

LATE ITEMS
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2014

HEARINGS

**3b) Discretionary Use Application -
Expansion of Residential Care Home – Type II
456 Witney Avenue South – R2 District
Applicant: Eagle’s Nest Youth Ranch
(File No. CK. 4355-014-003)**

- Nicola Lawson, dated April 7, 2014, submitting comments regarding the above matter.

REPORT NO. 6-2014 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**2. Multi-Unit Dwelling Recycling
- Results of the Public Consultation and Business Plan Review
(File No. CK. 7830-5)**

- Kenneth Homenick, dated April 10, 2014, submitting comments and **requesting to speak** to the above matter; and
- René Pinel, dated April 13, 2014, submitting comments regarding the above matter.

SPEAKERS LIST

(**NOT including** Presentations, Hearings or Matters Requiring Public Notice
(*) represents late letter)

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***1. Kenneth Homenick**

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

2. **Neil Nemeth** – Noise Bylaw
3. **Mark Wongstedt** – Noise Bylaw
4. **Cynthia Starchuk** – Noise Bylaw
- ~~5. **Kevin Jones** – Noise Bylaw~~ **REQUEST WITHDRAWN AT THIS TIME**
6. **Russ Deptuch** – Noise Bylaw

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From the Desk of Nicola Lawson
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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
SASKATOON

April 7, 2014

RE: Eagle's Nest Youth Ranch, 456 Witney Ave South

I am writing this letter to communicate my concern with the present quality of care first and foremost. As you will read, I do not feel these tenants are being properly supervised, and I can not be complacent in their effort to expand the home to accommodate more tenants.

We moved in to our property on the 1st of August, 2013. On a Friday night in mid-August of 2013, our car was parked in our driveway in front of our house. We had inadvertently left it unlocked. In the morning, on my way to work, I noticed the driver door was slightly ajar. I knew the car had been rifled through, but not immediately sensing anything had been stolen, I continued on with my day.

At approximately 10 AM that Saturday morning, our neighbour to the west of us across the back alley came to our house and said there was a bunch of our paperwork in the back alley. My husband who was home with our daughter, went out to the back alley and collected all that he could find, as well he found the satchel that the paperwork had been stored in. It had been under one of the seats of the car, still there from our recent move, and had private and valuable paper work. We did not realize the extent of what information had been stored in there, but it later came to light that my husband's passport and Permanent Residency card had been in there. This became evident when I received a call on my cell from the Saskatoon Police that they had a passport that belonged to my husband. They had retrieved it from a room from the house that is the Eagle's Nest Youth Ranch. I asked the policeman who dropped it off, if he also happened to see the Permanent Residency card that was also stolen, he said he did not.

As we had not ever been totally clear on what had all been in that duffel bag (in the haste and of the move to the new house), we did not file a police report that the passport and Permanent Residency card had been stolen.

Due to the lack of a Permanent Residency card, my husband is unable to leave the country. This hindered vacation plans at the end of the year. It costs approximately \$70 and takes over 3 months for this card to be re-issued.

On March 29th, 2014 late in the afternoon, my husband looked across the street to see someone appearing to be breaking into the Eagles Nest Youth Ranch through one of the front windows. I immediately called 911, and while I was talking with the operator, I noticed there were two people now entering the house through the window. As I continued to talk to the operator, the two people, both young teenage girls, came running out the front door and began to climb up to jump through the front window again. I then said, "Oh this is a game!!" The operator said she was going to have the police call the house and talk to the managers there, about this. A couple hours later, I witnessed, and

recorded on my cell, in video, that the girls were attempting to do it again, and that someone in charge was right there watching them do it, because they were right in front of one of the large vans that are used by the Eagle's nest, which was running. The girls were actually illuminated by the headlights which were only a couple feet away. The video shows the girls trying a few times to climb up and enter through the window as they had done earlier, but were not successful this time. They shut the window, from the outside and, either hopped into the van, or went into the house through the front door. Within moments, the van pulled out of the driveway and drove North up Witney Avenue, and the girls were no longer visible.

I am very concerned about the proximity that this Residential Care home has to the Elementary school directly across the street, W.P.Bates. While I am not specifically aware of any troubles that have arisen, as I have only lived here for 8 months, I feel it is very poor planning and a dangerous combination. Expansion of the Eagle's Nest Youth Ranch increases the vulnerability of the elementary school and students there in.

I see the property as being already maximally used with many vans and cars taking over the south side of the building, where there is the driveway into the garage but vehicles parking also on the lawn, and a trailer and another van taking up the driveway that is adjacent to the front of the house, facing west.

For all of these reasons I strongly oppose the proposal for the Expansion of the Eagle's Nest Youth Ranch.

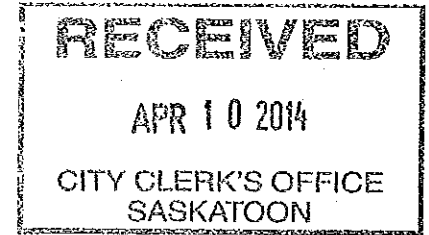
Sincerely,



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Exec Rep. C1-7830-2.

From: CityCouncilWebForm
Sent: April 10, 2014 4:07 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Write a Letter to City Council



TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL.

FROM:

Kenneth Homenick
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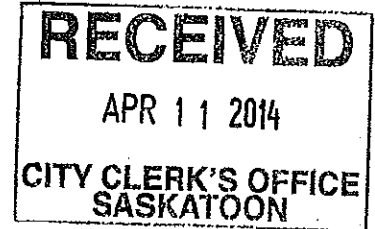
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COMMENTS:

On behalf of Cosmopolitan Industries, I wish to speak to city council at the April 14, 2014 meeting on the topic of the Multi-Unit Residential Recycling program.

The City of Saskatoon and Cosmopolitan Industries
Multi-Unit Recycling Contract Negotiations



ISSUE:

On June 18, 2012, the City entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Cosmopolitan Industries (Cosmo) to negotiate a new agreement for the provision of mandatory recycling services for multi-unit residences. It is respectfully requested Council direct administration to finalize a new contract with Cosmopolitan Industries and the provision of multi-unit recycling services.

KEY MESSAGES:

- Cosmo's proposal for Multi Unit Residential Recycling is customized and sufficiently flexible to address the specific requirements of condominium owners and apartment tenants.
- The City's third party audit of Cosmo's business plan concluded that the plan was viable with less than industry returns and the proposed fees were found not to be excessive.
- By contracting with Cosmo, the City will comply with the expectations of *The Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program* regulations and become eligible for approximately \$1.5 million in stewardship funds annually.
- Failure to approve the proposal will threaten the viability of the organization with adverse consequences for adults with intellectual disabilities supported by Cosmo.

Background

Cosmo pioneered recycling in partnership with the City of Saskatoon in 1975 through the depot system and the engagement of persons with disabilities in paper processing. It was founded as a social enterprise not-for-profit enabling it to produce and or sell goods and services for the blended purpose of generating income and achieving social aims. Its business activities generate over \$500,000 annually augmenting the income support needs of over 425 adults with intellectual disabilities with recycling providing the bulk of these funds. Over the last 34 years Cosmo recycled over 300,000 tonnes of paper fiber providing the City with significant environmental and economic benefits and meaningful activity of people with disabilities otherwise challenged to participate in the economic mainstream. Our calculations show that from 2003 to 2012, the net benefit to the city including all landfill savings was \$4.85 million.

Initial Consultations

During consultations with landlords, condominium associations and other stakeholders, Cosmo was provided with grassroots information to assist with MURR program design. Some of the main concerns expressed were:

- A lack of personnel at rental properties to move recycling totes for collection;
- A lack of space for a dual stream recycling program;
- Landlords being held responsible for contamination created by tenants; and
- Paying more than the single family recycling program
(*Multifamily recycling poses a challenge - StarPhoenix April 19, 2012*)

Cosmo's Response

The core service proposed is bi-weekly single-stream collection of recyclables with no sorting required by citizens. For larger complexes, up to twice-weekly service would be provided at no additional charge. The proposal is customized and sufficiently flexible to address the specific requirements of condominium owners and apartment tenants. For example, some locations will have metal recycling bins while others will be serviced by 96-gallon totes like the curbside program. Cosmo is customer oriented and will provide a valet service to locations with totes. It will roll the bins off the property, tip them and return them to their proper place. Scalability is an integral feature of the proposal. As the program matures and success is realized additional capacity will be assured by the provision of larger bins, extra totes or increased collection frequency at no additional cost. Service quality will be maintained through a 'return to address' process working in conjunction with property managers to collect bins that were not accessible due to blockage or contamination from large objects such as sofas.

The Issue of Cost

In June 2012, City Council passed a motion to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Cosmo to negotiate a new agreement for the provision of mandatory recycling services for multi-unit residences, in full accordance with its policies and procedures. Subsequent to administration tabling possible agreement terms, sole sourcing became a concern for Council given the size of the proposed agreement and the need to ensure the City was getting a fair deal. To this end, City administration engaged a third party accounting firm to review Cosmo's business plan. The review concluded:

- The proposed fees were found not to be excessive when compared to rates being paid in other cities for similar recycling programs;
- The return on investment for Cosmo was found to be less than what would be expected recycling industry; and
- The business plan was sustainable over the long-term, and there would not be a need for Cosmo to return for future rate changes.

The rate proposed by Cosmo is comparable to the rates being forecast for Calgary and Regina for multi-unit residential recycling programs.

Multi Material Stewardship Western

Further to the new *Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program Regulations* introduced in 2013, 75% of the effective cost of recycling household packaging and paper will be

paid to the municipality by the manufactures of these products. Based on conservative estimates, this program may generate up to \$1.5 million annually for the City of Saskatoon. By contracting with Cosmo, the City will comply with the Province's regulatory regime.

Of particular interest is the policy direction *The Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program Regulations*, namely sections 2 and 4. Section 2 (i) of the regulations indicates the product management program needs to provide details with respect to existing recycling service providers and how the interests of these providers will be considered. Further detailed in section 4 of the regulations are the standards for the approval of a product management program by the Minister of Environment. This section states, "the product management program maximizes social benefits, including encouraging municipalities to contract with persons, bodies or other entities that: (i) provide employment and training to persons with disabilities; and (ii) operate efficient and effective programs."

Implications of a not being awarded a contract with the City of Saskatoon

If the City of Saskatoon decided to tender the MUR and Cosmo was unsuccessful, the viability of the organization would be threatened and the following impacts realized:

- Cosmo would discontinue its recycling business and dispose of these assets for salvage;
- Terminate and/or relocate all staff and participants involved in recycling;
- Loss of brand recognition and Cosmo's place in the community;
- Significant capital requirements to reconfigure the processing plant for alternate uses;
- Loss of participant allowances, approximately \$525,000 dollars annually; and
- MMRP funding for the City may be in jeopardy.

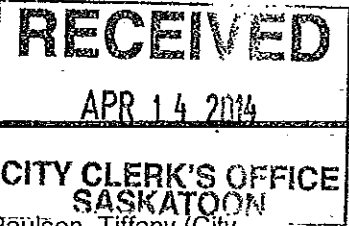
The Benefits of Continuing to Partner with Cosmo

There are many benefits associated with City and Cosmo renewing their partnership with a new agreement for MUR:

- The City will qualify for the provincial recycling stewardship grant;
- The City will eliminate its current contractual obligation to Cosmo;
- The City will realize a capital gain on its original investment in Cosmo 30 years ago;
- The City would support two recycling enterprises, thereby ensuring a competitive cost in future negotiations and a back-up system should either of these service providers encounter a crisis;
- The City will demonstrate its continued support for social enterprises and the people supported by these enterprises; and
- Enables people with disabilities to participate in the economic fabric of the city of Saskatoon.

Cosmo is committed to delivering a superior recycling service for multi-unit residences by incorporating best practices identified through extensive research and willing to provide the necessary flexibility to meet the diverse requirements of MUR.

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From: rtmpinel@sasktel.net
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To: Jeffries, Zach (City Councillor); Davies, Troy (City Councillor); Pålusen, Tiffany (City Councillor); Donauer, Randy (City Councillor); Web E-mail - Mayor's Office; Loewen, Mairin (City Councillor); Olauson, Eric (City Councillor); Hill, Darren (City Councillor); Web E-mail - City Clerks; Clark, Charlie (City Councillor); Iwanchuk, Ann (City Councillor); Lorje, Pat (City Councillor)
Cc: Family and Friends of Cosmo & Elmwood; Chris Rutkowski; Duane Pochylko; Elaine Weenk; Darlene & Norman; Cosmopolitan Industries Ltd.; Rene J. Pinel
Subject: Support Cosmo at City Council Monday April 14,2014
Attachments: Support Cosmo at City Council Monday April 14.doc

Letter to the City Council.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.

Please open up this attachment.

I was planning on going to the Council Meeting, Monday evening, but it is a wait and see at present.

But my family we are planning on going to the Chrism Mass at the Holy Family Cathedral.

Cosmo is the Pioneer in Recycling and should have the full support of the whole City.

My brother who is Intellectual Challenge works in the Contract Division at Cosmo.

The Recycling Product is a boost for the support of all the Trainees that work there.

So give them your upmost support, they deserve it.

Sincerely,

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On Monday evening (April 14, 2014) city council will give their decision on Cosmo's proposal for Multi-Unit Residential Recycling. This is a very important decision for Cosmo as an organization and participants. The data shows that Saskatoon has received great financial, environmental and social benefits with the involvement of adults with intellectual disabilities in recycling. Cosmo is respectfully requesting Council direct administration to finalize a new contract with Cosmopolitan Industries and the provision of multi-unit recycling services. Please come to the City Council meeting on Monday night at 7 pm to show your support.

Cosmo has made a submission to Council featuring:

- Cosmo's proposal for Multi Unit Residential Recycling is customized and sufficiently flexible to address the specific requirements of condominium owners and apartment tenants.
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Please pass this along to anyone who you believe will be interested.