

Council Chamber  
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.  
Monday, September 13, 1993,  
at 7:00 p.m.

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

**PRESENT:** His Worship Mayor Dayday in the Chair;  
Councillors Hawthorne, Cherneskey, McCann, Mann,  
Birkmaier, Penner, Mostoway, Thompson, Waygood and Dyck;  
City Commissioner Irwin;  
Director of Planning and Development Pontikes;  
Director of Works and Utilities Gustafson;  
Director of Finance Richards;  
City Solicitor Dust;  
City Clerk Mann;  
City Councillors' Assistant Kanak

Councillor Penner excused himself from the meeting at 8:35 p.m. during consideration of Clause 3, Report No. 20-1993 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

### **PRESENTATION**

City Council heard a performance by the Saskatoon Symphony Chamber Players. Mr. Rick Friesen, President of the Saskatoon Symphony Society, introduced Mr. Dennis Simons, the new Artistic Director and Conductor of the Saskatoon Symphony. Mr. Simons indicated that he is looking forward to an exciting year for the Symphony and expressed the hope that Council members would be able to support the Symphony by attending a performance. He asked Council to officially declare September 13 to 19, 1993, as Symphony Week in Saskatoon.

*Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Penner,*

*THAT the minutes of regular meeting of City Council held on August 30, 1993, be approved.*

*CARRIED.*

Councillor McCann rose on a point of privilege and introduced Councillor Gordon McCann from the Wyre Borough District in the northern part of England, near Lancashire, England.

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**COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL**

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

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

**1) Shirley Spafford, General Manager  
Saskatoon Symphony, dated September 2**

Requesting Council to declare the week of September 13 to 19, 1993, as Symphony Week and requesting permission to address Council. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that a representative of the Board of Directors of the Saskatoon Symphony Society be heard; and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of September 13 to 19, 1993, as Symphony Week.

*Moved by Councillor Mostoway, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,*

*THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of September 13 to 19, 1993 as Symphony Week.*

*CARRIED.*

**2) Tammy Ehalt, Director  
Shinerama Saskatoon, dated June 21**

Requesting permission to shine the shoes of Council members and requesting Council to proclaim September 20 to 25, 1993, as Shinerama Week. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that participants of Shinerama Saskatoon be given permission to shine the shoes of Council members; and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim September 20 to 25, 1993, as Shinerama Week.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Mann,*

*THAT participants of Shinerama Saskatoon be given permission to shine the shoes of Council members; and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim September 20 to 25, 1993 as Shinerama Week.*

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*CARRIED.*

**3) David Keith, President  
Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition Corporation, dated August 17**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding future plans of the Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition for redevelopment at the present site and future land options. (Files CK. 4110-7 and 175-29)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that a representative of the Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition Corporation be heard.

*Moved by Councillor Mostoway, Seconded by Councillor Penner,*

*THAT a representative of the Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition Corporation be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*Mr. Ed Sikorski, General Manager, Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition Corporation, addressed Council regarding the future plans of the Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition for redevelopment at the present site and future land options. He requested that the City enter into discussions about the present site so that the Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition Corporation can proceed with redevelopment.*

*Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,*

*THAT the matter be referred to the Administration regarding the issue of land.*

*CARRIED.*

**4) Kathy Wallace, Secretary  
Saskatoon Block Parent Program Inc., dated August 27**

Expressing appreciation to Council for the grant received by the organization. (File No. CK. 1871-3)

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

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Mostoway,*

*THAT the information be received.*

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*CARRIED.*

**5) K. F. McDonough, Director of Education  
Saskatoon Catholic Schools, dated August 25**

Advising Council that Mr. Ron Gruending has been nominated as the Saskatoon Catholic Board of Education's representative on the Race Relations Committee to replace Mr. Ken Horsman. (File No. CK. 225-40)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Mr. Ron Gruending be appointed to the Race Relations Committee to the end of 1993 to replace Mr. Ken Horsman as the representative of the Saskatoon Catholic Board of Education.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,*

*THAT Mr. Ron Gruending be appointed to the Race Relations Committee to the end of 1993 to replace Mr. Ken Horsman as the representative of the Saskatoon Catholic Board of Education.*

*CARRIED.*

**6) Rene C. Baxter, Superintendent of Program and Staff Development  
Department of Educational Services  
Saskatoon Board of Education, dated August 25**

Informing Council that Ms. Shauneen Willett will be replacing Ms. Karon Shmon as the Saskatoon Board of Education's representative on the Race Relations Committee. (File No. CK. 225-40)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Ms. Shauneen Willett be appointed to the Race Relations Committee to the end of 1993 to replace Ms. Karon Shmon as the representative of the Saskatoon Board of Education.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,*

*THAT Ms. Shauneen Willett be appointed to the Race Relations Committee to the end of 1993 to replace Ms. Karon Shmon as the representative of the Saskatoon Board of Education.*

*CARRIED.*

**7) Dorothy-Jean Jantzen  
16 - 2112 Ste. Cecilia Avenue, dated August 22**

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Submitting a petition with approximately 15 signatures urging Council not to allow a strip joint to be established in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 280-1)

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

*Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor Mostoway,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**8) Rik Steernberg, Project Co-Chair  
Healthy Saskatoon Project, dated September 7**

Submitting a document entitled "Proposal: A Community Based Public Participation Committee for Saskatoon" and inviting Council to delegate one person to participate on the proposed Interim Committee. (File No. CK. 1704-1)

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

*Moved by Councillor Dyck, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,*

*THAT Mr. Steernberg be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*Mr. Rik Steernberg, Project Co-Chair, Healthy Saskatoon Project, provided information on a proposal for a community-based public participation committee and offered the services of the Healthy Saskatoon Project to facilitate the formation of an Interim Committee. He urged Council to support the concept of an Interim Committee and to appoint a representative to participate on the Committee.*

*Moved by Councillor Mostoway, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,*

*THAT the information be received and referred to the Committee on Committees.*

*CARRIED.*

**9) Linda Bassingthwaighte  
Walking Home, dated September 3**

Requesting permission to have a peace pole planting ceremony in one of the City's parks. (Files

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CK. 4205-1 and 205-1)

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

*Moved by Councillor Mostoway, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*

*THAT the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.*

*CARRIED.*

**10) Craig Peterson, Promotions Director  
The StarPhoenix, dated August 30**

Requesting permission for Bargain Zone merchants to erect signs on the boulevard along Quebec Avenue from 33rd Street to Circle Drive in conjunction with a promotional sale on September 16, 17 and 18, 1993.

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

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Cherneskey,*

*THAT the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.*

*CARRIED.*

**11) Lou Heber, Chair, International Affairs, Canadian Federation  
for Mental Health Nurses in conjunction with World Federation  
for Mental Health, dated August 23**

Requesting Council to proclaim October 9, 1993, as World Mental Health Day in Saskatoon. (File

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No. CK. 205-5)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim October 9, 1993, as World Mental Health Day in Saskatoon.

*Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,*

*THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim October 9, 1993, as World Mental Health Day in Saskatoon.*

*CARRIED.*

**12) Melanie Jackson  
United Aboriginal Youth Council, dated August 31**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding literature in our schools with respect to Aboriginal people. (Files CK. 100-14 and 100-10)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Ms. Jackson be heard.

*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Hawthorne,*

*THAT Ms. Jackson be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*Ms. Melanie Jackson provided Council members with an article regarding racist remarks in a comic book and advised Council that she was addressing a challenge regarding literature in schools. She expressed concern regarding the negative impact that some of this literature has on the Aboriginal youth during their formative years. Ms. Jackson noted that the cross-cultural training mentioned in the City of Saskatoon Strategic Plan would be beneficial for people in the community.*

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**13) Marusha Taylor, Special Projects Coordinator  
AIDS Saskatoon, dated August 31**

Providing information regarding the Red Ribbon Campaign and encouraging everyone to wear red ribbons during AIDS Awareness Week 1993. (File No. CK. 205-5)

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

*Moved by Councillor Mostoway, Seconded by Councillor Dyck,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**14) Kent Smith-Windsor, Executive Director  
The Partnership, dated September 2**

Providing information regarding television coverage of the Great Northern River Roar. (File No. CK. 205-1)

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

*Moved by Councillor Cherneskey, Seconded by Councillor Penner,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**15) Fire Chief W. J. Hewitt, dated September 2**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of October 3 to 9, 1993, as Fire Prevention Week. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of October 3 to 9, 1993, as Fire Prevention Week.

*Moved by Councillor Dyck, Seconded by Councillor Cherneskey,*

*THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of October 3 to 9, 1993, as Fire Prevention Week.*

*CARRIED.*

**16) W. Witzaney  
315 Cochin Crescent, dated September, 1993**

Submitting comments regarding the City's operating budget. (File No. CK. 1704-1)

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



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*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Thompson,*

*THAT the information be received and referred to the Task Force to Review Current Civic Programs, Services and General Government of The City of Saskatoon.*

*CARRIED.*

**17) Marlene Hall, Secretary  
Development Appeals Board, dated September 8**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding existing house and proposed front canopy with front yard encroachment at 837 - 5th Street East. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

**18) Marlene Hall, Secretary  
Development Appeals Board, dated August 30**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding existing detached garage with side yard deficiency/encroachment at 1814 Morgan Avenue. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

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

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dyck,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**19) Ted Stensrud, General Manager, CFR, 90.5 FM/Community  
Radio Society of Saskatoon, Inc., dated September 7**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of September 26 to October 3, 1993, as Community Radio Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of September 26 to October 3, 1993, as Community Radio Week in

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Saskatoon.

*Moved by Councillor Cherneskey, Seconded by Councillor Hawthorne,*

*THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of September 26 to October 3, 1993, as Community Radio Week in Saskatoon.*

*CARRIED.*

**20) Dale Rochelle, Promotion Coordinator  
The Partnership, dated September 1**

Requesting permission for temporary closure of the two south lanes of 20th Street between First Avenue and Idylwyld Drive between 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. and permission for meters on the south side of 20th Street between First Avenue and Idylwyld Drive to be bagged from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (File No. CK. 205-1)

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

*Moved by Councillor Mostoway, Seconded by Councillor Cherneskey,*

*THAT the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.*

*CARRIED.*

**21) James Yuel, Chair  
Economic Development Authority, dated September 9**

Submitting the strategic plan for the Economic Development Authority. (File No. CK. 3500-1)

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

*Moved by Councillor Thompson, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*

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*THAT the strategic plan for the Economic Development Authority be referred to A Committee of the Whole Council for review and report to Council.*

*CARRIED.*

**22) Arla Gustafson, Executive Director  
Saskatoon's United Way, dated September 13**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of September 19 to 25, 1993, as United Way Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of September 19 to 25, 1993, as United Way Week in Saskatoon.

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Mostoway,*

*THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of September 19 to 25, 1993, as United Way Week in Saskatoon.*

*CARRIED.*

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

**1) Michael K. Fleury and Liz Delahey, Crop Production Week Committee  
Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition Corporation, dated August 26**

Requesting provision of complimentary shuttle bus service at designated times between the Saskatoon Inn, Saskatchewan Place and downtown Saskatoon for the Western Canadian Crop Production Show and Crop Production Week. Referred to the Administration for a report. (Files CK. 205-1 and 7300-1)

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- 2) **Glen E. Hartnett**  
**1103 - 415 Heritage Crescent, dated August 26**

Expressing concern regarding closure of lane east of Arlington Avenue between Louise Street and Taylor Street. Referred to the Administration. (Files CK. 6295-1 and 6280-1)

- 3) **Glen E. Hartnett**  
**1103 - 415 Heritage Crescent, dated August 27**

Submitting comments regarding bicyclists using sidewalks in the City. Referred to the Board of Police Commissioners. (File No. CK. 5300-5)

- 4) **Susan and George Lukiwski**  
**254 J.J. Thiessen Crescent, dated August 28**

Expressing concern regarding condition of streets in Silverwood Heights and commenting regarding the entry fee to the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo and the fee structure at the Lawson Heights Pool. Referred to the Administration for a report. (Files CK. 6315-1 and 1704-1)

- 5) **Pari Padmanabh**  
**Birchwood Heights, R.R.#5, dated August 24**

Submitting concerns regarding the current landfill site. Referred to the Administration. (File No. CK. 7830-4)

- 6) **A. D. McMillan**  
**1509 Ewart Avenue, dated September 2**

Commenting regarding the City's operating budget. Referred to the Task Force to Review Current Civic Programs, Services and General Government of the City of Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 1704-1)

- 7) **H. F. Feldkamp**  
**427 Lakeshore Bay, dated September 8**

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Submitting comments regarding the City's operating budget. Referred to the Task Force to Review Current Civic Programs, Services and General Government of The City of Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 1704-1)

**8) Lyle Mallett  
43 Tucker Crescent, dated September 3**

Commenting regarding the City's operating budget. Referred to the Task Force to Review Current Civic Programs, Services and General Government of The City of Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 1704-1)

**9) Stuart Makaroff  
106 Lindsay Drive, undated**

Submitting comments regarding the City's operating budget. Referred to the Task Force to Review Current Civic Programs, Services and General Government of The City of Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 1704-1)

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

*His Worship the Mayor noted that the request for shuttle bus service noted under B.1) has been withdrawn.*

*Moved by Councillor Cherneskey, Seconded by Councillor Mostoway,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 13, 1993  
FROM: C.S. SIEGER, PRESIDENT, SIEGER INVESTMENTS  
RE: ENFORCEMENT OF THE BICYCLE BYLAW  
(FILE NO. CK. 5300-5-2)**

Councillor Birkmaier tabled a copy of the above-noted letter for consideration at the next Council meeting.

**REPORTS**

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City Commissioner Irwin submitted Report No. 20-1993 of the City Commissioner;

Councillor McCann, Chair, presented Report No. 19-1993 of the Planning and Development Committee;

Councillor Mostoway, Chair, presented Report No. 20-1993 of the Legislation and Finance Committee;

Councillor Dyck, Chair, presented Report No. 22-1993 of the Works and Utilities Committee; and

Councillor P. McCann, Chair, presented Report No. 3-1993 of the Task Force to Review Current Civic Programs, Services and General Government of The City of Saskatoon.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,*

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

- a) Report No. 20-1993 of the City Commissioner;*
- b) Report No. 19-1993 of the Planning and Development Committee;*
- c) Report No. 20-1993 of the Legislation and Finance Committee;*
- d) Report No. 22-1993 of the Works and Utilities Committee; and*
- e) Report No. 3-1993 of the Task Force to Review Current Civic Programs, Services and General Government of The City of Saskatoon.*

*CARRIED.*

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

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

*Committee arose.*

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

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

**"REPORT NO. 20-1993 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER**

**Section A - Works and Utilities**

**A1) School Signing Replacement  
Brevoort Park School  
(File No. CC 6280-1) \_\_\_\_\_**

Report of the City Engineer, August 20, 1993:

"The Engineering Department has received a request from the Saskatoon Board of Education to review the signing at Brevoort Park School. This review was initiated as a result of the closing of Grosvenor Park School and the subsequent plans to bus students to Brevoort Park School. The review has been completed and it is proposed that some signing be replaced and modified so that it meets the needs of the school and is consistent with present standards.

The investigation procedure for this school included:

- the preparation of a plan of the existing signing; and,
- a site meeting between representatives of the Engineering Department, the Saskatoon Board of Education, and the Principal of Brevoort Park School.

Based on the results of this investigation, a new school signing plan was formulated using the school signing guidelines and considering the needs of this particular school. No residential frontage will be affected by these signing modifications.

The signing required to improve pedestrian and traffic safety at this school is indicated on the attached Plan No. L10-1A (S.S.) and is described briefly below.

The recommended signing modifications are as follows:

- Lengthening the school bus loading zone on Webb Crescent by 10 metres.
- Installation of a 'No Parking' restriction at a 10-metre distance from the intersection of

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Webb Crescent and Early Drive which is consistent with the distance required under the Traffic Bylaw.

- Installation of 'No Parking' restrictions through the intersections of Phillips Crescent and Early Drive.
- Retention of the transit stop.
- Installation of five-minute parking during school hours on the remainder of the school frontage on Early Drive.

All of the above changes have been reviewed and approved by the Saskatoon Board of Education and conform to present City policy with respect to school signing."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the signing changes at Brevoort Park School, as shown on the attached Plan No. L10-1A (S.S.), be approved.

*ADOPTED.*

**A2) School Signing Replacement  
Confederation Park School  
(File No. CC 6280-1)**

Report of the City Engineer, August 20, 1993:

"The Engineering Department has received a request from the Saskatoon Board of Education to review the signing at Confederation Park School. The review has been completed and it is proposed that the signing be replaced and modified as it is badly deteriorated, vandalized or missing and it is not serving the needs of the school and is not consistent with present standards.

The investigation procedure for this school included:

- the preparation of a plan of the existing signing; and,
- a site meeting between representatives of the Engineering Department, Saskatoon Transit,



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the Saskatoon Board of Education, and the Principal of Confederation Park School.

Based on the results of this investigation, a new school signing plan was formulated using the school signing guidelines and considering the needs of this particular school.

The signing required to improve pedestrian and traffic safety at this school is indicated on the attached Plan No. A6-1H (S.S.) and is described briefly below.

The recommended signing modifications are as follows:

- Installation of a 'No Stopping' restriction through the intersection of John A. MacDonald Road and Cartier Crescent, which is standard at all pedestrian corridor locations.
- Installation of a 'No Parking' restriction through the intersection of John A. MacDonald Road and Dominion Crescent.
- Retention of the transit stop in its present location.
- Installation of a school bus loading zone adjacent to the transit stop.
- Installation of a handicapped person's loading zone at the main school entrance.
- Installation of five-minute parking on the remainder of the school frontage.

All of the above changes have been reviewed and approved by the Saskatoon Board of Education and conform to present City policy with respect to school signing."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the signing changes at Confederation Park School, as shown on the attached Plan No. A6-1H (S.S.), be approved.

*ADOPTED.*

**A3) School Signing Replacement  
North Park School  
(File No. CC 6280-1)**

Report of the City Engineer, August 30, 1993:

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"The Engineering Department has received a request from the Saskatoon Board of Education to review the signing at North Park School. This review was initiated as a result of the closing of Wilson School and the subsequent plans to bus students to North Park School. The review has been completed and it is proposed that some signing be replaced and modified so that it meets the needs of the school and is consistent with present standards.

The investigation procedure for this school included:

- the preparation of a plan of the existing signing; and,
- a site meeting between representatives of the Engineering Department, the Saskatoon Board of Education, and the Principal of North Park School.

Based on the results of this investigation, a new school signing plan was formulated using the school signing guidelines and considering the needs of this particular school. No residential frontage will be affected by these signing modifications.

The signing required to improve pedestrian and traffic safety at this school is indicated on the attached Plan No. H5-6G (S.S.) and is described briefly below.

The recommended signing modifications are as follows:

- Retention of the school bus loading zone at its present location on 9th Avenue.
- Installation of five-minute parking during school hours on the remainder of the school frontage south of the school bus loading zone and the unfenced portion of the school frontage on Balmoral Street.
- Installation of a 'No Parking' restriction at a 10-metre distance from the intersection of 9th Avenue and Balmoral Street which is consistent with the distance required under the Traffic Bylaw.

All of the above changes have been reviewed and approved by the Saskatoon Board of Education and conform to present City policy with respect to school signing."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the signing changes at North Park School, as shown on the attached Plan No. H5-6G (S.S.), be approved.

*ADOPTED.*

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**A4) School Signing Replacement  
Caroline Robins School  
(File No. CC 6280-1)**

Report of the City Engineer, August 30, 1993:

"The Engineering Department has received a request from the Saskatoon Board of Education to review the signing at Caroline Robins School. This review was initiated as a result of the closing of Wilson School and the subsequent plans to bus students to Caroline Robins School. The review has been completed and it is proposed that some signing be replaced and modified so that it meets the needs of the school and is consistent with present standards.

The investigation procedure for this school included:

- the preparation of a plan of the existing signing; and,
- a site meeting between representatives of the Engineering Department, the Saskatoon Board of Education, and the Principal of Caroline Robins School.

Based on the results of this investigation, a new school signing plan was formulated using the school signing guidelines and considering the needs of this particular school. No residential frontage will be affected by these signing modifications.

The signing required to improve pedestrian and traffic safety at this school is indicated on the attached Plan No. C5-3H (S.S.) and is described briefly below.

The recommended signing modifications are as follows:

- Retention of the existing 'No Stopping' zone at the main school entrance and through the intersection of Selkirk Crescent and Byers Crescent.
- Installation of a 'No Parking' restriction across the driveway to the staff parking lot and through the intersection of Jordan Place.
- Installation of a school bus loading zone to the south of the main school entrance.
- Installation of five-minute parking during school hours on the remainder of the school frontage.

All of the above changes have been reviewed and approved by the Saskatoon Board of Education

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and conform to present City policy with respect to school signing."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the signing changes at Caroline Robins School, as shown on the attached Plan No. C5-3H (S.S.), be approved.

*ADOPTED.*

**A5) Construction of 71st Street  
(Warman Road to Millar Avenue)  
Contract No. 3-0019  
(File Nos. CC 6315-1 and 6000-1)**

Report of the City Engineer, September 7, 1993:

"Tenders for the reconstruction of 71st Street from Millar Avenue to Warman Road were received and opened publicly on September 2, 1993. Work is scheduled to start on September 14, 1993, and to be completed on October 27, 1993.

Tenders were received from the following contractors:

	<u>Tender Price</u>
1. ASL Paving Ltd. SASKATOON, Sask.	\$392,135.00
2. Central Asphalt & Paving Inc. SASKATOON, Sask.	\$398,322.44

Bid prices include GST and PST and are summarized in the attached tabulation form. The total

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estimated cost to the City is as follows:

Base Tender	\$362,218.83
PST	5,899.50
GST	<u>24,116.67</u>
Total	\$392,235.00
GST Rebate	<u>13,780.27</u>
Net Cost	\$378,454.73

The Engineering Department's estimate for the work was \$475,000.00. Funding for this project was approved by City Council at its meeting held on August 16, 1993."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council accept the unit prices submitted by ASL Paving Ltd., for the reconstruction of 71st Street from Millar Avenue to Warman Road, for a total estimated cost of \$392,235.00, including GST and PST; and
  - 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract documents, as prepared by the City Solicitor, under the Corporate Seal.

*ADOPTED.*

**A6) 1993 Capital Budget/1994-1997 Capital Plan  
Project 959 - Upgrade Boundary Roads  
(File Nos. CC 1703 and 6315-1)**

Report of the City Engineer, September 7, 1993:

"Tenders for paving Clarence Avenue from Circle Drive to Cartwright Street were received and opened publicly on September 7, 1993. Work is scheduled between September 20 and October 8, 1993.

Tenders were received from the following contractors:

Tender Price

1. Central Asphalt & Paving Inc.

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SASKATOON, Sask.	\$132,034.76
2. ASL Paving Ltd. SASKATOON, Sask.	\$150,010.00

Bid prices include GST and PST and are summarized on the attached tabulation form. The total estimated cost to the City is as follows:

Base Tender	\$121,418.78
PST	2,627.88
GST	<u>7,988.10</u>
Total	\$132,034.76
GST Rebate	<u>4,564.40</u>
Net Cost to City	\$127,470.36

A contingency sum of \$10,000.00 is included in this amount.

The Engineering Department's estimate for the work was \$122,300.00.

City Council at its meeting held on August 16, 1993, approved the paving of Clarence Avenue under Project 959 - 'Upgrade Boundary Roads' for an estimated cost of \$135,000.00."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council accept the unit prices submitted by Central Asphalt & Paving Inc., for paving Clarence Avenue from Circle Drive to Cartwright Street, at a total estimated cost of \$132,034.76, including GST and PST; and
  - 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract documents, as prepared by the City Solicitor, under the Corporate Seal.

*ADOPTED.*

- A7) Tender for the Design and Supply of Tapered Tubular Steel Structures for 138 kV Transmission Line  
(File Nos. CC 1000-2 and 2010-2)** \_\_\_\_\_

Report of the Manager, Electrical Distribution Department, September 7, 1993:

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"The Central Purchasing and Stores Department called for tenders to design and supply nineteen (19) tapered tubular steel structures for Capital Project #726-4, Electrical Feeders - 138 kV Conversion of 72 kV Loop from Edmonton Avenue to J.R. Cowley Substation. The existing overhead 72 kV loop around the City is being replaced and converted to 138 kV to meet the requirements for electrical power in the City of Saskatoon in a reliable and efficient manner. These structures are for the section of line along Circle Drive from the Edmonton Avenue Substation to the J.R. Cowley Substation. Similar structures were purchased in 1992 and installed in 1993 for the section of line along Circle Drive from the Queen Elizabeth Substation to the Edmonton Avenue Substation. The remaining sections of the transmission line will be replaced and upgraded over a period extending to 1998.

Three tenders were received and opened publicly on August 17, 1993. One of the three tenders did not include a Consent of Surety and bid bond as required by the instructions to bidders and thus was rejected and returned to the bidder. A table showing the evaluation of tenders is attached.

The low tender from Bren-Maur Powerline Supply Co. Ltd. is acceptable and is within the Electrical Distribution Department's estimate of \$250,000.00.

Delivery of the anchor bolts is to take place in 1993 with delivery of structures to follow in April, 1994.

The net cost to the City of the proposed purchase contract is as follows:

	<u>Structures</u>	<u>Anchor Bolts</u>	<u>Total</u>
Base Tender	\$ 151,096.27	\$ 24,780.00	\$ 175,876.27
E & H Tax (9%)	13,598.66	2,230.20	15,828.86
GST (7%)	<u>10,576.74</u>	<u>1,734.60</u>	<u>12,311.34</u>
Contract Amount	\$ 175,271.67	\$ 28,744.80	\$ 204,016.47
Less GST Rebate	<u>10,576.74</u>	<u>1,734.60</u>	<u>12,311.34</u>
Net Estimated Cost to the City	<b>\$ 164,694.93</b>	<b>\$ 27,010.20</b>	<b>\$ 191,705.13</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:** 1) that City Council accept the tender submitted by Bren-Maur Powerline Supply Co. Ltd., for the design and supply of nineteen (19) tapered tubular steel structures and anchor bolts, at a total estimated cost of \$204,016.47, GST and PST included, F.O.B. Saskatoon; and

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- 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract documents, as prepared by the City Solicitor, under the Corporate Seal.

*ADOPTED.*

**Section B - Planning and Development**

**B1) Easement Requirement  
Saskatoon Underground  
Municipal Reserve MR1, Plan 77-S-13019 and  
Ptn. of Lot G, Block 622, Plan 79-S-43600  
E33-111-33; E333-15-357  
(File No. CC 4090-3)**

Report of the City Planner, August 30, 1993:

"C. A. Moore, on behalf of SaskPower's Land Department, has requested the City's approval for an easement over parts of Municipal Reserve MR1, Plan 77-S-13019 and Ptn. Lot G, Block 622, Plan 79-S-43600. (See the attached plan.)

City Council adopted the Lawson Heights Replotting Scheme on November 8, 1976, and adopted Subdivision No. 50/79 on May 7, 1979. At the time of these approvals, SaskPower had not indicated the need for this easement and thus, it was not reflected on the Plan of Proposed Subdivision that was approved by City Council. Therefore, SaskPower must now request approval of the easement which is identified in the attachment to this report.

The purpose of the proposed easement is to provide emergency underground-maintenance services to the immediate area. The Civic Buildings and Grounds and the Planning Departments have no objection to granting the proposed easement to SaskPower."

**RECOMMENDATION:** 1) that an easement be granted to SaskPower as outlined in the



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attached Easement Agreement; and,

- 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Saskatoon an Easement Agreement, in a form which is satisfactory to the City Solicitor, through the application of their respective signatures and the Corporate Seal to such an agreement.

*ADOPTED.*

**B2) Condition of Property  
127 Avenue S South  
(File Nos. CC 530-1 and 4353-2-3)**

Report of the City Planner, September 1, 1993:

"On July 5, 1993, City Council considered a report from the City Planner on the work which was required, under an Order to Repair, on a house and a garage at 127 Avenue S South. As a result of this report, City Council resolved:

- 1) that the information be received;
- 2) that City Council instruct the General Manager of the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department to prepare tender documents and take whatever steps are considered necessary to carry out the work that has not been completed, as required by the Order to Repair (approved by City Council on June 6, 1992), on or after September 1, 1993; and,
- 3) that all of the costs incurred in the tendering process and the subsequent completion of the work be added to, and thereby form part of, the taxes on the land and property known as 127 Avenue S South.'

During the subsequent period, I have written to, and spoken with, the property-owner in an attempt to persuade that person to complete the outstanding work on improving the condition of the property. As a result of an inspection which occurred on Tuesday, August 31, 1993, the Planning Department has determined that all of the outstanding work which was listed on the Order to Repair has now been completed."



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Date Received: August 27, 1993

· Application D9/93: 204 Saskatchewan Crescent E.  
Applicant: Kindrachuk, Agrey Architects Ltd.  
Legal Description: Pt. Lot 11, 12 & 13 exc. s. 25', Plan Q20  
Current Zoning: R.M.2  
Proposed Use: Multiple Unit Dwelling (6-units)  
Date Received: September 2, 1993

Rezoning

· Application Z10/93: 322 & 330 LaRonge Road  
Applicant: City of Saskatoon  
Legal Description: Lots 11 & 12, Block 911, Plan No. 79-S-43600  
Current Zoning: M.3A  
Proposed Zoning: RM(Tn)  
Date Received: August 27, 1993

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

*ADOPTED.*

**B4) Condition of Property  
2237 Richardson Road  
(File No. CC 530-1)**

Report of the City Planner, September 7, 1993:

"On August 16, 1993, City Council considered a report from the City Planner concerning the hazards that exist at 2237 Richardson Road and that pertain to an unused swimming pool and an unsecured fence. At that time, City Council resolved:

- 1) that City Council declare the swimming pool at 2237 Richardson Road, Saskatoon, a nuisance and dangerous to the public safety;

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- 2) that City Council order the swimming pool to be filled in on or before September 6, 1993;
- 3) that City Council instruct the City Solicitor to serve the notice of the order on the owner in accordance with Section 134 of *The Urban Municipality Act*; and,
- 4) that the Planning Department submit a report to City Council for its September 13, 1993, meeting on the status of the swimming pool at 2237 Richardson Road.'

The Order was served in accordance with City Council's instructions.

According to a recent inspection of this property, the concrete apron around the swimming pool's excavation-area has been broken up and the concrete has been thrown into the former pool's area (i.e. it is being used as fill). The steel frame around the top portion of the excavation remains and should be removed before any further filling of the pool's area occurs. The fence around the property has not been secured.

Section 134(3) of *The Urban Municipality Act* states:

'If the owner does not comply with an order made pursuant to Subsection (1) within the time specified in the order, the Council may proceed to have the work done that it considers necessary for the purpose of carrying out the order, and the cost of the work is to be added to, and thereby forms part of the taxes on the land on which the work is done.'

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the information be received;
  - 2) that the Manager of the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department be instructed to take the necessary steps to fill in the swimming pool at 2237 Richardson Road, in accordance with the Order that has been issued to the owner; and
  - 3) that the cost of carrying out this work be added to, and form part of, the taxes on the land at 2237 Richardson Road.

*ADOPTED.*

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**Section C - Finance**

**C1) Investments  
(File No. CC 1790-3)**

Report of the City Treasurer, August 30, 1993:

"With the approval of the Investment Committee, the attached list indicates purchases and sales for the City's various funds."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council approve the above purchases and sales.

*ADOPTED.*

**C2) Investments  
(File No. CC 1790-3)**

Report of the City Treasurer, September 2, 1993:

"With the approval of the Investment Committee, the attached list indicates purchases and sales for the City's various funds."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council approve the above purchases and sales.

*ADOPTED.*

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**C3) Tax Write-Offs  
List #2  
(File No. CC 1985-4)**

Report of the City Treasurer, September 9, 1993:

"Attached is a list of properties indicating tax adjustments totalling \$3,256.42, for which tax write-off approval is requested by City Council."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council approve of the tax write-off in the amount of \$3,256.42, for the reasons detailed in the list prepared by the City Treasurer, dated September 9, 1993.

*ADOPTED.*

**Section D - Services**

**D1) Routine Reports Submitted to City Council**

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Statement of Residential & Miscellaneous Lot Sales (copy attached) (File No. CC 435-2)	August 1, 1993	August 31, 1993
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$991,807.74 (File No. CC 1530-2)	August 25, 1993	August 26, 1993

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Schedule of Accounts Paid \$389,821.32 (File No. CC 1530-2)	August 27, 1993	August 31, 1993
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<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$804,585.80 (File No. CC 1530-2)	August 31, 1993	September 2, 1993

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

*ADOPTED.*

**D2) Establishment of Wards  
City of Saskatoon  
(File No. CC 265-2)**

Report of the City Clerk, August 27, 1993:

"Wards

The following is an excerpt from Section 25 of *The Urban Municipality Act*:

(1) The council of a city that has a population of 100,000 or more, or that was divided into wards in 1987, that is not divided into wards on the day on which this section comes into force shall provide, by bylaw, that the city shall be divided in accordance with this Part.

(2) The council of a city described in subsection (1) shall pass the bylaw mentioned in that subsection and shall take all the necessary steps set out in this Part respecting the establishment of wards in advance of the general election of members of the council that immediately follows the coming into force of this section to ensure that the councillors to be elected at that general election are elected to represent the wards into which the city is divided.

(4) A bylaw passed pursuant to subsection (1) ... shall indicate in the bylaw the number of wards into which the urban municipality is divided as required by subsection (5) ... and a

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number or name, or a number and name, for each ward.

(5) Where the council of an urban municipality has passed a bylaw pursuant to this section, the urban municipality shall be divided into that number of wards that equals the number of councillors to be elected to the council of the urban municipality at a general election.'

City Council, at its meeting held on August 16, 1993, adopted a recommendation that there be no change to the size of City Council; therefore, the City should be divided into ten wards in accordance with subsection 25(5) above.

Municipal Wards Commission

Once Council has passed the necessary bylaw, an application will be made to the Minister of Community Services for the appointment of a Municipal Wards Commission to establish the ward boundaries. The Municipal Wards Commission will consist of a judge designated by the Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench, who shall be the chairperson of the Commission; the City Clerk; and a person designated by the directors of the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association. The City is responsible for determining and paying the remuneration and expenses of the members of the Municipal Wards Commission.

Naming Wards

As noted above, there is provision for City Council to name the wards. The 1988 Municipal Wards Commission, in its final report to City Council, suggested that wards be named in order to develop a stronger awareness in the public mind of ward representation. The Administration supports this concept and would be prepared to come forward with recommendations as to possible names at the time that the Municipal Wards Commission submits its report to City Council regarding ward boundaries.

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare and submit to City Council a bylaw establishing ten wards in the City of Saskatoon and providing that they be named at a later date;
  - 2) that, upon passage of the bylaw referred to above, an application be submitted to the Minister of Community Services for the appointment of a Municipal Wards Commission;



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- 3) that members of the Municipal Wards Commission be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in carrying out their duties; and,
- 4) that the Administration submit a report as to naming the wards at the time the Municipal Wards Commission submits its final report to City Council.

*ADOPTED.*

**D3) A. L. Cole  
(File No. CC 500-10)**

City Council at its meeting held on December 2, 1991, ordered the owners of the A. L. Cole plant to demolish the building by May 31, 1992. No demolition has taken place and the site continues to be an eyesore as well as a major safety concern.

At Council's request, the City Administration has been investigating what can be done towards the ultimate goal of demolishing the A. L. Cole building and cleaning up the site.

Before anything can be done on site, there must be a clean-up of any PCB contamination on the property. In particular, the water in the basement of the A. L. Cole building needs to be removed and cleaned of any PCB contamination. SaskPower, on its own initiative and at its expense, is prepared to remove the PCBs. They have advised the Administration that they hope to be on-site to begin their work by the end of September, 1993.

In order to complete the clean-up, SaskPower has asked for assistance from the City in terms of making the site secure, bringing in electricity and clean water, and providing a site manager to coordinate site activities. The Administration is in a position to provide this assistance at a maximum cost of \$155,000.00. We seek Council's approval for this expenditure. Any monies expended will be added to the taxes owing.

Secondly, as Council is aware, the City is owed back taxes on this property in the amount of approximately \$297,000.00. The Administration, while not recommending at this time that Council actually take title, would like to take the next step in the tax enforcement process. This is a matter of serving the appropriate notices on the owners and other interested parties, and of making the necessary application to the Provincial Mediation Board in accordance with *The Tax Enforcement Act*.

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- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the Administration be authorized to proceed with the preliminary steps to the demolition of the A. L. Cole plant, and in particular is authorized to expend such sums as are necessary to assist SaskPower in its clean-up of PCBs to a maximum amount of \$155,000.00;
  - 2) that all costs incurred in carrying out the above-noted work be added to, and thereby form part of, the taxes for the property known as the A. L. Cole site (Parcel K, Plan No. 63-S-01249) pursuant to Section 124 of *The Urban Municipality Act*; and,
  - 3) that the City Solicitor's Office be authorized to continue tax enforcement proceedings pursuant to the provisions of *The Tax Enforcement Act* with respect to the A. L. Cole site.

- IT WAS RESOLVED:*
- 1) *that the Administration be authorized to proceed with the preliminary steps to the demolition of the A. L. Cole plant, and in particular is authorized to expend such sums as are necessary to assist SaskPower in its clean-up of PCBs to a maximum amount of \$155,000.00;*
  - 2) *that the Administration report on the source of funding; and*
  - 3) *that the City Solicitor's Office be authorized to continue tax enforcement proceedings pursuant to the provisions of The Tax Enforcement Act with respect to the A. L. Cole site.*

**D4) City Hall Operations - Christmas/New Year's Period  
(File No. CC 4610-1)**

For the information of Council, the following is the schedule for City Hall hours of operation during the Christmas/New Year's period:

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Friday, December 24, 1993 - OPEN  
Monday, December 27, 1993 - CLOSED  
Tuesday, December 28, 1993 - CLOSED  
Wednesday, December 29, 1993 - OPEN  
Thursday, December 30, 1993 - OPEN  
Friday, December 31, 1993 - OPEN  
Monday, January 3, 1994 - CLOSED

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

*IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be deferred for two weeks.*

**REPORT NO. 19-1993 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Composition of Committee

Councillor P. McCann, Chair  
Councillor G. Penner  
Councillor K. Waygood

**1. Boychuk Drive  
Roadway Extension  
(File No. CK. 6000-1)**

Report of the City Planner, August 19, 1993:

"In 1988, the City of Saskatoon and two other land-owners commenced assembling land to complete the Lakeridge residential neighbourhood. The area included the lands south of Taylor Street to Highway No. 16 at the south and to the east of the north-south road allowance adjacent to the western boundary of Sec. 18-36-4-3.

The land in the S.W. 1/4 Sec. 18-36-4-3 is owned by A & W (Prince Albert) Ltd. In 1988, negotiations were held between representatives of the Planning Department and A & W (Prince Albert) Ltd. for a portion of this property in order to attempt a comprehensive assembly of land, through a replotting scheme, for the entire extension of the Lakeridge

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residential neighbourhood. However, an agreement could not be reached on the allocation of new lands. An administrative decision was made not to include, at that time, these lands in the replotting scheme in order to prevent delaying the development of the remainder of the lands.

The replotting scheme (outlined in a heavy broken line on the attached Drawing No. 550 058S 107) was processed and registered to create the residential streets, blocks, Taylor Street, and the Boychuk Drive right-of-way from Taylor Street to the northern limit of the S.W. 1/4 Sec. 18-36-4-3. Since then, all of the replotted lots have been sold.

Discussions with the representative of A & W (Prince Albert) Ltd. resumed again in 1991 and have been ongoing since then. The purpose of these discussions was to secure land for the right-of-way for Boychuk Drive from the northern limit of the S.W. 1/4 Sec. 18-36-4-3 to Highway No. 16 in order to complete the Lakeridge Neighbourhood and to obtain the land requirements for this arterial street which will provide the necessary access to the residential development in this area. Drawing No. 550 058S 106 shows the proposed Boychuk Drive right-of-way, as well as a possible subdivision design to the west of this right-of-way which will complete the development of the Lakeridge residential neighbourhood.

Numerous meetings have been held between representatives of A & W (Prince Albert) Ltd. and representatives of the Land, Leisure Services, and Engineering Departments, as well as the Saskatchewan Department of Highways, in order to arrive at the land requirements for the rights-of-way for Boychuk Drive, for Kingsmere Boulevard, and for a future interchange involving a parcel of land at the northeast corner of Boychuk Drive and Highway No. 16. The remainder of Boychuk Drive to Highway No. 16 could be constructed in 1994 or 1995. The residential development to the west of the proposed Boychuk Drive right-of-way has been identified within the City's current five-year land development program.

Negotiations have resulted in a solution that appears to be satisfactory to the affected parties. A & W (Prince Albert) Ltd. has agreed to an exchange of lands which will provide the City with the required right-of-way and which will also permit the development of the remainder of the neighbourhood. A Saskatchewan land-surveyor will be commissioned to provide accurate descriptions of the land in order to effect the land exchange by means of a replotting scheme or subdivision application.

The following is a summary of the preliminary calculations of the lands that are involved in the proposed exchange and in the designation of the municipal reserve:

- Existing Ownerships as Shown on Drawing No. 550 058S 107 (Outlined in a Heavy Solid Line)

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City of Saskatoon		
Parcel A, 89-S-02055	0.9928 Ha.	
Part of Parcel CC, 89-S-02055	<u>5.7634 Ha.</u>	6.7562 Ha.
A & W (Prince Albert) Ltd.		
Part of the S.W. 1/4 Sec. 18-36-4-3 lying to the north of Highway 16		<u>51.8890 Ha.</u>
Total		58.6452 Ha.

- Proposed Exchange as Shown on Drawing No. 550 058S 106 (Outlined in a Heavy Solid Line)

City of Saskatoon		
Parcels required for new rights-of-way:		
Parcel D (Boychuk Dr./Kingsmere Blvd. extension)	3.1475 Ha.	
Parcel E (Boychuk Drive interchange parcel)	<u>3.2991 Ha.</u>	
		6.4466 Ha.
Municipal Reserve MR3	<u>5.7634 Ha.</u>	12.2100 Ha.
A & W (Prince Albert) Ltd.		
Parcel A	.9928 Ha.	
Parcel B	1.7594 Ha.	
Parcel C	1.5331 Ha.	
Parcel F	<u>42.1499 Ha.</u>	<u>46.4352 Ha.</u>
Total		58.6452 Ha."

In summary, the proposed land exchange will allow the City to acquire the land, through replotting, for the proposed roadways (notably the land that is needed to extend Boychuk Drive). As well, A & W (Prince Albert) Ltd. will have given up the amount of land which is required for the municipal reserve. The negotiations which have resulted in this agreement have been underway for a considerable period of time. Your Committee has been advised that the Administration believes that this is the most cost-effective approach to addressing the City's requirements and for allowing the future development of this area to proceed in an orderly fashion.

**RECOMMENDATION:** 1) that the land exchange between the City of Saskatoon and A & W (Prince Albert) Ltd., as outlined above, be approved in principle; and,

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- 2) that the Planning Department be instructed to effect the proposed exchange by means of a replotting scheme or subdivision application.

*ADOPTED.*

**2. Decision - Development Appeals Board Hearing  
120 - 27th Street West  
(File No. CK. 4352-1)**

Attached is a copy of Record of Decision of the Development Appeals Board dated August 12, 1993, respecting the above appeal.

Council will note that the Board GRANTED the appeal.

Pursuant to Council policy in such matters, the Director of Planning and Development is to report to the Planning and Development Committee with recommendations.

Attached is a copy of a report of the Director of Planning and Development dated August 17, 1993, together with a report of the City Planner, dated August 17, 1993.

Your Committee has reviewed this matter and

**RECOMMENDS:** that the above decision of the Development Appeals Board not be appealed to the Planning Appeals Committee of the Saskatchewan Municipal Board.

*ADOPTED.*

**3. Decision - Development Appeals Board Hearing  
413 Cumberland Avenue South  
(File No. CK. 4352-1)**

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Your Committee has reviewed this matter and

**RECOMMENDS:** that the above decision of the Development Appeals Board not be appealed to the Planning Appeals Committee of the Saskatchewan Municipal Board.

*ADOPTED.*

**4. Decision - Development Appeals Board Hearing  
111 - 115th Street  
(File No. CK. 4352-1)**

Attached is a copy of Record of Decision of the Development Appeals Board dated August 12, 1993, respecting the above appeal.

Council will note that the Board GRANTED the appeal.

Pursuant to Council policy in such matters, the Director of Planning and Development is to report to the Planning and Development Committee with recommendations.

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Your Committee has reviewed this matter and

**RECOMMENDS:** that the above decision of the Development Appeals Board not be appealed to the Planning Appeals Committee of the Saskatchewan Municipal Board.

*ADOPTED.*

**5. Communications to Council**

**From: Gord Marsh, President  
Montgomery Community Association**  
**Date: April 19, 1993**  
**Subject: Requesting approval to establish a small scale  
hockey rink in Montgomery Park**  
**(File No. CK. 610-1)**

City Council, at its meeting held on August 3, 1993, considered Clause 7, Report No. 17-1993 of the Planning and Development Committee, copy attached, concerning a request from the Montgomery Community Association to construct an outdoor rink at Montgomery Park. At that time, the Community Association asked if a decision on the Committee's recommendations could be deferred until the Association had an opportunity to discuss the proposed location of the rink. City Council decided to refer the entire matter back to the Planning and Development Committee.

Your Committee has considered the following report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department, dated August 24, 1993:

**"Current Situation**

On August 12, 1993, the Leisure Services Department facilitated a meeting at Montgomery Park in response to the Community Association's request to investigate potential sites in this Park for an additional outdoor-rink structure. The following people attended this meeting:

Gord Marsh, President, Montgomery Community Association  
Vickie Scobie, President, Montgomery Home and School Association  
Peter Holdstock, Manager of Design and Construction, Civic Buildings and Grounds Department  
Rod Reid, Zone Foreman, Civic Buildings and Grounds Department  
Rob Crosbie, Landscape Architect, consultant for the Park  
Nancy Cuddeford, Area Recreation Consultant, Leisure Services Department



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Outdoor rinks are generally fully owned and operated by a community association, in conjunction with the adjacent school. The Leisure Services Department assists by providing operating funding for these rinks through a cost-shared grant. Otherwise, the City generally plays no other role in the construction and maintenance of outdoor rinks.

The Community Association reiterated its desire to locate the proposed outdoor-rink structure on the park-property (rather than on the school-property) in order to be as near as possible to the recreation unit's building for water services, washrooms, and change and warm-up facilities. The City's practice is to locate boarded outdoor-rink structures on the School Board's property in order to create school-community rinks with easy access to the schools for daytime programs.

Montgomery Park has some severe drainage problems which make this Park somewhat unique. There are no storm sewers in the neighbourhood and no ditch system at the northern edge of the Park. The street which borders on this northern edge is higher than the Park and therefore, the storm water drains into the Park.

After closer examination of the Park's conditions and even though the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department previously recommended locating the rink on the School Board's property (running north-south on the west side of Montgomery School), it is now felt that a rink-structure at this site could increase the existing drainage problems that are experienced in the spring. The School's building could possibly be structurally damaged by water draining from the rink if it is located on the portion of level ground that is situated to the south and centre of the gymnasium. Also, the previously suggested location for the rink has a distinct slope on the western corner and the water will accumulate in the low spot. The site could possibly be environmentally damaged if the rink is situated here.

The Community Association's representatives have expressed additional concerns regarding the potential expansion of Montgomery School in the 1994-95 school year through the placement of portable classrooms on the southwest corner of this property, thereby conflicting with a rink at the previously-proposed location. Therefore, during the August 12, 1993, meeting, the Community Association again expressed its desire to construct a boarded outdoor-rink next to the free-form community-rink in Montgomery Park. The Association's representatives reiterated that, in their opinion, an additional ice surface for playing hockey within this neighbourhood is needed, in addition to the outdoor rink (with boards and lights) that is located next to St. Dominic School in Gougeon Park.

Conclusions

There are several issues that have been considered by the City's Administration with respect to the request for an additional outdoor-rink structure in Montgomery Park. The most

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obvious is that the Park's program was not designed for this activity when it was developed in 1990. The Montgomery Community Association's current request for changes to the Park's program differs from the views that were expressed through the public-input process that occurred from 1989 to 1991. (See the July 8, 1993, report to the Planning and Development Committee for further details on the consultation process and its results.) However, the Community Association feels that the perception of need for the facility is widely held within the Montgomery Neighbourhood and that they are representing the majority of the Neighbourhood's residents.

The Leisure Services Department still believes that the outdoor-rink structure next to St. Dominic School fills the need within the neighbourhood for an ice-surface where hockey can be played. Furthermore, the Department is not convinced that the needs of the target group (5 to 14 years old) have changed significantly since 1990 (when the public-input process considered the options for the program-design for redeveloping this Park) to warrant constructing a third outdoor rink in this Neighbourhood. The needs-assessment information for the suburban area supports this belief. (This information is outlined in the July 8, 1993, report.)

From a drainage perspective, the current technical reassessment of Montgomery Park indicates that the Community Association's preferred location for an additional outdoor rink is, in fact, the most appropriate site. In addition, upon further examination, the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department has found that (contrary to what was indicated in the July 8, 1993, report) a boarded rink located in this Park will not interfere with the existing underground sprinkler system and the existing pathways. It will, however, detract from the informal use of the open space within the Park and from the Park's general appearance. Also, the establishment of a hockey rink on the park-property creates a precedent which could have implications for future neighbourhood-park projects.

Notwithstanding the above-noted issues, the Montgomery Community Association is prepared to fully finance the construction and on-going operation and maintenance of the outdoor rink, at no current or future cost to the taxpayer, and to meet certain administrative conditions of the City. The cost of constructing the rink will be considerable and the Community Association will be required to undertake various fund-raising efforts to realize this project. The Leisure Services Department already provides an operating grant for two outdoor rinks within the Montgomery Neighbourhood and, from a programming perspective, is not prepared to request additional budgetary funds from City Council for the future operation and maintenance of a third rink for this area.

The Civic Buildings and Grounds Department is prepared to design a site plan, with the cost of this work being charged to the Community Association, which shows the location of the rink on the Park's property. In this design, the Community Association must satisfy a number of technical and financial conditions which include, but are not exclusive to, the

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following:

- using compatible construction materials,
- construction which meets current safety regulations,
- obtaining building permits,
- restoring the site, etc.

The issue of establishing a precedent could be minimized by recognizing the unique problems of this Park and the unlikelihood of the same conditions occurring elsewhere.

Taking into account the preceding conditions, the Leisure Services and the Civic Buildings and Grounds Departments will not object to allowing the Montgomery Community Association to pursue this project. The Community Association has been advised that, if City Council agrees to the construction and operation of an additional outdoor-rink structure in Montgomery Park, the Association needs to meet several administrative conditions (which pertain to the design, construction, maintenance, and operation of the rink) and that it will be responsible for funding all of the associated costs."

The Montgomery Community Association has been provided with a copy of this report.

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the City not object to the Montgomery Community Association constructing an additional outdoor-rink structure on park-property in Montgomery Park, subject to:

- 1) any technical and administrative conditions that are identified by the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department; and
- 2) the Montgomery Community Association bearing all of the costs for the design, construction, maintenance, and operation of this structure.

*ADOPTED.*

**6. Request for Resolutions for Consideration  
September 1993 Meeting of FCM National Board of Directors  
(File No. CK. 155-2-2)**

As part of the above-noted request for submission of resolutions for debate at the September, 1993, meeting of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' National Board of Directors, your

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Committee requested input from the Social Housing Advisory Committee and the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee.

The Social Housing Advisory Committee has submitted the following resolution:

"Social housing is important to municipalities and in the light of the recent federal government's cap on social housing expenditures after 1993, it is strongly recommended that the federal government undertake consultation with municipalities in determining any replacement policies."

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee has submitted the following:

- "1) Recognizing the National Building Code was revised in 1991 to make it more sympathetic to renovations of heritage buildings, that the Federal Government continue its efforts to ensure that renovation is a viable alternative to demolition and new construction.
- 2) Recommend to the Federal Government that some tax consideration should be given at the Federal level for people who do renovate a heritage building - that would be equivalent to tax incentives for new construction."

Unfortunately, the above resolutions were placed before your Committee following the August 25, 1993, deadline for submission of resolutions. Your Committee notes that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Board of Directors will meet again in December, 1993, and therefore

**RECOMMENDS:** that the above resolutions be forwarded to FCM for debate at the December, 1993, meeting of the National Board of Directors.

*ADOPTED.*

**7. Saskatoon Rugby Clubhouse Inc.  
Lease Agreement -- Rugby Facility  
(Files CK. 610-1 and 4110-1)**

Your Committee has considered the following report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department, dated August 25, 1993:

"Background

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During its July 5, 1993, meeting, City Council approved a proposal to exchange various parcels of municipal-reserve land in order to accommodate the construction of a rugby facility in the North Industrial Area. This approval was conditional upon there being no budgetary implications on the City's future operating expenditures as a result of the development of this new facility.

The construction of a clubhouse and two regulation-sized fields is scheduled for completion this fall. The Saskatoon Rugby Clubhouse Inc. will finance the cost of the clubhouse and, as was approved in the 1993 Capital Budget, the City will finance the development of the rugby playing-fields. (See Project 1081 in the 1993 Capital Budget.)

Terms of the Lease-Agreement

Representatives of the Leisure Services Department and of the Saskatoon Rugby Clubhouse Inc. have agreed on the following terms for the use of the clubhouse and the two rugby playing-fields:

1. The term of the Agreement is for 25 years (i.e. from January 1, 1994, to December 31, 2019).
2. Saskatoon Rugby Clubhouse Inc. shall pay one dollar (\$1.00) to the City of Saskatoon for using the rugby facility from January 1, 1994, to December 31, 2019.
3. The Saskatoon Rugby Clubhouse Inc. is responsible for the operation, maintenance, and renovations of the rugby facility, including the clubhouse, playing-fields, and all other areas associated with this facility.
4. Saskatoon Rugby Clubhouse Inc. shall assume the liability for all losses, damages, claims, or demands which may occur as a result of its operation of the clubhouse or playing-fields or its actions. The Club shall carry public liability insurance of at least two million dollars and shall name the City as being additionally insured.
5. Representatives of the City of Saskatoon shall have the right to enter and to inspect the condition of the rugby facility.
6. To address the issue of the structure's long-term ownership, the Saskatoon Rugby Clubhouse Inc. will make contributions to a trust fund to cover the cost of a possible future demolition of the clubhouse. The Administration believes that an accumulated amount of \$16,000 will be required to finance the demolition of the structure and that this amount should be held, in trust, until the end of the agreement. The Club's contributions to this fund will be spread over the 25-year

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period of the agreement. The money will be available to the Saskatoon Rugby Clubhouse Inc. if it re-builds, renovates, or moves the clubhouse off the current site at the end of the 25-year period. The money will also be available to the City to re-build, renovate, or move the clubhouse off the site if, for whatever reason, the Club disassociates itself from the rugby facility.

7. The Saskatoon Rugby Clubhouse Inc. shall allow the two rugby playing-fields to be used for provincial, national, and international sporting events which are compatible with the location and dimensions of the playing-fields (e.g. rugby, flag football, soccer, field hockey, etc.), and which are sponsored or co-sponsored by the City of Saskatoon.
8. The Saskatoon Rugby Clubhouse Inc. or the City shall have the right to terminate this agreement by giving three months' prior notice to either party.

Assessment of Property Taxes

In discussions with the City Assessor and based on sketches of the proposed clubhouse, the property tax (land and building) for the rugby facility is estimated at \$41,500 (using the 1993 mill rate of 128.87 mills):

Land (4.6583 hectares or 11.51 acres)	\$38,000
Building:	
- 40 ft. x 70 ft. framed clubhouse	
- shower facilities in full basement	
- lounge area on main floor	<u>3,500</u>
Total Property Taxes	\$41,500

The Saskatoon Rugby Clubhouse Inc. has agreed to pay the annual property taxes associated with the building. However, the Club believes that the property taxes associated with the land would seriously jeopardize the ongoing operation of this volunteer-based organization and of the services it provides to its members. For this reason, as well as the extent to which this organization will be responsible for the day-to-day operations and costs of this facility, the Leisure Services Department supports the Saskatoon Rugby Clubhouse Inc.'s position that it should be exempted from the land portion of the property tax."

- RECOMMENDATION:** 1) that the terms of the agreement between the City of Saskatoon and the Saskatoon Rugby Clubhouse Inc., with respect to the use of the new rugby facility in the North Industrial Area, be approved as outlined in this report;

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- 2) that the property taxes associated with the building be the responsibility of the Saskatoon Rugby Clubhouse Inc. during the term of the lease;
- 3) that the property taxes associated with the land be the responsibility of the City of Saskatoon during the term of the lease;
- 4) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the new agreement between the City of Saskatoon and the Saskatoon Rugby Clubhouse Inc.; and
- 5) that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the City.

*ADOPTED.*

**8. Leisure Services Department  
1993 Operating Revenues -- Seven-month Report  
January 1 to July 31, 1993  
(Files CK. 1720-3 and 430-1)**

Report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department, September 1, 1993:

"Introduction

To a large extent, the Leisure Services Department relies on the revenues which are generated during the summer months (i.e. July and August) from outdoor activities to achieve its overall revenue objectives. Because these activities are so dependent on the weather, an abnormally hot or cold summer will cause programming revenues to rise or fall accordingly. In past years, the Department has provided the Planning and Development Committee with a six-month (January 1 to June 30) report on its operating revenues. In order to take into account the impact of this year's weather conditions (which had an adverse effect on many of its programs and facilities, the Department has waited for July's statistics and has prepared the following seven-month revenue report.

For 1993, City Council has approved several changes to the revenue structures of various programs that are provided by the Leisure Services Department. As a result of the

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implementation of these changes, more extensive analysis of the attendance and revenue statistics has been necessary for comparison with the previous year's results. Therefore, the preparation of this report has taken longer than usual. Future seven-month reports should be available in a more timely fashion because the new rate structure will be fully implemented on January 1, 1994, and the analytical procedures will not be as complex.

Overview

The Leisure Services Department's operating revenues (excluding concessions and internal rentals) for the period from January 1 to July 31, 1993 increased by \$175,800 (5%) over the actual results for the same period in 1992. Revenues of \$3,387,500 were realized in 1993, compared to \$3,211,700 in the previous year.

As a result of the Department's programming initiatives and marketing strategy, the City's golf-course revenues increased by 15%; the Gordon Howe Campground's revenues rose by 11%; revenues from the registered programs (i.e. lessons) were 8% higher; and, admission revenues were 1% over the actual results for the first seven months of 1992. External rental revenues (i.e. the rental of activity-spaces to outside user-groups) were \$15,200 (2%) below the 1992 actual results. This decline is largely due to the closure of the Saskatoon Field House (beginning on June 9, 1993) to accommodate the repairs to the track and field floor.

**1993 Revenue Results by Source  
 January 1 to July 31**

Source	1992 Actual	1993 Actual	Change From 1992 to 1993	
			Dollars	Percent
<b>Admissions</b>	\$715,000	\$720,400	\$5,400	+1%
<b>Registered Programs</b>	471,100	510,700	39,600	+8%
<b>External Rentals</b>	977,100	961,900	(15,200)	-2%
<b>Other Revenue</b>	51,600	51,400	(200)	0%
<b>Gordon Howe Campground</b>	57,800	64,000	6,200	+11%
<b>Golf Courses</b>	939,100	1,079,100	140,000	+15%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,211,700</b>	<b>\$3,387,500</b>	<b>\$175,800</b>	<b>+5%</b>

The following are the highlights of the actual results of the Leisure Services Department's 1993 seven-month revenues (when compared to the Department's seven-month results for its 1992 revenues):



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- Municipal golf-course revenues (excluding concessions) from opening day until July 31, 1993, were \$1,079,100, an increase of \$140,000 (15%) over the 1992 results of \$939,100. The Holiday Park Golf Course's revenues improved by \$117,200 (24%) over the previous year, largely due to the increased play which resulted from having good-quality greens early in the season (because of the limited evidence of winter-kill). The new outdoor patio which is located adjacent to the clubhouse's lounge area also contributed to this year's revenue-growth, particularly this course's tournament-revenues which increased by \$15,100 (73%) and its lounge-revenues which grew by \$17,400 (32%). The overall revenues were up by \$5,000 (2%) at the Silverwood Golf Course and by \$17,800 (8%) at the Wildwood Golf Course. Further details on our golf courses' revenues are provided in Table 4 of Appendix A.
- Admission revenues for the first seven months of 1993 increased over the 1992 actual results by \$5,200 (42%) at the Cosmo Civic Centre, by \$4,400 (7%) at the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo, by \$2,700 (4%) at the Kinsmen Park Rides, and by \$1,900 (1%) at the Saskatoon Field House.
- The indoor-pool admission revenues of \$384,300 were \$2,400 below the 1992 actual results, while revenues for the registered programs increased by \$51,300 (15%) to \$397,300. This is the first time that the latter revenues have surpassed admission revenues at these facilities.
- The Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre's revenues increased by \$23,600 (22%) for admissions and by \$23,500 (22%) for the registered programs because, in part, it operated for the entire month of July. In 1992, this facility was closed from July 15 to September 9, whereas in 1993, it closed on August 2 and re-opened on August 30.
- Because of cool summer weather, the City's outdoor-pool revenues decreased by \$7,100 (17%) for admissions and by \$4,400 (6%) for the registered programs. When compared to the 1991 actual results (when the weather was favourable to swimming outdoors), 1993 admission revenues were \$46,700 (57%) lower and the registered program's revenues were \$7,400 (11%) higher.
- The Saskatoon Field House's programming revenues (i.e. for admissions and registered programs) were \$300 below the 1992 results because the facility has been closed since June 9, 1993, for the work to proceed on the repair of its floor. During the period from January 1 to May 31, 1993, these revenues increased by \$18,000 (14%) over the comparable period for the previous year.

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The Impact of Weather Conditions

During the first seven months of 1993, the public made an estimated 625,000 paid visits to the City's leisure facilities. This represents a decrease of 21,000 (3%) from the same period in 1992 when 646,000 visits were made. (These numbers are estimated because a family admission is recorded as a single transaction. The Leisure Services Department's statistics indicate that the average family admission represents 4.5 users.) To a large extent, the decline can be attributed to the reduced attendance at the City's indoor and outdoor swimming pools due to this year's weather conditions. Cold weather in January and February and cool, wet weather in June adversely affected the attendance at the City's indoor pools (i.e. the Lakewood and Lawson Civic Centres and the Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre); the number of admissions that were recorded during these three specific months was 28% below the comparable 1992 results. In comparison, the admissions for the period from March 1 to May 31, 1993, (when the weather conditions were similar to those experienced in 1992) were just 1% lower. Admissions in July were 27% above the 1992 results, largely because the Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre operated for the entire month in 1993.

The cool, wet weather experienced in June and July had significantly reduced the attendance at all of the municipal outdoor facilities. Most notably, when compared to results for the same two months in 1992, outdoor-pool admissions were down by 22%, the Kinsmen Park Rides decreased by 8%, and play at the City's three golf courses was 5% below the previous year. Also, while the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo's admissions for June and July were 9% above the 1992 results, this was well below the 34% increase recorded during the month of May.

As a result of the gains made during the period from the opening day to May 31, 1993, the overall play at the golf courses increased by 7%. The attendance at the Kinsmen Park Rides was 4% above the July 31, 1992, results. Further details on the attendance results are provided in Table 1 of Appendix A.

The Impact of Rate Increases for General Admission Programs

The increased general-admission rates at the City's five major indoor facilities (i.e. the Cosmo Civic Centre, the Lakewood and Lawson Civic Centres, the Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre, and the Saskatoon Field House) provided additional revenues to offset the impact of reduced attendance which was caused by the adverse weather conditions. While the number of adult admissions grew by 3,000 (2%), the revenues increased by \$32,400 (11%); youth and children's admissions dropped by 16,400 (21%), but revenues decreased by just \$7,700 (7%); and, family admissions declined by 3,900 (20%), while revenues were \$19,000 (17%) below the previous year's results.

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On November 9, 1992, City Council approved a revenue-strategy and financial objective whereby the Leisure Services Department's admission rates will be set to recover 75% of the cost associated with providing general-admission programs at its five major indoor facilities. City Council also agreed that this financial objective would be implemented, over a seven-year period, through a new pricing strategy which included revisions to the City's pricing criteria for setting admission fees, along with certain rate increases. City Council also agreed (on June 14, 1993) that the same pricing criteria would be used to set general-admission rates for the City's outdoor pools.

The following rate changes were implemented on January 1, 1993, at the five major indoor facilities and on June 26, 1993, at the outdoor pools:

- The adult rates were increased from \$2.35 to \$2.70 (including the G.S.T.) at the Saskatoon Field House and from \$2.15 to \$2.70 at the Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre and the Cosmo Civic Centre. The adult rates remained unchanged at the Lakewood and Lawson Civic Centres (\$3.20) and at the outdoor pools (\$1.95). (The adult rates continue to be the base rate upon which all admission fees are set. Therefore, any changes to the adult rate will affect all of the other associated rates.)
- The youth rate was blended with the children's rate to establish one rate for anyone who is 6 to 18 years of age. As a result, admission rates for children (6 to 12 years of age) increased at the five indoor facilities and at the outdoor pools. The rates for youth (13 to 18 years of age) rate were lowered at the Saskatoon Field House, the Lakewood and Lawson Civic Centres, and the outdoor pools. The youth rate did not change at the Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre and the Cosmo Civic Centre. (The new rates are now 60% of the base rate.)
- Pre-school children (5 years of age and under) are now admitted free of charge. These children were previously charged the regular child rate and infants under one year were admitted free of charge (except at the Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre where there is a lower rate for toddlers who are 3 to 5 years of age and no charge for children under three years of age).
- The family rate increased at the Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre, but remained the same at the Lakewood and Lawson Civic Centres and at the outdoor pools. Also, the family rate was introduced at the Saskatoon Field House and at the Cosmo Civic Centre. (The family rate continues to be two times the base rate.)

Further details on the changes to admission rates at the indoor facilities are provided in Appendix B.

Although the Leisure Services Department's admission revenues at July 31 were \$45,000

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(2%) below its 1993 budgeted estimates, this is largely attributed to a \$31,000 shortfall arising from the impact of poor weather conditions on the municipal outdoor-pools' revenues and to a \$25,000 shortfall at the Saskatoon Field House (because the budget did not take into account the impact of its closure for the repairs to its floor). Based on the attendance for the first seven months of 1993, the rate increase for adults did not have a negative effect on these facilities' participation levels because the number of adult admissions increased by 2% over the same period in 1992. Also, increased family rates do not seem to be a factor in decreased family usage. Although family admissions were below the previous year (by 20%), the shortfall occurred at the Lakewood and Lawson Civic Centres (due to weather conditions) where the family rate was unchanged.

The Leisure Services Department's staff are still uncertain about the extent to which the rate changes have affected the indoor-pools' attendance by children and youth. The seven-month attendance statistics indicate that while the total youth admissions are 15,600 (21%) below the number recorded in 1992, admissions decreased by 22,700 (40%) for children (ages 6 to 12) and increased by 7,100 (43%) for youth (ages 13 to 18). These results suggest that the rate increases have adversely affected the children's usage, while rate decreases had a positive effect on youth participation. However, it may also be the result of a demographic shift in the population, whereby fewer children in the 6 to 12 age group and more pre-school children and youth are using the indoor pools. (Because pre-school children are now admitted free of charge, their usage is not recorded as an admission and thus, is not included in the 1993 children's attendance results.) It is also possible that more children are being admitted under the family rate, perhaps as a result of the City's new definition of the family unit (i.e. any group of up to seven persons with at least one and with no more than two adults in the group). According to our front-line staff, they are seeing more youth and more children attending with their parents.

Prior to 1993, patrons at the Cosmo Civic Centre were charged for their use of certain activity spaces, without regard to their ages; therefore, comparable statistics are not available. It appears that this change in the rate structure is having a positive effect on the facility's attendance levels because total admissions have increased by 1,600 (42%) over the same seven-month period in 1992. Youth admissions at the Saskatoon Field House decreased by 500 (20%), again largely as a result of the facility's closure for the repairs to its floor.

The situation with respect to the outdoor pools was somewhat different because the number of adult admissions decreased by 1,300 (23%) and family admissions were only 100 (3%) below the previous year. Total youth admissions decreased by 7,700 (31%), with 7,900 fewer children and 200 more youth admissions. This suggests that more children are using the outdoor pools as part of a family unit.

To better understand the potential impact of rate increases and to determine what marketing

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action can be taken to increase the usage by children and families, the Leisure Services Department's staff will be conducting focus-group interviews with front-line staff, with members of the Suburban Area Program Advisory Boards, and with patrons at the five major indoor facilities. These studies will be completed in the fall of 1993 and the results will be reported to the Planning and Development Committee as part of the Department's year-end revenue report.

The Impact of Lesson Fee Increases on Registered Programs

On November 9, 1992, City Council approved a new pricing philosophy for lesson fees, whereby these fees will be increased during each programming season, over a three-year period, until they achieve full cost-recovery. The registered programs' revenues increased by \$39,600 (8%) over the 1992 seven-month results, but were \$28,000 (5%) below the Leisure Services Department's budgeted estimates.

The revenues from the aquatic programs (i.e. swimming lessons) increased by \$53,500 (14%) over 1992 actual results and were \$9,800 (2%) above the budgeted projections. The revenues from the 'dry' programs were \$13,900 (16%) below 1992 actual results and \$37,800 (34%) below the Department's estimates, largely due to decreased enrolments in the children's recreational programs and the adults' hobby classes and registered fitness classes.

With the exception of the adults' hobby programs, the Department's front-line staff have not received an unusually large number of complaints from customers about the lesson-fee increases. The decline in children's recreational programs follows a continuing trend, possibly due to the strong demand for children's swimming lessons. The decline in registered fitness classes has occurred because more adults are participating in fitness classes on a drop-in, rather than registered, basis. As such, the decreased registered-program revenue is offset by an increase in the adult admissions revenues. With respect to the adults' hobby classes, the decreased enrolment is directly attributed to substantial fee increases. However, this decline will not have a negative impact on the net operating results of these programs because the City is recovering more of the costs associated with providing these programs.

Using the information from its needs-assessments and market-research, the Leisure Services Department's staff are currently re-packaging the existing programs, designing new programs, and developing marketing strategies. Over the next three years, the Department is confident that, through such initiatives, it will be successful in achieving its long-term financial objective of full cost-recovery.

Child-care Services at the City's Leisure Facilities

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On December 14, 1992, City Council adopted a pricing strategy for the child-care services that the Leisure Services Department provides at the Cosmo Civic Centre, the Lakewood and Lawson Civic Centres, and the Saskatoon Field House. The financial objective which is served by the new strategy involves recovering 75% of the cost of providing this service.

When adjusted to reflect its closure (on June 9, 1993), the Saskatoon Field House's child-care revenues were \$3,400, or \$700 (25%) over the 1992 actual results. Child-care revenues at the Lakewood Civic Centre were \$1,800, an increase of \$600 (53%) over the previous year's seven-month results. Although the use of the child-care service was lower than expected during the first three months of 1993, it has shown continued growth since that time. The availability of this service is, perhaps, one reason that the adult usage has increased at the Lakewood Civic Centre (by 13%) and at the Saskatoon Field House (by 15% during the period it was in operation). Because most adult programming at the Cosmo Civic Centre and at the Lawson Civic Centre occurs during the evening, child-care services were not offered on a regular basis at these facilities.

General Market Conditions

The Leisure Services Department's market analysis indicates that the fitness programming for adults are currently the major growth area for many of its leisure facilities. On the other hand, there is less demand for children's and family recreational programming. (This situation is largely the result of a demographic shift in Saskatoon to an older population with fewer children.) Consequently, those facilities which are able to provide adequate adult-fitness programs (i.e. the Saskatoon Field House, the Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre, the Lakewood Civic Centre, and to a lesser degree, the Cosmo Civic Centre) have realized continued growth in their programming revenues.

On the other hand, those facilities which are designed primarily for children and families (i.e. the Lawson Civic Centre and the outdoor pools) have experienced declining revenues. Over the longer-term, this situation is expected to improve as the baby-boom echo (i.e. the children of those people who were born during the peak of the baby-boom) will create greater demand for children's and family programming. However, this type of programming will always be susceptible to the effects of the weather. For example, despite the Leisure Services Department's efforts to increase the attendance at the City's outdoor pools, revenues have dropped significantly in each of the last two years of operation because of adverse weather conditions. Since 1990, the Department has continued to market aggressively the outdoor pools through its admission packages (e.g. the community associations' marketing package, group rates, bulk tickets, and 50¢-off coupons), through various special events (e.g. free-access days, theme days, activities, and prize draws), through posters and brochures, through on-location radio broadcasts, through radio, television, and newspaper advertising, and through the Leisure Activities Guide. In 1991,

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when the weather was favourable to swimming, such initiatives helped the outdoor pools realize a 40% increase in admission revenues (over 1990 actual results).

In order to minimize the impact of its programs and facilities on the municipal property-taxpayer, the Leisure Services Department recognizes it must develop and market new programs and services that will provide a stable revenue base to offset the impact of adverse weather conditions. The Department's needs-assessment and market studies will better enable staff to identify and to target specific markets and to develop new programs that will increase usage. However, the City must also ensure that its facilities, programs, and services are competitive with other leisure opportunities and operations.

Conclusion

Considering that this year's weather conditions have adversely affected its overall attendance and revenues, the Leisure Services Department is encouraged by the revenue results for the first seven months of 1993. While the Department does not expect to fully recover the year-to-date revenue shortfall, its staff are optimistic that by continuing to market aggressively its programs and services, its revenue situation for the balance of the year will improve."

Your Committee notes that the increased use of the above programs and services underlines their importance.

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

*ADOPTED.*

**REPORT NO. 20-1993 OF THE LEGISLATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Composition of Committee

Councillor P. Mostoway, Chair  
Councillor M. Thompson  
Councillor M.T. Cherneskey, Q.C.

**1. Travel Grant Application  
Saskatoon Minor Softball League  
(File No. CK. 1870-2-3)**

Attached is a copy of the report of the Director of Finance dated August 23, 1993 with respect to the above matter, as well as a copy of the Travel Grant Applications made by the Saskatoon Minor Softball League on behalf of the Zone 5 Laser Fastball Club and the Zone 4 Phantoms Bantam

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Fastball Club.

As will be noted, only travel to national and international events is eligible to be considered for a grant, and the Bantam Western Canadian Championship is a regional event.

Your Committee therefore

**RECOMMENDS:** that the applications made by the Saskatoon Minor Softball League on behalf of the Zone 5 Laser Fastball Club and the Zone 4 Phantoms Bantam Fastball Club for attendance at the Bantam Western Canadian Championship held in Burnaby, B.C. from July 30 to August 2, 1993, be denied.

*ADOPTED.*

**2. 1990 Tax Liens  
(File No. CK. 1920-3)**

The following is a report of the City Treasurer dated August 30, 1993:

"City Council's authorization is requested to proceed, in accordance with the provisions of *The Tax Enforcement Act*, to secure the City's position with respect to the collection of tax arrears on certain properties in Saskatoon. This request follows the procedures and schedules which are specified in the Act and which are summarized below for Council's information.

**The Tax Enforcement Act**

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

The proceedings under this Provincial statute are scheduled as follows:

1. *The Tax Enforcement Act* provides for the registration of a tax lien against a property where taxes have been due and unpaid for more than six months after the 31st day of December of the year in which the taxes were originally levied.
2. Where the taxes remain unpaid and the lien has not been withdrawn, first



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application for the transfer of title to the City may begin at any time after the expiration of one year following the registration of the tax lien in the Land Titles Office.

3. Final application for transfer of title to the City may commence six months after the first application. The City must, at this point in the proceedings, contact the Provincial Mediation Board and file an application for consent to obtain the title. The Mediation Board may, subject to certain conditions being met by the taxpayer, stay the proceedings by the City.

Within this schedule, the Administration now requests authorization to proceed to secure further the City's position with respect to those properties which became subject to tax lien action in 1990.

**1990 Tax Liens** (see Attachment 'B')

On February 17, 1992, City Council approved proceedings with first application for title on 199 properties with 1990 tax liens. To date, 162 property owners have paid their tax arrears. The remaining 37 properties continue to have outstanding tax arrears and, therefore, the City is in a position to proceed to the third step of the tax enforcement procedures.

The 37 properties listed in Attachment 'B' are summarized as follows:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Arrears</u>
Commercial - Vacant Land	4	180,853
Industrial - Vacant Land	1	11,108
Low Rise Apartment Condo Unit	1	37,377
Retail Store	3	41,817
Semi-Detached - 1 Unit	1	4,331
Service Garage	1	58,663
Single Family Residence	19	87,005
Two-Family Residence	2	13,160
Warehouse	2	43,319
Hotel	1	101,621
Vacant Land	2	98,614
	37	677,868

In proceeding to final application for title of these properties, the City must contact the Provincial Mediation Board and file an application for consent to obtain title. The Board will then contact each property owner and attempt to establish a payment schedule. If such

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a schedule is established, all resulting tax payments will be forwarded by the property owner to the Mediation Board which, in turn will forward the funds to the City. Only in limited circumstances will the City obtain title to property under *The Tax Enforcement Act*; generally, the Act has been effective in securing tax arrear payments for the City.

**Comparative Summary**

Attachment 'B' provides a five year comparative summary of tax liens subject to further proceedings under *The Tax Enforcement Act*."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council instruct the City Solicitor to take the necessary action under the provisions of *The Tax Enforcement Act* with respect to properties with 1990 tax liens.

*ADOPTED.*

**3. Civic Elections - Voters List  
(File No. CK. 265-1)**

City Council, at an Operating Budget Review Meeting held on March 16, 1993, was told by the City Commissioner that the Administration did not support the expenditure of funds for the preparation of a voters list. City Council referred the matter to the Legislation and Finance Committee for review and report.

Your Committee was interested in the opportunity of sharing resources between levels of government by implementing a permanent voters registry and instructed the City Clerk to pursue the matter with the appropriate Federal and Provincial representatives. The following is her report dated August 27, 1993:

"On April 6, 1993 I discussed the above matter with the Committee. The discussion focussed on the following issues:

- whether a voters list should be prepared for the 1994 civic elections; and
- the feasibility of having a permanent voters list that could be used by the Federal Government, and Provincial Government, the Municipal Government, and the School Boards.

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The Committee requested me to contact the appropriate Federal and Provincial representatives regarding the idea of having a permanent voters registry, and report back on the feasibility of this proposal and on the cost that might be involved.

**Feasibility of a Permanent Voters List**

I met with the Chief Electoral Officer for the Province of Saskatchewan and a member of his staff and discussed whether the Province would be willing, on a pilot basis, to share a voters list for provincial and civic elections held in the City of Saskatoon. While not entirely disinterested in the concept, the Chief Electoral Officer was not willing to partner with the City at this time since he is pursuing other means of compiling provincial voters lists.

The Province of Quebec has apparently initiated a project of sharing a computerized voters list between municipal, provincial and possibly federal authorities. I understand that this sharing might come into play as early as 1994. I have requested information on the program and will monitor it, and others that I become aware of.

It is clear, however, that there is no possibility for sharing the cost of preparing a voters list for the 1994 civic elections.

**Preparation of a Voters List - City of Saskatoon**

There are three basic perceived reasons for requiring a voters list: to prevent voter fraud, to enable all qualified people to vote, and to support other functions of the election system. I would dispute these perceptions as follows:

**Prevent Voter Fraud**

Administering an election without a voters list does not, in any way, leave more room for voting abuse than conducting an election with a voters list. As long as there is provision for electors to register at the polls there is an opportunity for dishonest people to enter every poll to cast a vote. Having a voters list in no way ameliorates this situation.

**Allow Qualified People to Vote**

Voters lists originally served the purpose of listing the select few people who met the rigorous voting qualifications in place. Now virtually every adult resident of the municipality is entitled to vote, thereby eliminating the need for a list of qualified voters. In addition, as stated above, electors are entitled to register and vote on election day, without being on the voters list.

**Support Other Functions of the Election System**

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There is no administrative need for a voters list. The 1991 civic elections proved that registering at the polls on election day was no more cumbersome or time consuming than voting with a voters list.

The preparation of a voters list will cost approximately \$150,000. Voters Lists are also chronically riddled with errors and out of date almost at the time of printing. I believe that there is no need for the City of Saskatoon to prepare a list of voters for its civic elections."

In light of the fact that there is no expressed interest in partnering with the City in the preparation of a permanent voters list, and since a voters list is neither legally nor administratively required, your Committee submits the following

**RECOMMENDATION:** that voters lists not be prepared for civic elections being conducted in the City of Saskatoon.

*ADOPTED.*

**REPORT NO. 22-1993 OF THE WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

Composition of Committee

Councillor B. Dyck, Chair  
Councillor D.L. Birkmaier  
Councillor O. Mann  
Councillor M. Hawthorne

**1. Request for Transportation Assistance  
Shinerama Saskatoon, September 23, 1993  
(Files CK. 205-1 and 7312-1)**

Your Committee has considered the following report of the Transit Manager dated August 19, 1993:

"Attached is a letter from Tammy Ehalt requesting that students participating in Shinerama be permitted to ride Saskatoon Transit free of charge going to and from their shining location.

A similar request has been received for the past number of years and was approved by City Council each year. The organizers are required to provide each volunteer with means of identification when boarding the bus.

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The loss in revenue is estimated to be less than \$500. The majority of the revenue would be due to the increased usage caused by the event considering that a significant number will have an adult pass or paid a transit fare to travel to either campuses to pick up their kit."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the request for free transportation on September 23, 1993, for Shinerama volunteers, be approved.

*ADOPTED.*

**REPORT NO. 3-1993 OF THE TASK FORCE TO REVIEW CURRENT CIVIC PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF SASKATOON**

Composition of Committee

Councillor P. McCann, Chair  
His Worship Mayor Dayday  
Councillor D.L. Birkmaier  
Councillor M.T. Cherneskey, Q.C.  
Councillor G. Penner  
Councillor M. Thompson  
Councillor K. Waygood

**1. Proposal by Richard Schroh, President  
Saskatoon Stadium Sports Ltd.  
Operation of Lions and Archibald Arenas  
(Files CK. 611-1 and 610-1)**

City Council, at its meeting held on August 16, 1993, considered a report of A Committee of the Whole Council on the above matter, a copy of which is attached, and resolved that the matter of the operation of indoor rinks be referred to the Task Force to Review Current Civic Programs, Services and General Government of The City of Saskatoon for review and report.

During his presentation to City Council on August 16, 1993, Mr. Schroh quoted from a report of the Leisure Services Department and noted the number of prime-time hours at the City-operated indoor

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rinks that were not being rented. The Task Force has determined that the report Mr. Schroh was quoting from was prepared in 1991 as part of the process that led to the budgetary decisions that were implemented in the 1992 Operating Budget. Since then, several changes have been implemented which have significantly reduced the percentage of non-rented hours.

The City's actual percentage of rented prime-time hours was 94.2% in 1992. It should be noted that Mr. Schroh has offered to operate the two rinks that had a very high percentage of rented hours (i.e. 100% for the Archibald Arena and 96.9% for the Lions Arena) in 1992 and are expected to have the highest percentage of rented hours (96.7% and 99.8% respectively) in 1993.

The Task Force does not support any change being made to the operation of the Lions and Archibald Arenas at this time. It is suggested, however, that the Planning and Development Committee monitor the situation, particularly in light of the recent initiative regarding the Spectator Ballfields and the efforts of the City to achieve full cost recovery from the users of City-owned indoor rinks.

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that no change be made, at this time, to the City's current involvement in the operation of various indoor rinks in Saskatoon; and
  - 2) that the proposal by Mr. Schroh be referred to the Planning and Development Committee for ongoing review and a report to Council by no later than February 28, 1994.

*ADOPTED."*

*Moved by Councillor Cherneskey, Seconded by Councillor Mostoway,*

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

*CARRIED.*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 6a) **Demolition  
228 Avenue I South**

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**(File No. CK. 530-2)**

**REPORT OF CITY CLERK:**

"Attached is an excerpt from minutes of meeting of City Council held on July 5, 1993.

Report of the City Planner, September 7, 1993:

'On July 5, 1993, City Council considered a status report from the City Planner on the condition of the property at 228 Avenue I South. At that time, it was reported that the Planning Department's staff had met with a representative of the new owner (Mr. James J. Polley of Allan's Landscaping Ltd.). Subsequently, the building's fire-damaged rear portion was demolished and the materials were removed from the site. This portion of the site was filled and levelled.

The front part of the building remains on the site and no attempt has been made to repair it. The building's lower floor is secure; however, the windows in the upper level remain open. Mr. Polley has been advised by the Planning Department's staff of what is required (i.e. plans) before approval can be given to re-use this portion of the building. The Department urged Mr. Polley to commence the work immediately. Since meeting with him in July, the Department has attempted to contact Mr. Polley by telephone to determine when he will submit the details of his re-use of the building and the date when the work will commence. Mr. Polley has not responded to our telephone calls. A letter was recently sent to him requesting a status report, but no information has been provided.

The portion of the building that remains on the site is still deteriorating. Although the fire-damaged portion has been removed, the portion that still stands is considered to be a nuisance and in the Department's opinion, is depreciating the value of other land and improvements in the vicinity. Also, the building is considered to be a danger to the public's safety and health.

On December 7, 1992, City Council approved an Order for Demolition. However, title to the building subsequently changed. It is still the Planning Department's opinion that the building should be demolished and thus, the procedure under Section 124 of *The Urban Municipality Act* should be followed with the new owners.'

**RECOMMENDATION:** 1) that City Council declare the property at 228 Ave. I South to be a nuisance pursuant to Section 124 of *The Urban Municipality Act* because in Council's opinion, the site in its

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present state, is a danger to the public's safety and health; and,

- 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to advise the owner and all persons having an interest in the above-noted property of the date of a hearing wherein City Council will consider the making of a demolition order."

*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Cherneskey,*

- 1) *that City Council declare the property at 228 Ave. I South to be a nuisance pursuant to Section 124 of The Urban Municipality Act because in Council's opinion, the site in its present state, is a danger to the public's safety and health; and,*
- 2) *that the City Solicitor be instructed to advise the owner and all persons having an interest in the above-noted property of the date of a hearing wherein City Council will consider the making of a demolition order.*

*CARRIED.*

**ENQUIRIES**

Councillor Thompson: As a Councillor I have received complaints about the condition of several properties in the 1200 block of Second Avenue North.

I understand that most properties are in good condition and the above reference is to apparently three homes.

Would the Administration please review and report upon this matter to Council.

(File No. CK. 4400-1)



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Councillor Birkmaier:            Would the Administration please report the status of the property known as Grosvenor School. Is there a redevelopment plan for this property (school and land)?  
(Files CK. 500-1 and 4110-1)

*Moved by Councillor Mostoway, Seconded by Councillor Mann,*

*THAT the meeting stand adjourned.*

*CARRIED.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk