed application for funding under the 2001 Cash Grant Program, and therefore supports the granting of these remaining funds to Friendship Inn.

**2. Revision to City Council Policy C09-009
Industrial Land Incentives Program
(File No. CK. 4000-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council Policy C09-009 Clause 2.1 be amended to read “City-owned Industrial Land - shall be all City-owned industrial land located in the Hudson Bay, Marquis and Silverwood Industrial areas and any other industrial land that City Council may designate from time-to-time”; and
 - 2) that the Planning and Development Committee be changed to read the Administration and Finance Committee.

ADOPTED.

The following report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated November 14, 2001 has been reviewed and accepted by your Committee:

“SUBJECT

To ensure that the City’s Industrial Land Incentive Program is still reasonable, is applied to the proper area and is updated to reflect the new organizational structure, revisions to City Council Policy C09-009 are being proposed.

BACKGROUND

The City is the major developer of serviced industrial land in the north-end industrial areas of Hudson Bay, Marquis and Silverwood, maintaining a two-year supply of serviced land. Industrial land is sold over-the-counter after first being offered for sale by public tender. The Industrial Land Incentives Program (Council Policy C09-009) offers a long-term lease as an alternative to purchase.

The long-term lease rate is based on the City Council approved selling price of the land and the City’s cost of borrowing. The lessee is responsible for property taxes. The total term of the lease is 20 years with the interest rate reviewed after 10 and 15 years. The lessee has the option to purchase the property, at the original price, at any time during the term of the lease.

OBJECTIVE

The objectives of the policy are:

1. to attract new industry and to encourage the expansion of existing industries, thereby creating new employment opportunities for local residents; and
2. to generate financial return to the City.

ALTERNATIVES

1. The incentive program could be cancelled. This would leave the City with no policy for long-term lease. Any application for a lease of City-owned property where improvements were to be placed on the land would require City Council approval. Each case would be reviewed on its own merits and it would be time consuming and difficult to be consistent.
2. The length of the lease could be shortened. It is felt that 20 years is a reasonable time period given that major building expenses are usually involved.
3. The lease rate could be changed. Discussions with the Corporate Services Department suggest that the lease rate should remain at the City's cost of borrowing applied to the approved selling price as this rate best protects the City in the long term.
4. The policy could remain the same with adjustments to reflect name changes to the industrial areas where the policy is applied and to reflect the new organizational structure.

CONCLUSION

Alternative No. 4 - it is recommended that the policy remains the same with changes to reflect the new names of the industrial areas and the new organizational structure. The policy has successfully dealt with the relocation and expansion of several local businesses and was instrumental in attracting at least one major new business to Saskatoon.

ATTACHMENT

1. Copy of City Council Policy C09-009
2. Map of north-end Industrial areas"

- 3. Enquiry - Councillor R. Steernberg (September 10, 2001)
Garbage Container on Private Property
and
Enquiry - Councillor K. Waygood (September 10, 2001)
Uncovered Garbage Containers
(File No. CK. 7830-1)**
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RECOMMENDATION: that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare a Bylaw amendment for consideration by City Council to require that commercial garbage containers must have lids, and the lids be locked in place.

ADOPTED.

Attached are excerpts from the minutes of City Council meeting held on November 19, 2001 with respect to the above-noted enquiries which were referred to the Administration and Finance Committee. Your Committee has reviewed the concerns relating to these enquiries, and supports the notion that the commercial garbage containers be required to have lids and the lids be locked in place, in order to address overflowing, scavenging and safety concerns.

- 4. Communications to Council**
**From: Sandra Stephens, Competition Chair
Synchro Nationals 2001**
Date: June 19, 2001
**Subject: Rental Rates at Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre
and
Special Event Rates at the Saskatoon Field House
(File No. CK. 613-2)**
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RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that there be a maximum per diem rental rate to host special events at Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre and Saskatoon Field House, as outlined in this report;
- 2) that the maximum per diem rental rate be effective January 1, 2002; and
- 3) that the Leisure Services Advisory Board be consulted on their views regarding modification to City of Saskatoon Policy C03-007 (Special Events).

ADOPTED.

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City Council considered the above-noted communication from Sandra Stephens, Competition Chair, Synchro Nationals 2001 at its meeting held on July 16, 2001 and adopted the following motion:

“Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT the information be received and that the issue of the percentage of subsidization on the rental rates for groups hosting major competitions be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.

IN AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

AND that the referral also include the issue of increasing the depth of the pool to meet the requirements for synchro and what impact that would have on Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre.

**THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED
THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS PUT AND CARRIED”**

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 30, 2001 recommending changes to the rental rate to host special events at Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre and Saskatoon Field House, resulting from concerns expressed by the non-profit organizations that hold events at these facilities.

Also attached, for reference purposes, is a copy of the above-noted letter dated June 19, 2001 from Sandra Stephens, Competition Chair, Synchro Nationals 2001.

It should be noted that the Leisure Services Branch has included \$25,000 in their 2002 preliminary budget for a Feasibility Study to determine what changes can be made at Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre to host national events, and whether adding depth to the pool is feasible or not. This concern was expressed by Sandra Stephens when she met with City Council on July 16, 2001.

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5. Communications to Council

**From: John E. Chyzowski, Chair, Board of Directors
St. Volodymyr Villa Corporation**

Date: November 14, 2001

Subject: Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the tax designation of Life Lease units, and to present a petition with approximately 190 signatures requesting that City Council restructure property taxes to be the same as condominium property taxes.

(File No. CK. 1920-1)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 13.

6. Project 1856 - Co-ordination of Downtown Housing Initiatives

(File No. CK. 750-4)

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 15.

REPORT NO. 2-2001 OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor P. Roe, Chair
His Worship the Mayor
Councillor D. Atchison
Councillor O. Fortosky
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor P. McCann
Councillor T. Paulsen
Councillor G. Penner
Councillor R. Steernberg
Councillor L. Swystun
Councillor K. Waygood

**1. 2002 Capital Budget
2003 - 2006 Capital Plan
(File No. CK. 1703)**

The preliminary version of the above-noted document was reviewed by the Budget Committee at a public meeting held on December 10, 2001.

Attached are copies of all of the tables referred to in the following recommendations.

Table 2 - Reserve for Capital Expenditures

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the matter of funding Project 2026 (Police Facilities Master Plan) in the amount of \$50,000 be referred to the Board of Police Commissioners for consideration as to whether the Police Facility Renovations Reserve could be utilized;
 - 2) that the matter of funding a sidewalk preservation program (Project 1532 - Sidewalk Preservation, in the amount of \$500,000) be referred to the Operating Budget debate in April, 2002;
 - 3) that the Administration be requested to report on the average minimum balance retained in the Reserve for Capital Expenditures over the past five years;
 - 4) that the matter of funding Project 1508 (City Entrance Signs) in the amount of \$50,000, be referred to the Committee on Economic Growth;
 - 5) that funding of Project 1996 (Riverbank Slope Failure) be approved in the amount of \$110,000 from the Storm Sewer Reserve;
 - 6) that Project 1997 (Pedestrian Overpass - Circle Drive South of Taylor), in the amount of \$375,000, be referred to the Planning and Operations Committee to ensure that there are no elementary school children needing to cross the freeway in order to get to school;
 - 7) that Project 2007 (33rd Street Widening) be approved, subject to funding from any excess money available from the 22nd Street Overpass Project;
 - 8) that the 2002 Operating Provision of \$2,880,800 be allocated to capital;
 - 9) that the 2002 reduction in debt charges, totaling \$270,400, be allocated to capital;
 - 10) that one third of the 2002 assessment growth, estimated at \$333,300, be allocated to capital;

- 11) that the 2002 financed expenditures for the capital projects identified in Table 2, totaling \$6,223,000, be approved;
- 12) that all 2002 projects totally or partially unfunded upon approval of the capital budget be restated as 2003 projects; and
- 13) that the Administration report further with respect to the allocation of any additional funding which may become available to finance unfunded capital expenditures.

ADOPTED.

Table 3 - General Capital Projects - Civic Departments

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that 2002 borrowing for Project 1521 (Circle/22nd/Confederation Grade Separation) in the amount of \$4,936,000 be approved;
 - 2) that Project 1522 (Traffic Sound Attenuation) be approved subject to operating budget approval;
 - 3) that Project 1871 (Demolition of Electrical Building - Avenue B and 19th Street), in the amount of \$20,000, be deferred; and
 - 4) that the remaining 2002 financed expenditures for General Capital Projects - Civic Departments, summarized in Table 3 and totaling \$31,461,000, be approved.

ADOPTED.

Table 4 - Boards and Commissions

RECOMMENDATION: that the 2002 financed expenditures for General Capital Projects - Boards and Commissions, summarized in Table 4 and totaling \$1,647,000, be approved.

ADOPTED.

Table 5 - Prepaid Land Development Projects

RECOMMENDATION: that the 2002 financed expenditures for Prepaid Land Development projects, summarized in Table 5 and totaling \$11,895,000, be approved.

ADOPTED.

Table 6 - Water/Sewage Utility Projects

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that borrowing for Projects 1204 (Water Treatment Plant - Additional Clarifier), 1229 (Pollution Control Plant Primary Digester Conversion) and 1231 (Pollution Control Plant - Sludge Deep Storage Cell) in the amount of \$3,025,000 be approved;
- 2) that the remaining 2002 financed expenditures for Water Utility projects, summarized in Table 6 and totaling \$5,401,000 be approved; and
- 3) that the remaining 2002 financed expenditures for Sewage Utility projects, summarized in Table 6 and totaling \$1,726,000 be approved.

ADOPTED.

Table 7 - Transit Projects

RECOMMENDATION: that the 2002 financed expenditures for Transit Utility projects, summarized in Table 7 and totaling \$3,812,000 be approved

ADOPTED.

Table 8 - Electrical Utility Projects

RECOMMENDATION: that the 2002 financed expenditures for Electrical Utility projects, summarized in Table 8 and totaling \$7,623,000 be approved.

ADOPTED.

Requests for Funding not Reflected in Capital Budget Document

Your Committee also reviewed the following requests for funding which had been referred by City Council to the Budget Committee:

- a) **Request for Funding to Erect Memorial in Military Section of Woodlawn Cemetery - Woodlawn Military (Veterans) Cemetery Fundraising Committee (File No. CK 1870-1)**

- b) **Request for Bike Racks on City Buses
Anne Hanson
(File No. CK 7300-1)**

Although the suggestion that bike racks be installed on City buses is a good one, your Committee was unable to find any source of funding and is therefore not recommending that the request be approved.

Similarly, your Committee was unable to find a source of funds for the request for \$50,000 from the Woodlawn Military (Veterans) Cemetery Fundraising Committee, and is recommending that the request be considered during operating budget deliberations in April, 2002.

RECOMMENDATION: that the request for funding in the amount of \$50,000 from the Woodlawn Military (Veterans) Cemetery Fundraising Committee be referred to Operating Budget deliberations in April, 2002.

ADOPTED.

REPORT NO. 1-2001 OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - GENERAL SUPERANNUATION PLAN

Composition of Board

Mr. F. Smith, Chair
Mr. M. Baraniecki, Vice Chair
Mr. P. Richards
Councillor P. McCann
Councillor R. Steernberg
Mr. W. Wallace
Mr. W. Furrer
Mr. M. Totland
Mr. L. Thiessen

**1. Actuarial Valuation Report to December 31, 2000
General Superannuation Plan
(File No. CK. 4731-2)**

- RECOMMENATION:**
- 1) that the information be received;
 - 2) that the Actuarial Valuation Report to December 31, 2000 and the Cost Certificate be approved and filed with the Superintendent of Pensions and the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency; and
 - 3) that Bylaw No. 8088 be considered at this meeting.

ADOPTED.

At its meeting held on December 4, 2001, the Board of Trustees considered the Actuarial Valuation Report to December 31, 2000 as prepared by AON Consulting Inc. and is satisfied that the methods and assumptions used by the Actuary provide sufficient margins to secure the current financial position and on-going viability of the Plan. In addition to the margins built into the actuarial assumptions, the Plan has a contingency reserve of \$34,742,000. Any remaining excess of assets over liabilities and contingency reserve referred to, as "excess surplus", must be distributed in accordance with Section 10 of City of Saskatoon General Superannuation Bylaw 6321. Excess surplus as at December 31, 2000 has been reported in the Actuarial Valuation Report as \$3,443,000. Copies of the Actuarial Valuation Report have been provided to members of City Council only, (Attachment 1A) and a copy will be available for review in the City Clerk's Office.

Provincial Pension legislation and Federal Income Tax Regulations require that all registered defined benefit pension plans file complete actuarial reports at least every three years. The

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Actuarial Report for the City of Saskatoon General Superannuation Plan for the period ending December 31, 2000 must therefore be filed no later than December 31, 2001.

The Trustees received a recommendation from the Pension Benefits Committee on December 4, 2001 that the excess surplus be used to:

1. Provide existing retired members with a cost of living adjustment based on the change in the Consumer Price Index for Canada for the year 2000 up to a maximum of 3.5% with any unused portion to be carried forward.
2. Provide an update to the 7.2% indexing credit for active members, which was granted January 1, 1998 to include pensionable service to December 31, 2000.

The Actuary has determined the cost of these two items to be \$1,459,000 and \$1,984,000 respectively and has incorporated them into the December 31, 2000 Actuarial Report and Cost Certificate. The Trustees are satisfied that the excess surplus identified in the Actuarial Valuation Report is sufficient to cover the above-noted improvements to the Plan, and the financial integrity of the Plan will not be impaired by implementation of these improvements.

Attached is a copy of Bylaw 8088 which serves to amend Bylaw 6321 by incorporating the above changes (Attachment 1B). It also includes the recommendation of the Pension Benefits Committee under Clause 1, Report No. 1-2001 to remove the date of December 31, 2000 as the deadline date for first year buy back for members hired prior to 1988, and remove the 10-year limitation for buy back of all other approved leaves of absence, both of which do not present additional cost to the Plan.

**2. Amendment to General Superannuation Plan Bylaw No. 6321
Removal of Employees' Contribution Holiday
(File No. CK. 4731-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Bylaw No. 8083 be considered at this meeting.

Attached is a copy of Bylaw No. 8083 which serves to amend the General Superannuation Plan to remove reference to adjustment of "employees' contribution rate" in the event that surplus levels exceed the permissible amount under Section 147.2(2) of the *Income Tax Act*.

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Subsections 4(5.1) and 4(5.2) were included in the Plan document by Bylaw 7467 passed by City Council on February 13, 1995. Subsection 4(5.2) reads as follows:

- 4(5.2) In the event of a plan surplus at a level exceeding the amount permissible under Section 147.2(2) of the *Income Tax Act* and if the Plan is not amended so as to comply with Section 147.2(2) of the *Income Tax Act* within 90 days, the employee contribution rate and the City contribution rate as defined under sections 4(1) and 4(5) shall be adjusted proportionately so that the contribution level as defined under Sections 4(1) and 4(5) will comply with Section 147.2(2) of the *Income Tax Act*.

The Trustees were subsequently approached by the employee representatives to remove the requirement for an adjustment to the employee contribution rate, in that this was not intended when the draft bylaw was placed before the former Pension Administration Board. The Trustees have agreed to the proposed removal of reference to an adjustment to “employee contribution rate”.

- IT WAS RESOLVED;*
- 1) *that Bylaw No. 8083 be considered at this meeting;*
 - 2) *that City Council remind the Board of Trustees and Pension Benefits Committee that;*
 - a) *The Board of Trustees is responsible for the financial integrity of the Plan and any amendments that are required by applicable legislation;*
 - b) *the Pension Benefits Committee is responsible for negotiating all other non-regulated Plan amendments; and*
 - 3) *that the report be referred to the Pension Benefits Committee.*

Pursuant to motion by Councillor McCann, and carried by a majority of members of Council, the hour of the meeting was extended beyond 10:30 p.m.

REPORT NO. 1-2001 OF THE PENSION BENEFITS COMMITTEE

Composition of Board

Mr. Ken Johnston, Chair
Mr. B. Turnbull, Vice Chair
Councillor P. McCann
Councillor R. Steernberg
Mr. P. Jaspar
Mr. M. Totland
Mr. B. Veltkamp
Mr. J. Cowan
Mr. W. Furrer
Ms. L. Koehn
Mr. M. Baraniecki
Mr. C. Reddekopp
Mr. L. Thiessen
Mr. Tom Milroy
Mr. N. Fisher
Mr. K. Rapp

**1. Improvements to the General Superannuation Plan
Actuarial Valuation Report to December 31, 2000 (Excess Surplus)
(File No. CK. 1796-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the excess surplus identified in the Actuarial Valuation Report to December 31, 2000, as prepared by AON Consulting Inc., be used for Plan improvements described in Item No. 2 of the attached letter dated November 14, 2001 from AON Consulting Inc., (indexing for active and retired members); and
 - 2) that the Plan be amended to remove the date of December 31, 2000 as the deadline date for first year buy back for members hired prior to 1988, and remove the 10-year limitation on the buy back for all other approved leaves of absence.

ADOPTED.

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At its meeting held on December 3, 2001, the Pension Benefits Committee considered the attached letter dated November 14, 2001 from AON Consulting Inc., summarizing the results of the Actuarial Valuation to December 31, 2000 and identifying an excess surplus of \$3,708,000. After adjusting the excess surplus for additional contingency reserves, the remaining excess surplus for plan improvements is \$3,443,000. As provided for under Section 10 of the City of Saskatoon General Superannuation Bylaw 6321, the Pension Benefits Committee is recommending that the disposition of the excess surplus be made based on the proposal outlined under Item # 2 on the above-noted letter from AON. This recommendation was submitted to and adopted by the Board of Trustees of the General Superannuation Plan on December 4, 2001.

At the same meeting, the Pension Benefits Committee considered the impact of a request to remove the December 31, 2000 deadline for members hired prior to 1988, to buy back their first year of service, and to remove the 10-year limitation on the buy back of any other approved leaves of absence (both based on the actuarial cost for this service). It has been determined from the Actuary that this proposal would have no quantifiable adverse financial implications to the Plan, and therefore the Pension Benefits Committee is recommending that the Plan be amended to reflect these changes, in order to ensure all members of the Plan are provided the same opportunities for buy back.

Complete details including the Actuarial Report to December 31, 2000 and cost certification for dealing with excess surplus and the enabling bylaw amendment is being presented to City Council under Clause 1, Report No. 1-2001 of the Board of Trustees - General Superannuation Plan.

REPORT NO. 3-2001 OF THE SAFER CITY COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

His Worship the Mayor, Chair
Mr. A. Reichert, Vice Chair
City Manager
Chief Russell Sabo, Saskatoon Police Service
General Manager, Fire and Protective Services
General Manager, Community Services Department
Ms. G. Cooney
Ms. L. Hill
Ms. D. McKenney
Ms. Brenda Zalenchuk

**1. Under-expenditure of 2001 Safer City Operating Budget
(File No. CK. 225-57)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve the transfer of \$6,000 from the 2001 Operating budget to a reserve to be used in 2002, as outlined in the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated December 6, 2001.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated December 6, 2001 regarding an under-expenditure of the 2001 Safer City Operating Budget. Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration and supports the establishment of a reserve to be used in 2002 as outlined in the report. As Council is aware, Safer City initiatives have had a significantly positive impact on the City.

REPORT NO. 17-2001 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

His Worship Mayor Maddin, Chair
Councillor D. Atchison
Councillor O. Fortosky
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor P. McCann
Councillor T. Paulsen
Councillor G. Penner
Councillor P. Roe
Councillor R. Steernberg
Councillor L. Swystun
Councillor K. Waygood

**1. Appointments to the Library Board
(File No. CK. 175-19)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Ian Wilson be reappointed to the Library Board to the end of 2003.

ADOPTED.

Due to an oversight, the reappointment of Mr. Wilson was not included in the report submitted to Council on December 3.

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

RECOMMENDATION: that the Administration be authorized to proceed with the River Safety Project as outlined in the report of the General Manager, Fire and Protective Services Department dated November 7, 2001, and that the matter be reviewed at the end of 2003.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the attached report of the General Manager, Fire and Protective Services Department dated November 7, 2001, and supports the proposed River Safety Project.

**3. Appointment to Board of Police Commissioners
(File No. CK. 175-23)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Eleanor Shia and Donald Gordon be appointed to the Board of Police Commissioners for 2002.

ADOPTED.

The Board of Police Commissioners has been, for several years, comprised of the Mayor, two members of City Council, and two citizens of Saskatoon. *The Police Act, 1990*, limited non-elected representation on the Board to two members.

City Council, at its meeting held on November 27, 2000, expressed interest in increasing public membership on the Board, and the Province was requested to amend the legislation accordingly. The legislation has now been amended, and your Committee is recommending that two more non-elected individuals be appointed to the Board.

The Board of Police Commissioners will then consist of:

His Worship the Mayor
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor P. Roe
Ms. Leanne Bellegarde Daniels
Mr. Daniel Ish
Ms. Eleanor Shia
Mr. Donald Gordon.

**4. 2002 Grant
Saskatoon Symphony
(File No. CK. 1870-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the Saskatoon Symphony receive its 2002 Community Initiatives Program grant of \$36,800 on January 2, 2002.

ADOPTED.

The Saskatoon Symphony is a major contributor to the culture of Saskatoon. This non-profit organization has remained a strong, viable, member of our community.

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To assist in its cash flow projections for 2002, the Saskatoon Symphony Board has requested its grant under the Community Initiatives Program be provided earlier, on the understanding that this is a one-time event only. The Administration supports this request.

**5) Appointment to Board of Trustees
Defined Contribution Plan for Seasonal and Non-Permanent Part-Time Employees
(File No. CK. 175-40)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Holly Guran be appointed to the Board of Trustees - Defined Contribution Plan for Seasonal and Non-Permanent Part-Time Employees to replace Lisa Olson as a Management Trustee.

ADOPTED.

**6) Appointments to Pension Benefits Committee
(File No. CK. 175-40)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be reappointed to the Pension Benefits Committee for 2002:

Councillor R. Steernberg
Councillor P. McCann
Paul Jaspar
Neil Fisher
Ken Rapp
Bill Turnbull
Jim Cowan
Bernie Veltkamp

ADOPTED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES

**Councillor D. Atchison
Four-Way Stop - Berini and Kenderdine
(File No. CK. 6280-1)**

Would the Administration please look into a four-way stop at Berini and Kenderdine.

**Councillor O. Fortosky
Creation of Bus-Only Lanes - Arterial Roads
(File No. CK. 7310-1)**

Would the Administration please report on the creation of bus-only lanes during peak hours on our main arteries.

**Councillor O. Fortosky
Council Debates
(File No. CK. 255-1)**

Would the City Clerk please report on the possibility of having Council debates change in regards to speaking to a motion; once with the motion presenter speaking twice, once to introduce the motion and once to close the debate.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 8069

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT Bylaw No. 8069 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

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Bylaw No. 8070

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT Bylaw No. 8070 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

Bylaw No. 8067

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8067, being "The Assessment Notices Bylaw, 2002" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Bylaw No. 8067 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8067.

CARRIED.

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

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8067 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8067 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT Bylaw No. 8067 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

Bylaw No. 8072

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8072, being “The Buffer Strip Redesignation Bylaw, 2001 (No. 2)” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

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THAT Bylaw No. 8072 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8072.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8072 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8072 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT Bylaw No. 8072 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor

and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

Bylaw No. 8078

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8078, being “The Residential Parking Program Amendment Bylaw, 2001 (No. 3)” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Bylaw No. 8078 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8078.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8078 was considered clause by clause and approved.

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Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8078 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT Bylaw No. 8078 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

Bylaw No. 8079

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8079, being "The Waste Amendment Bylaw, 2001" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Bylaw No. 8079 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

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The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8079.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8079 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8079 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT Bylaw No. 8079 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

Bylaw No. 8080

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8080, being “The Sewage Works Amendment Bylaw, 2001” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Bylaw No. 8080 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8080.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8080 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8080 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT Bylaw No. 8080 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

Bylaw No. 8081

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8081, being "The Waterworks Amendment Bylaw, 2001" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Bylaw No. 8081 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

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Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8081.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8081 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8081 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT Bylaw No. 8081 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

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Bylaw No. 8082

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8082, being “A bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to close a portion of Camponi Crescent, in the City of Saskatoon.” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Bylaw No. 8082 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8082.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8082 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8082 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT Bylaw No. 8082 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

Bylaw No. 8083

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8083, being "A bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to amend Bylaw No. 6321, entitled "A bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to amend Bylaw No. 4324, entitled 'A bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to provide for a superannuation plan for City employees not covered by the Police and Fire Departments' superannuation plans'". and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Bylaw No. 8083 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

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Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8083.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8083 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8083 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT Bylaw No. 8083 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

Bylaw No. 8084

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Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8084, being “The Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners Amendment Bylaw, 2001” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Bylaw No. 8084 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8084.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8084 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

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Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8084 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT Bylaw No. 8084 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

Bylaw No. 8085

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8085, being “The Hitachi Canadian Industries Ltd. Incentive Bylaw, 2002” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Bylaw No. 8085 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8085.

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CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8085 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8085 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT Bylaw No. 8085 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

Bylaw No. 8086

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

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THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8086, being “The Admar Furniture Manufacturing (1990) Ltd. Incentives Bylaw, 2002” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Bylaw No. 8086 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8086.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8086 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

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THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8086 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT Bylaw No. 8086 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

Bylaw No. 8087

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8087, being “The Capital Reserve Amendment Bylaw, 2001 (No. 2)” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Bylaw No. 8087 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8087.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8087 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8087 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT Bylaw No. 8087 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

Bylaw No. 8088

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8088, being "A bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to amend Bylaw No. 6321, entitled "A bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to amend Bylaw No. 4324, entitled 'A bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to provide for a

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superannuation plan for City employees not covered by the Police and Fire Departments' superannuation plans"" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Bylaw No. 8088 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8088.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8088 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

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THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8088 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT Bylaw No. 8088 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

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Moved by Councillor Roe,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk