

Council Chamber
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Monday, March 27, 1995,
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, Roe, Steernberg, and Waygood;
A/City Commissioner Pontikes;
Director of Works and Utilities Gustafson;
Director of Finance Richards;
City Solicitor Dust;
City Clerk Mann;
City Councillors' Assistant Kanak

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on March 13, 1995, be approved.

CARRIED.

HEARINGS

- 2a) **Discretionary Use Application**
Proposed Boarding (Personal) Care Home for 8 Residents
311 Silverwood Road - R.1A District
Applicants: Ronald and Melva Chestolowski
(File No. CK. 4355-1)
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REPORT OF CITY CLERK:

"City Council, at its meeting held on February 13, 1995, received notice of the above discretionary use application.

The City Planner has now advised that the necessary on-site notification poster has been placed on the site and letters have been sent to adjacent land owners within 60 metres of the site.

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Council, at this meeting, is to consider granting its permission for the proposed use.

The matter is also being reported on under Clause 1, Report No. 4-1995 of the Municipal Planning Commission.

Attached are copies of the following communications:

- Letter dated March 14, 1995 from Susan and George Lukiwski, 254 J.J. Thiessen Crescent; and
- Letter from Shirley and Cindy Anderson, 101 - 320 Silverwood Road."

His Worship the Mayor 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 Langford, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT Clause 1, Report No. 4-1995 of the Municipal Planning Commission be brought forward and considered.

CARRIED.

REPORT NO. 4-1995 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

- 1. Discretionary Use Application
Proposed Personal (Boarding) Care Home for Eight Residents
Lot 18, Block 932, Plan No. 78-S-15186
311 Silverwood Road
(File No. CK. 4355-1)**

Attached is a copy of a report of the Planning and Construction Standards Department dated February 16, 1995, regarding an application submitted by Ronald and Melva Chestolowski, requesting approval to use Lot 18, Block 932, Plan No. 78-S-15186 (311 Silverwood Road) for the purpose of a Boarding House to care for eight residents. This property is zoned R.1A district in the Zoning Bylaw, and, as a consequence, a Boarding House to care for eight residents may only be permitted by City Council at its discretion.

Your Commission has considered this application and concurs with the recommendation of the

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Planning and Construction Standards Department that the request be approved, subject to the provision of two off-street parking spaces.

RECOMMENDATION:

that this report be brought forward under Item No. 2a) during the Public Hearing process, and that City Council consider the following recommendation:

"that the application by Ronald and Melva Chestolowski, requesting permission to use Lot 18, Block 932, Plan No. 78-S-15186 (311 Silverwood Road) for the purpose of a Boarding House to provide care to eight residents, be approved, subject to the provision of two off-street parking spaces."

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the submitted correspondence be received.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT the application by Ronald and Melva Chestolowski, requesting permission to use Lot 18, Block 932, Plan No. 78-S-15186 (311 Silverwood Road) for the purpose of a Boarding House to provide care to eight residents, be approved, subject to the provision of two off-street parking spaces.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

A. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

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The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

- 1) **Lynn Danbrook, Executive Officer**
Saskatoon Home Builders' Association, Inc., dated March 6

Requesting Council to proclaim the month of April, 1995 as New Homes Month in Saskatoon.
(File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the month of April, 1995 as New Homes Month in Saskatoon.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the month of April, 1995 as New Homes Month in Saskatoon.

CARRIED.

- 2) **Claire Bullaro, Chair**
Superintendent's Residence Task Force, dated March 9

Submitting comments regarding the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo Superintendent's Residence. (File No. CK. 4205-8)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

- 3) **Don Archibald, Building Inspection Engineer**
Planning and Construction Standards Department, dated March 22

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of April 9 to 15, 1995 as Building Safety Week in

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Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of April 9 to 15, 1995 as Building Safety Week in Saskatoon.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of April 9 to 15, 1995 as Building Safety Week in Saskatoon.

CARRIED.

**4) Leah Schatz, Campaign Chairperson, Saskatoon Unit
Canadian Cancer Society, dated March 10**

Requesting Council to proclaim the month of April, 1995 as Cancer Month in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the month of April, 1995 as Cancer Month in Saskatoon.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the month of April, 1995 as Cancer Month in Saskatoon.

CARRIED.

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**5) Revd. Dr. Ivan Wilson, Chair
Race Relations Committee, dated March 15**

Commenting regarding the proposal for a Safe House Pilot Project to be established at St. Paul's Hospital and urging Council to indicate its support for this project. (File No. CK. 277-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the information be received and referred to the Legislation and Finance Committee.

CARRIED.

**6) Bert Weichel, Chairperson
Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council Board of Directors, dated March 20**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding waste management. (File No. CK. 7830-4-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that a representative of the Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council be heard.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT a representative of the Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Joanne Fedyk, Executive Director, Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council, urged Council to suspend funding of the regional waste management facility pending development of an integrated solid waste management plan for the city.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT the information be received and referred to the Works and Utilities Committee and to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Council for a report.

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CARRIED.

**7) Brenda Thomsen, Just Say No Parent Coordinator
Roland Michener School, dated March 20**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of May 23 to 28, 1995 as Just Say No to Drugs Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of May 23 to 28, 1995 as Just Say No to Drugs Week in Saskatoon.

Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of May 23 to 28, 1995 as Just Say No to Drugs Week in Saskatoon.

CARRIED.

**8) Susan Fouse
Peace Run, dated March 13**

Requesting Council to proclaim May 27, 1995 as Peace Run Day in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim May 27, 1995 as Peace Run Day in Saskatoon.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim May 27, 1995 as Peace Run Day in Saskatoon.

CARRIED.

**9) Marlene Hall, Secretary
Development Appeals Board, dated March 10**

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Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding a private detached garage at 2711 Jarvis Drive. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

**10) Marlene Hall, Secretary
Development Appeals Board, dated March 22**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding construction of a new one-unit dwelling at 513 - 4th Avenue North. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**11) Reg Hamonic, President
Saskatoon and District Labour Council, dated March 20**

Requesting Council to proclaim April 28, 1995 as a Day of Mourning in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim April 28, 1995 as a Day of Mourning in Saskatoon.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim April 28, 1995 as a Day of Mourning in Saskatoon.

CARRIED.

12) Gerald H. Dafoe, Executive Director, Canadian Public Health Association

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Carol Clemenhagen, President, Canadian Hospital Association, dated March 16

Requesting Council to proclaim May 12, 1995 as Canada Health Day in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim May 12, 1995 as Canada Health Day in Saskatoon.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim May 12, 1995 as Canada Health Day in Saskatoon.

CARRIED.

**13) Kathy Slavin, Child Abuse Prevention Strategies Committee
Saskatoon District Health Board Community Development, dated March 22**

Submitting information regarding the Child Abuse Prevention Strategies Committee. (File No. CK. 277-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT the information be received and referred to the Administration for appropriate action and to the joint Planning and Development and Legislation and Finance Committee meeting as information.

CARRIED.

**14) R. Lynne Salisbury, Chair
Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, dated March 14**

Expressing appreciation to Council for including the replacement of a wall at the Gallery as part of the 1995 Capital Budget. (File No. CK. 153-1)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**15) Suzanne G. Serviss, Student
Saskatoon Business College, dated March 20**

Requesting permission for students of the Saskatoon Business College to address Council regarding the opening of a pornographic/exotic/peep show type of business on Third Avenue beside the school. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that a representative of the students of the Saskatoon Business College be heard during consideration of Clause B2, Report No. 7-1995 of the City Commissioner.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT the regular order of business be suspended and Clause B2, Report No. 7-1995 of the City Commissioner and Items A.16 to A.20 and A.22 to A.28, inclusive, of "Communications" be brought forward and considered.

CARRIED.

REPORT NO. 7-1995 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER

**B2) Centerfold Total Adult Amusement Centre
225 - 3rd Avenue North
Building and Zoning Information**

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(File No. CC 4350-1) _____

Report of the City Planner, March 23, 1995:

"It is apparent that various people and organizations are concerned about the occupancy by Centerfold Total Adult Amusement Centre of the building at 225 - 3rd Avenue North. For City Council's information, the owner of this business applied for a building permit on February 27, 1995, to undertake various interior building-alterations to enable the premises to be used for a retail video-sales and entertainment centre.

This property is situated within a B.6 District, pursuant to The Zoning Bylaw No. 6772. The proposed operations of Centerfold Total Adult Amusement Centre are permitted within this zoning district. (A copy of the Bylaw's requirements for the B.6 District has been attached to this report.)

The proposed interior alterations to the building were examined under the provisions of The Building Bylaw No. 7306. The alterations complied with both the Building Code's requirements and the provisions of The Zoning Bylaw. Therefore, a building and development permit was issued on March 6, 1995."

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

**16) Barry Chapman, Principal
Saskatoon Business College, dated March 16**

Submitting a petition with 8 signatures from the business community and requesting permission to address Council regarding concerns about a pornographic/exotic/peep show type of business to be opened at 225 Third Avenue North. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that representatives of the business community be heard during consideration of Clause B2, Report No. 7-1995 of the City Commissioner.

**17) Faculty of Social Work/Human Justice
University of Regina (in Saskatoon), dated March 22**

Submitting petition with approximately 34 signatures regarding the possibility of a

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pornography/exotic business opening at 225 Third Avenue North. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause B2, Report No. 7-1995 of the City Commissioner.

**18) Kathleen Morpurgo, President and Darlene Bessey, Executive Director
YWCA of Saskatoon, dated March 23**

Expressing concerns regarding the opening of a pornographic business at 225 Third Avenue North. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause B2, Report No. 7-1995 of the City Commissioner.

**19) Lea Olorenshaw and Lisa Cheyne-Zanyk
The Saskatoon Sexual Assault Centre, dated March 20**

Expressing concerns regarding the opening of a pornographic/exotic/peep show type of business at 225 Third Avenue North. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause B2, Report No. 7-1995 of the City Commissioner.

**20) Cecilia Forsyth, Communications Director
Saskatchewan Chapter, REAL Women of Canada, dated March 23**

Expressing concerns regarding the downtown location of the Centrefold Adult Entertainment Centre. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause B2, Report No. 7-1995 of the City Commissioner.

**22) Elly Danica
Moose Jaw, SK, dated March 24**

Submitting concerns regarding the operation of a pornography business in the city of Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 150-1)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause B2, Report No. 7-1995 of the City Commissioner.

23) Bev Dubois, dated March 24

Submitting a petition with approximately 22 signatures of employees on Third Avenue regarding the recent opening of the Centrefold Adult Entertainment Centre. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause B2, Report No. 7-1995 of the City Commissioner.

**24) Shirley Haines
1318 Colony Street, dated March 23**

Expressing concerns regarding the opening of the Centrefold Adult Entertainment Centre. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause B2, Report No. 7-1995 of the City Commissioner.

**25) Darrell Broughton
Box 124, Saskatoon, dated March 23**

Submitting comments regarding the location of the Centrefold Adult Entertainment Centre at 225 Third Avenue North. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause B2, Report No. 7-1995 of the City Commissioner.

**26) Frances Morrison
803 - 337 6th Avenue North, dated March 23**

Submitting comments regarding the Centrefold Adult Entertainment Centre. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause B2, Report No. 7-1995 of the City Commissioner.

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**27) Nolene Rowan
1532 Cairns Avenue, dated March 25**

Expressing concern regarding the opening of a peep show type of business in the city. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause B2, Report No. 7-1995 of the City Commissioner.

**28) Drew Byers, President
Butler, Byers Insurance Ltd., dated March 27**

Submitting concerns regarding a pornographic business at 225 Third Avenue North. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and considered with Clause B2, Report No. 7-1995 of the City Commissioner.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT a representative of the students of the Saskatoon Business College be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Carol Dalton, representing the students of the Saskatoon Business College, addressed Council regarding the pornographic, peep show type of business on Third Avenue and expressed concern for the safety of students attending the school.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

THAT a representative of the business community be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Barry Chapman, Principal, Saskatoon Business College, on behalf of business owners in the 200 block of Third Avenue North, spoke in opposition to a business recently opened at 225 Third Avenue North. He urged Council to negotiate with the operator to relocate to an industrial area.

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He submitted a petition signed by 259 students of the business college as well as an additional 1,400 residents of the city.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the matter be referred to the Planning and Development Committee to review and report on the capacity of the City to control businesses termed as adult entertainment.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL (CONT'D)

- 16) Barry Chapman, Principal
Saskatoon Business College, dated March 16**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 10.

- 17) Faculty of Social Work/Human Justice
University of Regina (in Saskatoon), dated March 22**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 10.

- 18) Kathleen Morpurgo, President and Darlene Bessey, Executive Director
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DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 10.

**21) Carolyn Eckel
59 Ravine Drive, dated March 23**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding Bus Route 8 which now travels down Ravine Drive. (File No. CK. 7310-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Ms. Eckel be heard.

It was noted that Ms. Eckel was not present at the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**22) Elly Danica
Moose Jaw, SK, dated March 24**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 10.

23) Bev Dubois, dated March 24

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 10.

**24) Shirley Haines
1318 Colony Street, dated March 23**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 10.

**25) Darrell Broughton
Box 124, Saskatoon, dated March 23**

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803 - 337 6th Avenue North, dated March 23

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 10.

- 27) **Nolene Rowan
1532 Cairns Avenue, dated March 25**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 10.

- 28) **Drew Byers, President
Butler, Byers Insurance Ltd., dated March 27**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 10.

B. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

- 1) **Dorothy Ross, President, Pleasant Hill Community School Association and
Roxanne Craig, Community Coordinator, Pleasant Hill Community School
Fund Raising Committee, Safe House Pilot Project, dated March 10**

Requesting funding for the Safe House Pilot Project. **Referred to the Legislation and Finance Committee.** (File No. CK. 1871-1)

- 2) **G. Martin
633 Avenue M South, dated March 13**

Submitting concerns regarding replacement of the sidewalk on the west side of the 600 Block of Avenue M South. **Referred to the Administration for a report.** (Files CK. 4140-1 and 6220-1)

- 3) **Doris Pascoe
1020 Lansdowne Avenue, dated March 20**

Expressing concern regarding a bus stop located beside her property. **Referred to the Works and Utilities Committee for a report.** (File No. CK. 7311-1)

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**4) Nancy Allan
909 Main Street, dated March 21**

Expressing concern regarding fate of trees on Idylwyld Drive. **Referred to the Works and Utilities Committee.** (File No. CK. 4139-4)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

REPORTS

Councillor Langlois, Chair, presented Report No. 6-1995 of the Budget Policy and Planning Committee;

Councillor Waygood, Member, presented Report No. 1-1995 of the Advisory Committee on Women's Issues;

Mr. J. Kozmyk, Chair, presented Report No. 4-1995 of the Municipal Planning Commission;

City Commissioner Irwin submitted Report No. 7-1995 of the City Commissioner and A/City Commissioner Pontikes submitted Addendum to Report No. 7-1995 of the City Commissioner;

Councillor Waygood, Chair, presented Report No. 6-1995 of the Planning and Development Committee;

Councillor McCann, Chair, presented Report No. 3-1995 of the Legislation and Finance Committee;

Councillor Atchison, Chair, presented Report No. 5-1995 of the Works and Utilities

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Committee; and

Councillor Birkmaier, Chair, presented Report No. 2-1995 of the Audit Committee.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

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

- a) Report No. 6-1995 of the Budget Policy and Planning Committee;*
- b) Report No. 1-1995 of the Advisory Committee on Women's Issues;*
- c) Report No. 4-1995 of the Municipal Planning Commission;*
- d) Report No. 7-1995 of the City Commissioner; and Addendum to Report No. 7-1995 of the City Commissioner;*
- e) Report No. 6-1995 of the Planning and Development Committee;*
- f) Report No. 3-1995 of the Legislation and Finance Committee;*
- g) Report No. 5-1995 of the Works and Utilities Committee; and*
- h) Report No. 2-1995 of the Audit 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. 6-1995 OF THE BUDGET POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor H. Langlois, Chair
Councillor P. McCann
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor J. Postlethwaite
Councillor K. Waygood

**1. Making Choices . . . Building on Our Strengths
Preliminary 1995 Operating Budget Estimates
(File No. CK. 1704-1)**

Your Committee is pleased to present the preliminary estimates for the 1995 Operating Budget. The document is considered "Confidential Until Tabled", and will be circulated at the Council meeting.

The Operating Budget Estimates require review and approval by City Council. In addition, your Committee has formulated separate recommendations on a number of issues, which are listed below.

- a) External Agencies
Contribution to Meewasin Valley Authority - Vote 8

City Council, at its meeting held on December 5, 1994, considered a request from the Executive Director of the Meewasin Valley Authority for funding in the amount of \$7,000 toward costs incurred to implement safety programs, and to further the work of the Trail Safety Committee. Council resolved that the request for funding in 1994 be denied, and that the matter of including a provision in the City's Preliminary 1995 Operating Budget as an additional contribution to the Meewasin Valley Authority to finance a portion of the trail safety program for 1995, be referred to the Budget Policy and Planning Committee.

The submitted budget contains no provision for increased funding to the Meewasin Valley Authority.

- b) Financial Assistance to Community Groups - Vote 12

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- Financial contribution to Kinsmen Telemiracle - In the past, the City has provided a grant of \$20,000 to Kinsmen Telemiracle to cover the rental of the Centennial Auditorium when Telemiracle is held in Saskatoon. Your Committee **recommends** that this contribution be substantially lowered, and that this be phased as follows:

1995	\$15,000
1997	\$10,000
1999 and thereafter	\$ 5,000

- Community Initiatives Program - It is **recommended** that the Travel Grants component of the Community Initiatives Program be eliminated, for a savings of \$8,000.
- c) Civic Buildings and Grounds Department
Greenhouse and Conservatory - Vote 36-1

Your Committee is providing full funding for this program in 1995, but **recommends** that the City cease operating a greenhouse in 1996.

- d) Civic Buildings and Grounds Department
Pest Management - Vote 36-2 _____

Your Committee has noted and considered the concerns of citizens of Saskatoon regarding the control of mosquitoes, gophers and dandelions.

- Dandelion Control - No provision has been made in the 1995 Operating Budget for the reintroduction of a herbiciding program.
- Mosquito Control - Attached is a copy of Clause 7, Report No. 19-1994 of the Planning and Development Committee which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on December 19, 1994. By adopting this report, City Council requested the Budget Policy and Planning Committee to consider the budgetary implications of restoring, in 1995, the service level of the Integrated Pest Management Program to accommodate three aerial applications of larvicide, for an additional annual cost of \$150,000. Your Committee has not made provision in this budget for more than one aerial spray per year, and **recommends** that the Program Overview for the Integrated Pest Management Program be amended to provide for only one aerial spray per year.
- Control of Gophers - Your Committee, as a safety measure, has made a provision of \$5,000 for a limited gopher control program on playing fields within the City.

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- e) Outdoor Pools
Vote 39-7

Attached is a copy of a report of the Director of Planning and Development dated February 16, 1995 regarding the level of subsidization from the mill rate for outdoor pools. Your Committee **recommends**:

- i) that the proposed price increases for general admission and for lessons at the municipal outdoor swimming pools be approved as outlined in the above-noted report of the Director of Planning and Development, dated February 16, 1995; and
 - ii) that the 1995 cost recovery target of 54.1% for the Outdoor Pools Program, as proposed in the Preliminary 1995 Operating Estimates, be approved.
- f) Youth Sports Subsidies
Vote 39-8

Your Committee was requested by City Council to provide a recommendation on the Youth Sports Subsidy rate. Your Committee **recommends** that the subsidy, in the 1995 Operating Budget for the Youth Sports Subsidy Program, be \$566,200, for a subsidy rate of 38.6%.

- g) Community Partnership Initiatives
(Marr Residence) - Vote 40-1

City Council, at its meeting held on February 13, 1995, considered Clause 6, Report No. 3-1995 of the Planning and Development Committee, a copy of which is attached. Council approved the establishment of a Management Board for the Marr Residence, subject to budget approval, and requested the Budget Policy and Planning Committee to review and report on increasing the City's operating budget contribution to finance the Marr Residence to \$9,500 in 1995, recognizing that \$800 of this amount is a one-time expenditure to accommodate the pruning of trees on the property.

Your Committee is evenly divided on the matter of funding for the establishment of a Management Board, and **recommends** that the direction of Council issue.

- h) Community Development
Vote 42-1

Your Committee has increased the provision in this program by \$8,000 in order to provide more opportunities for the development of community associations, and has requested the Administration to report to Council, through the Planning and Development Committee, regarding how these funds should be utilized.

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- i) Planning and Construction Department
Vote 45

Your Committee has considered the attached report of the Director of Planning and Development dated March 15, 1995 and **recommends** that the service levels in the Planning and Construction Standards Department be reduced as outlined in this report and that the Program Overview for the Department be amended accordingly.

- j) Snow and Ice Management Program
Vote 52-1

Attached is a report of the Director of Works and Utilities dated February 1, 1995 providing information regarding the above program. Your Committee has placed an additional \$44,000 in the Snow and Ice Management Program to provide for snow clearing contracts in the industrial areas and around schools.

- k) Transit Department
Revenues - Vote 60-1

The budget being submitted to City Council is based on the implementation of a transit fare increase. It is **recommended** that transit fares be increased, effective July 1, 1995, as follows:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
· Cash Fares		
Adults	\$1.10 per ride	\$1.25 per ride
High School	.65 per ride	.75 per ride
Children	.55 per ride	.65 per ride
· Tickets		
Adults	\$10.50 for 10	\$12.00 for 10
High School	6.00 for 10	7.00 for 10
Children	5.00 for 10	6.00 for 10
· Passes		
Adults	\$33.00 per month	\$36.00 per month
High School	22.50 per month	24.50 per month

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Senior Citizen 54.00 per 6 months \$ 68.00 per 6 months
(July 1/95 - Dec 31/95)
(Jan 1/96 - June 30/96)

\$136.00 per full year
(July 1/95 - June 30/96)

RECOMMENDATION: that this report, together with the Preliminary 1995 Operating Budget Estimates be referred to a Special Meeting of City Council scheduled for Monday, April 3, 1995 at 7:00 p.m.

Councillor Langlois gave the following presentation regarding the 1995 Operating Budget:

"Your Worship and Councillors, I am pleased to present, on behalf of the Budget Policy and Planning Committee, the 1995 Operating Budget estimates. Committee members include Councillors Heidt, McCann, Postlethwaite and Waygood, and I extend to them my appreciation for their continuing efforts on this Committee. I wish to thank the other members of Council who attended meetings of the Committee and offered their suggestions as these proposals were being developed.

About six weeks ago, this Committee tabled the Capital Budget estimates for your approval. The consideration of the Operating Budget a week from today will conclude what has been a shortened budget process and begin to address some of the issues Councillors identified during the election campaign and at the public meetings held in January. Once this process is completed, it is our intention to begin planning on a longer term basis in order to give the Administration clear direction on priorities to be pursued on behalf of the citizens of Saskatoon. We need to look at financial planning from a three or four year perspective - and that will begin in the next month.

Your Worship, the 1995 budget theme is 'Making Choices . . . Building On Our Strengths.' As we noted in presenting the Capital Budget, the City of Saskatoon has many strengths and attributes. Our citizens speak well of this City and Saskatoon always ranks high in surveys conducted on quality of life in Canadian and North American cities. At the January public meetings, some citizens offered several suggestions for improved and expanded services while others proposed some service reductions. Generally, the Committee heard that additional funds required for improved services should be generated by improving efficiency in service delivery rather than increasing taxes. The proposals presented tonight reflect the community's desire to maintain and support services that make Saskatoon an exceptional place in which to live, at no additional tax cost to the community. Early in our discussions, this Committee set 'no tax increase' as a primary goal and I am pleased to report that this goal has been achieved. We have heard the concerns of the taxpayers

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respecting the overall tax burden in this country.

For the average homeowner with a house assessed at 12,500, the municipal taxes will remain at \$646 per annum for 1995. Appendix 1 provides a comparison for the past five years.

Before dealing with some of the details contained in these proposals, I would like to highlight some of the major challenges confronted by your Committee.

- In 1994, after a lengthy dispute, the City concluded collective agreements with its employees, other than Police and Fire, that resulted in additional costs of \$2.7M in 1995. Subsequently, arbitration awards with respect to Police and Fire protective services added another \$1.3M to 1995 costs. These additional costs put considerable pressure on the 1995 budget. However, in the light of the decision to proceed with a major organizational review, the Committee has decided not to propose significant staffing adjustments in this budget. The staffing allocation in these proposals is only 3.2 staff years fewer than in the 1994 budget.*
- The City has a long-standing policy that its sewage and water utilities should be self-financing. These utilities suffered 1994 deficits totalling \$1.4M. In addition, the Secondary Sewage Treatment Plant will be completed this year, resulting in higher operating costs and debt charges. Earlier this year, Council approved rate increases to allow these utilities to operate on a break-even basis in 1995 and every effort will be made to attain those objectives.*
- The transit utility continues to rely heavily on tax support to provide the services approved by Council. In 1995, City taxpayers will contribute \$8M to the transit utility, accounting for more than 54 percent of the utility's revenues. In order to deal with additional costs, the Committee is proposing fare increases effective on July 1, 1995. Even with the fare increases, the transit utility will require an additional \$250,000 from property tax sources. The Committee notes that the Works and Utilities Committee has begun a policy review to establish a long-term policy direction on the financing of transit services.*
- Costs of operation are increasing. Payroll costs such as Unemployment Insurance, Canada Pension Plan and Workers' Compensation have all increased. As well, the price of some goods and services such as fuel and paper products is also increasing. By and large, managers were asked to absorb these increased costs within their existing budgets.*

The proposed 1995 budget projects expenditures at \$140.3 million, an increase of \$2.77 million, or 2 percent, over the 1994 estimates.

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How, then, is the Committee able to present a budget with no tax increase? Several major factors are identified:

- *Increased property assessments, due to a resurgence in building activity, have provided about \$400,000 in additional tax revenues, without a mill rate increase.*
- *Due to significantly higher interest rates, the Committee is projecting revenues from investments to reach \$8.3 million, an increase of about \$1.1 million. If rates remain at current levels for the balance of the year, these projections may be exceeded.*
- *Revenues from increased transit fares, to be implemented on July 1, 1995, are expected to increase by about \$280,000.*
- *In 1994, the previous Council allocated about \$1.1 million to the Revenue Stabilization Reserve to fund any future deficits. As the reserve has a present balance of approximately \$2.4M, no such allocation is required in 1995, and therefore, these funds are available to offset increased expenditures in the Operating Budget. This is not a withdrawal from the reserves, but a reallocation to cover increased costs. The level of the reserve also provides some protection for the future.*
- *The Electrical Utility will provide a further \$761,000 in 1995, through growth in revenues.*
- *For the first time in several years, Revenue Sharing grants from the Provincial Government did not decline. They remain at 1994 levels.*

The Committee is satisfied that these revenues are sustainable over time. Early indications are that economic activity continues to grow, which should result in an expanding tax base over the next few years.

I would now like to discuss some of the highlights of these budget proposals.

Expenditures

These proposals estimate expenditures to be \$140.3 million. As depicted in Appendix 4, Protective Services, which is mainly fire and police protection, account for \$44.2 million, or 31.5 percent of all expenditures. These costs are projected to increase by \$1.5 million, or 3.6 percent this year, due mainly to the arbitration awards. While the Committee values these services and acknowledges their importance to the community, it is noted that, should the rate of increase for these services continue at current levels, it will be increasingly

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difficult to maintain other services in the City without tax increases.

The second largest expenditure category - Fiscal Services, which includes debt retirement, transfers to the transit utility, and contribution to capital, is estimated at \$24.1 million, equal to 17.1 percent of all expenditures. These costs will decline by \$638,000 in 1995.

General Government Services, which includes most of the support services for the City, account for \$19.9 million of projected costs, equal to 14.2 percent of estimates. These costs are projected to increase by about \$1 million, with about \$600,000 due to the increased benefits other than salary included in collective agreements and \$200,000 to increased CPP and Workers' Compensation costs.

All other costs, including Transportation Services, Environmental Health and Development Services, Other Public Health and Welfare Services, and Recreational and Cultural Services account for \$52.1 million, equal to 37.2 percent of expenditures. Overall, these expenditures are projected to increase by about \$900,000, or 1.7 percent due mainly to increased salary costs. The Committee notes that these proposals sustain, or increase, allocations to community support programs. Specifically, the Committee notes the allocation of an additional \$14,000 in support of Youth Centres and \$8,000 in support of community associations. With the exception of the Centennial Auditorium grant, grants to third parties such as Mendel Art Gallery, SaskPlace, and the Economic Development Authority are maintained at 1994 levels. The allocation to the Centennial Auditorium was reduced by \$50,000 to \$550,000 in accordance with our agreement with the Centennial Auditorium Board.

With a few exceptions, service levels will be maintained at 1994 levels. However, some service reductions are projected including adjustments to landscaping services for civic buildings and slightly longer time periods to process applications in the Planning and Construction Standards branch. In addition, the Committee is recommending that the City discontinue operating the greenhouse service in 1996.

Revenues

As depicted in Appendix 6, property taxes continue to be the major source of revenues for the City. These revenues are estimated at \$60 million, equal to 42.8 percent of total revenues. The Committee notes that, in 1994, property taxes accounted for 43.3 percent of revenues. This change results from efforts to raise more revenues on a fee-for-service basis, as well as favourable investment returns.

Own revenue sources, including licenses, permits, fees, fines, franchise fees and investment earnings are estimated at \$22.6 million, equal to 16.1 percent of estimates. These revenues will increase by about \$1.1 million, or 5.1 percent, due mainly to improved investment

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returns.

Grants in lieu of Taxes are projected at \$15.5 million, equal to 11.1 percent of estimates. These revenues will increase by \$316,000, with the main contributor being the City's electrical utility.

The other revenue categories, generated from a variety of sources, including user fees and charges, grants from senior governments, contributions from the electrical utility and business taxes are projected to be \$42.2 million, equal to 30 percent of estimates. These revenues are expected to increase by about \$900,000 over the 1994 levels.

In summary, let me reiterate that as a percentage of total revenues, this budget relies less on property taxes than the 1994 budget.

New Initiatives

In order to support the Strategic Plan and to meet the ever changing needs of the citizens, the Committee believes it is important to undertake new initiatives. Although modest, these proposals attempt to reflect the concerns expressed at the public meetings in January, and to reflect the goals of the Strategic Plan.

- To provide better customer service and security, a Transit Store Front is proposed for the Downtown Transit Mall, at a cost of \$25,000.*
- To support our Quilt of Neighbourhoods, it is proposed to increase support to Community Associations by \$8,000 per year.*
- To enhance safety in front of schools, it is proposed to increase the level of snow clearing. As well, industrial areas will be cleaned by private contractors, allowing City crews to provide more efficient snow cleaning operations on major thoroughfares and residential streets. This initiative, if approved, will cost a further \$44,000 in 1995.*
- To provide the youth with a place to meet, a Drop In Centre has been approved at the Cosmo Civic Centre, at a cost of \$14,000.*
- The Committee recognizes the importance of its employees to the Corporation. Therefore, the Committee is proposing that to improve labour relations, we invest \$82,500 in an organizational recovery plan.*
- To support economic development, a temporary solicitor will be added to assist the Saskatoon Airport Authority in its negotiations with Transport Canada, to allow for*

local control at the Saskatoon Airport.

A modest program with new expenditures of \$5,000 is being proposed to control gophers in playing fields in parks in order to increase the safety of participants in outdoor programming.

Future Challenges

Your Committee believes it must highlight two issues that may impact future budgets. The Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) has ordered a complete provincial property reassessment for January 1, 1997. The intent of this initiative is to more closely reflect market values in the annual assessments used to levy property taxes. While it is expected that the new assessment base will reduce property taxes for many properties, it must be acknowledged that many other properties will face tax increases.

The recent Federal Budget, will reduce, through a concept called block funding, transfers to the province for various programs. Although the Federal Government has given the province more autonomy in how the funds are spent, there will be fewer funds for social programs. As a municipality it is our view that the Provincial Government must deal with these cuts without additional grant reductions or 'off-loading' to municipalities.

Conclusion

Your Committee believes it has heard the concerns of all the citizens of Saskatoon, and has attempted to maintain the basic services that everyone expects, without ... and I emphasize again ... without a municipal property tax increase. We acknowledge that much work remains and the Committee believes that we should begin considering financial planning for the next three or four years later this spring. We believe the best interests of Saskatoon citizens can be served through longer term budget development.

I would like to remind members of the public that these budget proposals will be considered by Council on Monday, April 3rd. Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting.

I would like to extend the Committee's appreciation to Council members and administrative staff who worked very hard in preparing the information necessary for effective decision making. Many of the processes were new this year and we all know that they need to be evaluated and improved in some cases. Having said that, the plan that is before you tonight has been well considered and your Committee seeks Council's support."

IT WAS RESOLVED: *that this report, together with the Preliminary 1995 Operating Budget Estimates be referred to a Special Meeting of City Council*

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scheduled for Monday, April 3, 1995 at 7:00 p.m.

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REPORT NO. 1-1995 OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ISSUES

Composition of Committee

Ms. M. Morrow, Chair
Councillor K. Waygood
Ms. E.L. Akanni
Ms. M. Couldwell
Ms. G. Ledoux
Ms. C. Lees
Ms. E.M. Lerat
Ms. K. O'Shea
Ms. L. Szejvlt
Ms. N. Ritchie

**1. 1995 Budget Request for Conference Fees
Changing Attitudes and Practices Symposium
Victims Services - Saskatchewan Justice
Advisory Committee on Women's Issues
(File No. CK. 1706-1)**

City Council, at its meeting held on March 28, 1994, authorized the formation of the Advisory Committee on Women's Issues.

At its first meeting held on March 13, 1995, the Committee determined that, unlike other Advisory Committees, it has not been provided with a budget. It is, therefore, necessary for the Committee to obtain authorization from City Council for any expenditures.

Attached is a copy of information regarding the *Changing Attitudes and Practices Symposium* organized by the Victims Services Branch - Saskatchewan Justice, which will be held April 5-7, 1995 at the Sands Hotel. The Advisory Committee on Women's Issues would like to send a representative to this Conference (two people - one attending each day), which would involve two single-day registrations at \$75.00/day, for a total of \$150.00.

RECOMMENDATION: that funding be authorized for two single-day registrations, for a total of \$150.00, for two members of the Advisory Committee on Women's Issues to each attend a single day of the two-day *Changing Attitudes and Practices Symposium* to be held April 5-7, 1995 at the Sands Hotel.

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that funding be authorized for two single-day registrations, for a

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total of \$150.00, for two members of the Advisory Committee on Women's Issues to each attend a single day of the two-day Changing Attitudes and Practices Symposium to be held April 5-7, 1995 at the Sands Hotel; and

- 2) *that the matter of funding for the Advisory Committee on Women's Issues be referred to the Legislation and Finance Committee.*

REPORT NO. 4-1995 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Composition of Committee

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

- 1. Discretionary Use Application
Proposed Personal (Boarding) Care Home for Eight Residents
Lot 18, Block 932, Plan No. 78-S-15186
311 Silverwood Road
(File No. CK. 4355-1)**
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DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 1.

- 2. Proposed Rezoning - North Industrial Area
I.D.4 to I.D.1 District
Parcels S and V, Block 919, Plan 93-S-36409 and**

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MR2-MTO 94-S-02434
Civic Address: None assigned
Applicant: City of Saskatoon
(File No. CK. 4351-1)

Attached is a copy of a report of the Planning and Construction Standards Department dated March 3, 1995, regarding an application submitted by the Land Manager on behalf of the City of Saskatoon requesting permission to rezone Parcels S and V, Block 919, Plan 93-S-36409, and MR2 - MTO 94-S-02434 from an I.D.4 District to an I.D.1 District (in the North Industrial Area).

Your Commission notes that the lots are adjacent to the Silverwood Heights Neighbourhood and are zoned I.D.4. The I.D.4 District is a heavy industrial zoning category which may permit uses which are incompatible with residential properties. The applicant wishes to have these lands rezoned to an I.D.1 District (general industrial) which restricts uses which may be incompatible with residential neighbourhoods.

Your Commission has considered this matter and concurs with the recommendations of the Planning and Construction Standards Department.

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to rezone Parcels S & V, Block 919, Plan 93-S-36409, and MR2 - MTO 94-S-02434 from an I.D.4 District to an I.D.1 District;
 - 2) that the City Planner 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 the Municipal Planning Commission's report be brought forward for consideration at the time of the public hearing and that City Council consider the Commission's recommendation that the proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment, as outlined in Recommendation 1) above, be approved.

ADOPTED.

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REPORT NO. 7-1995 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER

Section A - Works and Utilities

**A1) Capital Project No. 955 -- Electrical Substation (W. A. Friebel) 138 kV Upgrade
Tenders for 138 kV Breakers and Switches
(File Nos. CC 1000-2 and 1703)**

Report of the Manager, Electrical Distribution Department, February 27, 1995:

"The Central Purchasing and Stores Department called for tenders on the supply of two 138 kV circuit breakers, four 138 kV loadbreak disconnect switches, and two 138 kV non-loadbreak disconnect switches for Capital Project No. 955 -- Electrical Substation (W.A. Friebel) 138 kV Upgrade. Seven bids were received and opened publicly on February 14, 1995. The bids are shown on the attached tabulation.

Project No. 955 involves the voltage and capacity upgrading of the W.A. Friebel Substation at Preston Avenue and 108th Street in order to receive future power supply at 138 kilovolts. The upgrade includes the installation of 138 kV bus, circuit breakers, and switches, two 138 kV 20/26.6/33.3 MVA power transformers, 14.4 kV cables, some fencing, and landscaping. The total budget for the W.A. Friebel Substation upgrade is \$2,615,000. The original estimate for equipment to be supplied under this tender was \$340,000.

The lowest bid received for Item #1 (the supply of four loadbreak disconnect switches) is from Bevro Sales for \$176,282.88.

ASEA Brown Boveri Inc. submitted the lowest bid for Item #2 (the supply of two non-loadbreak disconnect switches) for \$44,346.80.

The lowest tender meeting the specifications for Item #3 (the supply of two 138 kV circuit breakers) is from ASEA Brown Boveri Inc. for \$227,995.60. Equipment offered by Wesco Distribution Canada Inc. at a lower price of \$206,787.48 does not meet the specifications in terms of the low temperature operation and the requirement for the physically separated single pole configuration.

The net costs to the City for each of the proposed purchase contracts is as follows:

Bevro Sales (1987) Ltd. - Item 1

Base Tender (Including Transportation & Insurance)	\$151,968.00
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GST	10,637.76
PST	<u>13,677.12</u>
Contract Amount	\$176,282.88
GST Input Tax Credit	<u>10,737.76</u>
Net Cost to the City	<u>\$165,545.12</u>

ASEA Brown Boveri Inc. - Items 2 & 3

Base Tender (Including Transportation & Insurance)	\$235,110.00
GST	16,457.70
PST	<u>20,774.70</u>
Contract Amount	\$272,342.40
GST Input Tax Credit	<u>16,457.70</u>
Net Cost to the City	<u>\$255,884.70</u>

While the actual costs exceed the original estimate for this equipment, it is too early to know whether an adjustment to the budget for this project is required. An adjustment to the budget may have to be considered when the tenders for the transformers are received.

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council accept the tender submitted by Bevro Sales (1987) Ltd., for the supply of Item 1 - four (4) loadbreak disconnect switches, for a total estimated cost of \$176,282.88, F.O.B. Saskatoon, GST and PST included;
 - 2) that City Council accept the tender submitted by ASEA Brown Boveri Inc., for the supply of Items 2 and 3 - two (2) non-loadbreak disconnect switches and two (2) 138 kV circuit breakers, for a total amount of \$272,342.40, F.O.B. Saskatoon, GST and PST included; and,
 - 3) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract documents, as prepared by the City Solicitor, under the Corporate Seal.

ADOPTED.

**A2) Capital Project No. 955 -- Electrical Substation (W. A. Friebel) 138 kV Upgrade
Tenders for Concrete Piles, Steel Structures, and Ductwork
(File Nos. CC 1000-2 and 1703)**

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Report of the Manager, Electrical Distribution Department, March 21, 1995:

"The Central Purchasing and Stores Department called for tenders on the supply and installation of concrete piles, pile caps, ductwork, grouting, and steel structures for Capital Project No. 955, Electrical Substation - W.A. Friebel 138 kV Upgrade. Eight bids were received and opened publicly on March 15, 1995. The bids are shown on the attached tabulation.

Project No. 955 involves the voltage and capacity upgrading of the W.A. Friebel Substation at Preston Avenue and 108th Street in order to receive power in the future at 138 kV. The upgrade includes the installation of 138 kV bus, circuit breakers and switches, two 138 kV 20/26.6/33.3 MVA power transformers, 14.4 kV cables to connect transformers to existing 14.4 kV switchgear, and some fencing and landscaping. The total budget for the W.A. Friebel Substation upgrade is \$2,615,000. The estimate for the work under this tender was \$125,000.

The lowest bid received from Berge Construction Ltd. meets the requirements of the specification and is being recommended. The net costs are calculated as follows:

Base Tender	\$ 109,871.00
GST	7,640.97
PST	<u>5,362.00</u>
Contract Amount	\$ 122,873.97
GST Input Tax Credit	<u>7,640.97</u>
Net Estimated Cost to the City	\$ 115,233.00

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council award the contract for the supply and installation of concrete piles, pile caps, ductwork and grouting, and steel structures to Berge Construction Ltd., for a total amount of \$122,873.97, GST and PST included.

Councillor Langford excused herself from discussion and voting on the matter and left the Council Chamber.

ADOPTED.

Councillor Langford re-entered the Council Chamber.

**A3) 1995 Capital Budget -- Project No. 704
Trunk Sewers - Southeast Sector
Boychuk Trunk Sewers - Section AB-2**

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**Contract No. 5-0002
(File Nos. CC 1703 and 7820-4)**

Report of the City Engineer, March 16, 1995:

"Project No. 704 involves the extension of the Boychuk Trunk Sewers to enable continued development in the South-East Sector. The 1995 work provides for the completion of the sanitary and storm trunks from 330 metres south of Briarwood Road to a point 205 metres south of Taylor Street. This is a distance of approximately 690 metres.

Tenders for the Boychuk Trunk Sewers - Section AB-2 were received and opened publicly on March 14, 1995.

Two tenders were received as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Tender</u>
Hamm Construction Ltd.	\$ 949,404.22
Miazga Construction Ltd.	\$1,008,338.04

The estimate for the construction of this project is \$1,100,000.00.

The net cost to the City for the low bid submitted by Hamm Construction Ltd. would be as follows:

Base Tender	\$887,293.66
GST	<u>62,110.56</u>
Total Tender	\$949,404.22
GST Rebate	<u>35,489.97</u>
Net Cost to City	<u>\$913,914.25"</u>

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council accept the tender submitted by Hamm Construction Ltd., for the construction of the Boychuk Trunk Sewers - Section AB-2, at a total estimated cost of \$949,404.22, including GST; and,
 - 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Contract Documents, as prepared by the City Solicitor, under the Corporate Seal.

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ADOPTED.

**A4) School Signing Revisions - St. Mark School
(File No. CC 6280-1)**

Report of the City Engineer, March 8, 1995:

"The Engineering Department has received a request from the Catholic School Board to review the signing at St. Mark 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 and is consistent with present standards.

The investigation procedure for this school included:

- the preparation of a plan of the existing signing; and,
- site meetings between representatives of the Engineering Department, the Traffic Section of the Saskatoon Police Service, the Transit Department, the Catholic School Board and the Principal of St. Mark School.

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

The signing required to improve the pedestrian and traffic safety at this school is indicated on attached Plan No. A9-1N and is described briefly below.

The recommended signing changes on the south side of the school property are as follows:

- Remove the existing 'NO PARKING, 0800-1700, MONDAY-FRIDAY' zones (RB-52A) along the school frontage.
- Relocate the existing Transit Stop (RB-59) from west of the pedestrian corridor to east of the corridor.
- Install a 'DISABLED PERSONS LOADING ZONE' (RB-58G) west of the pedestrian corridor.
- Install a 'NO PARKING' (RB-51) zone across the entrance to the staff parking lot.
- Install a 'PARKING, 5 MINUTES, 0800-1700, MONDAY-FRIDAY' zone (RB-53B) from the west side of the staff parking lot entrance to the west

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property line of the school.

All of the above changes have been reviewed and approved by the Saskatoon Police Service, the Transit Department, the Catholic School Board and the School's Principal, and conform to present City policy on school signing."

RECOMMENDATION: that the signing changes at St. Mark School, as shown on attached Plan No. A9-1N, be approved.

ADOPTED.

**A5) School Signing Revisions - St. Angela and Brownell Schools
(File No. CC 6280-1)**

Report of the City Engineer, March 8, 1995:

"The Engineering Department has received a request from the Catholic School Board and Saskatoon Board of Education to review the signing at St. Angela School and Brownell School. The review has been completed and it is proposed that the signing be revised so that it meets the current needs of the schools and is consistent with present standards.

The investigation procedure for each school included:

- The preparation of a plan of the existing signing; and,
- site meetings between representatives of the Engineering Department, the Education Detail of the Saskatoon Police Service, the Transit Department, both Boards of Education and the Principals from each school.

Based on the results of these investigations, a new school signing plan was formulated using the School Signing Guidelines and considering the needs of these particular schools.

The recommended signing changes along Russell Road will provide for additional 'NO STOPPING' zones at the three intersections near the two schools to improve pedestrian visibility. Additional five minute parking 08:00 to 17:00 Monday to Friday will also be provided with this revision. A Disabled Person's Loading Zone has been requested by Brownell School and is provided for in this review. These changes are indicated on the attached Plan No. K1-2G and described by the legend on the plan.

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All of the above changes have been reviewed and approved by the Saskatoon Police Service, the Transit Department, the Catholic School Board, the Saskatoon Board of Education and the Schools' Principals, and conform to present City policy on school signing."

RECOMMENDATION: that the signing changes at St. Angela School and Brownell School, as shown on the attached Plan No. K1-2G, be approved.

ADOPTED.

**A6) Tenders for Street Light Fixtures
 (File No. CC 1000-2)**

Report of the Manager, Electrical Distribution Department, March 21, 1995:

"The Central Purchasing and Stores Department called for tenders on the supply of street light fixtures for approved 1995 Capital Projects #808, #1016, and #1174, and for anticipated maintenance requirements. Six bids were received and opened publicly on March 7, 1995. The bids are shown on the attached tabulation.

Project #808 involves the conversion of mercury vapour to the more efficient high pressure sodium fixtures on arterial roadways. Project #1016 involves the upgrading of the street lighting in older areas of the city to present lighting standards. Project #1174 involves the installation of lighting on new streets throughout the city such as: Keevil Crescent and Nelson Road in Erindale; McKercher, 103rd and 105th Extensions in the Sutherland Industrial Area; Copland Court in Grosvenor Park development; the Avalon extension; and Rever Road and Laycoe in Silverspring. The estimate for the lighting fixtures on this tender was \$196,000.

Nedco submitted the lowest bid for Item #1 (550 - 100 watt HPS fixtures) for \$55,116.83. Eecol Electric Ltd. submitted the lowest bid for Item #2 (650 - 250 watt HPS fixtures) for \$73,778.91. Delmac Lighting and Allied Sales Ltd. submitted the lowest bid for Items #3 and #4 (657 - 150 watt HPS fixtures - two different types) for \$67,129.20.

The next cost to the City for each of the proposed purchase contracts is as follows:

	Nedco	Eecol Electric	Delmac Lighting
SUPPLIER	Item #1	Item #2	Items #3 & #4
Base Bid	\$ 47,514.50	\$ 63,602.50	\$ 57,870.00
GST	3,326.02	4,452.18	4,050.90

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PST	<u>4,276.31</u>	<u>5,724.23</u>	<u>5,208.30</u>
CONTRACT AMOUNT	\$ 55,116.83	\$ 73,778.91	\$ 67,129.20
GST Rebate (57.14%)	<u>1,900.49</u>	<u>2,543.98</u>	<u>2,314.68</u>
NET COST TO CITY	\$ 53,216.34	\$ 71,234.93	\$ 64,814.52"

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council award the contract for Item #1 to Nedco for a total amount of \$55,116.83, GST and PST included;
 - 2) that City Council award the contract for Item #2 to Eecol Electric Ltd. for a total amount of \$73,778.91, GST and PST included; and,
 - 3) that City Council award the contract for Items #3 and #4 to Delmac Lighting and Allied Sales Ltd. for a total amount of \$67,129.20, GST and PST included.

ADOPTED.

**A7) Supply of Aggregate for 1995
 Contract No. 5-0004
 (File No. CC 1000-4)**

Report of the City Engineer, March 20, 1995:

"Tenders were received and opened publicly on March 16, 1995, for the processing, supply, and delivery of aggregate to City projects during the period May 1, 1995, to April 30, 1996. This material will be used primarily for street and lane maintenance, street sanding, and pipe bedding.

The following local firms submitted tenders:

1. Revelstoke Redi-Mix Ltd.
2. ASL Paving Ltd.
3. Giesbrecht Trucking Ltd.

The unit prices are summarized on the attached tabulation sheet. The tender documents specify that the City may accept any or all of a bidder's tendered prices, and may award the various bid items to different firms. Each bid item is individually evaluated in determining the recommended award.

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The bidder quoting the lowest total unit price is recommended in all cases. All three bidders have satisfactorily supplied similar materials in comparable quantities in the past.

Based on the estimated quantities, the total cost for the recommended awards is \$425,089.91, including GST, PST, and GST rebate. By comparison, the total cost at 1994 prices would have been \$402,645.65. The comparable or higher prices bid in 1995, reflect the lower than normal quantities supplied in 1994, due partly to the labour dispute and partly to the mild winter.

As in the past three years, this contract is largely limited to requirements for maintenance work, with several construction projects having contractor-supplied aggregate."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the unit prices submitted by Revelstoke Redi-Mix Ltd. be accepted for the supply of the following items at an estimated cost of \$228,248.80:
 - Item 5 - 26,000 tonnes of Street Sand at \$7.92/tonne;
 - Item 6 - 800 tonnes of Plaster Sand at \$8.15/tonne;
 - 2) that the unit prices submitted by Giesbrecht Trucking Ltd. be accepted for the supply of the following items at an estimated cost of \$213,261.41:
 - Item 1 - 3,600 tonnes of Base Aggregate (East) at \$6.13/tonne;
 - Item 2 - 5,500 tonnes of Base Aggregate (West) at \$5.68/tonne;
 - Item 3 - 19,700 tonnes of Maintenance Base to the City Yards at \$5.03/tonne;
 - Item 3A - 6,500 tonnes of Maintenance Base to the Attridge Site at \$5.19/tonne;
 - Item 4 - 2,000 tonnes of Maintenance Base (Dry) to the Attridge Site at \$5.68/tonne;
 - Item 7 - 50 tonnes of Crushed Rock at \$11.88/tonne; and,

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

ADOPTED.

**A8) Proposed Yield Changes
Mount Royal/Westmount
(File No. CC 6280-1)**

Report of the City Engineer, March 15, 1995:

"The Engineering Department has received a request from the Transit Department to have the right-of-way assigned to the bus route through Mount Royal/Westmount. Seven locations have been identified as uncontrolled intersections, in these two neighbourhoods, along Bus Route 5. It is proposed that yield signs be installed at these locations to assign right-of-way to Bus Route 5. Plan No. D7-1D (S.P.) indicates the existing and proposed yield signs in these neighbourhoods as well as Bus Route 5.

The above proposed yield installations conform to City Policy No. C07-007 - 'Traffic Control - Use of Stop and Yield Signs'."

RECOMMENDATION: that yield signs be installed along Bus Route 5 in the neighbourhoods of Mount Royal and Westmount, as shown on attached Plan No. D7-1D (S.P.).

ADOPTED.

ADDENDUM TO REPORT NO. 7-1995 of the CITY COMMISSIONER

**A9) 1995 Preliminary Operating Budget
Transit Department - Vote #60
(File No. CC 1705)**

During its review of the 1995 Preliminary Operating Budget, Transit Department - Vote #60, the Budget Policy and Planning Committee resolved that a provision of \$25,000 for a Customer Service Centre in the Downtown Bus Terminal be included without an increase in the City Contribution. At the same time, there was a question regarding the increase in the operating cost provision from 1994 to 1995, as it relates to the cost of fuel.

Your staff has determined that the operating cost provision for fuel can be reduced by

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\$41,000 as a result of a price decrease. It is suggested that the provision for the Customer Service Centre be funded from this saving. The net result then is a reduction of \$16,000 in the operating cost provision, and a corresponding reduction of \$16,000 in the City Contribution.

RECOMMENDATION: that this report be received as information and forwarded to the special meeting of Council to consider the 1995 Operating Budget with the following recommendations:

- 1) that the Operating Costs provision in Sub-Vote 60-2 Transit Department, Management and Administration, be revised to \$557.0 thousand; and,
- 2) that the City Contribution in Sub-Vote 60-1, and the Transit System Subsidy in Vote #18, be revised to \$6,634.0 thousand.

ADOPTED.

Section B - Planning and Development

**B1) Land-Use Applications Received by the Planning and Construction Standards Dept.
For the Period Between March 3 and March 16, 1995
(For Information Only)
(File Nos. CC 4351-1, CC 4300-2, and CC 4355-1)**

The City Planner has received the following applications which are being processed and which will subsequently be submitted to City Council for its consideration:

Rezoning

- Application Z3/95: Briarwood Neighbourhood
Applicant: Boychuk Investments Ltd.
Legal Description: Part of Parcel A, Reg'd Plan No. EV5793 and Part of N.W. ¼ Section 19 - 36 - 4 - W3M
Current Zoning: R.2
Proposed Zoning: RM(Tn)
Date Received: March 13, 1995

Subdivision

- Application #3/95: 3302 Dieppe Street (See the attached map.)

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Applicant: James J. Shuparski
Legal Description: Lot 1, Block 15, Plan G831
Current Zoning: R.2
Date Received: March 14, 1995

Discretionary Use

Application D3/95: 3104 Louise Place
Applicant: St. Volodymyr Villa Corporation
Legal Description: Parcel X, Block 632, Plan No. 86-S-34927
Current Zoning: M.3A
Proposed Use: Seniors' Housing Residence
Date Received: March 16, 1995

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

**B2) Centerfold Total Adult Amusement Centre
225 - 3rd Avenue North
Building and Zoning Information
(File No. CC 4350-1)**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 10.

**B3) Request for Encroachment Agreement
234 - 1st Avenue South
Pt. Lot 3, all of Lots 4 - 11, Block 147, Plan Q.2
(File No. CC 4090-2)**

Report of the City Planner, March 23, 1995:

"Mr. Gordon S. Wyant (from McKercher, McKercher & Whitmore), on behalf of the property-owner, has requested to enter into an encroachment agreement with the City for the above-noted property. As is shown on the attached Surveyor's Certificate, part of the building's (parkade) west-wall and curb encroach onto the City's property along First Avenue. Also, part of the building's (parkade) east-wall and curb encroach onto the City-owned lane. The encroachments have likely existed since 1962 when the building was constructed.

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The total area of encroachment is approximately 6.54 square metres (70.4 square feet). The west-wall and curb of the building encroach by a maximum of 0.030 metres (0.1 feet) onto First Avenue; the east-wall and curb encroach by a maximum of 0.168 metres (0.55 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."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council recognize the encroachment at 234 - 1st Avenue South (Pt. Lot 3, all of Lots 4-11, Block 147, Plan Q.2);
 - 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 and under the Corporate Seal.

ADOPTED.

Section C - Finance

**C1) Business Assessment Roll - Preliminary
as of December 31, 1994
(File No. CC 1625-1)**

Report of the City Assessor, March 17, 1995:

"Attached is a statement of the 1995 Preliminary Business Assessment Roll as at December 31, 1994.

Also attached is a five-year comparison 1991-1995.

The 1995 Preliminary Business Assessment Roll shows an increase of 948,430 or 1.50 percent over the 1994 taxable assessment. This increase can be mainly attributed to new business or additions to existing businesses.

The 1995 Business Assessment Roll is subject to Board of Revision action; a revised assessment roll will be provided after the sitting of the Board of Revision.

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The 1995 business assessment and tax bills will be mailed on March 17, 1995, with the last date of appeal being April 6, 1995.

Members of Council are aware that the following Clause 1, Report No. 5-1995 of the Budget Policy and Planning Committee was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on March 13, 1995:

"that City Council implement a Business Tax levy of 14.5%, with a five percent discount of payment (if paid within 30 days) for 1995."

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

**C2) Notice for Sale by Tender
Dump Trucks, Tree Spade, Street Sweeper
(File No. CC 1250-1)**

Attached is a Notice for Sale by Tender - Dump Trucks, Tree Spade, Street Sweeper, as prepared by Inventory Control, Central Purchasing and Stores Department.

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

**C3) Interac Payment - Utility Bills,
Parking Tickets and Taxes
(File No. CC 1500-1)**

At its meeting held on January 3, 1995, City Council dealt with the above-noted subject and resolved:

"1) that the Administration provide a report as to the savings that would be incurred with implementing a universal equalized payment plan."

Report of the City Treasurer, March 17, 1995:

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"The implementation of a universal equalized payment plan would mean that all residential utility customers (66,000) would automatically be enrolled in the Equalized Payment Plan for their utility services. They would receive 11 equal monthly bills and one settle-up bill in the twelfth month. Commercial customers would not be allowed to participate given their actual consumption could vary quite significantly from month-to-month.

Implementing this type of plan might reduce the number of customer inquiries our call centre receives each day given the fact that monthly bills would not fluctuate. However, these savings would probably be offset by an increase in staff required to monitor the Equalized Payment Plan status (the difference between the equalized amount billed and the actual consumption). Adjustments to the monthly payment amount would have to be made if the variance became significant, otherwise, collection problems could occur at settle-up time.

Carrying this a step further, if all residential customers were required to go on direct debit (pre-authorized payment) only, as a means of settling their equalized account, they would benefit in terms of no postage or envelope costs. The City, as well as the customer, benefits from this type of payment scheme. Currently, approximately one and one-half (1 1/2) staff persons are required in the Remittance Section and two (2) cashiers in Customer Service, to process utility payments. The annual costs for these staff is estimated to be approximately \$95,000. If monthly equalized amounts were automatically withdrawn from customers bank accounts, the cost to process these 66,000 payments would be \$55,200 annually under our current banking agreement. Thus, approximately \$40,000 could be saved. In addition to the processing savings identified above, additional benefits would accrue to the City in terms of a reduction in the number of returned cheques for non-sufficient funds, and a positive impact to cash flow. The positive impact arises from the fact that daily cash inflows become more even and predictable with all customers on direct debit.

With all customers enrolled in an Equalized Payment Plan, another option that might be considered which could save costs is to not send a bill each month, but rather at some other interval such as quarterly. For the City to reap any benefits from this type of concept, it would have to insist that customers settle their accounts by direct debit only, i.e. they would have no other option of making payment. The rationale behind this is that most customers pay only when they receive a bill. Thus, customers receiving bills at an interval other than monthly would only pay when a bill is received. If customers were required to enroll in direct debit, the monthly amount would automatically be withdrawn from their bank account regardless of whether a bill was sent. Not mailing a bill to the customer each month results in a cost saving to the City. Currently, the annual postage cost for mailing bills to 66,000 residential customers would be around \$264,000. Thus, for each month that a bill is not mailed to a customer, the City would save approximately \$22,000. In addition to the postage savings, other costs estimated to be somewhere around \$1,500 could be saved each month by not having to produce and insert bills into envelopes.

From the information presented above, it can be seen that the greatest impact in terms of cost

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savings would be to have customers enrolled in an Equalized Payment Plan, not send them a bill each month, but continue to debit their account for the monthly equalized amount. However, while we feel that we might be able to insist our customers must enroll in an equalized payment plan, it seems unlikely that we could invoke direct debit as the only means of settling their utility account.

Finally, all of the discussion above looks at cost savings and does not give consideration as to what the customers might want. Current statistics seem to indicate that our customers are not all that eager to enroll in either an Equalized Payment Plan or a Direct Debit Plan as a means of settling their account. Only 7 percent of our customers have signed up for the Equalized Payment Plan and 7 percent for the Direct Debit Plan. Thus, it would appear we would be forcing something onto our customers that they do not want."

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the information be received and referred to the Legislation and Finance Committee for review and report.

**C4) Investments
(File No. CC 1790-3)**

Report of the City Treasurer, March 20, 1995:

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

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

ADOPTED.

**C5) Tax Write-Offs
List #1
(File No. CC 1985-4)**

Report of the City Treasurer, March 17, 1995:

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"Attached is a list of properties indicating tax adjustments totalling \$308.51, for which tax write-off approval is requested by City Council."

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve of the tax write-off in the amount of \$308.51, for the reasons detailed in the list prepared by the City Treasurer, dated March 17, 1995.

ADOPTED.

Section D - Services

D1) Routine Reports Submitted to City Council

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Business Tax -- General License (copy attached) (File No. CC 435-13)	January 1, 1995	January 31, 1995
Business Tax -- General License (copy attached) (File No. CC 435-13)	February 1, 1995	February 28, 1995
Property Tax Collections (copy attached) (File No. CC 435-8)	January 1, 1995	January 31, 1995
Property Tax Collections (copy attached) (File No. CC 435-8)	February 1, 1995	February 28, 1995
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$3,837,548.36 (File No. CC 1530-2)	March 8, 1995	March 13, 1995
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$1,593,074.54 (File No. CC 1530-2)	March 13, 1995	March 15, 1995
Schedule of Accounts Paid	March 16, 1995	March 22, 1995

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\$660,329.22
(File No. CC 1530-2)

Schedule of Accounts Paid	March 22, 1995	March 27, 1995
\$1,516,024.26		
(File No. CC 1530-2)		

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

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**D2) Proposed Bylaw No. 7477
Amendment to General Pension Plan
Reinstatement of Prior Contributory Service
(File No. CC 1796-1)**

Report of the City Solicitor, March 15, 1995:

"The Pension Administration Board, at its March 1995, meeting, approved proposed Bylaw No. 7477.

The proposed Bylaw provides that where an employee covered by the General Plan is terminated for any reason other than retirement and is subsequently re-employed within a year of the termination in a job covered by the General Plan, the rehired employee may reinstate his or her past contributory service. In order to reinstate the Contributory Service, the employee must, within 30 days of being rehired, repay to the Pension Plan the total amount of the termination benefits received pursuant to the Plan together with interest as specified in the proposed Bylaw.

The proposed Bylaw also makes reference to a specific employee and allows her to reinstate her prior Contributory Service provided that she does so within 30 days of the passing of the Bylaw. The reason for this provision is that the proposed Bylaw was considered and approved by the Pension Administration Board as a result of the employee's request to be considered for reinstatement. It was necessary for the Board to consider this request, its implications for the Plan and other employees and the method whereby reinstatement might be accomplished. This process resulted in more than one year elapsing from the original request. Accordingly, a specific provision was required."

RECOMMENDATION: that Council consider proposed Bylaw No. 7477.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Council consider proposed Bylaw No. 7477 at the next meeting.

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REPORT NO. 6-1995 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor K. Waygood, Chair
Councillor R. Sternberg
Councillor P. Roe

**1. Planning and Construction Standards Department
Annual Report -- 1994
(File No. CK. 430-27)**

Report of the City Planner, March 10, 1995:

"On behalf of the Department's staff, I am pleased to provide the Planning and Development Committee with a copy of the Planning and Construction Standards Department's 1994 annual report. This report provides an overview of our organizational structure, activities and services, as well as the initiatives which were completed in 1994.

In terms of development-activity, the value of building permits in 1994 exceeded \$100 million for the first time in four years, representing a 30% increase over the 1993 value. Of significance was the continued improvement in the home-building industry where the activity increased by 20% over 1993. (The value of all permits during the first two months of 1995 is already well above last year's amount.) Last year's home-occupation applications were up by 17%, rezoning applications by 20%, discretionary-use applications by 120%, and condominium applications by 33%.

In addition to our day-to-day activities in serving our customers (e.g. building and plumbing permits; processing rezoning, discretionary-use, and subdivision applications; inspections and neighbourhood planning), the Department focused on implementing the strategic actions which have been set out in City Council's Strategic Plan. Our emphasis centred on rationalizing services, customer-driven service-delivery, and economic development. Some of our Department's 1994 initiatives included:

- implementing a reorganization of our Department, with the aim of rationalizing services and service-delivery and reducing the operating-budget impact;
- working towards the joint delivery of the Maintenance Bylaw's inspection program with the Saskatoon District Health Board and several civic departments;
- developing and implementing, in consultation with the private sector, the first phase of a mandatory call-in building-inspection program for residential development;

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- completing the first phase of the Plan Saskatoon Project and working towards completion of the Issues Workbook.
- preparing brochures and customer-service cards to provide better information to, and feedback from, our customers;
- working hand-in-hand with the Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority to provide information that is needed by prospective businesses;
- forming a partnership with the Rural Municipality of Corman Park, the Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority, and the Meewasin Valley Authority on a joint geographic information system for the Saskatoon Planning District; and
- converting the civic address sheets to a digital computer-aided design product.

The Department's efforts also focused on taking a more consultative approach in dealing with issues. The positive results of this approach can be seen in the success of such projects as the 20th Street Streetscaping Project and the mandatory call-in building-inspection program. The Department will continue to work toward increased public consultation in its review of policies and issues."

Your Committee has reviewed the above report and

RECOMMENDS: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

2. Leisure Services Department
1994 Operating Revenues
Year-End Report
(Files CK. 1720-3 and 430-1)

Your Committee has considered the following report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department, dated March 9, 1995:

"Overview

As a result of last summer's civic dispute, the City's leisure facilities were closed or operated at reduced service-levels for three months, or 25 percent of the year. Nevertheless, the Leisure Services Department's 1994 revenues from outside sources (excluding internal rentals) were just 12 percent below the 1993 actual results. In fact, its revenues from general admissions were actually two percent above the previous year. This increase is largely due to several pricing adjustments that were implemented in 1994.

Based on attendance and revenues since returning to full operation, we appear to have retained a significant portion of our existing customer-base. Hence, your staff are not

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expecting a substantial long-term adverse effect on revenues resulting from last summer's disruption in service. For example, facility-pass sales from re-opening (in mid-October) to December 31, 1994, were 12 percent above the sales for the period from September 1 to December 31, 1993; sales in January of 1995 were 35 percent above the same month in 1994. Also, from November 1 to December 31, 1994, youth admissions increased by 14 percent and family admissions increased by three percent over the comparable 1993 results.

The long-term outlook for the Department's revenues is very positive. Our needs-assessment and market studies indicate a growing interest in health and fitness activities. This means that drop-in fitness programming for adults will continue to be a major growth area for our indoor leisure facilities. According to demographic indicators, the baby-boom echo (i.e. the children of those people who were born during the peak of the baby boom) will create greater demand for recreational programs for children and families. This was evidenced last summer, when the attendance at our outdoor swimming pools by families increased by 30 percent and during the last two months of the year, when family admissions increased by 14 percent at the Lakewood Civic Centre.

1994 Revenues

The Leisure Services Department realized 1994 operating revenues (excluding internal rentals) of \$4,854,600; this is \$667,000, or 12 percent, below the 1993 actual results of \$5,521,600. Our revenues from subsidized programs were \$502,200, or 13 percent, below the 1993 actual results and \$712,000, or 18 percent, below the budgeted estimates. For the Department's self-financing programs (i.e. the three golf courses, the Kinsmen Park Rides, and the Gordon Howe Campground), our revenues were \$164,800, or nine percent, below the previous year's actual results and \$347,700, or 18 percent, below our budgeted estimates.

1994 Revenues by Source				
	1993 Actual	1994 Actual	Change from 1993 to 1994	
Admissions	\$1,083,100	\$1,105,800	\$ 22,700	+ 2%
Registered Programs	714,800	436,900	(277,900)	-39%
External Rentals	1,712,300	1,527,400	(184,900)	-11%
Other Revenues	83,700	79,500	(4,200)	- 5%
Kinsmen Park Rides	97,700	83,600	(14,100)	-14%

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Golf Courses	1,549,800	1,391,900	(157,900)	-10%
Gordon Howe Campground	103,400	110,600	7,200	+ 7%
Concessions	176,800	118,900	(57,900)	-33%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$5,521,600	\$4,854,600	\$(667,000)	-12%
Internal Rentals	\$1,299,400	\$ 974,700	\$(324,700)	-25%

In summary, the Department's revenue-decreases are directly attributed to the reduced service-levels which resulted from the civic dispute. Had this disruption not occurred, we believe that the Department would have achieved its revenue-objectives for 1994.

Further details with respect to each of the Department's sources of revenue and for each programming site are provided in Appendix A. The following are the highlights of our 1994 revenue results, as compared to the 1993 actual results, for each of these sources.

Admissions

Although total attendance was 12 percent below the previous year, the revenues from the Department's general-admission programs increased by \$22,700, or by two percent, over the 1993 actual results. To a large extent, this increase is due to the pricing adjustments which were implemented in 1994 at the Cosmo Civic Centre, the Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre, the Saskatoon Field House, the outdoor pools, and the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo.

Despite a one percent decline in the zoo's attendance, the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo's revenues were \$76,700, or 72 percent, over the 1993 actual results. The admission revenues at the zoo increased by \$22,400, largely as the result of increased prices. The new Kinsmen Express people-mover and the new trout-fishing pond contributed additional revenues of \$16,600. The front gate's revenues (from the fee which is charged to vehicles that enter the Park) grew by \$37,700, in part because of the new fishing pond.

The 1994 revenues at the Saskatoon Field House were higher because this facility was closed for several months in 1993 to replace the athletic floor in the track-and-field area. Even with the subsequent closure due to the civic dispute, there are positive signs that our customers are returning to this facility. The 1994 attendance was just 10 percent below 1992 (when the facility was operational for the full year) and 11 percent above that year in December. In January of 1995, the facility-pass sales were up by 35 percent over 1994. (Fifty-three percent of all pass-usage occurs at the Saskatoon Field House.)

Despite closing almost three weeks earlier than normal, the admission revenues at the

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outdoor pools were \$26,800, or 34 percent, above the 1993 results. This increase is attributed to higher rates, to more favourable weather conditions, and to increased use by families. With 30 percent more families using these swimming pools, the total attendance was three percent over the previous year. Adult admissions decreased by two percent and youth (6 to 18 years) admissions dropped by 24 percent.

Our analysis of the outdoor swimming-pool market indicates that the demographic make-up of the areas surrounding these pools is changing. According to Statistics Canada, children under the age of ten made up 12 percent of the population in these areas in 1986; the percentage had risen to 13.5 percent in 1991. Using the information in the Planning and Construction Standards Department's Neighbourhood Profiles, we estimate that this group now makes up 16.8 percent of that population. This may explain why the attendance by families has increased at the outdoor pools.

The Lakewood Civic Centre's admission revenues declined by 15 percent, as the result of a 14 percent drop in attendance which was caused by the 10-week closure during the civic dispute. At the Lawson Civic Centre, these revenues dropped by 23 percent because the facility remained closed until November 15, 1994, to complete certain repairs to its swimming pool that had begun prior to the disruption in service. The general-admission prices at these facilities were not adjusted in 1994.

Although its attendance dropped by 32 percent, the Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre's revenues decreased by just 20 percent because of the pricing adjustments that were implemented in 1994. The reduced attendance is due, in part, to an extended closure to complete the repairs to the 50-metre pool's basin. This facility did not reopen until November 15, 1994.

Your staff are concerned that the Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre's attendance for the seven months prior to its closing for repairs and its annual maintenance at the end of July was 17 percent below the same period in 1993. This drop in attendance is attributed, in part, to decreased use by adults because of increased competition from an expanded private-sector fitness facility that is located nearby. The Department has accordingly adjusted its 1995 budgetary estimates for this facility.

Registered Programs

Due to the civic dispute, the revenues for the Leisure Services Department's registered programs (i.e. lessons) were \$277,900, or 39 percent, below the 1993 actual results. Approximately one-half of last summer's swimming lessons were either cancelled or were not completed and thus, the fees were refunded. All swimming lessons and most other registered programs that were scheduled for the fall programming season were cancelled because the lesson plans could not be completed within the available time following your staff's return to work.

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External Rentals

The revenues from external rentals (i.e. the rental of activity-spaces to outside users) were \$184,900, or 11 percent, below the previous year's actual results. Again, this decline was largely due to the civic dispute. The most significant drop occurred at the indoor rinks where these revenues fell by \$115,200 (11 percent) because the ice-plants were not fully operational until mid-November. (The rinks normally open for the season in early October.)

The Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre's external revenues were \$34,300, or 18 percent, below the 1993 actual results because this facility was closed from August 1 to November 15, 1994. Its major rental group, the Saskatoon Goldfins Swim Club, normally begins training in September.

The revenues from rentals at the Gordon Howe Ballfields were \$54,800, or 78 percent, below the 1993 actual results because of a change whereby these facilities are now operated by the user-groups. The Leisure Services Department's 1994 budgetary estimates were adjusted to reflect this change.

Municipal Golf Courses

The 1994 revenues of \$1,391,900 from the City's three golf courses were \$157,900, or 10 percent, below the previous year's actual results. The amount of play was lower during the civic dispute. Most notably, the Holiday Park Golf Course experienced a \$78,900 drop in its revenues, in part because the executive-nine course was not maintained and became unplayable during the dispute. From its opening to July 31, 1994, this Course's revenues were \$52,500, or eight percent, above the previous year's levels; the revenues at the other two municipal courses were equal to the comparable 1993 results.

Gordon Howe Campground

In 1994, the Gordon Howe Campground rented 6,850 campsites, or 600 more than in the previous year. As a result, its revenues increased by \$7,200, or by seven percent, over 1993. More importantly, these visitors stayed a total of 8,560 days and injected an estimated \$1,669,000 into Saskatoon's economy. (We arrived at this figure by using the tourism industry's generally-accepted method for calculating its impact on the economy -- that is, the number of days is multiplied by an average of 1.5 visitors times an average expenditure of \$130.)

Conclusion

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After taking into consideration the effects of the ten-week civic dispute, the Leisure Services Department's staff are encouraged by the 1994 revenue results. With a growing interest in health and fitness activities and with evidence of more demand for family-related programming (due to the echo-effect of the baby-boom), your staff are confident that by aggressively marketing its programs and services, the Department's revenue-goals for 1995 (as specified in its preliminary Operating Budget) are realistic and achievable."

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

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**3. Forestry Farm Park and Zoo
Superintendent's Residence
(File No. CK. 4205-8)**

Your Committee recently considered the potential funding from the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation for the repairs to the Superintendent's Residence at the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo. Your Committee was advised that the Foundation was able to fund more components of the repair-project (e.g. electrical and mechanical repairs, interior repairs, and accessibility requirements) if the building was designated, provincially, as a heritage property. The Administration was requested to report on the implications of provincial designation. The Superintendent's Residence Task Force was also advised of the possibility of having the property designated by the Provincial Government.

In this regard, your Committee has considered the following report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department, dated March 13, 1995:

"Procedures for Obtaining Provincial Heritage-Property Designation

The procedure to obtain a provincial designation for heritage property is as follows:

1. The applicant sends a letter to the Minister for Saskatchewan Municipal Government requesting provincial heritage-designation of the property. Anyone may request such designation; it does not have to be the owner of the property.
2. The Minister refers the request to the Heritage Branch of the Department which studies the property and prepares a report.
3. The Department's study is reviewed by the Saskatchewan Heritage Advisory Board which submits its recommendations to the Minister with regards to designating the property.
4. The Minister may choose to designate the property, by order, with any terms and conditions that are deemed to be appropriate.
5. The property-owner is advised of the Minister's decision. The intent to designate the property is registered with the Land Titles Office and is advertised in *The Saskatchewan Gazette* and in the local newspaper.
6. Anyone may serve a notice of objection to the designation. The appeal will be heard by a review board which submits its report to the Minister.

Implications of Provincial Designation of a Heritage Property

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Attached is a copy of a draft document (which we have obtained from the Provincial Government) that describes the owner's benefits, rights, and responsibilities when heritage property has received provincial designation. In summary, the owner must maintain the property to 'minimal accepted maintenance standards' which will be developed in consultation with the property-owner. The owner must obtain prior approval from the Minister before making any alterations to the property, including landscaping changes, additions to or removal of structures, fencing alterations, and paving. These restrictions will be developed in consultation with the property-owner.

The benefits of provincial heritage-designation include the provision of a bronze plaque and a promotional brochure, as well as eligibility to receive financial assistance for the restoration work. The owner retains most of the normal rights associated with property-ownership, including the ability to regulate the public's access and the right to use the property as the owner desires, as long as the usage will not damage the property. The property may be sold or leased, but prior notification of a proposed sale is required."

Your Committee is of the opinion that the City should pursue provincial designation of the Superintendent's Residence as a heritage property.

The Superintendent's Residence Task Force has been provided with a copy of this report.

RECOMMENDATION: that the City of Saskatoon pursue provincial designation of the Superintendent's Residence as a heritage property.

Moved by Councillor Waygood,

THAT the City of Saskatoon pursue provincial designation of the Superintendent's Residence as a heritage property.

YEAS: Councillors Waygood, McCann, Roe and Langford 4

NAYS: His Worship Mayor Dayday, Councillors Steernberg, Birkmaier, Langlois, Heidt, and Atchison 6

REPORT NO. 3-1995 OF THE LEGISLATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor P. McCann, Chair

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Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor H. Langlois

**1. Invoice - 1995 Membership Renewal
Hudson Bay Route Association
(File No. CK. 155-7)**

Attached is a copy of a letter dated March 1, 1995 from Pat Stewardson, Executive Secretary, Hudson Bay Route Association forwarding information on the 1995 Membership Fees for the Hudson Bay Route Association in the amount of \$200.

The Legislation and Finance Committee has considered this matter, and is of the opinion that it would be appropriate to discontinue this membership renewal at this time due to the limited value of this membership to the City of Saskatoon.

RECOMMENDATION: that the City discontinue its membership in the Hudson Bay Route Association.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the membership fee of \$200.00 be paid to the Hudson Bay Route Association.

**2. Communications to Council
From: Ellen Gaunt, President, Board of Directors
Light of the Prairies Society, Inc.
Date: February 16, 1995
Subject: Requesting abatement of taxes on
Property at 1638 Edward Avenue
(File No. CK. 1965-1)**

Attached is a copy of the above communication which was referred to the Administration for a report, and received as information by City Council at its meeting held on February 27, 1995.

Report of Director of Finance, March 13, 1995:

"The above request for a tax exemption was referred to the Administration for review.

The property in question, 1638 Edward Avenue, is used as a personal care home and licensed under The Personal Care Home Act. However, this Act provides no property tax exemption. To be eligible for a tax exemption these types of properties must be licensed as

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a special care home under The Residential Services Act. Ms. Gaunt informed the City Assessor that due to the restrictive regulations under The Residential Services Act, it was decided that this group would not apply for a license under this Act. (The Committee may wish to meet with Ms. Gaunt to review the application)."

Your Committee has reviewed this matter with Ellen Gaunt and has suggested that the Light of the Prairies Society might wish to take whatever action is necessary to qualify as a special care home under *The Residential Services Act*, in order to receive a tax exemption, in view of the fact that this facility currently does not qualify for a tax exemption.

RECOMMENDATION: that the request for a tax exemption for the personal care home at 1638 Edward Avenue be denied, in that this property is not licensed under *The Residential Services Act*.

ADOPTED.

**3. Appeal - Denial of Request for Tax Exemption
Hands on Saskatoon Street Ministry - 701 - 20th Street West
(File No. CK. 1965-1)**

The Legislation and Finance Committee considered a communication dated January 30, 1995 from Troy Madsen, Treasurer, Hands on Saskatoon Street Ministry, providing background information regarding the denial of their request for a tax abatement for the property at 701 - 20th Street West, and thereafter met with representatives of Hands on Saskatoon Street Ministry to review the information provided. It was determined that Hands on Saskatoon Street Ministry had taken ownership of the building following the denial of their application for tax abatement, and the matter was subsequently referred to the Administration for a report.

Report of City Assessor, March 6, 1995:

"The following additional information was provided to this department on March 3, 1995.

- (1) Copy of Certificate of Title indicating Hands on Saskatoon Street Ministry Incorporated now the registered owner;
- (2) statement of sale adjustments between Hongkong Bank and purchaser; and,
- (3) additional information with respect to the organization in question.

The 1995 assessments and 1994 taxes are as follows:

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Land Assessment	-	\$ 57,710	
Building Assessment	-	<u>\$110,130</u>	
Total Assessment	-	\$167,840 at 130.31 mills =	<u>\$21,871.23</u> (1994 tax dollars)

The tax liability for Hongkong Bank can be calculated as follows:

	20/365 x \$21871.23	=	\$1,198.42
Local Improvement	20/365 x \$141.92 =	\$	<u>7.78</u>
			<u>\$1,206.20</u>

Balance of local improvement liability = \$141.92 - \$7.78 = \$134.14

This department inspected the premise in early February, and the renovations underway relate to the information provided by the applicant. Information was also provided that the initial service was held on January 20, 1995.

I would, therefore, recommend that the Hands on Saskatoon Street Ministry be informed that the 1995 tax obligation will be \$1,340.34 (1,206.20 + 134.14) and that the balance of the 1995 taxes will be written-off after City Council establishes the 1995 mill rate."

Attached is a copy of the above-noted communication dated January 30, 1995 from Hands on Ministry.

Your Committee has reviewed this matter and supports the recommendation of the City Assessor. Hands on Saskatoon Street Ministry has been provided with a copy of this report.

RECOMMENDATION: that Hands on Saskatoon Street Ministry be required to pay \$1,340.34 in taxes for 1995, with the balance to be written off after the mill rate has been established by City Council.

ADOPTED.

**4. Addition of Environmental Division
Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program
(File No. CK. 1870-1)**

In 1994 the Works and Utilities Committee received a request for assistance with respect to a Residential Paint Exchange Program and referred the matter to the Legislation and Finance

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Committee to consider adding a category to the *Cash Grants Program* for this type of environmental project. At that time, the Committee did not wish to dilute the funding for this Program any further by increasing the number of eligible categories. The matter has now been reconsidered by the Committee at the request of Councillor Postlethwaite.

The Committee does not wish to discourage environmental projects such as the Residential Paint Exchange Program, which would not only be helpful to the community and its environment, but would also alleviate the burden at the civic waste disposal site. The Committee believes that an additional category will have less of an impact on the other categories of the *Cash Grants Program*, if the funding is provided from the Contingency Fund for this Program, and the Contingency Fund is then reduced by the amount provided to the Environmental Division, keeping the total Program funding the same.

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that an additional category be added to the *Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program* for Environmental Projects;
 - 2) that \$5,000 in funding be provided for the Environmental Division of the *Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program* out of the Contingency Fund;
 - 3) that for the time being, the Legislation and Finance Committee adjudicate on the applications received under the Environmental Division; and

- 4) that this matter be referred to the Administration to undertake any required policy changes.

ADOPTED.

REPORT NO. 5-1995 OF THE WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor D. Atchison, Chair
Councillor D. L. Birkmaier
Councillor A. Langford

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Councillor J. Postlethwaite

**1. Application for Water Connection
Saskatchewan Water Corporation East Treated Pipeline
Reassignment of Ownership
K. and M. Ludwar to Dale Turner
NW 24-35-04-W3M
(File No. CK. 7781-2)**

Your Committee has considered the following report of the Manager, Water and Pollution Control, dated March 1, 1995:

"On February 28, 1995, the attached application for the reassignment of a water connection currently in the name of K. and M. Ludwar was received from Dale Turner. The original water supply connection was in the name of Ken Bindle and the transfer to K. and M. Ludwar was approved by Council in September of 1986.

Mr. Turner has purchased the property and has requested that a transfer of ownership of the water supply connection be approved. The water is for domestic uses and neither the amount required nor the nature of the usage has changed."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the application for reassignment of the water connection of K. and M. Ludwar to Dale Turner be approved; and
 - 2) that the Saskatchewan Water Corporation be so advised.

ADOPTED.

**2. Application for Water Connection
Saskatoon East Treated Water Line (Sunset Estates Spur Line)
Cargill Oilseed Crushing Plant
S 1/2 29-35-3-W3M
(File No. CK. 7781-2)**

Report of the Manager, Water and Pollution Control Department, February 23, 1995:

"On February 23, 1995, an application for connection to the Sunset Estates spur line from the Saskatoon East Treated Water Pipeline was received from Cargill, Corn Milling Division. The application is for domestic uses in an oil seed crushing plant. Cargill has

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decided to use untreated water for processing purposes. Projected domestic usage is approximately 46,000 imperial gallons per day initially on a short-term basis with a long-term potential usage of approximately 28,800 imperial gallons per day. The facility will be located on a 320-acre parcel which will permit future development by Cargill. The parcel is located such that it does not abut the treated water line but does lie along a spur line that services the Sunset Estates Trailer Park.

While one of the purposes of Policy Number C09-018 is 'to discourage commercial and/or industrial growth outside the City limits if land is available within City limits', it may well be preferred to locate an oilseed crushing plant outside City limits. With respect to other criteria in Policy Number 09-018, the property does not abut the treated line. While it does abut the Sunset Estates spur line, City Council, at its meeting of June 24, 1985, approved water supply to Sunset Estates dependent upon the following:

- 1) that Sunset Estates Ltd. be served as a customer from The City of Saskatoon's treated water system, subject to the following conditions:
 - a) that the water supply be limited to 90,000 gallons per day with a peak demand not exceeding 80 gallons per minute;
 - b) that the applicant agree that the service is interruptible, and subject to the prior demands of The City of Saskatoon;
 - c) that the applicant agree to the continued use and maintenance of the existing 150,000 gallon reservoir serving this site;
 - d) that the supply of water is for the strict and sole purpose of a residential trailer park containing 246 trailer sites, and for no other purpose or use whatsoever;
 - e) that there shall be no hook-ups or other interconnections with the water supply line from Clavet to the applicant's site; and,
 - f) that the water supply line and all accessories pertaining thereto from Clavet to the applicant's site shall at all times be owned, operated, and maintained by the Saskatchewan Water Corporation.'

While consumption for the last few years has fallen off significantly, the combined 1988

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consumption of Sunset Estates and the proposed initial consumption by Cargill would exceed the 90,000 gpd and 80 gpm maximums.

Due mainly to the conditions restricting interconnections to the spur line, Council has, over the years, denied numerous applications for interconnections to this line. Based on Policy Number 09-018 and Council's conditions for installation of the spur line, the application by Cargill does not meet the criteria required for approval."

Your Committee has reviewed this application and notes that approval of the application can be done by granting a one-time exemption to the policy for this case, or by amending the policy to include spur lines owned by Sask Water within the criteria for abutting the existing potable waterline. It is also noted by your Committee that an amendment to include existing spur lines owned by Sask Water would result in 43 160-acre parcels now meeting this criteria for the supply of City-treated potable water.

Your Committee is of the opinion that the construction of the Oilseed Crushing Plant by Cargill will be beneficial to the City of Saskatoon. At the same time, it is noted that a new policy contemplating more generally available City-treated water will be in place in the near future. Your Committee does not support an amendment to the policy, at this time, to include spur lines owned by Sask Water.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the application by Cargill, Corn Milling Division, for water connection to the Sunset Estates Spur Line, be approved, subject to:
 - a) City-treated water being used solely for drinking and/or ablution purposes; and
 - b) the Company providing storage facilities capable of providing at least a two-day supply during peak demand periods; and
- 2) that the Saskatchewan Water Corporation be so advised.

Moved by Councillor Atchison,

- 1) *that the application by Cargill, Corn Milling Division, for water connection to the Sunset Estates Spur Line, be approved, subject to:*
 - a) *City-treated water being used solely for drinking and/or ablution purposes;*

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and

- b) the Company providing storage facilities capable of providing at least a two-day supply during peak demand periods; and*
- 2) that the Saskatchewan Water Corporation be so advised.*

IN AMENDMENT

Moved by Mayor Dayday,

AND THAT the policy be amended to include hookups to the existing spur lines owned by the Saskatchewan Water Corporation (the policy change would only be applicable to the 43 properties that presently exist).

*THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST.
THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED.*

- 3. Communications to Council**
From: Mr. Gord Gunoff
R.R. #2, Saskatoon, SK
Date: Undated
Subject: Feasibility of Garbage Incineration
(File No. CK. 7300-1)

City Council, at its meeting held on February 27, 1995, referred the above-noted communication to the Works and Utilities Committee for a report.

As an interim report, your Committee met with Mr. Gunoff on March 22, 1995, and heard a presentation with respect to garbage incineration. Your Committee is of the opinion that this proposal has some potential and therefore wishes to investigate the matter further. In this regard, it is being proposed that a public meeting be held by the Works and Utilities Committee on Wednesday, May 10, 1995 at 1:00 p.m., at a location yet to be determined. The purpose of the meeting would be to receive further information on what the public wants in terms of how they want their garbage managed and also to obtain input on any other options. In the meantime, the Engineering Department has been requested to provide statistics with respect to the current management of garbage.

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- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the information be received; and
 - 2) that the Works and Utilities Committee hold a public meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 1995 at 1:00 p.m. (at a location yet to be determined), to receive public input on various options for managing garbage.

ADOPTED.

REPORT NO. 2-1995 OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor D. L. Birkmaier, Chair
His Worship Mayor Dayday
Councillor P. McCann
Councillor R. Steernberg

**1. Follow-Up Audit Report
Occupational Safety Program
(File No. CK. 1600-6)**

Report of the City Auditor, March 1, 1995:

"Included in the mandate of the Audit Services Department is the requirement to follow up on comprehensive and financial audits previously carried out by our department. The purpose of follow-up reports is to confirm that action committed to by management, as outlined in the implementation plan, has been carried out.

The final audit report on the Occupational Safety Program was issued on February 14, 1990. Attached is a status report which consists of the initial action proposed by management, planned implementation date, and the current status. The current status was completed by program management and verified by Audit Services.

Audit Services' verification of the current status consisted of review and evaluation of substantiating materials (e.g. the revised draft of the Occupational Health and Safety Policy, correspondence, and applicable forms), discussion with the Occupational Health & Safety Coordinator, and the assessment of actions taken which were different from the action originally planned (see Action Nos. 1 and 25). Audit Services found the alternative actions taken to be appropriate in both cases.

It is the opinion of Audit Services that management has fairly represented the current status of the implementation plan. However, in light of the number of actions committed

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to by management that have not yet been implemented, Audit Services will schedule a second follow-up audit for 1996.

With regard to Action No. 11, the assessment levy is allocated to specific programs and organizations according to a formula that uses occupational risk factors developed by the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB). The entities cross-charged include utilities, (e.g. Water and Pollution Control, Electrical, Transit), outside organizations (e.g. Police, Mendel) and programs in Treasurer's and Leisure Services for which revenues are charged to recover costs. The majority (54.8% in 1993) of the assessment levy is not allocated and is included in general payroll costs.

The Audit Report noted that the current allocation system does not provide an incentive for departments to have lower compensation costs because they are charged an amount based on their risk factor regardless of their actual costs incurred. An example was given whereby the Transit Department was charged 17% of the assessment levy for 1989 but comprised 55% of the total 1988 actual costs; while the Police Service was charged 24% of the levy for 1989 but comprised only 4% of total costs for 1988. The action proposed by management was that consideration would be given to allocating costs based on actual experience of the past three years taking into account indicators such as severity, frequency, and compensation costs.

Audit Services' review of the assessment levy charged Transit and Police since 1989 versus their actual compensation costs indicates a continuation of the trend identified in the Audit Report. For the three years from 1990 to 1992, the Transit Department was charged an average of 16.7% of the assessment levy, while they incurred an average of 38.4% of the actual compensation costs. Police Services, for the same time period, was charged an average of 24.5% of the assessment levy, while incurring only an average of 14.7% of the actual costs.

Using these average actual cost percentages for allocation of the 1993 assessment levy of \$742,660 would have resulted in an additional charge of \$162,606 to Transit and a decrease of \$76,129 in the charge to Police.

	Assessment Using Three Year Average % of Actual Costs	Assessment Charged	Difference
Transit	\$285,181	\$122,575	\$162,606
Police	\$109,171	\$185,300	\$(76,129)

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The City Comptroller's Department would prefer that the action proposed by management of allocating assessment charges based on actual experience not be pursued as a tool for controlling WCB costs since it would cause departmental budgets to fluctuate from one year to the next. Strategies for enhancing accountability with regard to compensation claims have been discussed by Audit Services with the Occupational Health and Safety Branch and the Comptroller's Department. Rather than allocating WCB costs to departments based on experience, we propose that the Occupational Health and Safety Branch report annually to City Council, through the Personnel and Organization Committee, actual claims experience versus the standard established by the WCB. This would ensure accountability for costs incurred plus provide departments and other entities with additional incentive to improve occupational safety procedures and to use the 'Return to Work Program.'

Members of City Council should note that copies of the Comprehensive Audit Report of the Occupational Safety Program may be obtained, upon request, from the Audit Services Department."

Your Committee has reviewed this matter with the Director of Personnel Services and the Occupational Health and Safety Manager, and will be meeting with the City Comptroller to discuss the matter of allocating assessment charges based on actual experience for Workers' Compensation Board.

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the information be received; and
 - 2) that the Occupational Health and Safety Branch of the Personnel Services Department report annually to City Council, through the Personnel and Organization Committee, on the actual claims experience of departments and other civic agencies versus the standard established by the Workers' Compensation Board.

ADOPTED."

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

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

CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES

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**Councillor Waygood
Requests for School Crossing Signs and
School Zone Lights - Victoria School
(File No. CK. 6250-1)**

Attached is a letter from Victoria School, Ecole Victoria, regarding traffic and pedestrian safety on Broadway Avenue. Would the Administration please report on the following two requests regarding:

- school crossing signs on Broadway Avenue;
- flashing school zone lights along Broadway Avenue.

**Councillor Langford
Local Improvements
(File No. CK. 4140-1)**

To bring forward again the outstanding enquiry regarding "Local Improvements" especially regarding the financial impact on some residents in Saskatoon.

MOTIONS

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

"Council is requested to consider the following appointments of Deputy Mayor for the months indicated:

Councillor Atchison	-	For the month of May, 1995.
Councillor Heidt	-	For the month of June, 1995.
Councillor Postlethwaite	-	For the month of July, 1995.
Councillor Roe	-	For the month of August, 1995.

The City Clerk asked that consideration of the matter be deferred until the next meeting.

GIVING NOTICE

Councillor Birkmaier gave the following Notice of Motion:

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

WHEREAS tourism plays a major role in the economic growth of our city; and

WHEREAS many persons are employed in the tourism industry; and

WHEREAS the Tourism Industry of Saskatchewan recognizes and honours outstanding service in the province; and

WHEREAS a number of Tourism Saskatoon members were recipients of recognition among their peers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Saskatoon congratulate the following on receipt of their awards:

Country Inn & Suites - Hospitality Excellence Award - Business;
Larry Dubbin-McCrae (Holiday Inn) - Hospitality Excellence Award - Individual;
Prairieland Exhibition - Destination Saskatchewan Award - Facility;
Yellowhead Marketing Consortium - Tourism Marketing Award of Excellence;
Jim Hill (Saskatchewan Jazz Festival) - Tourism Volunteer of the Year;
The Saskatoon Riot Pro Baseball Team - Tourism Rookie of the Year."

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT Notice of Motion be waived.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

WHEREAS tourism plays a major role in the economic growth of our city; and

WHEREAS many persons are employed in the tourism industry; and

WHEREAS the Tourism Industry of Saskatchewan recognizes and honours outstanding service in the province; and

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WHEREAS a number of Tourism Saskatoon members were recipients of recognition among their peers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Saskatoon congratulate the following on receipt of their awards:

*Country Inn & Suites - Hospitality Excellence Award - Business;
Larry Dubbin-McCrae (Holiday Inn) - Hospitality Excellence Award - Individual;
Prairieland Exhibition - Destination Saskatchewan Award - Facility;
Yellowhead Marketing Consortium - Tourism Marketing Award of Excellence;
Jim Hill (Saskatchewan Jazz Festival) - Tourism Volunteer of the Year;
The Saskatoon Riot Pro Baseball Team - Tourism Rookie of the Year.*

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Langlois,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk