

Council Chamber  
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.  
Monday, May 31, 1993,  
at 7:00 p.m.

## **MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL CITY OF SASKATOON STRATEGIC PLAN**

**PRESENT:** His Worship Deputy Mayor McCann in the Chair;  
Councillors Penner, Mann, Hawthorne, Waygood,  
Dyck, Birkmaier and Cherneskey;  
City Commissioner Irwin;  
Director of Planning and Development Pontikes;  
Director of Works and Utilities Gustafson;  
Director of Finance Richards;  
City Clerk Mann.

Councillor Thompson entered the meeting at 8:20 p.m. at the conclusion of the submission by Mr. Remuna Tufariua.

Pursuant to a resolution passed by City Council at its meeting held on May 25, 1993, the meeting convened for the purpose of hearing submissions from stakeholders regarding the City of Saskatoon Strategic Plan.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Hawthorne,*

*THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole with His Worship Deputy Mayor McCann in the Chair.*

*CARRIED.*

Council went into Committee of the Whole with His Worship Deputy Mayor McCann in the Chair.

The Deputy Mayor indicated that the document represents a consensus from City Council members and is a blueprint for future action, which will guide all major decisions. City Commissioner Irwin outlined the process which has occurred over the past year and a half, and indicated that the process is ongoing.

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Council then heard submissions from the following people:

1. Albert Johnston, President  
Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Johnston reviewed the contents of his brief, a copy of which he submitted to the City Clerk. He indicated that the Chamber of Commerce commends the City for its initiative and concern for the future of Saskatoon.

He expressed concern regarding the stated strategic action "to mutually develop a marketing strategy with the Economic Development Authority (EDA), Tourism Saskatoon and the Business Community" and indicated that the Chamber of Commerce would prefer to enable the Economic Development Authority to complete its Economic Strategy and then mold the City's regulatory strategies around the thrust of the EDA's plans.

2. Ann Coxworth

Ms. Coxworth reviewed the contents of her brief, a copy of which she submitted to the City Clerk. She congratulated City Council and staff for initiating the important task of developing a strategic plan for Saskatoon for the rest of the decade.

She indicated that without a sense of community ownership the strategic plan will not succeed and if it has things in it which are vigorously opposed by a significant part of the population it is doomed to failure. Ms. Coxworth felt that the strategic item to "promote Saskatoon as the Canadian centre for the nuclear industry" will be extremely divisive to the community and suggested that it be reworded to "make Saskatoon a Canadian centre for energy research and development." She felt that this rewording would make it possible for a larger percentage of the community to buy into the strategic plan.

3. Eugene Arcand, Vice-Chief  
Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations

Mr. Arcand commended Council for including First Nations and aboriginal issues in its strategic plan and welcomed the fact that the strategic plan speaks about partnerships.

He stated that the inclusion of accountable First Nations people on most civic Boards and Commissions is necessary. They want to be directly involved in all aspects that affect their lives

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and will assist the City in making Saskatoon a better place to live. Mr. Arcand submitted a copy of his speaking notes to the City Clerk.

4. Peggy McKercher, Chair  
Meewasin Valley Authority

Ms. McKercher indicated that the strategic plan is wide-ranging, ambitious and shows sensitivity to the issues that face us. The MVA is pleased to see that the concept of partnerships is still a priority. She indicated that the City and the MVA have worked together for fourteen years, and she urged the City to keep that partnership strong and to take the lead to ensure that the Province and the University play their role.

Ms. McKercher also spoke on behalf of Chief Cy Standing, Chair of the Wanuskewin Board, who was gratified to hear of the City's strong support of aboriginal issues. She suggested that when the City holds meetings with aboriginal groups they be held at Wanuskewin.

Ms. McKercher undertook to provide the City Clerk with a copy of her brief.

5. Kent Smith-Windsor, Executive Director  
The Partnership

Mr. Smith-Windsor congratulated the City for its efforts in developing a strategic framework. He stated that this is critical if the community is to be successfully positioned to meet the challenges of the next century.

He reviewed the contents of his brief, a copy of which he submitted to the City Clerk.

6. Peter Prebble

Mr. Prebble indicated that he applauds many sections of the strategic plan. He made the following suggestions:

- That Council state as an objective the elimination of the need for a food bank in the City of Saskatoon by the end of the decade.
- That the City look at what the City of Regina has done in tackling hunger and poverty.

He disagreed with the strategic item "to promote Saskatoon as a Canadian centre for nuclear industry" as it is, in his opinion, a contradiction with promoting responsible use of natural resources and leaving the environment in better shape for the next generation. He felt that this item could be

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deleted and replaced with the proposal of Saskatoon being the capital of energy efficient technologies and wind and solar energy research and development in Canada.

He also suggested adding to the environmental management section a proposal for an energy efficiency strategy for the City. He stated that there is a large body of evidence that suggests that the real future in North America lies in the area of solar and wind energy development and particularly co-generation technologies and for the use of natural gas as a replacement for other fossil fuels.

Mr. Prebble undertook to provide information on the federal energy efficiency programs for existing buildings.

7. Remuna Tufariua

Mr. Tufariua reviewed the contents of his brief, a copy of which he provided to the City Clerk. He expressed concern regarding the proposal to promote Saskatoon as the Canadian centre for the nuclear industry, since the nuclear policies established in Saskatoon affect the people in his country, Tahiti. He stated that the French uranium mining company COGEMA conducts atomic weapons testing at Mururoa Island in Polynesia.

8. Louise Halfe

Ms. Halfe expressed the following concerns:

- She is interested in what the City is proposing to do with regard to slum landlords and what policies will be implemented to deal with the problem;
- She is concerned regarding pornographic videos;
- She would like to see:
  - more native people involved from the native community in City Council;
  - things happen for disabled native people in the City, support services for the native arts community, and support services for native men and women who have been incarcerated and released;

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- anger management programs for batterers in the City;
- systemic institutional racism addressed by all levels; and
- support services developed in the native community regarding the AIDS issue and palliative care.

9. Donna Renneberg

Ms. Renneberg indicated that she belongs to The Saskatoon Treaty and First Nations Assembly, which is attempting to establish a forum so that their people can have a voice in issues that affect them. They do not want to be left out of the process. They have been in existence since 1988, and make their decisions by consensus.

Ms. Renneberg indicated that her organization wants to be considered as spokespeople of First Nations in Saskatoon. While the City's intentions are honourable, it seems that those people most affected have been left out of the process, and in particular Saskatoon aboriginal people. She wants to ensure that her people are also included in the process.

10. Leona Tootoosis

Ms. Tootoosis indicated that she has a lot to say, but did not have enough time to put together a presentation. The Deputy Mayor advised her that presentations can be made to City Council at any time by writing to the City Clerk, and also indicated that there will likely be more meetings between City Council and aboriginal groups in the City.

11. Melanie Jackson, National Youth President  
Native Council of Canada

Ms. Jackson stated that it warms her heart to see Saskatoon try to develop a relationship and communication link with the aboriginal community of Saskatoon. However, to help strengthen the link and improve communications, there are some amendments necessary.

She indicated that the aboriginal people living in the community should be asked to fill seats on committees and boards, not only aboriginal leaders. For example, there are a number of people in the Riversdale community that can come forward other than aboriginal leaders from FSIN or the NCC.

Youth should be involved in the planning and establishing a communication link.

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12. David Fineday

Mr. Fineday indicated that the aboriginal community needs more say, and more people from the street should be involved. More centres should be started (i.e. healing, cultural).

13. Stephanie Sittie

Ms. Sittie spoke regarding promoting Saskatoon as the Canadian centre for the nuclear industry and the statement that anyone who wants to speak to Council can do so by writing to the City Clerk. She noted that within the last month someone who had requested to speak to Council was denied the opportunity, and that he had some new information regarding the success/failure of the CANDU nuclear reactor system in Ontario. She wanted to know if it is still possible to submit more information about this particular point. She was advised that Council would be open to receive more information on any of the items covered in the strategic plan.

Deputy Mayor McCann noted that City Council had received written submissions from the following people:

1. Walter Katelnikoff, President  
Holiday Park Community Association
2. Gerald Morin, President  
The Metis Society of Saskatchewan Inc.
3. John B. Benesh  
Sutherland Business Association
4. Robert Doucette, Chairperson  
Metis Local 126  
and Nora Ritchie, Chairperson, Metis Local 11 and  
Metis Women of Saskatoon

Committee arose.

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His Worship Deputy Mayor McCann, Chair of the Committee of the Whole, reported on the activities of the Committee, as recorded by the City Clerk.

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

*THAT the information be received and referred to A Committee of the Whole Council.*

*CARRIED.*

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

*THAT the meeting stand adjourned.*

*CARRIED.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk