

Council Chamber
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Monday, August 12, 1996,
at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: His Worship Mayor Dayday in the Chair;
Councillors Atchison, Birkmaier, Heidt, Langford, Langlois,
McCann, Postlethwaite, Sternberg and Waygood;
City Commissioner Irwin;
A/City Solicitor Rossmann;
City Clerk Mann;
A/City Councillors' Assistant Holmstrom

PRESENTATION

The Saskatoon Hilltop Football Club presented City Council with a special edition of "50th Anniversary Print" in appreciation of all the support that has been given to the club over the years.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on July 15, 1996 be approved.

CARRIED.

HEARINGS

- 2a) **Proposed Lane Closing**
Portion of Lane between 3707 and 3711 Balfour Street
Bylaw No. 7564
(File No. CK. 6295-1)

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

"Attached is a copy of Clause A4, Report No. 1-1976 of the City Commissioner which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on January 5, 1976.

Council, at its meeting held on January 5, 1976, gave notice of its intention to consider the proposed lane closing and instructed the City Solicitor to take further necessary steps in respect of the matter.

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The City Solicitor has now advised that all preliminary proceedings in connection with the closing of the lane have been taken including the receipt of approval of the Deputy Minister of Highways and Transportation and the advertisement of the notice of proposed closing and the service of such notice on abutting property owners.

Accordingly, Council, at this meeting, is to consider and determine any submissions and objections to the proposed lane closing prior to consideration of Bylaw No. 7564, a copy of which is attached."

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

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Sternberg,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 7564.

CARRIED.

**2b) Hearing
University Heights Replotting Scheme
Part of Parcel E, All of G, H, GG; Plan 82-S-34271
and Parcel C, MB2, MB3; Plan 91-S-38714
(File No. CK. 4230-16)**

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

"Attached is a copy of Clause B9, Report No. 14-1996 of the City Commissioner, which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on July 15, 1996.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, July 23, 1996:

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council adopt the replotting scheme in accordance with the attached specifications;
 - 2) that City Council instruct the City Clerk to return two

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certified copies of the plans and specifications to the General Manager, Planning and Building Department for further handling along with two certified copies of the resolution;

- 3) that City Council authorize the General Manager, Planning and Building Department to approve minor changes to the plans and specifications for the purpose of rectifying minor errors which do not affect either the intent or overall design of the replot; and,
- 4) that City Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any agreement with respect to easements indicated on the plan showing proposed replotting.

On June 3, 1996, City Council authorized the General Manager of the Planning and Building Department to prepare a replotting scheme and on July 15, 1996, City Council authorized the General Manager of the Planning and Building Department to serve notice on the affected owners within this replotting scheme in accordance with Section 169 of *The Planning and Development Act, 1983*.

Notice has been served and the public hearing is to be held on August 12, 1996 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

The purpose of the replotting scheme is to assemble the land within this area and distribute it proportionately amongst the owners for future subdivision and development. The specifications are shown on Attachment No. 1 and indicate the method by which the replotting scheme is to occur. It also indicates the existing lands each owner owns and the proposed allocation in exchange thereof. The existing subdivision is shown on the University Heights Replotting Scheme Plan No. 1 as Attachment No. 2. The University Heights Plan Showing Proposed Replotting indicates the proposed subdivision and is shown as Attachment No. 3. Municipal reserve dedication has been provided by a previous subdivision. The proposal is in conformance with the Subdivision and Zoning Bylaws and has been approved by the Technical Planning Commission.

In compliance with Section 169 of *The Planning and Development Act, 1983*, notice was served on the owners of the hearing and consequently consents were received from all the owners. Also, in accordance with Section 168 of *The Planning and Development Act, 1983*, one copy of the replotting scheme was forwarded to the Minister of Highways and Transportation, Saskatchewan Telecommunications, Saskatchewan Power Corporation and all other public utilities, as indicated in the specifications, that may be affected by this replotting scheme. Consents from all the agencies and owners are attached to the specifications.

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It will be necessary for City Council to approve a subdivision application (Section 172 of *The Planning and Development Act, 1983*) which will be the subject of a future report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Specifications
2. University Heights Replotting Scheme Plan No. 1
3. University Heights Plan of Proposed Replotting"

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

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Postlethwaite, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

- 1) *that City Council adopt the replotting scheme in accordance with the specifications attached to the report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department dated July 23, 1996;*
- 2) *that City Council instruct the City Clerk to return two certified copies of the plans and specifications to the General Manager, Planning and Building Department for further handling along with two certified copies of the resolution;*

- 3) *that City Council authorize the General Manager, Planning and Building Department to approve minor changes to the plans and specifications for the purpose of rectifying minor errors which do not affect either the intent or overall design of the replot; and,*
- 4) *that City Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any agreement with respect to easements indicated on the plan showing proposed replotting.*

CARRIED.

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COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

**1) Gordon Beresh
Pharmasave 411, dated August 5**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the establishment of a walkway between La Ronge Road and Pinehouse Drive at the Nahanni Drive extension.

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Beresh be heard.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT Mr. Beresh be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Beresh, representing the Pharmasave at 2276 Pinehouse Drive, requested that a walkway be established between La Ronge Road and Pinehouse Drive at Nahanni Drive for the convenience and safety of the residents and their children. Mr. Beresh submitted a petition collected in five days of over 300 patrons.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration for a report on the establishment of a walkway between La Ronge Road and Pinehouse Drive at Nahanni Drive.

CARRIED.

**2) J. Korobejko
335 Winnipeg Avenue South, undated**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding utilities.

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Korobejko be heard.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

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THAT Mr. Korobejko be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Korobejko expressed concerns for varying estimation times on his utility bills, and requested that these be stabilized.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

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

CARRIED.

AA. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

1) Don R. McEwen, Committee Chair, Thunder Bay Naval Veterans' Monument Committee and Funding Task Force, H.M.C.S. Griffon, dated July 10

Requesting a contribution for a monument in honour of "Name-sake" Naval Ships used during the Second World War. (File No. CK. 1870-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

That the information be received.

CARRIED.

2) Sinclair Harrison, President The Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, undated

Requesting a letter of support for farmer ownership of federally-owned hopper cars. (File No. CK. 180-11)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

That the information be received.

CARRIED.

3) **Russell Mawby, Housing Facilitator**
Planning and Building Department, dated July 25

Requesting support for Prairie Forum '96 - Sustainable Communities Conference. (File No. CK. 247-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

That the information be received and referred to the Office of the Mayor.

CARRIED.

4) **Elaine Heinicke, Regional Director General**
Prairie Regional Office, Veterans Affairs Canada, dated July 23

Providing comments regarding planned changes to the Saskatoon District Office at Veterans Affairs Canada. (File No. CK. 277-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

5) **Bryon Wilfert, A.M.C.T.(A), President**
Federation of Canadian Municipalities, dated July 25

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Requesting support for the communities in the Saguenay and Lac-St-Jean regions of Quebec that have been ravaged by floods. (File No. CK. 155-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

*THAT the City Clerk forward an offer of assistance in any one of the following areas:
Engineering, Environmental or Transportation.*

CARRIED.

**6) Florence Johnson, Secretary
Decoration Day Committee, dated July 29**

Requesting Council to authorize the payment of expenses incurred for the 1996 City of Saskatoon Decoration and Memorial Day Service and Parade to be held on Sunday, August 26, 1996. (File No. CK. 205-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Council authorize the payment of expenses incurred for the 1996 Decoration and Memorial Day Service and Parade.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT Council authorize the payment of expenses incurred for the 1996 Decoration and Memorial Day Service and Parade.

CARRIED.

7) Kerri Downing, undated

Providing comments regarding the need for child care centres in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 4350-24)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

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Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received.

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**8) Peter and Rose Hudson
3111 Massey Drive, dated August 7**

Submitting comments regarding Madelaine Dumont Learning Institute, Cosmo Civic Centre. (File No. CK. 290-61)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause 5, Report No. 14-1996 of the Planning and Operations Committee.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Heidt.

THAT the information be received and considered with Clause 5, Report No. 14-1996 of the Planning and Operations Committee.

CARRIED.

B. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

- 1) **Susan Cross**
214 Neathy Crescent, dated July 10

Submitting concerns regarding the Broadway Theatre and asking that the City provide financial assistance to the Theatre. **Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.** (File No. CK. 1870-1)

- 2) **Wanda Drury**
714 29th Street West, dated June 10

Submitting concerns regarding the Broadway Theatre and asking that the City provide financial assistance to the Theatre. **Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.** (File No. CK. 1870-1)

- 3) **F. Bentham**
2710 Clarence Avenue, dated July 11

Asking the City to consider building low rental units for seniors. **Referred to the Administration.** (File No. CK. 800-1)

- 4) **Antoinette Martens, dated July 12**

Submitting concerns regarding postering and the Saskatoon Police. **Referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.** (Files CK. 185-6 and 5000-1)

- 5) **J. Korobejko**

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335 Winnipeg Avenue South, dated July 12

Expressing concern regarding water bill. **Referred to the Administration for a response.** (File No. CK. 1905-2)

**6) Russell Mawby
103 Albert Avenue, dated July 22**

Submitting concerns regarding noise from special events. **Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.** (File No. CK. 375-2)

**7) Murray Nurse
403 Costigan Road, dated July 22**

Submitting concerns regarding communication and commitments relating to the Taylor Street Overpass Construction. **Referred to the Administration for a report.** (File No. CK. 6001-1)

**8) Nadine Schreiner, President
Exhibition Community Association, dated July 24**

Submitting concerns regarding the Canada Day Celebrations and fireworks display at Diefenbaker Park and requesting that the fireworks display be permanently relocated. **Referred to the Planning and Operations Committee for a report.** (File No. CK. 205-14)

**9) Dave Parkes, Program Director
The Banff Centre for Management, dated July 16**

Providing information on the "Creating Change in Police Organizations" program to be held on November 3-8, 1996. **Referred to the Board of Police Commissioners.** (File No. CK. 247-1)

**10) Nadine Schreiner, President
Exhibition Community Association, dated July 29**

Submitting concerns regarding the Postering Bylaw. **Referred to the Planning and Operations Committee for a report.** (File No. CK. 6280-2)

**11) Dave McKee, General Manager
Shareholders of Saskatoon Smokin' Guns, dated July 22**

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Submitting concerns regarding the use of concessions at Cairns Field on August 2 to 4, 1996.
Referred to the Administration for a report. (File No. CK. 5800-2-1)

**12) Marlene Hall, Secretary
Development Appeals Board, dated August 1**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding property at 1121 Avenue K North. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

**13) Marlene Hall, Secretary
Development Appeals Board, dated August 6**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding property at 533 Avenue M North. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

**14) Marlene Hall, Secretary
Development Appeals Board, dated August 8**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding property at 315 Main Street. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

**15) Marlene Hall, Secretary
Development Appeals Board, dated August 8**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding property at 2457 East View. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

C. PROCLAMATIONS

**1) Catherine Laratte, President
Association of Translators and Interpreters of Saskatchewan, dated July 19**

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Requesting Council to proclaim September 30, 1996 as World Translation Day in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

- 2) **Chandra Chornook, Administrator**
The Canadian Deafblind and Rubella Association, dated July 24

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of August 18 to 24, 1996 as Deafblind Awareness Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

- 3) **Dianne Merrick, Executive Director**
Safe Kids Canada, dated July 25

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of September 7 to 14, 1996 as Child Safety Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

- 4) **E.W. (Ed) Sikorski, General Manager**
Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition Corp., dated August 1

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of September 30 to October 6, 1996 as Rodeo Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

- 5) **Bill Dustin, RMT, Public Relations Chairperson**
Saskatchewan Massage Therapist Association, dated July 16

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of September 9 to 15, 1996 as National Massage Therapy Awareness Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

- 6) **Brian Cobbletick, ASCT, President**
Saskatchewan Applied Science Technologists and Technicians, dated July 29

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of October 20 to 26, 1996 as Applied Science Technologists and Certified Technicians Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

- 7) **Dean E. Owen, B. Comm.**
Saskatoon Life Underwriters Association, dated August 7

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of November 11 to 15, 1996 as Life Insurance Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

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

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

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

CARRIED.

REPORTS

Councillor Postlethwaite, Member, submitted Report No. 11-1996 of the Municipal Planning Commission;

City Commissioner Irwin presented Report No. 15-1996 of the City Commissioner;

Councillor Heidt, Chair, presented Report No. 14-1996 of the Planning and Operations Committee;

Councillor Atchison, Chair, presented Report No. 12-1996 of the Administration and Finance Committee; and

His Worship the Mayor, Chair, presented Report No. 8-1996 of the Executive Committee.

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Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

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

- a) Report No. 11-1996 of the Municipal Planning Commission;*
- b) Report No. 15-1996 of the City Commissioner;*
- c) Report No. 14-1996 of the Planning and Operations Committee;*
- d) Report No. 12-1996 of the Administration and Finance Committee;*
- f) Report No. 8-1996 of the Executive Committee.*

CARRIED.

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

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

Committee arose.

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

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

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"REPORT NO. 11-1996 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION"

Composition of Committee

Mr. Jim Kozmyk, Chair
Mr. Glen Grismer, Vice-Chair
Councillor Jill Postlethwaite
Mr. Ken Rauch
Ms. Ann March
Ms. Leslie Belloc-Pinder
Mr. Gregory Kitz
Ms. Georgia Bell Woodard
Ms. Lina Eidem
Mr. Paul Kawcuniak
Ms. Sheila Denysiuk
Mr. Al Ledingham
Dr. Brian Noonan

- 1. Zoning Bylaw Amendment**
Sections 32(1) and 33(1) - Video Lottery Terminals
Applicant: Mr. Sandor Demeter
1213 - 7th Avenue North
(File No. CK. 4350-1)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to amend Sections 32(1) and 33(1) of the Zoning Bylaw to permit, without limitations, the use of Video Lottery Terminals within restaurants in the B.1 and B.2 Zoning Districts;
- 2) that the General Manager, Planning and Building Department be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendment;
- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaw; and
- 4) that at the time of the public hearing, City Council consider the Commission's recommendation that this proposed amendment be approved.

ADOPTED.

The Municipal Planning Commission has considered the attached report of the Planning and

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Building Department dated July 9, 1996 with respect to the above-noted proposed amendment to the Zoning Bylaw, and supports this amendment, in that the regulation of VLTs is under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Government (Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority).

**2. Zoning Bylaw Amendment
Definition of "Dwelling Unit" and "Private Garage"
(File No. CK. 4350-1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to amend City of Saskatoon Zoning Bylaw No. 6772 by adding revised definitions for "Dwelling Unit" and "Private Garage", to include the following components:

"Dwelling Unit" -

- 1) one or more rooms;
- 2) designed and intended for occupancy as living quarters;
- 3) designed for one or more persons;
- 4) may contain washroom, toilet facilities, sleeping facilities, living areas or a combination of these;
- 5) must contain components commonly found in a kitchen, such as cabinets, sink, refrigerator, range/stove, oven; and
- 6) the unit is physically and substantially separate from any other dwelling unit within the principal building.

"Private Garage" -

- 1) reference to structures attached to the primary building and detached accessory structures;
- 2) to be used for parking and storage of vehicles normally used for transportation of the residents of the principal dwelling;
- 3) used for storage of household items owned by the residents of the principal dwelling;
- 4) reference to the maintenance of equipment used on the premises only; and
- 5) reference to the maintenance of only those vehicles used as primary, domestic transportation and owned by the residents of the principal dwelling and no others;

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- 2) that the General Manager, Planning and Building Department be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendment;
- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaw; and
- 4) that, at the time of the public hearing, City Council consider the Commission's recommendation that the proposed amendments be approved.

ADOPTED.

The Municipal Planning Commission has reviewed the attached report of the Planning and Building Department dated July 10, 1996 with respect to the above-noted proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw, and supports these amendments with minor changes to the list of components as follows:

1. Definition of "Dwelling Unit"

The current definition for "dwelling unit" reads:

"2(24) 'dwelling unit' means one or more rooms used or intended for the domestic use of one or more individuals living as a single housekeeping unit, with cooking, living and sleeping facilities and with or without an individual bathroom provided, however that a 'dwelling' unit shall not include the following: convents, monasteries, dormitories, boarding houses, boarding apartments, hostels, houses or residences for fraternities, religious communities or organizations, student or other groups, as defined in Section 32A of Section 2 hereof."

The Planning and Building Department recommends that this definition be amended to replace the existing definition of "dwelling unit" with one which includes the following components:

- 1) one or more rooms;
- 2) designed and intended for occupancy as living quarters;
- 3) designed for one or more persons;
- 4) may contain washroom, toilet facilities, sleeping facilities, living areas or a combination of these;
- 5) must contain components commonly found in a kitchen, including but not limited to: cabinets, sink, refrigerator, range/stove, oven; and
- 6) the unit is physically and substantially separate from any other dwelling unit within the principal building.

The Commission agreed to the above components with an amendment under No. 5) by deleting the words "including but not limited to", after the word "kitchen", and substituting the words, "such as".

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2. Definition of "Private Garage"

The Planning and Building Department wishes to amend the definition of "private garage" to assist enforcement efforts in terms of the permitted uses. The current definition for "private garage" is as follows:

- 2(37) 'private garage' means a garage used for storage purposes only, where no business, occupation or service is conducted for profit therein and in which no space therein is leased for trucks to a non-resident of the premises."

The Planning and Building Department recommends that this definition be amended to replace the existing definition of "private garage" with one which includes the following components:

- 1) reference to structures attached to the primary building and detached accessory structures;
- 2) to be used for parking and storage of vehicles normally used for transportation of the residents of the principal dwelling;
- 3) used for storage of household items owned by the residents of the principal dwelling;
- 4) reference to the maintenance of equipment used on the premises only;
- 5) reference to the maintenance of only those vehicles used as primary, domestic transportation and owned by the residents of the principal dwelling and no others; and
- 6) garage structure not be used or leased for any commercial purposes.

The Commission agreed to the components listed for a "private garage", with the exception of No. 6), as it is covered under No. 2), which is a positive statement.

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**3. Proposed Amendment to Zoning Bylaw Text
Revised Definition of "Site"
(File No. CK. 4350-1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to amend Section 2(74) of Zoning Bylaw No. 6772 revising the definition of the term "site";
- 2) that the General Manager, Planning and Building Department be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendment;
- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaw; and
- 4) that, at the time of the public hearing, City Council consider the Commission's recommendation that the proposed amendment be approved.

ADOPTED.

The Municipal Planning Commission has reviewed the attached report of the Planning and Building Department dated July 19, 1996 with respect to the above-noted proposed amendment to the Zoning Bylaw, and supports the revised definition of "Site", as outlined in the report.

REPORT NO. 15-1996 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER

Section A - Administration and Finance

A1) Routine Reports Submitted to City Council

RECOMMENDATION: that the following information be received.

ADOPTED.

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$738,320.50	July 12, 1996	July 17, 1996
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$2,176,874.80	July 16, 1996	July 18, 1996
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$1,502,013.43	July 18, 1996	July 24, 1996

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Schedule of Accounts Paid \$931,117.75	July 23, 1996	July 29, 1996
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$795,781.77 (File No. 1530-2)	July 26, 1996	July 31, 1996

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

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

ADOPTED.

Report of the Acting General Manager, Finance Department, July 18, 1996:

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Schedule of Securities Transactions (June 17-30, 1996)
2. Schedule of Securities Transactions (July 1-15, 1996)
3. Schedule of Securities Transactions (July 16-31, 1996)

**A3) Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
Six Months Ended June 30, 1996
(File No. 1895-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

Report of the Acting General Manager, Finance Department, July 22, 1996:

"Attached is the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for the Six Months Ended June 30, 1996. A Letter Of Transmittal is included on Pages 1 and 2 of the report."

ATTACHMENTS

1. Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

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Six months Ended June 30, 1996

A4) Communications to Council

From: Ellen Gaunt, President, Board of Directors

Light of the Prairie Inc.

Date: Undated

**Subject: Requesting a tax abatement for the property at 1638 Edward Avenue
(File No. 1965-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Report of the Acting General Manager, Finance Department, July 24, 1996:

"The following is a report received from the City Assessor on this matter:

"In response to the above communication to Council, please be advised that I have informed Ellen Gaunt that I require a copy of the license given under the "*Residential Services Act*". Once I am in receipt of the license, I will use my authority as City Assessor to exempt the above property in accordance with the Act which reads:

Section 13 - Taxation

Exemption from taxation

"Where a residential-service facility is operated in accordance with this Act and is operated by a municipal, church or charitable organization or a non-profit corporation, the real property and buildings in respect of that residential-service facility are exempt from taxation, except local improvement taxes and special charges. 1984-85, c.R-21.2, s.13"."

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- A5) W.P. Bate House - 610 Saskatchewan Crescent East
Lots 36-40, except S.W. 10 feet of Lot 40,
Block 86, Plan QB 1856
(File No. 680-11)**
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RECOMMENDATION: that Council approve the proposed Agreement between The City of Saskatoon and Landmark Holdings Ltd. and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Agreements.

ADOPTED.

Report of the City Solicitor, July 30, 1996:

"Council passed a resolution at its meeting of March 25, 1996, instructing the Administration to enter into negotiations with the owner of 610 Saskatchewan Crescent East to enter into an Agreement containing provisions with respect to the erection of a commemorative plaque or cairn and with respect to the external design of any new buildings constructed on the site.

Pursuant to Council's instructions, we enclose a proposed Agreement which has been executed by Landmark Holdings Ltd., the registered owner of the subject property. The proposed Agreement provides that the owner will be permitted to demolish the existing building. The owner agrees to install a commemorative cairn or plaque on the site which will be of an external design which reflects the historical and architectural significance of the Bate Residence and which will be in accordance with the illustrations attached to the Agreement. These drawings have been reviewed by the Planning and Building Department. The Planning and Building Department is of the opinion that the design of the proposed buildings as illustrated in the drawings complies with the intent expressed in Council's resolution. The owner has also agreed that a Caveat may be filed against the title to the subject property with respect to the Agreement pursuant to *The Heritage Property Act.*"

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Agreement.

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Section B - Planning and Operations

**B1) School Signing Revisions
Lawson Heights School
(File No. 6280-3)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the signing changes at Lawson Heights School, as shown on attached Plan No. L2-1M, be approved.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, July 12, 1996:

"The Transportation Department has received a request from the Saskatoon Board of Education to review the signing at Lawson Heights School. The review has been completed and it is proposed that the signing be revised so that it meets the current needs of the school. The investigation procedure for this school included a site meeting between representatives of the Transportation Department, Saskatoon Police Service, Saskatoon Board of Education and the Principal of Lawson Heights School. Based on the results of this investigation, a new school signing plan has been prepared using the school signing guidelines and considering the needs of this particular school.

The recommended signing changes are described below:

- Install a painted zebra crosswalk across the east side of the intersection of Redberry Road and Reindeer Road.
- Install a 'PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AHEAD' sign (WC-2) on both the east and west approaches to the crosswalk on Redberry Road.
- Replace the existing 'NO STOPPING' zone (RB-55) near the front entrance of the school with an expanded '5 MINUTE PARKING, 0800-1700, MONDAY-FRIDAY' zone (RB-53B).

These changes are necessary to increase the visibility of the pedestrian crosswalk west of the school and to better serve the current needs of the school.

All of the above changes have been reviewed and approved by the Saskatoon Board of Education, the Saskatoon Police Service and the School's Principal."

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan No. L2-1M.

**B2) Signing Revisions at Lavalee Road and Emmeline Road,
and Lavalee Road and Kingsmere Boulevard
(File No. 6280-2)**_____

RECOMMENDATION: that the existing yield signs at Lavalee Road/Emmeline Road and Lavalee Road/Kingsmere Boulevard be replaced with stop signs, as shown on attached Plan No. 012-1B.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, July 12, 1996:

"The Transportation Department has reviewed traffic control at the intersections of Lavalee Road/Emmeline Road and Lavalee Road/Kingsmere Boulevard. Both intersections are currently controlled by yield signs on Lavalee Road.

As a result of the review, the Department recommends that the yield signs be replaced with stop signs. This will ensure that the level of right-of-way control is commensurate with the roadway classification and function."

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan No. 012-1B.

**B3) Enquiry - Councillor Heidt (June 3, 1996)
Neighbourhood Bulletin Boards
(File No. 186-1)**_____

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Heidt's enquiry be forwarded to the City Solicitor for inclusion in their review of additions to the proposed private property sign regulations being amended within the City's Zoning Bylaw.

ADOPTED.

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Heidt at the meeting of City Council held on

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June 3, 1996:

“Since the introduction of the new Sign Bylaw, I have received many calls where they can or can’t place signs for garage sales.

Would the Administration provide costs for:

- 1) putting up a Community Bulletin Board in every neighbourhood, size 4 feet by 16 feet;
- 2) advertising space to offset the costs estimated; or
- 3) provide space for Community Associations to put up a board.

And I request urgency as the summer is short.”

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, July 9, 1996:

“The simple answer to Councillor Heidt’s enquiry as to the cost of putting up a bulletin board in each neighbourhood is approximately \$500 per location. This would be a modest sign, constructed of plywood and dimensional lumber, supported on wooden posts. Depending on the aesthetic requirements of the sign, substantially more dollars could be spent to produce such signage.

There are, however, a number of factors which complicate this suggestion. First, such a sign would not be allowed within City right-of-way; therefore, it would have to be placed on private property. In newer, developing areas, there are likely sufficient empty parcels of land available to erect such signage in relatively prominent positions. In fully developed areas, however, it would be more difficult to find suitable locations, outside of the right-of-way, to erect such signage.

The second factor is cost and determining who would be responsible for the initial and ongoing maintenance costs for the signs. It may be possible to have sponsorship for the capital cost of the signs, but the on-going maintenance of the signs will likely exceed the capital cost several fold. Due to the fact that the signs would likely be placed in areas zoned as residential, advertising on the bulletin boards (to offset capital costs) would not be allowed. Also, the signs would be susceptible to vandalism, adding to the maintenance cost. If not maintained on a regular basis, the bulletin boards could evolve into a problem similar to what we experience with posterings.

Although there is merit in Councillor Heidt’s suggestion, it is likely somewhat premature to consider actual implementation. It should be recognized that this is the first spring/summer season in which the Temporary Sign Bylaw has been in effect. Due to the poor spring conditions, enforcement of the Bylaw did not even commence until well into May. As with any new rules and regulations, the public has made many enquiries as to placement, size, etc., of garage sale signs. With a combination of public announcements/advertisements, and an enforcement program that was directed at being educational rather than punitive, we have found that the public has accepted the new Bylaw and that awareness of the rules is becoming widespread. The number of calls that

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reach the Department has dropped dramatically, and the number of illegal signs has diminished to the point that it is now the exception to find an illegally placed sign. As such, it is the Department's recommendation that no action be taken with respect to the erection of Community Bulletin Boards at this time.

The Department further recommends that Councillor Heidt's enquiry be included with the resolution of City Council's June 3, 1996, meeting which dealt with the proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment regarding signs on private property. The resolution stated:

'That City Council request the City Solicitor to include additional signage provisions in the drafting of the Bylaws to adopt new sign regulations in the Zoning and Building Bylaws which will address the following issues:

- a) information signage for schools and churches;
- b) electrical and building construction standards for portable signs;
- c) additional separation distances between different types of billboards; and,
- d) potential increase in time limit for the use of portable information signs by community associations and non-profit organizations in residential areas.'

The issues surrounding community bulletin boards would likely be better addressed by provisions within the private property sign regulations under the Zoning Bylaw."

**B4) Agreement - The City of Saskatoon and
The Meewasin Valley Authority
Kiwanis Park, Spadina Crescent Promenade Extension
Kiwanis Park, World War II Memorial Fountain
Rotary Park East
(File Nos. 4206KI and 4206RO)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the proposed Agreements between the City of Saskatoon and the Meewasin Valley Authority for the development, maintenance, and operation of the following be approved:

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- Kiwanis Park, Spadina Crescent Promenade Extension,
- Kiwanis Park, World War II Memorial Fountain,
- Rotary Park East; and,

- 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreements, on behalf of the City of Saskatoon, under the Corporate Seal.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Public Works Department, July 22, 1996:

"The Meewasin Valley Authority had initiated three park improvement projects in 1995 in the City's Park System. The projects are:

- Kiwanis Park, Spadina Crescent Promenade Extension
- Kiwanis Park, World War II Memorial Fountain
- Rotary Park East

Although the City is responsible for maintenance and operation of these parks and facilities within these parks, a new Maintenance Agreement is required to cover each of the separate improvements that have been undertaken. The Kiwanis Park, Spadina Crescent Promenade Extension has been completed and was turned over to the City during the spring of 1996. The Kiwanis Park World War II Memorial Fountain was completed the spring of 1996 and is currently being turned over to the City. The Rotary Park East renovation is presently underway and will be turned over to the City during the fall of 1996 or the spring of 1997. The Maintenance Agreements for these projects have been reviewed by staff who will be responsible for the park improvements. (The Agreements are available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office.)

The Agreements are necessary to provide for the continued operation and maintenance of the parks and associated facilities and to establish the relationship between the City and Meewasin Valley Authority regarding responsibilities for future improvements or adjustments by either the MVA or the City.

There will be an increase in the 1997 Operating Budgets identified as operating impact for the following Projects:

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Kiwanis Park, Spadina Crescent Promenade Extension:

·	Grounds Maintenance:	\$2,300	
	- tree irrigation		
	- paver stone maintenance		
·	Building and Structures Maintenance:	<u>5,000</u>	
	- park furniture		
	- light poles		
	- signs		
	- donor wall		
	Sub-Total		\$7,300

Kiwanis Park, World War II Memorial Fountain:

·	Building and Structures Maintenance:	1,000	
	- mechanical/electrical		
	- concrete		
·	Grounds Maintenance:	<u>3,000</u>	
	- fountain operation		
	- paver stones		
	Sub-Total		4,000

Rotary Park East

·	Grounds Maintenance:	5,000	
	- tree and shrub maintenance		
	- dryland turf		
·	Building and Structures Maintenance:	<u>4,000</u>	
	- park furniture		
	- concrete		
	- light poles		
	- signs		
	Sub-Total		<u>9,000</u>
	TOTAL		\$20,300

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**B5) *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act*
Appointment of Inspectors
(File No. 127-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the name of the following be removed from the approved list of inspectors appointed pursuant to *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act*: David Christensen;
 - 2) that the following persons be appointed as inspectors pursuant to Section 5 of *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act*: Doug Porter, Jim Weiss; and,
 - 3) that the City Clerk be authorized to issue a Certificate of Appointments pursuant to Section 5 of *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act* for each person named in the preceding recommendation.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, July 18, 1996:

"Inspectors are appointed by City Council for the purpose of enforcing *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act*. Since the last appointments were made, a number of staffing changes have taken place and it is necessary to adjust the list of inspectors appointed."

B6) **Application for Registration of Condominium Plan
351 Saguenay Drive - P.U.D. District
Lot J, Block 908, Plan 79-S-44700
Applicant: Mike Laliberte, Remail Construction (1981) Inc.
(File No. 4132-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council authorize the issuance of the Certificate required under Section 10(1)(b) of *The Condominium Property Act, 1993* to Mike Laliberte, Remail Construction (1981) Inc. (2402 Millar Avenue, Saskatoon, S7K 3V2) for the condominium development at 351 Saguenay Drive; and,
 - 2) that the City Clerk be authorized to prepare and forward the Certificate to the applicant.

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ADOPTED.

"Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, August 1, 1996:

An application for registration of a condominium plan involving a development on Lot J, Block 908, Plan 79-S-44700 has been received from Mike Laliberte, on behalf of Remai Construction (1981) Inc. The proposal is for the redivision of an area previously used for commercial purposes into two residential units. The building currently contains eighty-four residential units. Three parking spaces have been included on the site for these units.

The proposal has been examined under the provisions of the Zoning Bylaw and as such, complies with the requirements of this Bylaw in all respects. The site is situated within a P.U.D. District. In March, 1996, City Council approved an amendment to the P.U.D. agreement to permit the development of these residential units.

The development has also been examined by the Building Standards Branch, and provided the construction is completed in accordance with the requirements of the approved building permit, the development will meet the requirements under the Building Bylaw. A copy of the requisite survey plans have been forwarded to the City Clerk's Department for review, if necessary, by members of City Council.

In view of the above-noted consideration of the Zoning Bylaw and the Building Bylaw, the Planning and Building Department advises that:

- a) separate occupancy of the units will not contravene the requirements of the Zoning Bylaw;
- b) the approval required under the Zoning Bylaw has been given in relation to the separate occupancy of the units;
- c) the buildings and the division of the buildings into units of separate occupancy, as shown on the plans which have been submitted and as constructed, will not interfere with the existing or likely future amenities of the neighbourhood; and,
- d) the requirement to designate at least one parking space as an exclusive use area for each unit has been met as one space is included as a part of each unit."

**B7) Enquiry - Councillor Waygood (September 25, 1995)
Amendment to the use of a residence for a Bed and Breakfast
(File No. 4350-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following information be received.

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ADOPTED.

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Waygood at the meeting of City Council held on September 25, 1995:

"Would the Administration please report on the need for an amendment to the discretionary use of a residence for a Bed and Breakfast enterprise. Currently the bylaw permits the Bed and Breakfast for the dwelling, whether or not the original applicant remains as the proprietor and operator of the business. In order to ensure the community is supportive of the Bed and Breakfast business with subsequent owners/operators, an amendment to the discretionary permission to the applicant/owner as well as the house would address this concern."

"Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, August 1, 1996:

The City Solicitor advised that *The Planning and Development Act, 1983* does not allow Council to tie a discretionary use to a particular applicant or owner in addition to a particular site. Zoning bylaws, including the discretionary use provisions, deal with land use regulation rather than ownership.

It may be possible however, to permit a discretionary use for a specific limited time period or to use contract zoning in order to ensure the original intent of the proposal is maintained. These options will be examined as part of the Plan Saskatoon zoning bylaw review."

**B8) Application for Water Connection
Saskatchewan Water Corporation
Thomas Bentley - Parcel C & D, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ -16-35-03-W3M
(File No. 7781-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the application for connection to the Saskatchewan Water Corporation East Pipeline by Thomas Bentley be denied; and,

2) that the Saskatchewan Water Corporation be so advised.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Environmental Services Department, July 30, 1996:

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"On June 26, 1996, an application for connection to Sask Water Corporation's east treated pipeline was received from Thomas Bentley. The application is for domestic and commercial (service station) use on a four-acre parcel (Parcels C and D, SW¼-16-35-03-W3M). The applicant estimates usage at 5,000 gallons per month.

The applicant states that he abuts the waterline. However, the property is located approximately 180 metres from the west boundary of the quarter which abuts the Sunset Estates waterline, and while it does abut the town of Clavet, it is not within the boundary of the town. Therefore it does not meet the criteria for connections as defined in Policy C09-018 - Potable Waterline Connections."

ATTACHMENTS

1. Application
2. Maps

**B9) Application for Water Connection
Saskatchewan Water Corporation
Ken R. Dick SW-5-36-03-W3M
(File No. 7781-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the application for connection to the Saskatchewan Water Corporation East Pipeline by Ken R. Dick be denied; and,
 - 2) that the Saskatchewan Water Corporation be so advised.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Environmental Services Department, July 30, 1996:

"On June 26, 1996, an application for connection to Sask Water Corporation's east treated pipeline was received from Ken R. Dick. The application is for domestic and agricultural use on a 2,080 acre parcel (SW-5-36-03-W3M). The applicant estimates the usage of 10,000 gallons per month.

The property does not abut the waterline, and while it does abut the Sunset Estates waterline, one of the conditions of the agreement to supply Sunset Estates was:

- ...5. That there shall be no hook-ups or other interconnections with the water supply line from Clavet to the applicant's site;'

Therefore this application does not meet the criteria for connections as defined in Policy C09-018 -

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Potable Waterline Connections."

ATTACHMENTS

1. Application
2. Maps

**B10) Application for Water Connection
Sask Water Pipeline
Reassignment of Ownership
M. Whiting to Philip Griebel and Lorraine Bryan
NW 27-35-04-W3M
(File No. 7781-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the application for the reassignment of the M. Whiting connection on the Saskatchewan Water Corporation's East Pipeline to Philip Griebel and Lorraine Bryan be approved; and,
 - 2) that the Saskatchewan Water Corporation be so advised.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Environmental Services Department, July 30, 1996:

"On June 26, 1996, an application was received from the Saskatchewan Water Corporation for reassignment of the water supply connection owned by M. Whiting to Philip Griebel and Lorraine Bryan.

Policy C09-018 (Potable Waterline Connections) states 'those reassignments in which the connection existed prior to August 5, 1980, and prior to an agreement with the City of Saskatoon are not required to meet the criteria of Section 3.2 b) i).' The application must simply show that the use of the property has not changed, the consumption has not changed significantly, and the property has not been subdivided.

The original application for connection to the Saskatoon East Water Pipeline was approved in 1970 by the Saskatchewan Water Supply Board. At that time, the waterline carried untreated river water that was pumped from a pump house across from the Queen Elizabeth Power Station. The Saskatchewan Water Supply Board tied the untreated line into the City's distribution system in 1973 and all connections that existed at that time were included in the agreement with the City. The property served has been owned by the Whitings since 1973.

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The type of usage and volumes are not expected to change under new ownership and there has been no change in the size of the parcel."

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1. Application
2. Maps

**B11) Land-Use Applications Received by the Planning and Building Department
For the Period Between July 6, 1996 - August 2, 1996
(For Information Only)
(File Nos. 4300-2 & 4300-2-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, August 2, 1996.

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

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Subdivision

Application #35/96: Bayview Close
Applicant: Webster Surveys Ltd. for Boychuk Investments Ltd.
Legal Description: Parcel C, Block 106, Plan 96-S-13325
Current Zoning: RM (Tn)
Neighbourhood: Briarwood
Date Received: July 16, 1996

Application #36/96: Chotem Place
Applicant: Webster Surveys Ltd. for Westland Properties Ltd.
Legal Description: Parcel F, Plan 96-S-28729
Current Zoning: R.1A
Neighbourhood: Arbor Creek
Date Received: July 16, 1996

Application #37/96: 215 Pinehouse Drive
Applicant: Jastek Management Ltd. for City of Saskatoon
Legal Description: Lot 1, Block 911, Plan 79-S-43600 (except 88-S-14505)
Current Zoning: M.3
Neighbourhood: Lawson Heights
Date Received: July 22, 1996

Application #38/96: 23rd Street (no civic address assigned)
Applicant: Webster Surveys Ltd. for City of Saskatoon
Legal Description: Plan E2335 (Q3)
Current Zoning: B.6
Neighbourhood: Central Business District
Date Received: July 22, 1996

Application #39/96: 822 Avenue I South
Applicant: Mr. Jim Rideout for Shirley and Crystal Lambert
Legal Description: Lot Pt.13, Block 11, Plan (GH) H 1017
Current Zoning: R.2
Neighbourhood: King George
Date Received: July 26, 1996

Application #40/96: 3835 Fairlight Drive
Applicant: R. Fulford for the City of Saskatoon
Legal Description: Lot 69, Block 147, Plan 79-S-39382
Current Zoning: R.2
Neighbourhood: Fairhaven
Date Received: July 29, 1996"

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1. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 35/96
2. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 36/96
3. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 37/96
4. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 38/96

**B12) Application for Registration of Condominium Plan
Chateau Wycliffe - 525 - 3rd Avenue North (R.5 Zoning District)
South 5 Feet of Lot 27 and Lots 28-33 Inclusive, Block 185, Plan Q13
(File No. 4132-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council rescind Recommendation (2) of Clause B2 Report No. 19-1994 of the City Commissioner which was adopted on August 29, 1994;
 - 2) that City Council approve the phasing of the final condominium plan for the property at 525 - 3rd Avenue North as indicated on Plan Nos. 1, 2, and 3 attached herewith subject to the requirements of the 1990 National Building Code being completed to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department; and,
 - 3) that upon the completion of each phase, to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, the City Clerk be authorized to prepare and forward the certificate to the applicant.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, August 1, 1996:

"At the meeting of City Council on August 29, 1994, an application for registration of a condominium plan for 525 - 3rd Avenue North was considered and the following resolution was adopted:

- 1) that the conversion of the multiple-unit dwelling at 525 - 3rd Avenue North to a condominium be approved, in principle; and,
- 2) that after the necessary building modifications have been made (to the satisfaction of the City Planner) to bring the building to the standards of the 1990 National Building Code, the Administration provide a further report to City Council for final

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approval of this proposed condominium conversion.'

Since that time, the owner of the property has obtained a building permit to undertake renovations to the building to bring the building into conformity with the standards of the 1990 National Building Code (as required by City Council). The owner has requested, however, that the final approval of this condominium project be issued in phases or stages due to the economic and logistical hardships that would result in complying with City Council's resolution (i.e. to implement Council's resolution would require the owner to give notice to all of the occupants of the building in order to undertake the proposed upgrading of the building). The owner would prefer to phase-in the building code requirements and to undertake the conversions in those units where vacancies occur so as to create minimum disruption to existing tenants. To this end, representatives of the department have met with representatives of the owner to discuss this request and to attempt to work out a solution that will still protect the City's interest while allowing the owner to undertake renovations without evicting tenants.

It is considered that, provided all of the National Building Code items that are required in the public areas of the building (i.e. corridors, lobby, etc.) are installed and are satisfactory to this department, the phasing-in for the individual suites would be acceptable.

A recent inspection indicates that the sprinkler system for the building has been installed, the fire alarm and emergency power alarm systems have been upgraded, upgrading of stairwells, suite stair access doors have been replaced to meet required fire ratings and modifications have been made to the elevator to meet accessibility standards. In addition, a letter from a consulting engineer has been received indicating that the deficiencies which were listed in a report dated February 9, 1993, have all been completed.

If City Council is prepared to accept a phasing-in schedule for the condominium conversion of the building, the Planning and Building Department would recommend that three phases be approved.

Phase 1 would include those units identified on the attached Plan No. 1. The remaining units in the building would remain in title to the owner and could not be sold so that a title could be issued.

Phase 2 would include those units identified on the attached Plan No. 2. This phase would not be approved until such time as the units identified in Phase 1 have been upgraded to meet the Building Code.

Phase 3 would include those units identified on the attached Plan No. 3. This phase would not be approved until such time as the building had been brought up to Building Code standards."

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan No. 1 - The Wycliffe Phase 1
2. Plan No. 2 - The Wycliffe Phase 2
3. Plan No. 3 - The Wycliffe Phase 3
4. The Wycliffe Condominium Conversion Phasing Schedule and Diagrams

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**B13) Application for Registration of Condominium Plan
Sahali Kort - 717 Victoria Avenue (RM.5 Zoning District)
Lots 1-5, Block 61, Plan Q1
(File No. 4132-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the conversion of the multiple-unit dwelling at 717 Victoria Avenue to a condominium be approved, in principle; and,
 - 2) that, after the necessary building modifications have been made (to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department) to bring the building to the standards of the 1990 National Building Code, the Administration provide a further report to City Council for final approval of this proposed condominium conversion.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, August 1, 1996:

"An application has been submitted by Randall Pichler of Jastek Management requesting approval, in principle, for registration of a condominium plan through the conversion of a building which is located on Lots 1-5, Block 61, Plan Q1 (717 Victoria Avenue - Sahali Kort).

The applicant wishes to convert the existing 72-suite rental apartment building to condominium ownership. If City Council provides approval, the applicant will undertake all building improvements in order to meet the building code prior to requesting final project approval.

This application has been reviewed in accordance with City of Saskatoon Policy C09-004 (Condominium Conversions). The results of this review are as follows:

Written Notice:

In May, 1996, each tenant received written notice that an application was being made to the City of Saskatoon to convert the apartment building for condominium purposes. A copy of this notice was provided by the applicant to the Planning and Building Department, along with a list of the tenants who received the notice. Written responses to the above notices were forwarded to the Planning and Building Department.

Option to Purchase:

In June of 1996, each tenant was given the option of purchasing a unit through a notice indicating estimated unit prices, monthly fees, and taxes. Engineering reports were provided to the tenants at this time for their review.

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Professional Review of Building:

The applicant submitted engineering reports addressing the building's critical life-safety conditions to the Planning and Building Department in July, 1996.

Compliance with the Zoning Bylaw:

The proposal complies with the requirements of the Zoning Bylaw. The site is zoned RM.5 District.

Compliance with the National Building Code (UBAS Act):

The Building Standards Branch of the Planning and Building Department has reviewed the engineering reports submitted by the applicant. The Building Standards Branch has no objection to this conversion in principle provided that the required building permits are obtained and the necessary building modifications are made to bring the building into conformance with the National Building Code.

It is the opinion of the Planning and Building Department, that the proposal to convert the existing apartment building at 717 Victoria Avenue to a condominium complies with City of Saskatoon Policy C09-004 (Condominium Conversions) and will not negatively affect the availability of rental accommodations or put undue hardship on the existing tenants.

Taking the preceding considerations into account, the Planning and Building Department advises that:

- a) separate occupancy of the units will not contravene the requirements of the Zoning Bylaw;
- b) the approval required under the Zoning Bylaw has been given in relation to separate occupancy of the units; and,
- c) the building and the division of the building into units of separate occupancy will not interfere with the existing or likely amenities of the neighbourhood."

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the conversion of the multiple-unit dwelling at 717 Victoria Avenue to a condominium be approved, in principle; and,

2) that, after the necessary building modifications have been made (to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department) to bring the building to the standards of the 1990 National Building Code, the Administration provide a further report to City Council for final approval of this proposed condominium

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conversion.

*YEAS: His Worship the Mayor, Councillors Atchison, Birkmaier,
Heidt, Langford, Langlois, McCann and Steernberg 7*

NAYS: Councillors Postlethwaite and Waygood 2

**B14) Subdivision Application #34/96
Molaro Place
(File No. 4300-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Subdivision Application #34/96 be approved, subject to the payment of \$50.00 being the required approval fee.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, August 1, 1996:

"The following subdivision application has been submitted for approval:

Subdivision Application: #34/96
Applicant: Tri-City Surveys Ltd. for Canadian National Realties Ltd.
Legal Description: Parcel E, Plan 80-S-11044
Location: Molaro Place."

ATTACHMENTS

1. July 2, 1996 Subdivision Report

**B15) Proposed Disabled Person's Loading Zone
2942 Cumberland Avenue
(File No. 6120-4)**

RECOMMENDATION: that a "Disabled Person's Loading Zone" be installed in front of 2942 Cumberland Avenue.

ADOPTED.

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Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, July 30, 1996:

"The Transportation Department has received a request from a resident of 2942 Cumberland Avenue for the installation of a 'Disabled Person's Loading Zone' in front of her residence. The resident is physically handicapped and requires direct access to the front of her home.

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

**B16) Proposed Disabled Person's Loading Zone
521 Vancouver Avenue North
(File No. 6120-4)**

RECOMMENDATION: that a "Disabled Person's Loading Zone" be installed in front of 521 Vancouver Avenue North.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, August 1, 1996:

"The Transportation Department has received a request from the Mount Royal Emmanuel United Church for the installation of a 'Disabled Person's Loading Zone' in front of the Church. The Church has installed an elevator to assist their members who are mobility restricted.

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

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**B17) Request for Encroachment Agreement
1114 Avenue W North
Lot D, Block 424, Plan 68-S-08482
(File No. 4090-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve the proposed encroachment at 1114 Avenue W North (Lot D, Block 424, Plan 68-S-08482);
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the appropriate encroachment agreement making provision to collect the applicable fees; and,
 - 3) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Saskatoon under the Corporate Seal.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, August 2, 1996:

"The owners of the above-noted property have requested approval to construct a storage shed on the south east corner of the property. Part of the proposed shed will encroach onto the City's property (i.e. a boulevard) adjacent to Circle Drive. (See attachment.) The owners intend to use the building for storage of lawn and grounds equipment.

The Public Works' Electric System Branch and Parks Branch, and Transportation Department's Traffic Planning and Operations Branch have no objections to the proposed encroachment.

The proposed shed will encroach by a maximum of approximately 4.644 metres (15.2 feet) onto the boulevard and will create a total area of encroachment of approximately 21.47 square metres (231.09 square feet). A real property report indicating the actual amount of encroachment will be required after the construction has been completed.

If approved by City Council, an encroachment agreement will be required. The owners of the property will be subject to an annual fee of approximately \$69.80."

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter: Saskatoon Housing Authority to the City of Saskatoon and Attachment referred to therein.

**B18) Request For Encroachment Agreement
1902 Dufferin Avenue**

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**Lot Pt. 23, all of 24, Block 3, Plan G191
(File No. 4090-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council recognize the encroachment at 1902 Dufferin Avenue (Lot Pt. 23, all of 24, Block 3, Plan G191);
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the appropriate encroachment agreement making provision to collect the applicable fees; and,
 - 3) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Saskatoon under the Corporate Seal.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, August 1, 1996:

"The recent purchasers of the property have requested to enter into an encroachment agreement with the City for the above-noted property. As shown on the attached Real Property Report, part of the eave of the detached garage encroaches onto the City's property (i.e. a lane.) The encroachment has likely existed since 1987 when the garage was constructed.

The total area of encroachment is approximately 0.98 square metres (10.49 square feet). The eave encroaches by a maximum of 0.1 metres (0.33 feet) onto the lane.

If approved by City Council, an encroachment agreement will be required. The owner of the property will be subject to the minimum annual fee of \$50.00."

ATTACHMENTS

1. Real Property Report for 1902 Dufferin Avenue
2. Letter: Robyn L. Braidek, to the Planning and Building Department

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B19) Communications to Council

From: Dennis Neudorf, Volunteer

Saskatoon Spirit

Date: July 4, 1996

**Subject: Use of Cairns Field and the concessions for Saskatchewan Junior Men's
Baseball Championships to be held on August 2 to 4, 1996**

(File No. 275-16)

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department, July 30, 1996:

"Mr. Dennis Neudorf, a volunteer with Saskatoon Spirit, addressed City Council during its July 15, 1996, meeting, regarding the use of Cairns Field and the concessions and urged Council to review the matter to accommodate amateur baseball games. It was resolved:

'that the matter be referred to the Administration to review the lease to determine if anything can be done to accommodate the request from Saskatoon Spirit within the existing contract.'

On August 16, 1993, City Council authorized the City's Administration to negotiate with various user groups, the operation of the J.F. Cairns, Leakos, Bob Van Impe, and Gordon Howe No. 1 ballfields at the Gordon Howe Complex. These negotiations were finalized in March of 1994 resulting in Lease Agreements for the operation of the different facilities as follows:

- Saskatoon Professional Baseball Inc. J.F. Cairns Field
- Saskatoon Amateur Softball Association Bob Van Impe, Gordon Howe Field #1
- Saskatoon Men's Baseball League Leakos Field

With the user groups being responsible for the operation of the various ballfields, a cost-saving of \$100,300 to the Spectator Ballfield Program was identified in the City's 1994 operating budget as follows:

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Amusement Tax and Concession Revenues	\$+3.9	
Rentals of Sportsfield	+50.8	
Staff Compensation		
• Reduction of 2.9 staff-years	-91.9	
Operating Costs, including utilities (-41.6), maintenance (-15.6), other (-5.9)	<u>-63.1</u>	-100.3

Prior to leasing J.F. Cairns Field to Saskatoon Professional Baseball Inc., your staff met with members of the Saskatoon Senior Baseball League (a major user of the field) to determine the league's interest in operating the facility. At that time, League representatives expressed a concern about the League's financial resources to operate the facility at the existing level of service. League representatives supported the idea of having a professional team operate J.F. Cairns Field, with the understanding that the Senior Baseball League would still be able to use the facility when the professional team was not scheduled to play.

On November 6, 1995, City Council approved the assignment of the Lease Agreement governing the use of the J.F. Cairns Field to a group of Saskatoon investors (Field of Dreams Baseball Inc.), who currently operate the Saskatoon Smokin' Guns of the Prairie League of Professional Baseball. Attached for the Committee's information is a copy of the Assignment of Lease and original Lease Agreement.

The general principles incorporated into the leasing arrangements are as follows:

1. The Lease is for a minimum period of three years (May 1994 to September 1996) with an option to renew for an additional three years, subject to the approval of both parties. The operator has full control over the facilities with respect to rental policies, rate setting, and day-to-day operating procedures, and is responsible for all operating costs (does not include the maintenance and reserve provisions to accommodate major competitions).
2. To ensure that the general condition of the facilities is not jeopardized, the leasing arrangement specified certain minimum standards of maintenance and security (e.g. blowing out the irrigation system in the fall, fertilizing and aerating the turf, and obtaining adequate insurance coverage). Through these standards, subsequent lessees will not be forced to incur major and premature capital expenditures because inadequate preventative maintenance measures were undertaken by their predecessors.

The Leisure Services Department was also provided with a copy of a letter dated July 22, 1996, to the City of Saskatoon from Mr. Dave McKee, General Manager of the Saskatoon Smokin' Guns.

The Leisure Services Department has generally been satisfied with the leasing arrangement governing the use of J.F. Cairns Field. The operators have met the terms outlined in the Agreement and have maintained the facility to our standards. In particular, the quality of the playing field has

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exceeded our expectations.

From an allocation perspective it is our understanding that the Senior Baseball League has been able to schedule their league games around the professional team's home schedule and that other groups wishing to use the facility have been accommodated pending the availability of the facility (i.e. Junior Men's Baseball Championships August 2 to 4, 1996, and the Canadian Senior Men's Baseball Championships August 21 to 26, 1996).

With respect to the rental of Cairns Field, it is our understanding that the following rates apply:

- \$145 per game (additional \$90.00 per game if lights are used)
- \$300.00 per day (unlimited number of games)

The above-noted fees for J.F. Cairns Field compares to the following rates set by the City for the 1993 season:

- \$135 per game (no charge for lights)
- \$270 per day (unlimited number of games)

Specific to the use of the concession, it is our understanding that for special events, organizers have been given the option by the Management of the Smokin' Guns to run their own portable concession and/or beer gardens (if applicable) or have the existing concession operated by the Smokin' Guns serve the event.

Provided that the management of the Smokin' Guns continues to operate the facility in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Lease Agreement, and make fair and reasonable allowances for local baseball teams to use the J.F. Cairns Field, it is our intention to renew the Agreement for a further three years as originally contemplated. The Leisure Services Department considers the proposals contained in the letter dated July 22, 1996, from Mr. Dave McKee to be fair and reasonable."

ATTACHMENTS

1. Assignment of Lease
2. Original Lease Agreement
3. Copy of letter from Dave McKee dated July 22, 1996

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**B20) Status of the 1996 Local Roads Preservation Program
Capital Project No. 1531
(File No. 6315-4)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

Report of the A/General Manager, Public Works Department, August 2, 1996:

"On November 6, 1995, City Council approved a \$1,250,000 Capital Budget program for preventative maintenance treatments on local streets. The purpose of this report is to summarize the status of this 1996 Local Roads Preservation Program.

The stated objectives of this program are as follows:

1. Extend the life of those roads that do not require extensive rehabilitation by applying seal treatments. The roads targeted by this program are those in fair condition for surface texture.
2. Reduce the backlog of the worst localized defects on streets that do not require extensive rehabilitation. This component of the program will include extensive localized work such as comprehensive pothole patching or removal and replacement of failed areas.

A specific treatment program to address the first stated objective has been finalized. This program was generated using the condition information from the 1995 Condition Survey of Local Roads. A brief summary describing the program development follows:

1. Develop a list of candidates based on streets whose condition for surface texture falls within given ranges. These ranges were fine tuned during field inspections to ensure that candidates were ideal for seal treatments. The candidates did not have extensive utility settlements, cracking, or other deformations, since streets with these types of defects are not considered to be suitable for seal treatments.
2. Split the candidates into two priorities based on texture condition. Priority 1 streets are those which are in relatively poor texture condition. They require immediate treatment before the window of opportunity for effectively treating them with inexpensive seal treatments is missed. Priority 2 streets are those in fair texture condition and are excellent candidates for the sealing treatment.
3. Finalize the program by choosing relative dense geographic areas of Priority 1 streets. Engineers field-inspected these candidates to ensure that they were suitable for seal treatments. They then inspected the Priority 2 streets within the same geographic area, and

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put all suitable candidates onto the 1996 program. This step was taken in order to generate relatively dense areas of treatment which will allow the contractor to set up their equipment and focus on these areas, rather than ask them to set up and take down their equipment frequently. We expect to see reduced bid costs because of these dense areas of treatment.

4. Water and sewer repercussions are still being reviewed, but the proposed program as shown on the map (which is available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office) is expected to vary by 5% at most due to field conditions or water and sewer rehabilitation overlaps.

The public tender, opened on August 2, revealed unit prices that are 30% less than expected. Therefore, the areas labelled 'Alternate' on the maps will be treated in the 1996 program depending on the realized cost of the preparation work that is currently being performed by City of Saskatoon crews.

The pronounced difference in quantities between the east and the west side of the river was unavoidable. The program was based on specific surface condition criteria which chose the streets that are most cost effectively treated with the seal treatments. To artificially weight the treatment strategy would be compromising the cost effectiveness of the program.

Public Works' Engineers are currently generating the program to address the second stated objective, to improve the worst streets. The same methodology as was used for the seal treatment program will be followed, only with different condition criteria. The relative split between east and west sides will likely reverse for this treatment, since many of the west side streets are in too poor a condition to be suitable for seal treatments.

Of note, the majority of the program will be treated with a 'Slurry Seal' treatment, which is a thin asphalt/aggregate mixture applied with a machine similar to a paver. The remaining program will be treated with a 'Sand Seal' treatment where oil is applied to the surface, aggregate is spread over the oil, and the mix is compacted to the existing asphalt. Loose stones are then cleaned up by sweeping.

In summary, the seal program will:

- treat the streets shown on the map with a seal treatment, which is intended to preserve the local streets. Total treatment area is expected to be 375,000 square metres which represents about 6.5% of the local network (5.77 million square metres total); and,
- cost the City \$1,000,000 of the \$1,250,000 allotted for Local Roads Preservation."

**B21) Proposed Stop Sign Installations
University Heights
(File No. 6280-2)**

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- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that a westbound stop sign be installed on Keevil Crescent at Berini Drive;
 - 2) that a southbound stop sign be installed on Keevil Way at 115th Street; and,
 - 3) that a southbound stop sign be installed on Keevil Crescent at 115th Street.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, August 6, 1996:

"Construction of the final stage of Keevil Crescent in the University Heights Subdivision has progressed to the point that stop signs are now required. These proposed installations will properly assign right-of-way to Berini Drive and 115th Street.

The proposed installations conform to City Policy C07-007 - 'Traffic Control - Use of Stop and Yield Signs' for the installation of stop and yield signs, and will ensure that proper right-of-way is assigned along collector and arterial roadways."

**B22) Capital Project No. 1036
New Traffic Signals
(File No. 6250-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that traffic signals be installed at the intersection of McKercher Drive and Boychuk Drive; and,
 - 2) that funding for the installation of the traffic signals in the estimated amount of \$50,000 be provided from Capital Project No. 1036 - New Traffic Signals.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, August 2, 1996:

"The Transportation Department monitors a number of intersections within the city that either exhibit a potential need for traffic signals or where traffic signals have been requested. A priority list, based on the Transportation Association of Canada's 'Installation Warrants for Traffic Control Signals' criteria, has been developed in order to rank the various locations where traffic signals may be required. As a result of the Department's most recent analysis of traffic signal warrants, it is

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proposed that the intersection of McKercher Drive and Boychuk Drive have traffic signals installed this year, and that several other locations be closely monitored for installation in the coming years.

The priority list appears in Table 1 (attached), with intersections ranked by the high value of the warrant calculations. The warrant is based on traffic volumes entering the intersection, the design speed of the roadways, the distance to the nearest signal in each direction, the number of traffic accidents occurring over the last five years, the availability of crossing gaps to cross-street traffic and pedestrians, and the amount of delay experienced by cross-street traffic. The priority points vary based on the signal timing cycle for 60, 80 and 100 second cycle lengths. The highest of these values is used to rank locations. A priority point rating of 100 is normally used as a warrant threshold for signal consideration.

McKercher Drive and Boychuk Drive

The intersection of McKercher Drive and Boychuk Drive currently has the highest priority rating at 127 warrant points. McKercher Drive is a four-lane arterial roadway that passes between the College Park and East College Park neighbourhoods. Boychuk Drive is a two-lane collector roadway serving the East College Park neighbourhood. Acadia Drive intersects McKercher Drive at 120 metres to the south of Boychuk Drive. For the purposes of the warrant calculation and traffic planning, the benefits of installing traffic signals at McKercher Drive and Boychuk Drive will also include other locations along McKercher Drive.

The primary motivation for installation of traffic signals at this location is to reduce vehicle delays for motorists using Boychuk Drive. Currently, westbound Boychuk Drive motorists are experiencing considerable delays when turning left onto southbound McKercher Drive. As well, southbound McKercher Drive motorists are experiencing considerable delays when turning left onto Boychuk Drive. The introduction of traffic signals will reduce this delay and reduce the collision potential at this intersection. Traffic signals will also provide additional crossing safety and a reduction in waiting time for pedestrians wanting to cross McKercher Drive at this location. Traffic collisions, that are considered correctable with the installation of traffic signals, average four per year at this location and four per year at McKercher Drive and Acadia Drive.

Currently, vehicle spacing on McKercher Drive between 8th Street and College Drive is quite dispersed. This provides insufficient gaps in the traffic for pedestrians to cross McKercher Drive and for motorists to enter the traffic stream. The introduction of traffic signals will create a platoon of vehicles at the signal. Rather than the traffic gaps being uniformly dispersed, there will be many small gaps as the platoon proceeds, with long gaps between the platoons. This will provide improved traffic operation for the intersection of McKercher Drive and Acadia Drive, as well as for the intersections further to the south along McKercher Drive. These gaps will also provide better opportunities for pedestrians to safely cross McKercher Drive.

Future Signal Locations

The Transportation Department continues to monitor a number of other intersections within the city for the installation of traffic signals. A review of the current status of the remaining top nine

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locations on the list follows:

1. The intersection of McKercher Drive and Taylor Street continues to rise on the priority list as traffic volumes on these roadways increase. Growth in traffic volumes are likely to continue as development in the area proceeds. The intersection is currently controlled by four-way stop signs. A review was not undertaken in 1996 as the traffic patterns have been disrupted by the construction at Circle Drive and Taylor Street.
2. Special-event signals were proposed for the intersection of Idylwyld Drive and Marquis Drive several years ago to address traffic concerns at this intersection. This proposal consisted of a full set of signals that would be operational only during special events at Saskatchewan Place. The Department of Highways and Transportation, which has jurisdiction on this portion of Idylwyld Drive, disagreed with the proposal. At that time, and through continuing discussions with the Department, they have maintained a position that no traffic signals of any nature will be installed at this location in the immediate future.
3. The traffic characteristics of Central Avenue and 105th Street have changed with the 105th Street connection to McKercher Drive. Traffic volumes have been recorded and the current intersection configuration is adequate for the present time.
4. Avenue B and 22nd Street appears on the list; however, it is not being considered for traffic signals. Avenue B is a low-volume local street in a commercial district while 22nd Street is a major arterial roadway servicing the west side of the city. The close proximity of this intersection to Idylwyld Drive and the relatively low volume of traffic on Avenue B make this location a poor candidate for signals. The volumes on 22nd Street, a high accident rate and a need for pedestrian-crossing gaps have placed this location high on the priority list. Currently, there is an eastbound left-turn bay while westbound left turns are prohibited with signs. A median opening exists at this location on 22nd Street. In order to address the accident concerns at this location, consideration is being given to physically closing this median opening to eliminate north/south traffic conflicts. There is a need, however, to balance the safety concerns with the access concerns of adjacent land owners who may suffer from reduced access to their properties.
5. Central Avenue and Gray Avenue continues to experience an increase in traffic volumes as development progresses in the north-east sector of the city. The number of traffic accidents occurring at this intersection continues to be in the order of 16 correctable collisions per year. The proximity of the traffic signals at 115th Street and Central Avenue makes this location a poor candidate for signal timing progression along Central Avenue. In addition, the close proximity to the rail signal on the CPR mainline adds a safety concern and operational problem in that vehicles could not be allowed to queue onto the trackage.
6. Avenue C and Cynthia Street is a candidate for traffic signals. The traffic volumes at this intersection continue to rise; however, collision rates and delays are still reasonable. This location will continue to be monitored.

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7. Lorne Avenue and Ruth Street is currently a four-way stop controlled intersection. The traffic volumes are evenly distributed on each leg of the intersection with a total incoming traffic volume of 14,000 vehicles per day. The accident rate does not indicate a high potential to be reduced by the introduction of signals; however, the amount of delay incurred by traffic -- especially during the peak hour -- is increasing. Individual delays are not excessive, as the operation of a four-way stop distributes the delay relatively equally to all vehicles. The total delay to all vehicles, and the level of congestion at this location, is, however, becoming a concern. These concerns are exacerbated by special events in the area, both at the Saskatoon Praireland Exhibition and the Western Development Museum.
8. The four-way stop at 7th Avenue and 33rd Street continues to operate at a satisfactory level. Delays are not at an unacceptable level and accident rates are not excessive. Installation of signals at this location may attract additional traffic to 7th Avenue, which bisects the North Park neighbourhood. The Transportation Department receives numerous concerns regarding the amount and speeds of vehicles using 7th Avenue. Care must, therefore, be exhibited in introducing a traffic control device which could make 7th Avenue an even more attractive route for motorists.
9. Clarence Avenue and Main Street is a two-way stop controlled intersection of an arterial and local street. The collision rate at this location continues to be a concern with an average of fourteen per year over the last five years. The installation of signals at this location may attract additional traffic to Main Street through the Nutana and Varsity View neighbourhoods.

Locations where signals are not being considered are being reviewed in order to increase their serviceability and safety."

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Table 1: New Traffic Signal Warrant Priority List

**B23) Cadillac Fairview - Midtown Plaza Easement No. 5
The City of Saskatoon, Canadian National Railway Company,
Eaton Properties Limited and Cadillac Fairview/JMB Investments Corp.
(File No. 290-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve the execution of the agreement amending Agreement No. 5 by His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk.

ADOPTED.

Report of the City Solicitor, August 6, 1996:

"The owners of the Midtown Plaza are conducting a general update of their documentation respecting the Midtown property including certain Easement Agreements. Our office received a request to amend an Easement Agreement on such property, now owned by the Canadian National Railway Company, Eaton Properties Limited and Cadillac Fairview/JMB Investments Corp. The Easement Agreement was executed January 30, 1968, between The City of Saskatoon and the Canadian National Railway Company, regarding the CN Rail bridge spanning a portion of 19th Street. Under the terms of the Easement Agreement, the City can request that CN raise the maximum vertical distance of the bridge one foot six and one-half inches, at CN's cost. The Easement Agreement also contains a provision allowing CN to terminate the Agreement on notice, without any obligation to demolish the bridge.

The owners of the Midtown Plaza asked that the term requiring them to raise the bridge one foot six and one-half inches be deleted. The Transportation Department has advised that the clearance requirement of one foot six and one-half inches is no longer necessary, and can be deleted from the Easement Agreement.

An amending Agreement in draft was prepared by the solicitors for the owners of the Midtown Plaza, eliminating the clauses of the Agreement which address raising the bridge one foot six and one-half inches. A copy of the draft Agreement is attached. The Agreement has also been amended to include the owners T. Eaton Company Ltd. and Cadillac Fairview/JMB Investments Corp. as parties to the Agreement."

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Copy of draft Agreement between The City of Saskatoon and The T. Eaton Company Limited, Canadian National Railway Company and Cadillac Fairview/JMB Investments Corp.

**B24) Subdivision Application #40/96
3835 Fairlight Drive
(File No. 4300-2-2) _____**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that City Council resolve, in connection with the approval of Subdivision Application No. 40/96, that it would be impractical and undesirable to require full compliance with Section 15(1)(a) of Subdivision Bylaw No. 6537 for the following reasons:
 - a) the proposed lots will each have a depth and site area which exceeds the minimum requirement of the Subdivision Bylaw;
 - b) the variance is minor and will not affect surrounding properties in any negative way;
 - c) this proposal represents a good opportunity for infill development; and,
- 2) that Subdivision Application No. 40/96 be approved subject to the payment of \$50.00 being the required approval fee.

ADOPTED.

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, August 7, 1996:

"The following subdivision application has been submitted for approval:

Subdivision Application: #40/96
Applicant: Mr. Robert Fuller for City of Saskatoon
Legal Description: Lot 69, Block 147, Plan 79-S-39382
Location: 3835 Fairlight Drive."

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ATTACHMENTS

1. August 7, 1996 Subdivision Report

**B25) Proposed Development and Servicing Agreement
The City of Saskatoon and David S. Yip and Iven Jen
Caldwell Crescent/Place, Parkridge Neighbourhood
(File No. 4111-8)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the proposed Development and Servicing Agreement as between The City of Saskatoon and David S. Yip and Iven Jen be approved: and,
 - 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute such Agreement on behalf of The City of Saskatoon and affix the corporate seal thereto.

ADOPTED.

Report of the City Solicitor, August 8, 1996:

"In keeping with the instruction of the Planning and Operations Committee at its meeting held on July 16, 1996, and the further specific direction of the General Manager, Public Works Department, we have prepared and forward herewith for consideration proposed form of Development and Servicing Agreement as between The City of Saskatoon and David S. Yip/Iven Jen and pertaining to the Caldwell Crescent and Place area of the Parkridge neighbourhood.

The proposed Agreement is in the City's standard form, except that the Developer may apply to directly undertake certain park, fencing and buffer works normally provided by the City. All such works are required to be completed in accordance with the City's standards and specifications, and be provided as a consequence of an open public tender of the works in question. Similar provisions have been present in the majority of recent Development Agreements. Except as noted, the proposed Agreement imposes all standard development conditions and requirements."

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Development and Servicing Agreement between The City of Saskatoon and David S. Yip/Iven Jen.

REPORT NO. 14-1996 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

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Composition of Committee

Councillor M. Heidt, Chair
Councillor A. Langford
Councillor P. McCann
Councillor J. Postlethwaite
Councillor K. Waygood

**1. Enquiry - Councillor Postlethwaite (June 17, 1996)
Taylor Street
(File No. CK. 6000-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Postlethwaite at the meeting of City Council held on June 17, 1996:

"In the interest of pedestrian safety, I would like it to be determined whether Taylor Street will continue to be a two lane roadway, especially in view of the new overpass feeding into this 'minor' arterial.

Then would the Administration please take steps to protect pedestrians by installing sidewalk bulbs, or if an upgrade to a four lane arterial is merited, then to install centre median refuges.

In this way, the number of traffic lanes to be crossed by pedestrians would be limited to only two at a time in either case."

In this regard, your Committee has considered and concurs with the following report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, dated July 8, 1996:

REPORT

As Councillor Postlethwaite has indicated in her enquiry, Taylor Street is classified as a minor arterial roadway between the Idylwyld Freeway and Arlington Avenue. East of Arlington Avenue, Taylor Street's classification reverts to a major arterial status. Although the section of Taylor Street which Councillor Postlethwaite refers to has the prefix 'minor' attached to it, it nonetheless fulfills the function of an arterial in much the same manner as does a 'major' arterial. The minor/major distinction lies with the volume of traffic and cross section of the roadway. The primary purpose of both classifications of roadways is to move traffic through the City.

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Taylor Street, west of Arlington Avenue, predominantly operates as a two-lane roadway, with parking allowed on both sides. The amount of parking which occurs on Taylor Street is sporadic; therefore, when the parking lane is vacant the roadway can function safely as a four-lane arterial.

The Transportation Department has no short-term plans to recommend Taylor Street being upgraded to a four-lane cross section by the removal of parking on both sides. With the continued growth of traffic using 8th Street, a point will be reached when motorists will begin using Taylor Street in increasing numbers to avoid congestion on 8th Street. This will likely occur in an incremental fashion, with parking being removed on stretches of Taylor Street as traffic flows increase (i.e. Preston Avenue to Arlington Avenue, Cumberland Avenue to Preston Avenue and so on). The Transportation Department would not recommend reducing the cross section of Taylor Street to two lanes on a permanent basis (through the use of corner bulbing) as it would likely have to be removed in the relatively near future to increase roadway capacity.

With respect to the issue of pedestrian safety along Taylor Street, the Department is unaware of any pedestrian safety concerns which have been raised by the public or residents of the adjacent communities. If Councillor Postlethwaite has concerns regarding a particular intersection or crossing location, it would be much more expedient to deal with them on an individual basis."

**2. Permanent Blockage - North-South Lane East of
Arlington Avenue between Taylor Street and
Louise Street
(File No. CK. 6295-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the north-south lane east of Arlington Avenue, between Taylor Street and Louise Street, as shown on Plan No. Misc 359, be blocked on a permanent basis.

ADOPTED.

The former Works and Utilities Committee, at its meeting held on July 28, 1993, considered a referral from City Council dealing with a communication from Brandtwood Estates with respect to excessive traffic in the lane east of Brandtwood Estates. The Committee subsequently resolved that the north-south lane east of Arlington Avenue, between Taylor Street and Louise Street, be blocked, as shown on Plan No. Misc 359, on a trial basis for a six-month period.

In this regard, your Committee has considered and concurs with the following report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, dated June 17, 1996:

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"DISCUSSION

The Transportation Department has reviewed the operation of this lane and the closure that was put in place in 1993. It is serving the intended function, that is, to eliminate short-cutting traffic between Louise Street and Taylor Street. At the time that this closure was implemented, lane access to the northern portion of the lane was limited to right-turn-in and right-turn-out due to a continuous centre median on Taylor Street. This past summer, the median has been reconstructed in conjunction with the Taylor Street and Circle Drive Interchange Project. At that time, a median opening and westbound turn bay was constructed to allow full access to this lane from Taylor Street.

JUSTIFICATION

Considering that the closure is performing its intended function and that access issues for the northern portion of the lane have been resolved, a permanent lane closure is appropriate.

OPTIONS

No options were considered.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy issues regarding this matter.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There will be no cost associated with changing the status of this closure from temporary to permanent.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan No. Misc 359"

3. **1995 Operating Budget
Leisure Services Department
Community Development Program
(File No. CK. 5500-1) _____**

RECOMMENDATION: that the Leisure Services Department continue to provide a volunteer support service to Community Associations in the form of a Volunteer Development Program funded on an annual basis in

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the amount of \$8,000 through the Operating Budget.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered and supports the following report of the Leisure Services Department dated July 3, 1996, with respect to the above:

"BACKGROUND

During its April 10, 1995, meeting, City Council dealt with Clause 6, Report No. 7-1995 of the Planning and Development Committee and resolved:

- '1) that the \$8,000 designated for community associations be utilized for the establishment of a Volunteer Development Program; and,
- 2) that the community associations work with Administration on the structure and delivery mechanisms for this program.'

The Leisure Services Department established a Volunteer Development Program, in conjunction with community associations, for implementation in September, 1995. During its September 19, 1995, meeting, the Planning and Operations Committee dealt with a further report on the program and resolved, in part:

- '2) that an interim report come forward which analyzes and addresses any impact on services provided by the Leisure Service Department with the implementation of the Volunteer Development Program.'

DISCUSSION

The Volunteer Development Program was developed to provide support services to community associations for the recruitment and development of volunteers at the neighbourhood level. This is achieved by providing a neighbourhood-based, part-time volunteer coordinator to a community association to assist in the recruitment and training of volunteers for the development and delivery of recreation programs, and for the effective operation of the community association. The volunteer coordinator is funded and trained by the City, but accountable to the community association in conjunction with the Area Recreation Consultant from the Leisure Services Department.

The volunteer coordinator is also to assist the department and the community association in the development of a neighbourhood-based volunteer registry for use by the community association.

The Leisure Services Department is able to provide the program to five community

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associations per year, based on the amount of funding available. An application process is being used to determine the five community associations that will be selected each fall (see Appendix A). The criteria for selection includes the volunteer recruitment needs of the community association; the absence of a volunteer management strategy; and the ability of the community association to function well without receiving the program.

The first five community associations to be selected for a volunteer coordinator position were: Lawson Heights, Fairhaven, Holiday Park, Exhibition, and Pleasant Hill.

Recruitment for the volunteer coordinator positions was done by the community associations within their own respective neighbourhoods. They used various methods to advertise the positions (e.g. community newsletter, school newsletter, flyers, etc.). The Leisure Services Department assisted by placing a recruitment advertisement in the Star Phoenix on two occasions.

All applications were received by the Leisure Services Department, screened, and shortlisted for interviews. A representative from the community association and a Leisure Service Recreation Consultant conducted the interviews and chose the successful candidate for each association. The volunteer coordinators were contracted to the community associations for approximately 100 hours of service for each community association.

EVALUATION

The 1995-96 pilot program has now been completed. The following is an evaluation on the components of the program based on the feedback received from the participating community associations, volunteer coordinators, and Leisure Services Department staff:

1. Recruitment of Volunteer Coordinators

Five volunteer coordinators were successfully recruited for the participating community associations. The intent was to recruit from within the neighbourhoods that the community association served. Two of the five successful applicants lived in the communities they were contracted to work in. Although it is preferred that the Volunteer Coordinator live in the community, it was not a factor in determining the success of the program. The greatest success was achieved by the applicants with the experience and skills for the position, rather than where they lived.

2. Training of Volunteer Coordinators

Two days of training was provided by the Leisure Services Department and this was adequate. Now that the pilot projects are complete, the incorporation of practical examples of duties and methodology used by the coordinators will be incorporated into future training.

3. Recruitment of Volunteers

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The primary focus of the volunteer coordinators was to recruit volunteers for the community association. Overall, the five volunteer coordinators recruited **108 volunteers**. Of this total, **19** were placed in vacant executive positions. This marked a significant improvement in the community associations' recruitment results from prior to having a volunteer coordinator.

4. Training of Volunteers

The volunteer coordinators were not actively involved in the training of newly recruited volunteers. This training was left to the Area Recreation Consultant and the community associations. The decision for the coordinators not to do training was based on the community associations' desire to maintain that role, as well as a lack of time for the coordinator to implement a training program. The issue of whether the volunteer coordinator should be involved with training, and to what level, should be left to the community association to determine, in consultation with their Area Recreation Consultant.

5. Impact on Community Association Operation

The participating community associations all reported a beneficial impact on their respective communities. The obvious benefit to most was filling vacancies on their executive, allowing them to ensure the continuation of their operations. Another benefit was the building of their volunteer reserves for the operation of their programs and special events. A benefit that all of the community associations noted was a raised awareness among the residents of the community regarding the community association and the important role it plays in the community. This was attributed to the volunteer recruitment efforts of the volunteer coordinator.

Due to the increased level of volunteer support and the increased awareness of community members, the community associations exhibited renewed enthusiasm and incentive to continue recruiting volunteers. Of the five participating community associations, four now have volunteer coordinators on their executive who will continue the functions of the contracted volunteer coordinator provided under this program. This indicates a long-term, sustainable benefit to the community association.

6. Development of Volunteer Registry

Two computers were purchased and a program developed as a support service for community associations to establish a volunteer registry specific to their neighbourhood. The computer program is designed in such a way that it can generate reports based on the skills, availability, and interests of the volunteers placed on the registry.

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The computer program needs further refinement in terms of how the information is collected and the reports that can be generated. As a pilot, it was expected that the program would need to evolve to meet the needs of the community associations. Leisure Service Department staff will work towards improving the system in the future. Access to the system will continue to be provided to community associations who have participated in the program. The long term objective is that all community associations will have access to the system and program to register and keep track of their volunteers.

The Leisure Services Department has now gone through the application process for five more community associations to participate in the 1996-97 Volunteer Development Program. The same criteria for selection was utilized. The following community associations were selected: Dundonald, Kelsey, Queen Elizabeth, Wildwood and Caswell. Lakeridge and Silverwood Community Associations also applied to receive a volunteer coordinator, but were not successful at this time. However, both of these community associations are proceeding to have a volunteer coordinator in place for the fall. Lakeridge Community Association has recruited someone to take on the responsibilities of a volunteer coordinator, and the Silverwood Community Association is proceeding to recruit and pay a volunteer coordinator. The Leisure Service Department will train both of these coordinators as part of the support services to the community associations, and as part of the Volunteer Development Program.

This program clearly has benefited the community associations who have participated and its value has been identified by other community associations who are proceeding on their own initiative. In order for community associations to function, their basic need of recruiting and placing volunteers has to be met. This program provides community associations, who are struggling with volunteer management, the opportunity to benefit from the direct support of a volunteer coordinator. Four out of five community associations in the initial program are continuing with the program. This demonstrates the long-term benefit this program can have. As a community development tool, the program is assisting community associations to begin to do, on their own, what they previously were struggling to achieve. By continuing the program, the community associations will further move towards a more effective and efficient development of their organization.

OPTIONS

The only options to the Volunteer Development Program are to discontinue it or expand it. The need for the program was clearly identified by the 43 community associations in terms of additional services they required from Leisure Services. The community associations identified that they were unable to recruit volunteers to meet the needs of their ever increasing roles in the community. If the program were to be discontinued, it is logical to assume that many of the services that community associations now provide to their neighbourhood residents would not continue. Without the human resource of volunteers, community associations would face difficult decisions in terms of prioritizing their existing services and meeting their mandate of providing leisure programs at the neighbourhood

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level. In regards to expanding the program, if additional resources were made available, the Department would be able to offer this program to all 43 community associations over a shorter period of time.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Currently, in the 1996 operating budget for the Volunteer Development Program in the Leisure Services Department, there is \$8,000. This \$8,000 allows the City to serve five different community associations a year with a volunteer coordinator contracted for 180 hours of service.

This amount is seen to be adequate to serve five community associations per year. Utilizing this approach, we will be able to provide this volunteer support to all community associations over the course of an eight to nine year period.

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

The Leisure Services Department will continue to communicate directly with community associations and provide them the opportunity to apply for the Program when they are ready."

**4. Softball Diamonds in Zone 2
(File No. CK. 4133-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered and concurs with the following report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department, dated June 26, 1996:

"BACKGROUND

At the meeting of the Planning and Operations Committee held on March 5, 1996, Councillor Waygood tabled the attached copy of letter dated February 2, 1996, from Cathie Fornssler, Zone 2 Commissioner, Saskatoon Minor Softball League, regarding the above. She requested that the letter be forwarded to the Administration for a response.

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The Leisure Services Department currently allocates approximately 136 sportsfields to the Saskatoon Minor Softball League. These fields are located primarily in neighbourhood parks, (including some school board property), with a small number located in district and multi-district parks. Your staff recently met with sportsfield users, including representatives from Minor Softball, to review sportsfield needs and to discuss field classifications, maintenance service levels, and fee schedules for charge fields. During this review users felt strongly about the need to upgrade existing sportsfields. During its December 18, 1995, meeting, City Council approved a report on City Operated Sportsfields Rental Fees which recommended, in part, a sportsfield upgrading program. This is to be funded through a Productivity Improvement Loan in the amount of \$213,000 to be repaid through additional revenues generated from increased sportsfield user fees. This funding and subsequent sportsfield upgrading is identified for charge fields which are located in district and multi-district parks.

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REPORT

Specific to the two concerns identified by Cathie Fornssler in her letter of February 2, 1996 referring to the sportsfields in Zone 2, our comments are as follows:

1. Would the City of Saskatoon share with the school boards the cost of improving the school board softball diamonds that are in poor playing condition?

In order to meet the demand for diamonds for the minor softball program in Zone 2, the City allocates school board diamonds in addition to those fields owned and maintained by the City. The maintenance and upgrading of school diamonds is the responsibility of the respective school boards. Your staff recognize that many of these diamonds are in poor condition and require upgrading in order to improve safe playing conditions. Since the City has insufficient municipal reserve in the Nutana and Buena Vista neighbourhoods (the West portion of Zone 2 referred to by Ms. Fornssler) on which to provide softball diamonds, the only space appropriate for ball field development is at school sites.

Previously, the school boards and the City have collaborated to address the need for the provision of park space for program needs in neighbourhoods where identified deficiencies of municipal reserve exist. In 1994, the City contributed funds to redevelop the park surrounding St. Mary's School in Pleasant Hill, a portion of which is on school board property.

In recent discussions, representatives from both the Catholic and Public School Boards agreed, in principle, to the development of ball diamonds at identified school locations in Zone 2. City Council would have to agree to the concept of City funds being utilized for development on school board property. In addition, the required funds would have to be approved by City Council through the capital funding process.

Currently, Leisure Services is addressing the quality of our charge diamonds located in the district and multi-district parks through the sportsfield upgrading program referred to previously. At the present time, the upgrading of sportsfields located in neighbourhood parks is funded through the following programs:

Neighbourhood Park Upgrade Program: Neighbourhood park redevelopment was implemented in 1989, and as a result, sportsfields are reconstructed during park construction, providing that through public input, sportsfields are an approved park program. In Zone 2, Kistikan Park was recently redeveloped which resulted in three upgraded softball diamonds. As well, the newly developed park in Grosvenor will provide a new diamond ready for allocation in 1997. Harold Tatler Park is the next park in Zone 2 scheduled for future redevelopment. See attached Appendix A, "Neighbourhood Park Upgrading and Ball Diamond Redevelopment".

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Park Enhancement Program: Community associations can elect to apply to the City for sportsfield improvements through the Park Enhancement Program, a cost-sharing grant for neighbourhood parks. In this manner, the Eastview Community Association (located in Zone 2) received funding in 1994 to improve the layout of their diamonds in A. S. Wright Park.

2. The issue of older players 13 to 19 years of age playing ball on diamonds designed for age 12 and under.

Ms. Fornssler has identified the problem of neighbourhood diamonds being too small for older players ages 13 to 19. According to the park development guidelines, the sportsfields in a neighbourhood park are intended primarily for elementary school age children 12 years and under. The district and multi-district park's sportsfields provide for the athletic needs of high school aged and adult users. The issue of ball players age 13 to 19 having to play on diamonds designed for 12 year olds and under has been identified in discussions with the users. Your staff are currently examining the redesignation of a portion of a neighbourhood park to a district park category which would allow for the construction of larger fields and accommodate the older age category. This would be on an exception basis and would only be considered for those neighbourhoods containing sufficient dedicated park space in accordance with the *Planning and Development Act*.

South Nutana Park neighbourhood is an example of a neighbourhood with sufficient municipal reserve in Harold Tatler Park to provide ball diamonds sized for 13 to 19 year old participants. Harold Tatler Park is scheduled for redevelopment, and construction is to take place in 1998. See Appendix A, "Neighbourhood Park Upgrading and Ball Diamond Redevelopment".

The Lakewood District Park, which borders Zone 2, is currently under construction and will have two adult-size diamonds when completed. The new sportsfields will be allocated to Minor Softball to re-allocate to their individual zones for use by 13 to 19 year old participants.

The issue of sportsfield expansion will be addressed further by the Leisure Services Department in a 1997 Capital Budget submission. In collaboration with users, we will be assessing projected growth of ball and soccer and determining the needs for future site selection of sportsfields.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix A, Neighbourhood Park Upgrading.
2. February 2, 1996, letter from Cathie Fornssler"

**5. Cosmo Civic Centre - Lease of Activity Area
(File No. CK. 290-61)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that a lease agreement, with the Madeline Dumont Child Care Centre Inc. to operate a preschool at the Cosmo Civic Centre for a one-year term from August 1, 1996, to July 31, 1997, renewable for two further one-year terms be approved;
 - 2) that the lease fee for the term of the agreement be \$25,000 per year, including G.S.T.;
 - 3) that no property taxes be payable by the lessee because they are considered to be included in the rental fee; and,
 - 4) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute, on behalf of the City and under the Corporate Seal, the appropriate contract documents as prepared by the City Solicitor.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered and supports the following report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department, dated July 3, 1996, regarding the above.

"BACKGROUND

On May 21, 1996, Ms. Faye Maurice, Coordinator, Madeline Dumont Learning Institute Inc. addressed City Council regarding a new pilot project, sponsored by Metis Locals of Saskatoon, funded through a federal grant. She indicated that government approval had been received by their non-profit organization for an Aboriginal "Head Start" initiative for preschool-aged children. Originally, the project was to be located in a house at 3121/3123 Massey Drive, but there was conflict with the zoning (i.e. it was determined that a discretionary use application was required).

During its May 21, 1996, meeting, Council resolved:

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'that the matter be referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.'

During the Committee's May 28, 1996, meeting, Ms. Maurice indicated that the property would also be used as a community centre in the evening. The General Manager, Planning and Building Department, stated that the R.2 zone does not allow a community centre as a discretionary use, and the property could not be used in this way unless the bylaw were to be amended. She indicated that her staff would be pleased to check whether there are any other City-owned properties available.

It was resolved:

'that the Administration meet further with the proponents to discuss the application and to also determine if there is any suitably-zoned property available to accommodate the proposal.'

The Leisure Services Department has met with program coordinators of the Madeline Dumont Learning Institute Inc., and has located a suitable space at the Cosmo Civic Centre that is appropriate for the "Head Start" program for preschool-aged children.

DISCUSSION

Using funds provided by the federal government, the Madeline Dumont Learning Institute Inc., a non-profit agency comprised of the three Metis Locals of Saskatoon, is initiating a Metis preschool named "Head Start". This learning program is owned and operated by Metis whose goal is to provide resources for parents and children to support the emotional, physical, intellectual, and spiritual growth of Metis children. The focus is on culture/language, education, health, and nutrition, giving children a "head start" in life. Forty families will participate in the program with preschool sessions offered in the mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and afternoons from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The preschool will be located on the second floor of Cosmo Civic Centre in the 1,200 square feet of space referred to as the "Stepping Stone" activity area (see attachment 1). The area includes a kitchen and storage space that will be shared between the preschool and the City. The activity area was originally constructed for the purpose of daycare/preschool programming, and was occupied by a daycare operation from the time that Cosmo opened until 1990. In 1978, City Council approved a Discretionary Use Application for this type of operation to take place at the facility. Because one of the conditions for federal approval of the grant to the Madeline Dumont Child Care Centre Inc. was that program space had to be confirmed by June 28, 1996, your staff has acted to implement the leasing arrangement prior to City Council's approval of the recommended lease amount.

JUSTIFICATION

The presence of the Metis preschool at Cosmo will address the needs of the high Aboriginal population in neighbourhoods in the Confederation area. Leisure Services Needs

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Assessment surveys have identified that programming is required for this target group. The proximity of the preschool to the residents targeted to use the program will address the barrier of transportation for participants living in the Confederation area.

Current Programming and Rental of Stepping Stone

Demand for the Stepping Stone activity area as a rental space and program location is low as outlined in Table I proposed Budget.

Table I: Stepping Stone Actual Revenue for 1995

Based on Four Program Seasons (Winter/Spring / Summer/Fall)	Internal Rent		External Rent		Total Contribution to Rent		Cost of Space	Cost of Recovery
	Hrs.	\$	Hrs.	\$	Hrs.	\$	Hrs.	\$
Actual '95	657	9,198	572	8,008	1,229	17,206	30,450	56.5
Budget '96	572	7,868	255	3,570	827	11,438	30,450	37.56
Proposed Lease	N/A	N/A	N/A	25,000	N/A	23,364	30,450	76.7

During 1995, revenue from programs and rentals generated \$17,206 toward the rental costs for this area. Based on the 1996 budgeted cost (\$30,450), the cost-recovery rate for the activity space is 56.5 percent. The Leisure Services Department is able to relocate all the programs and rental groups, with the exception of one adult user group, to other locations so there is no loss in revenue as a result of the lease arrangement. The adult user group rented 88 hours from September of 1994 to March of 1996, and generated approximately \$1,200 rental revenue. Discussions are taking place with this user group to hopefully find another activity space they may rent at Cosmo Civic Centre or one of the other City-operated facilities.

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Proposed Agreement with Madeline Dumont Learning Institute Inc.

Madeline Dumont Learning Institute Inc. is a non-profit agency who is trying to establish a long-term program for Metis preschool children. Currently their funding is provided by the federal government for three years. Based on the amount of funding they have available, they are unable to pay full market value for the space. Because of these factors, the Leisure Services Department and the Madeline Dumont Child Care Centre Inc. have agreed to a yearly guaranteed flat fee of \$25,000 for this space. This fee will provide Cosmo Civic Centre with revenue which is not attainable by continuing with the current program operations. This fee reduces the subsidy of the Stepping Stone activity space by 25.6 percent, by generating approximately \$7,800 more revenue than actually received in 1995. With the relocation of programs and rental groups, we will increase our overall revenue for the program site by \$22,164.

The Leisure Services Department has informed the Confederation Suburban Program Advisory Committee about the location of the preschool in the Stepping Stone area at Cosmo Civic Centre. The representatives on the Advisory Committee supported the efforts to lease the under-utilized Stepping Stone activity space.

OPTIONS

Not applicable.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The lease arrangement with Madeline Dumont Institute Inc. will provide \$23,364 in rental revenue.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan of area to be leased."

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**6. Social Housing Advisory Committee
(File No. CK. 226-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the Strategic Plan of the Social Housing Advisory Committee be approved.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered and concurs with the report of the Chair of the Social Housing Advisory Committee dated July 8, 1996, which follows. Additional information requested by your Committee has been appended as "Attachment 1".

"EXECUTIVE SUMMARY"

The Social Housing Advisory Committee has completed a strategic planning process, culminating in the attached Strategic Plan. It addresses the changing context for social housing and outlines our framework for action over the next two years.

It defines the need for social housing as a need to produce a continuum of housing appropriate for all members of our communities. The private market has never fully met this need, but the Federal and Provincial programs that filled in the gaps left by the private sector have ended, leaving our municipality as the sole source of support for this broader housing market.

This is perhaps appropriate, because it is the quality of our housing that makes our communities and our city a good place to live and work. Strong citizenship, healthy communities, economic vitality, and the livability of our city all depend on how well our families, neighbours and fellow citizens are housed. To tie these issues together, we are taking a community development approach to housing, recognizing that the residents of a community are the most important resource, and that we should strive to build on their inherent strengths and resources, helping to create a place where people take responsibility for their own well-being.

With this in mind, we have defined a Mission Statement, Vision and Goals, all of which leads to a set of Strategic Actions: Preservation, Maintenance and Enhancement of Existing Assets, Broadening Our Housing Choices, and Enabling New Housing. We are also considering changing the name of this committee to "Saskatoon Housing Advisory Committee".

We are undertaking these strategies by following a Workplan, formulated to address short-term, mid-term and long-term objectives. While we want to create a broad-based support for social housing across the City, there are certain target groups and areas that will receive priority in application of these actions: Inner City or Center City neighbourhoods, Family

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housing, and First Nations communities.

BACKGROUND

The Social Housing Advisory Committee (SHAC) was established by Saskatoon City Council in 1989 with the following purpose:

1. To monitor and advise the Planning and Operations Committee on the distribution and availability of existing social housing in Saskatoon;
2. To advise the Planning and Operations Committee on present and future needs for social housing and on the ways the City of Saskatoon can help meet these needs;
3. To make recommendations to the Planning and Operations Committee on initiatives the City of Saskatoon should take to improve the distribution and availability of affordable housing; and,
4. To facilitate co-ordination and co-operation of agencies and organizations interested in providing social housing in Saskatoon.

In April, 1996, SHAC acquired a resource person to act as the **Social Housing Facilitator** (SHF) for the City of Saskatoon. Working out of the Planning and Building Department, the SHF's mandate over the next two years is to:

- explore and develop a range of innovative housing models that will provide affordable housing to people with low and moderate incomes.
- explore and recommend how the City of Saskatoon might be involved in and how it can promote long-term affordable housing developments, including any financing strategies that may be required.
- explore opportunities and facilitate partnerships between the non-profit and private sectors for social housing.
- act as a clearinghouse for innovative housing ideas and models.
- monitor, evaluate and respond to housing policies, programs and legislation from all levels of government.
- identify, monitor and liaise with various target groups that are in the greatest need of affordable housing.

Part of the rationale for hiring a Facilitator was a recognition that the context in which SHAC operates has changed, in particular due to the withdrawal of both Federal and Provincial government programs to assist the development of social housing.

In light of this, SHAC met on March 14, 1996 to discuss what the future of social housing would be for the City of Saskatoon, and SHAC's role in that future. This discussion was used as the starting point for the development of a Strategic Plan, the first draft of which was tabled at a special meeting of the Committee on May 8, 1996. The third and final draft was accepted by the Committee on June 12, 1996, and is submitted for approval to this Committee with this report.

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JUSTIFICATION

The withdrawal of both Federal and Provincial support for the delivery of social housing, means that the City has, by default, become the primary level of government responsible for ensuring the continued availability of appropriate, safe, secure and affordable housing for all of our citizens. The Social Housing Advisory Committee (SHAC), with the assistance of the newly appointed Housing Facilitator, is the primary instrument for addressing this need.

The purpose of our strategic planning exercise was to better understand our options for continued action in this new context.

We started by asking what we mean by “social housing”, and why we need social housing in our communities. The reason we need social housing is that there are many people in our communities who require a different product than the conventional housing market is able or willing to offer. The market has never been effective at meeting the full range of housing needs that exist in our communities, thus the interventions of Federal and Provincial governments, who stepped in to ensure that housing was provided to households with non-standard needs. As noted, this role is changing, partly due to shifts in budget priorities, but also because there is some questioning of the efficacy of this approach - effectively a separate development system outside of the "conventional" market place.

Understanding “social housing” as an extension of the market place, a new perspective becomes possible. Rather than create new programs to smooth out the inherent inefficiencies of the conventional housing market place, we are pursuing a strategy that looks at ways of bringing these other *social* needs to the market.

Non-conventional by definition, this social housing market requires new forms of support throughout the housing process. It also demands that the market find new ways of working, from inception to marketing to financing. But in the end, it is a market that we need to develop, because we all benefit from having a rich availability of housing options.

We need social housing because each and every one of us needs access to a continuum of housing: accommodation appropriate to our changing needs throughout our lives. More importantly, if we truly want a safe, livable community for ourselves and for our families, we need to make sure that our fellow citizens, neighbours and family members are appropriately housed. In the end, we need to invest in our communities today, to help ensure that we have healthy, viable places to live in the future.

This establishes an appropriate role for SHAC, the Facilitator and the City. Rather than trying to replace the role played by big government, we are trying to encourage and enable a local response to a perceived need in our own communities. We therefore see our role as being to facilitate the partnerships and help develop the tools needed to enable the full range of housing needs to be served.

This new approach means that the scope of our activity is much broader than the sector known as “social housing”, especially as this term is currently used to describe housing

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projects administered and funded by Federal or Provincial housing programs. Now that such programs have ended, we felt it important to clearly establish, for ourselves and for the community, that our role steps beyond this old model. As well, there are particular, often strong connotations and perceptions that come with the term "social housing" that impact our relationships with the community, and with the businesses and organizations we are trying to form partnerships with, particularly the financial sector. If we are pursuing and promoting a new way of doing business, we feel it is important to send a signal that the old ways are gone.

Therefore, at the June 12, 1996 meeting of the SHAC Committee, it was resolved that we would consider a new name for the Committee, in part to reflect the change in context for social housing and our role in that arena. The committee is considering the name: "*Saskatoon Housing Advisory Committee: Affordable, Safe and Secure Communities*". Once SHAC makes a final recommendation regarding the name, a further report will be presented to the Planning and Operations Committee.

In summary, these strategies provide a framework for action that closely follow and support the vision put forth in the City of Saskatoon Strategic Plan, in particular the stated need to help make Saskatoon a model city with a high quality of life, built up from a quilt of neighbourhoods, where people are empowered to take control of their own lives. Our strategic plan is fundamentally about encouragement and enablement of personal and community responsibility, with strategic actions aimed at achieving the goal of making Saskatoon a livable, workable and model city for all of our citizens.

OPTIONS

- 1) Accept SHAC Strategic Plan as submitted. This is the preferred option, ratifying our planning efforts and providing us with a clear mandate and framework for action.
- 2) Reject SHAC Strategic Plan. This would require the Planning and Operations Committee to provide further direction to SHAC respecting its mandate.

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POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no immediate implications to City policy, but acceptance will allow a long-term shift of focus to a broader, more comprehensive approach to housing in the city.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Acceptance of this Strategic Plan will present no change to the financial operation of SHAC or the role of the Social Housing Facilitator, but will enable a more effective use of time and resources.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Strategic Plan for the Social Housing Advisory Committee, dated June 12, 1996."

**7. Fireworks Display in Diefenbaker Park
- Canada Day
(File No. CK. 205-1) _____**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the information be received;
 - 2) that the request for a fireworks display in Diefenbaker Park on July 1, 1997, in connection with the Canada Day celebrations, be approved, subject to Administrative conditions; and
 - 3) that, for the 1997 fireworks display during the Canada Day celebrations at Diefenbaker Park, the Administration be requested to implement the initiatives discussed in the report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, dated July 5, 1996.

ADOPTED.

City Council, at its meeting held on May 6, 1996, approved a request from the Optimist Club of Saskatoon for a fireworks display in Diefenbaker Park on July 1st and referred the issue of traffic control to the Planning and Operations Committee for a report. Your Committee subsequently requested the Administration to report on how to ensure access for emergency vehicles during the Canada Day celebrations for residents affected by the extra on-street parking. As noted in the report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, which follows, this year's attendance for the fireworks event was tremendous and somewhat overwhelming for the traffic controls that were in place. Your Committee agrees with the comments in the Department's report that several

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initiatives need to be explored in order to reduce the congestion and address the safety concerns that were experienced this year.

In light of the initiatives which will be undertaken for 1997, your Committee is recommending that the request by Mr. Sylvester for a fireworks display for the Canada Day Celebrations on July 1, 1997, be approved. A copy of Mr. Sylvester's letter dated July 6, 1996, is attached.

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, dated July 5, 1996:

"BACKGROUND

At the May 14, 1996, meeting of the Planning and Operations Committee, it was resolved:

'that the Administration be requested to report on how to ensure access for emergency vehicles during the Canada Day celebrations for resident affected by the extra on-street parking.'

REPORT

The Transportation Department reviewed the concerns of the Committee and area residents with the Saskatoon Police Service and the Fire and Protective Services. Prior to the event both agencies indicated that they had no concerns with providing service to the area residents during the day or evening. Each agency noted that they had additional personnel and equipment in the area, especially for the event, that they could dispatch to the adjacent neighbourhood should an emergency arise. It was recognized that traffic queues form immediately following the fireworks display. However, none of the agencies considered this to be an access concern as the traffic flow is highly directional and the opposite side of the roadway could be used safely. No further discussion with these agencies took place.

Observations of the traffic congestion at this year's event by the staff of the Transportation Department and the Saskatoon Police Service noted several safety considerations that were not envisioned during the planning of the event.

During the evening arrival to the event, there was some congestion on Ruth Street leading into the Exhibition area; however, this did not pose a safety concern. A queue of traffic formed on the St. George Avenue exit from the Idylwyld Freeway. This queue extended onto the driving lane of the freeway creating a significant hazard to southbound through traffic which would have been approaching the queue at highway speeds. No other safety concerns regarding the arrival were noted.

Following the fireworks, there are no additional planned activities and consequently all of those attending the event attempt to leave the area. Traffic congestion on the roadways in the area was considerable. The two main access roads (Taylor Street and Ruth Street) were fully congested. No police control was used at the four-way stop controlled intersections of Taylor Street and Herman Avenue or at Ruth Street and Lorne Avenue. Although the

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congestion itself did not present a safety hazard, driver frustration was high and many traffic offenses were observed including motorists driving in the on-coming traffic lane.

This event has been staged in Diefenbaker Park for the last number of years. The Transportation Department has been involved in the organization of this event from the beginning and has not experienced a great deal of difficulty with the event at this location. Clearly, this year's attendance for the fireworks event was tremendous and somewhat overwhelming for the traffic controls that were in place. If the event were to be staged at this location in future years, several initiatives would need to be explored in order to reduce the congestion and address the safety concerns that were experienced this year. Several ideas have been expressed to our Department including the following:

- The Saskatoon Police Service have suggested that a minimum of six officers be assigned to the area and that the financial resources be provided through the Provision of Civic Services program. This would allow them to direct traffic following the event at six key locations providing improved traffic flow.
- There was no special transit service provided for the event. Transit service will be reviewed with the intent being to reduce the number of private vehicles requiring access to the site.
- A pre-event coordination meeting will need to be held to ensure that all agencies are aware of the services that will be provided and that a traffic management strategy is developed and implemented.

The Transportation Department will be pursuing these initiatives and soliciting others in order to improve access and safety for this event."

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REPORT NO. 12-1996 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor D. Atchison, Chair
Councillor D.L. Birkmaier
Councillor H. Langlois
Councillor P. Roe
Councillor R. Steernberg

**1. Provision of Civic Services
(File No. CK. 205-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the 1996 Provision of Civic Services Program be approved, as outlined in the attached summary report.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the attached summary report for the 1996 Provision of Civic Services Program with a representative of the Transportation Department, and while the Committee has some concerns about the increasing costs for some events, it supports the Program in general.

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, July 8, 1996:

"REPORT

The Transportation Department administers the coordination of the Provision of Civic Services program which provides funding for community groups undertaking special events within the City. The distribution of the assistance provided, the assisting department and the funding allotted is indicated by event on the attachment.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Provision of Civic Services - 1996"

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**2. 1996 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program
Environmental Component
(File No. CK. 1870-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the Environmental Component of the 1996 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program be allocated as outlined under the far right-hand column entitled "A & F Recomm." of the attached summary report (Appendix 1).

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the summary report for the Environmental Component of the 1996 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program, and supports the grants as outlined in the report.

Report of the General Manager, Environmental Services Department, June 25, 1996:

JUSTIFICATION:

Staff in the Environmental Services Department have reviewed the applications received under the Environmental Component of the Assistance to Community Groups Cash Grant Program. Available funding for 1996 is \$5,000, the same level as 1995. The recommendations of the Environmental Services Department staff regarding the allocation of the grant funds are listed in the attached summary sheet (see Appendix 1).

OPTIONS:

Not applicable.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Total grant recommendations of \$5,000 will be funded through the Environmental Component of the Assistance to Community Groups - Cash Grant Program.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grant - Environmental Client Profile 1996 - Summary Report"

3. Communications to Council

From: His Worship the Mayor

Mayor's Task Force on Child Prostitution

Date: April 16, 1996

**Subject: Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Child Prostitution
(File No. CK. 225-29)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the information be received; and
 - 2) that the Action Plans contained in the following report of the City Commissioner dated June 25, 1996 be adopted.

ADOPTED.

City Council considered the above-noted communication at its meeting held on April 22, 1996 and adopted the following motion:

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the report be received, endorsed in principle and referred to the Administration and Finance Committee for action.

Your Committee referred this matter to the Administration for a report on the recommendations pertaining to the City, as well as to all agencies mentioned in the Report, requesting a response as to what action they will be taking on the recommendations in the Report that are relative to their agency.

Attached is a copy of a letter dated May 14, 1996 from the former Chief of Police, in response to the referral to other agencies, which is the only response received to date from the twenty agencies involved.

The following is the report of the City Commissioner dated June 25, 1996 containing a response from the Administration to the recommendations of the Mayor's Task Force. Your Committee has reviewed this Report with the City Commissioner and supports the Action Plans, as outlined:

"During its April 29, 1996, meeting, the Administration and Finance Committee considered the Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Child Prostitution and resolved:

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- 1) that the Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Child Prostitution be referred to the Administration for a report on the recommendations pertaining to the City; and,
- 2) that His Worship Mayor Dayday forward a letter to all agencies mentioned in the Report requesting a response as to what action they will be taking on the recommendations in the report that are relative to their agency.'

This report will address the recommendations of the Mayor's Task Force on Child Prostitution that pertain to the City of Saskatoon and action plans to address them by specific departments, boards, and commissions.

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION #3.3:

that the Task Force encourage City Council to support the revisions to the bylaw pertaining to massage parlors as recommended by Saskatoon Police Services.

Action Required:

- i) Develop a committee to review recommended changes and send message of support to City Council.
- ii) Saskatoon Police Services work with City Solicitors to identify changes needed and prepare revisions.
- iii) Forward recommendations to the Administration and Finance Committee of City Council.
- iv) Task Force support any changes recommended through the Administration & Finance Committee to City Council.

Coordinating/Lead Agency:

- Saskatoon Police Services

Action Plan:

- Police Chief Dave Scott has presented proposed changes to bylaws governing massage parlors to the City Solicitor. These proposals will go to the Administration and Finance Committee for development and presentation for approval by City Council.

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION #7.4:

that the Police initiate/promote actions, in partnership with the community, that will

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discourage the activities of Johns.

Action Required:

- i) Police Services develop a plan in consultation with appropriate agencies (i.e. Crown Counsel, Courts, Social Training, Health Training, Community Associations, other Police Agencies).
- ii) Utilize recent Toronto model in educating Johns of risks, etc.
- iii) Implement plans and evaluate.

Coordinating/Lead Agency:

- Saskatoon Police Services

Action Plan:

- Police Services will direct the Vice Detail to facilitate the community associations in the stroll area, to develop action plans such as citizen patrols, court monitoring, that will discourage Johns. Continue undercover operations specifically focused on Johns, and encourage and provide community support programs for child prostitutes to feel secure and confident in giving court evidence (i.e. Crown Counsel, Courts, Social Training, Community Associations, other Police agencies).
- Police Services will develop and implement a John School in consultation with the Edmonton Vice Detail.

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION #9.1:

develop and implement a public awareness campaign focusing on:

- (a) the impact of sexual abuse and victimization of children;
- (b) profiling pimps and Johns as offenders;
- (c) informing and educating all professionals who work with children; and,
- (d) initiatives that have and can be taken to deal with the problem.

Action Required:

- i) Assist social and public health advocacy groups.
- ii) Continue to encourage EGADZ to speak out on this issue as they are considered to be knowledgeable in this area by the media.
- iii) Utilize as many agencies and groups as possible as this promotes commitment.

Coordinating/Lead Agency:

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- City of Saskatoon; Saskatoon Police Services; Interagency Council of Survivor Services; Saskatoon and District Health Board; EGADZ; Saskatchewan Justice; Radius; Aboriginal Governments; Communities for Children Committee

Action Plan:

- Police Services will ensure that Vice Detail members liaise with Sergeant Kovach, Media Officer, to make community associations aware of victimization of child prostitutes and profiling pimps and Johns.
- The Saskatoon Police Service Media Relations Unit will be specifically tasked with developing action plans for this recommendation and to report back by the end of July to the Police Chief. Specifically, the media relations unit (assisted by Vice Detail) has been asked to liaise with the City of Saskatoon, Interagency Council of Survivor Services, Health Board, Egadz, Saskatchewan Justice, Radius, Aboriginal governments, and Communities for Children to look at public ways, through the media and community association meetings, that information can be provided that will make the public aware of child prostitutes as victims, and the profiling of pimps and Johns.
- Police Services will further have Vice Detail seek the support of the media in being sensitive to re-victimizing child prostitutes by reporting their stories. They will liaise with Victim Services, Social Services, and any affected community associations.

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION #10.2:

that the Saskatoon Communities for Children prioritize the issue of the sexual abuse of children for 1996-97 with a view to developing an integrated strategy that will involve the City of Saskatoon, Provincial Government Departments, and public interest groups.

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Action Required:

- i) Support work currently being done through Saskatoon Child Centre - a multi-agency approach.

Coordinating/Lead Agency:

- Saskatoon Communities for Children; Aboriginal Governments; Department of Social Services; Saskatoon Police Services; Prosecutors; Interagency Council of Survivor Services

Action Plan:

- Police Services has a designated police representative on the both the Saskatoon Communities for Children Executive and the POD group. The Police Service will be an advisor to this group, and will remain impartial and not challenge other agencies or government departments as to how they expend their budgets or plans.
- The Leisure Services Department is also represented on the Communities for Children Executive and will support initiatives around the Saskatoon Child Centre.

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION #10.3:

that schools in the City Centre provide facilities and develop resources for families.

Action Required:

- i) Provide after-school community centre and recreation programs for children and families.

Coordinating/Lead Agency:

- Saskatoon School Boards; Leisure Services Department

Action Plan:

- The Leisure Services Department is piloting a 45 week, five night a week youth program in the Westmount neighbourhood in conjunction with the Community Association and the Community-School. The Department will continue this program into the summer months. Other neighbourhoods where this need has been expressed will be addressed if further funding can be obtained through the operating budget or other government sources. The

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Leisure Services Department will pursue further projects pending the success of the pilot project and a funding source.

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION #10.5:

encourage a community policing approach, where the police and community members work together to develop alternative approaches to prevention and enforcement.

Action Required:

- i) Establish a 20th Street Police Station.
- ii) Provide additional training for Police officers.
- iii) Create community and Police partnerships.

Coordinating/Lead Agency:

- Saskatoon Police Services

Action Plan:

- Police Services has established a Community Police Station at 20th Street and Avenue H with an office for the Vice Detail.
- Vice Detail members will be responsible for making fellow morality officers and patrol officers aware of community policing approaches to deal with issues of child prostitution, and involve uniform members, when appropriate, in the resolution of related problems (i.e. Uniform members who patrol the stroll area will be familiar with who the child prostitutes and Johns are and know who the community people and agencies are that are dealing with this problem). These partnerships will be developed along with recommendation 7.4 and its action plan.

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION #10.6:

that all agencies whose mandate includes children be encouraged to incorporate prevention initiatives for children.

Action Required:

- i) Utilize a multi-agency approach.

Coordinating/Lead Agency:

- EGADZ; Saskatoon Police Services; Department of Social Services; Saskatoon and District Health Board; Communities for Children Committee

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Action Plan:

- Police Services encourage and support Egadz, Social Services, District Health Board, and the Communities for Children and are committed to incorporating prevention initiatives for children.

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION #11.1:

that City Council encourage discussions that are on-going regarding Criminal Code amendments.

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION #11.2:

that City Council back the bylaws developed by Saskatoon Police Services with respect to escort agencies, massage parlors, and erotic entertainment.

Action Required:

- i) City Council to initiate.

Coordinating/Lead Agency:

- City Council

Action Plan:

- City Council will be working with the Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners with respect to amendments to the Criminal Code. The Board of Police Commissioners and senior officials of the Saskatoon Police Service have raised these issues with the provincial Attorney General and at the national level through the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police.
- The Saskatoon Police Service and the City Solicitor's Office are in the process of reviewing the issue of escort agencies, massage parlors, and erotic entertainment and will be bringing the matter forward to City Council.

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION #11.3:

that municipal bylaws and environmental design be utilized to restrict/discourage vehicular traffic in residential areas where prostitution/abuse of children takes place.

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION #11.4:

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that consideration be given for social intervention options rather than criminal justice responses.

Action Required:

- i) Develop a 'Safer Community Committee' and do a safer community review.
- ii) Review Plan Saskatoon to ensure that this is addressed.
- iii) Check the success of this program in other cities.

Coordinating/Lead Agency:

- 'Safer Community Committee' developed through Plan Saskatoon Staff/Planning and Building Department; prosecutions, courts, police; Aboriginal governments

Action Plan:

- Since the 1960's the design of new subdivisions has applied principles which discourage all types of crime by making streets local in nature. This gives no opportunity for non-local traffic to develop, however, in older areas where most of the sex trade currently occurs, grid iron street patterns exist which do not discourage non-local traffic circulation. To address this concern City of Saskatoon staff from the Transportation Department and the Planning and Building Department (a design planner and a traffic engineer) will work together to form draft solutions for identified areas.
- Saskatoon Police Service will refer all child prostitutes to Social Services for intervention and their protection, and will encourage community and government agency support for them in giving evidence against Johns and pimps. Police officers will focus on gaining the trust of these children and try to influence them to change their lifestyle through Social Service and community support systems.
- The Planning and Building Department currently works toward increasing community and personal health through neighbourhood planning, social housing, and building and maintenance initiatives. Any further social intervention at a personal or family level would be done only through current legislation. A Safer Communities Committee will be dealt with under the City's social development process that will be reported to City Council as indicated in recommendation #12.1.

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION #12.1:

that the City of Saskatoon establish a social development process which will support and coordinate initiatives to enhance social well-being and quality of life for the people of

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Saskatoon.

Action Required:

- i) City Council review its structure and policies to accomplish this process and that certain areas of the City be given special status because their children are more at risk.

Coordinating/Lead Agency:

- City Council

Action Plan:

- The Leisure Services Department is coordinating a report for discussion by City Council on the City's involvement in social development. The report will address the City's role and future direction and will be tabled in the fall, 1996.

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION #12.2:

that the City of Saskatoon establish an advisory committee that will develop and recommend safer community strategies and initiatives, i.e. to follow up on task force recommendations (Safer Communities/Cities Advisory Committee, see also recommendation # 11.4).

Action Required:

- i) City Council undertake a review of its committees to develop the appropriate committee to ensure the outcome of safer communities.
- ii) Utilize existing community-based organizations, groups, and agencies.

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Coordinating/Lead Agency:

- City Council

Action Plan:

- This recommendation will be dealt with in the report on a social development process for the City of Saskatoon. The idea of an advisory committee for input into strategies and initiatives for a safer community will be added to be part of this report to be tabled in the fall, 1996.

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION #14.2:

to support schools in their efforts to provide information programs and support services to children about child abuse in the early elementary grades.

Action Required:

- i) Provide programs at an after-school hours community centre.

Coordinating/Lead Agency:

- Saskatoon School Boards; Leisure Services Department; Community Associations

Action Plan:

- The Leisure Services Department considers all schools to be community schools, and as such considers them to be community centres within each neighbourhood. The Leisure Services Department and community associations work together with schools to ensure after-school recreation programs are in place. We will continue to do so through the City's community development efforts. Any future capital development of a recreation centre would require future financing through the Capital Budget. There are currently no plans to establish a stand alone recreation centre in areas of the city where children are involved in prostitution.

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION #15.1:

that the Task Force encourage the City, Province, Federal Government, FSIN, Tribal Council and Metis Nation to partner with outreach programs on a long-term basis.

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Action Required:

- i) Task Force to support existing and emerging outreach programs.
- ii) Examine the question of who should govern programs for youth with government, non-profit groups, and Aboriginal governments.

Coordinating/Lead Agency:

- EGADZ; Saskatoon Interagency Planning Committee

Action Plan:

- City Council has received a request to partially fund (\$20,000) the Outreach Program of the Saskatoon Downtown Youth Centre and will consider this request for 1996 and for future years through the Budget Committee."

**4. Computerized Vote Counting
(File No. CK. 265-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the City Clerk be authorized to proceed with a "Request for Proposals" for a computerized vote counting system, and to report back to City Council with recommendations; and
 - 2) that a Productivity Improvement Loan be used to fund any purchase of a computerized vote counting system, with the details to be submitted to City Council for approval.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered the following reports of the City Clerk and supports the above recommendations.

Report of the City Clerk, dated May 6, 1996:

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"BACKGROUND

Council members are aware that I have been pursuing for some time the matter of computerized vote counting. My initial interest related to how it would improve accuracy by eliminating the human-error factor; however, I have now determined that it will also reduce election costs.

I have observed two elections (the Cities of Red Deer and Winnipeg) which utilized this technology, and have reviewed reports and discussed the issue with my colleagues in other municipalities. I am recommending that computerized vote counting be implemented for the 1997 Local Government elections in the City of Saskatoon. This report will outline the reasons why computerized vote counting would be beneficial to the election process, both in terms of accuracy and cost.

JUSTIFICATION

What is Computerized Vote Counting?

Computerized vote counting is *not* computerized voting. The voters still use a pen to mark their vote on the paper ballot. It is the counting only that is computerized.

Voters are handed one ballot which lists all of the matters being voted on (eg. Mayor, Ward Councillor, Public or Separate School Board, any bylaws or questions). A sample ballot (reduced to approximately one-half its actual size) is attached to this report. In the voting compartment, the voter completes the arrow beside the name of the candidate he/she wishes to vote for.

The voter then places the ballot in a 'privacy sleeve', so that no one can see how the votes were marked, and proceeds to the vote-counting unit. The voter feeds the ballot into the machine, where the contents of the ballot are read and stored.

Once the polls close, the information is electronically forwarded to a central location and results are available virtually instantly.

Weaknesses of Manual Count System

Votes have always been counted manually in Saskatchewan. The risks are minimal when there are only one or two ballots and the number of candidates is small.

Municipal elections, however, involve a minimum of four and usually five or more different ballots. The ballots for the two school boards usually contain between 15 and 25 names. Election workers, after more than ten hours at the poll, work late into the evening and into the early morning, counting and tallying the votes. In addition, all of the ballots must be accounted for, which is another time-consuming and sometimes very difficult task.

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If for any reason the count is lost, or the figures do not balance, the entire process must be done over again. It is a very stressful and demanding job, particularly when the workers are not starting fresh, and when there is pressure from the media and candidates for quick results.

In 1994 there was a recount for the Saskatoon Public School Board, and the recounted results were, while proportionally insignificant, important enough to change the outcome of the election and to confirm the weakness of the manual-count process.

Advantages of Computerized Vote Counting

- Elimination of Accidental Voter Disenfranchisement - Under a manual count system, hundreds of voters have their ballots rejected on election day, many of whom have spoiled their ballot accidentally and do not realize that their votes won't be counted. With computerized vote counting, the computer 'spits out' a ballot that is spoiled and the voter is given the opportunity to complete a new ballot.

- Accuracy and Reliability - There are many opportunities for error in the manual count process, such as the carrying forward of vote subtotals from one tally sheet to another, in transposing figures at any one of the many stages in the hand counting process, and from distraction during the vote tallying process by other election staff who are calling out the same candidate names in other areas of the same room.

Computerized vote counting has virtually no error factor. Furthermore, official results are available within an hour of the closing of the polls, regardless of the number of offices being filled, the number of candidates, or the voter turnout.

- Cost Savings - Every election we hire and train over 900 people to work on election day. Of these, many cannot handle the demands of the job, and of those who can, many refuse to ever do it again. We are therefore continually looking for capable people to work on election day. With computerized vote counting, we can reduce the number of staff required by approximately 300. This results in a cost saving and also lessens the demand on our resources for training.

Costs for renting facilities to use as polling places will be reduced, since there will be forty large polling places, as opposed to a hundred smaller polling places. Costs for items such as paper, envelopes, ballot boxes, seals, etc., will be reduced.

OPTIONS

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Local Government elections can continue to be conducted using the existing manual-count system.

If computerized vote counters are purchased, there will be an opportunity for renting the machines to other jurisdictions (such as the Saskatoon District Health Board and municipalities in other provinces).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The purchase of computerized vote counting equipment can be funded through a productivity improvement loan and the cost recovered within three elections. The School Boards would be required to finance their share of the loan.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Sample of Ballot"

Report of the City Clerk, dated June 18, 1996:

"The Administration and Finance Committee considered my report on the above matter at its meeting held on May 13, 1996, and referred the matter back for a further report. The following report addresses the following concerns of the Committee:

Large Polls

The Committee wondered how many polls would be workable that would be both strategically located and physically suitable to accommodate the voters and the electronic equipment.

Polling places will be able to accommodate the electronic equipment with little or no adjustment. Modems are inside of the computer, and all that is required is a phone 'plug in'.

We have been moving towards larger polls over the last few elections. In the 1988 municipal election there were 350 polls, whereas in the 1994 election there were 100 polls. It is proposed that there be 40 polls in order to best utilize computerized vote counting.

The positive aspect of the reduced number of polls is that it virtually eliminates the requirement to utilize locations that are difficult to access (eg. church basements). By reducing the number of boundaries, it is also easier for voters (and election workers) to determine where they vote.

The negative aspect of reducing the number of polls is that many people will have to travel further to reach their poll. Inclement weather on election day would exacerbate this. The

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following steps will be taken to address this issue:

- As in the past, Advance Polls will be held in at least five locations on at least three different occasions. People who foresee a difficulty in reaching their polling place on election day will be encouraged to vote at an Advance Poll.
- A new initiative in 1994 was the 'Mobile Poll' whereby election workers travelled to the homes of voters who were unable to leave their home. This provision will be highly publicized and administered so as to take into account both the distance from the polling place and situation of the voter.
- We will review our list of 'Special Polls' (i.e. those set up in senior citizens' residences, hospitals, etc.) with a view to increasing the number and/or improving access to these polls by other voters.

Rejected Ballots

Concern was expressed regarding how many times a voter would be allowed to vote again if the ballot was rejected.

The machine will reject ballots which are not marked in accordance with pre-determined parameters. City Council and the School Boards will decide on how many chances a voter gets to correct a ballot, as well as determine the parameters for rejection.

Training of Voters

Concern was expressed regarding the possible disenfranchisement of voting sectors such as senior citizens and the disabled, due to unfamiliarity with the electronic environment.

The experience of other municipalities has shown that, because this system utilizes a paper ballot, most voters will have no problem. For those that might, pre-election publicity will include information regarding the new system, election workers will show each voter how to complete the arrows on the ballot, and drawings will be posted in the voting compartments. I will also make myself available to speak to groups prior to the election to explain the new process.

Financial Implications

The Committee asked what would be envisaged in terms of partnership arrangement to share electronic equipment, and also the potential rental revenue from other municipalities.

There is potential for renting the equipment to smaller municipalities which conduct their elections at different times than Saskatoon, at approximately \$350.00 per machine.

Capital Cost Recovery Breakdown

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The Committee is aware that all of the vendors of computerized vote counting equipment will be given an opportunity to submit a proposal, and that the costs will be evaluated at that time and a decision made as to whether it is economical to proceed with the purchase. I am therefore unable to provide concrete figures, without undermining the City's tendering process.

The experience of other municipalities is that the cost of purchasing the equipment is recovered within three elections by savings in other areas such as staffing and rental of polling places.

How Does This Help the Electoral Process?

As stated in my report of May 6, 1996, computerized vote counting eliminates the possibility of error in counting the ballots. Votes have always been counted manually in Saskatchewan. The risks are minimal when there are only one or two ballots and the number of candidates is small.

Municipal elections, however, involve a minimum of four and usually five or more different ballots. The ballots for the two school boards usually contain between 15 and 25 names. Election workers, after more than ten hours at the poll, work late into the evening and into the early morning, counting and tallying the votes. In addition, all of the ballots must be accounted for, which is another time-consuming and sometimes very difficult task.

If for any reason the count is lost, or the figures do not balance, the entire process must be done over again. It is a very stressful and demanding job, particularly when the workers are not starting fresh, and when there is pressure from the media and candidates for quick results.

There are many opportunities for error in the manual count process, such as the carrying forward of vote subtotals from one tally sheet to another, in transposing figures at any one of the many stages in the hand counting process, and from distraction during the vote tallying process by other election staff who are calling out the same candidate names in other areas of the same room.

In 1994 there was a recount for the Saskatoon Public School Board, and the recounted results were, while proportionally insignificant, important enough to change the outcome of the election and to confirm the weakness of the manual-count process.

Computerized vote counting has virtually no error factor. Furthermore, official results are available within an hour of the closing of the polls, regardless of the number of offices being filled, the number of candidates, or the voter turnout.

Should the Committee and Council approve the above recommendations, detailed proposals will be obtained from vendors. We will then be in a position to determine the pay-back

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period of the productivity improvement loan, and whether the purchase can be justified. The Committee is being asked at this time whether it supports the implementation of computerized vote counting in Saskatoon."

REPORT NO. 8-1996 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

His Worship the Mayor, Chair
Councillor D. Atchison
Councillor D. L. Birkmaier
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor A. Langford
Councillor H. Langlois
Councillor P. McCann
Councillor J. Postlethwaite
Councillor P. Roe
Councillor R. Sternberg
Councillor K. Waygood

- 1. Appointment of Trustees - General Superannuation Plan for the City of Saskatoon Employees Not Covered by the Police and Fire Departments' Superannuation Plans and Appointments to Pension Benefits Committee
(File No. CK. 1796-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the following individuals be appointed to the Board of Trustees of the General Superannuation Plan:

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- Councillor Myles Heidt
- Councillor Herve Langlois
- Mr. Phil Richards
- Mr. Fred Smith; and

2) that the following individuals be appointed to the Pension Benefits Committee:

- Councillor Don Atchison
- Councillor Peter McCann
- Mr. Paul Jaspar
- Mr. Krishan Lal
- Mr. Bernie Veltkamp
- Mr. Jim Cowan
- Mr. Gary Mearns

ADOPTED.

City Council, at its meeting held on May 21, 1996, approved the change in governance of The General Superannuation Plan to an "individually trusted" plan. This report deals with the matter of appointments of the City's representatives to the Board of Trustees and the Pension Benefits Committee.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is comprised of nine trustees, of which four are appointed by City Council, four appointed by the employee organizations, and one "independent" trustee appointed by City Council upon the recommendation of the other trustees.

The following individuals have been appointed by the employee organizations:

- Mr. Matt Baraniecki
- Mr. Tom Graham
- Mr. Willy Furrer
- Mr. Len Thiessen

Your Committee is recommending that Council appoint the following individuals as its representatives on the Board of Trustees:

- Councillor Myles Heidt
- Councillor Herve Langlois
- Mr. Phil Richards

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- Mr. Fred Smith

Your Committee will submit a further report to Council regarding the appointment of the "independent" trustee, once a recommendation is received from the above-noted trustees.

Pension Benefits Committee

The Pension Benefits Committee is responsible for developing recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding pension benefits for active plan members and pensioners.

The Pension Benefits Committee consists of representatives of all employee organizations, together with an equal number of employer representatives. The following individuals have been appointed by the employee organizations:

- Mr. Matt Baraniecki
(C.U.P.E. Local 59 representative)
- Mr. Tom Graham/Mr. Dave Siermachesky
(C.U.P.E. Local 859 representative)
- Mr. Willy Furrer
(IBEW Local 319 representative)
- Mr. Len Thiessen
(Transit Union Local 615 representative)
- Mr. Ken Johnston
(C.U.P.E. Local 47 representative)
- Ms. Chris Drever
(C.U.P.E. Local 2669 representative)
- Mr. Murray Totland
(Exempt Staff Association representative)

Your Committee is recommending that the following individuals be appointed as Council's representatives on the Pension Benefits Committee:

- Councillor Don Atchison
- Councillor Peter McCann
- Mr. Paul Jaspar
- Mr. Krishan Lal
- Mr. Bernie Veltkamp
- Mr. Jim Cowan
- Mr. Gary Mearns

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**2. Resolutions for Consideration at FCM's National
Board of Directors Meeting in September, 1996
(File No. CK. 155-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

The attached two resolutions have been prepared for consideration at the September 1996 meeting of the FCM Board of Directors. Since the deadline for receipt of resolutions was August 7, the resolutions have already been forwarded to FCM.

In addition, your Committee has instructed the City Commissioner to submit a resolution requesting the Federal Government to introduce a second infrastructure program."

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

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

CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES

**Councillor Birkmaier
Feasibility of Closure of Victoria Bridge
During Summer Months
(File No. CK. 6050-8)**

This year we experienced the closure of Victoria Bridge to vehicular traffic for the summer season in order to undertake capital projects.

Would the Planning and Operations Committee please review and report on the feasibility of closing Victoria Bridge from June 15 to August 31, 1997, for use as a pedestrian and cycling roadway, as a pilot project.

MOTIONS

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

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"Councillor Atchison gave the following Notice of Motion at the meeting of City Council held on July 15, 1996:

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

"THAT Council take the money saved from the position of Communications Officer who was scheduled to start July 2nd, 1996 and take that money for the balance of 1996 and put it to the following projects:

- A) Pest Management - For mosquito control for the balance of this summer (1996).
- B) Rodent Control - That gophers be given a priority.
- C) Dust Palliation on boundary roads.
- D) Urban forestry for the disease control of Dutch Elm Disease."

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council take the money saved from the position of Communications Officer who was scheduled to start July 2nd, 1996 and take that money for the balance of 1996 and put it to the following projects:

- A) Pest Management - For mosquito control for the balance of this summer (1996).*
- B) Rodent Control - That gophers be given a priority.*
- C) Dust Palliation on boundary roads.*
- D) Urban forestry for the disease control of Dutch Elm Disease.*

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND LOST

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 7564

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

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THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7564, being "*A bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to close a portion of the North-South lane lying between 3707 and 3711 Balfour Street, in the City of Saskatoon*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Bylaw No. 7564 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7564.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7564 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

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THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7564 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT Bylaw No. 7564 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

Moved by Councillor Langford

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk