

Council Chambers
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Monday, December 17, 2007
at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, in the Chair;
Councillors Clark, Dubois, Heidt, Hill, Lorje, Neault, Paulsen
Penner, and Wyant;
City Manager Richards;
City Solicitor Dust;
General Manager, Corporate Services Bilanski;
General Manager, Community Services Gauthier;
General Manager, Fire and Protective Services Bentley;
General Manager, Infrastructure Services Totland;
General Manager, Utility Services Wandzura;
City Clerk Mann; and
Council Assistant Mitchener

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the minutes of meeting of City Council held on December 3, 2007, be approved.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider the reports of the Administration and Committees.

CARRIED.

His Worship the Mayor appointed Councillor Paulsen as Chair of the Committee of the Whole.

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

Committee arose.

Councillor Paulsen, 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. 26-2007

Section A – COMMUNITY SERVICES

**A1) Land-Use Applications Received by the Community Services Department
For the Period Between November 22, 2007 to December 5, 2007
(For Information Only)
(File Nos. PL. 4300; CK. 4000-5)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

The following applications have been received and are being processed:

Subdivision

- Application No. 83/07: Patrick Place/Cove/Way/Crescent
Applicant: Webster Surveys for City of Saskatoon
Legal Description: Parcel A, Plan 93S45207
Current Zoning: R1A
Neighbourhood: Willowgrove
Date Received: November 16, 2007
- Application No. 84/07: 3035 Clarence Avenue
Applicant: Webster Surveys
Legal Description: Parcel H, Plan 101892809
Current Zoning: DCD5
Neighbourhood: Stonebridge
Date Received: November 16, 2007
- Application No. 85/07: 311 and 313 Turtle Crescent
Applicant: T. Webb Surveys for Kevin and Bonnie Schwartz
Legal Description: Lot 58, Block 890, Plan 77S32413
Current Zoning: R2
Neighbourhood: Lawson Heights
Date Received: November 17, 2007

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- Application No. 86/07: 1314A and 1314B Alexandra Avenue
Applicant: T. Webb Surveys for Judit Smits and Albert
Vandenberg
Legal Description: Lot 3, Block 2, Plan I196
Current Zoning: R2
Neighbourhood: North Park
Date Received: November 17, 2007
 - Application No. 87/07: 2241 Herman Avenue
Applicant: T. Webb Surveys for Dr. Kelly Foster
Legal Description: Lots 24, 25, and 26, Block 14, Plan H4128
Current Zoning: R2
Neighbourhood: Exhibition
Date Received: November 17, 2007
- Subdivision
- Application No. 88/07: 620 - 622 5th Avenue North
Applicant: T. Webb Surveys for David Viminitz
Legal Description: Lots 31 and 32, Block 3, Plan 98SA35499
Current Zoning: RM1
Neighbourhood: City Park
Date Received: November 26, 2007
 - Application No. 89/07: 2326 Avenue C North
Applicant: George, Nicholson for Precision Auto Body Repairs
Ltd.
Legal Description: Part of Lot 5, Block 794, Plan 75S10686
Current Zoning: IL1
Neighbourhood: Airport Business Area
Date Received: November 26, 2007
 - Application No. 90/07: 178/180 Verbeke Road
Applicant: George, Nicholson for Gordon and Cheryl Lang
Legal Description: Lot 11, Block 159, Plan 79S45902
Current Zoning: R2
Neighbourhood: Silverwood Heights
Date Received: November 26, 2007

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- Application No. 91/07: Avenues N, O, and P, portion of 19th Street
Applicant: Digital Mapping Systems for City of Saskatoon
Legal Description: Lots 1-4, 19-20, Block 9; Lots 1 and 15-17; Block 10, all of Block 23; Lots 14-20 and 26, Block 24; portion of streets and lane, all in Registered Plan F5554l and MR1, Plan 101184308

Current Zoning: RM1
Neighbourhood: Pleasant Hill
Date Received: November 29, 2007
 - Application No. 92/07: 230 Slimmon Road
Applicant: Larson Surveys for Royalty Construction Ltd.
Legal Description: Lot 1A and 3, Block 434, Plan 101861805
Current Zoning: RM4
Neighbourhood: Lakewood Suburban Centre
Date Received: November 29, 2007
 - Application No. 93/07: 105 Lynd Crescent
Applicant: Jastek Mirabella Project Inc.
Legal Description: Parcel BB, Plan 101907233
Current Zoning: RM4
Neighbourhood: Stonebridge
Date Received: November 30, 2007
- Subdivision
- Application No. 94/07: Avenue C South. and 19th Street West (River Landing Phase 2)
Applicant: George, Nicholson, Franko and Associates for City of Saskatoon
Legal Description: Pt of NW ¼ Sec.28 and NE ¼ Sec. 29, Twp.36 Rge 5 W3M
Current Zoning: DCD1AC1
Neighbourhood: Riversdale
Date Received: December 5, 2007, 2007

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021 (Public Notice Policy), is not required.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan of Proposed Subdivision 83/07.
2. Plan of Proposed Subdivision 84/07.
3. Plan of Proposed Subdivision 85/07.
4. Plan of Proposed Subdivision 86/07.
5. Plan of Proposed Subdivision 87/07.
6. Plan of Proposed Subdivision 88/07.
7. Plan of Proposed Subdivision 89/07.
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9. Plan of Proposed Subdivision 91/07.
10. Plan of Proposed Subdivision 92/07.
11. Plan of Proposed Subdivision 93/07.
12. Plan of Proposed Subdivision 94/07.

**A2) Request For Encroachment Agreement
245 3rd Avenue South
Lot 43, Block 152, Plan 99SA35105
(File No. CC 4090-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council recognize the encroachment at 245 3rd Avenue South (Lot 43, Block 152, Plan 99SA35105);
 - 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, on behalf of the City of Saskatoon under the Corporate Seal and in a form that is satisfactory to the City Solicitor, the agreement with respect to this encroachment.

ADOPTED.

The new owner of the property located at 245 3rd Avenue South has requested to enter into an Encroachment Agreement with the City of Saskatoon. As shown on the attached Real Property Report, portions of the building and cornices encroach onto City of Saskatoon Property on 3rd Avenue South and onto the lane. There are also some underground encroaching areas that are not identifiable on the Surveyor's Certificate. The underground encroachments and building

encroachments have likely been in existence ever since building was constructed in 1912. There is currently an Encroachment Agreement in place, but the property is changing ownership and a new agreement is required in the new owner(s) name. The total area of encroachment is approximately 32.24m² and will, therefore, be subject to an annual charge of \$104.78.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021 (Public Notice Policy), is not required.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter from the owner's legal agent, received December 5th, 2007.
2. Copy of Real Property Report dated May 12, 2006.

**A3) Request For Encroachment Agreement
306/308 4th Avenue North
Lot 2 and 3, Block 173, Plan E2335
(File No. CC. 4090-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council recognize the encroachment at 306/308 4th Avenue North (Lot 2 and 3, Block 173, Plan E2335);
 - 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, on behalf of the City of Saskatoon under the Corporate Seal and in a form that is satisfactory to the City Solicitor, the agreement with respect to this encroachment.

ADOPTED.

The owner of the property located at 306/308 4th Avenue North has requested to enter into an Encroachment Agreement with the City of Saskatoon. As shown on the attached Real Property Report, a portion of the building encroaches onto City of Saskatoon property on 4th Avenue on both the north and south corners of the building. The encroachment has likely been in existence

ever since the addition was constructed in 1965. The total area of encroachment is approximately 0.48m² and will, therefore, be subject to an annual charge of \$50.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021 (Public Notice Policy), is not required.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter from the owner's agent, received November 27, 2007.
2. Real Property Report dated November 13, 2007.

A4) Aboriginal Programmer Secondment to Central Urban Métis Federation Inc. (File No. CK. 4560-1; LS 5615-1, and RR 155-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be considered with Ms. Isbister's presentation. See Page 63.

Section B – CORPORATE SERVICES

B1) Property Realized Reserve Withdrawal (File No. 1815-3; CK. 1815-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that \$320,589.02 be withdrawn from the Property Realized Reserve to fund miscellaneous land development/sales costs incurred during the period November 1, 2006, to October 31, 2007.

ADOPTED.

The Land Manager is authorized to make certain expenditures pertaining to lands held by the City for resale. On an annual basis, the Comptroller's Branch provides City Council with a summary of the costs incurred requesting that it approve the withdrawal of a like amount from the Property Realized Reserve. The following summarizes those expenditures for the period November 1, 2006, to October 31, 2007.

Land Titles	\$ 1,969.60
Survey Costs	80,463.80
Appraisals	25,759.75
Environmental Assessments	9,165.01
Rezoning Fees	3,500.00
Commissions	133,984.64
Miscellaneous	48,391.09
Advertising	3,522.06
Demolition/Cleanup	8,135.08
Legal Fees	<u>5,697.99</u>
	\$320,589.02

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021 (Public Notice Policy), is not required.

Section D – INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

**D1) Pinehouse Drive – East and West of LaRonge Road
(File No. 6150-01; CK. 6250-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Wyant requesting that a pedestrian activated corridor or traffic light be installed on the corner of Pinehouse Drive and LaRonge Road, and that parking restrictions be installed on the south side of Pinehouse Drive, east and west of LaRonge Road, a report was submitted to City Council on September 18, 2006, recommending that the parking restrictions on Pinehouse Drive be increased by 30 metres to the east and west of LaRonge Road in order to increase visibility at the intersection. Council approved the recommendation and requested that the Administration review and report back on the matter in one year's time.

REPORT

Since the installation of the increased parking restrictions on Pinehouse Drive, sight distance and pedestrian visibility has improved significantly at the intersection. No major complaints have been received pertaining to the additional parking restrictions. In addition, information from Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) shows that no pedestrian-related accidents have occurred at this intersection since the parking restrictions were installed.

Due to the results of the intersection review, the Administration has concluded that the additional parking restrictions, as approved on September 18, 2006, are effective, and that the installation of traffic signals or an active pedestrian corridor at this location is not warranted and is not being recommended.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

D2) Proposed Disabled Person's Parking Zone
(File No. 6120-04; CK. 6120-4)

RECOMMENDATION: that a Disabled Person's Parking Zone be installed in front of 1034-4th Street East.

ADOPTED.

Infrastructure Services has received a request from the resident of 1034-4th Street East for the installation of a Disabled Person's Parking Zone in front of the residence, as shown on Plan No. 210-0053-005r001 (Attachment 1). The resident has a physical impairment such that direct access to the front of their home is required.

The loading zone conforms to City guidelines with respect to Disabled Person's Parking Zones, and no fee is assessed for its installation.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

ATTACHMENT

1. Plan No. 210-0053-005r001

D3) Proposed Disabled Person's Parking Zone
(File No. 6120-04; CK. 6120-4)

RECOMMENDATION: that a Disabled Person's Parking Zone be installed in front of 713 – 1st Street East.

ADOPTED.

Infrastructure Services has received a request from the resident of 713 – 1st Street East for the installation of a Disabled Person's Parking Zone in front of the residence, as shown on Plan No. 210-0053-006r001 (Attachment 1). The resident has a physical impairment such that direct access to the front of their home is required.

The loading zone conforms to City guidelines with respect to Disabled Person's Parking Zones, and no fee is assessed for its installation.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

ATTACHMENT

1. Plan No. 210-0053-006r001

D4) Enquiry –Councillor M. Heidt
Walkway Closures
(File No. 6350-1; CK. 6295-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

The following enquiry was made by Councillor M. Heidt at the meeting of City Council held on

June 11, 2007:

“Would the Administration please look at implementing a payment plan for purchase of the land only for a closure. The total is approximately \$2,000.00 for the applicants. This does create some hardship and a payment plan over 12 to 24 months would help to overcome this extra cost.”

REPORT

The Administration follows a standard procedure for walkway closures. Adjacent property owners must submit a letter to the City of Saskatoon requesting the closure. The walkway is then reviewed according to Policy C07-017, “Walkway Closure Fee Assistance”, and if it meets the guidelines, a letter and application form is sent to the property owner to be completed, requesting the following fees:

- \$1,000 application fee for each adjacent property owner.
- \$1,000 land cost for each adjacent property owner acquiring land.

The applicants must therefore submit the required application fee with the completed application form so that the Administration can prepare to acquire the survey documentation. The \$1,000 application fee is applied to the survey costs. Once all survey documentation is received, Infrastructure Services reports to Council requesting approval of the Bylaw, instructing the City Solicitor to take the necessary steps to complete the closing.

According to Policy C07-017, land cost fees must be paid to the City prior to the public hearing. Typically, a walkway closure can take up to eight months to complete. A bylaw would not be prepared by the City Solicitor until all funding is received. Thus, the applicant has from the initial application until the Council hearing to pay the land fee.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

Section E – UTILITY SERVICES

- E1) **Discounted Monthly Bus Passes – Provincial Pilot Project**
(File No: CK. 1905-7, 1905-4, 1905-5-2)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council continue offering the Discount Bus Pass Program on the following basis subject to confirmation from the Provincial Government:
 - a) that the Department of Social Services increase the Provincial subsidy to \$18.00 per pass sold retroactive to include discounted bus passes sold starting October 1, 2006;
 - b) that eligibility for the Discounted Bus Pass Program continue to be extended to Saskatoon residents who are in receipt of benefits under the Saskatchewan Assistance Plan, Transitional Employment Allowance, Saskatchewan Employment Supplement and the Provincial Training Allowance programs;
 - c) that the Discounted Bus Pass fare be increased from \$15.00 to \$25.00;
 - 2) that Administration review this Program annually with the Ministry of Social Services;
 - 3) that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a four-year agreement based on these terms from October 1, 2007, to September 30, 2011.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be considered with Item A1) of Communications to Council.

Section F – CITY MANAGER

F1) 2008 StarPhoenix Advertising Contract
(File No. CC 366-2; CK. 366-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that an Advertising Agreement with the Saskatoon StarPhoenix be approved with a total projected cost of \$500,000 for 2008.

ADOPTED.

The Communications Branch negotiates an annual volume sales agreement with The StarPhoenix for advertising in The Saskatoon StarPhoenix and Sunday Sun. Previously,

individual sections, branches, and/or departments would purchase advertising separately, and would be charged a line rate according to their individual volumes.

Currently, the purchasing of newspaper advertising is conducted under one account to take advantage of volume discounts. This account has been extended to include the boards and commissions of City Council (i.e. Credit Union Centre, TCU Place, Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon Police Service and the Saskatoon Public Library). It is estimated that this centralized advertising initiative saves approximately \$100,000 annually.

The 2008 Agreement forecasts a \$500,000 volume of sales based on the previous year's volume. The line rate, the amount charged for each line of advertisement, is based on this projected volume. It should be noted that the Agreement is similar to a blanket purchase order, and does not require the City to spend the full amount in order to receive the line rate. As such, the City can continue to minimize advertising expenditures.

The City of Saskatoon is required by *The Cities Act* to run various print ads such as open and closed City meetings, development notices, and zoning changes. In addition to the advertisements in 2007, the City of Saskatoon, through the StarPhoenix, produced three Leisure Guides and the annual Report to Citizens.

The StarPhoenix will be increasing line rates by 2.0% over 2007. Therefore, the new Monday to Thursday rate will increase from \$1.21/line to \$1.24/line, and the Friday and Saturday rate will increase from \$1.38/line to \$1.41/line. The Sunday Sun line rate increases from \$1.04 to \$1.08 a line. As well, the Communications Branch has negotiated an agreement that includes guaranteed placement in the "A" section at no additional charge (a 25% saving), a 50% saving on "filler" material (\$0.71/line), and a reduction for colour insertions. As a value-added bonus, all City of Saskatoon ads will be placed on-line on the StarPhoenix website for seven days. This allows our messages to be viewed by another huge audience.

Over the past few years in order to improve communications from the City to the public, the Communications Branch has regulated ad size and had the StarPhoenix produce the layout. This makes the ads look more consistent and has improved the layout so that the ads are not spread over several pages. The City Page has truly become a "page" and its visual impact and messages cannot be missed by readers.

Previously, each branch or department was separately responsible for the placement of ads resulting in a rough hodgepodge of ads with inconsistent visual identity and appeal. The ads often used different fonts, sizes, logo treatments, and design.

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The Saskatoon StarPhoenix prints the only daily newspaper, and full-circulation Sunday paper (Sunday Sun) in Saskatoon. As they are the sole supplier of this type of advertising, this agreement may be considered a single source contract.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

ATTACHMENT

1. The StarPhoenix Advertising Agreement for 2008

F2) 2007 Civic Services Survey
(File No. CC 365-5; CK. 365-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

The 2007 Civic Services Survey (Attachment 1) indicates that the quality of life, the overall level of services delivered by the City of Saskatoon, and the value received for municipal property taxes in Saskatoon continues to be rated high by citizens.

The major findings of the survey are as follows:

- The large majority (92%) of Saskatoon residents rate the quality of life in Saskatoon as good to very good, a slight increase from the 2006 survey rating of 91%.
- The large majority (85%) of residents continue to believe that the programs and services they receive from the City of Saskatoon are good or very good value for their municipal tax dollar. This is a slight decrease of 2% from 2006's rating of 87%.
- A large majority (93%) of Saskatoon residents continue to be satisfied with the overall level of services provided by the City of Saskatoon. This is up from the 89% rating in 2006.
- According to Saskatoon residents, crime and policing remains the top issue of importance at 19%; but this is a decrease from 35% in 2006. Other issues identified include housing (14%), taxation and spending (11%), and traffic flow/congestion (10%).
- The most important services to the residents of Saskatoon continue to be quality of drinking water, police services, and fire protection. These ratings are consistent with previous surveys. Treatment of sewage is the fourth most important service to Saskatoon residents.
- According to Saskatoon residents, the City of Saskatoon is doing the best in delivering quality drinking water, fire protection services, reliable electrical services, and the treatment of sewage.
- Sixty-four percent of residents think their household is prepared for an emergency, such as a winter storm, power outage, or tornado. Two-thirds (67%) of residents think they have some information to be prepared for an emergency, and 22% think they have a lot of information.

These survey results are reported and discussed with Senior Management and then distributed to each Department for specific and more detailed review. They assist in the formation of the three-year Corporate Business Plan and corresponding annual Departmental Business Plans for the coming year.

For the 2007 survey, 500 residents were interviewed October 22-November 4, 2007. This sample size gives a 95% level of certainty that the overall results of the survey are within +/- 4.4%, of what they would be if the entire adult population of Saskatoon were polled.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

ATTACHMENT

1. City of Saskatoon Civic Services Survey, Report Summary, October 2007, prepared by Fast Consulting.

**F3) River Landing Phase I -
Lease of Temporary Surface Parking
(File No. CC. 4130-2 & SPR 4129-15)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that Administration enter into an agreement with Persephone Theatre for the lease and operation of a temporary surface parking lot on city-owned land surrounding their facility;
 - 2) that the property tax agreement with Persephone Theatre be extended to include the leased land; and,
 - 3) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary documents for execution by His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk under corporate seal.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

Persephone Theatre has completed their building to a point where they were able to hold their opening production on December 11. Administration is currently working on a process, for City Council review and approval, to determine the best course of action with respect to the future destination complex to the south and west of Persephone. In the meantime, the area has been graded and prepared for a temporary surface parking for Persephone Theatre patrons and the general public.

The lease agreement for this area will be for a two-year renewable term at \$4,000 a month. The lot is to be open to the public (for a fee) and can be used for Persephone Theatre patrons during productions. Persephone will be responsible for all operating and maintenance, with the exception of lighting. The agreement will include a provision that will allow for termination with 30-days notice to accommodate any future construction during the term.

A Memorandum of Sale, which included a tax agreement with Persephone Theatre, was approved by City Council on December 7, 2005. The agreement sets property taxes at \$120,000 phased-in over five years (100%, 80%, 60%, 40%, 20%). Following the five-year period, the agreement can be renewed (at the discretion of City Council) at \$120,000 or 5% of gross revenues, which ever is higher. Persephone has requested that the agreement be amended to include the newly-leased property.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

F4) Purchase of the Barry Hotel
(File No. CC. 4020-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

City Council, at its meeting held on November 5, 2007, approved the purchase of the Barry Hotel by the City, subject to several conditions. The Sale Agreement contained a condition precedent that there be a Phase I Environmental Report satisfactory to the City or the sale would not proceed. This is a common term, especially with older buildings.

Upon completion of the environmental assessment, the City was not satisfied with the environmental condition of the property, and the costs related thereto. As a result, the City did not complete the sale.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 19-2007

Section B – OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

**B1) Transit Fares
(File No. 1905-4)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8648.

ADOPTED.

At City Council's meeting of December 3, 2007, it resolved that new transit fares be approved effective January 1, 2008 and that the City Solicitor prepare the required Bylaw.

Enclosed for Council's consideration is The Transit Fares Amendment Bylaw, 2007 (No. 2). The Bylaw sets out the new transit fares as approved by Council December 3, 2007. The new fare rates will come into effect January 1, 2008.

Members of the Transit Services Branch have reviewed the Bylaw.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

ATTACHMENT

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 8648.

**B2) Amendments to Bylaw 7200 - The Traffic Bylaw
Roadway Classification and Speed Limit Changes
(File No. CK. 6320-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8650.

ADOPTED.

As part of our ongoing review of The Traffic Bylaw No. 7200, our Office has identified some housekeeping amendments which are required to ensure that the Bylaw is clear and accurate. Schedule No. 4 identifies maximum speed limits permitted on certain roads in the City. The proposed amendment repeals subsection 7(a) of the Schedule to correct an internal inconsistency respecting the maximum speed limit for a section of 22nd Street. In addition, Schedule No. 10 is amended to include a fine amount for off route overweight trucks, approved by Council at its meeting of September 4, 2007 and inadvertently omitted from Bylaw 8629.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

ATTACHMENT

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 8650.

REPORT NO. 15-2007 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor G. Wyant, Chair
Councillor B. Dubois
Councillor P. Lorje
Councillor C. Clark
Councillor B. Pringle

- 1. Elmwood Residences Inc. – “Elmwood Suites” – Affordable Rental Unit
2749 Preston Avenue South
(File No. CK. 750-4)**

RECOMMENDATION: that funding of ten percent of the total project cost for the development of one affordable rental suite by Elmwood Residences Inc. totalling \$5,998.70 from the Affordable Housing Reserve be approved.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 20, 2007, with respect to an application from Elmwood Residences Inc. for assistance under the City’s Innovative Housing Incentives Program for the first of four new housing units of rental accommodation for low-income tenants.

Your Committee has reviewed the report with the Administration and supports the above recommendation.

- 2. CUISR Quality of Life Project: 2007 Survey Results
(File No. CK. 750-4)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 20, 2007, providing information on the above matter.

Your Committee has reviewed and is submitting the above report to City Council as information.

3. Proposed 2008 Woodlawn Cemetery Fees
(File No. CK. 1720-4 and 4080-1)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that effective January 1, 2008, changes to the fees charged for services provided at Woodlawn Cemetery, as outlined in the Woodlawn Cemetery Fee Schedule 2008, (Attachment 1 to the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated November 26, 2007) be approved; and
 - 2) that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8649.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has reviewed the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated November 26, 2007 and supports the proposed changes to the fees charged for services provided at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Also attached is Bylaw No. 8649 for consideration by City Council at this meeting.

4. St. John's Anglican Cathedral – 810 Spadina Crescent East – Subdivision
(File No CK. 710-50)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that Bylaw No. 8352 (the St. John's Anglican Cathedral Heritage Designation Bylaw, 2004) be amended to exclude Parcel A, as shown on Attachment 1 of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated October 18, 2007, as municipal heritage property; and
 - 2) that the City Solicitor's Office be requested to prepare, advertise, and bring forward an amended bylaw, which excludes Parcel A, as shown on Attachment 1 of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated October 18, 2007, as heritage property, under the provisions of the *Heritage Property Act*.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated October 18, 2007 regarding a proposed amendment to the Heritage Designation Bylaw for St. John's Anglican

Cathedral to exclude Parcel A, which is being severed from the church site. This portion of the property will be sold to a private developer, who will construct a condominium project on the site. The heritage designation will remain in place for the Cathedral and Parish Hall.

Your Committee has been advised that this report was reviewed and supported by the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee.

Your Committee has considered this matter and has received clarification from the Administration that the sales agreement does include a clause restricting the height of the new building to not exceed the height of the church steeple. The proposed condominium project will be 15 storeys and although a small mechanical room will be higher than this, the main part of the building will be below the steeple.

Following review of this matter, your Committee is supporting the recommendations as outlined above.

REPORT NO. 17-2007 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor G. Penner, Chair
Councillor M. Neault
Councillor D. Hill
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor T. Paulsen

1. Full Service Recycling Bins
(File No. CK. 7830-5)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the contract for the Full Service Recycling Bins be extended to five years;
 - 2) that the contract with Creative Outdoor Advertising be amended to include the provision for a one year notice of termination; and
 - 3) that the program be expanded in consultation with Creative Outdoor Advertising staff, City of Saskatoon, and Ward Councillors.

ADOPTED.

City Council, at its meeting held on December 3, 2007, considered Clause 2, Report No. 16-2007 of the Administration and Finance Committee. The matter was referred back to the Administration to work with Creative Outdoor for a report to the December 10 meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee.

Attached is a report of the General Manager, Utility Services Department dated December 4, 2007, in response to the above referral. Also attached, as background information, is Clause 2, Report No. 16-2007 of the Administration and Finance Committee, as referenced above.

Your Committee has reviewed the proposal submitted following discussions with Creative Outdoor Advertising, including:

- An extension of the contract for Full Service Recycling Bins to five years;
- Provision for a one year notice of termination, to allow sufficient time for Creative Outdoor Advertising to fulfill their advertising contracts; and
- Expansion of the program into other areas of the City beyond the Business Improvement Districts, following appropriate consultations.

Your Committee has also received a presentation from Mr. Terry Scaddan, Executive Director, Downtown Business Improvement District, recommending increased advertising of the use of recycling bins, removal of the City's refuse bins in the locations where the Creating Outdoor Advertising recycling bins are located, and the extension of the contract for a one-year term rather than a five-year extension to provide an opportunity to review the program following that term.

Your Committee has discussed with the Administration opportunities to work with Creative Outdoor Advertising with respect to providing further clarity on the use of the recycling bins. The Administration has also advised your Committee that concerns about the location of certain bins would be addressed as quickly as possible, through the appropriate consultations, with a view to locating the bins in a more suitable location.

Following review of this matter, your Committee is supporting the extension of the contract for five years, with the provision for a one year notice of termination. Your Committee also supports the expansion of the program following the appropriate consultation as noted by the Administration.

REPORT NO. 3-2007 OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor G. Wyant, Chair
His Worship Mayor D. Atchison
Councillor B. Dubois
Councillor C. Clark
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor D. Hill
Councillor P. Lorje
Councillor M. Neault
Councillor T. Paulsen
Councillor G. Penner
Councillor B. Pringle
Councillor G. Wyant

**1. Preliminary Capital Budget – 2008
Capital Plan – 2009 – 2012
(File No. CK.1704-1)**

Your Committee reviewed the preliminary version of the above-noted document, as well as several administrative reports, at a public meeting held on December 10, 2007.

Copies of the tables referred to in the following recommendations are attached.

**Public Notice for Capital Projects
(File No. CK. 1702-1)**

Your Committee considered the attached report of the General Manager, Corporate Services Department, dated November 29, 2007.

RECOMMENDATION: that a 10% variance be allowed on the borrowing requirements for each project identified in the report of the General Manager, Corporate Services Department, and any variance greater be reported to City Council.

ADOPTED.

Increase to Storm Water Levy
(File No. CK. 7820-2)

Your Committee considered the attached report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department, dated November 22, 2007. Also attached is a copy of Proposed Bylaw No. 8651, *The Storm Water Management Utility Amendment Bylaw, 2007*.

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the Storm Water Utility levy rate be increased from \$3.40 per water meter to \$4.40 per water meter, effective January 1, 2008;
 - 2) that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8651; and
 - 3) that the Administration report further on the long-term funding requirement and rate structure of the Storm Water Utility in 2008.

ADOPTED.

Table 3 – Reserve for Capital Expenditures

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that Capital Project 1911 (Fire – New Station – East Saskatoon) be approved in principle according to the established time frame (purchase of land and design in 2008, construction and staffing in 2009) and that the Administration be instructed to report back on an alternate funding source; and
 - 2) that the Administration be directed to explore alternate funding sources for future fire stations and report to City Council in early 2008 on future growth requirements;
 - 3) that the 2008 Operating Provision of \$4,812,400 be allocated in capital;
 - 4) that the following projects be approved subject to confirmation of external funding:
 - Project 2376 (Fire – Emergency Operation Centre), totaling \$386,000;

- Project 2183 (Greenhouse Gas Reduction), totaling \$300,000;
- Project 2048(FFP & Zoo Master Plan Implementation), totaling \$1,628,000;
- Project 2106 (Upgrading Indoor Arenas), totaling \$1,056,000;
- Project 2347(Field Irrigation Replacement-Spectator Ballfields), totaling \$110,000; and
- Project 2351 (Whitewater Park Proposal), totaling \$30,000.

- 5) that the remaining 2008 financial expenditures for the capital projects identified in Table 3, totaling \$5,230,000 be approved; and
- 6) that the Administration report further with regard to the allocation of any additional funding which may become available to finance unfunded capital expenditures.

ADOPTED.

Table 4 – General Capital Projects – Civic Departments

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the bulk purchase of five fire apparatus in the 2008 Capital Budget, consisting of three pumpers, one heavy rescue truck, and one bush truck, at a total estimated cost of \$2,170,000 (GST included) be approved;
 - 2) that City Council approve placing the Fire Apparatus Replacement Reserve in a deficit balance for the years 2008 and 2009, during the tendering process and delivery time frame;
 - 3) that Project 1787 (River Landing Phase 2), totaling \$8,585,000, be approved subject to the approval of the transfer of surplus funds in Project 1786 (River Landing Phase 1) through the Reserve for Capital Expenditures and subject to confirmation of external funding;

- 4) a) that the following projects be approved subject to confirmation external funding:
 - Project 901 (Park Upgrading – Neighbourhood), totaling \$760,000;
 - Project 1595 (Park Lighting Upgrade – Neighbourhood) totaling \$55,000;
- b) that City Council approve placing the Parks Infrastructure Reserve in a deficit position until December 31, 2010;
- 5) that Project 1501 (Upgrade Fletcher Road Sanitary Lift Station), totaling \$990,000 be approved subject to a Public Notice for borrowing; and
- 6) that the remaining 2008 financial expenditures for General Capital Projects – Civic Departments, summarized in Table 4, totaling \$39,115,000 be approved.

ADOPTED.

Table 5 – Land Development Projects

RECOMMENDATION: that the 2008 financed expenditures for Prepaid Land Development Projects, summarized in Table 5, totaling \$86,098,000 be approved.

ADOPTED.

Table 6 – Boards and Commissions

Your Committee reviewed the attached report of the General Manager, Corporate Services Department, dated November 16, 2007, regarding a financial strategy for a new Police Service Facility (Project 2132).

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that Project 2132 (New Police Headquarters Facility), totaling \$5,000,000, be approved subject to a Public Notice for borrowing;

2) that Council approve the phased-in financing plan to fund the new Saskatoon Police Service Facility by 2013, as outlined in the report of the General Manager, Corporate Services Department, dated November 16, 2007;

3) that Project 1817 (Mendel Art Gallery), totaling \$300,000 be approved subject to a Public Notice for borrowing; and

4) that the remaining 2008 financial expenditures for General Capital Projects – Boards and Commissions, summarized in Table 6, totaling \$3,542,000 be approved.

ADOPTED.

Table 7 – Water/Wastewater Utility Projects

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the following projects, totaling \$29,408,000, be approved subject to a Public Notice for borrowing:
·Project 1210 (Filter Plant Upgrade/Extension);
·Project 1236 (UV Disinfection System);

2) that the remaining 2008 financial expenditures for Water Utility Projects, summarized in Table 7, totaling \$9,083,000 be approved; and

3) that the 2008 financial expenditures for Wastewater Utility Projects, summarized in Table 7, totaling \$4,078,000 be approved.

ADOPTED.

Table 8 – Storm Sewer Utility Projects

RECOMMENDATION: that the 2008 financed expenditures for the Storm Sewer Utility projects, summarized in Table 8, totaling \$965,000 be approved.

ADOPTED.

Table 9 – Transit & Access Transit Projects

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the following projects, totaling \$13,400,000, be approved subject to confirmation under the new Federal Transit Funding Program:

- Project 537 (Terminals);
- Project 1191 (Security Improvements);
- Project 2099 (Planning and Scheduling System);
- Project 2319 (Electronic Fare Box Transit);
- Project 2320 (Dart System Improvement);
- Project 2326 (Access Transit Facility); and

2) that the remaining 2008 financed expenditures for Transit Utility projects, summarized in Table 9, totaling \$745,000 be approved.

ADOPTED.

Table 10 – Saskatoon Light & Power Projects

RECOMMENDATION: that the 2008 financed expenditures for the Saskatoon Light and Power Projects, summarized in Table 10, totaling \$6,872,000 be approved.

ADOPTED.

REPORT NO. 21-2007 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

His Worship Mayor D. Atchison, Chair
Councillor C. Clark
Councillor B. Dubois
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor D. Hill
Councillor P. Lorje
Councillor M. Neault
Councillor T. Paulsen
Councillor G. Penner
Councillor B. Pringle
Councillor G. Wyant

1. Terms of Reference for Advisory Committees
(File No. CK. 225-1)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the revised Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee on Animal Control, Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee, Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee, Traffic Safety Committee and Visual Arts Placement Jury be approved;
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate amendments to Bylaw No. 8198, *The Council and Committee Procedure Bylaw, 2003*; and
 - 3) that Policy C10-007, Visual Arts Placement Policy, be amended to reflect the revisions to the Visual Arts Placement Jury mandate.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered and supports the following report of the City Clerk dated November 16, 2007:

“BACKGROUND

In 1998 City Council adopted recommendations from the Executive Committee with respect to changes to the general mandate for all advisory committees. It was determined at that time that the main focus of advisory committees was to provide advice to City Council on policy matters. As one avenue for Council to obtain public input, each advisory committee had a secondary role to provide recommendations to City Council on specific issues within its policy mandate which require review by City Council. This provided an avenue for advisory committees to bring forward issues from the community to be able to increase the awareness of the issues and to provide input on ways to begin addressing them.

Further to this, advisory committees, if they wished and if a budget was provided by City Council, were given the opportunity to undertake education and awareness initiatives within their mandate, provided that the Administration was consulted prior to the implementation of each program to ensure that there was no duplication of services and that the proposed initiative supported the relevant policies and programs of the City.

With the exception of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee, the terms of reference for the advisory committees were updated in accordance with the above. A review of the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee and Program was undertaken and a new policy adopted by City Council on February 9, 2004.

REPORT

The City Clerk's Office has undertaken a review of the terms of reference for the advisory committees to ensure that they are consistent with the functions listed in the Council and Committee Procedure Bylaw and that they reflect how the advisory committees have been operating since the changes made in 1998.

The proposed revisions are noted in bold in the attached Terms of Reference for City Council's advisory committees. In most instances, minor wording changes are being recommended for consistency and clarity. The more significant revisions are detailed below.

The Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee Terms of Reference have been redrafted to reflect the 1998 changes, as well as incorporating the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Policy passed by City Council in 2004. The City Clerk's Office has been administering this Committee in accordance with the Terms of Reference outlined in the attached document in that this reflects the changes made in 1998.

Proposed revisions to the composition of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee are being put forward and are supported by the Community Services Department. The Administration is recommending that an invitation be extended to Tourism Saskatoon to have representation on the Committee. Visitors to the city are interested in community heritage and the Administration believes that the marketing expertise through Tourism Saskatoon would be beneficial in assisting the Committee in promoting our heritage resources.

Further to this, there are currently representatives on the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee from the Broadway, Riversdale and Downtown Business Improvement Districts and not the Sutherland Business Improvement District. With the exception of the Downtown Business Improvement District representative, who regularly attends meetings, the other representatives are not always able to attend. To keep the membership to 14 members, the Administration is suggesting that the Executive Committee may wish to consider representation from the four Business Improvement Districts on a rotational basis (i.e. every two years).

Clause 2, Report No. 14-1998 of the Executive Committee, which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on November 16, 2008, is attached as background information.

The proposed revisions are being submitted to the Executive Committee for review prior to consideration by City Council.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Revisions - Terms of Reference for Advisory Committees
2. Clause 2, Report No. 14-1998 of the Executive Committee.”

2. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees – 2008 **(Files CK. 175-1, 225-1 and 255-1)**

Your Committee has met and considered the matter of appointments and reappointments to City Council’s various boards, commissions and committees. This report deals with the filling of vacancies only – it does not include current members whose terms have not expired. Unless otherwise indicated, all appointments commence January 1, 2008.

Administration and Finance Committee
(File No. CK. 225-40)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillors Heidt, Hill, Neault, Paulsen and Penner be appointed to the Administration and Finance Committee for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Audit Committee
(File No. CK. 175-6)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillors Clark, Dubois, Hill, Pringle and Wyant be appointed to the Audit Committee for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Land Bank Committee
(File No. CK. 225-33)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillors Heidt, Hill, Lorje, Neault, and Penner be appointed to the Land Bank Committee for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Planning and Operations Committee
(File No. CK. 225-49)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillors Clark, Dubois, Lorje, Pringle, and Wyant be appointed to the Planning and Operations Committee for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Access Transit Advisory Committee
(File No. CK. 225-58)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the Administration work with the Access Transit Advisory Committee to ensure that an appropriate customer care process is in place for Access Transit users and that an appropriate mechanism is established for the Transit Branch to obtain feedback regarding its policies and programs;
 - 2) that the Saskatoon Committee on Accessibility be requested to ensure that it pays due regard to transit issues when carrying out its mandate; and
 - 3) that, subject to the above being carried out to City Council's satisfaction, the Access Transit Advisory Committee be disbanded at the end of 2008;

ADOPTED.

Access Transit Appeals Board
(File No. CK. 225-67)

- RECOMMENDATION:** that Ms. Connie Tenaski and Ms. Michelle Ouellette be reappointed, and Ms. Donna Boots be appointed to the Access Transit Appeals Board for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Advisory Committee on Animal Control
(File No. CK. 225-9)

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be reappointed to the Advisory Committee on Animal Control for 2008:

Councillor M. Neault
Ms. Danielle Chartier
Ms. Marni Harvey
Ms. Angela Hosni
Ms. Lillian Lackmanec
Ms. Nina Faye Morey
Dr. Stan Rubin
Dr. Michael Powell
Ms. Shirley Ross
Ms. Darlene Meeds Montero

ADOPTED.

City Mortgage Appeals Board
(File No. CK. 4110-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Ms. Donna Boots be appointed the City Mortgage Appeals Board to the end of 2009.

ADOPTED.

Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee
(File No. CK. 225-40)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that a report be submitted to City Council, recommending that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee for 2008:

Councillor C. Clark
Councillor B. Pringle
Dr. Eric Lefol
Ms. Patricia McNeill McCrea
Mr. Alon Zack
Ms. Bertha Gana, (replacing Mr. Nesar Rajput)
Ms. Niki Smith, (replacing Mr. Gatdeet Wakou)
Ms. Caroline Cottrell; and
 - 2) that the Committee report further regarding the remaining vacancy.

ADOPTED.

District Planning Commission
(File No. CK. 175-10)

- RECOMMENDATION:** that Councillor Penner be reappointed to the District Planning Commission for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Mayor's Committee on Neighbourhood Safety
(File No. CK. 225-69)

- RECOMMENDATION:** that Councillors Clark, Lorje, and Neault be reappointed to the Mayor's Committee on Neighbourhood Safety for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee
(File No. CK. 225-18)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the following be reappointed for the terms indicated:

Councillor C. Clark, for 2008
Ms. Annette Stebner, for 2008
Mr. Terry Scaddan, for 2008
Mr. Michael Williams, to the end of 2009
Ms. Barbara Anderson, to the end of 2009
 - 2) that an invitation be extended to Tourism Saskatoon to have representation on the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, and if agreed, the terms of reference be amended accordingly; and
 - 3) that, effective in 2009, the composition of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee be further revised to include two representatives of the four existing Business Improvement Districts, with representation on a rotational basis to be determined by the Business Improvement Districts.

ADOPTED.

Municipal Planning Commission
(File No. CK. 175-16)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Municipal Planning Commission for the terms indicated:
- Councillor B. Dubois, for 2008
Mr. Bruce Cory, to the end of 2009,
(replacing Mr. Michael Chyzowski)
Ms. Leanne DeLong, to the end of 2009,
(replacing Mr. Vern Waldherr)
Mr. Randy Warick, to the end of 2009
Mr. Stan Laba, to the end of 2009,
(replacing Mr. Roy Ball)

ADOPTED.

Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee
(File No. CK. 225-70)

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed to the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee for the terms indicated:

Councillor P. Lorje, for 2008
Councillor C. Clark, for 2008
General Manager, Community Services Gauthier, for 2008
General Manager, Infrastructure Services Totland, for 2008
Ms. Cindy Haftner, to the end of 2009
Ms. Carla Sheridan, to the end of 2009
Ms. Georgie Anne Davis, to the end of 2009
Mr. Jamie McKenzie, to the end of 2009
Mr. Leonard Boser, to the end of 2009

ADOPTED.

Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee
(File No. CK. 175-9)

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee for the terms indicated:

Councillor T. Paulsen, for 2008
Ms. Patricia Hanbidge, to the end of 2009
Ms. Barbara Hanbidge, to the end of 2009
Mr. Darcy Meyers, to the end of 2009
Mr. Sean Shaw, to the end of 2009,
(replacing Mr. Lawrence Pinter)
Ms. Anna Ringstrom, to the end of 2009,
(replacing Mark Warbasnki)

ADOPTED.

**Social Services Subcommittee – Assistance to Community Groups:
Cash Grants Program
(File No. CK. 225-2-4)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be reappointed to the Social Services Subcommittee for 2008:

Ms. Tracy Muggli
Ms. Sheri Benson
Mr. Ian Wilson
Mr. Murray Gross
Ms. Carol McInnis

ADOPTED.

**Traffic Safety Committee
(File No. CK. 225-8)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be reappointed to the Traffic Safety Committee for the terms indicated:

Councillor G. Penner, for 2008
Mr. Brian Fehr, to the end of 2009
Mr. Ken Claffey, to the end of 2009
Sergeant Dale Solie, to the end of 2009

ADOPTED.

Visual Arts Placement Jury
(File No. CK. 175-44)

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be reappointed to the Visual Arts Placement Jury for the terms indicated:

Ms. Anahit Falihi, for 2008
Mr. Norman Zepp, for 2008
Mr. Ed Gibney, for 2008
Mr. Paul Ferguson, for 2008
Mr. Lloyd Isaak, for 2008
Ms. Jennifer Waygood, to the end of 2009,
(replacing Dan MacDonald)

ADOPTED.

Albert Community Centre Management Committee
(File No. CK. 225-27)

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be reappointed to the Albert Community Centre Management Committee for 2008:

Councillor C. Clark
Mr. Jason Aebig
Ms. Annemarie Cherneskey
Mr. Del Ehlert
Mr. Grant Whitecross
Mr. Darrel Epp

ADOPTED.

Board of Police Commissioners
(File No. CK. 175-23)

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be reappointed to the Board of Police Commissioners for 2008:

Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor T. Paulsen
Mr. Gordon Martell
Ms. Vera Pezer

ADOPTED.

Centennial Auditorium and Convention Centre Corporation Board of Directors
(TCU Place)
(File No. CK. 175-28)

RECOMMENDATION: that the City's representative be instructed to vote the City's proxy at the 2008 Annual Meeting for the appointment and reappointment of the following to the Centennial Auditorium & Convention Centre Corporation Board of Directors for the terms indicated:

Councillor T. Paulsen, for 2008
Councillor G. Penner, for 2008
Mr. James H. Hawn, to the end of 2009
Mr. Basil Hughton, to the end of 2009,
(replacing Mr. Vic Dubois)

ADOPTED.

Credit Union Centre Board of Directors
(File No. CK. 175-31)

RECOMMENDATION: that the City's representative be instructed to vote the City's proxy at the 2008 Annual Meeting for the appointment and reappointment of the following to the Credit Union Centre Board of Directors for the terms indicated:

Councillor D. Hill, for 2008
Councillor G. Wyant, for 2008
Ms. Sheila Smigarowski, to the end of 2009,
(replacing Ms. Irene Boychuk)
Mr. Richard Gabruch, to the end of 2009
Mr. Owen Fortosky, to the end of 2009,
(replacing Mr. Stephen Gabrush)
Ms. Deborah Young

ADOPTED.

Library Board
(File No. CK. 175-19)

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Library Board for the terms indicated:

Councillor B. Dubois, for 2008
Ms. Suzanne Abrams, to the end of 2009
Mr. Keith Briant, to the end of 2009,
(replacing Ms. Shirley Lomheim)
Ms. Val Schmidt, to the end of 2009,
(replacing Ms. Lauri Miller)
Mr. Michael Murphy, to the end of 2009

ADOPTED.

Marr Residence Management Board
(File No. CK. 225-52)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Clark be reappointed to the Marr Residence Management Board for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation Board of Trustees
(Mendel Art Gallery)
(File No. CK. 175-27)

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the City's representative be instructed to vote the City's proxy at the appropriate time for the appointment and reappointment of the following to the Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation Board of Trustees for the terms indicated:

Councillor T. Paulsen, for 2008
Councillor G. Wyant, for 2008
Ms. Herta Barron, to the end of 2009,
 (replacing Mr. Wade Heggie)
Mr. Art Knight, to the end of 2009
- 2) that the Committee report further regarding the remaining vacancy.

ADOPTED.

Board of Revision
(File No. CK. 175-6)

RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Board of Revision for 2008:

Mr. Robin Mowat, (replacing Mr. Raymond LePage)
Mr. Adrian Deschamps
Mr. Marvin Dutton
Mr. David Gabruch
Mr. Kenneth Howland
Mr. Murray Scharf
Mr. Peter Stroh
Mr. Patrick Thomson

ADOPTED.

Development Appeals Board
(File No. CK. 175-21)

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Development Appeals Board, to the end of 2009:

Mr. Raymond Lepage, (replacing Mr. Dennis Dibski)
Mr. Joseph Jeerakathil; and

2) that the Committee report further regarding the remaining vacancy.

ADOPTED.

Property Maintenance Appeals Board
(File No. CK. 225-54)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Michael Brockbank be reappointed to the Property Maintenance Appeals Board to the end of 2009.

ADOPTED.

Waste Management Appeals Board
(File No. CK. 175-52)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Michael Brockbank be reappointed to the Waste Management Appeals Board for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Naming Advisory Committee
(File No. CK. 225-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillors Penner and Hill be reappointed to the Naming Advisory Committee for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Technical Planning Commission
(File No. CK. 175-26)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Lorje be reappointed to the Technical Planning Commission for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Dakota Dunes Development Corporation Board of Directors
(File No. CK. 175-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Heidt be appointed to the Dakota Dunes Development Corporation Board of Directors for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Broadway Business Improvement District Board of Management
(File No. CK. 1680-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Clark be reappointed to the Broadway Business Improvement District Board of Management for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Communities for Children
(File No. CK. 155-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor P. Lorje be appointed to the Board of Directors for Communities for Children for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Downtown Business Improvement District
(File No. CK. 1680-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Clark be reappointed to the Downtown Business Improvement District Board of Management for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Federation of Canadian Municipalities Committees
(File No. CK. 155-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillors Dubois, Hill, Paulsen and Wyant be authorized to serve on Federation of Canadian Municipalities Committees for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Meewasin Valley Authority
(File No. CK. 180-6)

RECOMMENDATION: that His Worship the Mayor and Councillors Hill, Neault and Penner be reappointed to the Meewasin Valley Authority for 2008.

ADOPTED.

North Central Transportation Planning Committee
(File No. CK. 155-10)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Dubois be reappointed to the North Central Transportation Planning Committee for 2008.

ADOPTED.

North Watershed Advisory Committee
(File No. CK. 155-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Lorje be reappointed and General Manager Utility Services Wandzura be appointed to the North Watershed Advisory Committee for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Partners for the Saskatchewan River Basin
(File No. CK. 225-64)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Lorje be reappointed and General Manager Utility Services Wandzura be appointed to the Partners for the Saskatchewan River Basin for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Riversdale Business Improvement District
(File No. CK. 1680-4)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Lorje be reappointed to the Riversdale Business Improvement District for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency – City Advisory Committee
(File No. CK. 180-11)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Lorje, General Manager Corporate Services Bilanski and City Assessor Lawson be reappointed to the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency – City Advisory Committee for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association Board of Directors
(File No. CK. 155-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillors Hill and Paulsen be appointed to the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association Board of Directors for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Saskatoon Airport Authority –Community Consultative Committee
(File No. CK. 175-43)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Penner be reappointed to the Saskatoon Airport Authority – Community Consultative Committee for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition Corporation
(File No. CK. 175-29)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Pringle be reappointed to the Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition Corporation for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority
(File No. CK. 175-37)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillors Neault and Paulsen, and City Manager Richards be appointed to the Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Sutherland Business Improvement District Board of Management
(File No. CK. 1680-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Dubois be reappointed to the Sutherland Business Improvement District Board of Management for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Tourism Saskatoon – Board of Directors
(File No. CK. 155-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Neault be appointed and Councillor Dubois be reappointed to the Tourism Saskatoon – Board of Directors for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association
(File No. CK. 155-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Dubois be reappointed to the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Transport2000 Prairie Committee
(File No. CK. 7000-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Clark be reappointed to the Transport2000 Prairie Committee for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Wanuskewin Heritage Park Board of Directors
(File No. CK. 175-33)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillor Pringle be reappointed to the Wanuskewin Heritage Park Board of Directors for 2008.

ADOPTED.

Pension Benefits Committee
(File No. CK. 175-14)

RECOMMENDATION: that Councillors Lorje and Wyant, Labour Relations Manager Schlechte, Ms. Barbara Degenstein, Mr. Paul Jaspar, Mr. Ken Rapp, Mr. Bill Turnbull and General Manager Corporate Services Bilanski be appointed to the Pension Benefits Committee for 2008.

ADOPTED.

His Worship the Mayor assumed the Chair.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

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

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

B. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

1) Susan Lamb, Chief Executive Officer, December 3

Requesting that Brenda Wallace be appointed to the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee to replace John Gerstmar, as the representative of the Meewasin Valley Authority. (File No. CK. 225-18)

RECOMMENDATION: that Brenda Wallace be appointed to the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee to replace John Gerstmar, as the representative of the Meewasin Valley Authority.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT Brenda Wallace be appointed to the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee to replace John Gerstmar, as the representative of the Meewasin Valley Authority.

CARRIED.

2) Kimberly Evans, Persephone Theatre, dated December 5

Requesting permission to hold fireworks to celebrate the Persephone Theatre Grand Opening on Tuesday, January 22nd, 2008. (File No. CK. 205-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the request to hold fireworks to celebrate the Persephone Theatre Grand Opening be approved subject to administration conditions.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT the request to hold fireworks to celebrate the Persephone Theatre Grand Opening be approved subject to administration conditions.

CARRIED.

3) **Nicolette Creighton, dated December 6**

Requesting changes to Bylaw No. 7860, Section 15, with respect to “Barking and Howling.” (File No. CK. 151-15)

RECOMMENDATION: that the letter be referred to the Advisory Committee on Animal Control for consideration.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT the letter be referred to the Advisory Committee on Animal Control for consideration.

CARRIED.

4) **Wayne Hollier, President, Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association, dated December 5**

Submitting 2008 Membership Invoice. (File No. CK. 155-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that the 2008 Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association Membership Invoice in the amount of \$26,777.76 be paid.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT the 2008 Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association Membership Invoice in the amount of \$26,777.76 be paid.

CARRIED.

5) **Robin Mowat, dated December 4**

Commenting on issues with the new veteran parking permit. (File No. CK. 6120-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

C. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1) **Leona Thorogood, Kin Canada, dated November 12**

Providing information about Kin Canada. (File No. CK. 1870-1)

2) **Audrey Wiberg, Royal Legion Nutana, dated November 28**

Commenting on condo conversion. (File No. CK. 4132-1)

3) **Mary Haas, dated November 30**

Commenting on the University of Saskatchewan UPass. (File No. CK. 7312-1)

4) **Joanne Horsley, dated November 30**

Commenting on the discounted bus pass program. (File No. 1905-7)

5) **Brian Walton, dated December 3**

Commenting on the discounted bus pass program. (File No. CK. 1905-7)

6) **Kelly Harrington, dated December 3**

Commenting on the discounted bus pass program. (File No. CK. 1905-7)

7) **Sharon Henricks, dated December 5**

Commenting on the discounted bus pass program. (File No. CK. 1905-7)

8) **Denise Thiessen, St. Thomas-Welsey United Church, dated December 4**

Commenting on the discounted bus pass program. (File No. CK. 1905-7)

9) **Cheryl Loadman, Community Health Services (Saskatoon)
Association Ltd., dated December 5**

Commenting on the discounted bus pass program. (File No. CK. 1905-7)

10) **Nick Revoy, dated December 1**

Commenting on the bylaw with respect to snow removal. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

11) **Dustin Olfert, dated December 2**

Commenting on the bylaw with respect to snow removal. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

12) **Donalda, dated December 1**

Commenting on Sunday bus schedules. (File No. CK. 7310-1)

13) Mary Eley, dated December 1

Commenting on traffic flow in the Idylwyld, 22nd Street and 20th Street area. (File No. CK. 6000-1)

14) Aaron Dixon, dated December 3

Commenting on cycling in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 5300-5-5)

15) Kyle Holinaty, dated December 3

Commenting on the Energy and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan. (File No. CK. 375-4)

16) Anne Gent, dated December 3

Commenting on the Energy and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan. (File No. CK. 375-4)

17) Kathryn Green, dated December 3

Commenting on the Energy and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan. (File No. CK. 375-4)

18) Jonathan Stockdale, dated December 3

Commenting on the Energy and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan. (File No. CK. 375-4)

19) Ross Dauk, dated December 3

Commenting on the Energy and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan. (File No. CK. 375-4)

20) Joanne Horsley, dated December 6

Commenting on the Energy and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan. (File No. CK. 375-4)

21) **Donald Glen McCallum, dated December 3**

Commenting on the raise in transit fares. (File No. CK. 1905-4)

22) **Tammy MacFarlane, dated December 3**

Commenting on the raise in transit fares. (File No. CK. 1905-4)

23) **J. Riesen, dated December 4**

Commenting on the raise in transit fares. (File No. CK. 1905-4)

24) **Kristina Lummerding-Driedger, dated December 4**

Commenting on various issues. (File No. CK. 1905-4)

25) **Patricia Pavey, dated December 3**

Commenting on the Christmas tree in the lobby of City Hall. (File No. CK. 150-1)

26) **Rob Brown, dated December 4**

Commenting on City Council agenda procedures. (File No. CK. 255-1)

27) **Raeanne Fortin, dated December 3**

Commenting on housing in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 150-1)

28) **Don Field, dated December 4**

Commenting on veterans' parking. (File No. CK. 6120-1)

29) Brent G. Burns, The Royal Canadian Legion, dated December 7

Commenting on veterans' parking. (File No. CK. 6120-1)

30) John Rayner, dated December 4

Commenting on snow removal from a city street. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

31) Andy Tait, dated December 5

Commenting on the lighting of the Traffic Bridge. (File No. CK. 6050-8)

32) Tony Major, dated December 1

Commenting on the situation in Darfur. (File No. CK. 205-5)

33) Anne McElroy, dated December 5

Commenting on proposed whitewater park. (File No. CK. 4129-1)

34) Kit Deux, dated December 5

Commenting on the homeless in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 750-1)

35) Mark von Eschen, Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan, dated December 6

Submitting Annual Report and Audited Statements from Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan.
(File No. CK. 1870-1)

36) Darlene Demeria, undated

Commenting on the rodent problem in Saskatoon and suggesting cats be allowed to roam. (File No. CK. 151-5)

37) John Scott, dated December 10

Suggesting the City of Saskatoon utility bills move to an electronic paperless system. (File No. CK. 1500-1)

38) Elizabeth Bekolay, dated December 10

Commenting on water conservation. (File No. CK. 375-4)

39) Ryan Walker, dated December 11

Commenting on motion to demolish the Barry Hotel. (File No. CK. 4020-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

D. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

1) Audrey Wiberg, dated November 28

Commenting on condo conversions. (File No. CK. 4132-1) **(Referred to Administration as information.)**

2) Susan Clarke, dated November 29

Commenting on the Comprehensive Bicycle Plan. (File No. CK. 5300-5-5) **(Writer given a copy of the report dealing with this matter, adopted by City Council at its meeting held on October 22, 2007.)**

3) **Joe Rubin, dated November 29**

Commenting on the Comprehensive Bicycle Plan. (File No. CK. 5300-5-5) **(Writer given a copy of the report dealing with this matter, adopted by City Council at its meeting held on October 22, 2007.)**

4) **Bill Nixon, dated November 29**

Requesting clarification with respect to snow removal. (File No. CK. 6290-1) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

5) **R.F. Dram, dated December 1**

Commenting on snow-covered sidewalks on Avenue P between 31st and 33rd Streets. (File No. CK. 6290-1) **(Referred to Administration for consideration.)**

6) **Joslyn Fritz, dated December 3**

Commenting on possibility of Council cancelling bus passes available to U of S Students. (File No. CK. 7312-1) **(Writer advised that current issues with respect to bus passes do not involve the U of S pass.)**

7) **David Myers, dated December 2**

Commenting on bridge construction. (File No. CK. 6050-9) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

8) **Nayyar Javed, Saskatchewan Intercultural Association. dated November 28**

Submitting application for co-sponsorship of March 21, 2008, events. (File No. CK. 205-27) **(Referred to Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee for further handling.)**

9) **Kelly Pool, dated December 3**

Commenting on breathing issues due to sawdust. (File No. CK. 375-1) **(Referred to Administration for review and response to the writer.)**

10) **Luciene Poole, dated December 5**

Expressing concern about snow removal requirements. (File No. CK. 6290-1) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

11) **Craig McLean, dated December 6**

Commenting on the traffic lights at the intersection of Miller Avenue and 51st Street. (File No. CK. 6250-1) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

12) **Richard Dubber, dated December 6**

Commenting on construction signage on 22nd Street. (File No. CK. 6280-1) **(Referred to Administration for appropriate action.)**

13) **Darren Diederichs, dated December 11**

Commenting on the sound barriers in College Park. (File No. CK. 375-2) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

14) **Arlene Stevens, dated December 11**

Commenting on difficulties with parking on Main Street. (File No. CK. 6120-1) **(Referred to Administration for appropriate action.)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT, with respect to Item D7), Councillor Dubois be provided a copy of the response.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

MOTIONS

Councillor Lorje gave the following Notice of Motion at the meeting of City Council held on December 3, 2007:

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

‘THAT the Administration and Finance Committee conduct an analysis of the concept of “Fare-Free Transit”, and the opportunities to encourage more people to take public transit in favour of private automobile transportation. And further, that the analysis include an examination of specific suggestions to improve the service, including frequency on routes, as well as alternate ways to fund the system, such as petitioning for improved support for public transit from the federal and provincial levels of government.’”

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT the Administration and Finance Committee conduct an analysis of the concept of “Fare-Free Transit”, and the opportunities to encourage more people to take public transit in favour of private automobile transportation. And further, that the analysis include an examination of specific suggestions to improve the service, including frequency on routes, as well as alternate ways to fund the system, such as petitioning for improved support for public transit from the federal and provincial levels of government.

IN DEFERRAL

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the following portion of the motion be deferred:

“THAT the Administration and Finance Committee conduct an analysis of the concept of “Fare-Free Transit”, and the opportunities to encourage more people to take public transit in favour of private automobile transportation.”

***THE DEFERRAL MOTION WAS PUT AND DEFEATED.
THE MAIN MOTION WAS DEFEATED.***

Councillor Pringle gave the following Notice of Motion at the meeting of City Council held on December 3, 2007:

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

‘THAT in the City’s 2007/2008 ‘Snow and Ice Program’, our focus continue to be on education, encouragement and expectation that residents clean their own sidewalks, and that no financial penalties be handed out until we are in a position to have support available to those residents who physically can not do their own, and do not have access to someone who can assist.’”

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT consideration of the matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of City Council.

CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES

Councillor P. Lorje
Roadway Improvements – Avenue P and 11th Street
(File No. CK. 6315-1)

In light of Council’s commitment to reinvest dividends received from the City’s land development program in infrastructure improvements in the City’s core neighbourhoods, and in light of the concerns expressed in the West Industrial Local Area Plan about improving traffic movement within the area, would the Administration please report on including the roadway improvements required at the intersection of Avenue P and 11th Street with the other locations being upgraded this year under Capital Project 2044.

Councillor C. Clark
Architectural and Land Use Guidelines – Spadina Crescent
(File No. CK. 4110-1)

Could the Administration please report on the process required for establishing architectural guidelines and or land use guidelines for Spadina Crescent between the Broadway Bridge and

University Bridge such that the skyline of Spadina retains its character and beauty while also achieving goals of density as outlined in the Downtown Housing Plan.

GIVING NOTICE

Councillor Neault 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 cancel the free Crescent Shuttle and transfer the equipment and operating funds to Access Transit.”

HEARINGS

- 4a) Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment
I1 District to AM District
803 Melville Street (C.N. Industrial Neighbourhood)
Applicant: City of Saskatoon, Land Branch
Proposed Bylaw No. 8646
(File No. CK. 4351-1)**
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REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“The purpose of this hearing is to consider proposed Bylaw No. 8646.

Attached are copies of the following:

- Proposed Bylaw No. 8646;
- Clause 1, Report No. 7-2007 of the Municipal Planning Commission, which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on November 19, 2007; and
- Notice that appeared in the local press under dates of December 1 and 8, 2007.”

Councillor Wyant excused himself from discussion and voting on the matter due to a conflict of interest and left the Council chamber.

His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.

Mr. Randy Grauer, Community Services Department, reviewed the proposed zoning bylaw amendment and expressed the Department’s support.

*Mr. Brad Sylvester, Chair, Municipal Planning Commission, expressed the Commission's support of the proposed zoning bylaw amendment.
His Worship the Mayor ascertained that there was no one present in the gallery who wished to address Council on this matter.*

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the submitted report and correspondence be received.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 8646.

CARRIED.

Councillor Wyant re-entered the Council Chamber.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL - CONTINUED

A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

The City Clerk distributed copies of a letter from Ms. Shirley Isbister, President, Central Urban Métis Federation Inc. (CUMFI), requesting permission to address Council regarding the Aboriginal Programming Secondment to Central Urban Métis Federation Inc.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT Clause A4), Administrative Report No. 26-2007 be brought forward and that Shirley Isbister be heard.

CARRIED.

“ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 26-2007

**A4) Aboriginal Programmer Secondment to Central Urban Métis Federation Inc.
(File No. CK. 4560-1; LS 5615-1, and RR 155-3)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

BACKGROUND

The City of Saskatoon’s mission statement reads, our corporation, The City of Saskatoon exists to provide excellent local government through leadership, teamwork, partnership, and dedication to the community. We will facilitate effective and efficient delivery of public services and nurture the economic, environmental, social and cultural well-being of the community, now and in the future.

One of the core strategies listed within the Corporate Business plan is Aboriginal Partnerships, specifically building on the strengths of our existing relationships with Aboriginal Communities.

DISCUSSION

The City of Saskatoon has long since believed in the principles of community helping themselves as evidenced in such initiatives as the creation of community associations, the implementation of the Local Area Planning process, and the Neighbourhood Safety Audits. Another example of this principle and our partnerships with the Aboriginal communities is at the White Buffalo Youth Lodge (WBYL). At the WBYL the City of Saskatoon is a partner in the operations and on an annual basis provides funding and program support to enhance the quality of life for the children, youth, and families in the area. The managing partner of the WBYL is the Saskatoon Tribal Council Inc. representing the First Nations people of Saskatoon.

The mandate of the Community Development Branch is, to serve as a catalyst to bring the community together to provide neighbourhood based recreation programs, to support volunteers in the delivery of those programs, and to create a network of volunteers capable of addressing other issues that affect the quality of life in their community.

In supporting our mandate and our commitment to continue to foster partnerships with the Aboriginal Communities, your Administration recently undertook discussions with representatives from the Central Urban Métis Federation Inc. (CUMFI) about the possibility of providing their organization with some potential funding and programs supports.

CUMFI's primary focus for programs and services for the past number of years has been on economic development, crisis intervention, health services, justice, education, and career planning services. In recent years they have realized there is opportunity to be proactive by providing sport, culture and recreation programs that would, in essence, be preventative in nature by engaging the Aboriginal youth in a constructive way in their community. Part of CUMFI's new program focus is to develop culturally sensitive programs in sport, culture, recreation, and to train youth in leadership and mentorship programs. One of the comments made by the representatives of CUMFI is they currently lack the infrastructure to be able to embark on this initiative alone. The partnership secondment being undertaken between the City of Saskatoon and CUMFI is a great opportunity to help CUMFI move forward with their sport, culture, and recreation program initiatives. The anticipation is that CUMFI will be better able to provide many programs directly at the neighbourhood level and would be able to leverage resources that are not readily available to the City of Saskatoon.

Ms. Mary Johnson is the Aboriginal Programmer within the Community Services Department, Community Development Branch who will be seconded to CUMFI, for a period of one year, to work as their Aboriginal Programmer. Ms. Johnson has been advised of the secondment and is very excited about the opportunity. Your Administration has also been in discussions with our Labour Relations staff, the City Solicitor's Office and CUPE representatives to confirm the logistics of this secondment and to itemize the details that will need to be included within the formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be signed by the City of Saskatoon and CUMFI. To ensure we are protecting the rights and benefits of a long standing City employee, Ms. Johnson will remain on City of Saskatoon payroll for the duration of the secondment. She will however, be working at the CUMFI office, under the supervision of CUMFI staff and will essentially be considered an employee of CUMFI for the year 2008.

Attachment 1 provides an overview of the current duties carried out by the Aboriginal Programmer and the general terms that will need to be included within the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Saskatoon and CUMFI. The expectation is not for Ms. Johnson to carry out all the identical duties identified in Attachment 1, but for her to work with CUMFI to look for opportunities to improve on and leverage the existing level of programs and services provided for the aboriginal community.

CUMFI is in agreement with the general terms outlined for the MOU and is aware of the expectation of the need to provide a report to City Council in November 2008, near the end of the pilot project describing their outcomes, as a result of having this designated "seconded" resource and program funding for the year 2008.

The City Solicitor's Office, the Labour Relations Manager, the Human Resources Consultant, and the Community Services Department in consultation with CUPE representatives will be assisting in

the preparation of the formal MOU to be signed prior to the start of the secondment on January 1, 2008.

Your Administration sees this secondment as an exciting opportunity to continue to foster our relationships with the Aboriginal community, to fully realize the benefits of community development and to see the community addressing issues that help affect the overall quality of life in our city.

OPTIONS

The only option would be for City Council to not endorse this planned partnership agreement.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact to the City as staffing and program budget is already accounted for within the current operating budget.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

ATTACHMENT

1. Overview of Aboriginal Programmer's Duties and terms of the MOU."

Ms. Shirley Isbister, President, CUMFI, provided a brief history on CUMFI's need for a native core consultant and expressed gratitude for the secondment of the aboriginal programmer to CUMFI.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL – CONTINUED

1) **Carl Heinbigner, dated November 14**

Requesting permission to address City Council with respect to discounted bus passes and security cameras at the bus mall. (File Nos. CK. 1905-7 & 7300-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that items C4 to C9 be brought forward and considered, and that Carl Heinbigner be heard.

The City Clerk distributed copies of a letter dated December 17, 2007 from Ms. Ruth Robinson and a letter dated December 14, 2007 from Mr. Nick Peti regarding the discounted bus pass issue.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT Clause E1, Administrative Report No. 26-2007 be brought forward and that Carl Heinbigner and Ruth Robinson be heard.

CARRIED.

“ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 26-2007

E1) **Discounted Monthly Bus Passes – Provincial Pilot Project**
(File No: CK. 1905-7, 1905-4, 1905-5-2)

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that City Council continue offering the Discount Bus Pass Program on the following basis subject to confirmation from the Provincial Government:

- a) that the Department of Social Services increase the Provincial subsidy to \$18.00 per pass sold retroactive to include discounted bus passes sold starting October 1, 2006;
- b) that eligibility for the Discounted Bus Pass Program continue to be extended to Saskatoon residents who are in receipt of benefits under the Saskatchewan Assistance Plan, Transitional Employment Allowance, Saskatchewan Employment Supplement and the Provincial Training Allowance programs;

- c) that the Discounted Bus Pass fare be increased from \$15.00 to \$20.00;
- 2) that Administration review this Program annually with the Ministry of Social Services;
- 3) that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement based on these terms.

BACKGROUND

During its November 5, 2007 meeting, City Council, when dealing with Clause 6, Report 12-2007 of the Administration and Finance Committee, with respect to the Discounted Monthly Bus Pass Program, resolved in part:

- “3) that City Council commit to renegotiating the program with the Province in order for the Discounted Bus Pass Program to continue after January 1, 2008; and,
- 4) that the Administration provide a weekly public report on the progress of negotiations.”

On November 30, 2007, His Worship Mayor Atchison met with Minister Donna Harpauer from Social Services (formerly the Department of Community Resources and Employment) to discuss the funding issues on the Discounted Bus Pass Program. Discussions were positive, recognizing that the Discounted Bus Pass Program is an important program for the community, and that time is short to make any amendment so that the program can continue.

His Worship and Minister Harpauer have asked their respective Administrations to work together to develop a solution for consideration by City Council and the Provincial government.

A letter received on December 10, 2007, by His Worship the Mayor from Minister Harpauer, included this summary of the discussions:

- The Ministry of Social Services will increase the per pass contribution to \$18 per month from \$12;
- The \$18 contribution will be retroactive to the beginning of the current agreement;
- Eligibility for the contribution will continue to be extended to Saskatoon residents who are in receipt of benefits under the Saskatchewan Assistance Plan, Transitional Employment Allowance, Saskatchewan Employment Supplement and the Provincial Training Allowance programs;

- Social Services will expedite the balance of payment owing on the Year one agreement;
- The City of Saskatoon will continue to administer the program;
- All communication items related to the announcement will be coordinated between the city and the province.

REPORT

The Ministry of Social Services has agreed to incrementally increase their contribution to the partnership from \$12/pass sold to \$18/pass sold. This increase will be retroactive from the inception of the pilot program, and will continue forward as the Province's contribution.

With the Ministry's contribution to the Discounted Bus Pass Program proposed to be increased by \$6.00 per pass, Transit Services is estimating that the City's contribution to the program (through forgone revenues) would be approximately \$581,400.

City Council recently approved increased Transit fares for 2008, recognizing the annual, incremental costs of operating public mass transit. The City also provides discounted monthly passes for Senior Citizens at the 2008 sale price of \$20/month. Raising the price of the discounted pass to a matching \$20/pass would provide equivalency to the Senior's pass, as well as increasing the revenue paid by users.

Social Services currently provides a transportation allowance to approximately 15% of the 14,000 clients eligible for the Discounted Bus Pass Program. This 15% includes 1,200 clients in the Training Employment Assistance Program and 905 clients in the Social Assistance Program (provided based on the client's need for transportation). There are currently 6,000 clients registered in the Discounted Bus Pass Program.

The table below presents three different options using the increased \$18.00 subsidy and varying fare amounts showing the impact they would have on fare revenues and the additional investment that would be required from Transit Services.

Although revising the discounted pass fare upwards would assist in maintaining a reasonable balance between this program and other reduced fares, it would be highest sale price for this type of pass in the province. The other four cities offering the Discounted Bus Pass Program (Regina, Moose Jaw, Yorkton and Swift Current) are all currently selling monthly passes at \$15/pass.

Funding Strategies for the Discounted Bus Pass Program and Impact on the 2008 Operating Budget Based on 30,000 Pass sales			
Subsidy \$18.00			

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Fare Price	\$15	\$20	\$25
Contribution from Clients Fare Revenue/2008 Operating Budget	\$ 450,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 750,000
Provincial Contribution /2008 Operating Budget (\$18.00/pass)	540,000	540,000	540,000
City Contribution/2008 Operating Budget	581,400	431,400	281,400

Given the small percentage of clients receiving a transportation allowance from Social Services, increasing the rates above \$20/pass may be a financial hardship for the current users of the transit service.

For the long-term continuation of the program, both the Provincial and City administrations will continue to work towards an ongoing agreement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Although the increased Provincial contribution provides additional funding for the Discounted Bus Pass Program, the City continues to play a large partnership role through a reduction in Transit revenues from forgone fares. At the existing \$15/pass sale price, the City contribution is estimated to be \$581,400 for the 2008 Budget year. This amount has been included within the 2008 preliminary operating estimates.

Raising discounted pass prices to be in alignment with the Senior Citizen rate of \$20/month would generate another \$150,000 in sale revenue and reduce the City's contribution to approximately \$431,000 for the 2008 Budget year.

Raising discounted pass prices to \$25/month would generate \$300,000 in revenue (above the \$15/pass sale price) and reduce the City's contribution to approximately \$281,000 for the 2008 Budget year.

The above noted impact analyses assumes annual discounted bus pass sales of 30,000. The City could realize increased revenue if the number of passes sold increased.

CONCLUSION

The Provincial Government has proposed a revised funding formula for the Discounted Bus Pass Program. This formula would see an increased Provincial contribution to the program from \$12/pass to \$18/pass. Based on this increased contribution, the City will see an additional \$180,000 annually in revenue from pass sales, to assist with the costs of the program. Increasing the sale price of the monthly pass from \$15/pass to \$20/pass will also increase revenues by approximately \$150,000 annually, resulting in an estimated contribution of \$431,400 by the City

towards the Discounted Bus Pass Program (as realized through forgone revenues).

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.”

Mr. Carl Heinbigner thanked Council for coming to an agreement regarding the discounted bus passes.

Ms. Ruth Robinson, Saskatoon Anti-Poverty Coalition and Get on the Bus Coalition, expressed support for the recommendations of the Administration however indicated that she would like to see the cost remain at \$15.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the recommendation of Clause E1, Administrative Report No. 26-2007 be adopted.

CARRIED.

2) **Kristina Lummerding-Driedger, dated December 6**

Requesting permission to address City Council with respect to various issues.
(File No. CK. 1905-4)

RECOMMENDATION: that item C24 of Communications to Council be brought forward,
and that Kristina Lummerding-Driedger be heard.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT Kristina Lummerding-Driedger be heard.

CARRIED.

It was noted that Ms. Lummerding-Driedger was not present in the gallery.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

3) **Kent Smith-Windsor, dated December 10**

Requesting permission to address City Council with respect to “Celebrating Success.” (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Kent Smith-Windsor be heard.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT Kent Smith-Windsor be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Kent Smith-Windsor, Executive Director, Executive Director, Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce, spoke regarding an upcoming event entitled “Celebrating Success”. He provided Council and Administration with a nomination form and encouraged Council to submit nominations.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

4) **Ellen Quigley, on behalf of We are Many Festival, dated December 10**

Requesting permission to address City Council with respect to civic support for the We are Many Festival. (File No. CK. 205-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Ellen Quigley be heard.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT Ellen Quigley be heard.

CARRIED.

Ms. Ellen Quigley spoke regarding the We are Many Festival and asked for support from the City in the amount of \$50,000 as well as in-kind donations.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration for a report to Council.

CARRIED.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw 8646

Councillor Wyant excused himself from voting due to a conflict of interest and left the Council chamber.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8646, being “The Zoning Amendment Bylaw, 2007 (No. 25)” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Bylaw No. 8646 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

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The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8646

CARRIED.

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

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8646 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8646 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT Bylaw No. 8646 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

Councillor Wyant Re-entered the Council Chamber.

Bylaw 8648

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8648, being “The Transit Fares Amendment Bylaw, 2007 (No. 2)” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Bylaw No. 8648 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8648

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8648 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8648 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Bylaw No. 8648 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

Bylaw 8649

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8649, being “The Cemeteries Amendment Bylaw, 2007” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Bylaw No. 8649 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

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The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8649

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

Councillor Paulsen, Chair of the Committee of the Whole, made the following report:
That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8649 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8649 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Bylaw No. 8649 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

Bylaw 8650

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Moved by Councillor Paulsen, seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8650, being “The Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 2007 (No. 10)” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Bylaw No. 8650 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8650

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8650 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8650 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Bylaw No. 8650 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

Bylaw 8651

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, seconded by Councillor Hill,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8651, being “The Storm Water Management Utility Amendment Bylaw, 2007” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Bylaw No. 8651 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8651

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8651 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8651 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Bylaw No. 8651 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen,

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THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk