

Council Chamber
City Hall, Saskatoon, SK
Friday, December 16, 2005
at 11:30 a.m.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, in the Chair;
Councillors Alm, Birkmaier, Dubois, Hnatyshyn,
Neault, Penner and Wyant;
City Manager Richards;
General Manager, Corporate Services Bilanski;
General Manager, Utility Services Totland;
City Solicitor Dust; and
A/City Clerk Kanak

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole with Mayor Atchison in the Chair to consider Clause E1, Administrative Report No. 24-2005.

CARRIED.

Council went into Committee of the Whole with Mayor Atchison in the Chair.

Committee arose.

Mayor Atchison, 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:

“ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 24-2005

Section E – UTILITY SERVICES

**E1) Proposed Bylaw Amendment
to the Electrical Rates Bylaw No. 2685
Effective January 1, 2006
(File No. 1905-6)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the electrical rates charged in the City of Saskatoon distribution area be revised so that customers will pay the same as SaskPower customers;

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- 2) that the revised rates be effective January 1, 2006; and
- 3) that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8474.

ADOPTED.

SaskPower will increase its retail rates effective January 1, 2006, based on the Provincial Government's decision to support the Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel recommendations.

The average impact of this year's increase on a residential customer will be 6.0% or approximately \$4.00 per month. The various commercial customers will see impacts ranging from 2.0% to 10.1%, with a 14.1% decrease for streetlights. The overall average increase for all customer classes is 4.7%. The bulk power rate charged to the City of Saskatoon will increase by 7.5%.

Historically, the City has set its rates for electricity sold within its franchise area so that customer bills would be the same as those paid by SaskPower customers. Failure to do this would result in inequities between similar customers served by the two utilities in Saskatoon.

The financial impact of these rate changes is being analyzed and will be included in the 2006 Operating Budget.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

ATTACHMENT

1. Electrical Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 8474."

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

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

CARRIED.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw 8474

Moved by Councillor Penner, seconded by Councillor Alm,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8474, being “A bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to amend Bylaw No. 2685 entitled, “*A bylaw to regulate the sale of electric light and power in the City of Saskatoon and fixing the rates and deposits therefor*”.”, and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,

THAT Bylaw No. 8474 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8474.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8474 was considered clause by clause and approved.

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Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8474 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT Bylaw No. 8474 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the A/City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES

**Councillor E. Hnatyshyn
Gabriel Dumont Park Gates
(File No. CK. 4205-1)**

That Administration report on the possibility of closing the gates to Dumont Park at 11:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. except in the case of an authorized special event.

**Councillor E. Hnatyshyn
Parking Surfaces at Parks
(File No. CK. 4205-1)**

Would Administration please report on which city parks have paved parking and which parks provide unpaved parking.

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**Councillor E. Hnatyshyn
Property Damage – Water Runoff from Adjacent Lots
(File No. CK. 7820-1)**

Would Administration please advise of what steps can be taken to control property damage from adjacent lots.

**Councillor E. Hnatyshyn
Transformer and Poles
Back Lane – 700 Block of Eastlake
(File No. CK. 2000-1)**

Would the Administration please report on the feasibility of burying the transformer and poles in the T-shape back lane of the 700 block of Eastlake Avenue.

**Councillor T. Alm
Sale of Residential Lots
(File No. CK. 4020-1)**

At a recent meeting between the Saskatoon Home Builders Association and several members of the City Council, the possibility of their members purchasing and developing a block of residential single family lots was raised.

It is my understanding that several years ago, the Land Branch had sold blocks of adjacent serviced lots to individual builders.

The Land Bank's current lot draw process does not allow some of our larger builders the opportunity to keep their trades people fully occupied on Saskatoon construction projects.

In order to allow Saskatoon to grow, we must address these impediments.

Would the Administration please report on the possibility and process required to sell by public tender, as a single purchase, a parcel of residential land, either serviced or unserved, equivalent to approximately 100 single family lots.

**Councillor T. Alm
Property Tax Exemptions
(File No. CK. 3500-13)**

The City of Saskatoon is in the practice of providing property tax exemptions where they relate to Economic Development reasons.

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These exemptions provide an incentive for a business or developer to invest in capital and create employment opportunities.

It is my understanding that these write-offs or rebates include the education portion of property tax.

Would the Administration please report on the possibility of providing a developer with a property tax exemption for up to a five-year period in exchange for a contribution to the City's infrastructure.

**Councillor D. L. Birkmaier
Impact of Increased Costs To Purchase Power from SaskPower
(File No. CK. 1905-3)**

Would the Administration please report the impact of the increased costs to the City of Saskatoon for the purchase of power from SaskPower.

What impact will this have on the mill rate?

**Councillor D. L. Birkmaier
Leisure Guide for Winter 2006
Use of Helmets
(File No. CK. 366-1)**

The recent Leisure Guide for Winter 2006 shows children on ice without helmets but identifies on the bottom of the brochure 'The City of Saskatoon recommends the use of helmets while skating.' Council recently supported a motion for the use of helmets. Who authorized this publication?

GIVING NOTICE

Councillor Hnatyshyn gave the following Notice of Motion:

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

'THAT the City provide sidewalk clearing for private residences located in the jurisdictions identified in Bylaw No. 8463 or alternatively that private residences be exempt from the bylaw.'"

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Councillor Hnatyshyn gave the following Notice of Motion:

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

‘THAT the City proceed with the approximate \$300,000.00 repair to the Victoria Bridge to allow for its use for the next 2 – 4 years while planning is being done for its long-term restoration, or use.’”

Councillor Penner gave the following Notice of Motion:

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

‘THAT City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Saskatoon, send a letter to Darrell Lechman, President of “Saskatoon Community Youth Arts Programming”, thanking him and the artists who have painted traffic control boxes around the city for their contributions in helping to make Saskatoon a more attractive city.’”

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Notice be waived.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Saskatoon, send a letter to Darrell Lechman, President of “Saskatoon Community Youth Arts Programming”, thanking him and the artists who have painted traffic control boxes around the city for their contributions in helping to make Saskatoon a more attractive city.

CARRIED.

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Moved by Councillor Penner,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Mayor

City Clerk