

**THE FOLLOWING ARE THE LATE ITEMS FOR THE MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2011:**

**HEARINGS**

- 3b) Proposed Official Community Plan  
Varsity View Land Use Policy Map Amendment  
From “Low Density Residential – No Conversions”  
To “Medium Density Residential”  
Applicant: BlackRock Developments Ltd.  
1014 Main Street  
Proposed Bylaw No. 8959  
(File No. CK. 4351-011-8)**
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- Jeff Benjamin, dated September 9, 2011, submitting comments regarding the above matter.

**MATTERS REQUIRING PUBLIC NOTICE**

- 4c) Proposed Policy  
Death of Member of City Council While in Office  
(File No. CK. 4670-5)**
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- Diane Fisher, dated September 12, 2011, submitting comments;
- John Smith, dated September 11, 2011, submitting comments; and
- John Rayner, dated September 10, 2011, submitting comments.

**REPORT NO. 12-2011 PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

- 6. Funding of Infrastructure for Community Gardens  
(Files CK. 1871-1 and LS. 4000-9)**
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A representative of CHEP Good Foods will be in the gallery to answer questions of Council.

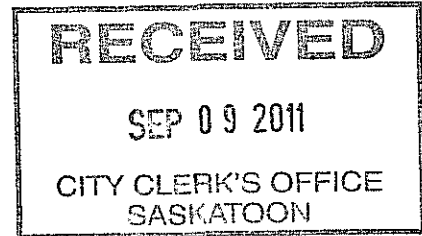
**SPEAKERS LIST**

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

**MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

1. **Gord Androsoff** – cycling initiatives
2. **Alan Thomarat** – land sales and long-term lot sales
3. **Betty Hills** –land use

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TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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COMMENTS:

Hearing re: Re-zoning of 1004, 1010, and 1014 Main Street

Though originally from Saskatoon, in July 2011 my wife and I recently moved back home after spending the previous 4 years in White City, Saskatchewan. We looked for a home in Varsity View specifically for its proximity to both downtown and the university and in doing so understood that there was a premium to be paid for this location. Beyond this premium, we are in the process of investing a substantial sum in an attempt to update our home, while retaining the charm that is reflected in the other homes on our block.

When we purchased our home, we were aware that there were there were high-density buildings on North and South corners of Clarence Avenue and Main Street. Clarence Avenue, being a feeder road to the University and downtown, is a busy street and is lined with high-density housing primarily due to the lower lot value that location on this street demands. As single-unit homeowners would tend to prefer not to reside next to a busy roadway, the approach of developing high-density housing on the corners makes sense.

However, I do not support converting three 'non-corner' residential lots into another high-density building. I believe that this proposed development will detract from the character of the street and therefore from the value of the properties that we, as residents, have paid a premium for. While one of the proposed lots has the appropriate zoning, it is because that lot is nearest the corner and was likely envisaged as a potential development spot for an expanded high-density building.

Beyond location, I also believe that street parking will be negatively impacted for the current residents. While there are a number of on-site parking spots being created, it tends to be guests of the residents that take up the street parking as well as residents with multiple vehicles or those unwilling to pay for spots within their building. With no parking on Clarence Avenue, all of these individuals will seeks space on the 1000 block of Main Street. While historically there may always have been some available parking on the street as one resident has indicated, I do not imagine a scenario where parking will not become a large issue with this expanded development.

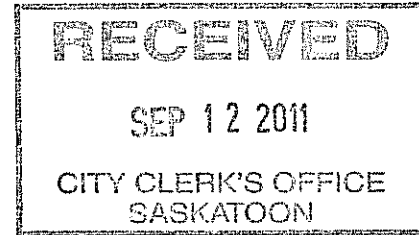
I would support these lots being sub-divided into narrower lots for single-unit or duplex-type development as these can be developed into the character of the neighborhood. This approach, while not exponentially increasing density, is more suitable to the area.

For the above reasons, I do not support the proposed application for the re-zoning.

Kind regards,

Jeff Benjamin

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COMMENTS:

We very strongly disagree with the proposed policy re implementation of policy Death of Member of City Council while in office.

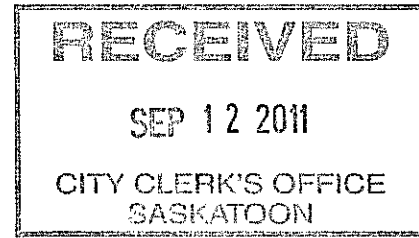
This proposal will increase OUR taxes!!!

Should one not have their OWN "life insurance" policy?

We do appreciate the dedication of all elected Council but this step for family remuneration is not necessary.

Thank-you  
Harold and Diane Fisher

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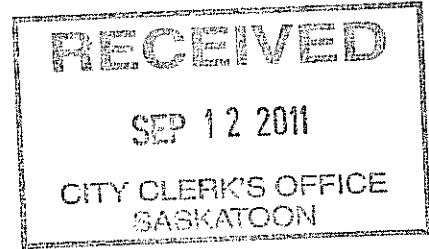
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COMMENTS:

DEATH OF A MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL.. WITH RESPECT TO MAURICE NEAULT, THIS APPEARS SELF-SERVING TO MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. COUNCILLORS ARE WELL PAID AND IN MANY CASES ARE PENSIONED RETIREES OR ARE EMPLOYED DO CITY EMPLOYEES HAVE THIS BENEFIT?

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TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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COMMENTS:

Regarding the ongoing debate on civic fiscal responsibility I read with shock today's SP at the bottom of page A4 "Public Notice: Proposed Implementation of Policy Death of Member While in Office". I hate to be insensitive but this is all a bit odd. Any time I have applied for a job I have been given the opportunity to sign up for group insurance benefits including life insurance. If I choose these benefits then I pay for them. I'm not sure why councillors are different than the rest of us in this matter. And the idea that they would make the new policy retroactive to July 1 two weeks prior to a Councillors death kind of makes a taxpayer "gift" to his beneficiaries. If councillors choose to have life insurance they should purchase it like the rest of us. Why should councillors have exclusive right to this policy and not all civic workers.